TWO PHIL'S 'ROCKS' CLEVELAND IN OHIO DERBY ROMP

by Alan Carasso

On the shores of Lake Erie in Cleveland sits the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and about 15 miles away Saturday afternoon in southeast suburban North Randall, Patricia's Hope, Phillip Sagan and Madaket Stables' Two Phil's (Hard Spun) turned in a heavy metal performance of his own, treating seven rivals to a thorough 'beat'-ing in the $500,000 GIII Ohio Derby. 'TDN Rising Star' Bishops Bay (Uncle Mo), narrowly defeated by next-out GI Belmont S. hero Arcangelo (Arrogate) in the GIII Peter Pan S. last month, was no match for the winner in second, while longshot Hayes Strike (Connect) ran on to be third.

With Jareth Loveberry forced to the sidelines by a most untimely injury, it was Gerardo Corrales--in the irons for Two Phil's's debut at Churchill Downs almost exactly one year ago Saturday--who got the call-up from trainer Larry Rivelli, and despite never being on a stage quite this big, executed a tactically perfect ride on the chestnut.

Away in good order from stall four in the eight-horse field, Two Phil's raced prominently as the rail-drawn Henry Q (Blame) was ridden aggressively by Kendrick Carmouche and led into the first turn while making the running in the three or four path.

McCARRON: CONNECT WITH THE HORSE AND THE REST WILL FOLLOW by Chris McGrath

How to ride your way into the Hall of Fame? Impossible question. Nobody could reduce such a journey, the decades of endeavor and experience, to a single explanation, a single concept. In the case of Chris McCarron, however, you can actually reduce the answer to a single word, simply by asking a different question.

That question is: why did you make seven trips to Washington to lobby for the HISA bill? And the single word, answering both questions? Cooperation.

That's what he always sought from his mounts; and that's also the premise he commends for all our dealings, as an industry, with the Thoroughbred.

McCarron rode professionally for 28 years. If you combine 34,000 race rides with all those he breezed in the morning, you get past 50,000 mounts. Cont. p6

IN TDN EUROPE TODAY

LONG SHOT KHAadem STUNS QUEEN ELIZABETH II JUBILEE FIELD

Khaadem (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), the longest shot on the board, stunned his rivals in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee S. at Royal Ascot on Saturday.

ROLL OUT THE CRIMSON CARPET

Crimson Advocate takes the G2 Queen Mary at Royal Ascot. She's Nyquist's 15th Graded or Group juvenile – more at this stage of his career than any other American stallion ever. Just imagine...
Grade 1 Winner SOCIETY establishes a new track record in the Chicago Stakes (G3)

Making all the pace from gate to wire, Grade 1 Winner SOCIETY avenged Wicked Halo’s second place finish on Derby day to Matareya, besting that rival by 10 3/4 lengths in the Chicago Stakes (G3) at Ellis, establishing a new track record for 7 furlongs in 1:20.54.

Congratulations to Society’s connections:
Owner/Breeder: Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds LLC
Hall of Fame Trainer: Steve Asmussen
SOCIETY BREAKS TRACK MARK IN CHICAGO S.
Sent off the 2-1 second favorite, Peter Blum’s Society (Gun Runner) turned Saturday’s GIII Chicago S. at Ellis Park into a one-horse affair, scoring by 10 3/4 lengths en route to establishing a new track record.

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Ohio Derby cont.

Bishops Bay raced closest in attendance, and for a stride or two, it appeared that Corrales was going to dive down to the inside before thinking better of it and settling Two Phil’s on the back of Bishops Bay. It was arguably the winning move, better than six furlongs from home.

Content to bide his time from third down the backstretch as Henry Q took them through four furlongs in a sensible :47.42, Two Phil’s was asked to improve at the three-eighths peg and quickly raced up to his chief market rival, as Henry Q capitulated readily. In front without having been unduly asked by Corrales with a bit less than a quarter-mile to travel, Two Phil’s kicked for home and raced away to a comfortable victory. Bishops Bay was switched out at the midstretch marker by Florent Geroux, but it was far too little and far too late.

Runaway winner of last year’s GIII Street Sense S., Two Phil’s covered himself in glory on the New Orleans road to the Triple Crown, finishing runner-up in the GIII Lecomte S. in January and third to Angel of Empire (Classic Empire) in the GI Risen Star S. the following month. Connections then selected a path of lesser resistance, swerving the GI Louisiana Derby in favor of the GI Jeff Ruby Steaks Mar. 25, and he duly obliged with a 5 1/4-length thrashing of the classy Major Dude (Bolt d’Oro). Having earned his fair share of admirers, Two Phil’s sat relatively close to the wicked early pace in the May 6 GI Kentucky Derby at odds shy of 10-1, went for an early move to lead into the stretch and fought on bravely to be beaten a length into second by Mage (Good Magic), with Angel of Empire another half-length back in third.

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The obligatory discussion of a Preakness S. appearance ensued, always a polarizing debate, but connections stuck to their guns and landed on the Ohio Derby as a springboard to the summer’s seven-figure 3-year-old races in New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania.

Following his performance in front of an enthusiastic crowd Saturday, it is crystal clear that Two Phil’s is hitting all the right notes with plenty to play for in the second half of the year.

Pedigree Notes:
Two Phil’s is one of 97 worldwide black-type winners (47 graded/group winners) for Darley America’s outstanding Hard Spun and is one of three stakes winner and the only one at the graded level for his now Turkish-based broodmare sire General Quarters.

Breeder and part-owner Phillip Sagan raced Mia Torri to four wins from 10 starts including victories in the Sunshine Millions Distaff and Sugar Maple S. while placing in the GIII Charles Town Oaks and the GIII Bed o’ Roses S. A half-sister to a pair of stakes performers, the 10-year-old Mia Torri has a 2-year-old colt by Omaha Beach and a yearling colt by McKinzie. There is no reported foal as yet for 2023, but she was bred to Omaha Beach last season. Chart p5
A BIG Thank you, breeders, for another successful season.

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Winstar
Society runs them off their feet in the Chicago

by Alan Carasso

Few horses in training could have matched motors Saturday with Peter Blum’s Society (Gun Runner), who took the GIII Chicago S. by the scruff of the neck a few strides away from the gates and never gave any of her five rivals a chance, streaking home to score in new track-record time.

Drawn one from the outside, the 2-1 second favorite hit the ground running and led narrowly through the opening stages from Drifaros (Kantharos) as odds-on Matareya (Pioneerof the Nile) was content enough to sit third behind the speed.

The homebred began to get away on the turn, kicked farther clear into the stretch and ran out the easiest kind of winner for Tyler Gaffalione. Drifaros boxed on gamely inside to complete the exacta ahead of Matareya.

“She was super impressive today,” said Gaffalione. “It’s a credit to Steve [Asmussen] and his team for having her ready to run a huge race. It was pretty cool setting the track record with her today.”

Winner of the Monomoy Girl S. last June to run her unbeaten streak to three, Society faded to be a distant fourth to Nest (Curlin) in the GI CCA Oaks before romping in the seven-furlong GIII Charles Town Oaks while earning a career-best 101 Beyer. Capitalizing on a speed-favoring strip at Parx next time out, she led throughout in the GI Cotillion S. back at a route of ground, but beat just one home in the GI Breeders’ Cup Distaff and called it a season. The chestnut resumed with a third to champion Goodnight Olive (Ghostzapper) in the GI Madison S. going seven panels at Keeneland Apr. 8, but instead of facing Matareya and Goodnight Olive in the GI Derby City Distaff at that seemingly optimal distance, opted for the May 5 GI La Troienne S. going long and weakened to finish a well-beaten ninth.

Pedigree Notes:

Society continues what has been a magical run for Blum over the last few seasons, as his operation has accounted for 2020 GI Kentucky Derby and GI Breeders’ Cup Classic hero and Horse of the Year Authentic (Into Mischief) as well as this year’s GI Preakness S. winner National Treasure (Quality Room), to name a few. Cont. p6
Chicago S. cont.

Blum acquired second dam Archduchess—a half-sister to MGSW Mark One (Alphabet Soup) and GSW Rookie Sensation (Unbridled's Song) and whose son Pleasant Prince (Indy King) won the 2010 GII Ohio Derby—in 2010, and Etiquette was the second foal bred by Blum out of the mare. Society is one of two winners from three to the races for her dam, who is also responsible for the 2-year-old filly Finesse (Street Sense), a $725,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase by Windancer Farm, and a yearling colt by Omaha Beach. She was most recently covered by Gun Runner.

Saturday, Ellis Park
CHICAGO S.-GIII, $225,000, Ellis, 6-24, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:20.54 (NTR), ft.
1--SOCIETY, 118, f, 4, by Gun Runner
   1st Dam: Etiquette, by Tapit
   2nd Dam: Archduchess, by Pleasant Tap
   3rd Dam: My Marchesa, by Stately Don
O/B-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen; J-Tyler Gaffalione. $137,260. Lifetime Record: GISW, 10-6-0-1, $1,334,535. Werk Nick Rating: A+++.*Triple Plus* Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

2--Drifaros, 118, f, 4, by Kantharos--Style Drift, by English Channel. ($70,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; $20,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; $25,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR). O-My Purple Haze Stables; B-Hidden Springs Farm (KY); T-Teresa M. Pompay. $45,100.


Chris McCarron cont. from p1

"And what a learning playground that was!" McCarron exclaims. "If I just showed up every day and my boss says, 'I want you to go five-eighths in a minute...'' Well, yeah, that sounds simple enough. But I'd be paying attention to every little thing that horse was telling me. And then I would know what to tell it. And I developed a skill, an ability to communicate with Thoroughbreds, in such a fashion that I would get what I'm looking for. And that was cooperation. The most important thing I ever wanted was cooperation."

McCarron has welcomed TDN to his Lexington home, the exemplary professionalism of that long riding career (along, no doubt, with all the golf he plays nowadays) plainly legible, at 68, in his spry posture and animated engagement. It was 21 years ago this week that McCarron quit the saddle, aptly concluding at Hollywood Park with Came Home (Gone West), his final Derby horse, as his 7,141st winner. His mounts had earned an unprecedented $264 million. But McCarron didn't just ride off into the sunset.

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And he gets to asking: "What if this had been worse? What if I broke my back, my neck? I better start laying the groundwork for a second career."

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Having always tried to get inside a horse’s head, he was intrigued by the idea of training. Methodical as ever, then, he started studying for a possible next vocation. After breezing, he would stick around the barn and see how things were done. But then the people he was shadowing all started to say the same thing.

"Chris, I hope you’re not thinking about getting your trainer’s license?"

Why ever not?

"Well, we don’t think you can do to a horse what's necessary to win races."

"This is way before all our new medication changes," McCarron emphasizes now. "Every barn has a horse that has a problem. Every barn has horses that turn up lame at any given time. I did it for a week and I couldn’t stomach it."

What he had seen was not his idea of working with the horse, of cooperation. That experience doubtless stayed with him, years later, when joining a team knocking one congressman’s door after another. He testified. It took eight years to get the bill signed. But this is a man whose dedication to welfare of horse and rider has been unstinting. Indeed, during a stint as general manager at Santa Anita, he banned shockwave therapy.

How did that go down on the backside? "Some of the trainers wanted to hang me."

And that takes us back to this whole business of co-operation. Because just as a jockey can misuse the whip, the pharmaceutical trainers aren't asking a horse, but forcing it.

"Right," McCarron says. "But I’m optimistic, I really am. There’s a plethora of smart, dedicated, persevering individuals who are going to be enforcing these rules; a great group of people that have gotten together for one cause, for one end, and that’s the safety of the horses. Being a jockey, that’s paramount for me. Because if the horses are safer, automatically jockeys are safer."

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The NY Race Track Chaplaincy, for over a decade, has provided a Summer Enrichment Program in Saratoga in order to keep Saratoga families together during the racing season and give the children an opportunity to experience a summer that some have never had before; away from the city and the track. This program meets so many critical needs for the families we serve. We turn no child away and rely entirely on contributions to keep the program going.

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McCarron cont.
Significant to hear McCarron still describe himself as a jockey. Evidently the born rider never "stops," any more than he ever really "starts." Somewhere along the line, he just discovers what he is. Certainly there was nothing in McCarron's Massachusetts upbringing to explain his intuition for the horse. As a kid, his dream was to play for the Boston Bruins. But then his older brother Gregg, simply because he had a jockey's build, had the fortune to be introduced to Suffolk Downs trainer Odie Clelland.

"Turns out he was like our second dad," McCarron recalls. "Just a class act. Odie was well known for bringing out young boys and girls to learn how to be jockeys, and he was an outstanding horseman as well. So Gregg started playing hooky from school. And a couple of months later during dinner he said, 'Mom, dad, I think I'm going to quit school and get a job on the racetrack.' Mom slams her fork down and says, 'Over my dead body! No son of mine's ever going to be involved with a bunch of derelicts and gamblers and degenerates.'"

She owed this image of the track to a couple of visits a year with the Knights of Columbus.

"And they'd see what we called the 'stoopers','" McCarron recalls. "These old guys with the stogie in their mouth, the hat, binoculars around their neck and an armful of racing information. And they'd walk around stooping down, 'Is this ticket any good? This ticket?' In the filth."

Mrs. McCarron's opinion can scarcely have been improved after Gregg was given a leg-up for the first time.

"The colt took one step forward and Gregg landed behind the saddle," McCarron recalls. "The colt bucked him off and then kicked him right in the face. Shattered the orbital bone, broke his nose, broke some teeth. Mom said, 'I'm praying that this will remove any desire Gregg might have to become a jockey.'

But as soon as he was healed, he was back on the track. And he stayed there 25 years."

If that wasn't enough to stop Gregg, who rode 2,403 winners, it certainly wasn't going to stop his brother. McCarron made his own start in 1971, before his senior year in high school, and was instantly besotted. And, actually, when the rest of the family saw the work ethic instilled by the brothers' hardboot mentor, they understood.

"Even when I was still an exercise boy, Odie taught us to pay really close attention to every horse we threw a leg over," McCarron says. "Not just once, twice, but every time I scale a horse, I should be learning something. So that evolved into learning what makes a horse tick. The more familiar with a horse's desires and dislikes, the more successful I became-and the more part of that horse's performance I became."

Hence this vital search for a wavelength, "whether it's a filly bouncing all over the place and I get her to settle down, or a big old lazy gelding that needs to be woken up."

Obviously across 50,000 horses, there were plenty of recurring responses. But you could never make assumptions.

"John Henry was mean as a horse could be, in the stall," McCarron recalls. "Even though he was a gelding, even at the ripe old age of nine, if you're not careful he'll hurt you. But in the afternoon, he was as straightforward as he could be. Seventeen different jockeys rode him and just about everybody won on him. So he was a very generous horse with his ability."
McCarron cont.

Some horses were like bicycles. Alphabet Soup: keep asking, he'd keep giving. Hard work, but for predictable reward. Tiznow, you sense, was more satisfying precisely because more challenging.

McCarron largely resisted using the stick on the big horse. "I could use it for encouragement," he recalls. "But if he wasn't ready, he would let me know by pinning his ears. I actually learned that by watching his other riders, Alex Solis and then Victor Espinoza. I watched them and thought, 'I wonder if he's really okay with being hit.'"

Then came a notorious morning, a week before his second Breeders' Cup. The instructions were to backtrack to the half-mile pole, turn with the pony, canter to the wire and breeze a circuit. The first bit goes to plan. Once turned, however, Tiznow plants himself.

"Okay, well, I'll just wait," McCarron says. "I wait five minutes. Still doesn't want to go. Backtracked some more. Same result. Backtracked again. Now I'm over at the six-and-a-half pole and it's 30 minutes into this exercise."

With trainer Jay Robbins way off in the grandstand, McCarron calls an audible: he hollers to the starting gate for some blinkers. But no, Tiznow, doesn't take to that suggestion either. Then, suddenly, with McCarron's feet out of the irons, he starts to jog. Quickly McCarron squeezes his toes back in-and Tiznow takes off. And, hell, now he's too strong.

Another audible: he'd break off at the half-mile pole. That's the kind of confidence that comes with the Hall of Fame. But one of the other things that got McCarron there was timing his own works. And, at the quarter pole, he glances at his wrist: 23-and-one. Too fast. But the more he tries restraint, the harder the horse goes. Another glimpse at his watch, passing the wire: 47 flat. Tiznow keeps rolling, works the mile in 1:36 3/5-and gallops out strong, too.

Everyone's asking what can be bugging the horse: he must be sore, in body or mind. But McCarron feels that Tiznow just wanted to show that he wouldn't be rushed. He loved to stand out on the track watching the other horses; and his usual work rider (good as he was) was a freelance with a living to earn, with other horses waiting. Besides, Tiznow actually put in a beautiful breeze.

Come the race, even so, McCarron can't know which Tiznow will come out of the gate.

"He broke running, check that box," he recalls. "He's got a hold of me, check that box. Going down the backside, he's relaxed, check that box. I told Jay in the paddock, 'Don't be surprised if I don't hit him, because I don't want the Tiznow of today to be the Tiznow of last Saturday.' [But] Sakhee was full of run, and at the 16th pole he's a neck in front. Well, I got nothing to lose at this point. So I tapped him left-handed. Now, when a horse re-breaks at that stage of a mile-and-a-quarter race, it's not like the acceleration you get from a turf horse, when they drop down and come home in 23. But I felt the acceleration. And all of a sudden I was full of hope. And then Tom [Durkin] yelled, 'Tiznow wins it for America.' I was like, wow, this is big."

Just one snapshot, this, of how a great rider ekes the best from a horse; and, yes, gets them to co-operate.

"I firmly believe that the horses most desirous to win carry that with them all the time," McCarron says. "They definitely know when they win. I think that the breed has demonstrated a superiority-inferiority segregation, if you will, in the wild. And the Thoroughbred brings that to the table as well. There is a hierarchy. The ones that are followers, they're probably a bunch of losers. And the leaders are those that bring their game every time."

Who does that remind you of? Because surely that's true of jockeys, too?

"I think so," McCarron accepts. "No question, most of the jockeys I had the pleasure of riding with and against, they're multi-time champions because of their tremendous desire to do the very best they possibly can. I look back and have to pinch myself: what a classroom I had."

Through the 1980s, in that Californian colony, he was riding against nine Hall of Famers.

"And I was always seeking answers," McCarron says. "I see Laffit do something, I'll just watch and figure that out. A lot of times I could ask him. But when you get to the point where you're as competitive as they are, you didn't want to impose. I didn't want to go to Shoe and say, 'How did you get that filly to change leads like that? I couldn't when I rode her.'"
Instead he would listen intently as they all came in and stood watching the replay. Nonetheless McCarron is adamant. "I didn't fear any of them," he says. "I had to go to work every day with the attitude that I'm better than anybody out there. It's a question of me getting on the right horse."

He had powerful evidence behind him. "I rode my first race on January 24, 1974," he recalls. "I broke my maiden on February 9, my 10th ride. By the end of March, riding at Bowie, I'm going to say I had 30 winners. Which is crazy. From April 1 to December 31, I rode another 510.

"How in the world could I have done this? There's only one answer. I am blessed with God-given talent to communicate with Thoroughbreds, bottom line. Then I have to go ahead and take that, capitalize on it, put it to good use every single time I throw my leg over a horse's back."

After 1,011 winners in his first two years, McCarron was invited to Hollywood Park for an all-star race. "My agent wouldn't let me go, because he was fearful that if I see those swinging palm trees out there, I may not want to come home," McCarron says. "He was right!"

McCarron did go when invited again the following year and, forget the palm trees, he knew he had to measure himself against the best. Every now and then, in the Bowie racing office, he had overheard the agents: "Yeah, he might be able to ride around here, but if he thinks he can go out to California and do the same, he's mistaken."

So that desire, the same desire that had set the best horses apart, where had that come from? "My family," McCarron says. "My mom and dad were incredibly hard workers. They raised nine of us. My mom had a little one in diapers for 20 years straight, between my eldest brother Joe and my youngest sister Colette. And we were all athletic, all competitive."

Between nature and nurture, then, he had something special to work with. And he tried to share that by starting the first jockey school in America. Invited to address one in Japan, in 1988, he had been blown away. Why weren't American kids offered that kind of opportunity, when they'd had a school in South Africa as long ago as 1960 and others had meanwhile opened in Latin America, Europe, Australia? Having been dismayed by the way horses were trained, he resolved to train people instead.

To this day, then, he retains a vigilant interest in the role models available to young jockeys.

"The rider of today doesn't look anywhere near as good on a horse as the riders of yesteryear," he says candidly. "I can't for the life of me figure out why jockeys across the pond, most notably England and Ireland, didn't emulate Frankie. They look terrible on a horse. Frankie learned his trade here. That's why he looks so good. And it's not the American style, it's the Panamanian style."

He hates to see jockeys standing up down the back stretch, their butts way above the saddle. "Where the heck's that coming from?" he asks. "Laziness. It's more strenuous to get down and stay down for a long period. Harder on your legs, quads, hamstrings. These guys that get way up off a horse's back have no idea how much drag they're increasing."

He remembers Joe Allen's wife Rhonda taking a set of aerodynamic silks to NYU, back in the 1980s. The lab computed a gain, over a mile, of around 15 feet.

"Go down the road with the window down, at 40 miles an hour, and then just turn your hand," he says. "Cyclists, runners, skiers, swimmers shave their bodies because the hair follicles have bubbles. If that creates drag, what is [riding] up here doing?"

His students could never shake McCarron off balance, when he modeled the equicizer for them. But there was always more than one kind of equilibrium involved in the fulfillment of his own talent. Getting onto Sunday Silence, after all, was just the result of one guy being the ultimate professional-and another, well, not so much.

Really all the key ingredients were already in place, the day he rode his first winner: not just the innate connection with the horse, but the seriousness of mind, the diligence of heart.

All that said, is there anything he would tell his younger self, that snowy day at Bowie? "Boy," he says, and pauses to think. "I'd say that you're getting ready to jump into a career that can be quite hazardous, and that you must always keep your wits about you. But it's the next bit that's key. "And that if you learn to love the horse, and you're passionate about what you do, you'll be successful."
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HEIDER FAMILY FOUNDATION ISSUES CHALLENGE GRANT FOR CHAPLAINCY SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

by Sue Finley

Scott and Cindy Heider and their Heider Family Foundation have issued a $10,000 matching grant to raise money for the New York Race Track Chaplaincy’s Summer Enrichment program, the focus of a TDN feature earlier this week.

The Chaplaincy started the summer program 10 years ago to allow families to stay together when racing shifts to Saratoga, sending the children to local summer camp programs while the parents work. "The kids love it," Humberto Chavez, New York Chaplain for the Race Track Chaplaincy of America told the TDN last week. "They get out of city life and get into the country."

Scott Heider saw the article, sent it to his wife, Cindy, and the pair decided to jump in and help.

"We race under Heider Family Stables, and we also have a foundation here in Omaha, the Heider Family Foundation," Cindy explained. "We work with a lot of different organizations, whether it’s under-served youth, education, a little bit in the arts, mental health, and over the years have supported some organizations in racing, like the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, programs on the backstretch, Blue Grass Farms Charities, and New Vocations. We like to support the good the work that everyone is doing; they’re working really hard, and helping a lot of people working really hard that don’t have great support systems. Scott saw the article, forwarded it to me, and we saw that the chaplaincy was doing some great work in the summer program. So between us, we said we should help them a little bit. and then when I talked to (General Manager) Karen (Chavez), today I said to her, ‘I don’t know if it’s helpful to do a match, but if so, this is the time to do it.’"

Said Chaplain Humberto Chavez, "We are grateful to TDN for allowing us to speak from the heart about what this program means for our families. The kids have the opportunity to experience the outdoors, make new friends, take on new challenges, and develop confidence in themselves and their abilities. We have found that the impact of participating in the summer program is lifelong and we often hear from the kids, now adults, who have come through the program what a difference it has made in their lives. We are thankful for the widespread support from the industry and individuals."

Said Cindy Heider, "There are people who don't have access to help, and a lot of people don't want to ask for help. But it's important to reach out to those people, especially the kids."

Asked why they were moved to give, she said simply, "It's not a why. It's a why not."

The Heiders will match up to $10,000 that is raised from now through July 6. To donate, visit the Chaplaincy webpage’s summer enrichment program page by clicking here.

All donations made up until July 6 will count toward the challenge grant.

BELMONT AT BIG A FALL OFFERING 40 STAKES WORTH $8.8M

The Belmont at the Big A Fall Meet will offer 40 added-money events worth nearly $8.8 million, officials from the New York Racing Association announced Saturday.

Due to ongoing capital improvements at Belmont Park, the fall meeting will be staged for the second straight season at Aqueduct from Thursday, Sept. 14 through Sunday, Oct. 29, and will feature three Grade I events and a half-dozen 'Win and You’re In' qualifiers in a variety of Breeders’ Cup divisions.
The GIII Fasig-Tipton Jockey Club Oaks over 11 furlongs on turf, the final leg of the Fasig-Tipton Fillies Turf Triple, kicks off the stakes action Saturday, Sept. 16, and the program scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 30 will feature four graded events, highlighted by the $500,000 GI Joe Hirsch Turf Classic at a mile and four panels on the grass. That card also includes the GII Woodward S., the GII Gallant Bloom S. and the GII Vosburgh S., offering the winner a spot in the field for the GI Breeders’ Cup Sprint. An additional pair of qualifiers are set for Sunday, Oct. 1, both for the juvenile set at 8 1/2 furlongs on turf, the GII Miss Grillo S. for fillies and the GII Pilgrim S. for the boys.

The ‘Win and You’re In’ action continues Saturday, Oct. 7, with the running of the $500,000 GI Champagne S., a Breeders’ Cup Juvenile prep, and the filly counterpart, the $400,000 GI Frizette S. The card also includes the GII Belmont Turf Sprint, the GII Fasig-Tipton Waya S. and the GII Jockey Club Derby, shortened from a mile and a half to a mile and three-eighths. The Sunday, Oct. 8, program features the last of the Breeders’ Cup qualifiers, the GII Futurity S., a feeder into the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint, as well as the GII Beldame S. and the GII Matron S.

The one-mile GII Kelso S. has been renamed the Forty Niner S. and will offer the top three finishers all-expenses paid berths into the GI Cigar Mile H. during the Aqueduct fall meeting. The Oct. 28 card also includes the GII Mother Goose S., previously held during the spring/summer meet at Belmont, the Listed Awad S. and the Listed Pumpkin Pie S.

The Belmont at the Big A meeting concludes with Empire Showcase Day, the richest events of which are the Empire Classic and Empire Distaff, each worth $250,000.

VETERAN RATED R SUPERSTAR RETIRING TO OLD FRIENDS

Fan favorite Rated R Superstar (Kodiak Kowboy), a 13-time winner of over $1.8 million in a career that spanned nine seasons at the racetrack, has been retired and will take up residence at Old Friends Farm in Georgetown, Kentucky, according to a series of tweets from Allison Caldwell, the wife of trainer Danny Caldwell.

Rated R Superstar began his career in the barn of Ken McPeek and was third to Brody’s Cause (Giant’s Causeway) in the 2015 GI Claiborne Breeders’ Futurity before finishing unplaced behind Nyquist (Uncle Mo) in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile. Winner of the GIII Carry Back S. in 2016, he added the GIII Ben Ali S. as a 5-year-old in 2018 and was claimed by Cipriano Contreras for $62,500 late that year. Winner of the 2019 Essex H., Rated R Superstar was haltered by Caldwell for $50,000 in January 2021 and posted his richest career victory in the 2022 GII Essex H. A two-time winner of the Governor’s Cup at Remington Park in 2021 and 2022, he was being aimed for a third try at that event, but Allison Caldwell tweeted that medication constructs dictated that he be retired “sound, healthy and happy.”

“Today is a bittersweet one, as @IloveFastHorses (Danny Caldwell) and I announce Rated R superstar’s retirement to Old Friends,” Allison Caldwell said in the first of a three-tweet thread. “Owning Rated R has been one of the greatest gifts in our racing careers. He’s a member of the family and we’ve always done things his way, in his best interest.

“As rule changes for Lasix this year, we feel an absence of therapeutic medication is not in the best interest for optimal health & performance. We’re not in the habit of changing the things that are working for rules that do not benefit the health of our horses as individual.

“We are very excited about this next chapter and we ask that if you’re in the area of Old Friends, please schedule a time to visit or make a donation on his behalf. He’s a very social guy and he loves seeing his friends!”

In reply, Old Friends tweeted: “Allison, we are thrilled at the prospect of Rated R Superstar retiring to Old Friends. Thank you for trusting us with your boy!”
**Saturday, Ellis #10, post time: 5:26 p.m. EDT**

**STEPHEN FOSTER S.-G1**, $1,000,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m

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**Saturday, Ellis #8, post time: 4:22 p.m. EDT**

**FLEUR DE LIS S.-GII**, $400,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m

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**September Yearling Sale**
* Begins Monday, Sept. 11
Saturday, Ellis #9, post time: 4:55 p.m. EDT

**WISE DAN S.-GII** $400,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT

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Hard Spun was second in the G1 Kentucky Derby: so was his son Two Phil’s who returns to win the G3 Ohio Derby. It’s his third win at the grade and fifth in all. Just imagine...
SUNDAY’S RACING INSIGHTS:

By J.N. Campbell

LEVON DEBUTS FOR SADLER AT LOS ALAMITOS

7th-LRC, $45K, Msw, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 7:05 p.m.

Trainer John Sadler debuts LEVON (Practical Joke) for Talla Racing and Central Dispatch (Arrogate) for Hronis Racing. The stablemates both worked a bullet five furlongs from the gate in :59 1/5 (1/12) at Los Alamitos June 10. The former is a $750,000 KEESEP buy whose dam Gal Factor (The Factor) counts GI Arkansas Derby hero Super Stock (Dialed In) as a half brother. Trainer Bob Baffert will saddle first-time starter Confucius (Candy Ride {Arg}) whose dam Mumtaazah (Tapit) is a half-sister to Canadian champion 3-year-old filly Ginger Brew (Milwaukee Brew) and MGSW Bourbon Bay (Sligo Bay {Ire}).

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

1--LIGURIA, 122, f, 3, by War Front

1st Dam: Lerici, by Woodman
2nd Dam: Balinese, by Nijinsky II
3rd Dam: Homespun, by Round Table

($275,000 Ylg ’21 KEESEP). O-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC; B-Tada Nobutaka (KY); T-Irad Ortiz, Jr. $82,500.

Lifetime Record: GSW, 5-3-1-0, $219,850. *Full to Pistoletto, GSP-Eng, SP-Ire, $146,151; 1/2 to Lira (Giant’s Causeway), MSW & GSP, $163,669; Full to Avenge, MGISW, $868,341.

2--Tax Implications (GB), 118, f, 3, Mehmas (Ire)--Country Madam (Ire), by Medaglia d’Oro. (75,000gns Wlg ’20 TATFOA; 250,000gns Ylg ’21 TATOCT). O-Klaravich Stables, Inc.; B-Aoife Kent (GB); T-Chad C. Brown. $30,000.

3--Soviet Excess, 120, f, 3, Uncle Mo--Westit (GB), by Tapit.

1ST BLACK TYPE. O/B-Wertheimer Et Frere (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher. $18,000.

Margins: 3/4, 2, NK. Odds: 1.80, 4.60, 10.70.

Also Ran: Cecile, Breath Away (GB), Im Just Kiddin, Violet Gibson (Ire), Kerry. Scratched: Shidabhuti.

The more heavily favored choice of a pair of Chad Brown-trained stablemates, Liguria dropped out of graded-stakes company for the first time Saturday since taking Del Mar’s GIII Jimmy Durante S. Dec. 3. Fifth in the May 5 GII Edgewood S. in her only start to date this season, the daughter of War Front held the 9-5 edge over runaway maiden winner Tax Implications. Despite besting the field at the break, Liguria was quickly out-footed and had only a pair of rivals beat through an opening quarter in :23.65 set by a keen Kerry (Practical Joke). Continuing to drop back through the field until she was last of the eight, Liguria waited patiently to make her run and did so with a seven-wide move past the quarter pole to rally outside her stablemate. Despite a challenge inside from Tax Implications, Liguria had the best turn of foot to the wire and went clear to win.

“She broke quick but after that I just let her be where she wants to be,” said winning jockey Irad Ortiz, Jr. “I think she had...
the best races coming up to it, so I wasn’t afraid to be wherever she wants to be. I [took] my time and when I asked her, she was full of run. I was comfortable where I was and I [felt] I was loaded every step of the way. She gave me a good feeling. It’s nice to ride those kind."

A well-bred filly with a trio of graded-stakes performing full or half-siblings already, Liguria also counts GSW/MGISP Grasshopper (Dixie Union), GI Santa Anita Derby runner up Easy Grades (Honor Grades), MG1SW Mashaallah (Ninjinsky II) and Japanese champion 2-year-old colt Eishin Champ (Mi Cielo) among her extended family members. Her dam has a yearling filly by Tiz the Law and reported a colt by Uncle Mo this year.

Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

GOLDWOOD S., $102,000, Monmouth, 6-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:03.44, fm.
1--TRAIN TO ARTEMUS, 124, 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: 16-9-1-2, $431,890.
2--Can't Buy Love, 118, m, 5, Twirling Candy--Pay the Kitten, by Kitten's Joy. (47,000 RNA 2yo '20 OBSAPR). O-R. Larry Johnson; B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY); T-Michael J. Trombetta. $20,000.
3--Roselba, 118, m, 7, Private Interview--Elba, by Mo Mon. O/B-Colonial Farms (NJ); T-Rory K. Huston. $10,000. Margins: 1 3/4, 1 1/4, HD. Odds: 1.00, 5.10, 20.30.

Also Ran: Sweet Temperament, Mrs. Green, Glitter Up, Hydra. Scratched: Caliente Rum, Centre Court Champ, Night Cap, Olivia Darling, Self Isolation, Sweet Gracie, Tracy Ann’s Legacy.

Despite the falling rain, the Monmouth Park turf course remained firm which proved to Train To Artemus’s liking as the 5-year-old mare picked up her third career stakes victory--second in a row--and seventh overall win since being halted for $35,000 at Saratoga 10 months ago.

She got her preferred trip right from the break and settled in along the rail, stalking just behind the pace set by outsider Sweet Temperament (Temple City). As the early leader made her way around the bend and straightened out for the drive, the winner slipped through a hole and was guided into the clear to get the money.

“This is one of the tops,” trainer Kelly Breen said. “We’ve had a couple of stakes winners in the past that we’ve claimed but not one as repetitive as this filly. She’s just very game. I couldn’t be more proud of her. She’s a little bit of a barn favorite. It’s hard to put into words what this means.”

Train to Artemus is the second and most successful foal out of the winning Kitten’s Joy mare Pay Day Kitten, who was sold to Korean interests at Keeneland in November of 2019 for $55,000 in foal to Constitution. That now 3-year-old filly, named Moon Dust (Kor), is as yet unraced. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.
Keeneland Apr. 21. Seventh behind 'TDN Rising Star' Scylla (Tapit) when facing winners for the first time as a 19-1 shot June 2 at Churchill, she returned in this spot with only a slightly warmer 14-1 chance. Off a step slow at the break, she trailed the field in eighth as Grand Love (Gun Runner) paced the field through a sharp :44.32 opening half. With plenty of pace to run into, Magical Lute hugged the rail around the far turn and came through an opening inside to bid for command with a furlong to run. Clear of the field, she outran Mo Town Mayhem (Uncle Mo) to the wire, winning by 3 1/4 lengths. Street Song last produced a yearling filly by Daredevil. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, $150,231. Click for the Equibase.com chart.

O/B-Whitham Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Ian R. Wilkes.

6th-Laurel, $55,200, Alw, 6-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35.29, gd, 1 1/2 lengths.

TUFANI (f, 3, Distorted Humor–Windhoek, by Mineshaft) was well-beaten on the grass at Aqueduct in her debut Apr. 15 before graduating over that surface by a nose May 24 at Delaware Park. Backed at 9-2 here, the dark gray filly settled along the rail in fourth. Waiting for her cue around the far turn, Tufani rode the fence down the lane, and, with good energy, she got up by 1 1/2 lengths over Tequilera (Vancouver {Aus}). The stakes-winning South Andros (Sky Mesa), dam to MSW Private Creed (Jimmy Creed), is a half-sister to the winner's dam. Windhoek is responsible for an unraced 2-year-old colt named Fielding Lewis (Audible) and she was bred to Yaupon last year. Sales History: $105,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; $140,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, $55,542. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Susan Moulton; B-Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Larry Rivelli.

7th-Thistledown, $29,700, Alw, 6-24, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.44, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

FIT TO FLY (c, 3, West Coast--Kimono (SP), by Bernardini) broke his maiden by 7 1/4 lengths on debut as a juvenile last summer at Hawthorne before running second both against allowance types and in the Rosie's S. at Colonial Downs. Last seen clearing his first allowance condition May 31 back in Chicago, the bay colt went off at 6-5 here. Fit to Fly dueled with Midnight Majesty (Cairo Prince) from the bell and spurted away to win by 2 1/4 lengths. The winner has a 2-year-old full-brother named Beyond Reproach and his dam foaled a filly by The Big Beast Jan. 10. Sales History: $155,000 Ylg '21 FTKJUL; $570,000 2yo '22 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: SP, 6-3-3-0, $106,920. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Carolyn Wilson; B-Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Larry Rivelli.

4th-Elis, $93,900, Msw, 6-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.62, fm, neck.

SAHLABIYA (f, 4, Medaglia d'Oro--Orchard Beach, by Tapit), a $1.6-million KEESEP yearling, was second as the favorite in her last two, including a 1 3/16-mile test with first-time blinkers at Keeneland last time Apr. 28. The 2022 Woodbine Oaks third-place finisher was sent out to the front here and kept on finding to graduate by a neck over Lemon Bomb (Army Mule) as the even-money favorite. Orchard Beach has also produced Sergei Prokofiev (Scat Daddy), GSW-Eng, MSW-Ire, $181,145; a Justify filly of 2021; and a Curlin colt of 2023. Lifetime Record: 6-1-3-2, $137,405. Click for the Equibase.com chart.

O-Shadwell Stable; B-Anderson Farms Ont. Inc. (ON); T-Brendan P. Walsh.
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**Brody’s Cause** filly o/o Rouge Wave (Violence) KY-bred

**Classic Empire** filly o/o Life Starts (Into Mischief) KY-bred

**Enticed** colt o/o Just Joyful (Street Boss) KY-bred

**Flintshire (GB)** gelding o/o Artillery Punch (Kitten’s Joy) NY-bred

**Force the Pass** filly o/o Miss Golden Freud (Freud) MD-bred, MM

**Force the Pass** colt o/o Success At Sunup (Successful Appeal) MD-bred, MM, BC

**Good Samaritan** filly o/o Arguably (Sky Mesa) NY-bred

**Good Samaritan** colt o/o Joyce (Rock Hard Ten) KY-bred

**Imagining** gelding o/o Carolina Tapper (Tapit) MD-bred, MM

**Micromanage** gelding o/o Autumn Ash (Tapit) NY-bred

**Practical Joke** filly o/o Monkah (Distorted Humor) KY-bred

**Summer Front** colt o/o Majorelle (Mizzen Mast) KY-bred

**War Dancer** colt o/o Kimberly Jean (More Than Ready) NY-bred

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2nd-Belmont, $90,000, Msw, 6-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:36.15, fm, 2 1/4 lengths.
NO SHOW SAMMY JO (GB) (f, 3, Lope de Vega {Ire}--Shomaria {Fr}, by Exceed And Excel {Aus}) was a chilly 13-1 when unveiled at seven furlongs over this same track May 12, but made up ground late to finish a well-beaten fourth. Picking up an extra furlong Saturday and taking considerably more money at 8-5, the filly hung back in mid pack through much of the early running, rating off fractions of :23.29 and :47.64. Inching closer while four wide around the turn, the favorite had a head of steam at the top of the lane, struck the front with a furlong to run and was kept to a ride to the wire to win by 2 1/4 lengths over Best Performer (Oscar Performance). No Show Sammy Jo has a 2-year-old half-brother by Dark Angel (Ire) and a 2023 half-sister by Palace Pier (GB). Sales History: 150,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $54,900. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.
O-Bridlewood Farm and Madaket Stables LLC; B-Fittocks Stud & St Albans Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-H. Graham Motion.

2nd-Ellis, $87,600, Msw, 6-24, 2yo, (R), 5 1/2f, 1:04.97, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.
LET'S GO MARK (c, 2, American Freedom--Park in Back, by Majesticperfection) showed speed in both of his prior attempts going 4 1/2 furlongs, including a fourth-place finish at Churchill Downs last time May 3. Favorored at 6-5 in this restricted maiden special weight for horses that sold or RNA'd for $50,000 or less, Let's Go Mark shot out to the front from his outside draw, and, despite hanging on his left lead down the stretch, went on to graduate by 2 1/2 lengths. Park in Back produced colts by Cairo Prince in 2022 and 2023. Sales history: $55,000 RNA Wlg '21 KEENOV; $75,000 RNA Ylg '22 FTKJUL; $10,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, $66,660. Click for the Equibase.com chart.
O-Michael J Hart, Greg Vance & John Ennis; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-John Ennis.

1st-Belmont, $87,300, Msw, 6-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.87, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.
THREE RIVERS (f, 3, American Pharoah--Flying Spur {GISP, $198,821}, by Giant's Causeway) went off at 9-2 in her debut here and immediately took the lead up the backstretch before allowing the even-money favorite Justthefactsjack (Nyquist) to draw alongside. Those two duelled around the far turn and Three Rivers pulled away past the eighth pole to win by 1 3/4 lengths over Risk Free (American Freedom). Second dam & MGISW Lakeway (Seattle Slew) also produced MSW Sluice (Seeking the Gold), dam of GI Juddmonte Spinster S. heroine Mushka (Empire Maker). The winner's dam is also responsible for an unraced 2-year-old colt named Dawn At Normandy (Omaha Beach) and she foaled a full-brother to that one Mar. 3. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $49,500. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.
O/B-Mike G. Rutherford (KY); T-William I. Mott.

2nd-Woodbine, C$76,660, Msw, 6-24, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT) (off turf), 1:10.34, ft, 1 length.
GALLOPING D’ORO (c, 3, Medaglia d’Oro--Galloping Ami {Outstanding Broodmare-Can}, by Victory Gallop) made his debut as the 9-5 favorite in this off the turfer. He raced in the second flight as Royal Quality (Quality Road) led up the backstretch. Shuffled back to sixth before the far turn, the dark bay was forced to re-rally on the outside. Galloping d'Oro rallied down the lane and got up in time to graduate by a length over Town's Warrior (Speightstown). Out of a female family which includes MGSW Ami's Mesa (Sky Mesa) and GSW Ami's Holiday (Harlan's Holiday), Galloping d'Oro is a half-brother to Aragorn Ami (Aragorn {Ire}), SW, $112,535; Ami's Flatter (Flatter), GSW & GISP, $536,931; and Amis Gizmo (Giant Gizmo), Ch. 3yo Colt-Can, GSW, $800,022. His dam is also responsible for a 2-year-old filly by Omaha Beach, a yearling colt by Authentic and a filly by Essential Quality born on Apr. 16. Sales History: $80,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1:1-0-0, $32,774. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.
O-Ivan Dalos; B-Tall Oaks Farm (KY); T-Josie Carroll.
5th-Woodbine, C$63,114, Moc ($30,346), 6-24, (C), 2yo, f, 5f (AWT), :58.30, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

JOYA DE ORO (f, 2, Reload--Spani Lou, by Spaniard) was bet down to the role of 4-5 favorite off a series of steady morning breezes and made quick work of her debut, logging an impressive wire-to-wire score by 1 1/4 lengths over six rivals, all but one racing for the first time. In a ground-saving trip, the bay filly galloped easily on the lead through a half-mile in :45.52, pulled away slightly at the head of the lane and remained all out to hold off the challenge from runner-up Legs Like Flatter (Ami's Flatter) at the wire. She is a full sister to the Red River Rebel, MSW, $205,097; and a yearling full sister. Sales History: C$87,000 Ylg '22 CANSEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $29,997.

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O-A Bit More Racing; B-Denny Andrews & Northern Dawn Stables Inc. (ON); T-Catherine Day Phillips.

3rd-Gulfstream, $63,000, Msw, 6-24, 2yo, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04.38, ft, 5 3/4 lengths.

MATTINGLY (c, 2, Bucchero--Battingstar, by Grand Slam) debuted with a second-place finish May 13 in the Royal Palm Juvenile S. behind No Nay Mets (Ire) (No Nay Never), who was ninth this past week in the G2 Norfolk S. at Royal Ascot. The 2-5 favorite raced up the backstretch in command, increased his margin around the far turn and won easily by 5 3/4 lengths over Titan (Brethren). The winner is his dam's last produce of record. "He's a nice horse," winning trainer Joe Orseno said. "I waited for this race. I could have run him against Florida-breds earlier, but I'm glad I waited. I'm very happy with his race today."

Orseno added that Mattingly will be aimed at the Tyro S. July 30 at Monmouth Park. Sales History: $70,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: SP, 2-1-1-0, $64,120. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Ironhorse Racing Stable LLC & Harlow Stables LLC; B-Lance Colwell (FL); T-Joseph F. Orseno.

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SUNDAY, JUNE 25

2023 Stud Fees Listed

Accelerate (Lookin At Lucky), Lane's End Farm, $10,000 214 foals of racing age/45 winners/1 black-type winner 3-Pleasanton, 5:50 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Regal Redwood, 9-2

Always Dreaming (Bodemeister), WinStar Farm, $10,000 213 foals of racing age/31 winners/1 black-type winner 7-Gulfstream, 3:55 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Acquisitive, 6-1 $95,000 KEE NOV wnl; $22,000 OBS APR 2yo; $32,000 OBS OPN 2yo 5-Monmouth, 2:32 p.m. EDT, $100K Tale of the Cat S., 1 1/16mT, Dreaming of Toga, 8-1 $19,000 EAS OCT yrl

Army Mule (Friesan Fire), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, $12,500 143 foals of racing age/48 winners/7 black-type winners 6-Belmont, 3:42 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Forward Move, 5-2 $100,000 KEE JAN wnl; $225,000 KEE SEP yrl

Belomor (Stormy Atlantic) 10 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners 5-Hawthorne, 5:18 p.m. EDT, $100K Hawthorne Derby Presented by BetMakers, 1 1/8mT, Russian Hammer, 8-1
Collected (City Zip), Airdrie Stud, $10,000
234 foals of racing age/38 winners/5 black-type winners
5-Monmouth, 2:32 p.m. EDT, $100K Tale of the Cat S., 1 1/16mT, Playground Legend, 6-1
$15,000 EAS OCT yrl

Girvin (Tale of Ekati), Airdrie Stud, $20,000
182 foals of racing age/38 winners/5 black-type winners
5-Monmouth, 2:32 p.m. EDT, $100K Tale of the Cat S., 1 1/16mT, Power in Numbers, 4-1
$200,000 FTK JUL yrl

Good Magic (Curlin), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, $50,000
237 foals of racing age/49 winners/9 black-type winners
9-Ellis, 4:55 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Animal Fries, 15-1
$40,000 KEE SEP yrl; $45,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Good Samaritan (Harlan's Holiday), WinStar Farm, $7,500
172 foals of racing age/40 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Woodbine, 4:28 p.m. EDT, $100K Alywow S., 6 1/2ft, Secret Money, 6-1
$35,000 KEE SEP yrl; $40,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Mendelssohn (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, $25,000
348 foals of racing age/57 winners/3 black-type winners
9-Ellis, 4:55 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2ft, Jennifer My Love, 10-1
$60,000 KEE SEP yrl

Oscar Performance (Kitten's Joy), Mill Ridge Farm, $20,000
172 foals of racing age/27 winners/2 black-type winners
5-Hawthorne, 5:18 p.m. EDT, $100K Hawthorne Derby
Presented by BetMakers, 1 1/8mT, Act a Fool, 9-5
$10,000 KEE NOV wnl; $100,000 KEE SEP yrl

Saxon Warrior (Jpn) (Deep Impact (Jpn)), Coolmore Stud, $35,000
228 foals of racing age/39 winners/4 black-type winners
5-Monmouth, 2:32 p.m. EDT, $100K Tale of the Cat S., 1 1/16mT, Heathguard, 4-1
$75,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo

IN SAUDI ARABIA:
Ana Alalmaas (KSA), f, 3, Liam's Map--Toxis (GSP, $119,896), by Street Sense. Ta'ilf, 6-24, Maiden, 1600m. B-n/a. *1ST-TIME STARTER. **$80,000 in utero '19 KEENOV. VIDEO (SC 2)

STAKES RESULTS:

LADY JACQUELINE S., $250,000, Thistledown, 6-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:50.02, ft.
1--LE DA VIDA (CHI), 118, m, 6, Gemologist--Viene Cantando (Chi) (MG1SW-Chi, $119,875), by Gstaad. O-Masaiva Inc.; B-Haras Santa Olga (CHI); T-Ignacio Correas, IV; J-Vincent Cheminaud. $150,000. Lifetime Record: SW & MG1SP-Chi & GSP-US, 21-8-3-5, $407,734.
2--Interstatedaydream, 124, f, 4, Classic Empire--Babcock, by Uncle Mo. ($105,000 Ylg '20 KEELYAN; $130,000 Ylg '20 KEESP; $175,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR). O-Flurry Racing Stables LLC; B-William D. Graham (ON); T-Brad H. Cox. $50,000.
3--Sixtythreecaliber, 124, f, 4, Gun Runner--Classofsixtythree, by Include. ($225,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; $250,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP). O-My Racehorse Stable and Spendthrift Farm LLC; B-Lee Pokoik (KY); T-Thomas M. Amoss. $25,000.

Margins: 3 1/4, HF, 4. Odds: 2.60, 1.00, 3.20.

GRAND PRAIRIE TURF SPRINT S., $150,000, Lone Star, 6-24, 3yo/up, 5fT, :55.64, fm.
1--COGBURN, 124, c, 4, Not This Time--In a Jif (SW, $203,382), by Saintly Look. ($52,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; $310,000 Ylg '20 FTKSEL; $150,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR). O-Brewster, Clark O., Heiligbrodt, L. William and Heiligbrodt, Corinne; B-Bellary Bloodstock (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen; J-Ricardo Santana, Jr. $88,650. Lifetime Record: GSP, 10-5-2-0, $426,710.

2--Big Chopper, 124, c, 4, Shackleford--Miss Well Molded, by Unusual Heat. O/B-Kendel Standlee (LA); T-Jayde J. Gelner. $29,550.

3--Atras, 122, g, 4, Astern (Aus)--All About Allison, by City Zip. ($22,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; $14,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP; $150,000 3yo '22 KEEAPR). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Jason Corley; B-Duncan Lloyd (KY); T-Michael Hewitt. $16,253.

Margins: HD, 1, 1 1/4. Odds: 0.90, 6.20, 10.50.
WASTED TEARS S., $150,000, Lone Star, 6-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.19, fm.

1--GLENNALL (IRE), 123, f, 4, Coulsty (IRE)—Farran (IRE), by Fast Company (IRE). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-George A. Sharp; B-David Brickley (IRE); T-Shawn H. Davis; J-David Cabrera. $87,300. Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 19-3-3-4, $226,951.

2--Tipsy Gal, 117, m, 6, Majesticperfection—Tipsy At Midnight, by Midnight Lute. 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-End Zone Athletics, Inc.; B-Rock Ridge Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Karl Broberg. $29,100.

3--Colors of the Wind, 119, f, 4, Constitution—Wellington Beauty, by Forestry. ($55,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; $72,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR). O-Martin Racing Stable LLC, Bob Gorsky and Circustown Racing Stables, LLC; B-Al Graziani (KY); T-W. Bret Calhoun. $16,005.

Margins: 2 1/4, 5HF, 2. Odds: 4.70, 5.70, 5.50.

BALLADE S., C$101,000, Woodbine, 6-24, (C), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:09.07, ft.

1--MISS SPEEDY, 118, m, 5, Souper Speedy—Miss Dorothy, by Stormin Fever. (C$52,000 Ylg '19 CANSEP; $120,000 5yo '23 FTKFEB). O-Gary Barber; B-Linda Mason (ON); T-Mark E. Casse; J-S. Civaci. C$60,000. Lifetime Record: GSP, 12-5-1-1, $279,873.

2--Gamble’s Silver, 118, m, 5, Gamble’s Exchange—Silver Ami, by Silver Train. 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Ivan Dalos; B-Tall Oaks Farm (ON); T-Josie Carroll. C$20,000.

3--Talk to Ya Later, 122, f, 4, Perfect Timber—Sea The Stars (IRE). (C$5,000 Ylg '20 CANSEP). O-Piano Bar Racing; B-Charles E. Fipke (ON); T-Ian Black. C$10,000.

Margins: NO, 3/4, HF. Odds: 28.20, 2.50, 1.10.

DANIEL STEARNS CLEVELAND GOLD CUP S., (NB) $75,000, Thistledown, 6-24, (S), 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:52.86, ft.

1--FAIR AND SQUARE, 121, g, 3, by Super Saver—Marathon (SP), by Drosselmeyer. O/B-Blazing Meadows Farm LLC & WinStar Farm, LLC (OH); T-Timothy E. Hamm; J-Jeffrey Sanchez. $45,000. Lifetime Record: 7-4-1-2, $204,540.

2--Trojan Tale, 121, g, 3, Outwork—Kewt Tale, by Tale of the Cat. O/B-William Butler (OH); T-Michael J. Maker. $15,000.

3--Returnoninvestment, 121, g, 3, Karakontie (Jpn)—Almost an Angel, by Artie Schiller. O/B-The Ronald E. DeWolf Trust (OH); T-Jeffrey L. Greenhill. $7,500.

Margins: 4 1/4, HD, 3. Odds: 3.00, 3.90, 11.60.

CARRY BACK S., $100,000, Gulfstream, 6-24, 3yo, 7f, 1:23.18, ft.

1--LIGHTNING TONES, 118, g, 3, by Tonalist—Rosesandlightning, by Lightnin N Thunder. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O/T-Daniel C. Hurtak; B-H & A Stables LLC (FL); J-Marcos Meneses. $70,570. Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-1, $120,490.

2--Khozeiress, 122, c, 3, Khozan—Bridled Heiress, by Wildcat Heir. 1ST BLACK TYPE. O/B-Purple Haze Stables (FL); T-Teresa M. Pompay. $14,700.

3--Super Chow, 122, c, 3, Lord Nelson—Bonita Mia, by Warrior's Reward. ($70,000 Ylg '21 FTKUL; $75,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR). O-Lea Farms, LLC; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY); T-Jorge Delgado. $7,350.

Margins: NO, 3/4, HF. Odds: 28.20, 2.50, 1.10.

MAMIE EISENHOWER S., $75,000, Prairie Meadows, 6-23, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:10.09, ft.

1--BLAZE AWAY N HIDE, 123, f, 4, Run Away and Hide—My Bria, by Jump Start. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-NBS Stable; B-Arthur James Neuhedel (IA); T-Jon G. Arnett; J-Alex Birzer. $44,280. Lifetime Record: 23-7-7-3, $255,581.


3--Samira, 123, f, 4, Liaison—Bombarda, by Vicar. O-Poin dexter Thoroughbreds LLC; B-H. Allen Poin dexter (IA); T-Lynn Chleborad. $7,380.

Margins: 2 1/4, 5HF, 2. Odds: 4.70, 5.70, 5.50.
ALABAMA S., (NB) $50,000, Louisiana Downs, 6-24, (S), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20.23, ft.
1—UNCLE BRAD, 122, g, 4, Doc N Bubba G--Ausbrook, by Cryptoclearance. O-Kent Gremmels; B-Kent Gremmels & Lisa Gremmels (AL); T-Ronnie P. Ward; J-Jose Andres Guerrero. $30,000. Lifetime Record: 11-2-0-0, $43,650.
2—Zadar, 118, g, 3, Jay Gatsby--Sweet Buddha, by Buddha. O/B-Belinda K Hubbell (AL); T-Denise Schmidt. $10,000.

SHIRLEY VARGO H., C$49,000, Century Mile, 6-23, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:24.91, gd.
1—MINE ME, 117, m, 5, Mineshaft--Forgotten Miss, by Afleet Alex. ($150,000 Ylg '19 KEESSE; $17,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Kerredge Farm & Stouffer, Glen; B-Mike Connelly (KY); T-Rick Hedge; J-Keihton Natera. C$30,000. Lifetime Record: 20-5-3-1, $112,827.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
8th-Ellis, $127,000, 6-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:34.90, fm, neck.
POLICY OPTION (g, 6, Empire Maker--Starlight Tiara, by More Than Ready) Lifetime Record: 38-4-9-9, $321,564. O-Hermilo Racing Stable, LLC; B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. (KY); T-Juan Munoz Cano. *$240,000 Ylg '18 KEESSE. **1/2 to Surfside Tiara (Scat Daddy), SW, $109,125.

8th-Woodbine, C$104,924, (C)/Opt. Clm ($36,036-$37,933), 6-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:09.58, ft, neck.
TRADING BAY (m, 6, Giant Gizmo--Firey Grill, by Bold Executive) Lifetime Record: SP, 4-6-4, $267,782. O-Ronald K. House; B-B. K. House (ON); T-Darren C. Glennon. *C$20,000 RNA Ylg '18 CANSEP.

8th-Belmont, $97,650, (C)/Opt. Clm ($80,000), 6-24, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:36.06, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.
MOVIE MOXY (m, 6, Street Sense--Casting Director, by Bernardini) Lifetime Record: 27-5-5-7, $390,848. O-Linda Rice and Marequest; B-Bonne Chance Farm LLC (KY); T-Linda Rice. *$225,000 Ylg '18 KEESSE.
6th-Monmouth, $58,800, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($16,000), 6-24, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46.71, ft, nose.
Smokey Harbor (g, 5, Mineshaft--Snug Harbour (SW, $164,100), by Boston Harbor) Lifetime Record: 33-6-4-6, $149,616. O-Theodore E. Hoye, III; B-Vegso Racing Stable (KY); T-Jose M. Camejo. *$25,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; $50,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Star Harbour (Indian Charlie), MSW & GSP, $563,839; Lemon Point (Lemon Drop Kid), MSP, $563,839; Lemon Point (Lemon Drop Kid), MSP, $563,839.

7th-Laurel, $57,330, 6-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39.57, ft, neck.
LUIGI'S SPIRIT (g, 4, Ghostzapper--Kittery Point, by Include) Lifetime Record: 9-2-3-1, $95,730. O-Lugamo Racing Stable LLC; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Rodolfo Sanchez-Salomon. *$300,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; $17,000 2yo '21 OBSOPN. **1/2 to Sam's Sister (Brother Derek), GISW, $472,710; Sensitive (Divine Park), SW, $245,936.

7th-Ruidoso Downs, $46,900, 6-24, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.05, ft, 1 length.
Bye Bye Matty P (g, 4, Attila's Storm--Kizka, by Danzig) Lifetime Record: 14-6-2-1, $257,060. O-Orlando Munoz; B-R. D. Hubbard (NM); T-Andres Gonzalez. *1/2 to Plea Agreement (Successful Appeal), SP, $276,324.

9th-Gulfstream, $42,850, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($20,000), 6-24, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:23.16, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.
Greatitude (f, 4, Dialed In--Colonial Empress (GSP), by Empire Maker) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-2, $72,280. O-Repole Stable; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Brittany T. Russell. *$9,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; $230,000 2yo '21 OBSMAR.

2nd-Thistledown, $35,800, (S), 6-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:41.26, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.
Brownie (f, 3, Awesome Slew--Winnercoasttocoast, by Super Saver) Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-0, $58,878. O-Richard Spicer & D. William Spitler; B-Craig & Lindy Powell (OH); T-Jeffrey A. Radosevich. *$15,000 Ylg '21 OTBOMX.

9th-Lone Star, $33,500, 6-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39.56, ft, 3/4 length.
Nautical Moon (g, 5, Justin Phillip--Tranquil Moon, by Malibu Moon) Lifetime Record: 31-7-6-3, $104,815. O-Eden De La Rosa; B-Wilkes Thoroughbred Farm LLC (KY); T-Francisco Bravo.

7th-Delaware, $38,650, (C)/Opt. Clm ($50,000), 6-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.34, wf, 1 1/4 lengths.
Greatitude (f, 4, Dialed In--Colonial Empress (GSP), by Empire Maker) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-2, $72,280. O-Repole Stable; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Brittany T. Russell. *$9,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; $230,000 2yo '21 OBSMAR.
7th-Charles Town, $31,500, 6-23, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46.93, my, 2 1/4 lengths.  
C R'S MANDATE (g, 5, Strong Mandate--Malibu Baby, by Malibu Moon) Lifetime Record: SW, 31-6-8-5, $215,326. O-Antonio Scotto DiCarlo; B-Maurice F. Casey (WV); T-Raimondo Schianno-Dicola.

4th-Evangeline Downs, $31,000, 6-23, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :57.28, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.  
MARIAH’S CANDY (f, 4, Unified--Highwayormyway, by Giant’s Causeway) Lifetime Record: 15-4-3-2, $74,423. O-Thompson Racing LLC (Stephen Thompson); B-Eureka Thoroughbred Farm (KY); T-Jayde J. Gelner. *$24,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP.

1st-Charles Town, $30,500, 6-23, (NW2LX), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:26.45, my, head.  
JUBA’S NOTION (g, 3, Juba--Jacky’s Notion {MSP, $252,141}, by Great Notion) Lifetime Record: SW, 13-5-3-3, $158,531. O/B-John A. Casey (WV); T-Kristy Petty.

6th-Louisiana Downs, $30,000, 6-24, (C), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:23.50, ft, 9 1/2 lengths.  
EXTIRPATOR (g, 8, Gemologist--True Breeze, by Yes It’s True) Lifetime Record: 44-10-7-5, $274,575. O-Stewart, Marshall and Turner, Jack; B-William Hardin & WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Patti Turner. *$10,000 Ylg '16 KEEJAN.

4th-Thistledown, $28,000, 6-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.88, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.  
FLIPPING FISH (g, 5, Uncaptured--Joann’s Wildcat, by Wildcat Heir) Lifetime Record: 34-9-5-7, $171,460. O-MCR Stable, Inc.; B-Frank Bertolino (FL); T-Benny R. Feliciano.

5th-Thistledown, $28,000, 6-24, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.22, ft, 2 lengths.  
ONASA (c, 3, Always Dreaming--Silent Candy {SW & GSP, $182,208}, by Candy Ride {Arg}) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, $47,550. O-Carolyn Wilson; B-Westwind Farms (KY); T-Larry Rivelli. *$25,000 Ylg ’21 KEESSEP; $140,000 2yo ’22 OBSMAR. **1/2 to Epicenter (Not This Time), Ch. 3yo Colt, GISW, $2,940,639.

SMART LAD (g, 5, Kitten’s Joy--Smart Trade, by Smart Strike) Lifetime Record: 16-4-4-3, $54,298. O-George Gilbert; B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY); T-Mark Cloutier. *$19,000 Ylg ’19 KEESEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:  
City Scene, f, 2, Domulus--Nava, by Even the Score. Thistledown, 6-24, (S), 5f, 1:00.02. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $27,120. B-Elkhorn Oaks Inc. (OH). *Full to Candlelight Hours, MSW, $328,460; 1/2 to Timeless Bounty (Elusive Hour), SW, $224,714.

Surprise Road Trip, g, 2, Klimt--Pretty Surprise, by Congrats. Prairie Meadows, 6-24, (S), 4 1/2f, :53.03. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $25,660. B-River Ridge Ranch (IA). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Starship Agenda, f, 3, Always Dreaming--Byrama (GB) (GISW, $659,067), by Byron (GB). Gulfstream, 6-24, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:41.11. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, $39,400. B-St. Elias Stables, LLC (KY). *$17,000 Ylg ’21 KEESSEP; $90,000 Ylg ’21 KEESEP. **1/2 to Known Agenda (Curlin), GISW, $641,700.

Corporal Klinger, g, 3, Army Mule--Tizakitty (SW, $158,644), by Army Mule. Los Alamitos, 6-24, (WC), 5 1/2f, 1:04.94. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $12,000. B-SB Racing Corp (KY). *$20,000 Wlg ’20 KEENOV. **1ST-TIME STARTER.


Kigali, g, 3, Hard Spun--Sugar Sweet, by Mr. Greeley. Ellis, 6-24, 5 1/2fT, 1:02.39. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-1, $84,444. B-Equus Farm (KY). *$150,000 Ylg ’21 KEESSEP.

Stop and a Tres, g, 3, Into Mischief--Sabooh, by A.P. Indy. Los Alamitos, 6-23, (C), 6f, 1:10.13. Lifetime Record: 9-1-3-0, $40,540. B-Shadwell Farm, LLC (KY).

Juba’s Parade, f, 3, Juba--Mummers Parade, by Street Sense. Charles Town, 6-23, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:19.81. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-0, $45,804. B-Taylor Mountain Farm (WV).

Husker Butch, g, 3, Kantharos--Embur’s Melody, by Mr. Greeley. Prairie Meadows, 6-23, 6f, 1:11.32. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, $31,289. B-Josham Farms Limited (ON). *$40,000 Ylg ’21 KEESSEP.
Unusually Lucky, f, 3, Madefromlucky--Unusual Winner, by Unusual Heat. Charles Town, 6-23, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:22.29. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $17,559. B-Kevin Lynn Anderson (WV). *1ST-TIME STARTER.


Crumlin Lad, g, 3, Sharp Azteca--Lavender’s Spirit (SP), by Northern Afleet. Woodbine, 6-24, (C), 7f (AWT) (off turf), 1:23.06. Lifetime Record: 8-1-3-1, $47,032. B-Sarahsponda Racing (KY). *$8,000 Ylg ’21 KEESEP; $35,000 2yo ’22 OBSOPN.

Stan From Malibu, g, 3, Stanford--Real Bright Boots, by High Brite. Los Alamitos, 6-24, (S), 6f, 1:10.57. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, $39,740. B-Timothy Hammer (CA).

Whynaughty, f, 3, Tenkoz--Woodys Night Watch, by Mondavi. Belterra, 6-24, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:20.61. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $19,440. B-Richard L. Alderson (OH).

Forever After All, f, 4, Connect--Julia Tuttle (SW & GSP, $188,051), by Giant's Causeway. Ellis, 6-24, 1 1/8m, 1:49.53. Lifetime Record: 9-1-6-0, $212,153. B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY). *$290,000 RNA Ylg ’20 KEESEP. **1/2 to Tom's d'Etat (Smart Strike), GISW, $1,762,272.

Gypsy Tears, c, 4, Gem Heist--Grayson's Star, by Aldebaran. Los Alamitos, 6-24, (S), 6f, 1:10.54. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $30,660. B-Bob W. Grayson (CA).


El Gemar, c, 4, Malibu Moon--Buneya, by Indian Charlie. Louisiana Downs, 6-24, 5 1/2f, 1:06.32. Lifetime Record: 11-1-2-1, $44,742. B-Shadwell Farm, LLC (KY).


Ragtime Belle, f, 4, Union Rags--Belle Hill (GSW, $180,725), by Sky Mesa. Delaware, 6-24, 1 1/2m (off turf), 2:37.07. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-2, $41,261. B-Aithon Stable, LLC (KY).

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Medaglia d'Oro, Sahlabiya

**Gemologist**, Exterminator, g, 8, o/o True Breeze, by Yes It's True.

**Gemologist**, Le Da Vida (Chi), m, 6, o/o Viene Cantando (Chi), by Gstaad. Lady Jacqueline S., 6-24, Thistledown

**Ghostzapper**, Luigi's Spirit, g, 4, o/o Kittery Point, by Include.

**Giant Gizmo**, Trading Bay, m, 6, o/o Firey Grill, by Bold Executive. AOC, 6-24, Woodbine

**Gun Runner**, Society, f, 4, o/o Etiquette, by Tapit. GIII Chicago S., 6-24, Ellis

**Half Ours**, Fouralivia, f, 3, o/o Quadriga, by Grand Slam. MSW, 6-23, Evangeline

**Hard Spun**, Kigali, g, 3, o/o Sugar Sweet, by Mr. Greeley. MSW, 6-24, Ellis

**Hard Spun**, Two Phil's, c, 3, o/o Mia Torri, by General Quarters. GIII Ohio Derby, 6-24, Thistledown

**Il Postino**, Postino's Prophecy, f, 4, o/o Developing Story, by Smoke Glacken. MSW, 6-24, Monmouth

**Into Mischief**, Stop and a Tres, g, 3, o/o Sabooh, by A.P. Indy. MCL, 6-23, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred

**Juba**, Juba's Nation, g, 3, o/o Jacky's Nation, by Great Notion.

**Justin Phillip**, Nautical Moon, g, 5, o/o Tranquil Moon, by Malibu Moon. ALW, 6-24, Lone Star

**Kantheros**, Husker Butch, g, 3, o/o Embur's Melody, by Mr. Greeley. MSW, 6-23, Prairie Meadows

**Kiss the Kid**, Susie's Kid, g, 6, o/o Susie's Prayer, by Meadow Prayer. ALW, 6-24, Thistledown

**Kitten's Joy**, Smart Lad, g, 5, o/o Smart Trade, by Smart Strike. AOC, 6-24, Hastings

**Klimt**, Cosmic Train, g, 4, o/o Cosmic Emergency, by Any Given Saturday. ALW, 6-23, Evangeline

**Klimt**, Surprise Road Trip, g, 2, o/o Pretty Surprise, by Congrats. MSW, 6-23, Prairie Meadows

**Maclean's Music**, Magical Lute, f, 3, o/o Street Song, by Flatter. AOC, 6-24, Ellis

**Madefromlucky**, Unusually Lucky, f, 3, o/o Unusual Winner, by Unusual Heat. MSW, 6-23, Charles Town

**Malibu Moon**, El Gemar, c, 4, o/o Buneya, by Indian Charlie. MSW, 6-24, Louisiana Downs

**Marking**, Marked Money, g, 3, o/o Money Order, by Attila's Storm. ALW, 6-23, Ruidoso Downs

**Medaglia d'Oro**, Galloping d'Oro, c, 3, o/o Galloping Ami, by Victory Gallop. MSW, 6-24, Woodbine

**Medaglia d'Oro**, Sahlabiya, f, 4, o/o Orchard Beach, by Tapit. MSW, 6-24, Ellis

**Midnight Lute**, Undertow, g, 3, o/o Sharp Current, by Tiznow.

**Mineshaft**, Linarite, f, 4, o/o Chrysolite, by Freud. MCL, 6-24, Belmont

**Mineshaft**, Mine Me, m, 5, o/o Forgotten Miss, by Afleet Alex. Shirley Vargo H., 6-23, Century Mile

**Mineshaft**, Smokey Harbor, g, 5, o/o Snug Harbour, by Boston Harbor. AOC, 6-24, Monmouth

**Music City**, Road to Music City, g, 4, o/o Miss Hill Road, by The Deputy (Ire). ALW, 6-24, Belterra

**Not This Time**, Cogburn, c, 4, o/o In a Jif, by Saintly Look. Grand Prairie Turf Sprint S., 6-24, Lone Star

**Reload**, Joya de Oro, f, 2, o/o Spani Lou, by Spaniard. MOC, 6-24, Woodbine

**Run Away and Hide**, Blaze Away N Hide, f, 4, o/o My Bria, by Jump Start. MOC, 6-24, Woodbine

**Sharp Azteca**, Crumlin Lad, g, 3, o/o Lavender's Spirit, by Northern Afleet. MOC, 6-24, Woodbine

**Souper Speedy**, Miss Speedy, m, 5, o/o Miss Dorothy, by Stormin Fever. Ballade S., 6-24, Woodbine

**Stanford**, Stan From Malibu, g, 3, o/o Real Bright Boots, by High Brite. MSW, 6-24, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred

**Street Boss**, Doctor Jeff, c, 4, o/o Wild Bea, by Wild Rush. AOC, 6-24, Laurel

**Street Sense**, Movie Moxy, m, 6, o/o Casting Director, by Bernardini. AOC, 6-24, Belmont

**Strong Mandate**, C R's Mandate, g, 5, o/o Malibu Baby, by Malibu Moon. ALW, 6-23, Charles Town

**Super Saver**, Fair and Square, g, 3, o/o Marathon, by Drosselmeyer. Daniel Stearns Cleveland Gold Cup S., 6-24, Thistledown

**Tale of Ekati**, Diamonds N Aces, f, 4, o/o Bling's Ace, by Too Much Bling. ALW, 6-24, Lone Star
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**Tapizar**, Train to Artemus, m, 5, o/o Pay Day Kitten, by Kitten’s Joy. Goldwood S., 6-24, Monmouth

**Tenkoz**, Whynaughty, f, 3, o/o Woodys Night Watch, by Mondavi. MSW, 6-24, Belterra

**Tonalist**, Lightning Tones, g, 3, o/o Rosesandlightning, by Lightnin N Thunder. Carry Back S., 6-24, Gulfstream

**Uncaptured**, Flipping Fish, g, 5, o/o Joann’s Wildcat, by Wildcat Heir. ALW, 6-24, Thistledown

**Uncaptured**, Luz de La Luna, f, 4, o/o Woven Lady, by Hard Spun. AOC, 6-24, Woodbine

**Valiant Minister**, Loco Abarrio, g, 3, o/o Ballyhoo Moon, by Malibu Moon. AOC, 6-24, Gulfstream

**War Front**, Liguria, f, 3, o/o Lerici, by Woodman. Wild Applause S., 6-24, Belmont

**West Coast**, Fit to Fly, c, 3, o/o Kimono, by Bernardini. ALW, 6-24, Thistledown

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**Unified**, Mariah’s Candy, f, 4, o/o Highwayormyway, by Giant’s Causeway. ALW, 6-23, Evangeline

**Union Rags**, Ragtime Belle, f, 4, o/o Belle Hill, by Sky Mesa. MSW, 6-24, Delaware

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“I HAVE ALWAYS HAD MASSIVE FAITH IN THIS HORSE”
KHAADEM UPSETS THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II JUBILEE

by Tom Frary

There are very few, if any, riders able to navigate Royal Ascot’s straight course like Jamie Spencer and he used every bit of his mix of talent, guile and experience to steer the Charlie Hills-trained 80-1 shot Khaadem (Ire) (Dark Angel (Ire))--White Daffodil (Ire), by Footstepsinthesand (GB)) to glory in Saturday’s feature G1 Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee S.

Like sweet medicine for these old campaigners who seem to have lost their way, the jockey who had partnered a 50-1 winner up the same strip on Thursday could be spotted some way out getting a rare tune out of Jim and Fitri Hay’s flagbearer who had unshipped him behind the stalls and who had failed to come out of them in last year’s G1 King Edward VII S. in the COVID year of 2020 here loomed wide on the home turn.

In front a furlong out, the Willie Muir and Chris Grassick-trained 6-year-old ducked left and then right away from his rider’s whip and caused significant interference to Changingoftheguard in the closing stages as a result. Cont. p5

PYLEDRIVER BACK TO THE FORE AFTER HARDWICKE WIN by Tom Frary

Royal Ascot’s G2 Hardwicke S. was missing Hukum (Ire) (Sea The Stars (Ire)), but it still had Pyledriver (GB) (Harbour Watch (Ire)--La Pyle (Fr) (Le Havre (Ire)) and the hero of last year’s G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. copied that Shadwell contemporary in overcoming his own lengthy lay-off on Saturday.

Understandably over-racing in the hands of P J McDonald behind the front-running West Wind Blows (Ire) (Teofilo (Ire)) and Changingoftheguard (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)) throughout the early stages, the 7-2 shot who had also won the G2 King Edward VII S. in the COVID year of 2020 here loomed wide on the home turn.

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IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

TWO PHIL’S EASY WINNER OF OHIO DERBY

The GIII Ohio Derby went to Two Phil’s (Hard Spun) at Thistledown on Saturday.
COOLMORE’S AGE OF KINGS WINS JERSEY

The TDN Rising Star earned his first career stakes victory by a length and secured trainer Aidan O’Brien a 12th Royal Ascot trainer’s title.

SNELLEN MUCH THE BEST IN CHESHAM

The Lindsay Laroche hombred daughter of Expert Eye (GB) posted the mild 12-1 upset at Royal Ascot for trainer Gavin Cromwell.

ROYAL ASCOT SUCCESS FOR CALIFORNIA BREEDER

The first foal out of the stakes-placed Illumined (IRE) represented a first win at Royal Ascot as an owner and breeder for Lindsay Laroche and Emma Berry has the details.

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Like her, the Australian raider Cannonball (Aus) (Capitalist (Aus)) was also coming back after the King’s Stand but lost Danny Tudhope in the stalls.

“It’s just amazing that we’ve got to where we have now at his age, but I have always had massive faith in this horse and that’s why I’ve kept him for so long,” Charlie Hills said of the former Shadwell representative. “He won a Group 2 last year over five, but this year I wanted to try and race him properly again and drop him in to make sure we got the six furlongs well. He is a high-energised horse who has just taken time to come to himself. Jamie Insole rides him out every morning and there has been a great team effort with this horse through his career. It really is the icing on the cake today.”

It is a challenge to summarise the story of Khaadem, who started out in the royal blue and white and won Goodwood’s prestigious Stewards’ Cup as a 3-year-old before finishing fourth in this and the G1 July Cup the following season. One win in eight in 2021 meant he was let go by Shadwell and was reinvented as a five-furlong performer when bagging Newmarket’s G3 Palace House S. and the King George back at Goodwood before another spell in the doldrums. After an uninspiring period in Meydan, he was back in Britain to warm up for this with a third in Salisbury’s Listed Cathedral S. last month but had still offered little evidence that such a late career breakthrough was on the cards.

Reserved at the back of the six-strong group racing up the centre led by The Astrologist (Aus) (Zoustar {Aus}), at halfway Khaadem was about to unleash his full ability getting the Spencer treatment for the first time.
Spencer just waits and waits up the straight course here and being the last to be asked a question was the key as the eventual winner was willing to give his all with Sacred his final target. Highfield Princess was forced to do her own work towards the stands’ rail and gave another highly creditable display as she dominated that side.

“I felt no pressure,” Spencer said. “I followed Frankie and Tom and could see Tom was going well at halfway. So, just like in a cycling race, you let him do the work for you and you hope that when you pull out you have a little bit to fire. It’s difficult for me to put into words what Jim and Fitri have been like as friends to me for a long time. Getting on the horses in Group 1s is the hardest part, but it’s a fantastic day and I’m going to enjoy it.”

Sacred’s trainer William Haggas said, “It is mixed emotions. I am thrilled with the way she has run, but gutted that she has got caught. She got left a bit in front, that was the problem. She has run a great race and I am very proud of her.”

Jason Hart said of Highfield Princess, “I don’t know how many times we have run against Khaadem, but every time we have beaten him. Maybe it is down to different track position and they were always up on me on the other side. I felt her battle for me all the way to the line and she has run her race.”

**Pedigree Notes**

By one of Royal Ascot’s sire stars, Khaadem is out of White Daffodil whose prior best was Dark Angel’s Listed Redcar Two-Year-Old Trophy winner and G2 Norfolk S. and G2 Mill Reef S. runner-up Log Out Island (Ire). She is kin to three black-type performers headed by the Listed Carnarvon S. and Listed Prix Saraca winner Lady Links (GB) (Bahamian Bounty (GB)), who is also the dam of the Listed Oh So Sharp S. winner Selinka (GB) (Selkirk).
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Selinka, in turn, produced the G3 Curragh S. and G3 Mercury S. winner Hit The Bid (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) and the Limestone S. scorer Ruthin (GB) (Ribchester {Ire}). From the family of the G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest-winning sire Bold Edge (GB) (Beveled), White Daffodil’s 3-year-old full-brother to Khaadem, Themainprotagonist (Ire), is a winner for this yard, while she also has a yearling filly again by Dark Angel.

Saturday, Royal Ascot, Britain
QUEEN ELIZABETH II JUBILEE S.-G1, £1,000,000, Ascot, 6-24, 4yo/up, 6fT, 1:12.42, g/f.

1--KHAADEM (IRE), 131, g, 7, by Dark Angel (Ire)
   1st Dam: White Daffodil (Ire), by Footstepsinthesand (GB)
   2nd Dam: Sparky’s Song (GB), by Electric (GB)
   3rd Dam: Daring Ditty (GB), by Daring March (GB)
1ST GROUP 1 WIN. (750,000gns Ylg >17 TATOCT). O-Mrs Fitri Hay; B-Yeomanstown Stud (IRE); T-Charles Hills; J-Jamie Spencer. £567,100. Lifetime Record: SP-UAE, 30-8-2-4, $1,412,909. *Full to Log Out Island (Ire), SW & MGSP-Eng, GSP-Ire & SP-Fr, $250,585. Werk Nick Rating: A++. *Triple Plus*. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

2--Sacred (GB), 128, m, 5, Exceed And Excel (Aus)--Sacre Caroline, by Blame. 1ST GROUP 1 BLACK TYPE. O/B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB); T-William Haggas. £215,000.
3--Highfield Princess (Fr), 128, m, 6, Night of Thunder (Ire)--Pure Illusion (Ire), by Danehill. (29,000gns RNA Ylg ‘18 TATDEY). O/B-Trainers House Enterprises Ltd (FR); T-John Quinn. £107,600.

Margins: NK, 1 1/4, 1HF. Odds: 80.00, 9.00, 2.75.
Also Ran: Artorius (Aus), The Astrologist (Aus), Al Suhail (GB), Kinross (GB), Coeur de Pierre (Fr), Run To Freedom (GB), Wellington (Aus), Emaraaty Ana (GB), Art Power (Ire), Big Invasion, Sandrine (GB), Rohaan (Ire). VIDEO.

G2 Hardwicke S. Cont. from p1
After an inquiry, the result was left as it was, which was Pyledriver 1 1/4 lengths ahead of TDN Rising Star West Wind Blows with Changingoftheguard a length away in fourth.
Easy to write off initially due to his modest connections, Pyledriver has made a point throughout his career of defying the doubters, most notably before the King George in the previous year’s G1 Coronation Cup. Also successful in the 2020 G2 Great Voltigeur S., he was third going too far in the G1 St Leger where he veered away from Martin Dwyer’s whip and was second in the 2021 G1 Hong Kong Vase and an unlucky loser when fourth in last year’s G1 Dubai Sheema Classic.
This was a momentous comeback marred only by McDonald’s snap decision to use the whip in the closing stages, but an emotional Willie Muir was looking only at the positives. “I know how much this horse will improve. Yes he rolled around, but he was on fumes. I knew he was a class horse and I knew he would be competitive—he never knows when to chuck it in, but I did think match-fitness might catch us out. We will see how he is tonight, tomorrow, the next day, but the King George will be next all being well. This is what we dream to have horses like this. The owners were offered fortunes for him as a 3-year-old and they have been so loyal to the horse.”

McDonald added, “When he hits the front, he always runs around and it just goes to show how much ability he has that he’s not concentrating on running in a straight line. I haven’t sat on this horse since last year’s King George and what a performance to get this fella back today. Today was only ever a starting point moving forward to the King George, so to get the win under his belt is a massive bonus. We have a superstar horse, I just need to keep him in a straight line!”

Ed Crisford said of West Wind Blows, “I think there you can say he definitely stays a mile and a half, because there have always been these question marks but he kept running true to the line there. I would say that’s his career-best performance and he really showed himself, up against some of the best horses over this trip.”

Changingoftheguard’s trainer Aidan O’Brien said, “He ran very well and we are delighted with his run. We will see how he is—obviously he is entered in the King George and all those races.”
Co-trainer William Muir and jockey P.J. McDonald share a few anxious moments during the stewards enquiry before Pyledriver’s win became official | Racingfotos.com

Pedigree Notes

Pyledriver is the first foal out of La Pyle, a full-sister to the G3 Park Express S. winner Normandel (Fr) and a half to the G1 Grand Prix de Paris hero Mont Ormel (Fr) (Air Chief Marshal {Ire}). She is also kin to Lillebonne (Fr) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), the dam of the Listed El Gran Senor S. winner and G2 Kilboy Estate S. runner-up Seisai (Ire) (Gleneagles {Ire}), the Listed Glencairn S. winner Maganimous (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), the G3 Irish St Leger Trial-placed Micro Manage (Ire) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}) and the G2 Debutante S. third Thornbrook (Ire) (Saxon Warrior {Jpn}).

La Pyle, whose 3-year-old filly Shagpyle (GB) (Frankel {GB}) looks a decent type who won here on debut last month, is a granddaughter of Lidakiya (Ire) (Kahyasi {Ire}) who produced the G1 Grosser Dallmayr-Preis and G1 Premio Vittorio di Capua-winning sire Linningari (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}) and is kin to the triple listed scorer and G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup runner-up Livadiya (Ire) (Shernazar {Ire}). La Pyle’s yearling filly is by Kingman (GB).

Saturday, Royal Ascot, Britain
HARDWICKE S.-G2, £250,000, Ascot, 6-24, 4yo/up, 11f 211yT, 2:29.60, g/f.

1--PYLEDIVER (GB), 129, h, 6, by Harbour Watch (Ire)
  1st Dam: La Pyle (Fr), by Le Havre (Ire)
  2nd Dam: Lidana (Ire), by King’s Best
  3rd Dam: Lidakiya (Ire), by Kahyasi (Ire)
(10,000gns RNA Wlg ‘17 TATFOA). O-La Pyle Partnership; B-Knox & Wells Ltd & R Devlin (GB); T-William Muir & Chris Grassick; J-P J McDonald. £141,775. Lifetime Record: MG1SW-Eng & G1SP-HK, 19-8-4-1, $2,562,866. Werk Nick Rating: A++. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

2--West Wind Blows (Ire), 129, g, 4, Teofilo (Ire)--West Wind (GB), by Machiavellian. ‘TDN Rising Star’. O-Abdulla Al Mansoori; B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Simon & Ed Crisford. £53,750.

3--Changingoftheguard (Ire), 129, c, 4, Galileo (Ire)--Lady Lara (Ire), by Excellent Art (GB). O-Westerberg, Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor & D Smith; B-B V Sangster (IRE); T-Aidan O’Brien. £26,900.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1, HF. Odds: 3.50, 6.50, 7.00.
Also Ran: Deauville Legend (Ire), Free Wind (Ire), Grand Alliance (Ire), Ardakan (GB). Scratched: Hukum (Ire). VIDEO.

TDN RISING STAR AGE OF KINGS WINS THE JERSEY by Tom Frary

Things hadn’t gone smoothly for Westerberg, Magnier, Tabor, Smith and Brant’s TDN Rising Star Age Of Kings (Ire) (Kingman {GB}--Turret Rocks {Ire}, by Fastnet Rock {Aus}) since last summer, but it finally clicked into place for the talented Ballydoyle second-string and Wayne Lordan in Saturday’s G3 Jersey S. at Royal Ascot.
In the shadow of Ryan Moore’s choice The Antarctic (Ire) (Dark Angel (Ire)), the 1.1 million gns Book 1 graduate was nevertheless let go at a surprising 22-1 given that Aidan O’Brien had run him first time up this season in the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas.

Placed close to the strong early pace set by the 11-4 favourite Covey (GB) (Frankel (GB)), the son of the G2 May Hill S. winner Turret Rocks was committed inside the two and had to fight to the line as the closers came. Finding it in time, he prevailed by a length and a neck from fellow outsiders Zoology (GB) (Zoustar (Aus)) and Streets Of Gold (Ire) (Havana Gold (Ire)) respectively to provide his trainer with an 85th Royal winner and deliver a 12th Royal Ascot trainer’s title.

Granted his TDN Rising Star tag following his emphatic Curragh conditions win at the beginning of last June, Age Of Kings had come here days later to contest the G2 Coventry S. and was seventh before returning to Kildare to be a close fourth in the G2 Railway S. on his third start in 25 days. Whether that busy workload cost him afterwards is hard to say, but it was significant that he was the stable’s chosen representative in Leopardstown’s G3 Tyros S. in July which is always a marker of merit when it comes to Ballydoyle’s juveniles. Only third there before disappearing off the radar, he was a surprise member of the line-up for the Irish Guineas and although he was 10th he was beaten less than eight lengths by Paddington (GB) (Siyouni (Fr)).

“Wayne kept it uncomplicated and said he’d get a mile if we wanted,” O’Brien said. “The Guineas was only his first run of the year, it was a very good run and he came forward from that.” Lordan added, “At two he had a few runs and maybe got a bit weak, but he’s come back and he’s stepped forward nicely, even in his work.”

Trainer James Ferguson said of Zoology, “They went very hard and, in the mid-stage of the race, you just think he’s struggling to keep up but they’ve all come back and he’s stayed on very well. It’s a tough race this and the fast ground certainly suited him. He has done absolutely nothing wrong and ran a super race in the Greenham, when he obviously didn’t like the ground. Back on a sounder surface, he’s run an absolute belter of a race and I’ve got very high hopes for this horse. I think he could be a superstar.”
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Ryan Moore is presented with the Leading Jockey Plate by Clive Myrie (left). He scored six wins over the five-day stand, and it was his 10th Royal Ascot title.

**Pedigree Notes**

Age Of Kings is the first foal out of the aforementioned Turret Rocks, who also took the G3 Blue Wind S. and G3 Meld S. and was runner-up in the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac and third in the G1 Pretty Polly S. for Jim Bolger. She is a half-sister to Beyond Thankful (Ire) (Whipper), who captured the G3 Newcastle Cup and was second in the G3 Killavullan S, while this is also the family of the G2 Fuji TV Sho Spring S. winner and G1 Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas) third Galore Creek (Jpn) (Kinshasa no Kiseki {Aus}), the G3 Stanerra S. winner Cimeara (Ire) (Vocalised) and her 2-year-old full-sister Comhra (Ire) who was third in last month’s G1 Irish 1000 Guineas. Turret Rocks, who is also related to the brilliant Goldikova (Ire) (Anabaa), has the 2-year-old colt by Too Darn Hot (GB) who was a 600,000gns purchase by David Redvers at last year’s Book 1 Sale. Named Trafalgar Square (Ire), he is followed by a yearling full-brother to Age Of Kings.

**Saturday, Royal Ascot, Britain**

**JERSEY S.-G3**, £150,000, Ascot, 6-24, 3yo, 7fT, 1:26.93, g/f.

1--AGE OF KINGS (IRE), 129, c, 3, by Kingman (GB)

1st Dam: Turret Rocks (Ire) (MGSW & G1SP-Ire, GSW-Eng & G1SP-Fr, $396,000), by Fastnet Rock (Aus)

2nd Dam: Beyond Compare (Ire), by Galileo (Ire)

3rd Dam: Gold Bust (GB), by Nashwan

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN. ‘TDN Rising Star’. (1,100,000gns Ylg ‘21 TATOCT). O-Westerberg, Magnier, Tabor, Smith & Brant; B-Farmleigh Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Aidan O’Brien; J-Wayne Lordan. £85,065. Lifetime Record:

GSP-Ire, 7-2-1-1, $136,790. Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

2--Zoology (GB), 129, c, 3, Zoustar (Aus)--Peach Melba (GB), by Dream Ahead. 1ST BLACK TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE. (90,000gns Wlg ‘20 TATFOA). O-Qatar Racing Ltd; B-R Kent & Executors of Lady Lonsdale (GB); T-James Ferguson. £32,250.

3--Streets Of Gold (Ire), 129, c, 3, Havana Gold (Ire)--Truly Honoured (GB), by Frankel (GB). 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE. (£27,000 Ylg ‘21 TATIRY). O-J Allison & G C Stevens; B-Vimal & Gillian Khosla (IRE); T-Eve Johnson Houghton. £16,140. Margins: 1, NK, NK. Odds: 22.00, 22.00, 28.00.

Also Ran: Holloway Boy (GB), Olivia Maralda (Ire), Holguin (GB), Flight Plan (GB), Thunderbear (Ire), Covey (GB), Alexander John (Ire), Enfjaar (Ire), Mysterious Night (Ire), The Antarctic (Ire), Empty Metaphor (Ire), Quar Shamar (Ger).
SNELLEN WINS THE BATTLE OF THE FILLIES IN THE CHESHAM by Tom Frary

Saturday’s Listed Chesham S. at Royal Ascot was all about the fillies as the Gavin Cromwell-trained Snellen (Ire) (Expert Eye {GB}—Illumined {Ire}, by Sea The Moon {Ger}) found the line just ahead of Pearls And Rubies (No Nay Never).

Off the mark at Limerick 10 days earlier, having won her barrier trial beforehand, Lindsay Laroche’s homebred was keen early tracking the leader of the stand’s-side group but had plenty in reserve when committed by Gary Carroll approaching two out. Green and errant late as the 7-4 favourite Pearls And Rubies (No Nay Never) drove to the line many lengths wider out in the centre of the track, the 12-1 shot was there a head in advance of her Aidan O’Brien-trained compatriot. Golden Mind (Ire) (Galileo Gold {GB}) and Oddyssey (GB) (Ulysses {Ire}) fared best of the colts, finishing off strongly to be half a length away in a joint-third.

“The last half furlong was a very long half furlong for me--she was looking for company and started to lean a bit, but she’s a very good filly,” Carroll said.

He added, “She is a little bit weak and was getting a little lonely when she started rolling. I tried to correct her in Limerick when she went like that and lost momentum. So I was going forwards and thought, ‘keep going’, and thankfully I hung on.”

Richard Henry said of Pearls And Rubies, “She went to win her race and maybe got a bit lonely on her own. She has run a great race and will come on for the run. She is a sweet filly. Ryan thinks she could be very good.”

Pedigree Notes

The dam Illumined, who was a winner over 12 furlongs and was third in the Listed Foundation S. for George Strawbridge, was a 170,000gns purchase by Harvey Bloodstock at the 2020 Tatts December Mares Sale. Snellen, who becomes a landmark first black-type winner for her second-crop sire, is her first foal. She is kin to the listed scorer and G1 Deutsches Derby runner-up Night Tango (Ger) (Acatenango {Ger}) and the G3 Preis der Winterkonigin winner Night Lagoon (Ger) (Lagunas {GB}), who is in turn the dam of five black-type performers headed by the four-times Group 1-winning King George VI & Queen Elizabeth II S. hero Novellist (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}) and the G1 Irish Oaks heroine Magical Lagoon (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}).
Lindsay Laroche to the left of Snellen and alongside Daithi Harvey

Illumined's second foal is a yearling filly by Blue Point (Ire), while she also has a colt foal by Gleneagles (Ire).

CHESHAM S.-Listed, £100,000, Ascot, 6-24, 2yo, 7fT, 1:29.36, g/f.
1--SNELLEN (IRE), 126, f, 2, by Expert Eye (GB)
   1st Dam: Illumined (Ire) (SP-Eng), by Sea The Moon (Ger)
   2nd Dam: Nenuphar (Ire), by Night Shift
   3rd Dam: Narola (Ger), by Nebos (Ger)
   1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O/B-L H LaRoche (IRE); T-Gavin Cromwell; J-Gary Carroll. £56,710. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $88,302.

Barrier Trial Winner at Naas

Naas Racecourse

2--Pearls And Rubies, 126, f, 2, No Nay Never--
   Diamondsandroby (Ire), by Fastnet Rock (Aus). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Mrs Richard Henry & Mrs John Magnier; B-Premier Bloodstock (KY); T-Aidan O’Brien. £21,500.
   (DH) 3--Golden Mind (Ire), 131, c, 2, Galileo Gold (GB)--Sagely (Ire), by Frozen Power (Ire). (150,000gns Ylg ’22 TATOCT). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum; B-Tally-Ho Stud (IRE); T-Richard Fahey. £10,760.
   (DH) 3--Oddyssey (GB), 131, c, 2, Ulysses (Ire)--Last Echo (Ire), by Whipper. (10,500gns Ylg ’22 TADEY). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Pinnacle Thoroughbreds 3; B-Culworth Grounds Farm (GB); T-Patrick Owens. £10,760.
   Margins: HD, HF, HF, HF. Odds: 12.00, 1.75, 12.00, 125.00. Also Ran: Hot Fuss (Ire), Carolina Reaper (GB), Nemonte (Ire), Dallas Star (Fr), Warnie (Ire), Sayedaty Sadaty (Ire), Matnookh (Ire), Maymay (Fr), Content (Ire), Lightning Leo (GB), Count Palatine (Ire), La Guarida (Ire). Scratched: Quatre Bras (Ire). VIDEO.

SNELLEN PROVIDES LAROCHE WITH 20/20 VISION OF SUCCESS

By Emma Berry

ASCOT, UK--This year’s Royal Ascot has certainly been a successful one for a number of American owners, but Lindsay Laroche is no stranger to big-race success in Europe. The victory of Snellen (Ire) in the Chesham S. was that bit extra special for the Californian, however, as he is also the breeder of the daughter of Expert Eye (GB), who is the first foal of her dam Illumined (Ire) (Sea The Moon {Ger}).

The seven-year-old mare raced in the colours of another owner-breeder, George Strawbridge, for whom she won twice and was listed-placed before being sold for 170,000gns at the Tattersalls December Sale in 2020. It is a family with some smart Ascot form in the book as Illumined is a half-sister to Night Lagoon (Ger) (Lagunas {GB}), whose son Novellist (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}) still holds the 1m4f track record, set when he won the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. in 2013.

"It’s such a thrill for us," said Laroche, who had travelled to Ascot from San Francisco with his wife Deborah. "Daithi Harvey, my good friend and bloodstock manager, picked out the mare Illumined with a little bit of my help. We loved the German blood and the distance, and Expert Eye--well they seemed to work well together today at least."

He continued, "We’re very excited because we have a Blue Point (Ire) yearling filly and a Gleneagles (Ire) colt foal, and the mare has had three February 10, 8 and 12 babies, so she’s a machine."

Illumined boards at David and Tamso Cox’s Baroda Stud alongside another of Laroche's mares, Princess Yaiza (Ire), who, like Snellen, was a Gavin Cromwell trainee. She won the G2 Prix de Royallieu on Arc weekend in 2018.
Laroche said, "[Illumined] is in foal to Bayside Boy (Ire). There were deals required to get to New Bay (GB)!
"But it’s very exciting: a shout out to the thrill to come here to race in England, and in Ireland. We’re based in California and we love the racing there but this is very, very special.
"Princess Yaiza was probably our biggest thrill until today, if not tied, as she won at Longchamp. She has a baby and another one coming."

Another Harvey purchase, Sunset Shiraz (Ire) (Time Test (GB)), who was placed in the G1 Moyglare Stud S. and runner-up in both the G2 Debutante S. and G3 Park S., will join the broodmare band next year.

In his home country, Laroche, who also races under the Highland Yard banner, has horses in training with Christophe Clement. His colours have been carried to success there by the GIII Modesty H. winner Walk Close ((Tapit) among others.

The Chesham winner's name was well chosen considering her sire Expert Eye, as she takes her title from the famed Dutch ophthalmologist Herman Snellen, designer of the Snellen Chart which features ever-decreasing rows of letters and which can be found in optician stores the world over.

Laroche added, "People were asking before the race if I had pins and needles, but that was for her last race, the first race, when we wondering if she was any good.
"Gavin has all these two-year-olds and they are all about the same, and he said, "I don't know if they are all good or if they are all bad." So it was a thrill just to get here and to do this, but there were less nerves this time."

After Saturday, one thing is pretty clear: neither Cromwell nor Laroche will need glasses to see that they have a special filly on their hands.

5th-Ascot, 175,000, Hcp, 6-24, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:12.55, g/f. SAINT LAWRENCE (IRE) (g, 5, Al Kazeem {GB}--Affluent {GB}, by Oasis Dream {GB}) gave generously to win the Wokingham H. at Ascot on Saturday. The 22-1 shot was not the quickest away, and held in reserve for much of the race. Produced inside the final quarter mile, the 2020 Listed Denford S. hero overwhelmed Apollo One (GB) (Equiano {Fr}) in the final furlong to win by a length under Hollie Doyle.
Doyle combined with trainer Archie Watson for three winners over the course of the week with G1 King’s Stand S. hero Bradsell (GB) (Tasleet {GB}) and Palace Of Holyroodhouse S. scorer Rhythm N Hooves (GB) (Pearl Secret {GB}) their earlier winners. Watson said, “I am very grateful to Mr. Deer for sending him to us. I am just delighted to get the job done at the first time of asking.” Doyle said, “I had the choice of Archie’s runners and thankfully I chose the right one. He took me through the race beautifully, I had a dream run and almost got there too soon. We’re a great team and I don’t feel any pressure when riding for Archie. It’s been an amazing week for both me and Tom [Marquand, husband], and it’s great having our families here. My dad couldn’t be here today, but he’s glued to the TV at home. I can’t put it into words—to have the winner [Bradsell] on the first day was amazing and you think ‘well, we’ll do well to better that’ so to walk away from Royal Ascot with three winners, after being off for three months at the start of the year [with a broken elbow], is incredible.” Through four seasons of competition, Saint Lawrence has also been placed three times at the group level in England, but was last seen tiring to 18th in a Newmarket handicap in early May when trained by Roger Varian. A half-brother to Bated Breath (GB) filly Daahyeh (GB) who won both the G2 Rockfel S. and G3 Albany S. and was second in both the G1 Moyglare Stud S. and the G1 Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf, the gelding is one of five winners for his dam. Affluent, herself a half-sister to the group-winning duo of Deportivo (GB) (Night Shift) and So Beloved (GB) (Dansili {GB})—with the last-named also runner-up in the G1 Prix de la Foret—as well as the listed winner Irish Vale (GB) (Wolfhound), has a yearling colt by Bated Breath as her latest produce.
The high class U.S. champion Wandesta (GB) (Nashwan) is under the third dam. Lifetime Record: SW & MGSP-Eng, 19-3-2-3, $193,623. VIDEO.

O-D J Deer; B-D J & Mrs Deer (IRE); T-Archie Watson.

6th-Ascot, £100,000, Hcp, 6-24, 3yo, 9f 212yT, 2:05.64, g/f. BURDETT ROAD (GB) (c, 3, Muhaarar (GB)--Diamond Bangle (IRE), by Galileo (IRE)) entered the Golden Gate S. with a victory in a 10-furlong Newbury handicap at the beginning of the month, and made it two on the bounce with a three-quarter length win on a much bigger stage on Saturday. Keeping an eye on the leaders from the bell, the 20-1 chance began to improve just before the 400-metre marker. He seized control of the race shortly thereafter and fended off the late rush of Lion Of War (GB) (Roaring Lion) to his right to claim the victory. The race was marred by the fatal injury of Canute (Quality Road), who was pulled up on the back straight. Jockey Neil Callan, who won Tuesday's G1 Queen Anne S. aboard Triple Time (IRE) (Frankel (GB)), said, "This horse was very impressive last time out when he bossed a small field around Newbury over a mile and a quarter. He'd shown his best form over a mile, but he loved the fast ground that day and he got his own way in front. The only two times he's won was when he got his own way in front. We weren't sure whether he would suit being in behind, but Michael said 'I'll leave it to you--sit where you want to be'. The pace was good, but I had him so relaxed, so I took a lead off the front bunch and he just travelled so well and accelerated. He surprised me and probably accelerated too well too soon, but you can't really change your mind once you're committed. I think as you get older you're a bit more relaxed, you appreciate it a bit more, and I certainly appreciated coming back from Hong Kong. I'm pleased to have done as well as I've done. Look at this, it's Royal Ascot, the greatest show on earth." Michael Bell, who won his ninth Royal Ascot race of his career, said, "It was a good performance. It was a much deeper race and he had not done much since Newbury. He is a very good looking horse, bred by the Gredleys, who we have been lucky for, so I am delighted. Bill is not here today but he will be thrilled, watching at home. He was on the gallops this morning and was here on Thursday." Burdett Road's unraced dam has a juvenile colt named East India Dock (GB) (Golden Horn (GB)), and a yearling colt by Harry Angel (IRE). This is the clan of three-time Group 1 winner and sire Rip Van Winkle (IRE), as well as fellow sire and Italian Group 3 winner Le Vie Infinite (IRE). Listed winner Fleet Review (War Front), who was second in the G1 Middle Park S. and third in the G1 July Cup, is also under the second dam. Sales history: 18,000gns RNA Wlg '20 TATFOA. Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-0, $84,429. VIDEO.

Dawn Rising fends off The Grand Visir | Megan Ridgwell

O-The Gredley Family; B-Stetchworth & Middle Park Studs Ltd (GB); T-Michael Bell.

7th-Ascot, £100,000, Cond, 6-24, 4yo/up, 21f 143yT, 4:53.66, g/f. DAWN RISING (IRE) (g, 6, Galileo (IRE)--Devoted To You (IRE) (MGSP-Ire), by Danehill Dancer (IRE)), who won the G3 Monksfield Novice Hurdle at Navan in the autumn, captured the Royal Ascot finale, the Queen Alexandra S., by a half-length on Saturday. He raced in isolation for the first three furlongs before sidling over to the main field. The 2-1 favourite shadowed Coltor (IRE) (Free Eagle (IRE)) for much of the remainder of this marathon test, before asserting his superiority a long way from home. Ryan Moore, the meet’s leading rider, grew animated aboard the J.P. McManus runner as The Grand Visir (GB) (Frankel (GB)) loomed a danger late on, but Dawn Rising kept finding for the score. Moore said, "Joseph (O’Brien) had Dawn Rising beautifully prepared for today. He has been jumping and won a graded race over jumps during the winter, and today he got himself into a nice spot and I just gradually built along. It’s nice to finish the week with a winner. I hadn’t really asked him for everything and he was always finding plenty. Joseph’s horses can do that." Of Frankie Dettori who had ridden in his final Royal Ascot race earlier on the card, Moore said, "He’s still going to be around for a while yet, but I remember Frankie riding for my grandfather years ago. He’s the most beautiful rider you will ever see—if you want to build a jockey, that’s how you build one. He’s an unbelievable talent and he’s a tough boy as well. He’s always wanted to be at the top and he’s stayed there for 35 years—that takes some doing." O’Brien said, "It has been a wonderful week’s racing. It’s great to get a couple of winners, and it was a fantastic ride from Ryan. This horse is a dour stayer and that is what you need in a race like this. JP supports everyone in racing so well and it’s great to get a winner here in his colours."
Placed in the 2020 G3 Bahrain Trophy, Dawn Rising was third in the G3 Levmos S. on the Flat in May of this year. The sixth foal out of the winning G2 Debutante S. and G3 Park Express S. second Devoted To You, Dawn Rising is a full-brother to G1 Irish Derby winner and G1 King George VI & Queen Elizabeth S. runner-up Sovereign (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), the 2-year-old Jan Brueghel (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and a half to a filly of this year by St Mark’s Basilica (Fr). Dawn Rising is kin to G1 Irish Derby and G1 Oaks winner Balanchine (Storm Bird), G1 Prix de Diane heroine West Wind (GB) (Machiavellian), dual G1 Dubai World Cup winner Thunder Snow (Ire) (Helmet {Aus}) among other topliners. Lifetime Record: 11-4-1-3, $132,276. VIDEO.

O-John P McManus; B-Barronstown Stud (IRE); T-Joseph O’Brien.

**ROYAL ASCOT WINNERS**

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**Making Waves**

by Heather Anderson

**SKIMMING THE SURFACE**

In this series, the TDN takes a look at notable successes of European-based sires in North America. This column is highlighted by the victory of Skims in a Belmont affair.

**Frankel Filly Strikes In New York**

Last autumn’s GII Sands Point S. heroine Skims (GB) (Frankel {GB}) ran out an easy winner in New York for breeder Andrew Rosen and trainer Shug McGaughey earlier this month (video).
Now with four victories to her name, the $235,000 Keeneland September buy-back is the seventh foal out of Royal Decree (Street Cry {Ire}), and she is a half-sister to G2 Vintage S. hero War Decree (War Front) and the stakes-placed Noble Quality (Elusive Quality). Her second dam is the GI American Oaks Invitational and GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup S. heroine Ticker Tape (Royal Applause {GB}). This is also the family of crack sprinter Brando (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), who won the G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest, and G1 Prix Morny winner Reckless Abandon (GB) (Exchange Rate).

No sire in the world is having a better few days than Juddmonte’s Frankel, who fired in three Group 1 winners at Royal Ascot. However, his American record is also nothing to sneeze at, with 25 winners from 43 runners (58%). His 10 stakes winners there (23%) are anchored by GI Belmont Oaks heroine McKulick (GB).

**Masseto Returns A Winner After Long Break**

D. J. Stable LLC’s Masseto (GB) (Territories {Ire}) won a Woodbine affair just over a year after his last winning effort at that venue last Thursday for trainer Mark Casse (video).

Bred by Ciaran Paterson, the 62,000gns Tattersalls December foal was sold for 65,000gns out of Book 2 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale. Owned by J Carthy for his first two starts, the former Donnacha O’Brien trainee was placed twice at group level in Ireland.

The third foal out of the winning Never Change (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}), the 4-year-old colt is from the same family as G2 Great Voltigeur S. hero Sacrament (GB) (Shirley Heights {GB}), who was a son of the stakes winner Blessed Event (Ire) (Kings Lake), herself second in the G1 Yorkshire Oaks.

Darley stallion Territories has now sired two winners from five runners in the U.S. (40%). His best is the GIII Beaugay S. heroine Rougir (Fr), who also won Woodbine’s GI E. P. Taylor S. in Canada.

**FIVE-YEAR POOL BETTING DEAL RENEWED BETWEEN ASCOT AND HKJC**

A five-year partnership renewal agreement for pool betting was agreed upon by Ascot Racecourse and the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) on Friday.

The deal renewal, signed by Michael Fitzsimons of the HKJC and Felicity Barnard of Ascot, features the delivery of a dedicated HKJC feed from Ascot, as well as additional content to help raise awareness of the racing at Ascot in Hong Kong. It will begin on July 1, 2023 and last until July 1, 2028. It is an extension of a deal that began between the two companies in 2019. It covers the commingling of bets into the World Pool for another five years, as well. This year Ascot will host seven World Pool days including all five days of Royal Ascot, King George day and the industry-owned QIPCO British Champions Day.

Felicity Barnard, Commercial Director at Ascot Racecourse, said, “This is exciting for Ascot and exciting for racing in general. The relationship has grown and grown and this renewal shows that the Hong Kong Jockey Club are invested in racing across the world. It gives us the opportunity to expand what we are doing on the global stage so we are absolutely thrilled.

“All the revenue we generate, we look to invest in the business so our partnership with the Hong Kong Jockey Club is incredibly important to allow us to invest a significant amount into prize money. That in turn generates better-quality runners and a better product for World Pool customers.”

Michael Fitzsimons, Executive Director, Wagering Products, at the Hong Kong Jockey Club, said, “The partnership is great for us, for Ascot and for racing generally around the world. The continuity of big brands working together for the benefit of racing has been really important in bringing familiarity of the product, and of the betting markets, to customers around the globe. Working together to really promote racing in a truly global sense has been brilliant for everybody.

“We know that our customers are familiar with UK racing. They like Ascot and they like the brand of Ascot especially.”
He added, “Thousands of people will be watching Royal Ascot this week in Hong Kong and, when Wellington (Aus) (All Too Hard (Aus) runs in the Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee S., I’m sure we will see a serious spike in the numbers. We are all very keen for Hong Kong to put its own horses on the map, and the World Pool unites everybody in a way that’s never really been done before and we are very proud of working with Ascot and other racetracks.”

FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Sunday, June 25, 2023

UNITED KINGDOM

Land Force (Ire) (No Nay Never), Highclere Stud
117 foals of racing age
15:45-PONTEFRACT, 6f, Whoop Whoop (GB)
16,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; 50,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2022

Soldier’s Call (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), Ballyhane Stud
121 foals of racing age
14:00-FFOS LAS, 5f, Heed The Call (Ire)
€5,000 RNA Goffs November Foal Sale 2021; €16,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2022
14:00-FFOS LAS, 5f, Relentless Warrior (Ire)
£30,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022

FRANCE:

Palace Prince (Ger) (Areion {Ger}), Joel Denis
7 foals of racing age

5-LYON PARILLY, 1350m, Loyal Prince (Fr)

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

HOW THEY FARED

13.32 Newmarket, Nov, £8,000, 2yo, 7fT
Godolphin’s €2-million Arqana August purchase Ancient Wisdom (Fr) (Dubawi {Ire}), who attained ‘TDN Rising Star’ status over this trip at Haydock earlier in the month, justified odds of 1-6 and doubled his tally for the Charlie Appleby stable with a 1 3/4-length success under a six-pound penalty.

14.42 Newmarket, Nov, £10,000, 3yo, 8fT
Charlie Appleby representative Imperial Emperor (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), a son of GI Man O’ War S. heroine Zhukova (Ire) (Fastnet Rock (Aus)) and another Godolphin ‘TDN Rising Star’, was never seriously threatened in this sophomore bow and went two-for-two with a pillar-to-post victory as the 1-3 favourite.

Saturday’s Results:

UNITE THE UNION THANKING OUR MEMBERS EBF LAND O’ BURNS FILLIES’ S.-Listed, £50,000, Ayr, 6-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :56.38, gd.
1--MAKAROVA (GB), 132, f, 4, Acclamation (GB)--Vesnina (GB), by Sea The Stars (Ire). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O/B-Brightwalton Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Ed Walker; J-Paul Mirlennan. £28,355. Lifetime Record: 15-3-4-2, $81,985. *1/2 to Nina Bailarina (GB) (Lope De Vega {Ire}), GSP-Fr.
2--Marine Wave (Ire), 126, f, 3, Harry Angel (Ire)--Ambiguous (GB), by Kheleyf. O-Sheikh Rashid Dalmoon Al Maktoum; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Richard Fahey. £10,750.
3--Royal Aclaim (Ire), 132, f, 4, Aclaim (Ire)--Knock Stars (Ire), by Soviet Star. (60,000gns 2yo ’21 TATBRG). O-Sheikh Juma Dalmoon Al Maktoum; B-Pier House Stud (IRE); T-James Tate. £5,380.
Margins: 1 1/4, HF, 1 3/4. Odds: 7.00, 11.00, 1.75.
Also Ran: Nymphadora (GB), Funny Story (GB), Treasure Trove (Ire), Minnetonka (Ire), Designer (GB), Silent Words (GB), Loch Carron (Ire).

Makarova, second in last term’s Listed Boadicea Fillies’ S. at Newmarket, lined up for this fifth black-type start coming back off a fourth in this month’s Listed Achilles S. at Haydock and stepped forward in this dash to claim a career high.
Squeezed for room at the break and in rear through the initial fractions, she weaved a passage into third entering the final furlong and kept on strongly under mild rousting to win going away in style.

Makarova is the third of five foals and one of two winners produced by a daughter if Listed Sandringham H. third Safina (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), the other being G3 Prix Eclipse runner-up Nina Bailarina (GB) (Lope De Vega {Ire}). Safina, herself out of MG1SW European champion Russian Rhythm (Kingmambo), is also the dam of the Group 3-winning duo Potapova (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and Marenko (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}). The March-foaled bay is a half-sister to the unraced 2-year-old filly Vicario (GB) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) and a yearling filly by Kingman (GB). VIDEO.

3rd-Haydock, £30,000, Nov, 6-24, 2yo, 6f 212yT, 1:27.12, gd.

CHATURANGA (IRE) (c, 2, Invincible Army {Ire}--Delhi {GB} (SP-Fr), by High Chaparral {Ire}), the decisive winner of a weak contest on debut at Redcar last month, raced in second early. Sent to the front approaching the furlong pole, the 11-10 favourite got the full Luke Morris treatment en route to a length verdict over Rockstar Icon (Ire) (Sixties Icon {GB}). Chaturanga shares his G3 Fred Darling S.-placed second dam Dream Day (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) with last year’s G3 Prix Six Perfections scorer Sydneyarms Chelsea (Ire) (Sioux Nation). The listed-placed dam, who also has a yearling filly by Calyx (GB), is a granddaughter of the listed scorer Capistrano Day (Diesis {GB}) who was third in the Fred Darling. Sales history: €22,000 RNA Wlg ’21 GOFNO1; €45,000 Ylg ’22 GOFOR. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $25,039.

O-Hambleton Racing XLVI & Partner; B-David Byrne & Pierce Molony (IRE); T-Archie Watson.

3rd-Newmarket, £10,000, Nov, 6-24, 3yo, 8fT, 1:41.00, gd.

IMPERIAL EMPEROR (IRE) (c, 3, Dubawi {Ire}--Zhukova {Ire} (G1SW-US & MGSW-Ire, $499,594), by Fastnet Rock (Aus)), who earned a ‘TDN Rising Star’ rosette with an impressive debut score over one mile at HQ’s Rowley Mile track on Arc weekend last year, soon led in this seasonal return. Holding sway throughout, the 1-3 chalk was asked to stretch approaching the quarter-mile marker and powered clear up the hill to easily outclass Sniper’s Eye (Fr) (Expert Eye (GB)) by an impressive 2 3/4 lengths. Imperial Emperor, a G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe entry, is the second foal and winner out of GI Man O’ War S. victrix Zhukova (Ire) (Fastnet Rock (Aus)), herself a half-sister to MG1SW sire Ghaiyyath (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}). The February-foaled homebred bay’s second dam is G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Nightime (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). Imperial Emperor is a full-brother to the dual stakes-placed First Ruler (GB) and a weanling filly. He is also kin to the unraced 2-year-old colt Classic Encounter (Ire) (Shamardal) and a yearling filly by Lope De Vega (Ire). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $12,898.

O/B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Charlie Appleby.

1st-Newmarket, £8,000, Nov, 6-24, 2yo, 7fT, 1:26.62, gd.

ANCIENT WISDOM (FR) (c, 2, Dubawi {Ire}--Golden Valentine {Fr} (G5SW-Fr, $125,200), by Dalakhani {Ire})), a €2-million Arqana August sensation last year, went off at prohibitive odds of 1-6 coming back from a ‘TDN Rising Star’ performance in his June 9 debut over this trip at Haydock last time and duly rewarded the money buyers under a six-pound penalty. Positioned in a close-up fourth through halfway, he inched ahead passing the two pole and was ridden out in the closing stages to assert by 1 3/4 lengths from Never So Brave (Ire) (No Nay Never). Ancient Wisdom, half to a yearling colt by Lope De Vega (Ire), is the third of four foals and second scorer produced by G3 Prix Minerve winner Golden Valentine (Fr) (Dalakhani {Ire}), herself one of seven stakes performers out of G3 Prix Cleopatre victrix Gold Round (Ire) (Caerleon).
Golden Valentine’s siblings include her G3 Prix du Lys-winning full-brother Goldwaki (Ger), GIII Robert J Frankel S victrix and GI Rodeo Drive S. runner-up Luck (Kitten’s Joy) and the dam of G3 Prix Vanteaux winner and GI E P Taylor S. third Platane (GB) (Le Havre (Ire)). Gold Round, in turn, is a half-sister to storied multiple champion and three-time GI Breeders’ Cup Mile heroine Goldikova (Ire) (Anabaa), G1 Prix Vermeille victrix Galikova (Fr) (Galileo (Ire)) and multiple Group 1-placed sire Anodin (Ire) (Anabaa). Golden Valentine was a €520,000 purchase at Arqana’s 2012 December Broodmare sale. Sales history: €2,000,000 Ylg ‘22 ARAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $12,275.

O-Godolphin; B-Ecurie des Monceaux & LNJ Foxwoods (FR); T-Charlie Appleby.

1st-Redcar, £8,000, Nov, 6-24, 2yo, 6fT, 1:09.38, gd.
BRAVE EMPIRE (IRE) (c, 2, Dark Angel (Ire)–Isabeau (IRE) (MSP-Ire), by Cable Bay (IRE)), who was burdened with a seven-pound penalty for shedding maiden status going a shade over six furlongs at Windsor earlier this month, broke on the lead and accepted a tow in third after the initial strides of this one. Tanking forward once past halfway, the 6-5 chalk inched ahead approaching the final quarter-mile and was ridden clear in the closing stages to easily account for Dark Encounter (Ire) (Dark Angel (Ire)) by 3 1/2 lengths. Brave Empire is the first of three foals out of Listed Curragh S. and Listed Tipperary S. placegetter Isabeau (Ire) (Cable Bay (Ire)), herself the leading performer produced by a daughter of the dual stakes-placed Illusion (GB) (Anabaa). The January-foaled grey is full to a yearling colt and half to a weanling filly by Invincible Army (Ire). Sales history: 450,000gns Ylg ‘22 TATFOA; B-Yeomanstown Stud (IRE); T-Roger Varian.

1st-Ayr, £9,500, Mdn, 6-24, 2yo, 6fT, 1:11.23, gd.
JEHANGEER (IRE) (c, 2, Kodiak (GB)–Spasha (GB), by Shamardal), a May 24 debut runner-up over course and distance in his only prior start, raced in a close-up second through halfway here. Shaken up to lead approaching the final furlong, the even-money favourite came under sterner urging thereafter and was ridden out in the closing stages to prevail by a neck from Nighteyes (Ire) (Night Of Thunder (Ire)). Jehangeer is the latest of eight foals and seventh scorer out of an unraced half-sister to Listed Hampton Court S. victor and G2 Hardwicke S. third Persian Majesty (Ire) (Grand Lodge). The April-foaled bay’s five black-type siblings include MG1SW sire Hello Youmzain (Fr) (Kodiak (GB)) and MGSW G1 Deutsches Derby and G1 Grosser Preis von Berlin third Royal Youmzain (Fr) (Youmzain (Ire)). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $9,670.

O-Jaber Abdullah; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Kevin Ryan.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Quickfire (GB), c, 2, Land Force (IRE)–Byrony (IRE) (MSP-US, $168,630), by Byron (GB). Lingfield, 6-24, 7f (AWT), 1:23.68. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $4,532. B-Mr & Mrs C Booth & Mrs S Cammidge (GB). *36,000 Wlg ‘21 TADEWE; 47,000gns Ylg ‘22 TATSOM.

Oneforsue (GB), f, 3, Bated Breath (GB)–Unveiling (GB), by Mayson (GB). Redcar, 6-24, 5f 217yT, 1:10.23. Lifetime Record: 10-1-2-2, $19,973. B-D R Botterill (GB). *6,000gns Wlg ‘20 TATFOA; 26,000gns Ylg ‘21 TATSOM.

Chronograph (GB), g, 3, Recorder (GB)–Basque Beauty (GB), by Nayef. Haydock, 6-24, 11f 140yT, 2:27.31. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-2, $22,682. B-Rachel Countess of Coventry (GB). *35,000gns Ylg ‘21 TATSOM. **1/2 to George William (GB) (Paco Boy (IRE)), SP-Eng.

IRELAND

Saturday’s Results:
5th-Down Royal, €100,000, Hcp, 6-24, 3yo, 12f 175yT, 2:45.14, gd.
TOWER OF LONDON (IRE) (c, 3, Galileo (Ire)–Dialafara (Fr), by Anabaa), was unplaced in two starts after becoming a ‘TDN Rising Star’ at Leopardstown last July and made a stakes breakthrough in the Listed King George V Cup back at that Foxrock venue earlier this month. Positioned in a midfield fifth for most of this Ulster Derby, the 5-2 pick eased into contention approaching the final quarter-mile and powered clear in style inside the final furlong to easily account for Ibrahimovic (Ire) (Le Havre (Ire)) by an impressive 4 1/4 lengths. “He had a nice win in Leopardstown, the form of that race is working out well and Killian [Hennessey] gave him a lovely ride,” said Ballydoyle’s Chris Armstrong. “On his mark, we thought he was nicely in and he’s a nice horse going forward. He probably appreciates the better ground and, in fairness to the team up here, they have had the track in beautiful condition. The ground was perfect for him. He’s a horse to look forward to for those staying races and he could turn into a [G1 St] Leger type. There is plenty of those races for him in and around that distance. He has come on with each run and the family stays very well.” Tower Of London is the ninth of ten foals and one of seven scorers produced by a daughter of MGSW G1 Prix Vermeille runner-up Diamilina (Fr) (Linamix (Fr)). The mid-May foal is a full-brother to G1 Irish Derby and G1 St Leger hero Capri (Ire), MG1SP G3 Stanerra S. victrix Passion (Ire), G3 Loughbrown S. victor Cypress Creek (Ire) and to the dam of last term’s G1 Fillies’ Mile heroine Commissioning (GB) (Kingman (GB)). He is also kin to a yearling colt by Camelot (GB). Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, $104,318. O-D Smith, Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor & Westerberg; B-Lynch Bages Ltd & Camas Park Stud (IRE); T-Aidan O’Brien.
Bolthole provided the Emir of Qatar’s Wathnan Racing with its third stakes win of the week after Gregory (GB) (Golden Horn {GB}) won the G2 Queen’s Vase, and Courage Mon Ami (GB) (Frankel {GB}) took the G1 Gold Cup, both at Royal Ascot.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Artemis Jones (Ire), f, 3, Awtaad (Ire)–Scipio’s Dream (Ire), by Amadeus Wolf (GB). Limerick, 6-24, 7fT, 1:28.66. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, $12,904. B-Ms Yvonne Allen (IRE).
Dutch Gold (Ire), c, 3, Galileo Gold (GB)–Dutch Monarch (GB), by Dutch Art (GB). Down Royal, 6-24, 10f 75yT, 2:13.68. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-2, $21,627. B-Ms Vivienne Anne Bird (IRE). *€9,000 RNA Wlg ‘20 GOFNOV; €95,000 Ylg ’21 GOFSP.
Merlin Giant (Fr), g, 6, Camelot (GB)–Moon Giant, by Giant’s Causeway. Down Royal, 6-24, 12f 175yT, 2:48.12. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, $13,070. B-Mme Ilse Smits (FR). *€10,000 Ylg ‘18 ARQFEB; €30,000 3yo ’20 GOFFLR.

Getaway (Ire), by Acclamation (GB). (€12,000 Ylg ’20 GOFFEB; 19,000gns RNA Ylg ’20 TATOCT; 130,000gns HRA ‘22 TATHIT). O-Wathnan Racing; B-Patrick M Ryan (Ire); T-Alban de Mieulle; J-Christophe Soumillon. €30,000. Lifetime Record: 17-6-2-4, €476,070.
2--Shahzad (Fr), 126, g, 4, Dariyan (Fr)–Saghaniya (Fr), by Rock Of Gibraltar (Ire). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan’s Studs SC (FR); T-Francis-Henri Graffard. €12,000.
3--Glaer (GB), 126, g, 6, Siyouni (Fr)–Glorious Sight (Ire), by Singspiel (Ire). O/B-SCEA Haras de Saint Pair (GB); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. €9,000.
Margins: SHD, HD, 1HF. Odds: 0.80, 11.00, 4.50.
Also Ran: Chancellery (Ire), Dawn Intello (Fr), Nacido (Ger), Dreams (Fr).

Bolthole made his European return, coming back off a six-race campaign in Qatar, to register a black-type breakthrough in last month’s Listed Grand Prix de Bordeaux and doubled his stakes tally with a narrow victory here. Settled off the tempo in fifth until making headway in the straight, he joined the front rank with 300 metres remaining and was ridden out to deny Shahzad and Glaer by inches in a three-way photo.

FRANCE

Saturday’s Results:
GRAND PRIX DE COMPIEGNE-Listed, €60,000, Compiegne, 6-24, 4yo/up, 10fT, 2:06.74, g/s.
1--BOLTHOLE (IRE), 129, c, 4, Free Eagle (Ire)--Weekend

Bolthole provided the Emir of Qatar’s Wathnan Racing with its third stakes win of the week after Gregory (GB) (Golden Horn {GB}) won the G2 Queen’s Vase, and Courage Mon Ami (GB) (Frankel {GB}) took the G1 Gold Cup, both at Royal Ascot. | Scoop Dyga
Quisisana is now two-for-two

Bolthole is the third of six foals and one of two scorers out of a multiple-winning full-sister to G3 John Of Gaunt S. victor Absolutely So (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}). The March-foaled bay’s third dam is G2 Pretty Polly S. winner Tarfshi (GB) (Moto {GB}) and his younger siblings include the unraced 2-year-old colt Wakuda (Ire) (U S Navy Flag) and a yearling filly by Arizona (Ire).

Video, sponsored by TVG.

3rd-Compiegne, €35,000, Cond, 6-24, 3yo, f, 9fT, 1:50.37, g/s. QUISISANA (FR) (f, 3, Le Havre {Ire}--Quamoclit {GB}, by Sea The Stars {Ire}), who shed maiden status in a June 2 debutantes’ heat over 10 furlongs here last time, lobbed along off the pace from the outset of this second start. Moving into midfield on the home turn, the 2-1 favourite was shaken up for her challenge passing the two pole and lengthened clear inside the final 100 metres to easily defeat last term’s G3 Prix d’Aumale third Start Me Up (Fr) (Pastorius {Ger}) by three lengths. Quisisana is the third foal and scorer produced by an unraced half-sister to G1 Prix du Cadran hero Mille Et Mille (GB) (Muhtathir {GB}). The April-foaled bay, a granddaughter of the dual stakes-placed Quezon Sun (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}), is a half-sister to last year’s Listed Prix Petite Etoile runner-up Qitura (Fr) (Muhtathir {GB}). Descendants of her second dam Turning Leaf (Ire) (Last Tycoon {Ire), who ran third in the G2 German 1000 Guineas, are headed by G3 Preis der Winterkonigin winner and G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) third Noble Heidi (Fr) (Intello {Ger}). The February-foaled bay is kin to a yearling colt by Sea The Moon (Ger).

Sales history: €170,000 Ylg ’22 ARQOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €15,000. Video, sponsored by TVG.

O/B-Haras de la Perelle (FR); T-Francis-Henri Graffard.

2nd-Compiegne, €30,000, Mdn, 6-24, unraced 2yo, c/g, 7fT, 1:28.42, g/s. VEGAS (IRE) (c, 2, Lope De Vega {Ire}--Gold Luck {Fr} {GSW & G1SP-Fr, $164,007}, by Redoute's Choice {Aus}) was well away to stalk the pace in second from flagfall this debut. Looming large with 500 metres remaining, the 33-10 third choice inched ahead passing the quarter-mile pole and was ridden out in the closing stages to hold the persistent threat of Winning Formula (Ire) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) by a half-length. Vegas is the third of five foals and second scorer produced by G3 Prix Vanteaux victrix and G1 Prix Jean Prat third Gold Luck (Fr) (Redoute’s Choice {Aus}). His dam is kin to seven black-type performers headed by MG1SW champion Goldikova (Ire) (Anabaab), G1 Prix Vermeille heroine Galikova (Fr) (Galileo {Ire}) and MG1SP sire Anodin (Ire) (Anabaab). The February-foaled bay is full to a yearling filly and half to a weanling colt by Dubawi (Ire).

Sales history: *€110,000 Ylg ’21 ARQOCT. **1/2 to Onthemoonagain (Fr) (Cape Cross {Ire}), SW & MGSP-Fr, GISP-US, $282,116.

O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (IRE); T-Andre Fabre.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Gallant Deed (Fr), c, 3, Frankel (GB)--Global Magic (Ger) (SP-Ger & Ity), by Lando (Ger). Compiegne, 6-24, 9fT, 1:49.69. B-Rashit Shakhutdinov (FR). *Full to Frankel’s Magic (Fr), MSP-Fr.

Child Of The Moon (Fr), f, 3, The Grey Gatsby (Ire)--Ma Preference (Fr) (GSW-Fr, $174,266), by American Post (GB). Compiegne, 6-24, 9fT, 1:50.23. B-Patrick Chedeville (FR).

*1/10,000 Ylg ’21 ARQOCT. **1/2 to Onthemoonagain (Fr) (Cape Cross {Ire}), SW & MGSP-Fr, GISP-US, $282,116.
**FIRST WINNER FOR SIRE**

Crystal Wine (Ire), f, 2, Crystal Ocean (GB)--Naalatt (Ire), by Dansili (GB). Sluzewiec (Poland), 6-24, Newcomers, 1000mT. B-David Harrison. *€3,000 Ylg ’22 GOFNOV. **1ST-TIME STARTER. ***First winner for first-crop sire (by Sea The Stars {Ire}). VIDEO (SC 3)
PALAISIPAN BOWS OUT ON TOP

By Keely McKitterick

The G1 Tattersalls’s Tiara was a race of firsts. It was the first elite-level success as a trainer for Chris Munce, who sent out Palaisipan (So You Think {NZ}) for a maiden Group 1 with Kyle Wilson-Taylor in the saddle, who was also tasting Group 1 success for the first time.

Munce is no stranger to riding a Group 1 winner, having ridden 42 of them, including partnering with Savabeel in the 2004 G1 WS Cox Plate. But since taking his trainer’s licence out to train at Eagle Farm, Munce has tasted success but never at Group 1 level until now.

Munce was emotional after Palaisipan provided him with his first Group 1 winner as a trainer.

“You have no idea the emotions right now,” he said to Sky Racing presenters. “This has been a ride of a lifetime with a mare like her. We paid nothing for Palaisipan, and she’s been all up and down the East Coast for us, performing at the top level in every race she contested.

“Mr Yoshida liked her and wanted to buy her, reluctantly we accepted his offer, and I said to all the owners she’s at the right age, and she’s been a fantastic mare and had a tremendous career. It’s great to see her bow out on top.

“It’s hard to find the right words because so much goes into training horses, to mould and develop them. All the staff work so hard. It’s a team effort.”

The 5-year-old mare Palaisipan carrying the colours of her owner Katsumi Yoshida has been a headline horse for Munce. She has won six races, including the G2 Dane Ripper S. and was previously placed in the G1 Tattersals’s Tiara.

With Kyle Wilson-Taylor in the saddle, Palaisipan hit the front and was able to hold off the herd, including a fast-finishing Roots (Press Statement) and the game Challiot (Al Maher) to retire in no better fashion.

Wilson-Taylor was also lost for words after the victory of Palaisipan, “I just can’t believe it,” he said, trying to hold back his tears from Sky Racing presenters.

“It just goes to show that it will happen if you want something in life and you’re willing to put in the hard work to achieve it. I can’t thank Chris and the connections enough. This is the greatest moment of my life.

“I wasn’t taking any prisoners, and she’s just so tough. Everybody forgot her in the lead-up to this race.”

Pedigree Notes

Bred by Gooree Park, the mare is the only foal from the unraced Fastnet Rock mare Touch Of Red. She was a three-quarter sister to Smart Missile and descended from the outstanding broodmare, Explosive (USA) (Fappiano {USA}), who was the dam of the late Northern Meteor.

Palaisipan was passed in at the 2019 Inglis Classic Yearling Sale and was offered in 2020 at the Magic Millions Gooree Stud Reduction, where Munce Racing bought her $40,000.

The mare becomes the 11th individual Group 1 winner for So You Think (NZ), who is enjoying a marvellous season with his runners.

So You Think stands at Coolmore Stud Australia and will be available for $99,000 (inc GST).

Saturday, Queensland, Australia

TATTERSALLS TIARA-G1, A$700,000, Eagle Farm, 6-24, open f&m, 1400mT, 1:23.85, gd.

1--PALAISIPAN, 57.0, m, 5, by So You Think (NZ) 1ST GROUP 1 WIN. (A$40,000 HRA ’20 MMAUG). O-K Yoshida; B-Gooree Park Stud Pty Ltd (NSW); T-Chris Munce; J-Kyle Wilson-Taylor; A$420,000. Lifetime Record: 21-7-5-2,

2—*Roots*, 57.0, m, 4, Press Statement--Arctic Success, by Big Brown (USA). **1ST GROUP 1 BLACK TYPE.** (A$52,000 2yo '20 INGFEB). O-K Murakami, Sheamus Mills Bloodstock, Newton Thoroughbreds Racing & Chesapeake Thoroughbreds; B-Mr GJ Perry (NSW); T-C J Waller; J-Tim Clark; A$126,000.

3—*Chaillot*, 57.0, m, 6, Testa Rossa--Mary of Modena, by Encosta de Lago. **1ST GROUP 1 BLACK TYPE.** (A$25,000 Yrl '18 MGMMAR; A$400,000 HRA '22 MMGMAY). O-Trilogy (Mgr: Mrs M Stenning) & S Piek; B-Mr G Harvey (NSW); T-S O'Dea & M Hoysted; J-Ben Thompson; A$63,000.


Also Ran: Chain of Lightning, Opal Ridge, Foxy Frida, Excelida, Comrade Rosa, Revolutionary Miss, Ruthless Dame (NZ), Lady of Honour, Kiku, Mirra Vision, She’s All Class, Tycoon Evie, Electric Girl, Charmmebaby (NZ). [VIDEO].

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