Forte just prior to the 2022 Hopeful | Sarah Andrew

Forte DQ’d from Hopeful: Connections will appeal

by Sue Finley

**Forte** (Violence) has been disqualified from the Sept. 5, 2022 GI Hopeful S. due to the presence of meloxicam in his system, according to the horse's owner, Mike Repole; his trainer, Todd Pletcher; and their lawyer, Karen Murphy, who held a phone conference Thursday afternoon to address the suspension.

Meloxicam is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug, widely prescribed to treat osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis, and is sold under the brand name Mobic. It is not one of the non-steroidal anti-inflammatories that is approved in the United States for the treatment of racehorses in training.

"This horse came into our care on March 25, 2022," said Pletcher. "He was never prescribed or administered meloxicam under our care."

Murphy said that Braulio Baeza, the steward for the New York State Gaming Commission (NYSGC), informed her Thursday afternoon that the horse would be disqualified, and that Pletcher would be fined $1,000 and suspended for 10 days. Murphy said that the decision would be appealed, and that her request for a stay "at this level" had never been denied.

Forte’s connections placed the blame for the eight-month delay squarely on the shoulders of the Gaming Commission.

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OVER DISPUTE ABOUT MOVIE DEAL, ERIC REED RESIGNS AS TRAINER OF RICH STRIKE

by Bill Finley and J.N. Campbell

After failing to come to an agreement over a proposed movie project, Eric Reed informed owner Rick Dawson via text Thursday morning that he has resigned as the trainer of 2022 GI Kentucky Derby winner Rich Strike (Keen Ice). Reed said he did so after Dawson gave him an ultimatum, telling him that if he didn’t drop the movie project, he would move the horse to another trainer.

“I have to do what’s best for my family,” Reed said. “Ultimatums never work. It’s a very sad day because I love Richie. This was a difficult decision but, really, I was given no choice.”

The story was first reported by Horse Racing Nation’s Ron Flatter.

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**ARQANA BREEZERS TAKE TO THE TRACK**

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HISA, FTC CRITICIZE NHBPA’S INJUNCTION

In two separate court filings Thursday, the HISA Authority and the FTC criticized the NHBPA’s attempt to delay the May 22 implementation of the ADMC program with a focus on grim headlines.

LORD MILES TO PREAKNESS OR BELMONT

Lord Miles (Curlin) was scratched from last week’s GI Kentucky Derby by the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission.

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**Forte disqualified, cont. from p1**

"One point I want to address up front is that the Gaming Commission has stated now two or three times that we somehow delayed the process," said Murphy. "That's a little bit shocking to me because it's false. I don't like government regulators to make false statements." In fact, said Murphy, "from day one, we were on this. This delay is wholly on the Gaming Commission. It's because they weren't prepared to proceed with the case in a professional, orderly manner."

Pletcher said that he was informed by Baeza of the positive on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022, the day he was to enter Forte in the GI Champagne S. He said that he was told by Baeza that Dr. George Maylin, the director of New York Equine Drug Testing and Research Program in Ithaca, N.Y., had told him that the level of the drug found in Forte's blood--500 picograms--indicated environmental contamination.

As he would not be allowed to race in the Champagne without further testing and examination, he instead went to the Oct. 8 GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity at Keeneland, which he won.

Murphy said that they immediately informed the NYSGC that they would be requesting a split sample to confirm or rule out the presence of the medication. In these situations, the connections are required to find a lab that is capable of performing the testing, and pay for the test.

Murphy said that per standard procedure, she asked the NYSGC for the list of labs who were capable of performing the test.

"It took the Gaming Commission four months--and I'm not kidding you--to supply us with a list," said Murphy. "They should be able to pull it out of their top drawer. And as it turns out, they did pull it out of their drawer, but it was outdated."

Murphy said the list contained labs that hadn't been authorized to conduct this kind of testing for years.

She said that once they received the list in December, they first called a lab that said they could not do the testing. They then used the lab at Texas A&M, and the split sample came back positive for meloxicam.

Also on the call Thursday was Dr. Steven A. Barker, considered one of the foremost experts in equine drug testing and research. He served as director of Louisiana State University's Equine Medication Surveillance Laboratory and State Chemist for the Louisiana State Racing Commission for 29 years until retiring from that post in 2016.

Barker said that the amount of meloxicam reported was 500 picograms per milliliter in the blood. "It's an extremely small amount," he said, pointing to studies that any finding below 1.5 nanograms, or 1,500 picograms in the blood, is irrelevant and should not be called as a positive. "Anything above that, you need to carry on to adjudication," he said. **Cont.**
Forte disqualified, cont.

Barker continued: "So based on the science that has been published, this is environmental contamination."

Barker took exception with the way that horse racing treats most medication positives, no matter the level of the drug found in the blood or urine. "Zero tolerance makes zero sense," he said. "I'd say it has no effect, but actually, it has a negative effect, because it is still prosecuted as 'doping' or as a violation."

Pletcher appeared at a stewards hearing before the commission on Wednesday, and the group also expressed extreme dissatisfaction at the process and the proceedings, describing a scenario where the commission didn't send out a link for the video conference, that Repole had to create the Zoom call for the group himself, that Murphy as Pletcher's attorney wasn't allowed to speak, and that the laboratory results including the amount of the drug in the blood was not produced. They said they were also not allowed to call Dr. Maylin—whom Baeza had quoted as saying it was environmental contamination, according to Pletcher—as one of their three witnesses.

"I've never been involved in a situation like this," said Repole. "As an owner who cares about the horses, I was on the emails with Karen and Todd and I was appalled at the simple questions that I asked the Gaming Commission that took days or weeks before they could even respond. We asked for guidelines, and they couldn't even provide guidelines. I started thinking, 'if Todd Pletcher and Mike Repole and Karen Murphy can't get the simplest answers from the New York State Gaming Commission, how can anyone else?'"

Repole also took exception to the fact that the results of the test were provided to reporters, but not to the horse's connections. "It's a disgusting fashion in which they did this," he said. "And then they leaked it to (the New York Times's) Joe Drape." Cont.
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Eric Reed resigns, cont. from p1

The dispute revolves around plans by Omaha Productions, the media company owned by former NFL superstar Peyton Manning, to make a movie about Reed, his father Herbie, Rich Strike and the Derby win. The movie is being based off of a story written by Pat Forde that ran in *Sports Illustrated* after the Derby. With the headline, “A Search for Family, a Love for Horses and How It All Led to Kentucky Derby Glory,” Forde goes into detail about Reed’s relationship with his father, who overcame a difficult upbringing.

Dawson said Reed first mentioned the movie project to him shortly after the Derby, but said little to anything to him since then.

“They were intentionally keeping me out of the loop,” Dawson said.

Reed explained that it was not important to involve Dawson on the details because the movie is about him and his father and not Rich Strike.

“He was unhappy that Peyton Manning and Omaha are doing a documentary feature on my family story,” Reed said. “He thinks it should be about the horse. It’s about my family story, from my father’s humble beginnings and terrible childhood to getting to the winner’s circle of the Kentucky Derby with his son. He thinks it should be about Rich Strike. There will be a portion about Rich Strike because I was his trainer. But it’s not a movie about Rich Strike at all.”

Dawson countered that the story of Reed and his father cannot be told without going into detail about the Derby victory. For that reason, he felt he needed to be included in the process and that his rights as the horse’s owner needed to be considered. He said he asked to see the signed contract Reed and his agent Beth Fryman agreed to with Omaha, but was told he could not because of a confidentiality agreement.

“I said to Eric if any of this includes Rich Strike, I should have been included,” he said. “I own Rich Strike. I said I’d like to look at the agreement you have with Omaha. I’d like to see if maybe you’ve made some promises that are beyond your capabilities. A lot of this was mishandled and things were done behind my back.”

Reed countered that Omaha tried to work with Dawson, but he refused to speak to them.

“We tried our best to explain the situation to him, but he wouldn’t talk to any of their people,” he said. “He wanted me to give him paperwork I don’t have and they won’t release for legal reasons. They offered many times to call and discuss it with him. They thought if they could speak to him they could work it out in five minutes but he refused to speak to them.”

Dawson said his main issue was not whether or not he should receive compensation as the owner of Rich Strike. **Cont.**
Eric Reed resigns, cont.
Rather, he says, he took issue with what he believes was a situation where Reed, his agent and Omaha forged ahead without giving any consideration to his rights as the owner of the horse.
"Compensation has never been the issue with me," he said. "I have authorized the use of Rich Strike's image before and 100% of the money we made went to charity. I've never taken a dime from t-shirt sales, hat sales. I don't know if the right word is disrespect, but I've been lied to and I didn't like that. I also believe that Omaha should have done their due diligence. If they were told that Rick Dawson was on board with this when that wasn't the case, that was misleading and untruthful. I am very surprised someone like Omaha would sign an agreement with the agent and Eric about a movie that includes Rich Strike and the Derby without somebody thinking 'should we contact the owner of Rich Strike?' The fact they stonewalled me on seeing the agreement and then copped out by telling me there is a confidential agreement and they can't show it to me, that tells me that there's something in there that incriminates them. That tells me something is up."
As the situation deteriorated, Reed and Dawson conversed only by text. Dawson denies that he gave Reed an ultimatum, but did tell him that he needed to choose between his loyalties to his agent and to him, and that if he chose the agent, then he would start looking for another trainer.
"I have no problem with Rick," Reed said. "I hope the horse runs as well as I think he will this year. I love that horse and am so glad Rick was the guy I won the Derby with. We got a year of happiness and hopefully this one little bit will go away down the road. I was given a choice and I had to make the right choice."
Dawson said he has yet to pick a new trainer for Rich Strike.
HISA, FTC LINK GRIM HEADLINES TO HBPA'S DESIRE FOR 'STATUS QUO'
by T.D. Thornton

In two separate court filings Thursday, the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) Authority and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) both sharply criticized the National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (NHBPA)'s decision to seek an injunction that would delay the May 22 implementation of the Anti-Doping and Medication Control (ADMC) program.

What stood out was that neither the HISA Authority nor the FTC shied from trying to link the NHBPA's desire to maintain the "status quo" to the grim headlines that have dominated the sport over the past week. "Seven horses died in the lead up to last weekend's [GI] Kentucky Derby," the FTC's opening line in the May 11 filing stated. "Reporters, not mincing words, observed that the accidents 'overwhelmed' the [D]erby with 'the stench of death.' Congress passed HISA in 2020 to protect horses and prevent these kinds of tragedies, but the Horsemen Plaintiffs have repeatedly challenged the statute and the FTC's implementing rules."

Drawing similarly from recent adverse events, the HISA Authority's response referenced a May 9 New York Times story that broke the news of Forte's failed New York State Gaming Commission drug test that ran under the sub-headline, "Horse racing is again caught up in a controversy."

The HISA Authority alleged that, "Plaintiffs' request for 'state regulation' to forestall the federal regulatory scheme Congress mandated would plunge the industry back into the 'existential crisis' of inconsistent regulation [and] recent headlines provide fresh reminders..." Cont.
HISA and NHBPA, cont.

United States District Court Judge James Wesley Hendrix of the Northern District of Texas (Lubbock Division) will now have to weigh those assertions against those filed by the NHBPA in its May 5 request for the ADMC injunction.

The lawsuit initiated by the HBPA to try and derail HISA on alleged anti-constitutionality grounds is now past the two-year mark. The thrice-delayed ADMC is on target to begin in 10 days.

On Mar. 15, 2021, the NHBPA and 12 of its affiliates sued the FTC and HISA Authority personnel, seeking to permanently enjoin the defendants from implementing HISA, bringing claims under the private-nondelegation doctrine, public nondelegation doctrine, Appointments Clause, and the Due Process Clause.

Judge Hendrix dismissed that suit on Mar. 31, 2022. But the NHBPA plaintiffs appealed, leading to a Fifth Circuit Court reversal on Nov. 18, 2022, that remanded the case back to the Lubbock Division. In the interim, an amended version of HISA was signed into law Dec. 29, 2022. That fix was designed to make HISA compliant with the constitutional defects the Fifth Circuit had identified.

On May 6, 2023, Hendrix validated the newer version of HISA as constitutional. Now the NHBPA is planning another appeal back to the Fifth Circuit, and it wants the ADMC’s rollout stopped while that process plays out.

The May 5 filing by the NHBPA explained the reasoning behind its request:

"An injunction is necessary because the industry cannot endure 'seismic change' in the short term that is undone shortly thereafter. The courts should not put the industry on a roller-coaster where the ADMC rules are in effect from May 22 to [some future date when] they go out of effect again if the Fifth Circuit finds the amended law unconstitutional."

Hendrix, in a May 8 order, told the HISA Authority and the FTC that they had to reply to the NHBPA’s motion for an injunction within 72 hours, signaling that he did not plan to let this decision linger.

"Plaintiffs are neither entitled to that relief nor to any other remedy," the FTC’s May 11 filing stated. "And the equities--both equine and otherwise--point decidedly against Plaintiffs."

The FTC alleged that it "makes no difference that Plaintiffs previously prevailed on their nondelegation challenge before Congress amended HISA. And they do not argue about their chance of success on any of their other theories. Because Plaintiffs stand almost no chance of success, their motion for a stay should be denied on that basis alone."

The HISA Authority’s filing put it this way: "Congress, the Executive, and both federal courts [have] come to the same correct conclusion: the Act is now constitutional. Cont.

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“While Plaintiffs’ speculation about irreparable harm from the ADMC rules is at best conflicted, an injunction of the ADMC rules would inflict certain injury on Defendants and the public interest,” the HISA Authority’s filing stated.

“These final two factors weigh heavily against halting a federal regulatory scheme that has long been planned and that enjoyed substantial compliance in its brief initial rollout...”

“Because Plaintiffs have not shown that their appeal has substantial merit (let alone a likelihood of success) and have not demonstrated that the balance of equities tilts in their favor at all (let alone heavily), the Court should deny Plaintiffs’ motion for an injunction pending appeal,” the HISA Authority’s filing stated.

 LORD MILES UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR PREAKNESS OR BELMONT

by Bill Finley

Lord Miles (Curlin), who was scratched from last week’s GI Kentucky Derby by the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission because he is a member of the Saffie Joseph, Jr. stable, will run next in either the GI Preakness S. or the GI Belmont S., reports owner Peter Vegso. Vegso said the decision would be made after the colt, the longshot winner of the GII Wood Memorial S., has a workout Friday morning.

“We’re going to work him on Friday and then decide if we’re going to run him in the Preakness or the Belmont,” Vegso said. “I’d be happy with either race. We’ll just have to see what the trainer thinks in terms of the horse being ready.”

Entered in the Derby, Lord Miles was put under the microscope when two other horses trained by Joseph died of unknown causes in the days leading up to the race. They were two of seven horses that died prior to the Derby. The Kentucky Horse Racing Commission ultimately decided that all of Joseph’s horses set to race at Churchill would be scratched.

“For the betterment of racing, the health and welfare of our equine athletes, and the safety of our jockeys, all horses trained by trainer Saffie Joseph, Jr. are scratched effective immediately and until further notice. This action is taken after consultation with Mr. Joseph, and includes Lord Miles who was entered into the 149th running of the Kentucky Derby,” read a statement from the Racing Commission.

Shortly after the Commission’s announcement, Churchill Downs announced that Joseph had been banned indefinitely from the Churchill family of tracks.

Lord Miles | Coady Photography

Vegso said he didn’t anticipate there being any issue with regulators in Maryland or New York regarding allowing Lord Miles to race.

“I don’t think there will be a problem,” he said. “The horse had nothing to do with any of this. I know they are waiting for the results of the necropsies of the horses that passed away for Saffie. There are those two and five others that passed away. But none of that has anything to do with Lord Miles.”

TDN reached out to both 1/ST Racing, which owns Pimlico, and the Maryland Racing Commission, to see if any consideration had been given to not allowing Lord Miles to run in the Preakness. By deadline for this story, the Maryland Racing Commission had not replied.

Aidan Butler, CEO of 1/ST Racing, said a statement regarding Joseph would be released Friday.

Joseph is among the top trainers at 1/ST-owned Gulfstream Park and he ran eight horses there on Saturday. His starters will include Honey Ryder S. winner Honor D Lady (Honor Code).

Vegso was standing behind his trainer, who he felt was treated unfairly in Kentucky.

“He shouldn’t have been scratched,” he said. “By doing so they made the assumption that every horse the trainer has had something wrong with it because those two passed away. Saffie was pretty upset about that and he’s trying to find out what happened and who did what. They made decisions without having all the information. They took blood tests from the horses and found nothing. They still have the necropsies, but from what I understand that takes a few weeks. So they made decisions without having all the information. That’s a lack of ethics. They were just trying to cover their butts.”

Vegso, the original publisher of the Chicken Soup for the Soul series, bought his first horse in 1989. Lord Miles was to be his first starter in the Derby. Cont.
Lord Miles, cont.

“I was upset,” he said. “We had been waiting for years to get a horse that would take us to the Kentucky Derby. My family, my daughters, my grandchildren were all there. We chartered a plane and got there. We arrived and then got the news we were scratched. We never heard from Churchill Downs. We only heard from the trainer. I tried calling the stewards and I didn’t get any answers out of them. They took away our tickets. The treated us like crap. We were given 18 tickets in a suite and they took them all away.”

JUNE OBS SALE CATALOG NOW ONLINE

The catalog for the 2023 OBS June sale of 2-year-olds and Horses of Racing Age is now available via the OBS website, with supplemental entries accepted until May 24, the auction house said in a release Thursday.

There are 1,016 2-year-olds and six older horses catalogued for the three-day sale, with all sessions beginning at 10:00 a.m. (all times ET). Hip No.’s 1-360 will sell on Tuesday, June 13; Hip No.’s 361-720 will be offered on Wednesday, June 14; and Hip No.’s 721-1017 (2yo), 1018-1023 (HRA), plus supplements, will sell on Thursday, June 15.

The Under-Tack Show, which will be streamed live via the OBS website as well as on TDN's website, will begin Monday, June 5 and continue through Saturday, June 10. The daily schedules will be announced after the close of supplemental entries. All under-tack sessions begin at 7:30 a.m.

CONSULTING WOODWARD’S LEDGER

by J.N. Campbell

Just shy of a century ago, Thoroughbred racing was undergoing a massive transformation in breeding and technology that would set it on a path toward expansion. The importing of international sires, the building of new racetracks, the development of starting gates and the implementation of what was called the totalisator, a device that tracked odds and payouts for pari-mutuel wagering, became all the rage into the 1930s.

As you probably know, the ‘tote’ became linked to a board that everyone on-track could see and was intended to democratize laying a bet--exit stage left, bookmakers. What it really did for state governments was to serve as an effective means to raise revenue during a time when every red cent counted. Sound familiar?

Back in our century, despite the proliferation of museums, we probably don’t spend enough time visiting the past looking for ourselves. If we did, we might find valuable flashpoints for the purposes of clarity and understanding. The subject of a new monograph, just out this week, called The Foxes of Belair: Gallant Fox, Omaha, and the Quest for the Triple Crown by Jennifer S. Kelly, reminds us of this very point.

Kelly’s latest edition to the canon of historical horse racing (that’s the scholarship, not the machines), adds yet another important layer, if we are willing to listen. Cont.
Book review, cont.

After we learned about the winning ways of Sir Barton, the story she is telling this time highlights the next stage in that integral seasonal event known as the Triple Crown.

On one level, her monograph examines the rebuilding of the historic Belair Stud in Maryland during the 1910s through the 1950s by William Woodward, Sr. (yes, as in NYRA’s Grade I race), a New York lawyer and banker who dreamed of competing at the highest levels of the sport at home and abroad in England. He served as a secretary to Ambassador Joseph Hodges Choate during the Edwardian Era and rubbed elbows with the racing intelligentsia, which gave him wind in his own sails to come home and get to work. He started out modestly with a handful of cheap mares, but Belair’s polka dot silks took him to heights that few have ever had the chance to experience. It’s truly one of those unique breeding and racing American success stories.

Kelly is at her best when it comes to weaving a tale and she adeptly uses empirical evidence, coupled with well-timed anecdotes in her writing to effect. She follows her protagonists, Gallant Fox and his son Omaha—the only sire-offspring duo to win the Triple Crown—womb to tomb by meticulously describing their racing exploits. We feel the buzz surrounding the Fox’s Kentucky Derby victory, which in those days came after the Preakness S.

She takes us to the Southampton docks where Omaha broke loose, running amok as he disembarked for the Gold Cup at Royal Ascot. What fun!

Even more intriguing in this volume is Woodward’s ledger concerning the sport’s direction. As a longtime member and eventual chairman of The Jockey Club for two decades, he had his specific quests and dragons to slay. As Kelly tells us, lobbying his counterparts in England to end the Jersey Act, which prevented the registration of most Am-breds in the General Stud Book, was more than just a hobby horse. Woodward thought it was essential for breeders to assert their legitimacy at home and its amendment in 1949 signaled a new era in international racing.

A deep-thinking futurist, Woodward was skeptical about watered-down mass-produced products, i.e. too many racetracks. He viewed the evolution of racing’s rules as something to honor, while at the same time with the understanding that change is an ever-present fact of life. Woodward called for “careful study” and not half-baked compromises that would damage a well-built history.

What would the master of Belair say about the age of simulcast, the influence of CAWs, HISA’s rollout or the spacing of Triple Crown races? We could speculate. Maybe an even better question is: What wisdom has William Woodward left us in his ledger that we can directly apply to today? Carefully studying these types of questions, as Kelly shows us, is a pedigree worth tracing. That sounds familiar.

WEEKLY STEWARDS AND COMMISSIONS
RULINGS, MAY 2-8

Every week, the TDN publishes a roundup of key official rulings from the primary tracks within the four major racing jurisdictions of California, New York, Florida and Kentucky.

Here’s a primer on how each of these jurisdictions adjudicates different offenses, what they make public (or not) and where.

With the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) having gone into effect on July 1, 2022, the TDN will also post a roundup of the relevant HISA-related rulings from the same week.

California
Track: Santa Anita
Date: 05/05/2023
Licensee: Jens Frederick Larsen, owner
Penalty: Suspended license
Violation: Failure to appear for hearing
Explainer: Owner Jens Frederick Larsen, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Santa Anita Park on or before May 4, 2023, is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear), pending an appearance at a hearing before the Board of Stewards to answer to charges alleging violation of CHRB rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility - $899.11 DVM Melinda Blue). Suspension to commence May 12, 2023.

Track: Santa Anita
Date: 05/07/2023
Licensee: Armando Aguilar, apprentice jockey
Penalty: Four-day suspension
Violation: Careless riding
Explainer: Apprentice Jockey Armando Aguilar, who rode Mr. Disrespectful in the fourth race at Santa Anita Park on May 6, 2023, is suspended for 4 racing days (May 14, 19, 20 and 21, 2023) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course in the backstretch causing interference. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – careless riding), second offense in last sixty days.

NEW HISA STEWARDS RULINGS
The following rulings were reported on HISA’s “rulings” portal, except for the voided claim rulings which were sent to the TDN directly. Some of these rulings are from prior weeks as they were not reported contemporaneously.

One important note: HISA’s whip use limit is restricted to six strikes during a race.

Violations of Crop Rule
Belmont Park
Laird Bailey – violation date May 4; $500 fine and three-day suspension, 13 strikes
Fanduel Sportsbook and Horse Racing
Javier Diego – violation date May 6; $250 fine and one-day suspension, 9 strikes
Oaklawn Park
Cindy Sue Murphy – violation date May 4; $250 fine and one-day suspension, 9 strikes
Keith James Asmussen – violation date May 5; $250 fine and one-day suspension, 9 strikes
Santa Anita
Antonio Fresu – violation date May; $250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes
Raul Mena – violation date May 3; $250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes
Tampa Bay Downs
Jeremy Alicea Salgado – violation date May 3; $250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes
Ronald Dale Allen – violation date May 3; $250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes
Julio C. Mera – violation date May 6; $250 fine and one-day suspension, 9 strikes
Geovany Garcia – violation date May 6; $250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes
Richard Mitchell – violation date May 6; $250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes
Turf Paradise
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

When you train with the vet, you'll notice horses can't run every two weeks, like they did for years. They get pumped up with various meds—legal if given in a particular time frame—but which can be detrimental long term. Horses that run clean can take care of themselves. The trainer knows how his horse comes out of the race because he's not masking anything. For years, horses ran in all three Triple Crown races—not so much today.

Here's a thought! HISA is supposed to stop the "doping" of horses and getting rid of drugs in racing. Right now, it is permissible under HISA to inject all the joints of horses, just as long as you do it two weeks from race day. I read that many, if not all, of the Kentucky Derby entrants were on the vet's list for that reason. Of course, the theory being, "just in case." Can any rational person understand that you may be injecting a sound horse or you may be interfering with the pain process that allows the horse to know there is a problem cooking?

Janet del Castillo

I don't think HISA is eliminating drugs in racing at all. They're just making you record the treatments. I'm very uncomfortable knowing that animals go into a race with no way of sensing a problem. So much can happen before the meds wear off and you'll see the results with devastating damage. I know tons of money is at stake, but it seems to be cheating to do that with all the entrants.

I can hear trainers starting to respond as to how doing this is kind. Sorry, I don't agree. If a horse is not sound on his own, he doesn't belong in the Derby.

Janet del Castillo has trained racehorses for over 30 years, and is the author of Backyard Racehorse, where she details her methods of training horses on her farm and racing them without medication.

ONLINE AMERICAN RACING MANUAL RELEASED BY THE JOCKEY CLUB

The 2023 edition of The American Racing Manual is now available through The Jockey Club's Fact Book online, the organization said in a release Thursday.

The online Fact Book is a statistical and informational guide to Thoroughbred breeding, racing and auction sales in North America and is updated quarterly, with The American Racing Manual serving as a compendium of historical data through 2022.

The Jockey Club is accepting feedback for potential modifications to this text, which can be submitted to contactus@jockeyclub.com.

BREEDERS' CUP TELEVISION SCHEDULE FOR CHALLENGE SERIES RACES RELEASED

The 2023 'Breeders' Cup Challenge Series: Win and You're In' television schedule, consisting of six live programs across NBC, CNBC and FOX, was released by the Breeders' Cup Thursday.

“We are delighted to continue our strong partnership with NBC, who have helped showcase the Breeders’ Cup to millions of fans over the past decade,” said Drew Fleming, President and CEO of Breeders’ Cup Limited. “I am also pleased we will expand our reach this summer through our new initiative with FOX and NYRA. As we seek to bring the most comprehensive and innovative coverage of horse racing to viewers across the country leading to the World Championships, these vital networks have a proven track record of delivering on that goal.”

All Breeders' Cup Challenge Series coverage on NBC and CNBC will be simul-streamed on Peacock. NBCSports.com and the NBC Sports app will stream live coverage to desktops, mobile, tablets and connected TVs via authentication.

Many of the Breeders' Cup Challenge races will also be televised on FanDuel TV. For a complete television schedule, click here.
KENTUCKY’S PPAATH TO COLLABORATE ON ISAAC MURPHY FILM

The Kentucky-based non-profit organization PPAATH, an abbreviation for the Project To Preserve African American Turf History, has been chosen as consulting producers on a new film entitled 'Become The Wind'/The Isaac Murphy Story. The announcement was made by LeeAnne Matusek, president of B.L.T.N Productions, LLC, and her producing partner Max Adler, who is also an actor.

“We are very excited to tell this sweeping tale of Isaac Murphy,” said Matusek. “We know we are going to get it right with PPAATH on our team!”

Isaac Murphy, an African American jockey who won three Kentucky Derbies in the 19th century, died in 1896 at the age of 35, is considered one of history's greatest riders, and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1955.
### Saturday, Belmont #5, post time: 3:07 p.m. EDT

**MAN O’ WAR S.-GI, $600,000, 4yo/up, 1 3/8mT**

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### Saturday, Belmont #6, post time: 3:40 p.m. EDT

**PETER PAN S.-GIII, $200,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m**

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### Saturday, Belmont #9, post time: 5:18 p.m. EDT

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

**WHIMSICAL S.-GIII**, C$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f  

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### Saturday, Santa Anita #9, post time: 8:00 p.m. EDT

**SAN LUIS REY S.-GIII**, $100,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT  

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### Sunday, Belmont #8, post time: 4:40 p.m. EDT

**VAGRANCY S.-GIII, $175,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f**

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### Sunday, Woodbine #7, post time: 4:16 p.m. EDT

**JACQUES CARTIER S.-GIII, C$150,000, 4yo/up, 6f**

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Friday, Belmont, post time: 4:40 p.m. EDT

GOLD FEVER S., $150,000, 3yo, 6f

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FRIDAY'S RACING INSIGHTS:
by Stefanie Grimm

GODOLPHIN UNVEILS UNCLE MO FILLY
FROM FROSTED FAMILY

9th-BEL, $90K, Msw, 3yo/up, f, 7fT, 5:12 p.m.
The first foal out of GIII Go for Wand H. heroine Indulgent, MAY FANE (Uncle Mo) dons the royal blue as a Godolphin homebred for trainer Bill Mott. Indulgent is herself a daughter of Fast Cookie, making her a half-sister to MGISW and Darley stallion Frosted (Tapit) and to the dam of GSW/GISP Caramel Swirl (Union Rags). Third dam Fleet Lady, also a graded-stakes winner herself, produced champion 2-year-old colt Midshipman (Unbridled's Song). Further down in the family are MGISP Solomini (Curlin), G1SP Sensibility (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), and GSW Running Tall (Aus) (Stratum {Aus}). Junior Alvarado gets the mount for this turf debut.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:
1st-Churchill Downs, $92,160, Msw, 5-11, 2yo, f, 7fT, :58.89, ft, 6 lengths.
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O-Mammas Boys Thoroughbred Racing Group; B-Machmer Hall (KY); T-Anthony Farrior.

BRED BY, FOALED & RAISED AT MACHMER HALL

2nd-Churchill Downs, $91,574, Msw, 5-11, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :52.89, ft, neck.
CLOSING ACT (f, 2, Munnings--Evening Show {SP, $237,664}, by Master Command), a Texas-bred first-time starter for Steve Asmussen, spotted the field a step at the break and was already on the back foot at odds of 5-1. Up outside of horses into the turn, she angled out several paths as the field straightened away and began to make up ground on a trio of rivals with a furlong to run. Still coming in the final jumps from the wire, she just edged out fellow closer Foolish Front Fifi (Coal Front) to win by a neck. April Clover (Mitole) tracked the pace but faded to fifth while Girls Weekend (World of Trouble) checked in seventh. V V's Dream (Mitole) and Musical Diva (Maclean's Music) were both scratched before the race. Her dam's fourth winner, Closing Act's only younger sibling is a yearling half-sister by Competitive Edge. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $42,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

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FIRST WINNER FOR FRESHMAN SIRE

1st-Belmont, $90,000, Msw, 5-11, 2yo, f, 5fT, :57.61, fm, 2 3/4 lengths.

CYNANE (f, 2, Omaha Beach--Burning Arch, by Arch) became her freshman sire’s (by War Front) first winner Thursday with a front-running 2 3/4-length win. Pushed hard from the outside gate by GI Kentucky Derby winning jockey Javier Castellano, the dark bay filly, one of the longer shots on the board at 9-2, took command from outside of a pair of rivals. Sam’s Treasure (Munnings) tried to stick with her early but Cynane proved up to the challenge, brushing that rival off into the far turn and maintaining a clear advantage down the lane to win at first asking. Sam’s Treasure was second while favored Chitarra (Ire) was never a factor to finish a well-beaten fifth. Cynane traces back through her third dam to MGISW Point of Entry (Dynaformer), MGISW Pine Island (Arch), and GSW/GISP Great Island (Scat Daddy). Burning Arch produced a filly by Game Winner last year and visited Twirling Candy for the 2023 season. Sales History: $250,000 Ylg ‘22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $49,500.

O-VinLaur Racing Stables, LLC, West Paces Racing LLC and Rainbow’s End Racing Stable LLC; B-Hinkle Farms (KY); T-Thomas Morley.

2nd-Belmont, $75,000, (S), Msw, 5-11, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45.57, ft, 6 3/4 lengths.

ORMSTOWN (r, 3, Bernardini--Sandra {SP}, by Bluegrass Cat) broke with only a 13-1 chance off a pair of off-the-board efforts at Aqueduct earlier this year. Stretched out beyond 6 1/2 furlongs for the first time, the Triple Crown-nominated colt initiated contact at the break with Bettluckythingandoo (Lookin At Lucky) to his outside but was quickly corrected and into stride to assume command. Rated through a half in :47.88, Ormstown spun off the turn two wide and showed another gear when roused past the furlong marker, establishing a clear lead before easing up to the line, defeating Bourbon Chase (Practical Joke) by 6 3/4 lengths. A half-brother to Water’s Edge (Candy Ride {Arg}), SW, $240,450, Ormstown is out of a half-sister to MGISW/GISP Dust and Diamonds (Vindication), herself the dam of MGISW Do Duece (Jpn) (Heart’s Cry {Jpn}) and MGSP Much Better (Pioneerof the Nile). Sandra has a yet unraced 2-year-old by Frosted and foaled a filly by Tacitus this spring. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $44,470. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O/B-Empire Equines, LLC (NY); T-David G. Donk. *1/2 to Water’s Edge (Candy Ride {Arg}), SW, $240,350.

6th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, $34,000, Msw, 5-11, 3yo, 1mT, 1:37.30, fm, neck.

GEORGIE W (g, 3, Tapiture--Avie’s Tale {SW-USA, SP-Can, $210,349}, by Tale of the Cat), a first-time starter facing a field of mostly experienced rivals, was given only a 7-1 chance in his unveiling Thursday. Engaged inside Orbi One (Orb) through the opening furlongs, the gelding then took back and was content to be second as the half went in :47.47. Pushed on turning for home, Georgie W came running just ahead of a pack of rivals who were closing in behind him and caught the wire just in time, defeating Augustus Blue (Point of Entry) by a neck. The winner is out of a half-sisters to the dam of Canadian champion 2-year-old colt Avie’s Flatter (Flatter). He has a 2-year-old half-brother by Klimt and a yearling Instragrand half-brother while his dam was bred to Tacitus for 2023. Sales History: $10,000 Ylg ’21 KEESEP; $17,000 3yo ’23 FTKFEB. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $20,400. Click for the Equibase.com chart.

O-Ready Made Racing, LLC; B-Mendy Abrahamson & Abrahamson Equestrian (KY); T-William Walden.
In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this weekend running at Kyoto, Niigata and Tokyo Racecourses:

Saturday, May 13, 2023
2nd-TOK, ¥10,480,000 ($78k), Maiden, 3yo, 1600m
LAND OF SAND (c, 3, American Pharoah--Slow Sand, by Dixieland Band) looks to continue a purple patch of form for Godolphin with Christophe Lemaire aboard for this debut run. A $180,000 purchase by Paca Paca Farm out of the 2020 Keeneland November Sale, the Mar. 21 foal is a half-brother to GII Tampa Bay Derby winner and GI Arkansas Derby runner-up King Guillermo (Uncle Mo) and to the dam of G1 Darley July Cup hero Starman (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}) and MGSP Sunday Star (GB) (Kodiac {GB}). A daughter of SW Slow Down (Seattle Slew), Slow Sand is a half-sister to French Group 3 winner Slow Pace (Distorted Humor) and to GIII Pat Day Mile upsetter Funny Duck (Distorted Humor). The Grade I-winning third dam Corrazona (El Gran Senor) produced nine winners from 11 to race, including MGSW/GISP Olmodavor (A.P. Indy). B-Carhue Investments, Grouseridge Ltd & Marengo Investments (KY)

6th-KYO, ¥15,200,000 ($113k), Allowance, 4yo/up, 1400m
WAX LYRICAL (f, 4, Maclean’s Music—Cholena, by Indian Charlie) was acquired by Paca Paca Farm on behalf of Godolphin for $150,000 at KEENOV in 2019 and has one start to her credit, a 3/4-length success over this distance at Hanshin over 13 months ago (video, SC 8). The chestnut’s dam, a half-sister to Grade III winner Rumor and a half to GI Norfolk S. hero Dixie Chatter (Dixie Union), was purchased for $115,000 with this filly in utero at the 2019 Keeneland January Sale. Champion third dam Phone Chatter (Phone Trick) was the dam of GSW Cat Chat (Storm Cat), who in turn produced GISW In Lingerie (Empire Maker), who is now domiciled in Japan. B-Robert S West Jr (KY)

Sunday, May 14, 2023
10th-TOK, ¥34,200,000 ($254k), Allowance, 3yo, 1600m
YUTTITHAM (JPN) (c, 3, Justify—Zipessa, by City Zip) makes his 3-year-old debut here as he goes in search of a third straight victory overall. A debut second to future SW Perriere (Jpn) (Henny Hughes) back in August, the chestnut graduated by eight in his next start and backed that up with a three-length allowance win when last seen Dec. 28 (video, SC 7). Purchased for ¥200 million ($1.82 million) at the 2021 JRHA Select Sale, the April foal is out of a winner of Keeneland’s GI First Lady S. who was acquired by Shadai for $1.25 million in foal to Medaglia d’Oro at KEENOV in 2018. Yuttitham has trained in the company of champion Sodashi (Jpn) (Kurofune), who will be one of the favorites in the G1 Victoria Mile one race after this allowance. B-Shadai Farm

Juvenile Fillies heroine Folklore (Tiznow), the dam of recent Japanese maiden winner Mystic Lore (Arrogate) and the granddam of 2020 Japanese Triple Crown hero Contrail (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}). Folklore’s MSP half-sister Delightful Quality (Elusive Quality) is responsible for two-time Eclipse Award and four-time Grade I-winning ‘TDN Rising Star’ Essential Quality (Tapit) and SW Famed (UncleMo). B-Christopher Baccari & Brad Stephens (KY)
SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, MAY 12
2023 Stud Fees Listed

**Aldrin** (Malibu Moon), O’Sullivan Farms, $2,000
46 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Charles Town, 9:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Jugsy, 30-1
6-Charles Town, 9:32 p.m. EDT, Alw 6 1/2f, Xanthe, 5-2

**Always Dreaming** (Bodemeister), WinStar Farm, $10,000
213 foals of racing age/28 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Evangeline Downs, 9:13 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Run Dreaming, 2-1

**Awesome Slew** (Awesome Again), Ocala Stud, $4,000
80 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Gulfstream, 3:52 p.m. EDT, Alw 5f, Awesome Pic, 2-1

**Bolt d’Oro** (Medaglia d’Oro), Spendthrift Farm, $35,000
256 foals of racing age/46 winners/6 black-type winners
8-Churchill Downs, 4:22 p.m. EDT, Alw 1 1/8mT, Divinely Bolt, 15-1
$50,000 KEE NOV wnfl
2-Belmont, 1:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Drew d’Oro, 15-1
$15,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Collected** (City Zip), Airdrie Stud, $10,000
234 foals of racing age/29 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Lone Star, 9:27 p.m. EDT, Aoc 1mT, Cosmic Soul, 9-2
$100,000 FTK JUL yrl; $145,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl; $360,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Conquest Mo Money** (Uncle Mo), McKenna Thoroughbreds
30 foals of racing age/3 winners/1 black-type winner
3-Lone Star, 8:31 p.m. EDT, Aoc 1mT, Jenny’s Penny, 7-2
$30,000 TTA APR 2yo

**Gato Del Oro** (Medaglia d’Oro), Bg Thoroughbred Farm
23 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
3-Santa Anita, 5:04 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Spot D’ Oro, 8-1

**Girvin** (Tale of Ekati), Airdrie Stud, $20,000
180 foals of racing age/35 winners/5 black-type winners
7-Santa Anita, 7:12 p.m. EDT, Aoc 7f, Blessed Touch, 5-2
$32,000 KEE SEP yrl; $140,000 OBS APR 2yo
7-Gulfstream, 3:52 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, Girvin Girl, 10-1

**Good Magic** (Curlin), Hill ‘n’ Dale at Xalapa, $50,000
237 foals of racing age/44 winners/9 black-type winners
3-Woodbine, 2:09 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16m, Milagre Do Sol, 6-1

**Good Samaritan** (Harlan’s Holiday), WinStar Farm, $7,500
172 foals of racing age/35 winners/1 black-type winner
3-Prairie Meadows, 7:54 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Crocodile Tears, 5-1
$14,000 KEE SEP yrl
6-Prairie Meadows, 9:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Good N Lucky, 15-1
3-Pimlico, 1:25 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, How Sweet She Is, 5-2
$15,000 KEE NOV wnfl; $55,000 FTK OCT yrl; $210,000 OBS APR 2yo
7-Charles Town, 10:02 p.m. EDT, Alw 1 1/16m, She’s Mybuddybuddy, 30-1
$42,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Irish War Cry** (Curlin), Northview Stallion Station, $4,500
104 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Pimlico, 4:03 p.m. EDT, Alw 5fT, Irish Valentine, 30-1

**Justify** (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, $100,000
344 foals of racing age/43 winners/7 black-type winners
8-Belmont, 4:40 p.m. EDT, $150K Gold Fever S., 6f, Prove Right, 12-1
$15,000 KEE SEP yrl
5-Lone Star, 9:27 p.m. EDT, Aoc 1mT, Tres Soles, 3-1
$400,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Long On Value** (Value Plus), Pleasant Acres Stallions, $2,500
30 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Gulfstream, 4:25 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Longing for Mints, 15-1

**Long River** (A.P. Indy), Anchor & Hope Farm, $1,500
48 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Pimlico, 4:03 p.m. EDT, Alw 5fT, And Whistle, 4-1

**Mendelssohn** (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, $25,000
348 foals of racing age/47 winners/3 black-type winners
8-Churchill Downs, 4:22 p.m. EDT, Alw 1 1/8mT, Jenny Lind, 15-1
$140,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $60,000 FTK OCT yrl; $340,000 RNA EAS MAY 2yo
8-Lone Star, 10:51 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Sugar Mamas Cakery, 4-1
$160,000 FTK OCT yrl

**Moon Thunder** (Malibu Moon)
3 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Lone Star, 10:23 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Along Came Thunder, 20-1
**Mor Spirit** (Eskendereya), Spendthrift Farm, $5,000
190 foals of racing age/31 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Lone Star, 9:27 p.m. EDT, Aoc 1mT, Aaron's Spirit, 12-1
$19,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl; $25,000 OBS OPR 2yo
9-Prairie Meadows, 10:36 p.m. EDT, Alw 5 1/2f, Hard Spirits, 8-1
$25,000 IOW OCT yrl
5-Prairie Meadows, 8:48 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Kamea, 6-1
7-Santa Anita, 7:12 p.m. EDT, Aoc 7f, Liberal Lady, 6-1
$25,000 OBS OCT yrl; $95,000 OBS APR 2yo
5-Lone Star, 9:27 p.m. EDT, Aoc 1mT, Mor Lana Spirit, 5-2
$25,000 FTK OCT yrl

**Ransom the Moon** (Malibu Moon), Calumet Farm, $5,000
101 foals of racing age/14 winners/1 black-type winner
9-Prairie Meadows, 10:36 p.m. EDT, Alw 5 1/2f, S C Skylars Empire, 12-1

**Requite** (Warrior's Reward), Red River Farm
9 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
7-Evangeline Downs, 9:13 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Requete the Effort, 15-1

**Sharp Azteca** (Freud), Three Chimneys Farm, $15,000
200 foals of racing age/53 winners/4 black-type winners
7-Gulfstream, 3:52 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, Hialeah Hottie, 4-1
$45,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl; $30,000 OBS OCT yrl; $35,000 OBS APR 2yo; $35,000 RNA E '23 KEE APR

**Smokem** (Union Rags), Lovacres Ranch
40 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Santa Anita, 5:04 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Smokem Ez, 5-2
$25,000 FTC AYR yrl

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**STAKES RESULTS:**

**J. WILLIAM PETRO MEMORIAL S.,** (NB) $75,000, Thistledown, 5-11, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45.64, ft.
1--**Candlelight Hours,** 119, f, 4, Dominus--Nava, by Even the Score. O/B-Elkhorn Oaks Inc. (OH); T-James R. Jackson; J-T. D. Houghton. $45,000. Lifetime Record: MSW, 15-6-5-3, $304,100. *1/2 to Timeless Bounty (Elusive Hour), SW, $224,714.
2--**Sally Strong,** 117, m, 6, Strong Mandate--Tantamount, by Lemon Drop Kid. O/B-John J. Sugar (OH); T-Michael L. Rone. $15,000.
3--**R Three Angels,** 121, f, 4, Kiss the Ghost--Hot Tub Holiday, by Harlan's Holiday. ($3,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT). O/T-Jason DaCosta; B-CFP Thoroughbreds LLC (OH). $7,500.

Margins: 1HF, 1, 5. Odds: 2.30, 2.80, 1.70.

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

5th-Churchill Downs, $130,005, (NW3$X)/Opt. Clm ($100,000), 5-11, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:48.32, fm, nose.
**Tiberius Mercurius** (h, 7, The Factor--The Winged Venus, by Rock Hard Ten) Lifetime Record: 31-6-4-4, $399,507. O-Three Diamonds Farm; B-Anastasie Astrid Christiansen-Croy (KY); T-Michael J. Maker. *$40,000 5yo '21 KEENOV.

3rd-Belmont, $101,850, (NW3$X)/Opt. Clm ($80,000), 5-11, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.87, fm, 2 lengths.
**Dreams of Tomorrow** (h, 6, Speightstown--Sabbatical, by Medaglia d'Oro) Lifetime Record: SP, 20-5-4-4, $341,720. O/B-Phipps Stable (KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III.

4th-Belmont, $80,000, (S), 5-11, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.44, ft, 4 1/4 lengths.
**Cinderella's Cause** (m, 5, Congrats--Myself, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: 22-5-3-3, $197,701. O/T-Robert N. Falcone, Jr.; B-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, LLC (NY). *$70,000 Ylg '19 SARAUG; $135,000 2yo '20 EASMAY.

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7th-Pimlico, $48,900, (C), 5-11, (C), 3yo/up, 5fT, :58.02, fm, 1 length.
PRINCE PERE (g, 6, Orientate--Princess Perry, by Point Given) Lifetime Record: 24-3-4-6, $150,709. O/B-Richard Blue, (MD); T-Suzanne Stettinius.

7th-Gulfstream, $45,000, (1$L)/Opt. Clm ($100,000), 5-11, 3yo, 1m, 1:37.85, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.
IL MIRACOLO (c, 3, Gun Runner--Tapit's World {GSP, $154,179}, by Tapit) Lifetime Record: 10-2-3-0, $103,125. O-Alexandres, LLC; B-Willow Oaks Stable LLC (KY); T-Antonio Sano. *$75,000 Ylg '21 KEEJAN; $190,000 RNA Ylg '21 FTKOCT; $70,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN.

8th-Gulfstream, $43,000, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($20,000), 5-11, 3yo/up, 5fT, :55.77, fm, 1 length.
ROCKIN ROLLER (c, 3, Ami's Flatter--Lady Carlotta, by Montbrook) Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-1, $105,900. O-Donald H. Mensh; B-Ocala Stud (FL); T-Edward Plesa, Jr. **1/2 to Ice Tea (Adios Charlie), SP, $256,070; 1/2 to Broadway Run (Prospective), SW, $228,360.

7th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, $40,000, (S), (NW3L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.95, ft, head.
ROTARY DIAL (g, 5, Dialed In--Dreamin Big {MSW, $602,350}, by Pure Prize) Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-3, $90,250. O-Penny S. Lauer; B-Michael E. & Penny S. Lauer (IN); T-Michael E. Lauer. *1/2 to Strong Tide (English Channel), MSW & MGSP, $613,581; 1/2 to Flurry (Old Fashioned), SW, $231,099.

7th-Hawthorne, $37,620, (C)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 5-11, 3yo, 1m 70y, 1:40.51, ft, 8 lengths.
EMPIRE BUILDER (g, 4, Classic Empire--Ballad, by Tapit) Lifetime Record: 10-4-1-2, $91,729. O-Antonio Donato; B-English Range Farm (FL); T-Armando Hernandez.

4th-Thistledown, $36,000, 5-11, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.82, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.
EMPIRE'S FIRE (g, 4, Empire Way--Victoria's On Fire, by Langfuhr) Lifetime Record: 11-5-2-0, $123,680. O-Douglas J. Diemer; B-Loner Farms, LLC (OH); T-Jeffrey A. Radosevich.

7th-Evangeline Downs, $35,000, (S), 5-10, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:06.35, my, 1 1/4 lengths.
HALF PAGE (f, 4, Half Ours--Pastor Paige, by Fayregammo) Lifetime Record: 18-4-5-1, $106,163. O-Lowell Gauthier; B-Colonel Thoroughbreds, LLC (LA); T-Donald Rubin. *$10,000 2yo '21 TTAAPR.

3rd-Evangeline Downs, $33,360, (C)/Opt. Clm ($30,000), 5-11, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (off turf), :58.16, gd, 2 1/4 lengths.
SASSY BEAST (m, 5, The Big Beast--I'mclassyandsassy {SP}, by Master Command) Lifetime Record: MSP, 16-7-2-5, $177,650. O/T-Angel M. Rodriguez; B-Charles Blanford (PA). *Full to Missoula (Wild Appeal), SP, $204,887; 1/2 to Secret Kin (Sea of Secrets), MSW & GSP, $416,041.

1st-Penn National, $31,600, (S), (NW2BX)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 5-10, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:47.06, ft, 6 3/4 lengths.
DEE JAY (g, 6, Imagining--Nasty Nemesis, by Old Trieste) Lifetime Record: 8-4-3-0, $117,240. O-William Eseworthy, Jr.; B-Blazing Meadows Farm LLC and Ella D Racing Stable; T-Timothy E. Hamm. *$9,000 Ylg '18 OTBOMX.

1st-Penn National, $31,600, (S), (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.50, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

6th-Hawthorne, $31,500, (S), 5-11, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.32, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.
BEG BORROW N STEAL (f, 4, Warrior's Reward--Leisurely Kin, by Capote) Lifetime Record: 10-2-3-1, $61,460. O/B-Team Block (IL); T-Horacio De Paz. **1/2 to Hoodwinked (Successful Appeal), SP, $204,887; 1/2 to Secret Kin (Sea of Secrets), MSW & GSP, $416,041.

2nd-Belterra, $29,700, (S), 5-11, 3yo, 1m, 1:41.60, ft, 9 lengths.
HIDDEN ACCESS (g, 3, Mobil--Preservation Hall, by Dixieland Band) Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-2, $70,871. O/Blazing Meadows Farm LLC and Ella D Racing Stable; B-Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm (OH); T-Timothy E. Hamm. *$9,000 Ylg '21 OTBOMX. **Full to Happy as You Go, MSW, $176,967.

4th-Penn National, $28,924, 5-10, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.56, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.
UNIMPEACHABLE (g, 6, Constitution--Fort Afleet, by Northern Afleet) Lifetime Record: 12-5-3-3, $118,200. O-Pewter Stable & Jeanine A. Cumiskey; B-Frederick and May Construction (KY); T-Kathleen A. Demasi. *$75,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; $110,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR; $6,000 4yo '21 OBSWIN; $11,000 5yo '22 FTDDE.
9th-Will Rogers Downs, $27,600, (S), 5-10, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.13, ft, 3/4 length.

EURO TRACKING (g, 4, Euroears--Track That Cat, by Tactical Cat) Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-3, $64,835. O/B-Bryan Hawk (OK); T-Joe S. Offolter.

7th-Belterra, $26,700, (S), 5-11, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:13.35, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

WILLIE JONES (g, 6, Rookie Sensation--Nadurra {SP, $128,201}, by Langfuhr) Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-4, $62,410. O/B-Bob Bowman (OH); T-Jeffrey L. Greenhill.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Man’s Choice, g, 3, Brody’s Cause--Rollin Like Shobiz, by Nobiz Like Shobiz. Thistledown, 5-11, (S), 6f, 1:13.62. Lifetime Record: 8-1-1-1, $32,674. B-Sherri Balo-Williams (OH).

Village Cat, f, 3, Cowtown Cat--Hitch Village, by Old Trieste. Thistledown, 5-11, 6f, 1:11.62. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $20,679. B-Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm (OH). *$11,500 RNA Ylg ’21 OTBOMX. **1/2 to The Important One (Majestic City), SW, $317,840.


Permafrost, g, 3, Frosted--Rejoicing, by Forestry. Thistledown, 5-11, 6f, 1:14.08. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $20,679. B-Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm (OH). *$11,500 RNA Ylg ’21 OTBOMX. **1/2 to The Important One (Majestic City), SW, $317,840.

Salute the Kid, f, 3, Kiss the Kid--Prayer Salute (SW, $120,391), by Meadow Prayer. Thistledown, 5-11, (S), 6f, 1:13.46. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, $29,880. B-Valorie & Richard A. Powers (OH).


Last of the Nile, f, 3, Pioneeroft the Nile--Enchantress (GSP, $103,840), by Malibu Moon. Evangeline Downs, 5-11, 1m (off turf), 1:41.99. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-2, $29,720. B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY). *$75,000 Ylg ’21 KEESEP.

American Pharoah, Pioneering Spirit, g, 4, o/o Foundation Spirit, by Giant’s Causeway. MCL, 5-11, Belmont

Aml’s Flatter, Rockin Roller, c, 3, o/o Lady Carlotta, by Montbrook. AOC, 5-11, Gulfstream

Anchor Down, Tappin Josie, f, 3, o/o Homemaker, by Afternoon Deelites. ALW, 5-11, Penn National

Bernardini, Ormstown, r, 3, o/o Sandra, by Bluegrass Cat. MSW, 5-11, Belmont

Brody’s Cause, Man’s Choice, g, 3, o/o Rollin Like Shobiz, by Nobiz Like Shobiz. MSW, 5-11, Thistledown

Classic Empire, Empire Builder, g, 4, o/o Ballad, by Tapit. AOC, 5-11, Hawthorne

Congrats, Cinderella’s Cause, m, 5, o/o Myself, by Giant’s Causeway. ALW, 5-11, Belmont

Constitution, Unimpeachable, g, 6, o/o Fort Afleet, by Northern Afleet. ALW, 5-10, Penn National

Cowtown Cat, Village Cat, f, 3, o/o Hitch Village, by Old Trieste. MSW, 5-11, Thistledown

Daiher, Two Jet, f, 3, o/o Tommeyesgold, by Gold Market. MSW, 5-10, Evangeline

Dialed In, Rotary Dial, g, 5, o/o Dreamin Big, by Pure Prize. ALW, 5-11, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Dominus, Candlelight Hours, f, 4, o/o Nava, by Even the Score. J. William Petro Memorial S., 5-11, Thistledown
Empire Way, Empire’s Fire, g, 4, o/o Victoria’s On Fire, by Langfuhr. ALW, 5-11, Thistledown

Euroears, Euro Tracking, g, 4, o/o Track That Cat, by Tactical Cat. ALW, 5-10, Will Rogers

Frosted, Frosty the Giant, c, 2, o/o Field of Flowers, by City Zip. MSW, 5-11, Churchill Downs

Frosted, Permafrost, g, 3, o/o Rejoicing, by Forestry. MSW, 5-11, Thistledown

Ghostzapper, Yo Dawg, g, 4, o/o Nobody’s Fault, by Blame. MSW, 5-11, Hawthorne

Gun Runner, Il Miracolo, c, 3, o/o Tapit’s World, by Tapit. AOC, 5-11, Gulfstream

Half Ours, Half Page, f, 4, o/o Pastor Paige, by Fayregammo. ALW, 5-10, Evangeline

Imagining, Dee Jay, g, 6, o/o Nasty Nemesis, by Old Trieste. AOC, 5-10, Penn National

Kiss the Kid, Salute the Kid, f, 3, o/o Prayer Salute, by Meadow Prayer. MSW, 5-11, Thistledown

Mobil, Hidden Access, g, 3, o/o Preservation Hall, by Dixieland Band. ALW, 5-11, Belterra

Munnings, Closing Act, f, 2, o/o Evening Show, by Master Command. MSW, 5-11, Churchill Downs

Omaha Beach, Cynane, f, 2, o/o Burning Arch, by Arch. MSW, 5-11, Belmont

Orientate, Prince Pere, g, 6, o/o Princess Perry, by Point Given. ALW, 5-11, Pimlico

Petionville, Out of Ammo, f, 3, o/o Finale Rack, by Lite the Fuse. MSW, 5-11, Penn National

Pioneer of the Nile, Last of the Nile, f, 3, o/o Enchantress, by Malibu Moon. MSW, 5-11, Evangeline

Race Day, Bourbon Day, g, 4, o/o Penrose, by Lemon Drop Kid. MSW, 5-10, Evangeline

Rookie Sensation, Willie Jones, g, 6, o/o Nadurra, by Langfuhr. ALW, 5-11, Belterra

Speightstown, Dreams of Tomorrow, h, 6, o/o Sabbatical, by Medaglia d’Oro. AOC, 5-11, Belmont

Tapiture, Georgie W, g, 3, o/o Avie’s Tale, by Tale of the Cat. MSW, 5-11, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Tapizar, Indian Zara, f, 3, o/o Indian Run, by Indian Charlie. MSW, 5-11, Horseshoe Indianapolis

The Big Beast, Sassy Beast, m, 5, o/o I’mclassyandsassy, by Master Command. AOC, 5-11, Evangeline

The Factor, Tiberius Mercurius, h, 7, o/o The Winged Venus, by Rock Hard Ten. AOC, 5-11, Churchill Downs

Tiz Sardonic Joe, Tiz Bayou, f, 3, o/o Jennys Royalpurple, by Bluegrass Cat. MSW, 5-10, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Uncle Vinny, Jack’s Yacht Queen, f, 3, o/o Hines Farley Rules, by King of Kings (Ire). MSW, 5-11, Thistledown

Warrior's Reward, Beg Borrow N Steal, f, 4, o/o Leisurely Kin, by Capote. ALW, 5-11, Hawthorne
NO NEED FOR PLAN B AS ARQANA BREEZERS TAKE TO THE TRACK

By Emma Berry

DEAUVILLE, France—So many of this season's Classic trials in France have been run in testing conditions but the forecast rain stayed away from Deauville on Thursday morning, allowing the breeze session for the Arqana sale to be conducted amid a pleasant mix of sun and breeze on ground that looked forgiving and fair.

Certainly the various consignors appeared to have a pretty relaxed air about them as their horses galloped on the back stretch of the racecourse in front of a decent-sized crowd gathered on the makeshift grandstand.

"The ground has been prepared beautifully. I'm very happy with that," declared Jim McCartan of Gaybrook Lodge as the last of his quintet of two-year-olds returned to base.

Walking out to the watch the action earlier in the day, his compatriot Brendan Holland had commented that he'd never had so many shows ahead of the horses breezing.

"This is the busiest sale we've had this year and everything is going to plan so far," he added. "And if it doesn't go to plan later, we'll make a new plan."

The ever-resourceful team of breeze-up consignors seemed to have everything under control and no apparent reason to conjure up Plan B. Cont. p3

DARLEY BACKS IRISH FILLIES TO ENHANCE UK DEVELOPMENTAL SERIES PLEDGE WITH JUDDMONTE

A quintet of black-type races for fillies in Ireland will gain financial backing from Darley this season in the latest announcement in the operation's refocusing of its sponsorship portfolio.

The races, which all receive increases in prize-money to between €55,000 and €75,000, are the Listed Kooyonga S. at Navan, the G3 Munster Oaks at Cork, the G3 Brownstown S. at Fairyhouse, the Listed Hurry Harriet S. at Gowran Park, and the Curragh's Listed Brigid's Pastures S.

Darley's director of stallions Sam Bullard said, "For many years Darley has supported the industry through sponsorship and the enhancement of the prize-money for these races further demonstrates our commitment to Irish racing and breeding, together with an exciting roster that includes several young stallions at Kildangan Stud. Cont. p10

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

FORTE DISQUALIFIED FROM HOPEFUL; CONNECTIONS WILL APPEAL

Forte (Violence) has been disqualified from last year's GI Hopeful S. due to the presence of meloxicam in his system. However, his connections will appeal this decision.
TEN UP IN THE DEE FOR O’BRIEN
San Antonio (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) claimed the Listed Dee S. at Chester on Thursday.

HUXLEY ON DECK AT CHESTER
Point Lonsdale (Ire) (Australia {GB}) steps out on the Roodee in Friday’s G2 Huxley S. Tom Frary has the preview.

MCPEEK BACKS SAVETHELASTDANCE FOR OAKS
Ken McPeek is keenly following the career of Cheshire Oaks heroine Savethelastdance (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), as he trained her dam. Brian Sheerin speaks with the trainer.

It’s 15 years since Zarkava won the G1 Poule d’Essai des Pouliches. Here she is pictured recently at Haras de Saint-Crespin, having visited Siyouni this season. | Zuzanna Lupa
Despite a larger number of horses amassed than ever before for this sale—185 in the book plus 10 wild cards—the breezers kept coming in quick succession with no obvious hitches. Every potential buyer will be looking for something slightly different. The unofficial times taken individually by a number of different operators were circulated by the end of the afternoon with a number of familiar names near the top of the list.

But we will hear again and again that it’s not all about the fastest times, and to this untutored eye, the only juvenile in the sale from the first crop of the Arc winner Waldgeist (GB) did one of the easiest breezes, while Mocklershill’s Blue Point (Ire) half-brother to the outstanding Palace Pier (GB) ate up the ground with his lavish stride. The Waldgeist colt (lot 47) is among five horses offered by one of the few French breeze-up consignors, Philip Prevost Baratte, whose team all breezed very professionally.

Once again, the Arqana catalogue has more than a tinge of stars and stripes to it. No fewer than 46 of those listed are by American sires, with the yearling sales of Keeneland and Fasig-Tipton now well-trawled hunting grounds for the breeze-up set. It’s not short on big-hitting names either, with Into Mischief, Medaglia d’Oro, Curlin, War Front and Speightstown among those represented. Cont. p4
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Arqana Breeze-Up Preview Cont.

The catalogue cover is over-run with stripes of a different colour: the yellow and black of KHK Racing to be precise. Classic winner Eldar Eldarov (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) and G2 Mill Reef S. winner Sakheer (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}) have been purchased at the last two Arqana breeze-up sales by Oliver St Lawrence, with the latter having topped last year at €550,000. The 2023 sale also included the G1 Cheveley Park S. winner Lezoo (GB) (Zoustar {Aus}), a relatively bargain selection by Kesley Lupo’s Atlas Bloodstock at €110,000.

Unusually, this year’s auction features an extra viewing day between the breeze session and the sale itself, which will get underway on Saturday at 11am. In the meantime, we’ll be back tomorrow with another dispatch from on the ground at Arqana, where a host of international visitors has already gathered and with more on the way.

TEN UP IN THE DEE FOR O’BRIEN

by Tom Frary

Since Aidan O’Brien first came to Chester in 2005, the year that the stable opened its account in the Listed Dee S. with Gypsy King (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells), the May Festival has acted as a stage set for the yard’s dominant actors in the middle-distance category. Thursday’s edition of that 10-furlong Derby trial went their way for the 10th time as San Antonio (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire})—Rain Goddess {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}) manipulated the bends of the Roodee circuit with a professionalism that belied his inexperience. As tactical as it gets here, the latest edition could have found out colt and jockey had the homebred not had the ideal aptitude and partner for that eventuality as Ryan Moore guided the Tabor colourbearer to the milestone win for the trainer, now just one shy of Barry Hills’s record of 11. Cont. p5
Coming in off a win in the same extended 10-furlong Dundalk maiden won by the stable’s 2022 G3 Chester Vase scorer Changingoftheguard (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)), the son of the G3 Snow Fairy S. winner and G1 Irish Oaks and G1 Pretty Polly S. runner-up was only third favourite at 16-5 for the Blue Riband prep which lost two runners including the intriguing Wood Ditton winner Passenger (Ulysses (Ire)). Ridden forward from the break as the well-supported 11-10 favourite Alder (Ire) (Australia (GB)) missed it and ended up over-racing along with Local Dynasty (Ire) (Dubawi (Ire)). San Antonio was quickly in his comfort zone in a close-up second guided by another free runner in Stormbuster (GB) (Dubawi (Ire)). Enjoying the rail trip with the market-leaders stacked up in behind, he was committed three out and there to be shot at as Alder swung wide in the straight but that Donnacha O’Brien trainee could get no closer than 1 3/4 lengths at the line as Godolphin’s TDN Rising Star Local Dynasty ended up 2 1/4 lengths further behind in third.

Habitually, by this time in May O’Brien is already having to juggle his many Derby prospects and he was pondering options for the winner on Thursday with Auguste Rodin (Ire) (Deep Impact (Jpn)) still very much the stable’s number one for Epsom. “It was messy around there, but Ryan controlled the race and he got the mile and a quarter very well there,” he said. “He obviously looks very adaptable and looks like a horse who’d get further and this was a trial, so he has to be looked at as one who could go to a Derby--either at Epsom or France--or he could go to [Royal] Ascot.”

Cont. p6
Listed Dee S. Cont.

San Antonio is the second foal out of the dam, who is a granddaughter of the G1 1000 Guineas heroine Virginia Waters (Kingmambo). The fourth dam Legend Maker (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells) was also responsible for the stable’s Group 1 performers by Danehill, Chevalier (Ire) and Alexander Of Hales. Rain Goddess’s 2-year-old colt The Lifey (Ire) is by No Nay Never, while she also has a yearling filly by Wootton Bassett (GB).

BOODLES DEE S.-Listed, £100,000, Chester, 5-11, 3yo, c/g, 10f 70yT, 2:19.90, sf.

1--SAN ANTONIO (IRE), 128, c, 3, by Dubawi (Ire)
1st Dam: Rain Goddess (Ire) (GSW & MG1SP-Ire, SP-Eng, $275,631), by Galileo (Ire)
2nd Dam: Where (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire)
3rd Dam: Virginia Waters, by Kingmambo
1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-M Tabor/D Smith/Mrs.J Magnier/Westerberg; B-Coolmore (IRE); T-Aidan O’Brien; J-Ryan Moore. £56,020. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, $80,807.

2--Alder (Ire), 128, c, 3, Australia (GB)--Eccentricity, by Kingmambo. O-Mrs O’Brien/Mrs Magnier/M Tabor/D Smith; B-Whisperview Trading Ltd (IRE); T-Donnacha O’Brien. £35,480.

3--Local Dynasty (Ire), 131, c, 3, Dubawi (Ire)--Really Special (GB), by Shamardal. O/B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Charlie Appleby. £10,680.

Margins: 1 3/4, 2 1/4, 4. Odds: 3.20, 1.10, 2.50.
Also Ran: Lose Your Wad (Ire), Afterwards (Ire), Stormbuster (GB). Scratched: Hadrianus (Ire), Passenger. VIDEO.

BACK-TO-BACK ORMONDES FOR HAMISH

by Tom Frary

The pre-eminent Group 1 horse in Thursday’s G3 tote.co.uk Ormonde S., Brian Haggas’s homebred Hamish (GB) (Motivator (GB)) shrugged off the disadvantage of his three-pound penalty to record back-to-back successes in Chester’s stamina test for the older middle-distance performers.

Having got within 3/4 of a length of Kyprios (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)) in the G1 Irish St Leger at The Curragh in September, the 7-4 second favourite boasted the key piece of form but was usurped at the head of the market as the money flooded in for Ballydoyle’s returning G2 King Edward VII S. winner Changingoftheguard (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)). Cont. p7
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G3 Ormonde S. Cont.

Hamish is a renowned sweet traveller in his races and with connections reporting beforehand that he would need the run, it was a case of anchor down early as Changingoftheguard enjoyed things his own way at the head of affairs much as he had when taking the G3 Chester Vase here 12 months ago. Putting in a notable surge between the three and the two to close down the leaders as the pace was at its hottest, the 7-year-old, who is almost another Haggas family member, was delivered wide by Tom Marquand in the brief straight. Swooping on the tiring Changingoftheguard and Lone Eagle (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)) a furlong out, Hamish was away and gone with Lone Eagle keeping it respectable at the line 1 1/4 lengths behind.

“If the ground is right, he could go to York next week [for the G2 Yorkshire Cup],” the winner’s devoted number one fan and exercise rider Maureen Haggas said. “He had a tendon injury as a 4-year-old and who knows what he might have achieved, but he’s one you get such an attachment to. He won’t be asked to race on anything faster than genuine kind good ground and all credit to him today, as it wasn’t run to suit.”

Pedigree Notes

Hamish, who also collected last year’s G3 Cumberland Lodge S. and the 2021 G3 September S., is the first foal out of Tweed (GB) (Sakhee) who is kin to three black-type performers. They were Beaten Up (GB) (Beat Hollow {GB}), hero of the G1 Doomben Cup, Harris Tweed (GB) (Hernando {Fr}), who was successful in the G3 John Porter S. and third behind St Nicholas Abbey (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) in the 2011 renewal of this race, and the Motivator’s Listed Lingfield Oaks Trial winner Vow (GB). Also connected to another mud-lover in the G1 Prix Ganay-winning sire Execute (Fr) (Suave Dancer), Tweed’s yearling is a son of Sea The Moon (Ger).

O-Marc Chan & Ballylinch Stud; B-Ballylinch Stud (IRE); T-Ralph Beckett. £25,596.
3--Changingoftheguard (Ire), 128, c, 4, Galileo (Ire)--Lady Lara (Ire), by Excellent Art (GB). O-Westerberg,Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor, D Smith; B-B V Sangster (IRE); T-Aidan O’Brien. £12,816. Margins: 1 1/4, 2HF, 1 1/4. Odds: 1.75, 10.00, 1.10. Also Ran: Sunchart (GB), Enemy (GB), Max Vega (Ire). Scratched: Israr (GB), Old Harrovian (GB). VIDEO.

RACE PREVIEWS

MOMENT OF TRUTH FOR POINT LONSDALE
by Tom Frary

Aidan O’Brien’s phenomenal record at Chester’s May Festival speaks for itself and while there was a small bump in the road on Thursday as Changingoftheguard (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)) failed to read the script, it is another of the stable’s key 4-year-olds who steps forward to take up the mantle on Friday. One of the unfortunate TDN Rising Stars who was denied the opportunity to make an impact in his Classic year, Point Lonsdale (Ire) (Australia (GB)) showed enough when beating the subsequent G2 Mooresbridge S. winner Visualisation (Ire) (No Nay Never) on his comeback in last month’s G3 Alleged S. to suggest he has what it takes to belatedly hit the heights much as his full-brother Broome (Ire) has.

While Aidan O’Brien has not enjoyed the same level of success in this G2 IRE-Incentive, It Pays To Buy Irish Huxley S. as in the meeting’s other pattern races, the 2021 G2 Futurity S. scorer and G1 Vincent O’Brien National S. runner-up realistically only has Shadwell’s progressive and still-unexposed Mujtaba (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) to challenge him in this 10-furlong test. Cont. p8
Friday’s Preview Cont.

From the William Haggas stable successful in Thursday’s Ormonde, Mujtaba finally came good on early promise with a seven-length win in a Newbury handicap on heavy ground in October. “He’s won at Chester before, but he’s also run poorly at Chester before, so we will see how we go,” his trainer said.

MCPEEK BACKS SAVETHELASTDANCE TO FULFILL OAKS DESTINY

By Brian Sheerin

Kenny McPeek has backed impressive Cheshire Oaks winner Savethelastdance (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) to fulfill her destiny at Epsom next month and revealed that he will be watching how the Aidan O’Brien-trained filly’s career develops with interest.

It was in 2017 when the US-based trainer concocted a daring plan to take on the best middle-distance fillies in Europe with Daddys Lil Darling (Scat Daddy), the dam of the new short-priced Betfred Oaks winner Savethelastdance.

However, Daddys Lil Darling did not get the opportunity to show how good she was to the European audience given she was forced to withdraw from the Oaks in dramatic circumstances after bolting to the start during a thunderstorm.

The race was won by subsequent dual Arc-winning superstar Enable (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}) but, such is McPeek’s belief in the ability that Daddys Lil Darling possessed, he says that he still believes that his charge would have gone close to causing a 33-1 upset but for being ruled out in freak circumstances.

He said, “I really wish we could have run Daddys Lil Darling that day. I had no doubt that she would have given Enable everything and anything she could handle but, look, everything happens for a reason.”

Fast forward six years and McPeek is confident that Coolmore’s Savethelastdance, the first foal out of his Grade I winner in America, can do what Daddys Lil Darling couldn’t and win the Oaks.

He said, “I was very confident that Daddys Lil Darling would have run very well in the Oaks and yes it was a very difficult day but it’s maybe justified now given her daughter has a real chance at Epsom.”

McPeek added, “But I’m really proud of her. She’s just an unbelievably classy filly to be around and she’s obviously passed it to her daughter. I’ll be watching the Oaks, that’s for sure.”

Daddys Lil Darling was snapped up by MV Magnier for $3,500,000 at Fasig-Tipton in November 2018. A Galileo colt out of the mare was also sold at the Keeneland September Yearling Sale last year to Robson Aguiar and Amo Racing for $575,000.

She is now based at Coolmore’s Ashford Stud in Kentucky where she has a filly foal by Into Mischief at foot and is reported to be in foal to Gun Runner.

EUROPEANS REIGN AT BELMONT

In this series, the TDN takes a look at notable successes of European-based sires in North America. This week’s column is highlighted by the victory of Higher Truth (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the GII Sheepshead Bay S. at Belmont Park on Friday.

Galileo Mare Queen Of The Bay

Team Hanley, Jeff Drown and Mike Ryan’s Higher Truth won the Sheepshead Bay for trainer Chad Brown (video). She was third in the 2021 GI Belmont Oaks Invitational S.

Bred by Churchtown House Stud, the May foal brought $500,000gns from Mike Ryan as a Tattersalls October Book 1 yearling.

The third foal out of G3 Ballycorus S. heroine Wannabe Better (Ire) (Duke Of Marmalade {Ire}), herself a half-sister to G1 Cheveley Park S. victress and 1999 G1 1000 Guineas second Wannabe Grand (Ire) (Danehill), Higher Truth is also a half-sister to dual stakes winner Lady Wannabe (Ire) (Camelot {GB}), and a 2-year-old full-sister to that filly. Cont. p9
Higher Truth | Chelsea Durand

Making Waves Cont.
One of 62 winners from 174 runners in the U.S. (36%) for Galileo, Higher Truth is the late Coolmore great’s 27th stakes winner (24 graded) in this locale (15%). Of those 27, 15 are top-tier scorers led by Cape Blanco (Ire).

Godolphin Shipper Pounces In Fort Marcy
Godolphin’s Ottoman Fleet (GB) (Sea The Stars (Ire)), who won the G3 Earl of Sefton S. earlier this year, captured the GII Fort Marcy S. at Belmont Park on Saturday (video).

Foaled in England for the SCEA Marmion Vauville and Alain Jathiere operation, the son of Innevera (Fr) (Motivator (GB)) sold for €290,000 as an Arqana December foal, and matured into an 425,000gns yearling at Book 1 of Tattersalls October.

Trained by Charlie Appleby, the firstborn of his winning dam is a half-sister to Inverlochy (Fr) (Oasis Dream (GB)). A half-sister to five stakes winners led by G1 Lockinge S. hero Keltos (Fr) (Kendor (Fr)), Innevera produced fillies by Le Havre (Ire) and Pinatubo (Ire) in 2021 and 2022, respectively.

The Aga Khan Studs’ Sea The Stars is credited with 15 winners from 36 runners (42%). Ottoman Fleet is his first Grade II winner and one of five U.S. stakes winners (14%), alongside GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf winners Newspaperofrecord (Ire) and Aunt Pearl (Ire).

Here For The Thrills
Andrew Stone’s Clitheroe (GB) (Ribchester (Ire)) took a Belmont allowance for Graham Motion on Sunday (video).

Part of the Stratford Place Stud breeding programme, the April foal made £45,000 as a Gosford UK Premier yearling, with Blandford Bloodstock plucking her out of the 2021 Arqana Breeze-Up Sale for €684,400 in May of 2022. From eight starts for St Albans Bloodstock and David Simcock, she earned black type when third in the Listed Queen of Scots S. at Musselburgh.

Out of a winning half-sister to dual Group 3 winner and Group 1 sire Bungle Inthejungle (GB) (Exceed And Excel (Aus)) and Group 1 winner Muarrab (GB) (Oasis Dream (GB)), the chestnut is a half to the listed-placed Expensive Date (GB) (Monsieur Bond (Ire)). Cheap Thrills (Bertolini) delivered a colt by Mohaather (GB) in 2022.

Darley’s Ribchester has sired five winners from seven starters (71%) in the U.S. His best runner there is stakes winner and ‘TDN Rising Star’ Ruthin (GB).

On The Go To Belmont
Cheyenne Stable and Christophe Clement combined with Mondego (GB) (Lope De Vega (Ire)) to take a Belmont maiden on Sunday (video). It was the 3-year-old colt’s third start after being selected by Mike Ryan for 230,000gns as a yearling out of Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Sale.

Bred by Car Colston Hall Stud, the bay is the fifth foal produced by the winning Free Rein (GB) (Dansili (GB)), who also foaled G3 Sweet Solera S. heroine West End Girl (GB) (Golden Horn (GB)). Free Rein’s latest is a yearling filly by Ghaiyyath (Ire). Mondego is kin to Group 1 winners Reckless Abandon (GB) (Exchange Rate), Brando (GB) (Pivotal (GB)) and Ticker Tape (GB) (Royal Applause (GB)).

Frequently mentioned in these pages is Ballylinch Stud’s Lope De Vega (Ire), who has sired 50% winners to runners in the U.S. (32/64). His five stakes winners (8%) include GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf winners Newspaperofrecord (Ire) and Aunt Pearl (Ire).

Sea The Moon Filly Strikes In Indiana
Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Madaket Stables’ Selenaia (Ire) (Sea The Moon (Ger)) won over the Horseshoe Indianapolis turf on Wednesday. Trained by Jonathan Thomas, it was the 85,000gns Tattersalls October yearling’s second win in three starts. Cont. p10
Measuring Racing Greatness
THE LONGINES WORLD'S BEST RACEHORSE RANKINGS
for 3yos and upward that raced between 1st January 2023 to 7th May 2023

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Darley has retained its sponsorship of the Dewhurst Racingotos.com

Making Waves Cont.

Bred by Derek Iceton of Tara Stud, the bay was previously knocked down for 33,000gns out of the Tattersalls December Foal Sale to Avenue Bloodstock. She is the first foal of her dam, Dettoria (GB) (Declaration Of War), who also has a 2-year-old filly by Golden Horn (GB) and a yearling colt by Earthlight (Ire). This is the family of G1 2000 Guineas hero Roderic O’Connor (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}).

Lanwades Stud’s Sea The Moon is a perfect four-for-four from his American runners. The 12-year-old has sired 26 stakes winners worldwide (12 group), with G1 Coronation S. heroine Alpine Star (Ire) and G1 Caulfield Cup hero Durston (GB) his best progeny.

Darley/Juddmonte Sponsor Fillies’ Races Cont.

He added, "This, coupled with the recently announced development fund initiative in the UK, broadens Darley’s support of European racing and we are delighted to take on these new sponsorships."

Eamon Moloney, Darley’s nominations manager at Kildangan Stud in Ireland, added, "The Irish Listed programme gives an opportunity for talented fillies to differentiate themselves. We are delighted to be supporting this series of races as an additional contribution to our longstanding support of prize-money through Irish European Breeders’ Fund."

This latest sponsorship announcement follows the news in February that both Darley and Juddmonte have given their support to the British Horseracing Authority’s series of development races leading to more than 60 maiden and novice races being run in Britain this year for prize funds of between £30,000 and £50,000. Juddmonte has sponsored 20 restricted maiden and novice juvenile races, while the BHA Development Fund is being used to support 21 open maiden and novice races for two-year-olds. Furthermore, Darley and the BHA Development Fund are supporting 22 open maiden and novice races for three-year-olds.

"When the development series came to light in the UK we felt we should do something in Ireland as well, as obviously we stand stallions there. While there is not a specific developmental series in Ireland, the idea of fillies' Listed races seemed to fit quite well," Bullard added.

"Standing a lot of stallions, we absolutely want to keep supporting the industry. For the development series in Britain, everybody is working together to increase the prize-money pool, and that’s a really good thing. And we hope that supporting these fillies’ races will help the breeders."

Darley’s range of race sponsorships previously included the Prix Morny card at Deauville, which it was announced this week would be sponsored by Sumbe. Darley also sponsored the July Cup and Yorkshire Oaks until recently.

"We've supported races like the Prix Morny for years and, moving away from that and being a bit more thoughtful about where we put the sponsorship, we hoped would be better for the industry. We hope it will help breeders make ends meet and make a big difference with the fillies," Bullard said.

"We still sponsor Dubai Future Champions Day at Newmarket; the Darley Dewhurst is very much part of the brand." Cont. p11
Darley/Juddmonte Sponsor Fillies’ Races Cont.

Through their stallion payments, Darley and Juddmonte are two of the biggest contributors to the European Breeders’ Fund (EBF), which this year is contributing £2 million to prize-money in Britain and €2.7 million in Ireland through the British EBF and Irish EBF respectively.

On top of its backing of a range of high-profile European group races, Juddmonte signed up to support the juvenile series back in February, which was described at the time as "a significant and important step by the racing industry to encourage young horses to race in Britain."

Juddmonte CEO Douglas Erskine Crum noted, "We are delighted to be supporting this well-targeted BHA initiative to enhance the competitiveness of the British racing and breeding industries. It is an effective kick-start of a long-term plan to enhance prize-money substantially for developmental races, with all the benefits that will follow for breeders and owners."

He added, "Our sponsorship portfolio is the same as it has been for some years but this is new money for the series as we think it’s so important. Prince Khalid’s family was very keen to support it because they want to support British breeders. We think that these races are probably the best way to provide additional funding for the owners and breeders that we want to keep in the sport."

"In the long term, if this gathers momentum, it is possible to see that new owners will come into the sport because they will see that they can get most or all of their training fees paid by winning one of these races, and it may encourage breeders to put horses in training if it gains real traction over the next few years."

"We know that prize-money is finite, and that the USA and Australia have much higher prize-money than we do, but it is noticeable that Britain puts a lower percentage of prize-money into the developmental races than other countries, and we feel that these are the most important races of them all."

TAHIYRA CAMP MULL OPTIONS AFTER GUINEAS SECOND

Group 1 winner Tahiyra (Ire) (Siyouni {Fr}) has exited her strong second-place effort in the G1 QIPCO 1000 Guineas in good order, according to trainer Dermot Weld.

His Highness The Aga Khan’s homebred pushed Mawj (Ire) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) all the way to the line in a fierce stretch duel at Newmarket, only to lose out by a half-length. Plans for last year’s G1 Moyglare Stud S. heroine are fluid at the moment, but the May 28 G1 Irish 1000 Guineas is under consideration.

“She’s come out of her excellent run at Newmarket very well, but no decisions will be made about her next start for another few weeks, certainly until closer to the Irish 1,000 Guineas,” said Weld of his ‘TDN Rising Star’. “She ran an excellent race and has come out of it well.”

HYMN BOOK TOO BRINGS SIX FIGURES AT TATTERSALLS ONLINE

The well-related Hymn Book Too (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) (lot 35) sold for a sale-topping 105,000gns during the Tattersalls Online May Sale.

Consigned by Clare Manning’s Boherguy Stud, the 4-year-old mare was signed for by M & N Bloodstock Partnership. A half-sister to G1 2000 Guineas winner Dawn Approach (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}) and G2 Futurity S. hero Herald The Dawn (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}), the bay is in foal to Space Blues (Ire).

Avon Racing snapped up the 6-year-old gelding Prince Imperial (Frankel {GB}) (lot 2) for 35,000gns from the draft of Richard Hughes’s Weathercock House Stables. He is a son of G1 Prix Marcel Boussac winner Proportional (GB) (Beat Hollow {GB}) and is a half-brother to listed winner Variable (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}).

At the close of trade, 23 lots (64%) sold for a gross of 257,400gns. The average was 11,191gns and the median was 4,200gns.

ROYAL ASCOT’S PLATINUM JUBILEE RENAMED TO HONOUR THE LATE QUEEN

The G1 Platinum Jubilee S. will be renamed in memory of Her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, Ascot Racecourse announced on Thursday. Cont. p12
The Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee S. Cont.

Beginning with the 2023 edition on the final day of Royal Ascot, the race will be known as The Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee S.

Sir Francis Brooke Bt. His Majesty’s Representative at Ascot, said, “The Late Queen’s close association with Ascot Racecourse was well known throughout the world, but no race at the Royal Meeting previously carried the name of Queen Elizabeth II.

“His Majesty The King has approved the renaming of the Platinum Jubilee S. to The Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee S. This will both honour Her Late Majesty in perpetuity and maintain the connection with the three Jubilees celebrated since the inception of the race as the Golden Jubilee S. in 2002.”

ARC AND SKY RELEASE STATEMENT ON UIR

After the news that the United Irish Racecourses (UIR) rejected a media rights deal earlier this week, Arena Racing Company (ARC) and Sky Sports Racing released a statement in support of the UIR on Thursday. The two companies will be negotiating with Horse Racing Ireland (HRI), UIR, and the Association of Irish Racecourses (AIR) for the UIR’s media rights in the near future.

The statement read, “Arena Racing Company and Sky Sports Racing are delighted that the opportunity to develop a partnership with the five United Irish Racecourses is now possible.

“We welcome the prospect of engaging in the very near future in detailed discussions with UIR, Horse Racing Ireland and the Association of Irish Racecourses on the media rights for these five racecourses.

“We are excited at the prospect of establishing a significant, valuable and long-term partnership with Kilbeggan, Limerick, Roscommon, Sligo and Thurles.”

The UIR--made up of Kilbeggan, Limerick, Roscommon, Sligo, and Thurles--rejected a media rights proposal at the general meeting of the Association of Irish Racecourses (AIR) on Tuesday. The other 21 Irish racecourses approved the new deal, which is with Sports Information Services (SIS) and the Racecourse Media Group (RMG).

FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Sunday, Oct. 2, 2023:

FRANCE

Donjuan Triumphant (Ire) (Dream Ahead), Haras de la Barbottiere
15 foals of racing age
1-MAR.BORELY, 1200m, Galgan (Fr)

Fas (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), Haras de Saint-Vincent
30 foals of racing age
1-MAR.BORELY, 1200m, Bad Boy (Fr)
€10,000 Arqana Deauville September Yearling Sale 2022

UNITED KINGDOM

Blue Point (Ire) (Shamardal), Kildangan Stud
161 foals of racing age
17:15-NOTTINGHAM, 5f, Desert Master (GB)

Eqtidaar (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Nunnery Stud
54 foals of racing age
15:00-ASCOT, 5f, Shirlaski (GB)
4,000gns Tattersalls February Sale 2022; 42,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2022

Inns of Court (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
168 foals of racing age
17:25-RIPON, 5f, Gray's Inn (Ire)
10,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2022

Land Force (Ire) (No Nay Never), Highclere Stud
117 foals of racing age
17:15-NOTTINGHAM, 5f, Serried Ranks (GB)

Soldier's Call (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), Ballyhane Stud
121 foals of racing age
15:00-ASCOT, 5f, Dawn Charger (Ire)
€40,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2022
Donjuan Triumphant has a runner in France on Friday | Emma Berry

**Observations on the European racing scene**

**Saint-Cloud Debut for Persian King’s Sister**

14.15 Saint-Cloud, Debutantes, €27,000, 3yo, f, 8fT

PROPHETIE (GB) (Kingman {GB}) is a key runner for Ballymore Thoroughbred Racing and the Andre Fabre stable, being a full-sister to the G1 Poule d’Essai des Poulains, G1 Prix d’Ispahan and G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp hero Persian King (Ire). From the esteemed Wildenstein family of Planteur (Ire) et al, the May-foaled bay meets Al Asayl France’s ANDRASTE (GB) (Saxon Warrior {Jpn}), the Francis-Henri Graffard trainee is a half-sister to connections’ G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. hero The Revenant (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}).

13.40 Saint-Cloud, Debutantes, €27,000, 3yo, c/g, 8fT

MUNROH (GB) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) debuts for the Wertheimers and Andre Fabre and is the latest progeny out of the G2 Prix de Sandringham winner and G1 Poule d’Essai des Pouliches second Impressionnante (GB) (Danehill). Among the May-foaled colt’s half-siblings is the G1 Prix du Jockey Club-winning sire Intello (Ger) (Galileo {Ire}), while this family of the high-class Occupandiste (Ire) (Kaldoun {Fr}) also features Galileo’s MUNDIALISTE (Ire).

15.35 Ascot, Mdn, £15,000, 3yo, f, 9f 212yT

SHAGPYLE (GB) (Frankel {GB}) is the fourth foal out of La Pyle (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}), who so famously produced the high-class Pyledriver (GB) (Harbour Watch {Ire}) who enjoyed his finest hour at this track in July when conquering the flagship G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. Brought along steadily by William Muir and Chris Grassick, the May-foaled bay has only four rivals to contend with on her first day at school.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

DREAMING SPIRES (GB), f, 3, Cityscape (GB)—Liberisque (GB), by Equiano (Fr). Thirsk, 5-11, 7f 218yt, 1:51.48. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $5,454. B-Andrew Bengough & Partners (GB).

*12,000gns Ylg ’21 TATOCT.

**Thursday’s Results:**

6th-Chester, £25,000, Mdn, 5-11, 2yo, 5f 15yT, 1:06.10, sf. HACKMAN (IRE) (c, 2, Mehmas {Ire}--Ishimagic {GB}, by Išigiru), third on debut over this trip at Newmarket last month, was out of the gates fast to lead. With all the benefit of the rail to aid him, the 11-8 favourite stayed on strongly to score by 1 3/4 lengths from Innvincible Friend (Ire) (Inns Of Court {Ire}). Part-owner Michael Owen, whose first success at this meeting came 21 years ago, has big ambitions for the winner. “He’s a really good horse and he’s very fast–he’s five furlongs through and through,” he said. “This place means a lot to me and to win here means a lot. It’s an important meeting and we’re on the board with what we thought was our best chance of the week. He’s a nice horse and we’ve always thought Royal Ascot with him and I don’t think he’s changed our minds there. I’ve been fortunate to win plenty of races around the world and group ones and people might be thinking ‘a poxy little maiden round Chester’, but I wanted to win that one. He is just everything you want in an early 2-year-old, he jumps quick and he’s a little bull of a horse. He’s great and I love him.” The dam, whose yearling filly is by Sands of Mali (Fr), is a half-sister to Foxysox (GB) (Foxhound) who captured the GI Santa Barbara H. and GII Bayakoa H. and three other graded stakes as well as finishing runner-up in the GI Del Mar Oaks. Sales history: €70,000 Wlg ’21 GOFNO1; £130,000 Ylg ’22 GOFFUK. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $17,654. O-The Gene Genies; B-Golden Vale Stud (IRE); T-Hugo Palmer.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

DREAMING SPIRES (GB), f, 3, Cityscape (GB)—Liberisque (GB), by Equiano (Fr). Thirsk, 5-11, 7f 218yt, 1:51.48. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $5,454. B-Andrew Bengough & Partners (GB).

*12,000gns Ylg ’21 TATOCT.
Cruise (Ire), f, 3, Cotai Glory (GB)--Open Verse, by Black Minnaloushe. Southwell, 5-11, 6f 16y (AWT), 1:14.40. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-0, $14,884. B-Tally Ho Stud (IRE). *38,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT; €135,000 2yo '22 ARQ MAY; 27,000gns 2yo '22 TATAHI. **1/2 to Tangled (Ire) (Society Rock (Ire)), MGSP-Eng, $285,567; 1/2 to Faithful Creek (Ire) (Bushranger (Ire)), GSP-Ire, SP-Fr, $117,541.

Owl Island (Ire), g, 3, Dark Angel (Ire)--Twinkleberry (Ire), by Kodiac (GB). Chelmsford City, 5-11, 7f (AWT), 1:27.25. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $5,487. B-Godolphin (IRE).


Tempered Soul (GB), c, 3, Massaat (Ire)--Kalia Asha (Ire), by Dark Angel (Ire). Chelmsford City, 5-11, 10f (AWT), 2:06.45. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $8,245. B-Natton House Thoroughbreds Ltd (GB). *8,000gns RNA Wlg '20 TATFOA; 5,500gns Ylg '21 TATOC.

William Dewhirst (Ire), g, 3, Sioux Nation--Two Pass (Ire), by Mtoto (GB). Thirsk, 5-11, 6fT, 1:19.31. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $9,117. B-Summerhill & Camas Park (IRE). *£30,000 Ylg '21 GOFFUK.

FRANCE

Friday’s Results:
1st-ParisLongchamp, €34,000, Cond, 5-11, 2yo, 5fT, 0:59.82, hy. ZORKEN (FR) (c, 2, Goken (Fr)--Zorra Chope (Fr), by Bertolini), off the mark on debut at La Teste-Bassin Arcachon in March, broke well to lead soon after the start. Pushed out to assert inside the final furlong, the 16-5 second favourite who is the second of two foals out of a half to the G3 Prix Vanteaux-placed Princesschope (Fr) (Panis) had 3 1/2 lengths to spare over Balsam (Fr) (Wootton Bassett (GB)) at the line. Sales history: €6,500 Wlg '21 ARQDEC; €3,500 Ylg '22 ARQOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €28,500. Video, sponsored by TVG.

O-Ecurie Jean-Louis Bouchard & B Montzey; B-W Neumann (FR); T-Bruno de Montzey.

4th-ParisLongchamp, €28,000, Cond, 5-11, 3yo, 10fT, 2:15.04, hy. BROADFIELD (GB) (c, 3, Almanzor (Fr)--Amser (GB), by Frankel (GB)), who was off the mark at Chateaubriant last month, having been seven-lengths second on debut to the TDN Rising Star Silver Crack (Fr) (Cracksman (GB)) at Saint-Cloud in March, raced in third with the pace generous. Cont. p15
4th-ParisLongchamp Cont.
In front 300 metres from the line, the 4-5 favourite was pushed out to beat Taybet (Fr) (Zoffany {Ire}) comfortably by 1 3/4 lengths. The dam is a half-sister to four black-type winners headed by the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud winner Passage Of Time (GB) (Dansili {GB}) and the G1 Falmouth S. heroine Timepiece (GB) (Zamindar). Passage Of Time is in turn the dam of the multiple group-winning sire Time Test (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) and the dual Group 3 winner Tempus (GB) (Kingman {GB}). Also related to the European champion Twice Over (GB) (Observatory), the dam’s 2-year-old filly Promptly (Ire) is by Tempus’ sire Kingman. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €15,900. Video, sponsored by TVG.

6th-Angers, €21,000, Mdn, 5-11, 3yo, f, 11 1/2fT, 2:29.14, sf.
NASSANDRES (FR) (f, 3, Le Havre {Ire}--Nullemont {Ire} {SP-Fr}, by Rajsaman {Fr}), sent off at 9-1, waited in rear early. Left with plenty to do at the top of the straight, the grey arrived in time to collar Alvaldi (GB) (Sea The Moon {Ger}) close home and prevail by a short head. The dam is a daughter of the G1 Prix Saint-Alary third Nonsuch Way (Ire) (Verglas {Ire}) and therefore a half to the G2 Perth Cup and G3 Prix du Lys scorer and G1 Grand Prix de Paris runner-up Neufbosc (Fr) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}). Also a granddaughter of the dual stakes winner and triple graded-stakes-placed Lucky Lune (Fr) (Priolo), her yearling colt is by Lawman (Fr). Sales history: €95,000 Ylg ‘21 ARQOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €10,500. Video, sponsored by TVG.

O-Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-Ecurie Haras du Cadran, A Von Gunten & Ecurie Melanie (FR); T-Philippe Decouz. *9,000 Wlg > 19 TATFOA; 16,000 Ylg > 20 DBSPRM; 45,000gns 2yo ‘21 TATBRE; €50,000 RNA HRA ‘22 ARQARC.

CONDITIONS RESULT:
1st-Angers, €15,000, 5-11, 4yo/up, 1350mT, 1:27.16, sf.
NESR SHALGHODA (GB) (c, 4, Due Diligence--Lady Macduff {Ire}, by Ifhraaj {GB}) Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-0, €55,450. O-Elbashir Salem AB Elhrai; B-Whitsbury Farm & Stud Ltd (GB); T-Romain Le Dren Doleuze. *9,000 Wlg ‘19 TATFOA; £16,000 Ylg ‘20 DBSPRM; 45,000gns 2yo ‘21 TATBRE; €50,000 RNA HRA ‘22 ARQARC.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:
Soigneux Bell (Fr), g, 3, Muhtathir (GB)--Marble Game (Fr), by Orpen. Angers, 5-11, 11 1/2fT, 2:33.51. B-Mme E Libaud (FR).

Lucky Sweynesse Ranked Co-Third In Longines WBRR
Recent G1 Chairman’s Sprint Prize winner Lucky Sweynesse (NZ) (Sweynesse {Aus}) has moved into a joint-third at 124 on the Longines World’s Best Racehorse Rankings (WBRR).

The Hong Kong galloper is equal to Japan’s Titleholder (Jpn) (Duramente {Jpn}). Equinox (Jpn) (Kitasan Black {Jpn}), who won the G1 Sheema Classic in Dubai, sits atop the list at 129, with fellow Hong Kong-based horse Golden Sixty (Aus) (Medaglia d’Oro) second at 125.

Other horses making the list following the latest ranking period are G1 All Aged S. hero Giga Kick (Aus) (Scissor Kick {Aus}) at 120, the same mark as G1 Prix Ganay scorer Iresine (Fr) (Manduro {Ger}) and G2 Mile winner Mutasaabeg {GB} (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). G1 Satsuki Sho winner Sol Oriens (Jpn) (Kitasan Black {Jpn}) was also given a ranking of 120, as was G1 Turf Classic S. winner Up To The Mark (Not This Time).

At 119 is G1 Churchill Downs S. winner Cody’s Wish (Curlin) and Mage (Good Magic), the winner of Saturday’s G1 Kentucky Derby. Another pair ranked at that level are three-time Classic winner Hurricane Lane (Ire) (Frankel {GB}) who took the G2 Jockey Club S., and G1 Tenno Sho (Spring) winner Justin Palace (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}). For the full list, please visit the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities website.

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**GROUP ENTRIES**

Friday, Chester, Britain, post time: 14:40

**IRE-INCENTIVE, IT PAYS TO BUY IRISH HUXLEY S.-G2**, £120,000, 4yo/up, 10f 70y

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