Preakness 148: Could it Be Magic?

by Christina Bossinakis

Baltimore, MD—Continuing on the heels of a stacked card Friday, Pimlico offers a robust eight-stakes offering Saturday, led by the $1.5 million GI Preakness S. With GI Kentucky Derby winning Mage (Good Magic) looming as the one to beat, the race suffered a notable blow Friday with the defection of Godolphin’s ‘TDN Rising Star’ First Mission (Street Sense), shaving the field back to seven. Having not only showed a recency in form but also the ability to win at the highest level, none of the chestnut’s rivals can really make the same claim. The lightly-raced colt ran three times at Gulfstream Park this winter, culminating with a runner-up finish behind Forte (Violence) in the Apr. 1 GI Curlin Florida Derby. Sent off at 15-1 odds in the Run for the Roses, the Gustavo Delgado-trained colt came from well off the pace to win by a length, propelling his entire team into a ride of a lifetime. Cont. p10

Stonestreet Team Hoping for Some Good Magic in the Preakness

by Chris McGrath

Some kind of wand has been waved here. Of eight starters in the GI Preakness S., three represent the first crop of Good Magic—including GI Kentucky Derby winner Mage. Just weeks after their program received what felt like the ultimate accolade, in Broodmare of the Year honors for Dreaming Of Julia (A.P. Indy), Barbara Banke and her Stonestreet team duly have still further cause for gratification. Because just like Dreaming Of Julia, Good Magic is out of a daughter of one of the foundation mares bought by Banke’s late husband, Jess Jackson.

Moreover, both Good Magic and the two, star daughters of Dreaming Of Julia are by Curlin, the dual Horse of the Year co-owned by Jackson. And while Good Magic was sold as a $1 million yearling, Stonestreet immediately retrieved a stake and could accordingly celebrate his rise as a racetrack champion and now, in partnership with John Sikura, as an overnight success alongside his sire at Hill ‘n’ Dale.

It’s been a fulfilling experience for all concerned, then, not least Stonestreet’s bloodstock adviser John Moynihan—who came on board 18 years ago precisely on the premise that the project would share the same spirit of patient cultivation that had underpinned Jackson’s success as a vintner. For just as a long journey divides the planting of a vineyard from the savoring of the wine, so with the sowing of these recent triumphs.

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Giavellotto in Yorkshire Cup Upset

Longshot Giavellotto (Ire) (Mastercraftsman) claimed the G2 Boodles Yorkshire Cup.

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**TAXED CAUSES UPSET IN BLACK-EYED SUSAN**

Sent off at odds of 11-1, former claimer Taxed (Collected) became the first graded winner for his sire in Friday's GII Black-Eyed Susan S.
Good Magic cont. from p1

Nowadays, true, no such patience tends to be offered in the commercial judgement of new stallions. If the first sample of grapes don’t measure up, they tend to be left to wither on the vine. Yet Good Magic, who had himself confounded the slow-burning Curlin stereotype as a champion juvenile, not only finished second in the freshman championship but is now consolidating with his maturing sophomores. Mage himself, remember, emulated his sire’s Derby nemesis Justify in winning the Derby despite not having raced at two.

Good Magic broke the mold along with his maiden in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile.

"Obviously, we’d had a lot of Curlins up to that point," Moynihan recalls. "And the unique thing about Good Magic was that he was always extremely precocious. A lot of Curlins get better as they mature. But he already looked special at the training center, before we ever sent him to Chad [Brown]. He acted like he was going to be an extremely early horse, to the point where I thought he would start much earlier than he eventually did, in Saratoga.

"So, he was an anomaly that way, but he was also like so many other Curlins that you know will get even better the next year. Had he not run into Justify, we’d have had a Kentucky Derby winner and probably a Preakness winner too."

To that school of thought, Good Magic has unfinished business at Pimlico on Saturday, in that he probably paid for squaring up so boldly to the Triple Crown winner, just run out of the places in the last strides.
Good Magic cont.

"So, it feels kind of redeeming that he's turning out to be as good a stallion as he has," Moynihan says. "We obviously bred a lot of nice mares to him, that first crop. And when the foals start hitting the ground, they looked just like he had: medium-sized, precocious-looking horses. And that's how they ran last year, too. But just as he went on to be a very good 3-year-old, so they're now making the same jump. And when a horse does that, in my eyes, they're usually on the road to becoming a very good stallion."

One neat touch about Good Magic is that he's out of a Glinda the Good, a stakes-winning daughter of Curlin's hard-kicking rival Hard Spun.

"The two horses he kept running against were Street Sense and Hard Spun," Moynihan reminds us. "And we had a ton of respect for Hard Spun, because he usually set the pace in all those races. Mr. Jackson really wanted to breed to that horse, and Good Magic is the culmination of that. Obviously, we love Curlin and now that he's getting older, to have one of his sons showing so much promise is a huge blessing."

Glinda the Good's Curlin colt was always so highly regarded that prospectors at the 2016 Keeneland September Sale were advised that the vendors would be eager to retain a significant stake.

"We had put the word out," confirms Moynihan. "And we talked with Bob Edwards [of E Five Racing] beforehand--we break horses for him at the training center--and said how much we liked the horse and would want to stay in. So, a deal was struck."
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The first, a daughter of Medaglia d'Oro, was apparently sensational in pre-training but was lost in a starting gate accident. The other two (both, as noted, by Curlin) redressed that tragedy last year as GI Breeders’ Cup Distaff winner Malathaat and GII Demoiselle S. scorer Julia Shining.

Dreaming Of Julia's dam Dream Rush (Wild Rush) had been top of Moynihan's list at Fasig-Tipton in November 2007, having won two Grade I sprints as a sophomore that summer, but the white flag had to be raised at $3.3 million. A couple of years later, however, her purchaser contacted Moynihan and asked whether they were still interested in the mare. Unbelievably, they had just bred her to A.P. Indy—which is just what Stonestreet had planned to do. And the result was Dreaming Of Julia, who won the GI Frizette S.

"You know, Dream Rush had a very light page," Moynihan admits. "But she could fly. And we thought that if you bred a mare that fast to A.P. Indy, you could get a fast horse, you could also get a Classic horse."

And from those days onwards, Stonestreet has put a distinctive hallmark on the breed: cycling back to a genetic core, whether cultivated or grafted, while admitting judicious transfusions of external blood and funds. (Malathaat, remember, made $1.05 million as a yearling and Shadwell, another elite program now assisting the family, have chosen Into Mischief for her first cover.) Cont. p6
Good Magic cont.

"Broodmare of the Year felt like a huge accomplishment for us," Moynihan says. "For an operation such as ours, that takes so much pride in doing things from the ground up, it's the pinnacle. I mean, her mother may have been the fourth or fifth mare that we bought."

While Stonestreet must also trade, selling 80 to 90 percent of its yearling crop, even to maintain a breed-to-race core demands vision and courage.

"First time I ever met Mr. Jackson, he laid out was what his ambitions were," Moynihan says. "Breeding to race on any kind of scale was in a massive decline in America. Still is. You just don't have the Mellons, the Phippses, the real sportsmen anymore. But Jess and Barbara had always been creators, in their wine business: they owned the land, they grew the grapes, the whole thing was vertically integrated."

And that, to Moynihan, was key. He had found subsequent Derby winner Charismatic (Summer Squall) as a weanling for his first big clients, Robert and Beverly Lewis, but they were scaling down with the advancing years. Nor had they been quite so engaged by the breeding side anyway. Thinking on this kind of scale, then, was just what he wanted to hear.

"There's a lot of people out there buying yearlings," Moynihan remarks. "They buy the yearling, the guy races his horse, they lose track. I've always been part of a program. You buy a weanling or yearling, and you manage that horse through its entire racing life, potentially its breeding life, and you see the fruits of a cyclical process. So, I'm always more interested in building something."

As it was, Jackson and Banke brought him out to California, to the vineyards, and he saw for himself that these people would do things properly.
"Mr. Jackson knew, starting off, that we had to work our way up to what he'd call a critical mass of horses," Moynihan recalls. "He showed me his wine operation, and I saw the best of practices within that, and the scale and the scope of what he did. But it's never just scale. A lot of people in the horse business have been big, but they haven't necessarily been great. But I saw straightaway that here was a person who was extremely passionate; and that a lot of his ideas lined up with the way I'd want to do things. And I thought, 'Well, here's an amazing opportunity to create something really great.'"

By the time he passed, in 2011, Jackson had been party to three consecutive Horse of the Year campaigns: Curlin in 2007 and 2008, and then Rachel Alexandra (Medaglia d'Oro). But it's this longer harvest that Moynihan feels would most please his late patron.

"He always said that one day we should be in a position where we can potentially produce better horses than we can buy on the marketplace," he says. "And every year now, when we go to the yearling sales and see what's out there to purchase, a lot of times we end up saying, 'Well, we're not going to buy Hip 354 because we already have two of those.'"

That said, it's important that you also sell elite stock; that the market won't suspect you of holding back the cream. So, while two retained fillies, Claireire (Curlin) and Pauline's Pearl (Tapit), made it to the Grade I Kentucky Oaks in 2022—and have both since become Grade I winners—they could not beat Malathaat.

"No, you absolutely want that, for the people that buy them," Moynihan emphasizes. "Apart from anything else, you sell the good ones because they tend to bring the most capital. If you think a yearling like Malathaat can bring a million, well, you know what, that's a lot of money. That's one horse doing a lot to fund the program."

Obviously, we can't expect Moynihan to share too much methodology, but he plainly views racetrack excellence as evidence of a functional pedigree.

"The foundation here in America is speed," he says. "And races like the Test and the Prioress, those are so difficult to win. Winning them made Dream Rush the fastest of her generation. And from what I've experienced, that brilliance a lot of times gets passed down to the offspring."

"A lot of people have bought unraced mares with amazing pedigrees and done extremely well, but for me that's somewhat unfamiliar. I've been much more of a results person. If I see a filly go break her maiden by 10, and something happened with her and there's no stakes on the page, I know she had brilliance and that's what interests me."

But affinity of pedigree emphatically enters the mating equation—where another vital piece of the armory is Moynihan's familiarity, through scouting the sales so thoroughly, with the trademark traits of every stallion.

"We take everything into consideration," Moynihan says. "Everything. It's like we put it all in a box, shake it up, pour it out, and find what gives us the best chance of producing a great racehorse. When we're doing matings, it's eight hours a day for 20, 30 days, locked in a room. And then you finally think yes, this is really going to work—only to come back and critique it maybe five more times before it gets finalized. A tremendous amount of intellectual property goes into mating a Stonestreet mare. That's not to say that it's always going to come out right. But when it does, with a great physical that we can either run or sell, then you feel like all the hard work has paid off; that the model works."

It's a long road from the computer science degree taken by a young fellow from Frankfort, with a single strand to draw him into the horse business: Ryan Mahan, senior auctioneer at Keeneland, was a family friend. By stages Moynihan became intrigued, immersed. He read the trade press and figured: "You know what, with the securities business, you don't really have any control. But if you learn this business the right way, potentially you could have control." Cont. p8
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One decisive boon, on graduating to a first job at Fasig-Tipton, was being sent to spend time at Belmont Park. "You can’t learn about racehorses at a yearling sale," he was told. "You need to go to the track, look at the finished product. Go look at the sprinters in the Vanderbilt. Look at the two-turn horses in the Jockey Club Gold Cup. The 2-year-olds in the Spinaway, the Hopeful. Then come back to the unproven marketplace, and see what you should be trying to replicate."

There was also some cherished mentorship from Johnny Jones at Walmac, before Moynihan landed running in his solo career with Lewis. "I've been so blessed," he says. "I've had amazing clients that have stuck with me through thick and thin. Bob gave me freedom to see the big picture. That way I really learned the business of procuring and racing a great colt, and coming full circle by being able to sell him to a stallion farm."

An exciting new cycle for Stonestreet may have begun in the stunning Keeneland debut of American Rascal—yet another Curlin, and the first foal out of the brilliant Lady Aurelia (Scat Daddy).

"But it’s such a finite number of these horses that get to the promised land," Moynihan reflects. "Today, let’s face it, everyone is after three or four stallion prospects [in each crop]. There’s just a handful of races you have to win if you're trying to make a stallion. Luckily that’s just what Good Magic did. But it’s very hard to procure those horses today, because besides needing the racing luck, you’re also going up against guys that might be spending $50 million on 120 yearlings."

Moynihan emphasizes the contribution of Sikura to Good Magic. "He's done an amazing job with our stallions," Moynihan says.

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"A lot of people think that we just stand our horses there. That’s not the way it evolved. John put up his money and bought these horses, whether it be Charlatan off two races, or Maclean's Music off one.

"The only reason Maclean's Music is a stallion at all is John Sikura. I think a lot of stallion farms look at a resumé and say, 'Well, yeah, we can make money if we stand him for this fee and get paid out two or three years.' I don't think that's his model. I think he wants brilliance. The horses he has on that farm, they’re there for a reason. Right or wrong, he believes in those horses and he's willing to put forth that passion to turn them into successful stallions."

However big the business might become, then, it’s nothing without that human spark. And that, evidently, has been no less essential to the evolution of the Stonestreet program under Banke, in the 12 years since the loss of her husband.

"It was always his passion, but Barbara became extremely interested with a horse called Curlin," says Moynihan. "And when Mr. Jackson passed away, I think she wanted to continue his dream and see what we could accomplish. All credit to Barbara, if she’s in town and we’re foaling mares, she's there for the foaling. She’s not saying, ‘Hey, what kind of foal was it?' She's there. I mean, she really cares.

"When some of these things happen, I think all of us ask ourselves: 'How would he feel today?' And I think he would be over the moon, I really do. Because it's exactly what he set out to do. There are so many wealthy people that buy or breed horses: they're in wine, they're in real estate, they're in auto parts, they're a Sheikh from the Middle East. And a lot of them never have any luck. It doesn't necessarily matter how much money you have. It's how you spend it, and how you manage the horses. And so many of these processes were all Mr. Jackson's vision. I'm sure he looks down today and is very proud of what he created."
Preakness Day Preview cont.

“I think he came back from [the Derby] better than he did from the [Florida Derby] to be honest,” confirmed Gustavo Delgado, Jr., his father’s assistant. Throughout the week at Pimlico, Mage went through his paces like an old pro, never turning a hair despite the throng of spectators and media turning out to see the reigning Derby winner.

“Professional, that’s the best way to describe [his demeanor],” said Delgado, Jr. “[He’s] very quiet. The track being so quiet with only a few horses at the same time [during the Preakness training period], that helps too.”

Added Ramiro Restrepo, who owns the 3-year-old with OGMA Investments LLC, Sterling Racing LLC and CMNWLT, "He’s so smart. I can’t overstate that. He’s a really intelligent horse. Not only does he take care of himself during his races, but he knows when to commence.

“The races are developing him race by race. We’re just waiting to see how much he has in the well of talent. Every day, he’s showing more and more signs of maturation and understanding his job as a racehorse. It’s great to see it happening.”

GI Champagne S. winner Blazing Sevens (Good Magic) is winless in three starts this season, finishing a solidly beaten third last time out in the Apr. 8 GI Toyota Blue Grass S. Despite some of the shortcomings, the colt’s trainer Chad Brown has already tasted victory on two prior occasions in the Preakness with ‘fresh’ horses—Cloud Computing (Maclean’s Music) and Early Voting (Gun Runner). Additionally, he is responsible for guiding Good Magic through his championship juvenile season in 2017 before finishing runner-up in the Kentucky Derby the following spring. Fourth in that year’s Preakness, Good Magic also won the GI Haskell Invitational S.
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Setting up the race for a possible 'Magic' trifecta, Perform offers trainer Shug McGaughey the opportunity to win his first Preakness. At Pimlico’s annual Alibi Breakfast Thursday morning, McGaughey took to the podium following an enthusiastic round of applause to discuss the chances of the Federico Tesio S. winner. Somewhat stayed while assessing his chances in the second jewel of the Triple Crown, the Hall of Famer spoke with the confidence of somebody who knows they have a legitimate contender. And supplementing the horse for $150,000 seemed to underscore that belief as well.

“If he hadn’t run well [in the Tesio] we wouldn’t be running here,” said McGaughey. “Although we didn’t go into the Tesio thinking we’d run here if he ran well. He was not nominated to the Preakness. After the way he ran...[jockey] Feargal [Lynch] said he thought it was too bad the horse wasn’t nominated because he thought he was a Preakness type horse.”

“You don’t know if you’re good enough until you try them. I’ve never won the preakness and I won’t win the Preakness if they’re standing there in the stall.”

Trainer Bob Baffert is also represented with National Treasure (Quality Road) a first-out winner who has hit the board in four of five career starts. Third in the GIII Sham S. in January, he was last seen finishing fourth in the GI Santa Anita Derby. Baffert is bidding for his record-breaking eighth victory in the Preakness S. His most recent victory was in 2018 with Triple Crown winner Justify.

Rounding out the field are a trio of stakes winners, Chase the Chaos (Astern {Aus}), Coffeewithchris (Ride On Curlin) and Red Route One (Gun Runner).

East vs. West in Chick Lang

It’s East versus West in the six-furlong GIII Chick Lang S. Saturday afternoon. Representing the left coast is Havnameltdown (Uncaptured), a three-time graded stakes winner trained by Bob Baffert. Runner-up in last season’s Del Mar Futurity, he finished a close-up second his latest start in the G3 Saudi Derby.

“He ran a great race,” Baffert said of the Saudi Derby. “A mile is a little bit too far for him. He’s a sprinter. That’s his distance, six to seven furlongs.”

Also having shown his affinity for three-quarters of a mile, four-time stakes winner Super Chow (Lord Nelson) enters the Chick Lang off an impressive 5 1/4-length score in Gulfstream’s Hutcheson S. in March.

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The horse hasn’t done anything wrong since he came to the barn as a 2-year-old,” said Jorge Delgado, who is based at Monmouth Park in the summer and Gulfstream Park in the winter. “His record is magnificent. In his eight starts he has run at [five] different racetracks with six wins, one second and one third. The last time he got beat [GIII Swale Feb. 4], he got beat by a horse that won at Churchill [Downs] on Derby Day [General Jim, GII Pat Day Mile]. So, he’s been competing against real quality horses. I do know the race is going to be very competitive, but my horse is 100% ready to run this race.”

Never to be discounted on te big days, trainer Steve Asmussen saddles Ryvit (Competitive Edge), who rides a three-race winning skein. In his latest start, the colt took a muddy renewal of Oaklawn’s Bachelor S. Apr. 29.

**Motion Well Armed on Turf**

Trainer Graham Motion once again presents a customary strong hand in Pimlico’s graded turf features. Motion is represented by a trio of runners in the GII Galorette S., headed by dual stakes winner Vergara (Noble Mission {GB}). Off since a runner-up finish in last fall’s GII Sands Point S. at Aqueduct, the bay is reunited with Joel Rosario. The trainer also offers up Italian import Sopran Basilea (Ire) (Night of Thunder {Ire}) and MSW Bipartisanship (GB) (Bated Breath {GB}), runner up in a Keeneland allowance in her sole race in 2023.

Hoping to get a win early in the day is Chad Brown, who saddles SP Whitebeam (GB) (Caravaggio) in addition to SW Eminent Victor (Mr. Z), making her 2023 debut under Flavien Prat.

One race later in the nine-furlong GII Dinner Party S., Motion returns with another three runners, including last-out Keeneland winner Hurricane Dream (Fr) (Hurricane Cat). The French import will be accompanied by GI Hollywood Derby scorer Speaking Scout (Mr Speaker) and Easter (Fr) (Exosphere {Aus}), a winner going a mile in a Big A allowance Apr. 7.

Todd Pletcher brings to the fore ‘TDN Rising Star’ Emmanuel (More Than Ready), victorious in the Gill Tampa Bay Derby and Gill Canadian Turf earlier this winter. Most recently, he was seventh after a tardy start in the GI Maker’s Mark Mile Apr. 14.

This winter’s GI Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational winner Atone (Into Mischief) tries to bounce back following a lackluster ninth in the Muniz Memorial Classic S. Mar. 25.

Rounding out Pimlico’s graded action is the GIII Maryland Sprint S. Trying to recapture their winning form are Grade III winners ‘Rising Star’ Prevalence (Medaglia d’Oro) as well as Willy Boi (Uncaptured). Likely to take much of the money at the windows, Straight No Chaser (Speightster) and GSW Wonderwherecraigis (Munnings) will try to successfully take the next step up to graded company following last out allowance wins. Wesley Ward returns with Nakatomi (Firing Line), winless in his last three starts, including a fourth-place finish in Keeneland’s GIII Commonwealth S. Apr. 8.

Churchill offers it’s solitary graded test of the day, the card’s anchor the GIII Louisville S. Mike Maker offers a strong pairing led by last out GII Pan American winner Therapist (Freud). He also takes a shot with former claimer turned recent Gulfstream allowance winner Yamato (Artie Schiller).

**THIS SIDE UP: HOW TO MAKE THE CROWN FIT AGAIN**

*by Chris McGrath*

Nostalgia, they say, isn’t quite what it used to be. In times past, it was not so much a wistful state of mind as an outright medical condition. The Union Army in the first two years of the Civil War reported precisely 2,588 cases, no fewer than 13 of which proved fatal. And I must admit to some concern that this may in fact be the version to which I am destined to succumb, nailed into the same coffin as the five-week Triple Crown.

The whole premise of nostalgia is irretrievability: the yearning for a time or place that can’t be revisited. (Very often, perhaps, because it never existed in the first place.) This morbidity is suggested in the Greek stems of the word: nostos, homecoming, and algos, pain or distress. Unfortunately, while the first of these is doomed to remain notional, the second can even be national. It spills over into the here and now, corroding the happiness not just of individuals but whole societies. All round the world, we see populists promising to renew some golden age by restoring lapsed imperial or demographic boundaries.
This Side Up cont.

But that observation obliges me to ask myself whether I’m doing anything so very different, in stubbornly resisting the groundswell towards Triple Crown reform?

With a solitary Kentucky Derby runner deigning to line up for the second leg of the series, for the first time since the current schedule was adopted in 1969, many whose opinions I respect appear to be accepting that there is no longer any point trying to turn back the side. They look at the seven runners in the GI Preakness S. on Saturday, and say the time has come to yield principle to pragmatism.

Well, they may be right. But first, I have a couple of questions. One is exactly where we can find this putative engagement with a disaffected wider public? Is it from having more competitive Triple Crown races, or is it from the romance of the quest itself?

For a long time, during the drought between Affirmed and American Pharoah, we were told (despite several extremely close misses) that the assignment lay beyond the modern Thoroughbred and that we were duly squandering our best chance of engaging fan attention. On that basis, however, the defection of so many rivals clearly only enhances the prospects of Mage (Good Magic) heading to Belmont with a Triple Crown within reach. If that is supposed the grail of publicity, pricelessly combining heritage and accessibility, then does anyone imagine that casual viewers will tune out because the Preakness field lacked triple-figure Beyers?

But maybe the whole premise is wrong anyhow. If the Triple Crown is the best way of stemming our sport’s drift from mainstream affections, then how do we assess the impact of the two we have saluted as recently as 2015 and 2018?

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This Side Up cont.

While unanswerably demonstrating that the current schedule remains perfectly within the competence of the 21st Century Thoroughbred, American Pharoah and Justify hardly reversed the slide. As should be painfully obvious by now, we must address far more serious and challenging deficiencies in the way we present ourselves to a changing world.

Not that we can afford complacency in the audience we already have: the people, that is, who know enough about our arcane world to be dismayed by the lack of both quality and quantity in the field awaiting Mage at Pimlico. When so many indices are spiraling down, retention must be a still bigger priority than expansion. But a Triple Crown extended into July—which, in itself, might well stretch the fickle attention of a casual sports fan—could prove disastrous for other cherished races of high summer, especially now that horses are supposed to need a break before regrouping for a Breeders’ Cup prep.

It is, as we know, the trainers who are driving this whole agenda. They have either seen or for some reason decided that horses today cannot soak up the kind of campaign that once allowed breeders a reliable measure of the kind of genetic resources they could aspire to replicate. The incidental benefit of this approach, of course, was precisely the fan engagement we have forfeited in protecting horses not only from competition but also from visibility.

If it’s about the physical caliber of the horses we are producing, then that obviously ties into another and far more serious challenge. If modern horses can’t race twice under the same moon, or even stand up to federal regulation, then surely, we need to address the crazy situation where breeding for the sales ring has somehow become different from breeding a runner.

If it’s simply the trainers that are wrong, however, then there are also things we can do about it. And that’s not just because D. Wayne Lukas is still doing his thing at 87. I’ve regularly cited the example of another old master, Jim Bolger, just a couple of years ago running Poetic Flare (Ire) (Dawn Approach (Ire)) in three Classics in 22 days, before winning at Royal Ascot barely three weeks later; and, as often, deplored how only the Japanese could find a place for this horse at stud. But Bolger was also the mentor of Aidan O’Brien, who has himself frequently taken a similar approach. (One of my favorite instances was Peeping Fawn (Danehill). She was placed in a Classic 11 days after breaking her maiden at the fourth attempt; and then ran second in another, over an extra half-mile, five days after that. That experience so damaged her that she proceeded to four Group 1 wins inside eight weeks.)

To me, it looks as though Bolger and O’Brien both believe that a thriving horse has a window of opportunity. And, on that basis, it may actually prove harder to maintain a Derby winner at the same peak for a Belmont in July than with the present calendar.

Most American trainers today evidently disagree. And look, I accept that times change. Mage himself, a horse we hadn’t heard of 10 minutes ago, is a Derby winner for our times. He has a different scenario to tackle this time, and shouldn’t give a start to one working as briskly as National Treasure (Quality Road). Even in this small field there are some pretty legitimate horses, and it’s certainly an incredible achievement for Good Magic’s first crop to yield three of seven starters in a Classic.

According to the behavior of trainers, it should be nearly inevitable that a raw colt like Mage regresses from his effort two weeks ago. If he happened to do that, however, it’s a fair bet that whichever “mediocre” horse (not my view, I stress) took advantage could still be rewarded with 200 mares at stud next spring. Suffice to say that we have a lot of other stuff to sort out before we start scapegoating an anachronistic Triple Crown.

Good luck to Mage. He has a ton of talent. Who knows? Maybe he will prove the last Triple Crown winner over five weeks—and the last, therefore, who can validly claim parity with the previous 13. And then, when these elusive young fans become as old and grumpy as me, he may even be the stuff of nostalgia.
FIRST MISSION OUT OF PREAKNESS ACCORDING TO GODOLPHIN

After consulting with the 1/ST veterinary team, Godolphin will scratch First Mission (Street Sense) from this year's GI Preakness S., the organization said in a release early on Friday morning. The dark bay colt will receive further evaluation in Kentucky at Rood and Riddle hospital with Dr. Larry Bramlage.

Brad Cox worked with the 1/ST veterinary team the last couple of days to try and fully identify a left hind issue, but were unable to do so on the grounds at Pimlico.

Godolphin's Director of Bloodstock, Michael Banahan said, "We are obviously very disappointed, but the welfare of the horse is our utmost concern, and we are going to take the necessary steps to determine the best course of action to get him back on the track."

TAXED A CERTAINTY IN BLACK-EYED SUSAN

by Christina Bossinakis

BALTIMORE, MD--Running for a $50,000 tag as recently as last November, 11-1 chance Taxed (Collected) proved one of the biggest bargains on the afternoon, coming from off the pace to peg Hoosier Philly (Into Mischief) while also leaving the previously undefeated and piping-hot 3-5 choice Faiza (Girvin) in her wake in the GII George E. Mitchell Black-Eyed Susan S. at Pimlico Friday.

Last season's GII Golden Rod S. winner Hoosier Philly was intent on getting to the front, and she did so dutifully, as Sacred Wish (Not This Time), Merlazza (Medaglia d'Oro) and Faiza drafted in behind on her outside flank through an opening.

The family of Baldemar Mendoza Ponce

The team at Warrendale sales is gutted by the loss of one of their own. Baldemar Mendoza Ponce passed away in his home on Monday, May 15, 2023.

“Omar” as we all knew him has worked with Warrendale for almost 20 years. He came with little to no horse experience and over the years has become their go to man for teaching new grooms how to be safe but quick and efficient when topping off horses. It can be dangerous and challenging to top off horses at the sale ring, it requires fearlessness and smarts and Omar had those. He was always the first person to arrive at the barn in the morning and always had a smile on his face. He regularly wore his hat sideways which always made the team smile when they saw him. Omar was so loyal and dedicated that he purchased his own apparel and had the Warrendale logo put on at his own expense.

Omar leaves behind a wife, 2 sons, and 4 daughters. Warrendale is asking for donations to aid in the financial burden of funeral, burial, and other costs for the family that Omar has left behind. We appreciate any and all donations.
quarter in :23.44. The rail-skimming Scared Wish tried to creep up on the leader, but promptly had that door slammed in her face, losing some ground in the process. With Hoosier Philly still narrowly in front and Merlazzia and Faiza keeping her honest, Taxed was only about four lengths away and moving easily following a :47.24 half. Given her cue leaving the far turn, the grey swung out four wide while inching closer to the front turning for home, gradually reeled in the drifting pacemaker and overtook her game, but tiring rival at midstretch en route to 3 3/4-length victory. The GI Starlet winner Faiza was a clear third over 14-1 shot Balpool (Uncaptured).

“IT’s hard to compete with these guys who go in and spend millions of dollars on young horses,” said Morse. “I’m not knocking them--I’d like to be in their position. Most of my better horses have been claimed.

“I won the Stephen Foster, that was a Grade I. Even if it’s a claiming race, a win’s a win.”

Claimed for $50,000 while facing maidens at Churchill Downs last November, Taxed returned to be fourth behind future GI Central Bank Ashland S. winner Defining Purpose (Cross Traffic) in the Year’s End S. at Oaklawn Dec. 31 before posting a solid runner-up finish to Wet Paint (Blame) in the Martha Washington S. Jan. 28. Fading to ninth after pursuing the early pace in a sloppy renewal of the GIII Honeybee S. Feb. 25, a race also won by Wet Paint, Taxed came home an improved second to that familiar foe after shedding the blinkers in the GIII Fantasy S. Apr. 1.

“She was just always pulling, too rank,” explained Morse. “Because every time she ran, she looked like she was going to win, and she just didn’t have any finish. As you see now that she’s relaxing behind horses and settling. It’s made a huge difference.”

Taxed wound up in the Black-Eyed Susan after failing to draw into the May 5 GI Kentucky Oaks as the first also-eligible.

The filly’s owner, Omaha, Nebraska, resident Richard Bahde, has owned horses for 30 years, racing primarily in Kentucky and Arkansas. According to Bahde, the win marked his first win at this level.

“I started out in the bull rings in Nebraska with $5,000 claimers and then I met [trainer Randy Morse] and he took me to a whole different level. We have had a lot of fun together.”

When asked about Taxed’s latest win, he enthused, “When she made her move on that turn, I knew we had it won. She loves her job, she loves to run and once she got clear to the outside, it was over. She went past [Hoosier Philly] like she was standing still.”
Black-Eyed Susan S. cont.
Pedigree Notes:
Taxed's Black-Eyed Susan victory gives her the distinction of being the initial graded winner for sophomore sire Collected, who stands at this breeder's Airdrie Stud. Her dam, three times stakes placed through a 15-race racing career, won at distances ranging from six to eight furlongs and was purchased by Brereton Jones for $75,000 in foal to Congrats at Keeneland November in 2015. A 100% winner-producer from her four foals to make the races, Yankee Union has an unraced juvenile colt by Airdrie's Preservationist (Arch) named In a Jam who was picked up by D J Stable for $50,000 at Fasig-Tipton July and is training forwardly at Casse Training Center. She is also the dam of a yearling filly by American Freedom and foaled a filly by Complexity Mar. 31.

Friday, Pimlico

GEORGE E. MITCHELL BLACK-EYED SUSAN S.-GII, $300,000, Pimlico, 5-19, 3yo, f, 1 1/8m, 1:49.45, ft.
1--TAXED, 118, f, 3, by Collected
  1st Dam: Yankee Union (MSP, $164,064), by Yankee Gentleman
  2nd Dam: A Touch of Romance, by El Prado (Ire)
  3rd Dam: Dance Account, by Private Account
1ST BLACK TYPE WIN, 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. ($27,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; $105,000 2yo '22 OBSMAR). O-Richard Bahde; B-Breereton C. Jones (KY); T-Randy L. Morse; J-Rafael Bejarano. $180,000. Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-0, $379,644. *First graded stakes winner for sire (by City Zip).

Friday, Pimlico

PIMLICO SPECIAL S. PRESENTED BY BULLEIT BOURBON-GIII, $250,000, Pimlico, 5-19, 3yo/up, 1 3/16m, 1:54.72, ft.
1--RATTLE N ROLL, 126, c, 4, by Connect
  1st Dam: Jazz Tune, by Johannesburg
  2nd Dam: Rap and Dance, by Pleasant Tap
  3rd Dam: Dance Review, by Northern Dancer
1ST BLACK TYPE, 1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE. ($220,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP). O-Keith F. Johnston and William S. Sparks; B-Beta Delta Stables, LLC (KY); T-Ron Moquett. $50,000.

Also Ran: Balpool, Merlazza, Cats In the Timber, Towhead, Comparative, Sacred Wish. Scratched: Frosty O Toole, Miracle, Pate. Click for the Equibase.com chart or the TJCIS.com PPs. VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

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The Frenchman continued, “But that horse on the inside really dug in. It was a nice battle, and he ran a good race. I thought for a minute I took the lead, and the other one just didn’t want to quit. He really put his heart on the track. He was brave today.”

Winner of the GI Breeders Futurity at two, Rattle N Roll failed to show much on the Triple Crown trail but took advantage of easier competition later in the season, annexing a trio of derbies—the American, St. Louis and GIII Oklahoma. Fourth in the GII New Orleans Classic S. at Fair Grounds Mar. 25, he bounced back to win the Ben Ali going Friday’s trip of 9 1/2 furlongs at Keeneland Apr. 22.

**Pedigree Notes:**

Rattle N Roll is one of two graded winners for his young sire (by Curlin) and one of eight black-type winners overall, five of which hail from Storm Cat-line dams.

Tommy Wente’s St. Simon Place acquired Rattle N Roll’s dam for $20,000 in foal to Mineshaft at Keeneland November in 2016 and, after breeding the mare to Outwork the following season, returned her to the November Sale pregnant to Connect in 2018. Having elected to retain Jazz Tune when bidding stalled out at $55,000, Wente offered the Connect colt as a weanling at KEENOV in 2019, where he fetched $55,000, and trainer Ken McPeek signed the ticket on Rattle N Roll for $210,000 at the 2020 Keeneland September Sale. A month after the colt won the Breeders’ Futurity, Wente sold Jazz Tune for $585,000 at KEENOV.

A half-sister to SW Rap Tale (Tale of the Cat), Jazz Tune is also the dam of the 3-year-old colt Jazz Tap (Tapwrit), a $55,000 KEESEP grad who is unraced to date in Russia, and the Liam’s Map colt she was carrying at the time of her sale in 2021 made $175,000 at KEENOV last fall. Jazz Tap foaled a colt by Quality Road Mar. 19. St. Simon Place is also the breeder of Connect’s Grade III-winning daughter Hidden Connection.

**Friday, Pimlico**

MISS PREAKNESS S. PRESENTED BY CASE TRACTOR-GILL, $150,000, Pimlico, 5-19, 3yo f, 6f, 1:09.56, ft.

1--MAPLE LEAF MEL, 122, f, 3, by Cross Traffic

1st Dam: City Gift, by City Place

2nd Dam: For My Wife, by Not For Love

3rd Dam: Heavens to Betsy, by Miswaki

1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. ($180,000 Ylg ’21 KEESEP; $150,000 2yo ‘22 EASMAY). O-August Dawn Farm; B-Joe Fafone (NY); T-Jeremiah C. Englehart; J-Joel Rosario. $90,000. Lifetime Record: 4-4-0-0, $303,400. *1/2 to Eddie’s Gift (El Corredor), SP, $167,950. Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

**EATON SALES**

2--Topsy, 118, f, 3, Bee Jersey–Secretariat Humor, by Distorted Humor. 1ST BLACK TYPE, 1ST GRARED BLACK TYPE. ($42,000 Ylg ’21 KEESEP; $225,000 2yo ’22 OBSMAR). O-L. William Heiligbrodt, Corinne Heiligbrodt and Jackpot Farm; B-Charles Fipke (KY); T-Steve Asmussen. $30,000.

3--L Street Lady, 120, f, 3, Munnings–Lady Gayle, by Scat Daddy. 1ST GRARED BLACK TYPE. ($125,000 Ylg ’21 FTKJUL). O-Madaket Stables LLC; B-T & G Farm of Kentucky LLC (Benson Farm) (KY); T-Brittany T. Russell. $15,000.


Also Ran: Afternoon Tea, Key of Life, Bound by Destiny. Scratched: Happy Clouds. Click for the Equibase.com chart and the TJCIS.com PPs. VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

Despite having done everything right in three prior career starts, Maple Leaf Mel was nonetheless sent off the 8-5 second betting choice in Friday’s GII Miss Preakness S. behind 4-5 choice Key of Life (Mo Town), victorious in the GII Beaumont S. Apr. 16. Unaware of the crowd’s leanings, the grey daughter of Cross Traffic led for most of the way and never looked back, rolling home an easy 1 1/2-length winner over the late-closing Topsy.

The grey soon overtook the fast-starting Key of Life and maintained a measured advantage over the favorite through :22.26 and:45.21 splits. In control but drifting out in the stretch, Maple Leaf Mel gave Joel Rosario no anxious moments as she strolled way to a easy albeit short winning margin.

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Miss Preakness S. cont.

“She had a lot of speed,” said Rosario, who has been aboard all four of the grey's starts. “Her break wasn't really fast but she has so much speed. After she got to the lead, she looked around a little bit. And I just let her do her thing and hopefully she had something left turning for home.”

A five-length winner facing Empire-breds in her career debut at the Spa early last August, she followed up with another front-running victory there in the slop in the Seeking the Ante S. a bit more than two weeks later. Packed away for the rest of the season, she returned with a romping 7 3/4-length score at in the Mar. 24 East View S at Aqueduct.

The horse was named for trainer Jeremiah Englehart's assistant Melanie Giddings, who was diagnosed in 2020 with endocervical and ovarian cancer.

“[Owner] Bill [Parcells] named the horse for me..we had built up a friendship,” explained the Canadian native. “He is at the barn every day [in Saratoga during the summer]. He loves the sport. It's nice for him to get this win. He might have been a little nervous today because I did not hear from him. I think everyone can kind of feel a little relief. She is a New York-bred and the other filly [Key of Life] won in Lexington. This is a nice horse. This makes me feel proud because I think so highly of her.”

Pedigree Notes:

With Friday's Miss Preakness victory, Maple Leaf Mel becomes the fourth graded winner for her sire, Cross Traffic, who stands at Spendthrift Farm. Her dam City Gift, winner of a pair of claiming sprints during her abbreviated racing career, previously produced SP Eddie's Gift (El Corredor) and most recently dropped a colt by Brody's Cause in 2021.

BELMONT RACE DOWN TO TWO HORSES AFTER LASIX MIX-UP; VETERINARIAN DISMISSED

The third race at Belmont Park Friday was left with just two horses entered to run after Lasix was not administered to four horses who were supposed to receive it. The veterinarian charged with administering the Lasix, Dr. Steven Lascher, "is no longer employed by NYRA," the company said.

The race, a $100,000 allowance optional claimer at one mile had drawn six entries, but was left with just two: Pharoah's Heart (American Pharoah) and Honey Money (Central Banker) after the omission came to light.

"Four horses entered to run in today’s R3 at Belmont Park @TheNYRA were not administered Lasix within the permitted timeframe," Tweeted NYRA's Director of Communications, Patrick McKenna. "As a result, Impazible Donna (#1), Dancing Sophia (#2), Ok Honey (#5) and Movie Moxy (#6) have been scratched by the stewards."

Reached by email, McKenna outlined the relevant rule requiring the stewards to scratch the horses.

The rule is Gaming Commission rule, 4043.2 Section 7, which reads. "Ineligibility to start. Any horse that is eligible for the administration of furosemide must be present on the grounds of the racing association or corporation no less than four hours prior to scheduled post time of the race in which the horse is scheduled to compete. A horse that is not present at least four hours prior to post time or that has not received the administration of furosemide pursuant to this subdivision shall be ineligible to start."

"Per the stewards, purse money only is not an option in this instance," McKenna added. "NYRA is responsible for the administration of Lasix at Belmont Park, not the New York State Gaming Commission. NYRA will review the relevant internal protocols and update as necessary."

"What I was told was that the vet did not administer Lasix to four of the six participants, which caused them to be scratched," said Linda Rice, who was scheduled to send out Movie Moxie (Street Sense) in the race. "Obviously no one is happy."

Rice said that the Lasix should have been administered between 9:30 and 10 a.m., and that four hours before post time, scheduled for 2:16 p.m., those horses who had not been treated were scratched.

Trainer Rob Atras sent out Honey Money, who did receive Lasix Friday morning.

"I'm not there today, but what I was told is that the vet missed (giving them) the Lasix," said Atras. "I don't know how he got two, but missed the other four," he said, adding that Michelle Nevin's starter, Pharoah's Heart, is in a barn close to his, and also received the medication. Cont. p20
Lasix Mix-Up cont.
A spokesman for the New York State Gaming Commission said that the commission had no official comment for publication.
Friday's was the second incident in under a year when four horses had to be scratched after not receiving Lasix in a timely manner—both involving Lascher. In 2022, he was fined $4,000 by the Gaming Commission after "failing to follow proper Lasix procedures necessitating the late scratches of horses racing."
Friday's third race was won by Pharoah's Heart, who went off the 1-2 favorite.

CARAVEL CONTINUES TRAINING TOWARDS ROYAL ASCOT
Two-time Pennsylvania-bred Horse of the Year and GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint winner Caravel (Mizzen Mast) continues to train at Churchill Downs following her victory in the $300,000 Unbridled Sidney S. on Kentucky Oaks Day. Owned in partnership by Qatar Racing, Marc Detampel and Madaket Stables, Caravel is likely to make her next start at Royal Ascot in the G1 King's Stand S. Tuesday, June 20.
The Brad Cox-trainee galloped about 1 3/8 miles Friday under exercise rider Fernando Espinoza. Caravel would be Cox’s first starter at Royal Ascot.
"One of the reasons we brought her back at the age of six was to point towards Royal Ascot," Cox said. "She was in the November Sale at Keeneland and we took her out. We’ll see how Royal Ascot goes and hope to get her back to the Breeders' Cup."

CONGRESSMAN DEMANDS INVESTIGATION INTO DERBY WEEK FATALITIES
In a letter released to the media Friday afternoon, U.S. Representative Earl Blumenauer (D-Oregon), along with 15 bipartisan supporters, are urging the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) to launch an investigation into the equine deaths at Churchill Downs earlier this month.
Addressed to HISA CEO Lisa Lazarus, Blumenauer's letter requests a response within 60 days and makes note of figures from the Equine Injury Database showing that between 2009 and 2021 some 7,274 Thoroughbred fatalities have occurred on American racetracks.

The Congressman urges HISA to make the findings of any investigation public, and encourages the group to review the horses’ necropsies and medical records—which has been a standard part of mortality reviews in Kentucky for years and is spelled out in the existing HISA racetrack safety rules.
This story was first reported by The Paulick Report. Click here to read a copy of the letter.
### Saturday, Pimlico #13, post time: 7:01 p.m. EDT

**Preakness S.-GI**, $1,500,000, 3yo, 1 3/16m

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### Saturday, Churchill Downs #11, post time: 5:58 p.m. EDT

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**Saturday, Pimlico #6, post time: 1:29 p.m. EDT**

**CHICK LANG S.-GIII, $200,000, 3yo, 6f**

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**Saturday, Pimlico #8, post time: 2:49 p.m. EDT**

**DINNER PARTY S.-GIII, $200,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT**

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**Saturday, Pimlico #7, post time: 2:08 p.m. EDT**

**GALLORETTE S.-GIII, $100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT**

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**MARYLAND SPRINT S.-GIII, $100,000, 3yo/up, 6f**

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### Paradise Creek S.

**Saturday, Belmont, post time: 1:02 p.m. EDT**

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- James W. Matheney Jr.
- Yeguada Centurion SL
- Anlyn Farms
- Pillar Property Services Inc
- Bulldog Racing
- Dr. Aaron Sones, Dr. Naoya Yoshida & Dr. Eric Crawford
- Hal Snowden Jr.

### James W. Murphy S.

**Saturday, Pimlico, post time: 5:51 p.m. EDT**

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- Michael Hui
- Equivine Farm LLC
- Dunwoody Farm
- Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds, LLC
- The Wind Fire Partnership
- OXO Equine LLC
- Blue Diamond Stud Farm (UK) Ltd
- Chervenell Thoroughbreds LLC

### Ruling Angel S.

**Saturday, Woodbine, post time: 4:17 p.m. EDT**

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**Breeders:**
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- Minshall Farms
- Sam-Son Farm
- Summer Wind Equine LLC
- Ellen B. Kill Kelley
- English Channel Co-Owners & Jodi Cantwell
- CASA Farms I, LLC
V V’S DREAM SHINES BRIGHT AS NEW ‘RISING STAR’ BENEATH TWIN SPIRES

by Patrycja Szpyra

She’d been the buzz horse among the Churchill locals all day and V V’s Dream (Mitole) took the first baby steps to making quite a few come true while securing ‘TDN Rising Star’-dom in this stylish unveiling.

Breaking slowly and asked to race in seventh from two off the rail going into the turn, the grey bided her time as the field watched the other Mitole Cheetah Miss put up all the fractions as :21.90 and :45.59 flashed across the board. Rolling under a full head of steam and splitting rivals from four wide as they turned for home, V V’s Dream was under supremely confident handling passing the leader at the sixteenth pole. She kicked clear to win by 6 1/4 lengths, claiming the honor of being her freshman sire (by Eskendereya)’s first North American winner and his flag-bearing ‘Rising Star.’ The final time was :57.91 was the five furlongs.

The most recent winner for her dam Quay, whose half-sister Quaver (Blame) is the dam of MGSw Kathleen O. (Upstart), V V’s Dream hails from the female line of GISW Cupid (Tapit); MGSw Heart Ashley (Lion heart), herself responsible for MGSw-Jpn Fiano Romano (Aus) (Fastnet Rock (Aus)) and that one’s full-sister GSP-Aus Ameristralia (Aus)–who in turn produced GSW Ain’t Easy (Into Mischief); and course-record setter, MGSw Hostess. V V’s Dream is the third winner and has a yearling half-brother by Volatile who was exported to Saudi Arabia as well as a 2023 half-brother by Yaupon.

SATURDAY’S RACING INSIGHTS:

by Stefanie Grimm

PAIR OF KANTHAROS FILLIES LOOK TO GRADUATE AT CHURCHILL

10th-CD, $120K, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 5:26 p.m.

As the last foal out of blue-hen broodmare Leslie’s Lady (Tricky Creek), LADY IRENE (Kantharos) has a pedigree second to none. Her trio of illustrious half-siblings hardly need an introduction but are none other than 4x Eclipse Award winner Beholder (Henny Hughes), GISW & sire Mendelssohn (Scat Daddy), and perennial leading general sire Into Mischief (Harlan’s Holiday).
Retained by her breeder Clarkland Farm, Lady Irene debuted with an on-the-board closing finish under the Twin Spikes last November. She picks up Lasix Saturday and jockey Corey Lanerie retains the mount for trainer Eddie Kenneally.

Opposing her from an inside gate, Driana (Kantharos) brought a final bid of $525,000 as a yearling by Cheyenne Stables at the 2021 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Select Sale. She is a half-sister to MGSW Woke Up Dreamin (Holy Bull), MGSW Denomination (Smart Strike), and GSW Lemon Drop Dream (Lemon Drop Kid). She debuts Saturday off a bullet drill at Keeneland May 17, going three furlongs in :35 (1/21) for trainer Ben Colebrook.

TJCIS PPS

6th-CD, $120K, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 3:18 p.m.
SAUCY SECRET (Into Mischief) is the latest foal out of G1 Ogden Phipps H. victress Tiz Miz Sue (Tiznow), making her a half to GSP Serein (Uncle Mo) and MGSW Dude (Curlin). Tiz Miz Sue herself is a half-sister to MSW Bulletin (City Zip) and to the dam of GSW/GISP Souper Sensational (Curlin). TJCIS PPS

5th-WO, $111K, Msw, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f (AWT), 3:13 p.m.
Drawn furthest to the outside in her unveiling Saturday, $400,000 Keeneland September purchase DANCING DUCHESS (Munnings) will seek to emulate the success of her half-brother, Queen's Plate S. winner Safe Conduct (Bodemeister). Her dam, a perfect three-for-three on producing winners thus far, is a half to Canadian Horse of the Year Fatal Bullet (Red Bullet). Dancing Duchess picks up the services of Patrick Husbands for trainer Mark Casse. TJCIS PPS

IN ORDER OF PURSE:
ALLAIRE DUPONT DISTAFF S. PRESENTED BY STARRY, $100,000, Pimlico, 5-19, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:49.32, ft.
1--INTERSTATE DAYDREAM, 120, f, 4, Classic Empire--Babcock, by Uncle Mo. ($105,000 Ylg ’20 KEEJAN; $130,000 Ylg ’20 KEESEP; $175,000 2yo ’21 OBSAPR). O-Flurry Racing Stables LLC; B-William D. Graham (ON); T-Brad H. Cox; J-Florent Geroux. $60,000. Lifetime Record: MGSW & GISP, 10-5-2-2, $604,069. *1/2 to Emmeline (Violence), MSP, $294,219.

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2--Misty Veil, 120, m, 5, Tonalist--Genuine Class, by Birdstone. 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Michael M. Hui; B-William Humphries & Altair Farms LLC (KY); T-Michael J. Maker. $20,000.
3--Le Da Vida (Chi), 120, m, 6, Gemologist--Viene Cantando (Chi), by Gstaad. O-Masaiva Corp.; B-Haras Santa Olga (CHI); T-Ignacio Correas, IV. $10,000.
Also Ran: Falconet, Butterbean, Misty Mauve.

Interstatedaydream, winner of last term's GII George E. Mitchell Black-Eyed Susan S. on this same program, was looking for her first victory since securing the GIII Indiana Oaks in July. She made two previous starts this season, finishing third behind Secret Oath (Arrogate) in the G1 Azeri S. at Oaklawn Mar. 11 and fourth as the favorite in the GII Baird Doubledogdare S. at Keeneland Apr. 21. Favorored at the windows to get back on track here, she was sent to the lead by Florent Geroux and never looked back en route to a game wire-to-wire victory.

“There have been a couple of times she’s run where she got right there and had to battle back,” winning trainer Brad Cox said. “She never gives up. Even last time at Keeneland, she looked like she was going to be well-beaten, and she stayed on to end up fourth. Yeah, there was some concern there. But Florent obviously knows the filly very well and saved enough there late.” Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

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HILLTOP S. PRESENTED BY AEROVANTI, $100,000, Pimlico, 5-19, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:34.10, fm.

1--ASPRAY, 118, f, 3, by Quality Road
   1st Dam: Up (Ire) (MGSW-Ire, G1SP-Fr, $379,468), by Galileo (Ire)
   2nd Dam: Halland Park Lass (Ire), by Spectrum (Ire)
   3rd Dam: Palacegate Episode (Ire), by Drumalis (Ire)
   1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O/B-Ran Jan Racing, Inc. (KY); T-Chad C. Brown; J-Flavien Prat. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, $86,210. *1/2 to Monarch of Egypt (American Pharoah), G1SP-Ire, GSP-Eng, $213,941.

2--Breath Away (GB), 118, f, 3, Bated Breath (GB)--Darling Grace (GB), by Nayef. (92,000gns Wlg ’20 TATFOA; 230,000gns Ylg ’21 TATOCT). O-Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, Steven Rocco and Tango Uniform Racing LLC; B-Highgate Stud (GB); T-Christophe Clement. $20,000.

3--Hang the Moon, 118, f, 3, Uncle Mo--Moondance, by Malibu Moon. ($200,000 Ylg ’21 KEESEP). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-CJ Thoroughbreds; B-Repole Stable, Inc. (KY); T-Michael Stidham. $10,000.


Aspray remained perfect after stepping up into stakes company for the first time as she collected the victory from off-the-pace in the Hilltop S. A debut maiden breaker in an off-the-turf affair by 2 1/2 lengths as the favorite at Tampa Bay Downs Jan. 14, she was able to try the grass there Mar. 22, serving as the chalk once again and defeating optional claimers by the same margin.

The bay filly, off at 4-1 here, was content to settle towards the rear of the field as 9-1 shot After Eight (Into Mischief) led the way. As the pace began to quicken around the far turn, the homebreds went five wide into the lane, began to accelerate after a lead change past the eighth pole and got up in time over Breath Away.

The winner is out of an Irish-bred mare who won four group races in her homeland and counts G1SW Dutch Art (GB) (Medicean (GB)) as a half-brother. She is also responsible for Monarch of Egypt (American Pharoah), who ran second in the G1 Keeneland Phoenix S. at The Curragh and a yearling filly named Star of Bombay (Medaglia d'Oro). Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.
7th-Belmont, $95,000, Alw, 5-19, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.09, ft, 5 lengths.

ROTKNEE (c, 4, Runhappy--In Spite of Mama, by Speightstown) faced open company for the fourth time in 10 career starts here after finishing fifth Mar. 4 and second Apr. 21, both against allowance company at Aqueduct. The 2-1 favorite tracked a pair of leaders up the backstretch from third. Rounding the far turn, the Mike Lee S. winner and Damon Runyon S. winner began to launch his bid, took control just before the eighth pole and won easily by five lengths over Who Hoo That's Me (Keen Ice). The winner is a half-brother to Lookin for Trouble (Into Mischief), MSP, $170,220. His dam also produced an unraced 2-year-old filly by Audible named My Mane Squeeze and a yearling filly by War of Will. She just foaled a brand new colt by Runhappy (May 5). Lifetime Record: MSW, 10-6-2-0, $328,530.

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O-Kueber Racing, LLC & Ten Strike Racing; B-Barak Farm (MD); T-Brittany T. Russell.

5th-Pimlico, $64,900, Alw (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($32,000-$40,000), 5-19, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :55.54, fm, 2 1/2 lengths.

ROSES FOR DEBRA (f, 4, Liam's Map--Essential Rose, by Bernardini) was across the line first for the first four races of her career—including the state-bred restricted Malvern Rose S. at Presque Isle, but was disqualified to second on unveiling for impeding rivals. Off the board in fourth last out Oct. 13 against a Keeneland optional claiming sprint, her owner opted to swap her from Michelle Bradford to conditioner Christophe Clement for this jump. Sent away at 2-1, the grey returned to her winning ways via a rail-skimming ride into the upper stretch. Eased off it and moving between runners approaching the eighth marker, she closed strongly to collar Above the Limit (Palace Malice) to that one's outside and drew away to score by 2 1/2 lengths. A half to Rose's Vision (Artie Schiller), SW-USA, MSP-Can, $264,358 as well as 3-year-old SP Rosie's Alibi (Justify), Roses for Debra has a 2-year-old half-sister Modarosa (Palace Malice) and a yearling half-sister by American Pharoah. Essential Rose had been bred to Gun Runner for this season. Sales history: $120,000 Ylg '20 KEEJAN; $25,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: SW, 6-4-1-0, $156,180. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-John O'Meara; B-Blackstone Farm LLC (PA); T-Christophe Clement.

6th-Pimlico, $66,600, Alw, 5-19, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.67, ft, neck.

ROYAL WHISPER (f, 4, Palace Malice--Discreet Star, by Discreet Cat) won nicely over this track when unveiled nearly one year ago but had only seen the track twice since when placing in a pair of restricted allowance races at Laurel—the most recent coming Apr. 16. Back at her original winning distance as the 3-5 choice, she spotted the field a step at the break and rated off the pace from fifth before making a move to gain position into the turn. Despite being hung out four wide as she swung off the bend, Royal Whisper kept her momentum rolling and just put a head in front while holding off Freccia d'Argento (Liam's Map) to win by a neck. From the family of GISW and sire Army Mule (Friesian Fire), Royal Whisper has a 2-year-old Coal Front half-brother and a yearling half-brother by War of Will while her dam was bred to Protonico for 2023. Sales History: $62,000 Ylg '20 KEEJAN; $90,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, $90,740. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Kueber Racing, LLC & Ten Strike Racing; B-Barak Farm (MD); T-Brittany T. Russell.

8th-Pimlico, $62,700, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($50,000-$62,500), 5-19, 3yo, 6f, 1:09.94, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

FORT WARREN (c, 3, Curlin--La Appassionata (SW & GSP, $162,920), by Bernardini) became a 'TDN Rising Star' when debuted in gate-to-wire fashion for then-trainer Bob Baffert at Santa Anita Oct. 30. A well-beaten third next time out in the GII...
San Vincente S. Jan. 29, he went to the sidelines for much of the spring, changing barns to return on the east coast for Brittany Russell. Bet down to even money with Lasix in his system for the first time, Fort Warren stayed back in the field behind easy leader Johnyz From Albany (Blofeld). Sheldon Russell began to ask his mount for more as the colt began to pick up on the front pair off the turn and tipped out to drive past Johnyz From Albany (Blofeld), winning going away by 1 3/4 lengths. A $500,000 KEESEP yearling purchase and his late dam's only foal, Fort Warren is out of a full-sister to GSW Wilburn and a half to GSW Beethoven (Sky Mesa). Further back in the family is champion 3-year-old filly Abel Tasman (Quality Road). Sales History: $550,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSP, 3-2-0-1, $96,600. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Robert E. Masterson, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Jay A. Schoenfarber, Waves Edge Capital LLC and Catherine Donovan; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Brittany T. Russell.

7th-Gulfstream, $51,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Cln ($75,000), 5-19, 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:18.20, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

KHOZEIRESS (c, 3, Khozan--Bridled Heiress, by Wildcat Heir) was a two-time winner this season against state-bred company coming into this race--including last out Apr. 28 against allowance company at this venue--and made the step into open conditions smartly with a gutsy victory here. Leaving the blocks as the 2-5 favorite, Khozeiress locked horns with an early challenger from the three path behind :22.93 and :46.13 splits and took command from two off the rail rounding the final bend. Floating five wide in the lane, he opened up on the field and held Diamond Cool (Prospective) to a comfortable 1 1/4-length margin. The winner has a small army of full-siblings, including 2-year-old filly Heirozan, yearling colt Bridoza, and a 2023 filly. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-1, $103,640. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-My Purple Haze Stables; B-Purple Haze Stables (FL); T-Teresa M. Pompey.
George’s Honey has a yearling half-brother by Good Magic who brought $210,000 as a weanling at last year’s Keeneland November Sale. Que Chulo foaled a colt by Beau Liam this spring. Sales History: $170,000 Ylg ’22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $69,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-BG Stables; B-Joe Cowles & Emily Cowles (KY); T-Mark E. Casse.

**FIRST WINNER FOR FRESHMAN SIRE**

**2nd-Gulfstream, $65,000, Msw, 5-19, 2yo, 5f, 1:00.20, ft, 3/4 length.**

**JIVE (c, 2, St Patrick’s Day—Skylarbdancing, by Sky Mesa)** became his freshman sire (by Pioneerof the Nile)’s first winner Friday, going off as the narrow 5-2 second choice after breaking in at the start and racing just off pacesetter Jigsaw (Brethren) through a half in :47.12. Pushed to the lead past the quarter pole, he took over and just held on from between rivals to defeat Paisan (Khozan) by three-quarters of a length. The first starter and winner for Florida-based St. Patrick’s Day, himself a full-brother to Triple Crown hero American Pharoah, Jive is his dam’s youngest offspring. She returned for a full-sibling in 2022 but did not produce a live foal. Sales History: $23,000 Ylg ’22 OBSWIN. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $43,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-BC Racing LLC; B-Jennifer A & Gillian K Johnson (FL); T-Juan Alvarado.

**3rd-Pimlico, $58,800, Msw, 5-19, 3, 4,/5yo, f/m, 5fT, :56.43, fm, 2 1/4 lengths.**

**CAROLINE KRYSTYNA (f, 3, Oscar Performance—Tide Is High, by Broken Vow)** rewarded her backers at 6-1 in this debut spot, taking on a field of mostly more experienced rivals by going right to the early lead and cruising through fractions of :21.72 and :44.39. Kept off the rail with a clear lead around the turn, she was kept to task down the lane as 42-1 shot Caroline Hideaway (Run Away and Hide) began to eat into the margin, holding off that rival by 2 1/4 lengths. Tide Is High, herself a half-sister to GSP Entirely (Point of Entry), last produced a 2-year-old full-brother to Friday’s winner. She visited Omaha Beach for the 2023 season but has yet to report a foal. Sales History: $50,000 Ylg ’21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $34,200. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Sterbenz Racing LLC; B-Jayne Johnson & Fergus Galvin (KY); T-Keri Brion.

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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. The 3-year-old Classics resume this Sunday with the running of the G1 Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks) at headquarters, led by the very talented Liberty Island (Jpn). Click here for our race preview:

Saturday, May 20, 2023

2nd-KYO, ¥10,480,000 ($76k), Maiden, 3yo, 1400m

LA LA BELLEVILLE (f, 3, Union Rags--Divine Praises, by Medaglia d'Oro), a $130,000 Keeneland September acquisition, is out of a daughter of the stakes-winning Grand Prayer (Grand Slam), whose six scorers from eight to race include GISW Malibu Prayer (Malibu Moon) and four-time GSW and GISP Valid (Medaglia d'Oro). The February foal is also a half-sister to the same owner's La La Chandon (Street Sense), a three-time winner of better than $262,000 in Japan. B-Three Chimneys Farm LLC (KY)

Sunday, May 21, 2023

3rd-NII, ¥10,480,000 ($76k), Maiden, 3yo, 1800m

MALEFICENT LOVE (f, 3, Arrogate--Highway Mary, by U S Ranger), a half-sister to GI F. E. Kilroe Mile S. winner Hit The Road (More Than Ready), is the latest to the races from a daughter of GII E. P. Taylor S. winner Wandering Star (Red Ransom), the dam of G1SW War Command (War Front) and GSW Naval Officer (Tale of the Cat). This is also the female family of Silver Hawk. B-Lynch Bages Ltd & MacQuarie Bloodstock (KY)

5th-NII, ¥10,480,000 ($76k), Maiden, 3yo, 2000mT

AIR GRIFFON (c, 3, Air Force Blue--Yuzuru, by Medaglia d'Oro) is the third foal to race out of his dam, a stakes winner for these breeders and trainer Michael Matz, who is also responsible for Yuugiri (Shackleford), last year's GIII Fantasy S. victress and successful in this year's Carousel S. at Oaklawn Park. Yuzuru is a half-sister to Nokaze (Empire Maker), herself the dam of Japanese Group 2 winner Air Almas (Majestic Warrior) and of Air Fanditha (Hat Trick (Jpn)), who doubled his Japanese stakes tally in listed company just last weekend. The female family includes Saint Ballado and the Japanese MGSW and Classic-placed Danon Ballade (Jpn) (Deep Impact (Jpn)). B-Sekie & Tsunebumi Yoshihara (KY)

IN SOUTH KOREA:
Nice Choegang, g, 5, Pioneerof the Nile--Teak Totem (SW, $104,910), by Northern Afleet. Busan, 5-19, Hcp. (C4), 1800m. B-SF Bloodstock LLC (KY). *1/2 to Streakin' Mohican (Songandaprayer), MSP, $380,423; Adios Charlie (Indian Charlie), GSW, $251,090. **$62,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. VIDEO
FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, MAY 20
2023 Stud Fees Listed

**Breaking Lucky** *(Lookin At Lucky)*, Blue Star Racing, $4,000
31 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Woodbine, 3:13 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Boston Mabel, 15-1
$15,000 OBS OCT yrl

**Mitole** *(Eskendereya)*, Spendthrift Farm, $15,000
159 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
2-Lone Star, 3:03 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Mia Mitole, 5-2

**Pavel** *(Creative Cause)*, Ocean Breeze Ranch
20 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Santa Anita, 4:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Recalcitrant, 5-2
$2,000 TTA YRL yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, MAY 20
2023 Stud Fees Listed

**Accelerate** *(Lookin At Lucky)*, Lane's End Farm, $10,000
214 foals of racing age/33 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Woodbine, 4:49 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Hey Cue, 2-1
$95,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

**Ali** *(Pioneerof the Nile)*, Colonial Farms
4 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Monmouth, 3:04 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Lily the Kid, 15-1

**Always Dreaming** *(Bodemeister)*, WinStar Farm, $10,000
213 foals of racing age/28 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Belmont, 3:41 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Always Positive, 15-1
$32,500 SAR AUG yrl
5-Woodbine, 3:13 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Goingtoaruba, 4-1
CAN$22,000 CAN SEP yrl
5-Woodbine, 3:13 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Under Budget, 20-1
$2,000 FTK OCT yrl

**Army Mule** *(Friesan Fire)*, Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, $12,500
143 foals of racing age/40 winners/7 black-type winners
10-Churchill Downs, 5:26 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Army Girl, 8-1
$37,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl
4-Churchill Downs, 2:13 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Army Kitten, 12-1
$110,000 KEE SEP yrl; $55,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo
10-Churchill Downs, 5:26 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Little Hot Mess, 5-1
$10,000 FTK OCT yrl

**Bolt d’Oro** *(Medaglia d'Oro)*, Spendthrift Farm, $35,000
256 foals of racing age/46 winners/6 black-type winners
5-Woodbine, 3:13 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Bolt Enoree, 7-2
$160,000 KEE SEP yrl
6-Santa Anita, 7:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Ruby Nell, 5-2
$80,000 KEE NOV wnl; $85,000 KEE SEP yrl; $1,200,000 FTF MAR 2yo
7-Monmouth, 3:34 p.m. EDT, Alw 5 1/2fT, Tribal Queen, 12-1
$140,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Bucchero** *(Kantharos)*, Pleasant Acres Stallions, $5,000
156 foals of racing age/25 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Monmouth, 3:04 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Delightful Ava, 8-1
6-Prairie Meadows, 9:45 p.m. EDT, $50K Golden Circle S., 6f, Toddchero, 2-1
$77,000 OBS APR 2yo

**City of Light** *(Quality Road)*, Lane's End Farm, $60,000
209 foals of racing age/24 winners/6 black-type winners
2-Belmont, 1:02 p.m. EDT, $150K Paradise Creek S., 7fT, Eye Witness, 7-2
$235,000 FTK NOV wnl; $650,000 KEE SEP yrl
5-Cross Country Pick X, 6:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, First Money, 10-1
$180,000 FTK OCT yrl
6-Santa Anita, 7:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Luminiferous, 7-2
$230,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Collected** *(City Zip)*, Airdrie Stud, $10,000
234 foals of racing age/30 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Churchill Downs, 2:13 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Calm Cool, 15-1
$43,000 KEE NOV wnl; $210,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Conquest Farenheit** *(Scat Daddy)*, Harris Farms, $3,000
38 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Santa Anita, 5:03 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Conquest Celsius, 8-5
$30,000 FRC AYR yrl

**Conquest Mo Money** *(Uncle Mo)*, McKenna Thoroughbreds
30 foals of racing age/3 winners/1 black-type winner
2-Sunray, 4:43 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Dandy Money, 6-1
2-Sunray, 4:43 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Ruthless Money, 12-1

**Counterforce** (Smart Strike), Road's End Farm
24 foals of racing age/4 winners/2 black-type winners
4-Hastings Racecourse, 6:32 p.m. EDT, Alw 6 1/2f, Air Force, 8-5
CAN$16,000 BRC SEP yrl
6-Hastings Racecourse, 8:04 p.m. EDT, Alw 6 1/2f, Counteract, 8-1
RNA BRC SEP yrl
4-Hastings Racecourse, 6:32 p.m. EDT, Alw 6 1/2f, Loveaboveandbeyond, 3-1
CAN$5,000 BRC SEP yrl; CAN$5,000 RNA CTH SBC 2yo

**Danger Bay** (Stormy Atlantic)
1 foal of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
3-Woodbine, 2:10 p.m. EDT, Ocl 6 1/2f, One Bay Hemingway, 3-1

**Danish Dynaformer** (Dynaformer), Humber Stables, $2,500
35 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
5-Woodbine, 3:13 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Dynamic Strike, 15-1
$2,000 FTK OCT yrl

**Destin** (Giant's Causeway), Sequel New York
77 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Monmouth, 3:04 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Duchess of Destin, 5-1

**Eastwood** (Speightstown), Blackstone Farm, $1,250
17 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
12-Pimlico, 5:51 p.m. EDT, $100K James W. Murphy S. Presented by Four Seasons of Baltimore, 1mT, A Western Yarn, 10-1
$45,000 EAS OCT yrl

**Frank Conversation** (Quality Road), Rockridge Stud, private
63 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Monmouth, 3:04 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Violets Smile, 6-1

**Free Drop Billy** (Union Rags), Spendthrift Farm, $5,000
106 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Santa Anita, 7:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Free and Humble, 5-1
$72,000 KEE NOV wnl; $95,000 OBS APR 2yo
5-Woodbine, 3:13 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Sugar Drop, 20-1
$10,000 FTD APR yrl

**Funtastic** (More Than Ready), Three Chimneys Farm, $5,000
44 foals of racing age/6 winners/2 black-type winners
12-Pimlico, 5:51 p.m. EDT, $100K James W. Murphy S. Presented by Four Seasons of Baltimore, 1mT, Funtastic Again, 3-1
$60,000 KEE NOV wnl

**Good Magic** ( Curlin), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, $50,000
237 foals of racing age/45 winners/9 black-type winners
13-Pimlico, 7:01 p.m. EDT, $1500K GI Preakness S., 1 3/16m, Blazing Sevens, 6-1
$140,000 KEE JAN wnl; $225,000 FTS AUG yrl
10-Churchill Downs, 5:26 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Commencement, 6-1
$35,000 KEE SEP yrl; $85,000 OBS MAR 2yo
10-Churchill Downs, 5:26 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Lacie Be Good, 10-1
$57,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; $55,000 KEE SEP yrl; $200,000 OBS APR 2yo
13-Pimlico, 7:01 p.m. EDT, $1500K GI Preakness S., 1 3/16m, Mage, 8-5
$235,000 KEE SEP yrl; $290,000 EAS MAY 2yo
6-Woodbine, 3:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Magic Tomahawk, 20-1
$52,000 RNA FTK NOV wnl; $75,000 KEE SEP yrl; $60,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo; $20,000 OBS OPN 2yo
5-Cross Country Pick X, 6:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Moore's Law, 6-1
$150,000 FTK OCT yrl
13-Pimlico, 7:01 p.m. EDT, $1500K GI Preakness S., 1 3/16m, Perform, 15-1
$230,000 KEE SEP yrl
6-Woodbine, 3:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Tiburon, 6-1
$285,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Good Samaritan** (Harlan's Holiday), WinStar Farm, $7,500
172 foals of racing age/37 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Sunray, 7:18 p.m. EDT, Alw 6 1/2f, Gonnabee, 8-1
$12,000 FTK OCT yrl; $170,000 FTC AYR 2yo
8-Churchill Downs, 4:22 p.m. EDT, Alw 5 1/2f, Secret Money, 3-1
$35,000 KEE SEP yrl; $40,000 EAS MAY 2yo
7-Charles Town, 10:02 p.m. EDT, Alw 6 1/2f, She's Mybuddybuddy, 15-1
$42,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Harry Angel (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud, $10,000
199 foals of racing age/39 winners/4 black-type winners
12-Gulfstream, 6:34 p.m. EDT, $75K Roar S., 5fT, Harry Time (Ire), 6-1
£32,000 TAT IRY yrl; 82,000gns TAT BRE 2yo; £300,000 GOF LON 2yo
Highly Justin (Awesome Again)
1 foal of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing, 8:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Highly Perfect, 6-1

Irish War Cry (Curlin), Northview Stallion Station, $4,500
104 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Charles Town, 7:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Big Bad Brass, 4-1
4-Pimlico, 12:16 p.m. EDT, $100K Sir Barton S. sponsored by Brandon and Diannah Perry to Benefit The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance, 1 1/16m, Feeling Woozy, 12-1
$16,000 EAS OCT yr

Justify (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, $100,000
344 foals of racing age/45 winners/7 black-type winners
4-Pimlico, 12:16 p.m. EDT, $100K Sir Barton S. sponsored by Brandon and Diannah Perry to Benefit The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance, 1 1/16m, Arabian Lion, 2-5
$600,000 OBS APR 2yo
5-Cross Country Pick X, 6:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Majestic Michael, 5-1
$375,000 KEE NOV wnl
6-Pimlico, 1:29 p.m. EDT, $200K Gill Chick Lang S. Presented by Case Tractor, 6f, Prove Right, 15-1
$15,000 KEE SEP yrl
4-Gulfstream, 2:18 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Wild Guess, 8-1
12-Pimlico, 5:51 p.m. EDT, $100K James W. Murphy S. Presented by Four Seasons of Baltimore, 1mT, Wonderful Justice (GB), 5-1
250,000gns RNA TAT OCT yrl

The Lieutenant (Street Sense), Sequel New York
30 foals of racing age/7 winners/2 black-type winners
2-Belmont, 1:02 p.m. EDT, $150K Paradise Creek S., 7fT, Vacation Dance, 8-1
$45,000 EAS OCT yrl; $140,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo; $90,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Long On Value (Value Plus), Pleasant Acres Stallions, $2,500
30 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Belmont, 1:02 p.m. EDT, $150K Paradise Creek S., 7fT, Devils Only Friend, 12-1
$35,000 OBS MAR 2yo
6-Santa Anita, 7:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Lulu Lemon Drop, 12-1
$12,000 OBS WIN wnl; $25,000 FTK OCT yrl; $75,000 OBS APR 2yo

Mendelssohn (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, $25,000
348 foals of racing age/51 winners/3 black-type winners
3-Pimlico, 11:41 a.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16mT, Composer's Dream, 6-1
$150,000 OBS APR 2yo
12-Pimlico, 5:51 p.m. EDT, $100K James W. Murphy S. Presented by Four Seasons of Baltimore, 1mT, Fadethenoise, 20-1
2-Belmont, 1:02 p.m. EDT, $150K Paradise Creek S., 7fT, Golden Nugget, 12-1
$180,000 KEE SEP yrl; $350,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Mor Spirit (Eskendereya), Spendthrift Farm, $5,000
190 foals of racing age/31 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Evangeline Downs, 9:47 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, Copper Moon, 7-2
8-Churchill Downs, 4:22 p.m. EDT, Alw 5 1/2fT, Sure Can, 8-1
$25,000 FTK NOV wnl; $150,000 OBS APR 2yo

Mo Town (Uncle Mo), Coolmore Ashford, $5,000
172 foals of racing age/33 winners/3 black-type winners
6-Century Mile, 8:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Barak, 4-1
$17,000 FTK FEB wnl; $70,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

Oscar Performance (Kitten's Joy), Mill Ridge Farm, $20,000
172 foals of racing age/23 winners/2 black-type winners
2-Monmouth, 1:11 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Literate, 3-1
$27,000 KEE SEP yrl
6-Woodbine, 3:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Sammy Stone, 3-1

Ralis (Square Eddie), Canmor Farms
23 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Hastings Racecourse, 6:32 p.m. EDT, Alw 6 1/2f, Above Average, 9-5
6-Hastings Racecourse, 8:04 p.m. EDT, Alw 6 1/2f, Time Ticker, 10-1
CAN$27,000 BRC SEP yrl

Requite (Warrior's Reward), Red River Farm
9 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
8-Evangeline Downs, 9:47 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, Luminous Flight, 5-1
Sea Wizard (Uncle Mo), Colonial Farms
20 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Monmouth, 3:04 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Rocky Seas, 6-1

Sharp Azteca (Freud), Three Chimneys Farm, $15,000
200 foals of racing age/53 winners/4 black-type winners
2-Lone Star, 3:03 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Sharp Likeness, 9-2
$40,000 KEE SEP yr
10-Lone Star, 7:20 p.m. EDT, Alw 1mT, Starteca, 30-1
$40,000 KEE SEP yr

Smokem (Union Rags), Lovacres Ranch
40 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Santa Anita, 5:03 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Lovme Likeafool, 20-1
$1,000 FTC AYR yr

Tapwrit (Tapit), Gainesway Farm, $10,000
177 foals of racing age/25 winners/2 black-type winners
2-Monmouth, 1:11 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Cumberland Falls, 2-1
$10,000 FTK OCT yr; $65,000 EAS MAY 2yo
7-Monmouth, 3:34 p.m. EDT, Alw 5 1/2fT, Tapestry Colors, 6-1
$53,000 OBS APR 2yo

West Coast (Flatter), Lane's End Farm, $10,000
198 foals of racing age/27 winners/2 black-type winners
12-Pimlico, 5:51 p.m. EDT, $100K James W. Murphy S.
Presented by Four Seasons of Baltimore, 1mT, Circling the Drain, 8-1
$45,000 RNA EAS OCT yr

Zoustar (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus}), Tweenhills Stud, $30,000
212 foals of racing age/29 winners/1 black-type winner
12-Pimlico, 5:51 p.m. EDT, $100K James W. Murphy S.
Presented by Four Seasons of Baltimore, 1mT, Moonstrike (GB), 20-1

STAKES RESULTS:

THE VERY ONE S., $100,000, Pimlico, 5-19, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :55.81, fm.

1--TRAIN TO ARTEMUS, 120, m, 5, Tapizar--Pay Day Kitten, by Kitten’s Joy. O-M and W Stables; B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY); T-Kelly J. Breen; J-Paco Lopez. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 15-8-1-2, $371,890.

2--Spicy Marg, 120, m, 5, Into Mischief--Tizasong, by Tiznow. O-Lyster III, Wayne G., Lyster, IV, W. Gray and Lyster, Bryan; B-Ashview Farm & Colts Neck Stables (KY); T-Wesley A. Ward. $20,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, NK, 2 1/4. Odds: 3.30, 4.70, 13.40.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

4th-Belmont, $100,000, (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($62,500), 5-19,
3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:49.74, fm, nose.

CANISY (f, 4, Point of Entry--Soother, by Rahy) Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-0, $235,760. O-Blue Devil Racing Stable (Holliday); B-Tom Evans & Pam Clark (KY); T-Christophe Clement. *$40,000 Ylg ‘20 FTKSEL. **1/2 to Carotari (Artie Schiller), MSW & MGSP, $727,713.

8th-Belmont, $80,000, (s), 5-19, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:34.09, fm, 3/4 length.

FATIMA’S BLESSING (g, 6, Marsh Side--Celtic Blessing, by Mingun) Lifetime Record: 19-3-4-3, $114,590. O-Terry Bruner; B-Laurence & Mary Danza (NY); T-Chad Summers.

7th-Pimlico, $65,800, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($32,000-$40,000),
5-19, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.62, fm, 3/4 length.

DOCTOR DAVIS (g, 4, Tourist--Social Butterfly (SW), by Hold Me Back) Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-1, $145,573. O-Team Hanley; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Arnaud Delacour. *$10,000 Ylg ’20 KEESEP.
2nd-Pimlico, $62,720, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($32,000-$40,000), 5-19, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.80, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.  
CEES GET DEGREES (g, 5, Paynter--Indian Cee, by Indian Charlie)  
Lifetime Record: SP, 27-6-4-8, $318,931. O-Winning Move Stable; B-Horseshoe Racing, LLC (KY); T-David Jacobson.  
*$110,000 3yo '21 FTKHRA.

3rd-Penn National, $33,040, 5-19, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :55.93, fm, 2 1/4 lengths.  
SHOSHANAH (f, 4, Weigelia--Dancingwithdebbie, by Mizzen Mast)  
Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-0, $73,311. O-Hallman, Suanne and Hrolacher, Kyle M.; B/T-Kyle M Hrolacher (PA).

4th-Charles Town, $31,600, 5-18, (NW3LX), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:19.87, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.  
OVERLY CRITICAL (g, 4, Overanalyze--Sense of Beauty, by Street Sense)  
Lifetime Record: 10-3-3-1, $100,537. O/B-Troy Rankin (KY); T-Stacey R. Viands. *1/2 to Tuhonui Banseok (Verrazano), MSP-KOR, $169,463.

2nd-Penn National, $31,600, (S), 5-19, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m, :56.83, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.  
GOOD SOURCE (f, 3, Outwork--Convertible, by Forestry)  
Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, $55,210. O/Nick Sanna Stables; B-Heart Hill Farms (PA); T-James Noble. *$35,000 Ylg '21 EASOCT.

5th-Woodbine, C$50,388, (NW3L)/Opt. Clm ($29,625), 5-19, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.06, ft, 7 1/4 lengths.  
PLEASURE'S GOLD (f, 4, Souper Speedy--Good as Gold (SP, $117,274), by Petionville)  

7th-Gulfstream, $50,300, (S), 5-18, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:03.98, ft, 1/2 length.  
DAVID'S ROSE (f, 4, Uncaptured--Rosie Red, by Exchange Rate)  
Lifetime Record: 17-5-2-2, $158,580. O/B-Trilogy Stable & Plesa (FL); T-Edward Plesa, Jr.

9th-Evangeline Downs, $37,000, (S), 5-18, (NW4L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:47.01, ft, 1 length.  
ONCE A GIANT (g, 4, Street Sense--By Golly Mis Molly, by Vindication)  
Lifetime Record: 16-4-3-2, $76,438. O-Kathy Reedy; B-Anderson Farms Ont. Inc. (ON); T-Earl Davis, Jr. *$235,000 Ylg '20 KEESRPE. **1/2 to Katie Baby (Curlin), MGSP, $136,237.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

She's Inthearmynow, f, 3, Army Mule--First Fed Biz, by Fed Biz.  
Golden Gate Fields, 5-19, 5fT, :58.91. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $20,100. B-Richard Forbush (KY). *$25,000 Ylg '21 FTKFEB; $60,000 Ylg '21 OBSOCT; $140,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR.

No Regard, g, 3, Astern (Aus)--Sweet Peaches, by D' Funnybone.  
Belmont, 5-19, (S), (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:42.93. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, $29,628. B-Stonegate Stables LLC & TLC Thoroughbreds LLC (NY). *$17,000 Wlg '20 EASDEC; $20,000 Ylg '21 SARAUG; $57,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT; $45,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN.
Queens Over Threes, f, 3, Bustin Stones—E. Queen, by E Dubai. Belmont, 5-18, (S), (C), 6fT, 1:10.12. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $47,935. B-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, LLC (NY). *$75,000 2yo ’22 OBSOPN.

Uncle John, g, 3, Danzing Candy—Camino Song (Ire), by Kodiak (GB). Santa Anita, 5-19, (S), 1m, 1:39.33. Lifetime Record: 12-1-2-0, $61,360. B-Bass Stables, LLC (KY). *Full to Magnum Moon, GISW, $1,177,800.

Mystic Malibu, f, 3, Malibu Moon—Scent of Summer, by Rock Hard Ten. Charles Town, 5-18, 6 1/2fT, 1:09.58. Lifetime Record: 12-1-5-0, $61,360. B-Bass Stables, LLC (KY). *Full to Magnum Moon, GISW, $1,177,800.


Developing the Way, g, 4, Boisterous—Warren’s Flyer (MSP, $134,730), by Doc Gus. Golden Gate Fields, 5-19, 1m (AWT), 1:39.33. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $23,400. B-Gary Barber (CA). *1/2 to Fly to Mars (Ministers Wild Cat), SW & MGSP, $441,588. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

Devil Moon, g, 4, Malibu Moon—Dazzling Song, by Unbridled’s Song. Santa Anita, 5-19, (C), 6fT, 1:09.58. Lifetime Record: 12-1-5-0, $61,360. B-Bass Stables, LLC (KY). *Full to Magnum Moon, GISW, $1,177,800.

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American Pharoah, Juulstone, g, 6, o/o Hessonite, by Freud. ALW, 5-19, Pimlico

American Pharoah, Pharoah’s Heart, m, 6, o/o Pulsating, by Pulpit. AOC, 5-19, Belmont

Army Mule, She’s Inthearmynow, f, 3, o/o First Fed Biz, by Fed Biz. MSW, 5-19, Golden Gate

Astern (Aus), No Regard, g, 3, o/o Sweet Peaches, by D’ Funnybone. MCL, 5-19, Belmont

Boisterous, Developing the Way, g, 4, o/o Warren’s Flyer, by Doc Gus. MSW, 5-19, Golden Gate

Bustin Stones, Queens Over Threes, f, 3, o/o E. Queen, by E Dubai. MCL, 5-19, Belmont

Classic Empire, Interstatedaydream, f, 4, o/o Babcock, by Uncle Mo. Allaire DuPont Distaff S. Presented by Starry, 5-19, Pimlico

Collected, Taxed, f, 3, o/o Yankee Union, by Yankee Gentleman. Gill George E. Mitchell Black-Eyed Susan S., 5-19, Pimlico

Connect, Rattle N Roll, c, 4, o/o Jazz Tune, by Johannesburg. Gill Pimlico Special S. Presented by Bulleit Bourbon, 5-19, Pimlico

Cross Traffic, Maple Leaf Mel, f, 3, o/o City Gift, by City Place. Gill Miss Preakness S. Presented by Case Tractor, 5-19, Pimlico

Curlin, Fort Warren, c, 3, o/o La Appassionata, by Bernardini. AOC, 5-19, Pimlico

Danzing Candy, Uncle John, g, 3, o/o Camino Song (Ire), by Kodiak (GB). MSW, 5-19, Santa Anita

Drums of Thunder, Run Witt Run, f, 4, o/o Suzy Three, by Glitterman. ALW, 5-18, Lone Star

Fiber Sonde, Dreamy Sonde, f, 3, o/o Some Say, by Chelsey Cat. ALW, 5-18, Charles Town

Fiber Sonde, Last Party, g, 5, o/o Ladies Party, by Seattle Slew. MSW, 5-19, Charles Town

Guilt Trip, Money Well Spent, m, 6, o/o Time Well Spent, by Storm and a Half. ALW, 5-18, Evangeline

Into Mischief, Dazzling Blue, f, 3, o/o Blue Violet, by Curlin. AOC, 5-19, Churchill Downs

Into Mischief, S. Muffin, g, 5, o/o Repayment, by Unbridled’s Song. MCL, 5-19, Pimlico

Jimmy Creed, George’s Honey, f, 2, o/o Que Chulo, by Bustin Stones, f, 3, Camino Song (Ire), by Kodiak (GB). Santana, 5-19, (C), 6fT, 1:10.12. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $47,935. B-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, LLC (NY). *$75,000 2yo ‘22 OBSOPN.
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Khozan, Khozeiress, c, 3, o/o Bridled Heiress, by Wildcat Heir. AOC, 5-19, Gulfstream
Liam’s Map, Roses for Debra, f, 4, o/o Essential Rose, by Bernardini. AOC, 5-19, Pimlico
Malibu Moon, Devil Moon, g, 4, o/o Dazzling Song, by Unbridled’s Song. MCL, 5-19, Santa Anita
Malibu Moon, Mystic Malibu, f, 3, o/o Scent of Summer, by Rock Hard Ten. MSW, 5-18, Charles Town
Marsh Side, Fatima’s Blessing, g, 6, o/o Celtic Blessing, by Mingun. ALW, 5-19, Belmont
Mitole, V V’s Dream, f, 2, o/o Quay, by Tapit. MSW, 5-19, Churchill Downs
Oscar Performance, Caroline Krystyna, f, 3, o/o Tide Is High, by Broken Vow. MSW, 5-19, Pimlico
Outwork, Good Source, f, 3, o/o Convertible, by Forestry. ALW, 5-19, Penn National
Overanalyze, Overly Critical, g, 4, o/o Sense of Beauty, by Street Sense. ALW, 5-18, Charles Town
Palace Malice, Royal Whisper, f, 4, o/o Discreet Star, by Discreet Cat. ALW, 5-19, Pimlico
Paynter, Cees Get Degrees, g, 5, o/o Indian Cee, by Indian Charlie. AOC, 5-19, Pimlico
Pioneerof the Nile, Wagon Train, g, 4, o/o Devilish Lady, by Sweetsouthernmaist. MSW, 5-18, Lone Star
Point of Entry, Canisy, f, 4, o/o Soother, by Rahy. AOC, 5-19, Belmont
Quality Road, Aspray, f, 3, o/o Up (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). Hilltop S. Presented by AeroVanti, 5-19, Pimlico
Runhappy, Rotknee, c, 4, o/o In Spite of Mama, by Speightstown. ALW, 5-19, Belmont
Souper Speedy, Pleasure’s Gold, f, 4, o/o Good as Gold, by Petionville. OCL, 5-19, Woodbine
St Patrick’s Day, Jive, c, 2, o/o Skylarbdancing, by Sky Mesa. MSW, 5-19, Gulfstream
Street Sense, Once a Giant, g, 4, o/o By Golly Mis Molly, by Vindication. ALW, 5-19, Penn National
Tapizar, Train to Artemus, m, 5, o/o Pay Day Kitten, by Kitten’s Joy. The Very One S., 5-19, Pimlico
Tourist, Doctor Davis, g, 4, o/o Social Butterfly, by Hold Me Back. AOC, 5-19, Pimlico
U S Ranger, My Ransom, c, 3, o/o Jettie Ann, by Bertrando. MSW, 5-19, Santa Anita
Uncaptured, David’s Rose, f, 4, o/o Rosie Red, by Exchange Rate. AOC, 5-19, Gulfstream
Uncle Mo, Never Tell Patti, f, 3, o/o Princessof the Nyl, by Pioneerof the Nile. MSW, 5-18, Churchill Downs
Violence, Six Sense, f, 3, o/o Qualia, by Saarland. MSW, 5-19, Woodbine

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY...

May 20, 1941...Seventeen days after his Kentucky Derby win and 10 days after his Preakness victory, Triple Crown winner Whirlaway faced older horses for the first time and, carrying 108 pounds, he defeated four rivals in the Henry of Navarre S. at Belmont Park. He came back 16 days later to finish his Triple Crown sweep in the Belmont S.

May 20, 1954...At odds of 13-1, Rex Ellsworth’s two-year-old colt Swaps broke his maiden by three lengths at Hollywood Park.

May 20, 1968...Belmont Park reopened after being closed five years for renovations.

May 20, 1977...Two-year-old John Henry won his first start ever, a four-furlong maiden race at Jefferson Downs, by a nose.
GIANELLOTTO IN YORKSHIRE CUP UPSET

by Tom Frary

Connections of 14-1 shot Giavelotto (Ire) (Mastercraftsman (Ire)) had benefitted from the intervention of the stewards when promoted to third in the G1 St Leger in September, but they faced an anxious wait themselves before being allowed to keep Friday’s G2 Boodles Yorkshire Cup. Causing notable interference to the tiring Quickthorn (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}) as he assumed command late on under Andrea Atzeni, Scuderia La Tesa’s Marco Botti-trained homebred had half a length to spare over the penalised Leger hero Eldar Eldarov (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) at the line, with Broome (Ire) (Australia {GB}) a further length away in third.

Despite his late indiscretion, there was no doubting that Giavelotto was best on the day even though those immediately behind may have their day at a later stage. Travelling sweetly for Atzeni in the middle of the line of five initially detached from Quickthorn, the bay cruised into contention and subdued Broome and Siskany (GB) (Dubawi {Ire})--who he had trailed when ninth in the Mar. 25 G2 Dubai Gold Cup--before moving to the long-time leader two out. He already had the upper hand over Quickthorn before diving left away from the whip inside the last 100 yards, causing that G2 Lonsdale Cup winner to be chopped between him and Broome, and the line undeniably came in time as Eldar Eldarov finished with a flourish. Cont. p3

HIS TRAINING HAS BEEN VERY SMOOTH UP TO NOW’: DESERT CROWN SET FOR SANDOWN RETURN By Emma Berry

NEWMARKET, UK—Oh, to be in England now that April’s there. So wrote Robert Browning in 1845, though it is unconfirmed that this had anything to do with Classic trials. An unusually wet and cold April did little to lift the spirits this year, so we shall fast-forward to another line of his lovely poem. And after April, when May follows.

May is becoming more marvellous by the day. There’s York, of course, and who doesn’t love York? It is a racecourse which comes close to perfection, from its location in one of the country’s most beautiful cities, to the welcoming folk who greet you at the entrance, the candy-striped pillars of the old stand, superb racing, and last but very much not least, the plumptious Yorkshire puddings in the press room. Cont. p10

EUROPE’S PREMIER MIDSUMMER SALE TATTERSALLS JULY SALE July 12 - 14 Horses/Fillies in Training, Broodmares, etc.
SHADWELL’S MOSTABSHIR A TDN RISING STAR

The Dark Angel (Ire colt, who is out of top broodmare Handassa (GB), rallied to a five-length win at York and now eyes a Royal Ascot start.

LAUREL TACKLES COLTS IN YORK’S LOCKINGE

Last year’s G1 Sun Chariot S. runner-up takes a giant leap in class and will carry Frankie Dettori seeking to equal Lester Piggot’s win record.

SEA THE STARS COLT HIGHLIGHTS BBAG SALE

Meer (Ger) earned a final bid of €135,000 from William Feldman, on behalf of Eckhard Sauren, to top the annual auction on Friday.

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“Andrea said he was just idling a little bit once he hit the front,” Botti said. “We’ve always thought he was a very good stayer and he’s still very lightly-raced. I put a line through the race in Dubai, he was drawn in stall 15 and it just didn’t go to plan but we were confident he would run a good race.”

Roger Varian can plan ahead to the G1 Gold Cup with confidence now, after TDN Rising Star Eldar Eldarov overcame most of those with a fitness edge, looking a genuine marathon runner in the process and emerging best on the raw data. “He’s run like he’s the best horse in the race,” his trainer commented. “He’s given the winner five pounds and he’s given Broome two pounds, so it was a really good run with a view to the Gold Cup.”

“We put a line through his run at Ascot in October, which was his first try beyond this trip, but it was heavy ground that day, which we won’t run on again,” Varian added. “Every time he’s run over this trip he has looked like he is only getting going at the line and that is why we think the Gold Cup will suit him, so we’ll look forward to that. He goes on anything really, he won’t run on heavy ground again, but apart from that he’s pretty versatile.”

Quickthorn’s trainer Hughie Morrison was not impressed by the stewards’ decision. “The interference definitely cost us third, but it’s a funny rule we have. It leaves a bit of a sour taste because it costs you £30,000. He’s run well, though. The jockey said he jumped good, he felt well and he’s a damn good horse. I just think maybe two miles around here suits him better, because then there are two bends. He’s run up to his best, probably, other than the freak race he won over two miles here last year.”

**Pedigree Notes**

The dam Gerika (Fr) (Galileo {Ire}), whose 2-year-old colt Calumet (Ire) is by Calyx (GB), hails from a family of Italian black-type performers with her three half-siblings Donoma (Ire) (Beat Hollow {GB}), Cromo (GB) (Grand Lodge) and Right Connection (GB) (Beat Hollow {GB}) all successful at listed level in the country. Under the third dam is the real stamina clue, the G3 St Leger Italiano hero Green Senor (El Gran Senor).

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Believing (Ire) winning the Prix Texanita at Chantilly

Believing (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}--Misfortunate {Ire}, by Kodiac {GB}), who made a stakes breakthrough last month, continued on an upward trajectory with a decisive success in Friday’s six-furlong G3 Prix Texanita at Chantilly. She came back from wind surgery after completing an eight-race juvenile campaign to run fifth in the Apr. 19 G3 Nell Gwyn S. at Newmarket on seasonal return before notching a first black-type score in Chelmsford’s Listed Chelmer Fillies’ S. last month.

Believing reared moments before the gates opened, but was readied just in time to stalk the pace in second through the early strides. Coming under pressure passing the quarter-mile marker, the 19-5 chance hit the front approaching the final furlong and was ridden out in the closing stages to comfortably hold the late bid of Shalromy (Fr) (Shalaa {Ire}) by a length. “She ran eight time last season, she’s won a Listed this year and she’s just so tough,” said Highclere syndicate member Peter Hall. “There’s about 10 of us over here to see her race and you can’t beat Chantilly, especially when you win. She takes her racing well and we’re lucky to have her. George [Boughey] trains a few for Highclere and he seems to be able to get them ready. She has an early entry for the [G1] Commonwealth Cup at Royal Ascot and George will have a view whether or not she’s up to that.”

Pedigree Notes

Believing is the second of three foals and lone scorer produced by an unraced half-sister to G3 Brownstown S. and G3 Concorde S. victrix Miss Sally (Ire) (Danetime {GB}). She is a half-sister to an unnamed 2-year-old colt by Inns Of Court (Ire). The February-foaled bay’s third dam Nurse Jo (J. O. Tobin) is kin to six black-type performers headed by MGISW dual G1 Beldame S. winner Love Sign (Spanish Riddle) and G1 Oaks d’Italia heroine and G1 Irish Oaks dead-heater Melodist (The Minstrel).
Friday, Chantilly, France

PRIX TEXANITA-G3, €80,000, Chantilly, 5-19, 3yo, 6fT, 1:09.50, sf.

1--BELIEVING (IRE), 122, f, 3, by Mehmas (IRE)
   1st Dam: Misfortunate (IRE), by Kodiac (GB)
   2nd Dam: Evictress (IRE), by Sharp Victor
   3rd Dam: Nurse Jo, by J. O. Tobin
   1ST GROUP WIN. (70,000gns Ylg ‘21 TATOCT; 115,000gns 2yo ‘22 TATBRE). O-Highclere Thoroughbred Racing (Jane Addams); B-M Julien & Cloneymore Farm (IRE); T-George Boughey; J-Mickael Barzalona. €40,000. Lifetime Record: SW & MGSP-Eng, 11-3-3-1, €138,215. Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

2--Shalromy (Fr), 122, f, 3, Shalaa (Ire)--Vegas Valentine (Fr), by Lope De Vega (Ire).
   1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE. (€60,000 Ylg ‘21 ARQOCT). O-SL Family Racing, Filippo Ezri, Frederic Bianco, Rolland Capozzi, Mme Jennifer Bianco & Mme Michele Blanc; B-Frederic Bianco & Mme Jennifer Bianco (FR); T-Christophe Ferland. €16,000.

3--Moon Ray (Fr), 122, f, 3, Saxon Warrior (Jpn)--Demeanour, by Giant’s Causeway.
   1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE. (€55,000 Ylg ‘21 ARQOCT). O-RT Racing; B-Team Hogdala AB & SMS Racing AB; T-Nicolas Clement. €12,000.

Margins: 1, 2, 1 1/4. Odds: 3.80, 3.00, 15.00.
Also Ran: Denver Chop (Fr), Zudu Spirit (Ire), Wodao (Fr), Lova (Fr). Video, sponsored by TVG.

YASHIN SPRINGS A SURPRISE IN THE SAVAL BEG by Tom Frary

Friday’s G3 Saval Beg Lev Moss S. at Leopardstown was supposed to be the next chapter in the story of Ballydoyle’s upwardly-mobile stayer Emily Dickinson (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), but with that 2-5 favourite disappointing it was left to the 14-1 shot Yashin (Ire) (Churchill {Ire}) to continue the rich form of the Jessie Harrington stable.

Showing useful form when winning 10 and 12-furlong handicaps last Spring before finishing last in Royal Ascot’s King George V S., he had been off since running fourth in this track’s October Handicap over a mile and a half in October and on the balance of his form was not the wrong price in a race of this nature.

Held up in mid-division early by Shane Foley, the imposing bay had to work to get to Point King (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}) in the final furlong as Emily Dickinson gave up the lead. As that filly faded to sixth, Yashin reeled in the Joseph O’Brien representative for a short head verdict. Cont. p6
**G3 Levmooss S. Cont.**

“The autumn plan would be the [G1] Melbourne Cup, but he’d have to get up a good bit to get to there,” Harrington said. “He stays well and he has to have good ground. He was stuck wide there and keen all the way. Shane said he had no right to pick up and win like he did.”

Kate Harrington added, “He could go to the Curragh Cup on Irish Oaks weekend. We’ll plot a plan, as he likes a bit of time between his races. The Melbourne Cup is Gerry [Byrne]’s dream. He bred him and it’s the first horse he’s bred, the mare is back in foal to Churchill.”

**Pedigree Note**

Yashin is a grandson of Muthabara (Ire) (Red Ransom) who won the G3 Fred Darling S. Related to the Listed Committed S.-winning sprinter Punita Arora (Ire) (Sepoy {Aus}), the dam Mirdhak (GB) (Dansili {GB}) from the Shadwell family of Bahri and Bahhare has a yearling colt by Decorated Knight (GB).

Friday, Leopardstown, Ireland

SAVAL BEG LEVMOSS S.-G3, €52,000, Leopardstown, 5-19, 4yo/up, 14ft, 3:03.40, gd.

1—YASHIN (IRE), 131, g, 4, by Churchill (Ire)
   1st Dam: Mirdhak (GB), by Dansili (GB)
   2nd Dam: Muthabara (Ire), by Red Ransom
   3rd Dam: Hureya, by Woodman

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN, 1ST GROUP WIN. O-Tom & Gerry Met Mickey Syndicate; B-Gerry Byrne (IRE); T-Jessie Harrington; J-Shane Foley. €31,500. Lifetime Record: 9-3-0-0, $71,109.

**Werk Nick Rating:** A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

2—Point King (Ire), 131, c, 4, by Zoffany (Ire)—Loved (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE. (£80,000 Ylg ’20 GOFOR)
   O-Lloyd J Williams Syndicate; B-Rockfield Farm (IRE); T-Joseph O’Brien. €10,500.

3—Dawn Rising (Ire), 131, g, 6, Galileo (Ire)—Devoted To You (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). O-J P McManus; B-Barronstown Stud (IRE); T-Joseph O’Brien. €5,250.

Margins: SHD, 2HF, NK. Odds: 14.00, 12.00, 8.00.

Also Ran: Moon Daisy (Ire), Okita Soshi (Ire), Emily Dickinson (Ire), Cairde Go Deo (Fr), Stratum (GB), Icykel (Ire). VIDEO.

**MOSTABSHIR A NEW TDN RISING STAR**

*by Tom Frary*

Shadwell already knew they had a special broodmare in Handassa (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) before Friday, but the dam of Nazeef (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and Mostahdaf (Ire) (Frankel {GB}) is looking like a genuine goldmine after her 3-year-old colt Mostabshir (GB) (Dark Angel {Ire}) seized his TDN Rising Star badge at York. Pitched tellingly by John and Thady Gosden into the G3 Craven S. off the back of an impressive debut win at Kempton in November, the grey had finished failed to light any fires when fifth in Newmarket’s leading Guineas trial.

Duly sent back to novice company for this latest of Darley’s boosted series, the homebred had a penalty and that may have been why he was abandoned by Jim Crowley in favour of the William Haggas-trained Kathab (Ire) (Kingman [GB]), runner-up in Newmarket’s Wood Ditton that had gained extra gravitas after Thursday’s Dante. Soon in front as William Buick revived his old Gosden link, the 3-1 second favourite was gradually worked over to the rail and kicked into the clear two out. At the line, there was a yawning five-length gap to the fellow Gosden runner Ziryab (GB) (Kingman [GB]), who denied Kathab the runner-up spot by a short head.

“I’m impressed—he has a lovely nature and had pricked ears in front,” Buick said. “I loved the way he quickened and he hit the line strong. He probably needs decent ground—at the Craven meeting it was sticky.”

Given the failure to shape like a pattern-race performer in the Craven, John Gosden had contemplated the handicap route at Royal Ascot but could be in for a change of direction now. Cont. p7
**Rising Star Cont.**

“He’s like a lot of ours—the grass gallops were closed in Newmarket, so they had to train on the all-weather and then when they went to the races they ran in a bog and didn’t like it,” he explained. “This was the first summer ground we’ve had this year and it’s a different result. What was nice was that William said he quickened twice, and when they do that you’ve got to take note.”

“He was giving six pounds to the opposition, so it was a decent performance but we’re in a complete muddle now as we don’t know if we’ll go to the Britannia or the handicapper will make it impossible—the other option is to go in at the deep end,” Gosden, Sr. added. “What he’s shown today is that on genuine summer ground he’s a decent horse.”

Shadwell’s racing manager Angus Gold added, “I’m delighted to see him quicken like that, I didn’t expect it. He looked a galloper when he won at Kempton and it didn’t work out for him in the Craven for whatever reason—course, ground, needed the run, whatever. You’d love to run him in a listed race somewhere and if that went well then go St James’s Palace, but there isn’t the time to do it. We ran in the Craven to see if he was a Guineas horse, it fell in a hole so we thought we’d come back down to bring him back up. To do that with a penalty in that style—I was surprised to see the speed.”

Handassa, who proved a bargain 100,000gns purchase by Shadwell from Red House Stud at the 2009 Book 1 Sale, went on to be successful in the Listed Garnet S. over a mile having been tried in the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas. Nazeef was her third foal and second runner, and while the homebred took a little while to build into a top-level performer, when she did so it came in style as she racked up a trio of big-race successes in the G2 Duke Of Cambridge S., G1 Falmouth S. and G1 Sun Chariot S. Handassa’s fifth foal was Mostahdaf, who stayed further and has so far brought up a sequence of wins in the G3 September S., G3 Gordon Richards S. and G3 Darley S. in his native Britain and this year’s G3 Altanfeethi Neom Turf Cup.

A half-sister to the GII San Gabriel S. winner and GI Frank E. Kilroe Mile-placed Desert Stone (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), Handassa is a granddaughter of Star (GB) (Most Welcome {GB}) who gained the rare distinction of producing a pair of Group 1-winning sprinters in Pastoral Pursuits (GB) and Goodricke (GB) from matings with Bahamian Bounty (GB). Handassa’s next offering is the 2-year-old colt Mutaawid (GB), a full-brother to Mostahdaf, while she also has a yearling colt by Kingman (GB).
NEWBURY: CAN “UNEXPOSED” LAUREL BEAT THE COLTS IN THE LOCKINGE? by Tom Frary

Newbury’s G1 Al Shaqab Lockinge S. has been a happy hunting ground for some top fillies in recent times and Saturday’s renewal features another as TDN Rising Star Laurel (GB) (Kingman (GB)) takes aim at the colts. Dazzling with her sectional in a Kempton novice in September, the daughter of Promising Lead (GB) (Danehill) was sent into battle for the G1 Sun Chariot S. by the normally more-reserved Gosdens just days later and justified that risk by beating all bar Fonteyn (GB) (Farhh (GB)) in the Newmarket contest. With a confidence-enhancing win behind her in the Listed Snowdrop Fillies’ S. back at Kempton last month, the homebred will have the respect of all opposition in the race conquered by the likes of Russian Rhythm (GB) (Kingmambo), Peeress (GB) (Pivotal (GB)), Red Evie (Ire) (Intikhab) and Rhododendron (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)).

“Laurel is very unexposed,” Juddmonte’s racing manager Barry Mahon said. “Last year we threw her in the deep end after two easy wins and it looked for a minute like she was going to pull it off in big style. That day there was a little bit of bias towards the stands’ side and I think a combination of greenness and the other horse just getting a nice run up the rail saw her just get run out of it late on.”

Let The Games Begin...

With Godolphin’s Modern Games (Ire) (Dubawi (Ire)) setting the standard bidding to provide the operation with a record-extending ninth renewal, the race to the Queen Anne is well and truly underway for the older milers. Sunderland Holding’s My Prospero (Ire) (Iffraaj (GB)) has something to find at this trip, but showed the best form of these overall as a 3-year-old when a close-up third in the G1 Champion S. at Ascot in October. Still unexposed and low on mileage, the William Haggas trainee made relentless strides after his third in the G1 St James’s Palace S. at Royal Ascot to Champions Day and he may just be the class act in the line-up.

Haggas is cautious, with the homebred having missed his intended reintroduction last month. “I wanted very much to run him in the Paradise Stakes at Ascot, but his scope wasn’t very good,” he said. “The reason I wanted to run there was to see if he was quick enough for the Queen Anne, or the Prince of Wales’s Stakes. I’m pretty sure he’s Prince of Wales’s. So, having missed that, we are then a bit on the back foot and it was either this or the Prix d’Ispahan and I thought the d’Ispahan was a bit too close to Ascot for his first run, so we’re coming here. I’m pretty sure a mile is not his best trip, but he’s fresh and well and I think he’ll run a nice race. I hope he’s got a big season ahead of him.”

Time For An Upset?

So far in 2023, the flat action at Newbury has seen fields strung out more than normal and Friday’s big-priced winners suggest an upset is far from off the cards here. Kevin Ryan’s horses have been ripping it up at York all week and the Hambleton handler has a live Lockinge contender in Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum’s Triple Time (Ire) (Frankel (GB)), the latest notable out of the owner-breeder’s remarkable Reem Three (GB) (Mark Of Esteem (Ire)). His first run back in 2022 resulted in an impressive success in the G3 Superior Mile and while this is another level, he is open to improvement. Another who has potential to shake things up is last year’s G1 Prix Jacques le Marois runner-up Light Infantry (Fr) (Fast Company (Ire)), who was just a neck down on Inspiral (GB) (Frankel (GB)) when tackling a straight mile. Cont. p10
Saturday’s Preview Cont.

“He’s proven he’s a group one performer,” trainer David Simcock said. “It is a very open Lockinge and I should think everybody thinks they’ve got a little shout.”

Can Yibir Complete The Trifecta?

There is plenty of intrigue on the Lockinge card, with the G3 Aston Park S. seeing the return of another of Godolphin’s transatlantic stalwarts in Yibir (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), whose last public sighting came when winning the G2 Princess Of Wales’s S. at Newmarket’s July Festival. After the successful comebacks of the 5-year-olds Hurricane Lane (Ire) (Frankel {GB}) and Adayar (Ire) (Frankel {GB}), it is up to the third of the big trio of 2021 to keep up Charlie Appleby’s momentum. “He went for a racecourse gallop at Newmarket a couple of weeks ago and we were very pleased with how he went,” his trainer said. “If he can bring the level of form he showed as a three-year-old and what we saw last year, he is going to be the one they all have to beat.”

Haskoy Back For More...

Yibir faces the potentially daunting prospect of facing Juddmonte’s Haskoy (GB) (Golden Horn {GB}) on Saturday and the fast-improving St Leger supplementary is one of the more intriguing older fillies in action this term. Added to the Doncaster Classic following her impressive success in York’s Listed Galtres S. in August, she was perhaps controversially demoted from second to fourth behind New London (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) and Friday’s G2 Yorkshire Cup winner Giavellotto (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) and that form has a vastly more solid look after the way the latter and the Leger hero Eldar Eldarov (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) went through their race on Friday.

“She’s a star--to jump up from winning a maiden on the all-weather, to then win a stakes race at York days later and then be thrown in at the deep end into a St Leger and finish second past the post,” Barry Mahon said of the Ralph Beckett trainee. “She’s a good filly, but she’s just taken a bit of time to come to hand.”

Star Style...

Newbury also stages a fascinating renewal of the Listed BetVictor Carnarvon S., in which Godolphin’s G2 Gimcrack S.-winning TDN Rising Star Noble Style (GB) (Kingman {GB}) backs up quickly after his highly creditable sixth in Newmarket’s G1 2000 Guineas. Ballydoyle’s own TDN Rising Star Aesop’s Fables (Ire) (No Nay Never) continues on the sprinting route which could also lead to the G1 Commonwealth Cup, with his success in The Curragh’s seven-furlong G2 Futurity S. not quite the distant memory his odds suggest here. TDN Rising Star material can also be found in the Listed Haras de Bouquetot Fillies’ Trial S., where Juddmonte’s Salisbury novice winner Bluestocking (GB) (Camelot {GB}) looks to stay in a competitive Oaks picture.

Another Beckett representative on an important day for the stable, Barry Mahon said of Bluestocking, “Unfortunately we missed Lingfield, which was where we wanted to go and she has taken time to come to herself like a lot of fillies this spring. We’re just waiting for her to come and bloom and she’s coming. Everyone is happy with her, she’s not 100 per-cent there yet, but she’s coming and just about ready to start.”

Fantastic Prospect At Iffezheim...

Baden-Baden’s G3 Japan Racing Association - Derby-Trial should offer some big clues ahead of the G1 Deutsches Derby, with likely favourite Fantastic Moon (Ger) (Sea The Moon {Ger}) out to put a latest drubbing at the hands of Mr Hollywood (Ire) (Iquitos {Ger}) behind him. Beaten 7 1/2 lengths by that TDN Rising Star in Munich’s G3 Bavarian Classic at the start of the month, Liberty Racing’s G3 Preis des Winterfavoriten winner faces four more unbeaten and unexposed colts including Gestut Kirschkof’s highly-regarded Straight (Ger) (Zarak {Fr}). A relative of Monsun’s domestic Derby-winning siblings Schiaparelli (Ger) and Samum (Ger), he hails from the Andreas Wohler stable. A deep contest also features a TDN Rising Star in search of redemption in Gestut Rottgen’s Aspirant (Ger) (Protectionist {Ger}), who is up in trip following his well-beaten fourth in Krefeld’s G3 Dr Busch-Memorial with something to prove.
Desert Crown Cont. from p1

The results of the Musidora and the Dante made the great puzzles of Epsom even more intriguing with now just a fortnight left to ponder. The only one black mark in York's book, and that of many other tracks, is the tendency to play loud music as the winners return to scale. We were blasted with Train's irritating Hey, Soul Sister after the Musidora. At least if Passenger had won the Dante we could have had a decent bit of Iggy Pop.

Passenger, who dead-heated for third with Continuous (Jpn) (Heart's Cry (Jpn)) behind Andrew Balding's The Foxes (Ire) (Churchill (Ire)), didn't get a clear run when he needed it and, having only first set foot on a racecourse to win the Wood Ditton, the son of Ulysses (Ire) does not currently hold a Derby entry. He surely soon will, and, if supplemented, he will reoppose another Ulysses colt in White Birch (Ire), who was an impressive runner-up in the Dante after winning the G3 Ballysax S. and will be a very welcome contender at Epsom for John Joseph Murphy. Twenty-one colts remain in the Derby after the May 19 deadline for scratchings, with 24 fillies standing their ground for the Oaks.

Passenger, owned and bred by the Niarchos family's Flaxman Holdings, who also bred his sire, has a profile not unlike that 12 months ago of his stable-mate Desert Crown (GB). The word had got out about the latter ahead of last year's Dante, however, and he arrived at York with a justifiable buzz about him.

Sarah Denniff, one of Sir Michael Stoute's most trusted lieutenants, rarely leaves Desert Crown's side except to let him gallop, as he did on Friday morning. A video produced recently to celebrate Stoute's induction into the QIPCO British Champions Series Hall of Fame, included a reminiscence from Denniff as to an upward shift in mood from "the boss" after a key piece of work for Desert Crown ahead of the Dante. Those in Stoute's team who know the trainer well may have been able to read into his musical accompaniment to Friday morning's work. He was humming while he waited for the gallopers, and later performed his own brilliant impression of a kazoo without the need of the instrument in question.

Stoute, his assistant trainer James Savage, and Saeed Suhail's racing team of Bruce Raymond and Philip Robinson were among those watching on the green-carpeted slice of heaven that is the Limekilns. In a fleeting moment, Desert Crown breezed past in the heady company of Bay Bridge (GB) and Solid Stone (Ire). Richard Kingscote was back on the horse who gave him his Derby win, while Kevin Bradshaw led the gallop initially aboard Solid Stone until Desert Crown eased clear of his work companions. Bay Bridge bowled along readily under a motionless Ted Durcan.

Both Desert Crown and Solid Stone were subsequently given entries for Thursday's G3 Brigadier Gerard S. at Sandown, a race which could potentially see the return of last year's Prix de Diane winner Nashwa (GB) and Hukum (GB), who, like Desert Crown, has not been seen at the races since last year at Epsom, where he won the G1 Coronation Cup.

Issuing an update later in the day to TDN, James Savage said, "That was Desert Crown's last strong piece of work and we've been lucky to use some lovely ground, with the Round Gallop on the Limekilns this morning and [Newmarket] racecourse last Saturday. His training has been very smooth up to now, so fingers crossed that we stay healthy for Sandown."

Of the eight entries for the Brigadier Gerard, he added, "It looks a very strong renewal this year but it is a great starting point for us." Cont. p11
Sir Michael Stoute, accompanied by Sarah Denniff and James Savage, head towards Newmarket’s Limekilns with Solid Stone (Kevin Bradshaw, striped cap) and Desert Crown (Richard Kingscote), both of whom are entered for next Thursday’s G3 Brigadier Gerard S.

Emma Berry

Desert Crown Cont.
Solid Stone, now seven and an eight-time winner for Saeed Suhail, won last year’s G2 Huxley S. at Chester and he too is heading to Sandown.

Savage continued, “He’s a hard horse to place and with the Huxley Stakes being so soft we didn’t go there. Again, it’s an ideal place for him to start, and he can probably go to the Wolferton [at Royal Ascot] after that.”

James Wigan and Ballylinch Stud’s Bay Bridge, who was third on his seasonal resumption in the G1 Prix Ganay, could head to Ireland for the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup.

Savage continued, “He is a fit horse and he generally works on his own but Sir Michael wanted him to have a bit of company this morning, so it was just a leg-stretcher. He will work early next week and then hopefully go to Ireland, all being well, next weekend.”

He also noted that Passenger has come out of the Dante in good order. "He didn’t have a hard race," he said. "I’m just looking at him out in the paddock now. He has taken it really well. It was a bit frustrating but we have learnt that he can be rated with the top three-year-olds, so we’re happy."

Meer pictured with Heike Bischoff and Eckhard Sauren | Niko Lafrentz

**SEA THE STARS COLT HEADS BBAG SPRING SALE**

Meer (Ger), a juvenile colt by Sea The Stars (Ire) out of the G2 Diana Trial winner Meergorl (Ger)(Adlerflug (Ger)), topped the BBAG Spring Sale at €135,000.

Offered by his breeders Heike Bischoff and Niko Lafrentz of Gestut Gorlsdorf, the three-quarter-brother to Listed victrix Mercedes (Ger) (Sea the Moon (Ger)) was bought by Wilhelm Feldman on behalf of Eckhard Sauren. The agent indicated that he will discuss training plans with the horse’s new owner but that the unraced Meer could remain with Markus Klug, who has overseen his early training to date.

With the sale held two weeks earlier than usual, a smaller section of just 27 breezers came under the hammer for the mixed auction. The second-top lot, a son of Kodiak (GB) consigned by Renello Bloodstock Agency, was also a two-year-old and was bought by trainer Mario Hofer for €38,000. Cont. p12
BBAG Spring Sale Cont.
The same consignor also sold a daughter of Kodiac for €32,000 to Hana Jurankova, while Richard Venn stepped in to sign for Gorlsdorf’s three-year-old filly Francina (GB) (Sea The Moon (Ger)), a full-sister to the G3 N E Manion Cup winner Favorite Moon (Ger).

With 38 horses sold bringing a clearance rate of 68%, the average rose by 23% to €13,487, and turnover was €512,500.

NOVIBET NAMED OFFICIAL BETTING PARTNER OF THE 2023 TATTERSALLS IRISH GUINEAS FESTIVAL

Novibet has been named the official betting partner of the 2023 Tattersalls Irish Guineas Festival at the Curragh Racecourse, the company announced on Friday.

It will be a named sponsor of six of the races across the three days from May 26-28 including Friday’s feature, the Novibet Emerald Mile, as well as Saturday’s Novibet Guineas Festival Premier H.

Karl Riley, Novibet’s Ireland Country Manager, said, “We are delighted to be named as the Official Betting Partner of this year’s Irish Guineas Festival in what is the biggest horse racing sponsorship we’ve been involved with so far. “The Irish Guineas is a meeting which is one of the biggest in Irish Flat racing and we are very excited to be increasing our presence in this area.”

Evan Arkwright, Racing and Sponsorship Manager at the Curragh, said, “We are very excited that Novibet has selected The Curragh to launch their biggest horse racing partnership to date, and we will work closely with their team to ensure they maximise all opportunities to raise their profile across the extensive global audience that the Tattersalls Irish Guineas Festival attracts throughout all three days.”

HORSE RACING INDUSTRY CONFERENCE POSTPONED TO OCTOBER

The Horseracing Industry Conference (HIC) has been postponed due to the planned train strike on May 31, with additional disruptions expected on major lines to York on June 1, the original day of the event.

Organised by the Racing Foundation in partnership with the University of Liverpool Management School, the event will instead take place at York on Tuesday, Oct. 24. The Racing Foundation is committed to environmental sustainability and the 2023 conference was planned with that focus in mind. The goal of the conference was to create a valuable networking opportunity for the diverse delegates throughout the day, and that is why the conference has been postponed and not moved online.

CEO of the Racing Foundation, Rob Hezel said, “Data has been collected to calculate the carbon footprint of the event so we knew well over half of the delegates registered for the event were planning to travel by train. It is important we remain true to the values and the pledges we have made around this event, and therefore we have taken the difficult decision to re-arrange the date. Tuesday, 24 October is the only date we have been able to identify and we hope that it gives people enough time to rearrange their plans.”

If delegates are unable to attend on the new date, please contact antonia.bullrich@racingfoundation.co.uk with your reference number and she will assist you with the necessary arrangements.

TATTERSALLS CHELTENHAM POSTS GAINS

The 2023 Tattersalls Cheltenham May Sale, which returned this year to Cheltenham for the first time since 2019, produced a record-breaking turnover of £22,750,500, and an average price of £87,502 for the 260 horses listed as sold. Additionally, Friday’s sale posted a strong clearance rate of 97%.

The 4-year-old gelding I See The Sea (Ire) (Affinsea [Ire]) (lot 33), sold by Donnacha Doyle of Monbeg Stables; and 5-year-old Binge Worthy (Ire) (Walk In The Park [Ire]) (lot 13), consigned by trainer Denis Murphy’s Ballyboy Stables, each brought £160,000 to lead the sale as co-toppers. Cont. p13
Tattersalls Cheltenham Cont.

I See The Sea was bought by the new training combination of Philip Hobbs and Johnson White. Mouse O’Ryan and trainer Gordon Elliot, acting as agent, signed for Bing Worthy.

“The production of these top-class point-to-pointers and horses-in-training should never be underestimated,” Matt Prior, Tattersalls Head of Sales, said. “We thank all the vendors for their skills and ability at producing these horses to their very best and as hugely exciting ongoing prospects for new connections, who take the horses forward to their full potential.”

FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Saturday, May 20, 2023:

UNITED KINGDOM

Blue Point (Ire) (Shamardal), Kildangan Stud
161 foals of racing age
18:20-DONCASTER, 5f, Big Blue Boy (Ire)
35,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2022
13:30-NEWMARKET, 6f, South Kensington (Ire)
85,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022

Inns of Court (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
168 foals of racing age
13:57-THIRSK, 5f, Tallulabelle (Ire)
€135,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2022

Invincible Army (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud
95 foals of racing age
13:57-THIRSK, 5f, Louella (Ire)
15,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2022

Magna Grecia (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Coolmore Stud
109 foals of racing age
18:20-DONCASTER, 5f, Grecian Princess (Ire)
£16,000 RNA Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022
13:30-NEWMARKET, 6f, Makuri (Ire)
7,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; 7,000gns RNA Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2022

Soldier’s Call (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), Ballyhane Stud
121 foals of racing age

18:20-DONCASTER, 5f, Ifonlytheycudtalk (Ire)
€23,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2021; £20,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022
13:57-THIRSK, 5f, Love Wars (Ire)
€25,000 Goffs Sportsman’s Yearling Sale 2022
18:20-DONCASTER, 5f, Up The Manor (GB)
17,000gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; £8,000 RNA Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022; £20,000 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2023

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

HOW THEY FARED

15.25 Chantilly, Cond, €28,000, 3yo, f, 10fT
Riviera Equine and Eric de Chambure’s Elzora (Fr) (Almanzor {Fr}) attained ‘TDN Rising Star’ status at ParisLongchamp last month and attempted to make all here. However, she was outpaced at the business and finished just under a length behind the winner in third.

16.20 Newbury, Mdn, £12,000, 3yo, 10fT
Seendid (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), a full-brother to the G1 Pretty Polly S. heroine Nezwaah (GB), was a one-paced seventh.

16.40 Leopardstown, Mdn, €16,000, 2yo, 7f 69yT
Gaspare Gabrielli (Ire) (No Nay Never), the half-brother to the G1 Prix de Diane and G1 Nassau S. heroine Fancy Blue (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), blew the start and never threatened in ninth.
Friday’s Results:

CLIPPER EBF MARYGATE FILLIES’ S.-Listed, £70,000, York, 5-19, 2yo, f, 5fT, :58.22, g/f.
1--GOT TO LOVE A GREY (GB), 126, f, 2, by Dark Angel (Ire)
   1st Dam: Regatta (Fr) (MSW-Fr, $104,877), by Layman
   2nd Dam: Red Star (Ire), by Lure
   3rd Dam: Robertet, by Roberto
   1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. ($2,000gns Ylg ‘22 TATSOM).
   O-Middleham Park Racing CXXI; B-Regatta Partnership (GB);
   T-Karl Burke; J-Sam James. £39,697. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $53,892.
   Margins: HF, HF, 2HF. Odds: 14.00, 4.00, 2.00.

2--Dorothy Lawrence (GB), 126, f, 2, Soldier’s Call (GB)--Festoso
   (Ire), by Diesis (GB). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Clipper Logistics;
   B-Branton Court Stud LLP (GB); T-Karl Burke. £15,050.

3--Gaiden (Ire), 126, f, 2, Mehmas (Ire)--Silque (GB), by Aqlaam
   (GB). (£65,000 Ylg ‘22 GOFFUK). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Martin
   Hughes & Michael Kerr-Dineen; B-Tally-Ho Stud (IRE);
   T-Richard Hannon. £7,532.

Also Ran: Persian Dreamer, Miss Woo Woo (GB), Tierney (Ire),
Beenham (Ire), Bellarchi (Ire), Treasure Storm (Ire). Scratched:
Callianassa (Ire).

Karl Burke noted an exacta in last term’s Listed Clipper EBF
Marygate Fillies’ S. at York and repeated the dose when once-
raced winner Got To Love A Grey (GB) (Dark Angel [Ire]–Regatta
(Fr), by Layman) outlasted stablemate Dorothy Lawrence (GB)
(Soldier’s Call) in this year’s renewal of the straight five-furlong
dash.

Got To Love A Grey went postward as the 5-2 second choice,
coming back off a six-length tally at Nottingham last month, and
broke sharply from the far-side stall to seize an immediate lead.
Unflustered on the front end until shaken up at the quarter-mile
marker, she was tackled by Dorothy Lawrence approaching the
final furlong and kept on in resolute style to keep her perfect
record intact. She held a half-length buffer at the line with the
same margin back to Gaiden (Ire) (Mehmas [Ire]) in third.

“It’s been a frustrating week, we’ve had about five seconds and
picked up nearly £100,000 in two days, all without having a
winner,” reflected Burke. “I thought the second filly would be
the winner, she’s very quick and she travelled very strong there,
but didn’t quite see it out as well as the winner. Take nothing
away from the winner though, she’s so honest and such a lovely
filly.” Looking ahead to Royal Ascot targets, the trainer added,
“It’ll be the [G2] Queen Mary or the [G3] Albany for the winner.
She’s shown us, on a fast track, that she’s quick enough and you
need to stay well at Ascot so it probably makes sense to go for
the Queen Mary. I’d be quite happy to send Dorothy Lawrence
[to Royal Ascot] as well. Ryan [Moore] thought we should give
her a Royal chance, so we’ll see.”

Got To Love A Grey is the sixth of seven reported foals and the
leading performer, from four winners, produced by Listed Prix
des Sablonnets and Listed Prix des Lilas victrix Regatta (Fr)
(Layman), herself a granddaughter of G2 Grand Prix de Deauville
winner and G1 Prix Royal-Oak third Robertet (Roberto).
Robertet produced G1 Yorkshire Oaks heroine Punctilious (GB)
(Danehill), three-time Group 3 winner Risk Seeker (GB)
(Elmaamul) and Listed Prix Madame Jean Coutriere victrix
Redwood Falls (Ire) (Dancing Brave). Punctilious, in turn, is the
dam of G3 Autumn S. victor Military March (GB) (New Approach
{Ire}), G2 Hanshin Daishoten third Namura Donovan (Jpn) (Deep
Brillante {Jpn}) and G3 Vintage Crop S. third Clongowes (Ire)
(New Approach {Ire}). Regatta has a yearling filly by Bated
Breath (GB) to come. VIDEO.

OAKS FARM STABLES FILLIES’ S. (MICHAEL SEELY MEMORIAL
FILLIES’ S.-Listed, £70,000, York, 5-19, 3yo, f, 7f 192yT, 1:37.50, g/f.
1--SOUNDS OF HEAVEN (GB), 128, f, 3, by Kingman (GB)
   1st Dam: Ring The Bell (Ire), by Galileo (Ire)
   2nd Dam: Beauty Is Truth (Ire), by Pivotal (GB)
   3rd Dam: Zeilinger (Ire), by Warning (GB)
   1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (650,000gns Ylg ‘21 TATOCT).
   O-Craig Bernick & John Camilleri; B-Fairway Thoroughbreds Pty Ltd
   (GB); T-Jessica Harrington; J-Ronan Whelan. £39,697. Lifetime
   Record: 3-2-0-0, $59,083. *1/2 to Voice Of Angels (GB) (Dark
   Angel [Ire]), MSP-Ire.

2--Queen For You (Ire), 128, f, 3, Kingman (GB)--Fallen For You
   (GB), by Dansili (GB). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-B-Normandie Stud
   Ltd (IRE); T-John & Thady Gosden. £15,050.

3--Silver Lady (GB), 128, f, 3, Sea The Stars (Ire)--Lumiere (GB),
   by Shamardal. 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-B-Godolphin (GB); T-Charlie
   Appleby. £7,532.

Margins: SHD, NK, 2HF. Odds: 14.00, 4.00, 2.00.
Also Ran: Fakhamara (Ire), Clochette (Ire), Stormy Sea (GB),
Glenlaurel (Ire), Juliet Sierra (GB).

Craig Bernick and John Camilleri’s 3-year-old fillies Sounds Of
Heaven did not have the benefit of an early-season outing
heading into Friday’s Listed Oaks Farm Stables Fillies’ S. at York,
but that was of little consequence as she found plentiful
reserves at the business end of a thrilling renewal to emerge
with a career high.

The Jessica Harrington trainee shaped with promise when
posting a debut fourth at Gowran Park in September and shed
maiden status going one mile at Leopardstown the following
month when last seen. Cont. p15
Sounds Of Heaven was swiftly into stride and found a smooth rhythm in second through halfway. Racing on the bridle for much of the long straight, the 14-1 chance was nudged to the fore approaching the final furlong and was driven out in the latter stages to deny ‘TDN Rising Star’ Queen For You by a short-head in a three-way photograph. Godolphin’s Silver Lady played her part in a pulsating finale and finished a neck further adrift in third.

“That was brilliant and I fancied her, but we just hadn’t been able to get a run into her because of the ground," the trainer explained. “We knew she wanted nice ground, so we’ve waited with her and it’s paid off. The race wasn’t run to suit because they didn’t go very quick, but she was lovely and relaxed. I told Ronan [Whelan] to keep it simple and he did. She made her debut on soft ground, but won next time on better ground. Her Leopardstown form had worked out well as the second [Boogie Woogie] ran well in a Group 1 in France. She’s in the [G1] Irish 1000 Guineas as well as the [G1] Coronation S., so we’ll just wait and see what we do. She’s a gorgeous filly with a lovely temperament.”

Sounds Of Heaven was produced by a daughter of G2 Prix du Gros-Chene victrix Beauty Is Truth (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}), herself the dam of four pattern-race winners headed by G1 1000 Guineas and G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Hermosa (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), G1 British Champions Fillies & Mares S. and G1 Matron S. victrix Hydrangea (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and G1 Ranvet S. winner The United States (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). The February-foaled bay is a half-sister to the dual stakes-placed Voice Of Angels (GB) (Dark Angel {Ire}) and a 2-year-old colt by Dubawi (Ire). VIDEO.

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5th-Newmarket, **£10,000, Nov**, 5-19, 3yo, 2fT, 1:38.74, gd.

QUDDWAH (GB) (c, 3, Kingman {GB}--Sajjhaa (GB) (MG1SW-UAE, GSW-Ity, MSW & MGSP-Eng, $3,784,720), by King’s Best), who broke through going just under seven furlongs in his May 4 debut at Salisbury last time, raced off the tempo in eighth after an untidy start here. Swinging along on the bridle for the most part, the 2-1 chalk powered forward to tackle the front rank approaching the furlong pole and kept on strongly, despite edging right, up the hill to comfortably outpoint Theatre Honours (GB) (Kingman {GB}) by 1 3/4 lengths. Quddwah is the latest of five reported foals and one of four scorers produced by G1 Dubai Duty Free and G1 Jebel Hatta heroine Sajjhaa (GB) (King’s Best). The February-foaled bay’s dam is a granddaughter of G3 Lancashire Oaks victrix and G1 Oaks runner-up Noushkey (GB) (Polish Precedent). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $12,468.

O-Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum; B-Godolphin (GB); T-Simon & Ed Crisford.

6th-Newbury, **£12,000, Mdn**, 5-19, 3yo, 1fT, 2:09.78, gd.

NOTHING TO SEA (GER) (g, 3, Sea The Moon {Ger}--Nada {Ger}, by Authorized {Ire}), third over this trip at Windsor earlier this month, set off in front and was in isolation in early straight. Maintaining the gallop, the 7-1 shot hit the line 2 1/4 lengths ahead of Shadwell’s Naqeeb (Ire) (Nathaniel {Ire}), the half-brother to Baaeed (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) and Hukum (Ire). The unraced dam, whose 2-year-old colt New Incident (Ger) is by Helmet (Aus), hails from the family of the G3 Preis der Winterkonigin-winning top Producer Night Lagoon (Ger) (Lagunas (GB)) and the G1 Deutsches Derby runner-up Night Tango (Ger) (Acatenango {Ger}). Sales history: €39,000 Ylg ’21 BBAGS. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, $12,933.

O-The Lucra Partnership III; B-Gestut Ebbesloh (GER); T-Ralph Beckett.

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2nd-Newmarket, **£10,000, Mdn**, 5-19, 3yo, 1fT, 2:07.26, gd.

DAVIDEO (GB) (c, 3, Galileo {Ire}--Here to Eternity, by Stormy Atlantic), last seen finishing runner-up to the newly-tagged TDN Rising Star Mostabshir (GB) (Dark Angel {Ire}) in a mile novice at Kempton in November, dictated from the outset. Sent clear entering the dip, the 5-1 shot strode away from his rivals and had 4 1/4 lengths to spare over Vaguely Royal (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) at the line. The winner is a half-brother to the dual G1 Hong Kong Gold Cup-winning champion Time Warp (GB) (Archipenko), who also garnered the G1 Hong Kong Cup a year before his full-brother Glorious Forever (GB) emulated the feat. Cont. p16
2nd-Newmarket Cont.

The dam, a daughter of the listed scorer Heat Of The Night (GB) (Lear Fan), is also responsible for the 2-year-old filly Heat Of Passion (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) who was a €350,000 purchase by BBA Ireland at the Goffs Orby and a yearling colt by one of the day’s headline makers Study Of Man (Ire). Sales history: 230,000gns Ylg ’21 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $9,680. O-Valmont; B-Miss K Rausing (GB); T-Ralph Beckett.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Jungle Mate (Ire), g, 2, Bungle Inthejungle (GB)—Play Mate (GB), by Showcasing (GB). Hamilton, 5-19, 5f 7yT, :59.13. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $6,701. B-Ballyhane (IRE).

Zoulu Chief (GB), c, 2, Zoustar (Aus)—Courteous Crown (GB), by Helmet (Aus). Newbury, 5-19, 6fT, 1:15.38. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $8,041. B-Wayne Clifford (GB). *22,000gns Ylg ’21 TADEWE; 27,000gns Ylg ’22 TATOCT.

Good Karma (GB), g, 3, Dark Angel (Ire)—Prontamente (GB) (GSP-Fr), by More Than Ready. Newbury, 5-19, 7fT, 1:26.37. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, $14,467. B-China Horse Club International Ltd (GB). *57,000gns Ylg ’21 TATOCT.

Thunder Ball (GB), g, 3, Night Of Thunder (Ire)—Seradim (GB) (MSP-Eng), by Elnadim. Newbury, 5-19, 7fT, 1:25.26. Lifetime Record: 10-1-3-2, $18,077. B-Deepwood Farm Stud (GB).

Friday’s Results:

2nd-Leopardstown, €16,000, Mdn, 5-19, 3yo, 8fT, 1:41.64, gd.

WINSTON SPENCER (IRE) (c, 3, Churchill [Ire]—Glass Slipper [Ire], by Danehill), who ran seventh of 20 over seven furlongs in a winner-producing Curragh maiden in his Mar. 25 debut last time, tracked the leaders in sixth for most of this return. Coming under pressure soon after turning for home, the 15-2 chance went third passing the furlong pole and was driven out to deny Dawn Session (Ire) (Dawn Approach [Ire]) by a half-length in the dying strides. “I like him a lot and he ran well the first day, but he just got tired,” said trainer Noel Meade. “I thought he had come on a good bit and I think he’ll come on a good bit again. I think he’s a decent horse and he took plenty of pulling up. He’s a very well-bred horse, Coolmore bred him, and his dam is a full-sister to Danehill Dancer. I hadn’t thought any further than today with him and we’ll see what happens. I’ve sort of put my life on Churchill as I bought five 2-year-olds by him and I’ve got four 3-year-olds by him. Hopefully, he comes right for me.”

Winston Spencer, whose year-younger full-brother Gandolfo (Ire) posted a debut 12th earlier on the card, is the ninth of 10 foals and fifth scorer out of an unraced full-sister to G1SW sire Danehill Dancer (Ire) (Danehill) and stakes-winning sire Colossus (Ire) (Danehill). The March-foaled bay is also kin to Listed Bluebell S. victrix Curly (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) while descendants of his second dam Mira Adonde (Sharpen Up {GB}) include G2 Coventry S. hero and MG1SP sire Buratino (Ire) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}). Sales history: £38,000 Ylg ’21 TATIRY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $10,340. O-The London Racing 4 Partnership; B-Coolmore (IRE); T-Noel Meade.

FIRST WINNER FOR SIRE

1st-Leopardstown, €16,000, Mdn, 5-19, 2yo, 7fT, 1:34.53, gd.

DEEPONE (GB) (c, 2, Study Of Man [Ire]—Avyanna [Ire], by Galileo [Ire]), sent off the well-supported 3-1 favourite, was settled a few lengths off the pace by Billy Lee travelling smoothly. Sweeping to the front on the outer passing the furlong pole, the bay asserted to score by 2 1/2 lengths from the Jessie Harrington-trained fellow newcomer Instant Appeal (GB) (Advertise {GB}). In doing so, the winner was handing his Lanwades Stud-based first-season sire (by Deep Impact {Jpn}) with his breakthrough first winner. “Being drawn 17, I thought that he’d have to be good to win from out there and it was great that he did,” trainer Paddy Twomey said. “There is a race at Royal Ascot that might suit him. I haven’t thought past today but if that happens, great. I don’t think a trip will be a problem to him.” The dam, who is responsible for the Chilean group winner Aya d’Or (Carpe Diem), is a daughter of the G1 Yorkshire Oaks and G1 Prix Vermeille heroine My Emma (GB) (Marju {Ire}) whose listed-winning daughter Moments Of Joy (GB) (Darshaan {GB}) in turn produced the dual G3 Sagaro S. winner and G1 Gold Cup runner-up Mizzou (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). Cont. p17
1st-Leopardstown Cont.
From the family of the G1 St Leger hero Classic Cliche (Ire) (Salse), who went on to glory in the Gold Cup, Avyanna’s yearling colt is by Bated Breath (GB). Sales history: 31,000gns Wlg 21 TADEWE; 62,000gns Ylg ‘22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $10,340. VIDEO.
O-Vimal Khosla; B-Andreas Bezzola (GB); T-Paddy Twomey.

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1st-Chantilly, €30,000, Mdn, 5-19, 2yo, 5fT, 2:10.31, sf.
DANCE SIOUX (IRE) (f, 2, Sioux Nation--Dancing Around (GB), by Iffraaj {GB}), a May 4 debut third behind the ‘TDN Rising Star’ display of Les Pavots (Ire) (No Nay Never) over six furlongs here last time, broke well from the outside gate to track the leaders in third through the initial fractions. Tanking forward from halfway, the 11-5 second choice launched her challenge with 350 metres remaining and was ridden out inside the final furlong to prevail by two lengths from Paradisiacal (GB) (Siyouni {Fr}). Dance Sioux is the second of three foals and first scorer produced by an unraced half to stakes-winning G1 Champions Mile and G1 Stewards Cup placegetter Rewarding Hero (GB) (Exceed And Excel (Aus)) and the dual Group 3-placed Dance And Dance (Ire) (Royal Applause (GB)). Descendants of the March-foaled chestnut’s second dam, G3 Debutante S. runner-up Caldy Dancer (Ire) (Soviet Star), include G3 Sirenia S. victor Mighty Gurkha (Ire) (Sepoy (Aus)) and Listed Hyde S. third Caspian Queen (Ire) (Sepoy (Aus)). Sales history: €50,000 Ylg ‘22 GOFSPT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, €19,500. VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.
O-Laghi France; B-Mme Laura Flood (IRE); T-Pascal Bary.

4th-Chantilly, €28,000, Cond, 5-19, 3yo, f, 10fT, 2:10.31, sf.
TASMANIA (GER) (f, 3, Australia (GB)--Tusked Wings (Ire) (GSW-Ger), by Adlerflug (Ger)), who graduated over this trip at Saint-Cloud in her Apr. 7 sophomore bow last time, broke to the fore and accepted a tow in second after the initial strides here. Inching closer in the straight, the 16-5 second favourite hit the front approaching the final furlong and was ridden out to deny Yorokobi (Fr) (Siyouni (Fr)), the 13-10 favourite managed it in the final strides to prevail by a head. The winner is the second runner for the dam, who was successful in the G2 Lowther S. and G2 Duchess of Cambridge S. and who is a half-sister to the five-times group 1-winning 1000 Guineas and Oaks heroine Love (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). Also a half to that celebrity’s group 3-winning full-sisters Peach Tree (Ire) and Flattering (Ire) connected to the trio of group 2 winners Arabian Gleam (GB) (Kyllachy (GB)), Vin De Garde (Jpn) (Deep Impact (Jpn)) and Pogo (Ire) (Zebedee (GB)), her 2-year-old filly At No Time (GB) is by Love’s sire Galileo while she also has a yearling filly by Kingman (GB). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €27,500. VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.
O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte Farms (East) Ltd (GB); T-A Fabre.

5th-Chantilly, €27,000, Mdn, 5-19, 3yo, c/g, 12fT, 2:35.90, sf.
ZARIR (IRE) (c, 3, Frankel (GB)--Zarshana (Ire) (GSW-Fr, $160,546), by Sea The Stars (Ire)), an Apr. 28 debut eighth over 10 furlongs at this venue in his only prior start, raced in third after the early shuffling for positions. Moving into second at halfway, the 87-1 chance was pushed along to challenge inside the two pole and stayed on well under continued roasting to defeat Barbate (GB) (Frankel (Ire)) by 3/4-of-a-length. Cont. p5
5th-Chantilly Cont.
Zarir is the fourth of five foals and third scorer produced by G3 Prix Minerve victrix Zarshana (Ire) (Sea The Stars (Ire)), herself a half-sister to MG1SW European champion Zarkava (Ire) (Zamindar). The April-foaled chestnut is a half-brother to Listed Finale S. third Zawara (Ire) (Dubawi (Ire)) and the unraced 2-year-old colt Zarmardan (Ire) (Too Darn Hot (GB)). His dam Zarshana was bred to Medaglia d'Oro this year. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €13,500. Video, sponsored by TVG.

O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Stds SC (IRE); T-Francis-Henri Graffard.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Woodstock City (GB), c, 3, Churchill (Ire)--White Witch (SP-Ger), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). Nancy, 5-19, 10fT, 1:59.44. B-Jean-Pierre-Joseph Dubois (GB). *€45,000 Ylg '21 ARQOCT.

Wise Girl (Fr), f, 3, Recoletos (Fr)--Darma (Fr), by Acclamation (GB). Chantilly, 5-19, 12fT, 2:31.27. B-Yeguada Centurion SLU (FR). *1/2 to Dariyma (Fr) (City Zip), SW & GSP-Fr, $114,017; and Deremah (More Than Ready), MSP-Fr.

LIBERTY ISLAND TOUGH TO OPPOSE IN YUSHUN HIMBA
by Alan Carasso

Some six weeks have passed since Liberty Island (Jpn) (Duramente (Jpn)) came storming down the centre of the Hanshin turf course from near last to take the G1 Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas) and the daughter of rags-to-riches Australian standout Yankee Rose (Aus) (All American (Aus)) figures a long odds-on selection to add Sunday's G1 Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks) to her increasingly imposing resume.

The Oaks has proved a favourites' race over the last decade or so. Were she to prove successful in her first go over the metric mile and a half, she would become the sixth to score as the public pick since 2014, and the last time a horse outside the top three in the betting won was Meisho Mambo (Jpn) (Suzuka Mambo (Jpn)) in 2013.

Yuga Kawada carries the same Sunday Racing colours as he did when posting the lone Oaks victory of his career atop Gentildonna (Jpn) (Sunday Silence) back in 2012, and her pre-race blowout this past week suggests she'll be tough to peg back Sunday, even if the trip is something of a query.

“She’s been running well in training with a good rhythm and stretching out nicely,” said Kawada. “From where she was in her last race, it was great to get the result and then look to this race with her. We don't know about the distance for sure this time, but I think she can run well over 2400 metres.”

Liberty Island's late sire was also responsible for last year's 11-2 third-choice winner Stars on Earth (Jpn).

Carrot Farm's Perifania (Jpn) (Maurice (Jpn)) was making just her third career start in the 1000 Guineas and sat handy to the pace before settling for third, beaten a neck by the second-placed Kona Coast (Jpn) (Kitasan Black (Jpn)) and a length by Liberty Island for everything.

“She's a little tense, and wants to take the bit, but she's been running on well at the finish in training," commented Perifania's jockey Takeshi Yokoyama. “There's no problem with her racing left-handed, and while the 2400 meters might be a bit long, the most important thing will be keeping her relaxed throughout the run.”

There does not appear to be loads of early speed in the Oaks, and Golden Hind (Jpn) (Gold Ship (Jpn)), whose sire accounted for 2021 victress Uberleben (Jpn), should find her way to the front and is well-drawn to do so in barrier five. Fourth to the re-opposing Emu (Jpn) (Harbinger (Jpn)) in the G3 Flower Cup at Nakayama in March, the gray filly made all the running en route to a 1 1/4-length tally over So Dazzling (Jpn) (Heart's Cry (Jpn)) in the G2 Flora S. going 2000 metres of the Fuchu racecourse Apr. 23.

Reiko Hara’s Nuovo Record (Jpn) (Heart’s Cry (Jpn)) defeated heavily favoured Harp Star (Jpn) (Deep Impact (Jpn)) as the distant 8-1 second choice in this event in 2014 and she is represented here by the outposted England Eyes (GB) (Kingman {GB}). Also a veteran of only three prior starts, she was fourth to 1000 Guineas fourth Harper (Jpn) (Heart’s Cry (Jpn)) in the G3 Queen Cup in February and closed her final 600 metres in a joint-best :33.4 to fill the same spot when last seen in the Flora S. four weekends ago.

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LIBERTY ISLAND TOUGH TO OPPOSE IN YUSHUN HIMBA by Alan Carasso

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**AL SHAQAB LOCKINGE S.-G1**, £350,000, 4yo/up, 8f 0y

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FRANKEL FEVER AS YULONG BUYS TWO COLTS FOR $1.65M

by Oz Wedmore & Keely McKitterick

The 2023 Magic Millions National Weanling Sale came to a close on Friday with a flourish as Yulong fought off Newgate for a $925,000 Frankel (GB) colt, before adding a second to their armory just minutes later.

At A Glance
- Comparing the post-sale results to the same stage last year, the average dipped slightly on the second and final day of trade, sitting at $82,761, compared to last year’s figure of $89,720.

- The sale aggregate ended at $22,165,000, up by $4000 on last year.

- The median remained steady at $50,000, but was again down on last year’s comparable figure of $55,000.

- At the close of the day’s trade, 267 weanlings had sold across the two days at a clearance rate of 72%, down from last year’s figure of 79%.

- Friday closed with a flourish as Yulong snapped up two colts by Frankel (GB). The first, Lot 449 from Cornerstone Stud, became the sale-topper at $925,000, after Yulong fended off stiff competition from Newgate Farm. Mr. Zhang’s operation soon after added a second Frankel colt, Lot 453 from Coolmore Stud, which was knocked down for $725,000.

- Though all their horses sold as Thursday’s finale, Edinburgh Park remained the sale’s leading vendors, as their dispersal yielded a gross of $2,826,500 from their 23 sold. They were followed by Milburn Creek, whose draft contained a reduction of Sheriff Iskander’s stock, and they sold 14 for a total of $2,499,000.

- Cornerstone Stud led the vendors by average, with their seven selling at a rate of $199,571 apiece for a total of $1,397,000, just pipping Yarraman Park.

- Widden Stud’s Zoustar led the sires with an average (for three or more sold) of $271,875, and was also ahead on aggregate with eight sold for a total of $2,175,000.

- Kia Ora’s Farnan remained popular, but his average dipped on Friday to finish on $104,808, as he was overtaken by Darley’s Bivouac, who was the most popular first-season sire by average ($158,750) at the end of the sale.

Careful Selectors Keep Clearance Down

While there were plenty of fireworks to conclude the 2023 Magic Millions National Weanling Sale, Magic Millions Managing Director Barry Bowditch concedes he would have liked to see the clearance rate rise. “As I said yesterday, all numbers outside the clearance rate are really pleasing,” he said at the sale’s conclusion.

On the whole, the other parameters indicated a successful sale, with the gross marginally up on last year and a healthy median.

“I think we had...77 horses make over $100,000... They're big numbers to have at a foal sale. It just shows that there's a great thirst for quality horses out there. It's positive for the industry and it's positive for next week,” Bowditch said.

And as with yesterday, it was the cream that rose to the top, citing the same rhetoric of a strong top market, while the middle and bottom markets struggled in comparison.
**Yulong Refuses to Yield**

Just five lots from the end of the day, a protracted bidding war between Henry Field and Sam Fairgray lit up the Bundall sales complex. With the company’s principal Mr Zhang on the phone instructing Chief Operating Officer Fairgray, it was Yulong who eventually landed the winning bid of $925,000 on Lot 449, a Frankel (GB) colt from Cornerstone Stud.

Frankel weanlings have twice broken the $2 million barrier in the Northern Hemisphere, but it was nonetheless a Southern Hemisphere-bred record price, nearly $300,000 clear of Coolmore Stud’s colt sold at this sale last year.

“Obviously, Mr Zhang has always had a great passion for Frankel, he’s just a fantastic stallion,” Fairgray said. “We’ll keep him and race him, he’s just a great moving horse from a nice family. Hopefully, he can end up in the stallion barn for us.

“Mr Zhang’s on the farm working the cattle, and we just had him on the phone. He was here yesterday when we inspected him, and obviously, these sort of horses, you’ve got to pay up...”

With Frankel’s progeny being of limited access even to those with Yulong’s level of resources, Mr Zhang’s passion for Frankel was no doubt aided by his dual Group 1 winner Hungry Heart, also by the stallion and the first Yulong-bred horse to win at the elite-level in their colours.

“Obviously, he made a lot of money, but as a yearling he’d have been making that so we’re just buying him a little earlier than you’d have thought,” Fairgray said.

“We’ve got some really nice Frankels at home. There’s some we may offer, but the colts we’ll probably keep to race.”

**Frankel Comes Up Trumps For Cornerstone**

The standout Frankel colt is the first foal from the unraced Muhaarar (GB) mare Upside (Ire), a half-sister to dual Group 1 winner Europa Point (Ire) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}) and unbeaten 2-year-old turned sire Harbour Watch (Ire)—whose arthritic issues enforced retirement after just five seasons at Tweenhills Stud in the UK.

Aply named, Upside was one of four mares purchased for a Cornerstone Stud-run fund by Tom Pritchard-Gordon, brother to Cornerstone’s General Manager Sam. With the mares bought specifically to mate to Frankel, Sam Pritchard-Gordon credited his brother as ‘solely responsible’ for the selections.

“That was born off the back of when Argentia won as a 2-year-old and I thought, ‘This stallion is going to be really good down here as well as up there’... It’s amazing to think that we’ve been rewarded with a colt like that at that sort of price.

“... Sadly one of our core clients, whose fund is managed by Robert Chapman, former chairman of the Adelaide Crows, sadly passed away. So, we’ve been asked to liquidate all their assets and that’s what forced our hand but fortuitously, it was an absolute Godsend that Frankel keeps on doing it,”

Pritchard-Gordon said, adding that Upside has not travelled to the Gold Coast as planned in light of a raised temperature.

Terming Frankel ‘the most prepotent stallion there is,’ Pritchard-Gordon also paid tribute to his team at Cornerstone and was visibly proud to have raised a sale-topper from their South Australian stud.

“It’s seen 100 years of raising top-quality horses,” he said of Cornerstone. “We’ve got probably the smallest broodmare population of any state, and just to think that we continually compete in the top races.

“With our change of direction, moving away from stallions and focussing on top-end broodmares, it’s going to hopefully endorse our future vision as a business.”

**Yulong’s Stallion Support Continues**

The Frankel-inspired fireworks didn’t end with the sale-topper either. With a single, unfortunate weanling waiting in the chute to the sales ring, the day’s penultimate lot (453) was given plenty of selling time, but Mr Zhang was not to be denied yet again.

Consigned by Coolmore, a second Frankel colt was knocked down to Yulong, this time for $725,000. Another first foal, he is out of Walk This Way (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}), a once-raced half-sister to Alluringly (USA) (Fastnet Rock), who was placed in the G1 Epsom Oaks and is the dam of Irish Group 2 winner Lily Pond (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}).

“He (Mr Zhang) really liked that colt so he’s pleased that he got him as well,” Fairgray said. “Similar to the other colt, we’ll keep them and race them and hopefully turn them into stallions.

“Frankel’s a fantastic stallion and we just hope that we can get one to end up in the stallion barn.
“It’s interesting, Mr Zhang had his favourite, and I had my favourite—mine was a little more expensive,” Fairgray chuckled.

Overall, Yulong signed for 12 weanlings across the two-day sale, their receipts totalling $3,475,000 at an average of $289,583 apiece—to finish well ahead of their rival buyers on aggregate and second only to Jim Carey on average.

Aside from the pair of Frankel colts, their support for their own Written Tycoon continued on Friday, their only other purchase of the day being a second from Milburn Creek as part of Sheriff Iskander’s reduction, for which they paid $350,000.

Consigned as Lot 285, the colt is out of Miss Iano (Equiano {Fr}), an eight-time winner who was also stakes-placed.

“He was another really nice physical out of a fast mare,” Fairgray commented. “We’ve bought a lot of yearlings by Written Tycoon and with Capitalist going so well and so forth, we’re hopeful that he can get a couple of colts who can perform on the track and end up at stud.”

Citing the speed influence of Irish National Stud resident Equiano (Fr) over his dam, Fairgray noted that whilst it’s a novel cross over Written Tycoon, the influence of Not A Single Doubt, the colt’s grandam, has proven to work well in the past.

“...It is interesting that he has a double cross of Last Tycoon, which is interesting as that has also worked out okay on his top and bottom line,” he said.

**Hedge Hooks In On Familiar Family**

Two days after Suman Hedge announced the sale of G3 CS Hayes S. winner Elliptical (Dundeel {NZ}) to Hong Kong for an undisclosed amount, he landed the 3-year-old’s half-sister, a So You Think (NZ) filly (Lot 272) for $400,000.

“It’s been a big week,” Hedge said. “Selling the horse was a bit bittersweet. He’s such a nice horse, and he’s been such an important horse for my business and the ownership group as well.”

Hedge purchased Elliptical for $20,000 less than that figure at the 2021 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale, having missed out to Jim Carey at the 2020 version of this sale when he cost twice Hedge’s estimate at $200,000.

Bred and sold by Phoenix Broodmare Farm, Hedge has a clear (and understandable) taste for the filly’s dam Marquise Da Rossa (Testa Rossa), having also purchased her Castelvecchio filly for $120,000 this time last year.

“We just felt that she was one of the nicest fillies we’ve seen all year,” Hedge said.

“The stallion’s doing an amazing job. He just gets winners consistently, he’s so versatile. We just loved her as a type, she’s a beautiful representation of the stallion. She’s a glorious filly, I kept thinking about her the whole time I’ve been here so I’m really happy to get her.”

Whilst the Castelvecchio yearling filly, bought for Sheriff Iskander, is heading into training with John O’Shea, Hedge’s latest recruit from the family may yet be reoffered at next year’s yearling sales—though he admitted that his clients formerly in Elliptical might be inspired by their recent payout to buy into her.

“We’ve got two options...pinhooking is an option. Some of the Elliptical guys have been talking to me about potentially buying the filly, so I’ll just work that out.

“It’s obviously a lot of money so we’ve got to try to turn that into something, but we’ll work that out.

“I think the residual (value) is already there. He (Elliptical) is already a Group 3 winner and multiple Group 1 placed. He’s kind of made the page there and we like the Castelvecchio filly and this filly is a good sort.”
Gabbedy Goes Large In Search Of Security

Belmont Bloodstock Agency’s (FBAA) Damon Gabbedy bought the single weanling by Champion Sire I Am Invincible offered at this year’s sale.

Paying $375,000 for the Yarraman Park-consigned foal-share colt (Lot 277), he felt he’d found good value for a pinhook client. Citing the consistent strength in the top end of bloodstock as added security, he also pointed to the popularity of I Am Invincible’s progeny at yearling sales, which reached an annual all-time high this year of $682,307.

“We’re very thrilled to get an I Am Invincible colt. Obviously, he’s the leading sire of Australia and on the market I don’t think it’s bad buying—I think it’s good buying,” Gabbedy said, adding that the colt will return to Magic Millions in January.

Closing off the interests of the late Ron Sayers, former studmaster of Yarradale Stud, the colt was bred in partnership between the Western Australian farm and Yarraman. He is a half-brother to G2 Karrakatta Plate winner Valour Road (Frost Giant (USA)), himself bred and partially retained by Yarradale.

Their dam is the winning Street Sense (USA) mare Melba Avenue, a half-sister to dual Group 3 scorer Raspberries (Lonhro), and has returned to the west after being covered by Darley’s Pinatubo (Ire) last year.

“I thought he was a really good-moving colt, a half to a very, very good horse in Perth, so hopefully he’ll turn a profit on him,” Gabbedy said.

“He’s off a good farm in Yarraman, he’s a great walking colt which I think is very important when you’re presenting a yearling, and the mare’s proven—he’s had a Group 2 winner who’s won nearly $1.5 million. So, I think he’ll get a lot of looks in January.”

Mackenzie Adds to Prized Collection

A son of their champion, and Yarraman Park’s Hellbent also made his mark on Friday. Lot 354, his filly consigned by Yarraman, sold to Bruce Mackenzie for $400,000—a record for his sire.

Mackenzie, who names his horses exclusively using his Oaksfield prefix, also sticks steadfastly by another rule, making certain that it’s some time before the scopey filly is seen again in public.

“She’s not a 2-year-old, because I don’t start 2-year-olds,” he said. “I’ve never started a 2-year-old in my life, (and) I’ve won about 195 races with Oaksfields.

“She’ll still get powdered milk in her feed for the next two or three months and she’ll get two eggs a day, shell and all—that’s how I feed my young horses. I’ve got five weanlings at home, she’ll go with them and get looked after like a queen.”

Out of Rose Of Mulan (More Than Ready (USA)), she’s a half-sister to last year’s G2 Sheraco S. winner Shades Of Rose (Rubick) and the last-start G3 Shaftsebury Avenue H. winner Scallopini (Snitzel).

Mackenzie later secured Lot 412 from Amarina Farm for $170,000. One of two to represent Ballylinch Stud’s Lope De Vega (Ire) in the sale, he is out of the Listed-placed Exceed And Excel mare Sugar Free (Ger).

“I paid $530,000 for a Frankel weanling a couple of years ago and she’s magnificent. You’ve got to have a bit of class with the conformation and breeding,” Mackenzie added.

With 18 months before Mackenzie will decide on a trainer for either horse, he is adamant that employing more patience than is shown by many yearling buyers reaps rewards for his horses in the long term.

“(It’s) common sense—watching, listening, waiting,” he explained. “How many Golden Slipper winners in the last six years have won another race? None.

“Vets make a fortune by looking after 2-year-olds. Most of the income from vets that look after thoroughbreds is made looking after 2-year-olds.”

Maher Makes the Most of the Market

A daughter of Darley shuttler Blue Point (Ire), Three Bridges Thoroughbreds bred and consigned Lot 427, a filly who sold to Ciaron Maher Bloodstock for $310,000.

A second foal from Teebo (Stryker), a daughter of the Group 1-winning mare Recurring (NZ) (Pentire (GB)), she was the final and most expensive purchase coordinated by Ciaron Maher Racing’s Head Of Bloodstock, Will Bourne, who signed for three by Maurice (Jpn) on Thursday.

“We spent a bit of money on two Blue Points at the yearling sales and I just got back from Europe and the talk is pretty real about him there,” Bourne told TDN AusNZ, adding that those yearlings currently in their pre-race education phase at Ciaron Maher Racing are also impressing.
With those yearlings the oldest of his Southern Hemisphere progeny, Blue Point has achieved six winners from 23 runners in Europe.

“It’s early doors but we really rate the stallion and she’s a filly that has a bit of class about her so we thought we’d take the punt and get in early before her progeny run in Australia,” Bourne explained.

“We purchased her for a particular client, but with the Maurices, that was more for the database, as Ciaron’s got such a belief in the stallion. As an end user buying those sorts of horses at that money he saw value in it, so was happy to proceed with it.”

Walking away with two colts and one filly, they spent a gross of $410,000 on his progeny on Thursday. The sire has provided the team with one of their recent stars, Hitoshu, a triple Group 1 winner, who was unfortunately retired early due to an injury.

Despite a familiarity with progeny, Bourne admitted it takes some imagination and guesswork when selecting them at the sales.

“Buying Maurices as yearlings you have to be creative, let alone as weanlings. They’re pretty raw and athletic and more on the leaner side than the Australian sprinters.

“They weren’t obvious horses here but, knowing what the sire can produce, Ciaron was keen to purchase them and we’re happy.

“They can all run, that’s for sure.”

Friday, the curtain was drawn on the weanling edition of the 2023 Magic Millions National Sale with the race fillies and broodmares set to be offered from Tuesday, May 23.