**RICE OFF TO A FAST START AT THE SPA**

**by Mike Kane**

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. - After nine days of racing, Linda Rice has already had a Saratoga season most trainers would consider a roaring success.

Rice starts the third week of the meet Wednesday atop the trainers' table with 10 victories, one up on two-time defending champ Chad Brown and two ahead of Todd Pletcher, a 14-time Saratoga titlist. She is winning at a 32% clip and her 31 starters have finished in the top three 22 times, an impressive 70.9%.

How does it feel to be Linda Rice these days?
"Pretty good," she said. "Pretty good."

Adding to the positive vibe, jockey Jose Ortiz, who rode Rice’s first five winners of the meet and was named on the last four before he was injured in a spill Friday, will return to competition Wednesday. Ortiz suffered bruised ribs when he fell after his horse clipped heels in the first race, took off his mounts Saturday and Sunday. He is entered in six of the 10 races on the program. Three of them are on Rice horses, all of whom are the morning-line favorites.

While trainers are typically ranked on wins and purse money earned, Rice’s in-the-money percentage is noteworthy. Her victories have come for eight different owners.

"We try to put them in a position where they’re going to be effective," she said. Cont. p3

**JERKENS TRYING TO ADJUST TO SAUDI ARABIAN RACING by Bill Finley**

Jimmy Jerkens arrived in Saudi Arabia to embark on a new and very different chapter in his training career two months ago and what he’s learned so far is that the learning curve is steeper than he had imagined. From the language to the culture to the racing itself, everything is different. He believes he will find his way, but has come to understand that it may take some time.

Jerkens sent out his first starter on July 15 and finished second with a horse named Honky Tonk Man (Tamayuz). He’s had three runners since and the best showing among them was an eleventh-place finish.

“To be honest with you, I’m not crazy about how things started out over here," Jerkens said. Cont. p4
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Linda Rice cont. from p1

"They're not always going to win, but hopefully, they'll pick up a nice check for my clients, pay the bills, keep moving forward."

Rice’s stable had been on a very good roll since last fall. She finished second to Brown at the Belmont-at-Aqueduct meet following Saratoga and has won the last four meets--three of them at Aqueduct--since.

At the Belmont Park spring meet, Rice topped the trainers' standings, while Ortiz edged his brother, Irad, 59-58, for the riding title. According to Equibase, Ortiz rode 25 of Rice’s 34 victories at Belmont. Together with 80 starters, they compiled a 25-12-11 record--a 60 % in-the-money strike rate--and earned $1.318 million of the $1.996 million Rice’s stable totaled at the meeting. The six races they won during the first week of July helped clinch their championships.

In a preview of what was ahead in the first two weeks at Saratoga, Rice and Ortiz took the first race on opening day with Winning Move Stable’s Bustin Bay. They won another on the second day of the meet, two more on the third and their fifth on the fourth day of the season.

Maintaining momentum from one meet to the next is difficult, Rice acknowledged.

"You're always concerned about that," she said, "that you have used up your stock, and they will have to rebound and take some time to come back together and used up a lot of conditions, you may win at the next meet.

"That happens every meet, if you have a big meet. Obviously, we were running hard at Belmont. I wasn't sure that we would pull it together so quickly at Saratoga. But, frankly, it's gone very well."

Some 2 1/2 weeks since the end of the Belmont season, Rice said her stable is in the midst of replenishing its lineup.

"They're coming back into form," she said. "Some of them need time. Some of them are older, mature and can run back on short rest. But we only do that when it's a good opportunity."

With 99 wins so far in 2023, Rice has already eclipsed last year's total of 96. Sometime this week, possibly on Wednesday, she will pass last year's purse earnings total of $5,774,619. Her season career bests of 145 wins and $7,258,064 in earnings set in 2019 appear to be within reach.

Rice, who saddled her stable’s first starter in 1987, made history in 2009 when she became the first woman to win the Saratoga training title. Even with the great start this summer, she said it would be very difficult to finish in the top spot again. She did not say if she had a win number in mind when the Spa season opened on July 13.

"I was sure we would win some races," she said.
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"Last year, we won 14. When I won the meet here in '09 I won 20, but over the course of the last decade, the first and second trainers have had 40 by the end of the meet. That's a tall task. Right now, we're two weeks in and we've got 10 wins, so I'm pretty pleased where we are. I try to set goals that we can reach. I don't want to set the bar too high for me or my staff.

"When I came in here I was thrilled. We had a great winter. Last fall was good. Belmont was terrific. I came in here thinking 'let's just have a good meet.' We're going to win some races. I knew that. But that bar in the last decade with these large outfits has become pretty high."

Jerkens in Saudi Arabia, cont. from p1

After going out on his own in 1997 after serving as an assistant to his father, Hall of Famer Allen Jerkens, Jerkens soon developed a reputation as one of the best trainers on the NYRA circuit. He won 846 races, had a winning rate of 20 percent and sent out 78 graded stakes winners. But, somehow, over the years, Jerkens fell out of favor and his career went into a nosedive. He won just four races in 2022 and had just two winners this year through May. He knew he had to do something and when Prince Faisal bin Khalid Al Saud offered to hire him and give him 50 horses to train in Saudi Arabia, Jerkens was in no position to say no.

I love New York racing," he said. "I just wasn’t making any headway. I had a good two, three years where I was not able to make it. I had some very good years in the past, but you have to keep it up to make a living. I had two, three bad years and it just killed me. It got to where I didn’t want to get into a deeper hole. I figured I had to do something. So I chose this."

He arrived in Saudi Arabia on May 22 and set up shop at King Khalid Racecourse, which is in the town of Ta’if. The Saudi racing circuit heads there every summer before returning to King Abdulaziz Racetrack in Riyadh for an October to March run.

There are so many horses in Ta’if that, in order to accommodate all the stables, the track opens for training at two in the morning. Jerkens said he usually gets there at 2:30. Training ends at 8, but the track reopens for training at 2 in the afternoon and stays open until 6.

But it’s not the long hours that have given Jerkens problems. He said the track is unlike anything he’s ever encountered in the U.S., so deep that in the seven-furlong race in which Honky Tonk Man finished second the winning time was 1:29.25. He’s still trying to figure out the best way to prepare a horse to run over a track that is that tiring.
HOT SPUN

Four Stakes winners in a week – including Woodbine Oaks heroine Elysian Field – and only stallions standing at $100k or more can top his total for the year so far. That’s Hard Spun. Just imagine...
“The track is ultra, ultra slow,” he said. “It’s unlike anything I’ve ever seen. It’s really slow and cuppy and having it that way seems to be a tradition. Most horses need a start or two over it to do their best. The three I’ve run since the first one acted like they really needed the race bad. These horses don’t gallop out 50 yards past the finish line. The jocks are getting the tack off of them in five seconds. The groom better be right there. It’s so tiring horses don’t have anything left for a gallop out. Who I am to complain? I’m Johnny Come Lately. You try to get your horse ready for a race but at same time you don’t want to go overboard. You don’t want to work your horse 100 times just to have them ready to run one time. You try to save your horses for Riyadh. It’s a fine line and it takes some figuring.”

He’s also finding it difficult to deal with what he says is a lack of information.

“The biggest adjustment is the lack of information on the horses,” he said. “You are so used to looking at pp’s and seeing everything right in front of you. There’s no published workouts. They have charts but they’re not detailed where you can tell where they were earlier in the race. People who work for me, they know who the speed in a race is just by memorizing the horses. Even on my own horses, I can’t get good information on them. You’d like to see their past races, their past performances, like we have back home. It’s just not like that. It’s very frustrating. I want to know who I am running against. I want to know how they’ve been working. I want to know everything about them. You just don’t have that. That’s hard to get used to.”

While he’s still trying to learn more about the competition, he’s already discovered that the quality of the horses in Saudi Arabia is better than he had expected.
“This racing is a lot better than it used to be,” he said. “My owner used to have all the best horses. Now a lot of people have caught up. You wouldn’t believe some of the pedigrees they have. There’s a lot of Into Mischief. In one race we ran against a horse who is by War Front out of Lady Eli. You see a lot of American influence in the pedigrees. It’s a lot tougher, a lot more competitive than it used to be.”

Jerkens had hoped that he would be joined in Saudi Arabia by his wife, Shirley, who works for the New York State Department of Education. But those plans have been put on hold because it doesn’t appear that there are many employment opportunities for her in Saudi Arabia. The quiet nights at home are starting to get to him.

“I live in a nice little compound,” he said. “A South African trainer lives next door to me and we’re pretty friendly. Outside of that, there’s not much socializing. The compound is nowhere near as full as use to be. And there’s no alcohol. You would like to have a nice glass of wine with your dinner every once in a while, but that’s not happening. Outside of the horses, it’s pretty lonely. I try to keep myself entertained with TV, the DVD player and by keeping up on the races back home. That’s about it. Riyadh should be better. It’s a lot more Americanized than it is here. It should be more interesting there. Everyone I work with has been supportive, but there’s only so much they can do. It’s taken a while to get used to the quietness.”

He signed a two-year contract. What will he do when it’s over? “Maybe things will go great and I’ll renegotiate after two years,” he said. “I don’t know. I have no idea.”

They race three days a week, on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, at Ta’if and Jerkens said he will have some more runners in the days ahead. A winner or two would no doubt pick up his spirits. He’s a good trainer. He should win races. For now, though, it’s a work in progress.

Q&A: HISA’S ANTI-DOPING AND MEDICATION CONTROL PROGRAM
by Dan Ross

As the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act’s (HISA) drug and medication control program has rolled out over the past couple of months, various questions have been raised over the mechanics of the new law.

As such, the TDN has decided to maintain a Q&A on this new program comprising questions raised by readers, and answers fielded by representatives from either HISA or the Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU), which implements HISA’s anti-doping and medication control (ADMC) program.

The first set of responses can be read here.
The second set of responses can be read here.

Note: This is not a regular Q&A conducted in the form of an interview. Rather, these questions have been submitted in writing, and the written responses arrive typically days after. TDN does not have the ability, therefore, to ask follow-up questions immediately.

If you have any questions about the answers received, please submit them in writing to: suefinley@thetdn.com

TDN: In the case of one of the horses suspended through the use of intra-articular joint injections too close to a workout (Mendrel), HIWU initially sent a notice of violation to the incorrect trainer. It appears as though HIWU identified the trainer through information available on Equibase. In actuality, the horse had been sold privately prior to the intra-articular joint injection in question occurring, but Equibase had failed to update the relevant information.

How often does HIWU rely on information on Equibase to identify the connections of horses? And what is HIWU doing to ensure this mix-up doesn’t occur again?

HIWU notifies Covered Persons based on the information in the HISA portal. HISA continues to work with owners and trainers to ensure that horses’ connections are accurately reported and updated as necessary.
TDN: What is HISA and HIWU doing to ensure that overseas runners on U.S. shores face the same pre-race scrutiny in their home countries as U.S. based horses?

The Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act does not grant HISA jurisdiction over horses located outside the United States. Horses brought over to run in the United States become Covered Horses under HISA’s jurisdiction once they enter the country and have been nominated to or entered in a race.

HIWU has been engaging in conversations with international regulatory bodies regarding the testing of horses entered to race in the United States. While HIWU cannot mandate that a horse in another country is tested, if a trainer plans to race a horse in the U.S., HIWU can request that testing is conducted on its behalf and that the results be shared via mutual information sharing agreements.

Although international testing will be subject to that jurisdiction's rules and penalties, not HISA's, HIWU will be able to alert the relevant domestic jurisdiction(s) of the violation. The racetrack(s) can deny entries at their discretion based on the information received.

TDN: How many equine fatalities have there been since the racetrack safety program went into effect on July 1, 2022? And when will the nationwide equine fatality database be made public?

HISA understands that this type of equine welfare information is a matter of public interest. HISA’s racetrack accreditation rules (HISA Rules 2100-2193) require tracks to establish Safety and Welfare Committees to review the circumstances and contributing causes of all catastrophic injuries and to report those findings to HISA. This is one of the requirements to attain and maintain full HISA accreditation.

HISA’s accreditation team has been working with tracks to help them meet their internal review and reporting obligations. We’re also in the process of developing internal systems so that reliable catastrophic injury data can be aggregated and made available on an ongoing basis. Until such time as reporting and tracking systems are in place nationwide, The Jockey Club’s Equine Injury Database continues to be the most reliable source for equine fatality information.

[Note: The answer above falls under the purview of HISA’s Racetrack Safety Program]

TDN: If a horse tests positive for betamethasone (as in Medina Spirit’s case after the Kentucky Derby), but it is subsequently proven that the medication got into the horse’s system through an ointment rather than an intra-articular injection, would that still result in sanctions?

Yes. The ADMC rules’ “presence violations,” i.e., positive tests, are based on the presence of a Prohibited Substance in a horse’s sample. How the substance was introduced into a horse’s system may affect the trainer’s degree of fault when an adjudicator determines the severity of the sanctions, but the “how” doesn’t negate the fact that the substance was present in the horse and is therefore a violation under the ADMC Program.

TDN: In regards to the group of horses which competed when suspended from racing for intra-articular joint injunctions, why is HIWU having such a hard time keeping these horses from slipping through the cracks and racing?

HIWU has internally addressed the notification processes for horses that have violated the intra-articular injection rules. Following HISA’s updated guidance from July 14, horses that violate the intra-articular injection rules in relation to racing or breezing will not be subject to a period of Ineligibility for their first offense.
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TDN: In regards the answers provided in the previous Q&A, TDN would like clarification on why trainers who had violated the rules on intra-articular joint injections prior to a race (like trainer Douglas Nunn) weren’t extended the same temporary relief in sanctions as those trainers who had violated the rules on intra-articular joint injections prior to a workout?

HISA believes that the temporary pause in enforcement of the intra-articular injection rule against trainers in regard to workouts was the most fair and equitable course of action given that the workout portion of the intra-articular injection rule was new to many jurisdictions and that there were so many violations, indicative of a lack of understanding.

On the other hand, only one trainer violated the racing portion of the rule, showing that it was understood by horsemen. This was an established rule within the racing industry, which has additional safety and welfare concerns for a horse receiving an intra-articular injection too close to a race.

NOT THIS TIME SHARE TO BE OFFERED AT SARATOGA SALE

A share in leading young sire Not This Time (Giant's Causeway) will be offered at Fasig-Tipton's upcoming Saratoga Sale. The share, consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, will be the first offering on Tuesday, Aug. 8. Online bidding and phone bidding on the Not This Time share will be available.

Not This Time finished sixth in the general sire rankings in 2022, trailing only Into Mischief, Curlin, Gun Runner, Uncle Mo, and Tapit.
Not This Time is a son of three-time leading sire Giant's Causeway. His first dam, GSW Miss Macy Sue, was a track record setter who finished third in the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint. Not This Time is a half-brother to three stakes winners, including GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile winner and young sire Liam's Map.

For more information, click here.

Prospective buyers may contact Taylor Made's Ben Taylor at (859) 221-1464 or Travis White at (859) 396-3508, including the syndicate agreement.

ECHO ZULU RETURNS TO THE SPA IN HONORABLE MISS

by J.N. Campbell

The GII Honorable Miss H. at Saratoga is named after the highly-successful multiple stakes-winning mare from the 1970s. Owned by Edith Bancroft's sons who carried on the family tradition established by their grandfather, William Woodward Sr., the pair founded Pen-Y-Bryn Farm after their own mother's passing.

With only four entered, this year's edition is highlighted by the Saratoga return of '21 champion 2-year-old filly and MGISW Echo Zulu (Gun Runner). The Steve Asmussen trainee won her juvenile debut at the Spa when she soared to become a 'TDN Rising Star' and followed that up with a 4-length win in the GI Spinaway S.

Second last fall in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint between Eclipse champion female sprinter Goodnight Olive (Ghostzapper) and stablemate MGSW & MGISP Wicked Halo (Gun Runner), who just won the Twin Bridges S. at Ellis Park on Sunday, Echo Zulu started her 4-year-old campaign by recording a 5 3/4 length victory in the GIII Winning Colors S. May 29 at Churchill Downs.

Facing her, will be MGISP Frank's Rockette (Into Mischief) from Bill Mott's shedrow. The 6-year-old mare (27-12-9-3) comes back to Saratoga riding a three-race win streak, which includes two Grade III victories at Gulfstream Park. Rounding out the field are a pair of runners who were beaten last time out by Goodnight Olive. Maryquitecontrary (First Dude), who has won six of eight career races, ran second to her in the GI Madison S. in April at Keeneland for new trainer Shug McGaughey, while Dr B (Liam's Map), trained by Butch Reid, was fourth behind her in the GI Bed o' Roses S. June 17 at Belmont Park.

RACING CALLED OFF AT PARX DUE TO HEAVY RAINS, FLASH FLOOD WARNINGS

Racing was called off after five races at Parx Tuesday after heavy rains swamped the racecourse.

Bensalem, Pennsylvania, where Parx is located, was under a severe thunderstorm watch Monday along with most of the I-95 corridor and a funnel cloud was observed near Washington, D.C. The storms came with winds of up to 60 miles per hours, and delayed flights at major airports from Philadelphia to New York City. The National Weather Service issued reports of flooded highways with people stuck in cars in Pennsylvania, along with downed trees in Maryland.

Parx has carded 12 races for Wednesday, with first post at 12:40 p.m.
BILL STRAUSS, BRET JONES ADDED TO DMTC BOARD

Bill Strauss and Bret Jones have both been named to the Board of Directors of the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club. The two, who are the first new members added to the board since three members were added in 2018, bring the total number of current board members to 11.

“We've made ourselves better and stronger with the addition of these two fine gentlemen,” said board member and Del Mar CEO Joe Harper. “When you can pick up a pair of individuals who love racing and have rich histories in the game like they do, it was easy to get a unanimous vote to bring them on.”

Strauss, 65, was originally a New Yorker who had a successful financial career in Manhattan before making a coast-to-coast switch to Del Mar in 1992. There he helped found Provide Commerce, which became one of the nation's top e-commerce companies, including its popular ProFlowers.com and Shari’s Berries.

He and his brother, Jeffrey, a master chef, partnered in a hugely popular restaurant they called the Pamplemousse Grille just across the street from Del Mar racetrack. They named their first horse The Pamplemousse and he became a stakes winner. Since then Bill has been a partner in such topline horses as double Breeders' Cup winner Mizdirection and $5.6 million earner Hot Rod Charlie.

“As a long-time Del Mar resident with my wife Margie, and a long time horse owner, I am honored to have been selected to serve on the prestigious Del Mar Thoroughbred Club Board of Directors,” Strauss said. “I am looking forward to working with my fellow board members to carve out a successful future for horse racing in California.”

Jones, 43, is the president of Airdrie Stud.

In addition to his new role at Del Mar, he has served on the Breeders’ Cup Board of Directors since 2011 and sits on the Keeneland Advisory Board, as well as the Board of Trustees for the University of Kentucky’s Markey Cancer Foundation.

“I am very grateful to have been given this opportunity to work with the incredible leadership team at Del Mar,” Jones said. “Anyone who has ever walked through its gates knows how truly special that racetrack is, and anyone who cares about the future of our sport recognizes how vitally important its continued success is for our industry. California racing is a true lynchpin for our sport and its prosperity should be the business of all of us; whether you’re from San Diego County or Woodford County, KY. I look forward to helping in any way I can and am honored to be working with an organization I so deeply respect.”

MILT TOBY PASSES AWAY

Award-winning author and attorney Milton Toby passed away Monday at his Georgetown, Kentucky home following a battle with cancer. He was 73. News of Toby’s passing was first reported by Blood-Horse, where he worked for over a decade before beginning a freelance writing career.

Toby began his sports writing career at the Aiken Standard and his first assignment for the South Carolina newspaper involved covering the 1972 GI Belmont S. He returned to Kentucky in 1973 and began a 12-year stint writing News of Toby's passing wasfor the BloodHorse magazine.

As a freelance photojournalist, Toby covered stories across the globe, from China to Costa Rica and Columbia, before turning his attention to the law and earning a law degree from University of Kentucky School of Law in 1995.
In addition to practicing law, he also taught at several Kentucky colleges and universities and served as chair of the Central Kentucky Bar Association’s equine law division. He served as president of the American Society of Journalists and Authors from 2018-2020, sat on the board of the American Horse Publications from 2010-2013, and was an instructor in equine commercial law at the University of Louisville’s Equine Industry Program.

Toby is the author of 10 books. His “Dancer’s Image, the Forgotten Story of the 1968 Kentucky Derby,” won the 2011 Dr. Tony Ryan Book Award, as well as the American Horse Publications Editorial Award as the best equine book of 2011. He doubled up on AHP’s top equine book in 2012 with “Noor: A Champion Thoroughbred’s Unlikely Journey from California to Kentucky,” and won that award again in 2018 with “Taking Shergar: Thoroughbred Racing’s Most Famous Cold Case.”

Toby’s 10th and final book, “Unnatural Ability, the History of Performance-Enhancing Drugs in Racing” will be published next month by University Press of Kentucky.

Toby is survived by his wife, Roberta. No service or visitation is scheduled. A gathering of remembrance may be announced at a later date. Donations may be made in Toby’s name to Bluegrass Care Navigators in Lexington.

MARKED INCREASE FOR 2023 TEXAS SUMMER YEARLING SALE CATALOG

A total of 264 yearlings have been catalogued for the 2023 Texas Summer Yearling sale, a 52-head increase over last year’s edition of the sale. The sale will be held Aug. 28 at Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie, Texas.

“The increase in entries points to the success our sales have had,” TTA Sales Director Foster Bridewell said. “We’ve continued to push to grow our sales as a healthy marketplace to buy and sell for not only our regional buyers and sellers, but also attracting interested folks from all over the country.”

Sires include Bolt d’Oro, Connect, Classic Empire, Liam’s Map, Malibu Moon, and Practical Joke as well as freshman stallions Echo Town, Global Campaign, Honor A. P., Improvable, Instagrand, McKinzie, Mr Money, Spun to Run, and Vekoma. Regional stallions represented include American Freedom, Bobby’s Wicked One, Bradester, Competitive Edge, El Deal, King Zachary, My Golden Song, Star Guitar, and Too Much Bling.

“We’re proud and grateful of the offerings our breeders, owners, and consignors have brought forward for our 2023 Texas Summer Yearling sale,” Bridewell said. “We have a diverse book in terms of stallions and pedigrees and we think this could be one of our best sales yet.”

The interactive catalog is available now at www.ttasalessales.com.

KEENELAND FALL TICKETS ON SALE AUG. 15

Tickets for Keeneland’s upcoming Fall Meet will go on sale to the public Aug. 15 at 9 a.m. All tickets must be pre-purchased via Keeneland’s official online ticket office at tickets.Keeneland.com/racing. The meet will run from Oct. 6-28.

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“With the realignment of the 2023 New Mexico racing calendar, this is a tremendous opportunity to showcase New Mexico horse racing,” said Christopher McErlean, Vice President of Racing for PENN Entertainment, parent company of Zia Park. “There will be racing opportunities for all categories—New Mexico-breds and open horses, wide ranges of allowance classes and plenty of spots for different claiming levels—and the purses will be unlike anything seen in this region of the country. If horsemen don’t have Zia Park on their radar yet, they should take notice and make plans to participate.”

Maiden special weight races at the meet will have a $45,000 base purse, with New Mexico-bred exclusive races offering a $55,000 purse. Open allowance categories will range from $52,500 up to $65,000, while New Mexico-bred allowance races will get an added $12,000 per race. Claiming race purses will range from $24,000 to $46,500 (plus $7,000 to $8,000 added for New Mexico-bred races), with claiming categories from $7,500 to $25,000.

The 2023 Zia Park stakes schedule will be highlighted by back-to-back-to-back million-dollar stakes days. Seven New Mexico-bred stake races totaling over $1.2 million in purses will be in the spotlight Nov. 26. The day is headed by the $350,000 (est.) New Mexico Classic Cup Futurity and the $225,000 (est.) New Mexico Classic Cup Derby.

On Nov. 27, New Mexico-bred Thoroughbreds will face off in eight New Mexico Classic Cup championship races worth over $1.2 million, including the $200,000 Peppers Pride S. for older fillies and mares going one mile and the $200,000 Rocky Gulch S. for older male horses going one mile and seventy yards.

The trifecta of million-dollar stakes days concludes Nov. 28 with the Land of Enchantment Stakes Day featuring seven stakes worth over $1.1 million, including the $300,000 Zia Park Derby and the $300,000 Zia Park Oaks, both at one mile and one sixteenth.

The Zia Park meet begins Nov. 3, with Quarter Horse racing every Saturday and Sunday (plus Nov. 3) and Thoroughbred racing every Monday and Tuesday (plus Dec. 20).

Stall applications for the 2023 Zia Park race meet are due Aug. 15 and can be found at https://www.ziaparkcasino.com/racing. The stable area is expected to open the week of Sept. 25.

**Record Purses for '23 Zia Park Meet**

Pursues for the upcoming race meet at Zia Park will be the richest in the track's 24 years, with overnight pursues expected to average $360,000 per day for the 30-day mixed Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse meet.

"With the realignment of the 2023 New Mexico racing calendar, this is a tremendous opportunity to showcase New Mexico horse racing," said Christopher McErlean, Vice President of Racing for PENN Entertainment, parent company of Zia Park. "There will be racing opportunities for all categories—New Mexico-breds and open horses, wide ranges of allowance classes and plenty of spots for different claiming levels—and the purses will be unlike anything seen in this region of the country. If horsemen don’t have Zia Park on their radar yet, they should take notice and make plans to participate."

Maiden special weight races at the meet will have a $45,000 base purse, with New Mexico-bred exclusive races offering a $55,000 purse. Open allowance categories will range from $52,500 up to $65,000, while New Mexico-bred allowance races will get an added $12,000 per race. Claiming race purses will range from $24,000 to $46,500 (plus $7,000 to $8,000 added for New Mexico-bred races), with claiming categories from $7,500 to $25,000.

The 2023 Zia Park stakes schedule will be highlighted by back-to-back-to-back million-dollar stakes days. Seven New Mexico-bred stake races totaling over $1.2 million in purses will be in the spotlight Nov. 26. The day is headed by the $350,000 (est.) New Mexico Classic Cup Futurity and the $225,000 (est.) New Mexico Classic Cup Derby.

On Nov. 27, New Mexico-bred Thoroughbreds will face off in eight New Mexico Classic Cup championship races worth over $1.2 million, including the $200,000 Peppers Pride S. for older fillies and mares going one mile and the $200,000 Rocky Gulch S. for older male horses going one mile and seventy yards.

The trifecta of million-dollar stakes days concludes Nov. 28 with the Land of Enchantment Stakes Day featuring seven stakes worth over $1.1 million, including the $300,000 Zia Park Derby and the $300,000 Zia Park Oaks, both at one mile and one sixteenth.

The Zia Park meet begins Nov. 3, with Quarter Horse racing every Saturday and Sunday (plus Nov. 3) and Thoroughbred racing every Monday and Tuesday (plus Dec. 20).

Stall applications for the 2023 Zia Park race meet are due Aug. 15 and can be found at https://www.ziaparkcasino.com/racing. The stable area is expected to open the week of Sept. 25.
**Wednesday, Saratoga #4, post time: 2:52 p.m. EDT**

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

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**Friday, Saratoga #10, post time: 6:18 p.m. EDT**

**AMSTERDAM S.-GII, $200,000, 3yo, 6 1/2f**

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Some of the most highly anticipated races during the summer racing season are the 'baby' races during the boutique meetings at both Saratoga and Del Mar and at Ellis Park, which attract its fair share of high-priced offspring from a variety of top national outfits.

Summer Breezes highlights debuting 2-year-olds at those meetings that have been sourced at the breeze-up sales earlier in the year, with links to their under-tack previews. To follow are the horses entered for Wednesday at Saratoga:

**Wednesday, July 26, 2023**

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**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

1--**NICE ACE**, 118, g, 5, Noble Mission (GB)--A Lady With an Ace, by First Samurai. ($30,000 Ylg ’19 FTKJUL; $47,000 RNA Ylg ’19 FTKOCT). O-Robert D. Bone; B-Blackstone Farm LLC (PA); T-Tim Girten; J-Pablo Morales. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 24-10-6-2, $406,407.

2--**He’s a Mess**, 120, g, 5, Dramedy--Nightfury, by Kitalpha. 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Linda Martinez; B-Eddy R. Martinez & Linda Martinez (PA); T-Henry D. Miller, Jr. $20,000.

3--**Buy Land and See**, 122, h, 6, Cairo Prince--Twiggles, by Maria’s Mon. O/B-Joseph Imbesi (PA); T-Guadalupe Preciado. $10,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1 3/4, 4HF. Odds: 2.80, 4.60, 0.60.

Also Ran: Extrasexybigdaddee, Crisper. Scratched: Valentine Bug.

Nice Ace won his second straight Hard Spun S. with a front-running victory at Presque Isle Downs Tuesday. The bay loped along on the front end through fractions of :24.78 and :48.73. He was challenged by favored Buy Land and See approaching the stretch, but flicked off that foe in upper stretch and strode away before holding off He’s a Mess late.

Nice Ace, who scored by 5 1/2 lengths in last year’s Hard Spun, added a second stakes victory at the Pennsylvania track last year in the Sept. 19 Dobbins Landing S. He opened 2023 with a third-place effort going one mile and 70 yards over Presque Isle’s synthetic surface in a June 6 optional claimer and returned to the winner’s circle in a six-furlong optional claimer July 3.

A Lady with an Ace has a yearling filly by Global Campaign who sold for $15,000 at this year’s Fasig-Tipton February sale. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

**Offlee Tricky** (Gormley) sails to easy debut win at Thistledown. (click to watch)
IN ORDER OF PURSE:
5th-Thistledown, $33,900, (S), Msw, 7-25, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:06.02, ft, 6 lengths.

OFFLEE TRICKY (f, 3, Gormley--Officially, by Officer), sent off at 5-1, was hustled from her outside post and rushed up to battle Country Style (Tourist) through fractions of :22.3 and :46.2. Given her cue with a furlong to run, the bay filly strode clear with authority to win by six lengths. Offlee Tricky is a half-sister to It's Official (Flat Out), SW, $188,923 and to Guacamole (Flat Out), GSP, $171,805. Officially, a half-sister to the dam of multiple graded winner War Dancer, has a 2-year-old filly by Tapiture and produced a filly by Honor Code this year. Robert Gorham purchased the mare for $5,000, with It's Official in utero, at the 2017 Fasig-Tipton February sale. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $20,340.
O-Mast Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Robert M. Gorham & Mast Thoroughbreds LLC (OH); T-Robert M. Gorham.

Vino Rosso (Curlin), Spendthrift Farm, $15,000 179 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Delaware, 2:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 7 1/2fT, Lady Cha Cha, 4-1 $110,000 OBS WIN wnl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, JULY 26
2023 Stud Fees Listed

Bolt d'Oro (Medaglia d'Oro), Spendthrift Farm, $35,000 256 foals of racing age/64 winners/8 black-type winners
3-Delaware, 1:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Fulmineo, 9-2 $90,000 FTS AUG yrl

Destin (Giant's Causeway), Sequel New York 77 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Saratoga, 2:19 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Saratoga Smokeshow, 20-1 $10,000 SAR AUG yrl

Frank Conversation (Quality Road), Rockridge Stud, $3,500 64 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Delaware, 2:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 7 1/2fT, Miss Melodramatic, 12-1 $2,500 FTN MIX wnl

Sharp Azteca (Freud), Three Chimneys Farm, $15,000 201 foals of racing age/59 winners/4 black-type winners
3-Saratoga, 2:19 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Inca Mummy, 5-1

Weekend Hideaway (Speightstown), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions 16 foals of racing age/2 winners/1 black-type winner
3-Saratoga, 2:19 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Being Betty, 6-1

West Coast (Flatter), Lane's End Farm, $10,000 198 foals of racing age/36 winners/2 black-type winners
3-Delaware, 1:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Beyond Reproach, 7-2 $60,000 KEE SEP yrl; $95,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo
ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
7th-Thistledown, $41,400, (NW3X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 7-25, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.42, ft, 4 1/4 lengths.  
WINE ME UP BABY (m, 5, Kantharos--Thus, by Tiznow) Lifetime Record: SP, 44-10-12-5, $306,334. O-Rivera Racing Stables (Nestor R. Rivera); B-K. C. Garrett Farm (OH); T-Nestor Rivera.  
*$10,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT.

8th-Thistledown, $38,400, 7-25, (NW4L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.06, ft, nose.  
TROJAN TALE (g, 3, Outwork--Kewt Tale, by Tale of the Cat) Lifetime Record: SW, 8-4-1-0, $162,719. O/B-William Butler (OH); T-Michael J. Maker.

8th-Prairie Meadows, $37,345, Hcp, 7-24, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.61, ft, 2 lengths.  
ULTIMATE (g, 5, Speightstown--Treasure, by Medaglia d'Oro) Lifetime Record: SW, 30-9-7-1, $414,000. O-Heath Aaron & Sheena Campbell; B-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Timothy E. Martin.  
*$245,000 RNA Ylg '19 FTSAUG. **1/2 to National Treasure (Quality Road), GISW, $1,365,000.

2nd-Thistledown, $35,800, (S), 7-25, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1:05.66, ft, 2 lengths.  
PLAYING FOR KEEPS (g, 3, Dark Kestrel--Buckler, by Concerto) Lifetime Record: 7-2-3-0, $66,610. O-Ruberto Racing Stable, Inc.; B/T-Louis V. Ruberto (OH).  
*Full to Buckeye Bullet, MSP, $414,459; and to Midnight Mikey, MSP, $350,246.

6th-Thistledown, $32,700, 7-25, (NW2X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.00, ft, neck.  
RIGHT TRAPPE (m, 5, Trappe Shot--Right Decision, by Bernardini) Lifetime Record: 28-6-4-3, $167,530. O/Godolphin & Stonegate Stables (NY).  
*$4,000 Ylg '19 EASOCT.

4th-Thistledown, $32,500, -25, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.06, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.  
POETIC VERSE (f, 4, Jimmy Creed--K C's Songofprayer, by Songandaprayrer) Lifetime Record: SP, 13-6-2-1, $172,302. O-Mast Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Sugarland Thoroughbreds, LLC (IN); T-Robert M. Gorham.  
*$6,000 Ylg '20 KEEJAN. **1/2 to Flatter Hymn (Flat Out), SW, $119,279.

8th-Presque Isle Downs, $32,080, (S), 7-24, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:10.58, ft, 4 1/4 lengths.  
DEACON DOUGIE (g, 3, Weigelia--Red Bank Robin, by Indian Ocean) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, $144,240. O-Jason DaCosta & Calypso Stable; B-Scott Bunker & Cynthia Bartkowski (PA); T-Jason DaCosta.  
*$14,000 Ylg '21 EASOCT.

6th-Presque Isle Downs, $31,680, (C)/Opt. Clm ($32,000), 7-25, 3yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:37.06, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.  
HUSH OF A STORM (g, 5, Creative Cause--Hush Now, by Flatter) Lifetime Record: SW, 17-5-2-4, $184,485. O-Joseph P. Morey, Jr.; B-Berkshire Stud (NY); T-William E. Morey.  
*$60,000 Ylg '19 SARAUG; $75,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR.

7th-Finger Lakes, $25,740, 7-25, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:43.98, ft, 4 1/2 lengths.  
BIG GEORGES KINGDM (g, 5, Animal Kingdom--Twist It Big, by Big Brown) Lifetime Record: 14-2-6-0, $78,036. O/T-M Ferraro; B-Godolphin & Stonegate Stables (NY).  
*$19,000 Ylg '19 EASOCT.

4th-Finger Lakes, $25,650, 7-25, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:47.17, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.  
CAPITAL GAL (f, 4, Constitution--Big Thrill, by Big Drama) Lifetime Record: 12-2-2-0, $73,688. O-Breeze Partners; B-Twin Creeks Farm (NY); T-Jonathan B. Buckley.

6th-Finger Lakes, $24,700, (S), (NW2BX)/Opt. Clm ($10,000), 7-25, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:47.30, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.  
CURLY GIRL (f, 4, Nyquist--Falconess, by Forest Wildcat) Lifetime Record: SW, 16-4-1-3, $161,264. O-Joseph P. Morey, Jr.; B-Denlea Park LTD (NY); T-Paul W. Barrow.  
*$90,000 Ylg '20 FTSAUG; $50,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR.

5th-Finger Lakes, $24,000, (S), 7-25, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:46.38, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.  
FREDDYMO FACTOR (m, 7, The Factor--My Noble, by Noble Causeway) Lifetime Record: 33-4-4-4, $177,215. O-Eduardo E. Jones; B-My Meadowview LLC (NY); T-Luis Gutierrez.  
*$80,000 Ylg '17 SARAUG.

1st-Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing, $24,000, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm ($12,500), 7-25, 3yo/up, f/m, 1:12.77, ft, 1/2 length.  
BUREAU (c, 4, Mastery--Giant Deduction, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: 20-3-2-3, $74,983. O-Dennis Pohl & Lawrence Gavilsky II; B-Team Block (IL); T-James M. Watkins.  
*$65,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP; $17,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Land Mark Deal (Munnings), SP, $176,606.
6th-Fort Erie, C$21,569, 7-24, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17.51, ft, 1/2 length.

**MOBILIZER (g, 4, Passion for Action--Krz Exec (MSW, $408,718), by Bold Executive)** Lifetime Record: 9-3-0-1, $28,589. O/T-Howard Keen; B-Colebrook Farms (ON). *C$7,000 RNA Ylg '20 CANSEP. **1/2 to Still Krz (Old Forester), SP, $426,522; and to Bear Paw (Bear's Kid), SW, $196,761.

1st-Fort Erie, C$19,260, 7-25, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:06.19, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.


**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

- **Texas Moon**, f, 2, **Klimt**--Earth’s Moon, by Malibu Moon. Louisiana Downs, 7-24, (C), 5f, 1:01.54. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $10,800. B-Eric & Randi Moreau-Sipiere (TX). *$5,200 Ylg '22 TTAYRL; $25,000 RNA 2yo '23 OBSMAR. *1ST-TIME STARTER.

- **Justlemmeatem**, g, 2, **Vengeful Wildcat**--Siphon Vice, by Siphon (Brz). Assiniboia Downs, 7-24, (S), 4 1/2f, :52.98. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $12,639. B-Betty Hughes (MB).

- **Lution**, f, 3, **Revolutionary**--Lily Luna, by Saarland. Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing, 7-25, (S), 6f, 1:14.98. Lifetime Record: 10-1-1-1, $26,628. B-Terry L. Morgan (IL).

- **Western Tourist**, g, 3, **Tourist**--Go West Marie (MSW & GSP, $557,520), by Western Fame. Prairie Meadows, 7-24, 5 1/2f, 1:05.07. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $19,740. B-Calamet Farm (KY).

- **Efficacious**, f, 4, **Cairo Prince**--Causara, by Giant’s Causeway. Presque Isle Downs, 7-25, 6f (AWT), 1:11.17. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $19,500. B-Brian Kahn (KY).

- **Menagerie**, f, 4, **Violence**--Holy Flame (SP), by Pulpit. Fort Erie, 7-24, 1mT, 1:39.64. Lifetime Record: 18-1-5-4, $69,795. B-Hill 'N' Dale Farms & Gabe Grossberg (ON). *$27,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP.
Tourist, Western Tourist, g, 3, o/o Go West Marie, by Western Fame. MSW, 7-24, Prairie Meadows
Trappe Shot, Right Trappe, m, 5, o/o Right Decision, by Bernardini. ALW, 7-25, Thistledown
Vengeful Wildcat, Justlemmeatem, g, 2, o/o Siphon Vice, by Siphon (Brz). MSW, 7-24, Assiniboia
Violence, Menagerie, f, 4, o/o Holy Flame, by Pulpit. MSW, 7-24, Fort Erie
Weigelia, Deacon Dougie, g, 3, o/o Red Bank Robin, by Indian Ocean. ALW, 7-24, Presque Isle Downs
STOTT LABELS KING GEORGE ‘RACE OF THE SEASON’ AND PUTS FAITH IN KING OF STEEL

King Of Steel | Megan Ridgwell

Kevin Stott has billed Saturday’s G1 King George VI And Queen Elizabeth QIPCO S. as the race of the season so far and backed his mount King Of Steel (Wootton Bassett {GB}) to exact revenge on his G1 Derby conqueror Auguste Rodin {Ire} (Deep Impact {Jpn}).

However, the jockey warned that the Ascot showpiece is far from a two-horse race, and described being a part of such a spectacle as incredibly exciting.

King Of Steel finished just a half a length behind Auguste Rodin at huge odds of 66-1 in the Derby. The dashing grey has since run out an impressive winner of the G2 King Edward VII S. at Royal Ascot and Stott says he couldn’t be happier with the Roger Varian-trained colt ahead of Saturday’s big race.

"It's probably the Flat race of the season so far," Stott said on Tuesday. "You've got all the best horses in there–proven ones and up and coming ones. If it's a 12 or 15-runner field then it's going to be really, really exciting. There's not long left now, he did a nice piece of work this morning and it's all systems go."

AUSTRALIAN BREEDER JOHN SINGLETON TO SELL UP HIS RACING EMPIRE

Popular breeder John Singleton has decided to put his entire Strawberry Hill Stud bloodstock portfolio and property up for sale this year.

Magic Millions will host the bloodstock sale on Aug. 29 at the Central Coast property. Singleton will offer more than 100 horses at his Strawberry Hill Stud in Australia, including foals, mares, yearlings and racehorses. The property sale will take place later in the year.

He will remain in the ownership of horses raced in partnership, which includes the talented I Am Invincible (Aus) colt Hawaii Five Oh (Aus).

"I feel sorry for those old blokes at the races looking grumpy," Singleton said to the Daily Telegraph, who announced the news on Tuesday. "I always said I would sell up when I have been doing this for 50 years," he added. Cont. p8

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

JERKENS TRYING TO ADJUST TO SAUDI ARABIAN RACING

Trainer Jimmy Jerkens is adjusting slowly to Saudi Arabian racing after starting his career in the country approximately two months ago.
ROSSCARBERY WILL HEAD TO YORKSHIRE
The G1 Yorkshire Oaks will be the next port of call for Paddy Twomey’s Rosscarbery (Ger) (Sea The Stars {Ire}).

AMERICAN GRAND NATIONAL FOR SEDDON
John McConnell is training Seddon (Ire) (Stowaway {GB}) for the American Grand National.

GOFFS UK AUGUST CATALOGUE FEATURES 148 LOTS
There are 148 lots for the Goffs UK August Sale at Doncaster on Aug. 9.
Stott added, "It’s by no means a two-horse race. There are some very high quality horses in there and especially if we are going to have ease in the ground, there are a lot of horses with very good form on slower ground.

"First and second in the Derby going at it again for the first time since the Derby is obviously a massive thing for everyone. "You don’t know when you have so many good horses pitched against each other, it’s exciting and it’s very open. Auguste Rodin and King Of Steel are getting a bit of weight from the other horses as they are only three and the others are older and more experienced."

Stott was visibly disappointed after King Of Steel's Derby defeat, feeling he could have won had he timed his challenge differently, but having had time to reflect, he is more accepting of how the race panned out.

He said, "I still look at the replay now and again from the Derby and go over it again and again. I’ve got to the stage now where I wouldn’t change anything that I did, we just got run down by the better horse on the day.

"I had no pressure on me, I was just riding him to run well, to see what we had, to see if the homework was backing up in a race.

"Between the two and the three [furlong] pole I was in front by two-and-a-bit lengths and the next thing you know I was screaming for the finish line.

"Unfortunately, we just got run down by a very good horse on the day, hopefully we can turn the form around but we have to, first of all, beat some other very good horses in the race.

"It’s not just a race between the two 3-year-olds, but I like to think that if it does come down to a battle again from the furlong pole, then hopefully our fella will pull it out." Cont. p4
King Of Steel Cont.

He added, "I've got a lot of faith in the horse, but then again Aidan O'Brien is the master of the world that we live in and even though Auguste Rodin's win in the Irish Derby wasn't as visually flattering as the English Derby, he is probably one of the nicest horses that Aidan has trained. Just to be part of a race like this and to ride a horse of this calibre is very exciting."

TWOMEY HAS YORKSHIRE OAKS IN MIND FOR ROSSCARBERY

The Yorkshire Oaks is the preferred next destination for Rosscarbery (Ger) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) after she ran a fine second to Emily Dickinson (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) at the Curragh on Saturday.

Paddy Twomey’s mare has won three times at Group 3 level and last summer came within a neck of claiming Group 1 glory in the Prix Jean Romanet, narrowly failing to reel in Aristia (Ire) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}).

Having finished fourth over 10 furlongs in the Pretty Polly S. on her penultimate start, Rosscarbery stepped up to a-mile-and-three-quarters for last weekend’s Curragh Cup—but after travelling strongly to the front, she was ousted by the hot favourite.

A return to Deauville for another tilt at the Romanet is not being ruled as the 5-year-old’s next objective, but Twomey views the Yorkshire Oaks on Aug. 24, over the intermediate distance of a mile and a half, as the ideal aim.

"She ran great on Saturday over a trip that is probably as far as she wants to go in ground that was more favourable to Emily Dickinson than her--she likes a bit of faster ground," said the trainer on Tuesday.

“We have the Yorkshire Oaks and the Prix Jean Romanet in mind, that’s why we ran her at the weekend as it fitted in perfectly in our schedule.

“Out of those, the preference is probably for the Yorkshire Oaks. The Romanet is the Sunday before and she was second in that last year.

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GOFFS UK AUGUST SALE CATALOGUES 148

A total of 148 lots consisting of horses-in-training, stores, NH mares and young stock have been catalogued for the Goffs UK August Sale, set to be held on Aug. 9 at Doncaster beginning at 10 a.m.

This year’s sale will host two partial dispersals from owners Mike and Eileen Newbould and Gigginstown House Stud. The Newboulds are selling 13 head, including dual Grade 2 winner Third Time Lucki (Ire) (Arcadia (Ger)) (lot 85) and three-time winner West Cork (GB) (Midnight Legend (GB)) (lot 84), who finished second in the G2 Scottish Champion Hurdle.

Gigginstown House will offer seven horses-in-training, including Grade 3 winner Highland Change (Ire) (Fame and Glory (GB)), who won a Class 2 Hurdle in his most recent start and will sell as lot 79, and Grade 2-placed Decimation (Ire) (Milan (GB)) (lot 51).

Format change announced for Tattersalls Ireland November NH Foal Sale

This year’s Tattersalls Ireland November National Hunt Foal Sale will be catalogued by day in alphabetical order, the auction house announced on Tuesday. The new format now aligns with all Tattersalls sales in Ireland and is a well-established format across the industry. There will be no change to the foal-selling days as each day will be treated as a separate entity and catalogued alphabetically by dam with the same starting letter applying to each day throughout the four-day foal section.

The benefits of the A-Z lotting system will offer advantages to both purchasers and vendors. Barns will now be a safer area for buyers to view foals with less congestion, allowing more time and space to view individual lots. Also, vendors and consignors with larger consignments will be able to work from one base for the duration of the sale and not have to move to a different location each day.

The November National Hunt Sale will take place from Nov. 10-16.

FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Wednesday, July 26, 2023
UNITED KINGDOM
City Light (Fr) (Siyouni (Fr)), Haras d’Etreham
89 foals of racing age
16:05-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, Alfred (Fr)

Eqtidaar (Ire) (Invincible Spirit (Ire)), Nunnery Stud
54 foals of racing age
16:05-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, Mistress Teite (GB)
15,000gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; 5,500gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2022

Inns of Court (Ire) (Invincible Spirit (Ire)), Tally-Ho Stud
168 foals of racing age
14:45-CATTERICK BRIDGE, 7f, Buttercross Flyer (Ire)
£17,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2022; 40,000gns Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2023
16:40-LINGFIELD PARK, 5f, Clear Justice (Ire)
£8,500 Goffs February Sale 2022; £13,000 Goffs Autumn
Ten Sovereigns (Ire) (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud
149 foals of racing age
1-NAAS, 5f, Gloucester (Ire)
2-NAAS, 30K Arqana Irish Ebf Marwell Stakes (Fillies' Listed)5f, Indispensable (GB)
149 foals of racing age
1-NAAS, 5f, Gloucester (Ire)

IRELAND
Advertise (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), Manton Park Stud
103 foals of racing age
1-NAAS, 5f, Branding (GB)
125,000gns Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling Sale 2022

Blue Point (Ire) (Shamardal), Kildangan Stud
161 foals of racing age
2-NAAS, 30K Arqana Irish Ebf Marwell Stakes (Fillies' Listed)5f, Storm Miami (Ire)
€300,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2022

Calyx (GB) (Kingman {GB}), Coolmore Stud
103 foals of racing age
2-NAAS, 30K Arqana Irish Ebf Marwell Stakes (Fillies' Listed)5f, Clarita (Ire)
38,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; €70,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling Sale 2022

Inns of Court (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
168 foals of racing age
1-NAAS, 5f, Perfect Judgement (Ire)
€100,000 Tattersalls Ireland Goresbridge Breeze Up 2023

Ten Sovereigns (Ire) (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud
149 foals of racing age
2-NAAS, 30K Arqana Irish Ebf Marwell Stakes (Fillies' Listed)5f, Brighter (Fr)
€110,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2022

Ten Sovereigns (Ire) (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud
149 foals of racing age
2-NAAS, 30K Arqana Irish Ebf Marwell Stakes (Fillies' Listed)5f, Indispensable (GB)
Tuesday’s Results:
2nd-Wolverhampton, £6,600, Novice, 7-25, 2yo, f, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:29.58, st.
BIGGER THAN GIGA (IRE) (f, 2, Dandy Man {Ire}--Royal Order, by Medaglia D’Oro), who scored over this trip at Kempton last month, broke well from her wide draw to race up with the pace. In front a furlong out, the 2-1 favourite clung on to prevail by a head from stablemate Miss Mandalay (GB) (Dandy Man {Ire}). The winner is the last known foal out of the dam, who is a half to the G1 Dubai Golden Sheahen hero Our New Recruit (Alphabet Soup) and to the dam of the grade I winners Gift Box (Twirling Candy) and Gina Romantica (Into Mischief) and the dual graded-stakes scorers Stonetastic (Mizzen Mast) and Special Forces (Candy Ride {Arg}). Sales history: i 8,500 Wlg 21 GOFNO1; 16,000gns RNA Ylg 22 TATSOM. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, $12,459.
O-Moores Racing & Brownsbarn Thoroughbreds; B-Jerry Horan & Fearghal Hogan (IRE); T-Kevin Philippart De Foy.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Commander Of Life (Ire), c, 2, Invincible Spirit (Ire)--
Accommodate (Ire), by Acclamation (GB). Chelmsford City, 7-25, 6f (AWT), 1:12.30. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $6,913.
B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (IRE).
Endless Power (GB), c, 3, Fastnet Rock (Aus)--Heaven’s Angel (Ire), byHenrythenavigator. Chelmsford, 7-25, 8f (AWT), 1:39.01. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, £4,346. B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (GB).
Capital Guarantee (Ire), g, 3, Lope De Vega (Ire)--Promised Money (Ire) (SW-Ire, SP-Eng), by Dark Angel (Ire).
Musselburgh, 7-25, 7f 33yT, 1:30.91. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, £11,659. B-Yeomanstown Stud (IRE).
**1/2 to Salimah (Ire) (El Kabeir), SW-US, $15,000. Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.
O/B-Mlle Jill Brochard (HOL); T-Tim Donworth.

2nd-Dieppe, €30,000, Mdn, 7-25, unraced 2yo, c/g, 7fT, 1:26.10, hy.
SKYLIGHT BROCHARD (HOL) (c, 2, Mehmas {Ire}--Fonseca {Ire}, by Red Clubs {Ire}) shadowed the pace in second after the initial exchanges of this debut. Fanning wide with the field into the straight, the 63-10 chance eased to the front underneath the stands’ side rail passing the quarter-mile marker and lengthened clear under mild coaxing inside the final furlong to easily account for De Sica (Fr) (Demarchelier {GB}) by an impressive 3 1/2 lengths. Skylight Brochard is the latest of five registered foals and second scorer produced by an unraced half-sister to MGSP Listed Midsummer S. and Listed Doncaster Mile victor Gabrial (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €15,000. Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.
O/B-Mlle Jill Brochard (HOL); T-Tim Donworth.
3rd-Dieppe, €30,000, Mdn, 7-25, unraced 2yo, f, 7ft, 1:29.20, hy.
TERESA MENDOZA (FR) (f, 2, Dream Ahead--Teoris {Ire}, by Bachelor Duke) was positioned in a handy third after the early strides of this debut. Bustled along with 350 metres remaining, the 36-5 chance came under sterner urging thereafter and was ridden out to deny long-time leader Fathom (Ire) (Almanzor {Fr}) by a short-neck nearing the line. Teresa Mendoza is the latest of eight reported foals and fourth scorer produced by a half-sister to MGSW sire Panis (Miswaki) and dual Listed Sam Houston Sprint Championship-winning sire Polotical Whit (Lines Of Power). Sales history: 10,000 Ylg > 22 BBAGS. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €15,000.

5th-Dieppe, €22,000, Mdn, 7-25, unraced 3yo, 9ft, 2:02.50, hy.
LEANDRA (FR) (f, 3, Soldier Hollow {GB}--Leukothea {GB}, by Sixties Icon {GB}) asserted for an early lead in this newcomers’ test. Headed briefly rounding the home turn, the 38-5 chance regained control at the top of the straight and was coaxed clear underneath the stands’ side rail inside the final quarter-mile to easily outpoint Mirzann (Ire) (Camelot {GB}) by three lengths. Leandra, full to an unnamed 2-year-old filly, is the third of four foals and second scorer produced by a daughter of dual winner Stagecoach Jade (Ire) (Peintre Celebre), herself a half-sister to the stakes-winning Lightning Hit (Ire) (Opren) and G3 Prix Daphnis third Blasket Island (Ire) (Kenmare {Fr}). Stagecoach Jade is also a half-sister to the dam of GI American Oaks heroine Cambina (Ire) (Hawk Wing). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €11,000.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:
1st-Dieppe, €28,000, Cond, 7-25, 3yo, 12ft, 2:49.90, hy.
WINNING SIDE (FR) (f, 3, Fastnet Rock {Aus}--Uruguay {Ire}, by Authorized {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, €32,900. O-Ecurie Ades Hazan, Eric Puerari & Ecurie du Parc Monceau; B-Eric Puerari & Ecurie Ades Hazan (FR); T-Pascal Bary. *€130,000 RNA Ylg ’21 ARQAG.

IRELAND

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Banned (GB), f, 4, Ulysses (Ire)–Clarietta (GB) (MSP-Eng), by Shamardal. Ballinrobe, 7-24, 12f 126yT, 2:52.71. Lifetime Record: 15-1-5-2, $23,689. B-Bluehills Racing Ltd (GB). *90,000gns Ylg ’20 TATOCT; 35,000gns 3yo ’22 TATHRA. **1/2 to Law Power (GB) (Lawman {Fr}), SW-Ity, $109,259.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

John Singleton Dispersal Cont. from p1

Singleton, a former owner of the sales company Magic Millions, sold his portion to his business partners and close friends Gerry Harvey and Katie Page-Harvey.

The Singleton dispersal is an offering ripe with riches, and an unusual logistical challenge for Magic Millions to host the sale on an off-site location, however, Managing Director Barry Bowditch is confident his team is more than up for the task.
**John Singleton Dispersal Cont.**

"Singo has been an integral part of the Magic Millions landscape since the mid-90s and the blue and white colours of Strawberry Hill are synonymous with success in our industry," Magic Millions Managing Director Barry Bowditch told *TTR Australia*.

"Although it’s sad to see Singo sell up. Gerry, Katie and the Magic Millions team are honoured to be entrusted with selling an outstanding group of mares and yearlings unreserved."

**IN MAINLAND CHINA:**


**Singleton To Disperse Strawberry Hill Stud**

Matings Mix: ‘Anamoe Impressed Us The Most’

The Murtaghs Join Noorilim Park

Nature Strip Impresses James McDonald

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**BOOKMARK**

Wednesday, Naas, Ireland, post time: 17:15

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Breeders: 1-Linacre House Ltd, 2-Framont Ltd, 3-Barronstown Stud, 4-Thomas Hore, 5-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd, 6-JC Bloodstock & Goodwill Bloodstock, 7-Paul Giles, 8-D R Tucker

*All posts listed in local time.*