FASIG-TIPTON BRINGS THE GLITTER AND THE GLITZ TO SARATOGA

by Jessica Martini
SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY - A year after a record-smashing 2022 edition, the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale of Selected Yearlings returns to Humphrey S. Finney Pavilion in Saratoga Springs with a two-session auction beginning Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. The sales grounds were a scene of wall-to-wall activity on a cloudless Sunday morning as trainers, agents and principals all vied for prized show spots for the 235 catalogued yearlings.

“The traffic has been outstanding,” consignor Dave Anderson outside his Barn 3. “Coming in with the economy being a little suspect, it was hard to know whether we would attract the usual suspects, but they are all here. Everybody is in good spirits, so I am expecting a good sale.”

Adrian Regan of Hunter Valley echoed Anderson’s comments. “We are delighted with the activity at the barn,” Regan said. “There’s been a lot of showing. People look to be working it hard and from what we are hearing so far, people are saying that there are a good group of horses here.”

The boutique Saratoga catalogue attracted its usual array of sire power and glitzy pedigrees. Gun Runner who had two million-dollar yearlings, including the $2.3-million sale topper at last year’s auction, has 12 yearlings in the auction this year.

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WILL MAPLE LEAF MEL REST ALONGSIDE GO FOR WAND?

The Week in Review, by T.D. Thornton

Sunday dawned emotionally overcast for a racing world still trying to process Saturday’s stunning, life-ending injury to the unbeaten New York-bred filly Maple Leaf Mel (Cross Traffic), who was steps from victory in the GI Test S. at Saratoga when she crashed to the track with a catastrophic injury to her right foreleg. She was euthanized on the spot, while jockey Joel Rosario escaped serious injury (three lip stitches) and was off his Sunday mounts.

The very public, deep-stretch tragedy on a huge day of racing is comparable to the fatal fall of Go For Wand, who shattered her right front ankle while holding a slim lead and battling at the sixteenth pole in the 1990 GI Breeders’ Cup Distaff at Belmont Park. Cont. p12

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MUSKOKA LEADS SEA THE MOON TRIFECTA IN G1 PREIS DER DIANA

Sunday’s 165th G1 Henkel-Preis der Diana (German Oaks) at Dusseldorf went the way of Muskoka, whose sire was the first since German lynchpin Monsun to complete a Deutsches Derby-Diana double.

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A share in leading sire Not This Time figures to attract its fair share of attention when it is offered at the outset of the second night of bidding at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale.

Mike Kane speaks with trainers Brendan Walsh and Jena Antonucci for their thoughts in the aftermath of the tragic passing of Maple Leaf Mel in the GI Test S. Aug. 5.

Winchell Thoroughbreds’ immaculately bred Red Route One (Gun Runner) made a long run and whistled home in the GIII West Virginia Derby Sunday.
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Curlin, who had three seven-figure yearlings in 2022, has seven in the catalogue in 2023, including a son of champion Beholder (Henny Hughes). That mare’s half-brother, super-sire Into Mischief, who was represented by four million-dollar sales a year ago, has 12 to be offered in this year’s catalogue.

The Saratoga sale is held just across the street from the historic racecourse, giving the power-packed catalogue that extra bit of bling.

“I think with the racing, it is as good as it gets,” Anderson said. “It gets people excited. And the wives and the husbands and the families come and they turn it into a mini-vacation. And when the weather cooperates, Fasig-Tipton knows how to put on a great party and a great show. People bring the product and it’s really a special place.”

The atmosphere encourages buyers to attend the sale in person, rather than simply having agents acting on their behalf. That, too, adds to the success of the auction, according to Doug Arnold of Buck Pond Farm.

“This is what’s great about coming up here,” said Arnold. “When you can put your hands on things, it kind of changes your mind on what you will and won’t do.”

Buck Pond’s consignment at Saratoga this year includes just one horse, a filly by Not This Time, and Arnold said horses at the boutique auction face plenty of scrutiny in the days leading up to sale time.

“The buyers have a long time to look at these horses, so they can talk themselves out of things,” Arnold said. “If you have something that is sticking out that they don’t like, they will find a way not to buy. We would normally bring more than one up here and it was one of those years that we had a lot of May foals and I kept looking at them and thinking maybe this horse will work for Saratoga, but I am really happy I didn’t. Everyone seems to love this filly.” Cont. p4
Tim and Nancy Hamlin's Wynnstay Sales is making its first appearance at the Saratoga sale with a four-horse consignment. “We’ve sold horses up here, but we’ve never brought our own consignment,” Tim Hamlin explained. “One of our customers wanted to do it and Fasig wanted us to do it and we decided to do it.”

Hamlin continued, “I am hoping it’s going to be a good sale. You have to have one that has the pedigree and by a hot sire and vets, you’ve got to jump through all of the hoops. But these are some of the best horses in Lexington, so I think the best ones will have a home.”

The first-ever Wynnstay consignment at Saratoga received the most timely of updates when Brightwork (Outwork) won the GIII Adirondack S. Sunday at Saratoga. The Hamlins offer a half-sister by Volatile to the newly minted graded winner as hip 19 Monday.

After a series of out-of-the-park results last year, the yearling sales season got off to a quieter start at last month’s Fasig-Tipton July Selected Yearlings Sale.

“I am a glass is half-full kind of guy, but I think we’ve got to realize what is going on with interest rates and the economy in general,” Anderson said of a possible correction in the market. “The yearling market has to soften at some point here and that’s a good thing, it probably needs to happen.”

While economic conditions might deter many buyers in the middle market, the top-end of the market targeted by Saratoga sellers seems to remain competitive.

“I don’t think [the economy] is going to impact this sale,” Anderson said. “This is a boutique sale and buyers are coming here expecting to see some of the best horses in the United States and Canada. They are prepared to buy them at whatever cost it takes.”

Despite the dips and turns at yearling sales to come this fall, Regan feels confident bidding will be strong Monday and Tuesday in Saratoga.

“To be honest, I was a little bit cautious coming up here,” he said. “But we have seen the top end is where everybody wants to be at the moment. So with the group of horses that Fasig has here, I would be very positive about how the sale is going to go.”

Last year’s Saratoga sale set records for gross, average and median as 14 yearlings sold for $1 million or over. A total of 135 head grossed $55,155,000 for an average of $408,556 and a median of $350,000.
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OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AT SARATOGA

2YO filly BRIGHTWORK continues to shine. She is a PERFECT 3-FOR-3 with two stakes wins after a dominant victory in the ADIRONDACK S. (G3) at Saratoga.

Owner: WSS Racing, LLC
Breeder: Wynnstay, INC & H. Allen Poindexter
A share in leading sire Not This Time figures to provide some fireworks when it kicks off the action Tuesday night at Saratoga. The sale of the share is scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

Not This Time is the sire of five Grade I winners from three crops to race, and is the leading fourth-crop sire of 2023.

The share includes all projected income from the 2023 breeding season. Shareholders receive one nomination annually, plus their proportional share of the excess book. (See complete details here.)

Not This Time is governed by a 50-share syndicate. “It's a very tightly held syndicate,” said Mark Taylor of Taylor Made Sales. “The Albaugh family has retained almost half of the shares in Not This Time. Taylor Made owns a chunk of shares, Coolmore owns a chunk of shares, and there are a few other single-share owners. The opportunity to buy these doesn't come along very often because none of those people who own blocks of shares are sellers. This is a unique opportunity.”

Though a fourth-crop sire, Not This Time is just nine years old, having started his breeding career at three.

“For a horse to have already accomplished what he’s accomplished at nine is really rare,” said Taylor. “I mean, a lot of these good stallions didn’t retire until they were five, start breeding at six or whatever, and by the time they have a chance to establish themselves, they’re 13 or 14, whatever. That makes him unique.”

Not This Time’s Grade I winners include Up To The Mark, winner of the GI Manhattan S. and the GI Turf Classic S. on turf. Epicenter won the GI Travers S. on dirt, and was second in the Derby and Preakness. Sibelius won the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen, a dirt sprint; Just One Time won the seven-furlong Madison S.; and Princess Noor won the GI Del Mar Debutante on the dirt at two. Cont. p6
Not This Time Share cont.

That versatility in his offspring is, said Taylor, “the hallmark of a lot of the really, really great stallions. Some of them are pigeonholed more dirt, turf or sprint or distance. But if you look at his top horses, you’ve got Princess Noor who was a Grade I winner at two. She was a seven-figure 2-year-old-in-training. You’ve got Up To The Mark, who was a $450,000 Book 1 yearling bred off a $15,000 stud fee, and he’s turned into a two-turn grass horse. But he was good on the dirt early on in his career. You’ve got Epicenter, who was champion 3-year-old on the dirt and with a little better circumstance, probably could have won the Kentucky Derby. And then you’ve got horses that are like Simplification, who was a top 3-year-old on the dirt last year.”

As if to underscore his point, Not That Time's Cogburn won the Gill Troy S., a 5 1/2-furlong turf sprint, at Saratoga Saturday.

“Cogburn was good on the dirt last year, they brought him back, and now he looks like he’s a real player for the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint this year,” said Taylor. “He is a turf sprinter, so I think his versatility is unique. The fact that he gets 2-year olds, he gets route horses on the dirt, he can get turf horses going short or long, and the X-factor is he gets beautiful yearlings. I think anybody that's looking around the grounds this week at Saratoga is going to come away just saying, 'Wow. The product he puts on the end of the shank is very impressive.'”

Recent sales of his progeny have been strong; his 2022 Saratoga sale average was $425,000, with seven sold from seven offered. “His sales averages are now just really taking off, and the best mares by far are coming up in the subsequent crops,” said Taylor.
**Not This Time cont.**

“All his success has come off of mares that were bred on $15,000-and-under stud fees. Now he’s got a yearling crop that was on a $35,000 stud fee. He’s got foals that were on a $45,000 stud fee, and then he’s got in-utero mares that were covered on $135,000. The pipeline is really loaded and I think the sky’s the limit. He’s a very fertile horse, which makes life easier when you’re a shareholder and when you’re breeding. It’s a big deal in this day and age when people are trying to cover large books of mares.”

Taylor said that there were obvious advantages to putting the stallion share up for sale in a public format and at a marquee event. “It’s a unique offering and I think the thought was that the vast majority of these stallions that retire to the bigger stallion farms are not syndicated. Finding a horse that’s moving into the upper echelon of stallions that is syndicated makes it unique. If we put it in front of the public and let people bid on it, as opposed to just doing a private solicitation of people we think might be interested, we just thought we could get the word out, get more eyeballs on the opportunity. The seller came up with the idea and they asked our permission and we said, ‘Yes.’”

The seller, said Taylor is a private individual who wishes to remain undisclosed.

People often comment on Not This Time’s good looks, and his name ties into that, Taylor said.

“His mother, Miss Macy Sue, was campaigned by the Albaughs. She produced Liam’s Map, and in his year, he was arguably the best-looking yearling on our farm. They didn’t plan on selling him, but we lobbied and said, ‘Hey, there’s a beautiful horse. You could really take a lot of chips off the table, and then there’s a lot of years still to breed Miss Macy Sue. Why don’t you put it in the sale?’”

“They decided to do it, said Taylor. “He brings $800,000. And so when Not This Time came along, he was clearly the best-looking yearling on our farm. He was absolutely just stunning, this big dark bay Adonis of a horse. And so we said, ‘Hey, this is another opportunity to take some chips off the table. Why don’t we put him in the sale?’”

Taylor said he believed that as promising as his first few seasons have been, the best is yet to come for Not This Time.

“The support he got this year from the best breeders around the world was really amazing. I mean, you can’t name a really top breeder that didn’t send mares to him this year. I think that the support he’s getting now is hopefully just going to take him to the next level in his career.”

Bidding on the share is available in person at the sales pavilion at Saratoga, online, or via telephone.
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THIRTY YEAR FARM ON TRACK TO STAMP ITS PRESENCE IN SARATOGA

by Katie Petrunyak

Not many people have heard of Thirty Year Farm—yet. Kristen Esler hopes that someday soon, it will be a different story.

Six years ago, Esler decided that after years of corporate life, she was ready to try something different. She and her husband Matt began looking for a piece of property in Saratoga. They found a farm located just off Fish Creek, less than five miles from the racetrack, and it was love at first sight. On the couple's thirtieth wedding anniversary, they signed the paperwork on their new property and Thirty Year Farm was born.

Neither of them had much horse experience, but they had both been racing fans for decades—back to the early days of their marriage when Matthew had a t-shirt business at the track. They were meticulous in educating themselves as they put together their plan to build a thriving breeding farm and now, just a few years later, they're preparing to sell their first yearling at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale.

On Tuesday, Thirty Year Farm's Authentic filly, who is a half-sister to MGISW Casa Creed (Jimmy Creed), will sell with Paramount Sales as Hip 227.

It was a long road for the operation to get to such a prestigious night. Esler admits that she was "extremely intimidated" when she was first getting involved in the industry, but she made a point to surround herself with the right advisors—people like Joe and Anne McMahon, who live just down the road, trainer John Kimmel, Hedgewood Farm's Carson Asbury and former Chestertown Farm manager Jeff Raine.

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They started with just three broodmares. While Matt, who is the CEO of the Andersen Windows affiliate Esler Companies, traveled during the week, Kristen ran the day-to-day aspects of the farm and soaked in as much knowledge as she could.

“I started to read everything I possibly could,” Esler recalled. “I went to any farm that would have me so that I could shadow them and work for the day. I would ask them every question that I could come up with and anything that I needed to know. We only had two employees and during the week I did as much of the work as I could myself so that I understood what I was doing.”

Esler quickly noticed that in order for her farm to be successful in the long run, they would need to breed at the top of the game.

“We started slow so that we could learn to eventually get there, but it felt to me like the middle part of this business seemed to be disappearing a little and it started to make me nervous,” she said. “With all of the sales I was following and with the numbers I felt like we needed to make to have this farm be here for our grandchildren, I felt like we needed to step it up. I wanted to breed to the best.”

In 2021, Esler and a few trusted advisors went to Kentucky for the Keeneland November Sale. They all landed on Achalaya, an unraced Bellamy Road mare that was in foal to Authentic. She was out of the MGSW Wild Heart Dancing (Farma Way) and her produce record featured the talented turfer Casa Creed, who at the time had won the 2019 GII Hall of Fame S. and the 2021 GI Jaipur S., as well as Grade III winner Chess's Dream (Jess's Dream).
Thirty Year Farm cont.

“I still have my notes,” Esler recalled. “She was Barn 2, hip number 175, and she checked every box that we were looking for. She was on a very short list and we stretched to $725,000 to purchase her. We felt like we had something really special.

Esler’s gut feeling about the mare grew when that Authentic foal hit the ground. The April-foaled filly bore a strong resemblance to her young sire and she was a pleasure to work with from the start.

Since then, Achalaya has produced a Curlin filly this year and is back in foal to Life Is Good. Meanwhile her son Casa Creed won another edition of the Jaipur and the GI Fourstardave H. in 2022 and this year, recently got yet another graded stakes win in the GII Kelso S. Achalaya also has a 3-year-old Distorted Humor colt named Direct Drive that just broke his maiden at Woodbine for Mark Casse and a 2-year-old Omaha Beach colt that sold for $775,000 as a yearling to White Birch Farm and is now named Bold Landing.

Thirty Year Farm is now home to 10 broodmares. Last year at Keeneland November, they added the maiden Tapit mare Follow the Flag, a $700,000 purchase who has since produced a Quality Road filly and is back in foal to Not This Time. East India (Mizzen Mast), the dam of Grade II winner Ete Indien (Summer Front), was a $325,000 purchase at the same sale and she produced a Gun Runner filly this year.

She'samericanmade (American Pharoah), a half-sister to the dam of Life Is Good, raced for the Eslers and is now in foal to Tapit. Gotta Go Mo (Uncle Mo) also raced in the Esler’s silks and was stakes placed. She had her first foal by Medaglia d’Oro this year and is in foal to Constitution.

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Thirty Year Farm cont.

Esler puts as much care into the horses she breeds before they hit the ground as she does once they are foaled. A director for the medical supply company Henry Schein in her former career, Esler has embraced her biology background in her new role as a breeder.

“I work really hard on the genetic side to see that the crosses work and feel like we’re going to get a sound animal,” she said. “I really want to do it right. Basically these horses are treated better than I treat myself. I want to raise animals that we can really be proud of. In the years to come, people will know Thirty Year Farm and what we’re trying to do here and it will be something lasting.”

Esler admits that there have been challenges throughout the early stages of developing her operation.

“When we first started, I expected it to be hard,” she admitted. “But I don’t think I ever thought it would be this hard. There have been some tough times. There have been some wonderful times. There have been times that you’re crying and times that you’re celebrating. I didn’t know how hard it would be, but at the same time, things that aren’t hard really aren’t worth it.

It’s a big month ahead for Thirty Year Farm, and they kicked it off with a bang on Aug. 2 when Brocknardini (Palace Malice), a 2-year-old filly that their farm bred, won impressively on debut for trainer George Weaver at Saratoga.

Next week, they will send half a dozen yearlings to the New York-bred Sale.

“I run around like crazy and try to see everything that is at the sale and what our competition is,” explained Esler. “Of course I think our animals are the absolute best of all of them, but I have a soft spot. We have a gorgeous group this year and we are so proud of them all.”

Thirty Year Farm has offered yearlings at the Fasig-Tipton New York-bred Sale in past years, but Esler said there is no denying how special it will be to send the Authentic filly through the ring on Tuesday as their first yearling selling at the Saratoga Sale.

“I’m as excited and nervous as I could possibly feel,” Esler said. “We are so proud of this filly and what she has become. She’s always been an uncomplicated, forward type who has prepped up into an impressive animal. I try to be at absolutely every foaling, so they mean a lot to me. I will absolutely miss having her on this farm, but this is the right thing for her and we are excited for her future.”

Esler learned quickly that as a breeder, she has to make decisions that might be difficult in the moment, but will prove to have the best outcome in the long run.

“There are times where some of the decisions are not what we want to make, but it's the right decision,” she explained. “I feel like in the end, that is what is going to make this farm. Even if it takes longer, that's what will get us where we need to go. This team that we've put together right now, they all are absolutely superb and they feel like family. We all work together to make sure that the animals come first.”

She credits farm consultant Jeff Raine, manager Lolly LaRue and the rest of their team for the work they have put in during these early stages of building the operation. Cont. p12
Thirty Year Farm cont.
The Eslers’ son and daughter-in-law now live on the farm as well, along with their young son Oliver. Esler explained that by setting Thirty Year Farm up for success from the start, she hopes that it will flourish into something she and her husband can leave for their family and for generations to come.
“Maybe someday Oliver will run this farm,” she hoped. “We’re trying to build something lasting and special. We feel blessed to be stewards of this incredible farm. I’m so happy that my grandchildren get to grow up here and I feel really excited to be doing something so different with my life. If you had told me ten years ago that this is what I would be doing, I don’t know that I ever would have believed it.”

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The next evening, in an unannounced ceremony that was closed to the public, Go For Wand was buried in the infield at Saratoga. Her connections had declined a New York Racing Association offer to inter the two-time champion filly in the Belmont infield, wishing instead to have her final resting place be the site of her two greatest triumphs, nine days apart in August 1990, in the Test S. and GI Alabama S.

Thirty-three summers later, the way this sort of heart-wrenching racetrack news spreads is vastly different. In 1990, Sunday newspapers provided the bulk of next-day coverage nationwide, with racing’s two weeklies and a long-form piece in *Sports Illustrated* anchoring the follow-up coverage.

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Week In Review cont.

In 2023, both the news of Maple Leaf Mel's demise--and public commentary on it--were available via social media within seconds of the tragedy.

Although that particular medium in this day and age is notorious for amplifying the most cruel and callous aspects of any subject it touches, acts of compassion and class have managed to shine through, and Maple Leaf Mel's owner (retired football coach Bill Parcells's August Dawn Farm) and namesake trainer (Melanie Giddings) were flooded with online condolences.

One poignant show of kindness and respect involved the connections of 'TDN Rising Star' Pretty Mischievous (Into Mischief), who inherited the Test win when Maple Leaf Mel fell, opting not to enter the winner's circle after the race and pose for celebratory photos.

The next morning, those same connections--owner/breeder Godolphin and trainer Brendan Walsh--honored the fallen filly by placing the unworn Test floral wreath in front of Maple Leaf Mel's empty stall in Giddings's barn 69 on the Saratoga backstretch.

"Thank you everyone for your messages. I can't even pull myself together right now or know when I will ever be able to," Giddings wrote Sunday morning on Twitter, punctuating her gratitude and mourning with a broken-heart emoji. "Maple Leaf Mel's health and happiness took priority over my own for the last two years and now I'm lost without her. She was a true Grade I champion."

Maple Leaf Mel won her first two races at the Spa last summer before breaking through the New York-bred ranks and beating Grade III company in back-to-back starts at Pimlico and Belmont. She won every single one of her first five starts on the lead, and died trying the same way in her first attempt against Grade I company. Cont. p14

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CATALOGUE ONLINE
Perhaps NYRA will consider extending an invitation to Maple Leaf Mel's connections to have this special filly, too, grace Saratoga in perpetuity with a burial spot alongside Go For Wand in the track's infield.

**Classic Next for White Abarrio**

*Cody's Wish* (Curlin), sent off at 0.45-1 in the wagering while seeking his first win beyond a mile, had the look of an overbet favorite in Saturday's GI Whitney S. at Saratoga.

Trouble was, it was difficult to discern which of his five rivals was going to step up and produce the triple-digit Beyer Speed Figure that seemed required to halt the middle-distance specialist's six-race win streak that extended back 15 months.

Bettors who landed on *White Abarrio* (Race Day) got rewarded at 10-1 for figuring out he was going to uncork the race of his life (110 Beyer).

At his best when prominently paced, White Abarrio sat just off the pacemaker under Irad Ortiz, Jr., stalking opening splits of :24.21, :23.86 and :23.54 before seizing the lead just before the quarter pole.

Cody's Wish was winding up for another one of his patented loop-the-group moves from last, but jockey Junior Alvarado would later concede he was "very worried" on the far turn that the favorite wasn't travelling as confidently as he usually did.

White Abarrio surged in the stretch, extending his margin to 6 1/4 lengths at the wire for a 1:48.45 finish. He was ridden out through a :24.48 fourth quarter and a :12.16 final furlong.

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With the Whitney carrying "Win and You're In" berth to the GI Breeders' Cup Classic, White Abarrio's connections are now mulling training him up to 10 furlongs on the first Saturday in November.

White Abarrio, who hammered for relatively affordable prices at auction ($7,500 OBSWIN; $40,000 OBSMAR), was an underdog Triple Crown prospect last season. His pros have always been efficiency, athleticism, and a knack for finding ways to win even when overmatched on paper. A chief con, though, was that up until Saturday, he was strictly a horse-for-course at Gulfstream, where he was 5-for-6 lifetime while going 0-for-7 at all other tracks.

White Abarrio now owns two Grade I victories over nine furlongs (the other was the 2022 Florida Derby).

Skeptics might question his ability to get 10 furlongs in the Classic based on his only other try at that distance, a 16th-place finish in last year's GI Kentucky Derby.

But that Derby effort wasn't as poor as it appears on paper. White Abarrio got lost in the shuffle early on when a couple of bigger horses outmuscled him for position, then journeyed five-and seven-wide through both turns before getting hooked 10 wide for the drive. He kept plugging away until the eighth pole, but got wrapped up for safekeeping when it was apparent he wouldn't attain a significant placing.

Months Morph into Years

Jockey Juan Hernandez, currently topping the Del Mar standings in both wins and purse earnings going into Sunday's racing, made the most of his one and only riding opportunity there on Saturday when he guided Adare Manor (Uncle Mo) to an easy win in the GI Clement L. Hirsch S.

Hernandez would have been in demand for additional mounts, but he was serving the first of a three-day riding suspension on Saturday for altering course without sufficient clearance that resulted in a disqualification earlier in the Del Mar meet. California rules, however, allow suspended riders to participate in "designated" stakes races.

The informative Twitter site Racing Stats & Info (@GaryDougherty) comes up with the occasional esoteric data nugget that you won't find anywhere else, and a posting from last week highlighted the longest current streaks by jockeys in terms of consecutive months in which they've won a graded stakes.

Updating Dougherty's list through Saturday's races, Irad Ortiz now leads with 26 straight months winning at least one graded stakes. Hernandez is second with 23. Flavien Prat ranks third with 12. Luis Saez is fourth with 10.

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Those are remarkable numbers considering it takes not only horsepower, but the good fortune to remain injury-free for such an extended period of time in such a dangerous profession.

IN TRAGEDY'S AFTERMATH, HUMANITY, HUMILITY RULE THE DAY

By Mike Kane

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY -- With a simple but poignant salute Sunday morning, trainer Brendan Walsh honored Maple Leaf Mel (Cross Traffic) the ill-fated standout of the GI Test S., by giving the winner's blanket of flowers for the race to her trainer she was named for: Melanie Giddings.

The flowers were placed as a memorial at the front of the filly's vacant stall.

Maple Leaf Mel, unbeaten in her five-race career, was on her way to victory Saturday afternoon when she suffered the injury about 10 yards from the finish. A moment or two later, Pretty Mischievous (Into Mischief), trained by Walsh for Godolphin, reached the wire first. While people wept in the suddenly hushed season-high crowd of 43,788—a record attendance for a Whitney Day crowd—Maple Leaf Mel was euthanized on the track just past the finish line.

Although it was bright and sunny at historic Saratoga Race Course Sunday, the palpable grief lingered.

While the program continued after the tragic incident in the Test, there was no ceremony after the 98th running of the $500,000 seven-furlong race for 3-year-old fillies.

"We didn't feel it was right to go back to the winner's circle," Walsh said. "Nobody wanted to." Cont. p17

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Maple Leaf Mel cont.

Sunday morning, Walsh’s assistant, Charlie Lynch, was able to locate the white floral arrangement from the New York Racing Association and he and Walsh took it to Giddings.

"We weren't sure whether it'd be a nice thing or not to do it," Walsh said, "but the team and Godolphin, they were all for it as well. And I think Melanie liked it. So, it was nice."

Walsh and Giddings are stabled close to each other near the Oklahoma training track. He said she thanked him for giving her the flowers.

"I can't imagine what she's gone through in the last 12 hours," Walsh said softly. "It's just devastating."

Walsh said it was right to credit Maple Leaf Mel for how well she ran in what would have been her first Grade I victory for Giddings and owner Bill Parcells. She quickly took the lead out of the gate and posted early fractions of :22.28 seconds, :44.58 and 1:09.34.

"She was the best horse in the race," Walsh said. "It was just horrible that happened. When I think about it, if it happened to (Pretty Mischievous), I'd be in an absolute mess."

Maple Leaf Mel’s injury came at the end of a gallant effort under jockey Joel Rosario and instantly changed the mood at the track. Rosario, who was unseated and fell hard on the track, was taken to Albany Medical Center to be checked for injury. The NYRA press office reported Sunday that he was body sore and needed some stitches to his lip. He took off his mounts Sunday.

Giddings took to Twitter early Sunday morning to express her thanks for the outpouring of support. Later in the day, she spoke with the NYRA notes team.

"She was my little traveling buddy. It’s a sad day," she said. "It’s what she loved to do. She never looked worse than when she came in from two months at the farm. She just loved running and she loved being here at the track. That’s what she loved the most."

Walsh said he does not know the longtime exercise rider and first-year trainer well. Just after the accident, as her New York-bred filly was being tended to, Walsh tried to support and console Giddings.

"She was out in the track yesterday and I went over and gave her a hug, because she was just stood there crying," he said. "I felt so bad."

Parcells named the filly for Giddings, a native of Canada who was an exercise rider for his trainer Jeremiah Englehart. When Giddings, a cancer survivor, opened her own stable earlier this season, Parcells moved the filly to her stable. He also supported her by sending her some other horses.

The compelling story of the Maple Leaf Mels quickly provided the fledgling trainer with an identity in the racing, which Walsh noted is important.

"Certain horses, they take you from starting off and nobody takes any notice of you," he said. "And then you win a graded stake with a horse and then a certain horse, like we say, Maxfield, took us to the next step. Now this filly has taken us to where we won a Classic with her. They do so much for us. I can't describe how much you appreciate them for it."

The Whitney program is the second-biggest day on the Saratoga calendar. With good weather and a strong card loaded with stakes it attracted a big, joyous crowd. The early racing was very exciting. The atmosphere changed when Maple Leaf Mel was injured.

"There was a buzz about the place when I was walking down to the paddock. Nice crowd," Walsh said. "I came back up to the test barn and I went back down again, an hour later, and it was like somebody had stuck a pin in the balloon. The place was just deflated."

After a slight pause, Walsh punctuated his thoughts.

"It just kind of tore the heart out," he said. "It’s the last thing that we needed."
SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY -- Trainer Jena Antonucci could have easily stepped aside Sunday morning and passed on a question about Maple Leaf Mel (Cross Traffic)'s catastrophic injury in Saturday's GI Test S. That's not how she handled it.

After commenting on how pleased she was with the way her GI Belmont S. winner Arcangelo (Arrogate) worked five furlongs in 1:00.21 Sunday morning, Antonucci turned to how trainer Melanie Giddings has to deal with the loss of her star filly.

"I get chills," Antonucci said, then paused to compose herself. "Any trainer that has had it happen, it just brings you back to it," she said. "To say no one deserves it, the horse does not deserve it, we are doing everything we can to steward the best possible lives and outcomes for every horse that is in our barns. I know that filly meant a great deal to Melanie and the team, but it is so much bigger than that. I can't imagine the amount of prayers and support and I pray that she knows that there are so many people that will rally with her. I was glad to see her at the barn this morning and how you pull yourself out of bed in the morning after that."

Antonucci, the first woman trainer to win a Triple Crown race, said that everyone in racing feels the pain from the tragic accident that happened near the wire of the Test.

"This is what is real," she said. "You can villainize us and villainize this industry and everything else, but you cannot fathom the failure you feel as a human that we are doing everything we can to steward the best for our horses and then something freaky happens.

"I know personally--I am not going to speak for Melanie--you feel you failed them," she continued. "I am very aware that the general public views this sport with a terrible light and they are entitled to their opinion, but I feel strongly that they're not entitled to label everybody in the way that they do. There is not a single human that puts a horse on a race track with the intent to harm, ever. Even nefarious people. To have it happen in that situation, with all the extra layers (of safety inspections), at the end of the day, we are going to do what is absolutely right in the stewardship for that horse."

Antonucci said it is wrong and irresponsible for critics of racing to push the narrative that the sport exists and profits from something that leads to the deaths of horses.

"The enrichment these horses bring to us and everybody else is way beyond racing," she said. "It is a relationship that we have with no other animal, since the beginning of time. They brought us through war. It is an amazing relationship that we have with this animal. I understand it is not their cup of tea and it doesn't need to be, but it's our cup of tea. And us continuing to educate everybody and explain to everybody everything we go through and do. These horses have more health care and more exams than 98% of the human population. Shitty things are going to happen. Just like someone can walk out their front door and get hit by a car."

Antonucci said that racing needs to keep talking about the care race horses receive. She praised the way that the New York Racing Association and the connections of the winner, trainer Brendan Walsh, jockey Tyler Gaffalione and owner Godolphin, handled the incident.

"Everyone knows that that filly was the winner of the race and it just sucks," she said.

"This is the cruelest of sports," she said. "I have always said the 2-by-4 that hits you doesn't care where it hits you. The sport doesn't care about how you feel. It will make you check your mettle and check your constitution time after time. That is why I continue to say that my commitment is to doing the best that I can to steward the best possible situation for every horse that is in my barn. I don't think it's much different than that with almost every other trainer on this backside. The details and the depths that we go through to foster the best possible outcomes is like no other industry."

Antonucci said she does not know Giddings well, but that one of her former assistants is a very good friend. She noted that Giddings has been able to return to the sport after a difficult struggle with cancer.

"I know her story," Antonucci said. "She is a very good horsewoman and I know she will get through it. She has dealt with much bigger things and more important things in life than winning horse races. This was about a relationship she had with a horse and that is the story."

Antonucci said that it is important to tell about the equine-human connections.

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"It sounds so cliche to say she lost a family member yesterday, people are going to scoff at that," she said. "But when your life revolves around another being—whether it’s an animal or whatever—and that part is then gone, I can’t give you words because the feeling that you have, gutted doesn’t even do it. It stays for life. I can tell you every horse that I have lost."

Antonucci said she worries about every horse she saddles.

"I always say a prayer," she said. "Every race. Every time. Be blessed and be safe."

Antonucci said what she does know about Giddings is that she doesn’t want anyone to feel sorry for her.

"She wants the filly to be honored, and rightly so," Antonucci said. "She is a strong woman. I know she will find another path."

Sunday, Mountaineer Casino & Resort
WEST VIRGINIA DERBY-III, $500,000, Mountaineer Casino & Resort, 8-6, 3yo, 1 1/8m, 1:49.49, gd.
1--RED ROUTE ONE, 118, c, 3, by Gun Runner
1st Dam: Red House, by Tapit
2nd Dam: Fun House, by Prized
3rd Dam: Bistra, by Classic Go Go
1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. O/B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen; J-Cristian A. Torres. $297,500. Lifetime Record: GISP, 12-3-2-1, $1,045,025. *Full to Red Run, SW & GSP, $385,598. Werk Nick Rating: A++. *Triple Plus*
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2--West Coast Cowboy, 118, c, 3, West Coast--Coco’s Sweetie, by Tenpins. ($35,000 Ylg ’21 KEESEP; $170,000 2yo ’22 OBSAPR). O-Gentry Farms (A.P. Gentry); B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. (KY); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr. $100,000.

3--One in Vermillion, 118, c, 3, Army Mule--Given Star, by Any Given Saturday. 1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE. ($26,000 Ylg ’21 ARZNOV). O-Jonathan Kalman; B-Richard Barton Enterprises (CA); T-Esteban Martinez. $50,000.

Margins: 3, HD, 3HF. Odds: 3.90, 7.50, 3.30.
Also Ran: Raise Cain, Groveland, Lord Miles, Timesatappin, Knockout Guy, Looka Looka, Fartlek. Scratched: Dreaming of Kona, My Man Biggie, Russian Hammer, Tapit’s Conquest.
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Think About It, winner of the $3 million Stradbroke Handicap.

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Red Route One

West Virginia Derby cont.

Sent off the third betting choice at just shy of 4-1, Red Route One sustained a run for the better part of the final five furlongs and shot past the dueling pacesetters to give his owner Winchell Thoroughbreds a third win and trainer Steve Asmussen a sixth success in the GIII West Virginia Derby.

Outrun early, the homebred was third-last to make the first turn as Iowa Derby first-past-the-post One In Vermillion (dead heat) and West Coast Cowboy—fifth in Altoona—eyeballed one another through honest splits. Red Route One began to make progress as he weaved his way through at the midway stage and was up into sixth, but still a good 10 lengths off the leaders as they hit the second turn. Going clearly the best of them nearing the eighth pole and inhaled the front-runners shortly thereafter before kicking clear to score by daylight.

Runner-up in the GIII Southwest S. and again in the GII Rebel S., both sloppy-track affairs at his winter base at Oaklawn, Red Route One was left with too much to do in the GI Arkansas Derby and could do no better than a well-beaten sixth to Angel of Empire (Classic Empire). Winner of the Apr. 22 Bath House Row S. after failing to make the cut for the GI Kentucky Derby, Red Route One was a sound fourth to National Treasure (Quality Road) in the GI Preakness S. May 20 and was eased home a distant eighth when last seen in the GI Belmont S. June 10.

Fun House also dropped GSW Paddy O’Prado (El Prado {Ire}) and the dam of GSW Majestic Eagle (Medaglia d’Oro). The deeper family includes Winchell standouts Olympico, Call Now and Early Flyer.

It comes as little surprise that the cross of Gun Runner over Tapit has proved fruitful, having accounted for the likes of GSW Society and other graded scorers Wicked Halo and Disarm.

Another half-dozen of Gun Runner’s black-type winners descend from other A.P. Indy-line sires. Red House sadly passed away at just five years of age in 2020.

Red Route One | Coady

Pedigree Notes:
The 13th graded winner for his Three Chimneys-based stallion, Red Route One is out of an unraced daughter of Grade II winner Fun House, the dam of 2014 Eclipse champion 3-year-old filly and five-times Grade I winner Untapable, whose two most recent foals are Gun Runner colts of 2021 and 2023.
The rail-drawn Bling won the break and led passing under the line with a circuit remaining and when Frontal Attack (War Front) also rolled forward from her low draw, Safeen and Luis Saez were consigned to a three-wide run around the first turn. Frontal Attack tugged her way to the front from between rivals right at the five-eighths pole, but the lead was relatively short-lived, as Bling counterpunched inside with three furlongs to travel, while Safeen continued to chart a course three deep. Rafael Bejarano tried to up the tempo aboard Bling at the quarter pole, but Safeen refused to go away, collared the game front-runner inside the final sixteenth and edged clear. Freydis the Red rallied from the back to round out the triple.

Unsurprisingly kept exclusively to the grass thus far in her career, Safeen won her maiden at second asking at Laurel last October, and following allowance thirds at Churchill in November and at Keeneland this past Apr. 14, took out the Horseshoe Indianapolis H. She was exiting a mildly troubled third in this track’s Tepin S. July 1 and could make her next start over a bit more ground in the 10 1/2-furlong GIII Dueling Grounds Oaks at Kentucky Downs Sept. 3.

Cozy Corner is a daughter of GSP The Bink, whose claim to fame in breeding shed was Riskaverse (Dynaformer), a three-time Grade I winner who sold for $5 million at the 2005 Fasig-Tipton November Sale. She would go on to produce Irish Group 3 winner and Group 1-placed Say (IRE) (Galileo {IRE}). The Bink’s half-sister Easter Bunnete (Carson City) became the dam of the late Horse of the Year Havre de Grace (Saint Liam), while another half-sister Settling Mist (Pleasant Colony) produced Classic winner and four-time Grade I winner Tonalist (Tapit). Tafaneen was sold for $70,000 in foal to Candy Ride (Arg) at the 2021 Keeneland January Sale and foaled a filly now named Pink Polkadots. The mare is also responsible for a yearling filly by City of Light, was barren to Dialed In for this year and was most recently covered by Practical Joke. @EquinealTDN

Sunday, Saratoga
ADIRONDACK S.-GIII, $200,000, Saratoga, 8-6, 2yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:16.85, ft.
1--BRIGHTWORK, 122, f, 2, by Outwork
   1st Dam: Clarendon Fancy, by Malibu Moon
   2nd Dam: Catch My Fancy, by Yes It’s True
   3rd Dam: Walk Away Rene, by Gold Alert
   1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. ($95,000 Wlg ‘21 FTKNOV).
   O-WSS Racing, LLC; B-Wynnstay Inc. & H. Allen Poindexter (KY); T-John Alexander Ortiz; J-Irad Ortiz, Jr. $110,000. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, $279,051. *1/2 to Quiet Company (Temple City), SP, $196,835. Werk Nick Rating: A+++. *Triple Plus*
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2--Here U Come Again, 120, f, 2, Liam’s Map--Euro K Shotgun, by Euroears. 1ST BLACK TYPE, 1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE. ($130,000 RNA Ylg ‘22 KEESEP). O/B-Clearsky Farms (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. $40,000.

3--Streaming Now, 120, f, 2, Into Mischief--One True Kiss, by Warrior’s Reward. 1ST BLACK TYPE, 1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE. O/B-OXO Equine LLC (KY); T-Paulo H. Lobo. $24,000.

Margins: 5, 3 3/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 5.10, 2.70, 8.90.
Also Ran: Magic Cross, Princess Indy, Princesa Celina, Becky’s Joker, Copper Em. Scratched: Cara’s Time, Saratoga Secret.
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Adirondack S. cont.

Brightwork made short work of her rivals Sunday to remain undefeated in Saratoga’s GIII Adirondack S. Sent off at 5-1 while stepping up to graded company for the first time, the filly broke running and thrust herself into the mix as 5-2 lukewarm favorite Here U Come Again and Streaming Now led through an opening quarter in a snappy :22.1. Swung out several paths turning for home, Brightwork swept to the front midstretch under strong encouragement by Irad Ortiz Jr. and drew clear to triumph by five emphatic lengths over the favorite with Streaming Now taking third.

“She broke so good. The outside horse, [Streaming Now], went and the horse inside, [Here U Come Again] had speed, too,” said the winning rider. “They went ahead of me and I sat right behind them and my filly relaxed. I waited for my time to go and tip her out in the stretch. No one was close to me. I tipped her out and she was ready. She responded. She deserves all the credit.”

Added the victorious trainer, “I told Irad [Ortiz, Jr.] that she’s sharp out of the gate and to not take anything away from her...I think she has more gears going longer.”

A debut winner going 4 1/2 panels at Keeneland Apr. 23, the filly returned next time out to earn her black-type with a front-running score in Ellis Park’s Debutante S. July 2.

On a potential start in the seven-furlong GI Spinaway S. on Sept. 3 at Saratoga, Ortiz offered, “Eventually, we’re going to try her two turns, but we’re going to head to the next spot here in Saratoga. I’m feeling confident for that race right now.”

 “[The long term goal] is the [GI] Breeders’ Cup [Juvenile Fillies at Santa Anita]. We’re looking for that purple saddle towel.”

Pedigree Notes:

Brightwork’s Adirondack victory Sunday gave her sire Outwork his second career graded stakes winner. Her dam, Clarendon Fancy, is also responsible for SP Quiet Company (Temple City). The 11-year-old mare is a half-sister to Catch the Moon (Malibu Moon), dam of GI Haskell Invitational S. winner and $1.6-million earner Girvin (Tale of Ekati); GSW Midnight Bourbon (Tiznow), runner-up in a trio of Grade Is including the GI Preakness S., in addition to GSWs Cocked and Loaded (Colonel John) and Pirate’s Punch (Shanghai Bobby). Clarendon Fancy foaled a filly by Volatile last season and followed up with a Yaupon filly this term. A half-sister to the Adirondack winner (by Volatile) will be offered as Hip 19 during Monday’s opening session of the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale.

Sunday, Mountaineer Park
WEST VIRGINIA GOVERNOR’S S.-GIII, $200,000, Mountaineer Casino & Resort, 8-6, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:42.39, gd.
1--DUKE OF LOVE, 118, c, 4, by Cupid
1st Dam: Tell the Duchess, by Smart Strike
2nd Dam: Classira (Ire), by Danehill
3rd Dam: Alleged Devotion, by Alleged
1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. ($15,000 Wlg ’19 KEENOV; $40,000 Ylg ’20 FTKOCT; $85,000 2yo ’21 EASMAY). O-MyRacehorse; B-Caldara Farm Inc., Patrick Costello, David Whitford & Tom Zwiesler (ON); T-Josie Carroll; J-Luis Contreras. $119,000. Lifetime Record: 12-4-1-0, $443,817. Werk Nick Rating: A.
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2--Surly Furious, 118, g, 5, Upstart--Perfect Prediction, by Majesticperfection. ($15,000 Ylg ’19 FTKOCT). O-Novogratz Racing Stables Inc.; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Glenn S. Wismer. $40,000.

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WV Governor's S. cont.
3--O'Connor (Chi), 118, h, 6, Boboman-- Torrente de Agua (Chi), by Touch Gold. O-Fernando Vine Ode and Michael and Jules Iavarone; B-Haras Carioca (CHI); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr. $20,000. Margins: 3/4, 5 1/4, HD. Odds: 8.50, 8.70, 1.50.
Also Ran: Soul of an Angel, Keystone Field, King Ottoman, Everett's Song, Masqueparade, Droppin G's, Altmeister. Scratched: Best Actor, Buck Moon, War Campaign. Click for the Equibase.com chart and the TJCIS.com PPs.
Duke of Love, last year’s Prince of Wales S. winner, earned his first graded score with a determined victory in the GIII West Virginia Governor’s S. Sunday night at Mountaineer. The 8-1 shot contested the pace into the first turn and settled just off Altmeister (Bodemeister) down the backstretch. He surged up to take charge into the far turn, but was soon joined by Surly Furious. Those two foes battled it out down the lane with Duke of Love going the best in the final strides.
Duke of Love was second in last summer’s GIII Marine S. and fourth in July 24 Plate Trial, but was a well-beaten eighth in the Aug. 21 Queen’s Plate. The bay colt rebounded with a gritty score in the Sept. 13 Prince of Wales. He went to the sidelines after a lackluster effort over the lawn in the Oct. 2 Breeders’ S. A close-up sixth when reappearing in a May 7 optional claimer at Woodbine, he was most recently seventh in the July 1 GIII Dominion Day S.

Pedigree Notes:
Duke of Love becomes the third graded winner for Cupid. The stallion, winner of the 2017 GI Gold Cup at Santa Anita, recorded his own graded victory at Mountaineer in the 2016 GII West Virginia Derby.
The unraced Tell the Duchess has a weanling filly by Shaman Ghost and was bred back to Cupid.

Sunday, Del Mar
LA JOLLA H.-GIII, $151,500, Del Mar, 8-6, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.20, fm.
1--MALTESE FALCON (IRE), 118, g, 3, by Caravaggio
1st Dam: Isabella (IRE) (SP-Eng), by Galileo (IRE)
2nd Dam: Song of My Heart (IRE), by Footstepsinsayhendes (GB)
3rd Dam: Catch The Moon (IRE), by Peintre Celebre
1ST BLACK TYPE WIN, 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. (105,000gns 2yo ‘22 TATTAH). O-Red Baron’s Barn LLC and Rancho Temescal LLC; B-Sir Robert Ogden (IRE); T-Leonard Powell; J-Juan J. Hernandez. $90,000. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-2, $135,948.
Werk Nick Rating: A++. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

ANOTHER LEGEND BRED IN IRELAND
2--Panic Alarm (Ire), 120, g, 3, Kuroshio (Aus)--Thraya Queen (GB), by Shamardal. 1ST BLACK TYPE, 1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE. (12,000gns Wlg ‘20 TATFOA; £18,000 Ylg ‘21 TATIRY). O-Hronis Racing LLC; B-McCracken Farms (IRE); T-John W. Sadler. $30,000.
3--Agency, 120, c, 3, Bolt d’Oro--Queen of May, by Bernardini. ($100,000 Ylg ‘21 KEESEP; $400,000 2yo ‘22 OBSMAR). O-Muir Hut Stables, LLC; B-Twin Creeks Farm (KY); T-Mark Glatt. $18,000.

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Margins: 1, NO, HD. Odds: 3.20, 6.40, 7.50.
Also Ran: Justin's Legacy, Kid Azteca, Henry Q, Smart Mo, Zalamo (Fr). Click for the Equibase.com chart and the TJCIS.com PPs. VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.
A six-start maiden, Maltese Falcon was nevertheless dispatched as the public’s choice for Sunday’s GII La Jolla H. and duly obliged with a perfect-trip graduation.
Neatly drawn in stall three in a field of eight in this final prep for the GII Del Mar Derby, the 105,000gns Tattersalls Autumn Horses In Training purchase found a good spot at the fence right on the back of a sedate tempo set jointly by Agency and Justin’s Legacy (Justify). Juan Hernandez was content to allow Maltese Falcon to bide his time on the leaders' tails and opted to ride his mount for luck, hoping that a rails run would materialize. That roll of the dice ultimately paid off, as Maltese Falcon slipped through underneath the pace-advantaged Agency at midstretch and went on to prevail. Former Jessica Harrington trainee Panic Alarm was conversely done no favors by the lack of speed and kicked hard to be second in a solid U.S. debut for the Hronis Racing team.
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Maltese Falcon was second in a Redcar novice over seven furlongs last Oct. 1 for trainer Rebecca Menzies and found himself at Tattersalls three weeks hence for the Autumn Horses In Training Sale, where he was the least costly of three purchases by Jed Cohen’s Red Baron’s Barn and son Tim Cohen’s Rancho Temescal. The team also paid a sales-topping 850,000gns for I’m A Gambler (Ire) (No Nay Never)—a close third in the Wickerr S. at Del Mar July 23—and 260,000gns for Bellstreet Bridie (GB) (Sir Percy {GB}), who won last year’s GIII Red Carpet H. straight off the plane last fall.

Things hadn’t gone as swimmingly with Maltese Falcon, who sandwiched a third between a pair of fourth-place efforts at Santa Anita last winter before getting a freshen-up. A troubled third in a May 29 maiden, he backed up on short rest to finish runner-up in the June 11 Cinema S. going a mile and a quarter, an effort good enough to be the pari-mutuel darling Sunday afternoon.

"[Trainer] Leonard Powell told me this horse has a really good kick at the end," the winning jockey commented. "I was really patient with him. My horse he wanted to run around the three-eighths, but I didn’t have space to come through, so I decided to stay the longest I can. Finally around the eighth pole I got lucky because the rail opened for me."

Pedigree Notes:

Maltese Falcon is the 14th worldwide stakes winner and 10th group/graded winner for Caravaggio, who last year was sold to continue his stud career at Shizunai Stallion Station in Japan. Produced by a stakes-placed full-sister to Group 3-placed Pandora (Ire) and the multiple listed-placed Allegio (Ire), Maltese Falcon has a 2-year-old full-brother, a yearling half-sister by Masterecrsman (Ire) and a weanling half-brother by Lope de Vega (Ire).
Race 4 Spill at Saratoga cont.

Prior to the running of the day's sixth race, NYRA officials announced that the three remaining turf race on the program would be run on the main track instead.

“NYRA moved the final three turf races (7,9,10) of Sunday's card to the main track in consultation with the jockeys, who expressed concern with the overall condition of the courses following heavy rains throughout last week,” said Patrick McKenna, vice president of communications for NYRA. “NYRA will be evaluating both turf courses over the next two days and will adjust the temporary rail positions for Wednesday's live racing program.”

The late decision caused an uproar on social media, given that a Pick 5 including those three races was to begin in race six. For wagering purposes:

- Pick 4 starting in Race 4: Race 7 is ALL
- Pick 6 starting in Race 5: Races 7,9,10 are ALL
- Pick 5 starting in Race 6: Races 7,9,10 are ALL
- Cross Country Pick 5: the 5th Leg (SAR9) is an ALL
- Grand Slam starting in Race 6: Races 7,9 are ALL

The two race four incidents come in the immediate aftermath of Saturday's GI Test S., in which the undefeated Maple Leaf Mel (Cross Traffic) suffered a life-ending injury.

ARCANGELO GETS SERIOUS IN TRAVERS WORK

Blue Rose Farm’s GI Belmont S. hero Arcangelo (Arrogate) tuned up for the Aug. 26 GI Travers S. with a five-furlong breeze over the Saratoga main track that was timed in 1:00.21 Sunday morning.

The gray colt was accompanied to the track by trainer Jena Antonucci on horseback and was put through his paces by Javier Castellano. Arcangelo galloped out a full half-mile after completing his move and was clocked in 1:26 1/5 for seven furlongs, 1:39 for the mile and out nine panels in 1:53.

“It was a little more serious work,” said Castellano, who faces a decision whether to stick with Arcangelo or return to Mage (Good Magic), aboard whom he won his first GI Kentucky Derby.

“I usually hold him together. Today, I let him stretch out a little bit. I like the way he did it today--good fractions and a good move. The best thing for him is galloping out--he reaches out longer.

The reinsman continued, “In the turn, I asked a little bit and he took off. I just dropped my hands and let him roll. The boss wanted me to put on a good show today. I had been holding and keeping him fresh, but we are in a stage to make it serious because we are facing the best 3-year-olds in the country. You have to put a good foundation in and I think he does.”

According to Antonucci, Arcangelo wanted to do more after nearly linking up with another breezer on his gallop out.

“He swapped leads and went to go again,” said Antonucci, with a laugh. “That’s a good quality for a horse to have. We finally got him pulled up over the three-eighths pole. He was kind of pleased with himself.

“He’s happy and he loves it and he’s enjoying it,” Antonucci added. “What better gift could I have?”

WHITE ABARRIO EXITS WHITNEY IN FINE FETTLE

C Two Racing Stable and Antonio Pagnano’s White Abarrio (Race Day), a 6 1/4-length winner in Saturday’s GI Whitney S. at Saratoga, exited his victory in good order, according to trainer by Rick Dutrow, Jr. Sunday morning.

“I don't know if it’s sunk in yet,” said Dutrow, Jr. who celebrated his 64th birthday Saturday. “I kept anticipating another horse to come challenge him. I felt extremely comfortable when he broke good and was laying off the speed horse—I felt any time that he wanted him, he could have him. I waited for someone to come to our horse and they never did. It was so exciting.”

With Saturday’s “Win and You’re In" victory, the 2022 winner of the GI Florida Derby earned a berth to the GI Breeders’ Cup Classic Nov. 4 at Santa Anita Park.

Previously trained by Saffie Joseph, Jr., he marked his debut for Dutrow, Jr. with a troubled third-place finish in the GI Hill ‘n’ Dale Metropolitan H. June 10 at Belmont.
“He is extremely cool on the track,” Dutrow, Jr. said. “He absolutely loves it and he is getting stronger by the minute it seems. So, when a horse has that motor, those two things add up to a whole lot more.”

Following Saturday’s win, Dutrow, Jr. noted that White Abarrio thrives on spacing between his races and that he would likely ship the horse out west to train up to the Breeders’ Cup Classic.

“I didn't have to think about it,” said Dutrow, Jr. of the decision. “All you have to do is read his PPs and you’ll see the more time he gets between races, the more he shows up. I'd be willing to wait four months or five months to run him. He just shows up when he’s fresh. I think we'll send him out to California and get him ready out there for this race.”

Dutrow, Jr. noted that he would love to see White Abarrio repeat his recent schedule in 2024.

“I guess right now we can only say that we would love to run him in the Whitney next year because we know he can get that job done--which is two turns at Saratoga,” Dutrow, Jr. said. “And I would love for the opportunity to run him in the Met Mile next year because I feel that he loves that track.”

PRETTY MISCHIEVOUS IN GOOD ORDER AFTER TEST SCORE

Godolphin’s Pretty Mischiefous (Into Mischief), who crossed the wire first in Saturday’s GI Test S., has exited her race well, trainer Brendan Walsh confirmed Sunday.

The filly won the G1 Kentucky Oaks and GI Acorn S. earlier this spring.

“She’s fine, she ate up good and has been eating peppermints all morning here, hanging over the door,” Walsh said. “She ran well [Saturday], but it was just a little sharp for her, though she beat some very good fillies. The filly that broke down was the best of the day, but we’re proud of the effort ours gave. That’s her putting in her A-effort, like she always does. She always leaves it all out there and we can’t ask for more than that. I didn’t realize how much she really did close. It just goes to show how good a filly she is to give as good an effort as she did.”

Walsh said he did not have any immediate plans for Pretty Mischievous, but noted it was likely to include a step up in distance.

“We'll probably go back to the two turns after that. We're not really leaning anywhere yet, as far as her next race,” Walsh said. “I would say two turns is definite and the [Sept. 23 GI] Cotillion [S.] would be the one that you would think would be the place to go--but I haven’t discussed with the team, so nothing has been decided. She’s won three Grade Is--or two and a half--and a GII [Rachel Alexandra S.]. There’s no one else who’s done that.”

REBEL’S ROMANCE TO MISS ARLINGTON MILLION

Rebel’s Romance (Ire) {Dubawi (Ire)}, who was to be rerouted to next Saturday's GI Arlington Million at Colonial Downs after going down in the July 30 GII Bowling Green S., will reportedly miss the race, a tweet from Godolphin read.

The 5-year-old, whose previous trip to America resulted in a 2 1/2-length victory in last year’s GI Breeders' Cup Turf, missed a prep for this year’s G1 Longines Dubai Sheema Classic and was forced to train up to the 2410-meter feature, only to finish 11 lengths back of the world’s top-rated racehorse Equinox (Jpn) (Kitasan Black (Jpn)) in seventh, his first defeat in six starts on the turf. Supplemented to the Bowling Green, the dark bay clipped heels and tossed jockey Richard Mullen to the turf, but got back to his feet and completed the course riderless.
According to the tweet, connections are set to reassess his options with future plans to be announced at a later time.

MAJOR THOROUGHBRED ECONOMIC METRICS DOWN IN JULY

Wagering on U.S. races, available and paid purses and the total number of races days each saw declines to varying degrees during the month of July, according to information released by Equibase Sunday.

Total wagering of $1.067 billion on races during the month represented a 6.68% decrease on the corresponding figure from 2022, while available purses of $123.3 million was off by just over 1% year over year. Paid purses of $117.6 million was down 2.48%, while the total number of race days dropped from 453 to 423 (6.62%). Average field size in July came in at just over seven runners per race, up 1.6% on 2022, while average daily wagering was virtually static at $2,524,087. Average available purses per race day reached $291,567, an improvement of 9.56% from last July.

For the first seven months of 2023, wagering on U.S. races declined 3.57% to $7.142 billion, while the available and paid purse money increased by 1.22% and 0.92%, respectively. Average daily wagering of $3.1 million is fractionally ahead of last year and average available purses per race day increased by 9.53% to $316,169.

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Ways and Means | Sarah Andrew

**Ways and Means**

**Practical Joke** romped in her debut Sunday at Saratoga, running away to a 12 3/4-length win in the day’s second race, a $136,500 maiden special weight race run for fillies at six furlongs. Her game effort earned her ‘TDN Rising Star’ credentials.

"She blew us away," winning owner Seth Klarman said. With the bettors making the juvenile filly the 7-10 favorite, the word was out, but few could have expected just how dominant she would be. Patiently ridden by Flavien Prat, she was fifth down the backstretch before launching her run midway on the turn. She had secured the lead by the top of the stretch and from there widened her advantage without being urged by her jockey.

"We were hoping she would get a little bit of experience," Klarman said. "He waited patiently and couldn't hold her anymore. She came five wide and cruised to the lead."

Klarman is known for building his massive stable at the sales, both in the U.S. and in Europe. But Ways and Means is a homebred. In a partnership with William H. Lawrence, he owned sire **Practical Joke** (Into Mischief), who is celebrating his third 'TDN Rising Star'. The same partnership owned the dam, **Strong Incentive** (Warrior’s Reward), who was bred to Good Magic for next year.

Klarman also campaigned Ways and Means's half-brother **Highly Motivated** (Into Mischief), GSW and GISP, $667,375 and he owns the winner’s half-sister as well, **Surge Capacity** (Flintshire [GB]), who won the GIII Lake George S. run at this meet on July 21.

"It really is an amazing feeling," Klarman said. "We've had a few good ones that we've bred but she looks very special. **Practical Joke** is coming into his own and is proving to a lot of people how talented he is as a sire. He has had good horses on the dirt and sometimes on the turf. So we're very fortunate with him. We're in a great position."

Klarman acknowledged that the GI Spinaway S. on Sept. 3 looks like the next step for his homebred to make her second start.

"Obviously, the Spinaway is very tempting and I don't know where else she would go, but that's Chad Brown's call to make," he said.

**JULIAS DREAM GIVES FLAMEAWAY HIS FIRST 'TDN RISING STAR' AT DEL MAR**

by J.N. Campbell

Set for a debut at Del Mar on Sunday afternoon, **Julias Dream** (Flameaway) gave her freshman sire something to cheer about as she came home a newly-minted 'TDN Rising Star'.

Taking to the grass, the 6-1 chance shot to the lead up the backstretch and held sway around the far turn. Into the stretch, Julias Dream went on comfortably to win by 5 1/2 lengths over fellow first timer **Avoir** (More Than Ready).

The winner's dam is a half-sister to GISP Abby Girl (Meadowlake). She also produced a yearling colt by Air Force Blue and she was bred to Blueblood for next year. This is Flameaway's eighth winner and his first 'Rising Star'. Cont.
1st-Del Mar, $84,500, Msw, 8-6, 2yo, f, 5fT, :56.97, fm, 5 1/2 lengths.
JULIAS DREAM, f, 2, Flameaway
1st Dam: Cinnamon Girl by Meadowlake
2nd Dam: Like an Explosion by Explodent
3rd Dam: Prove It Darling by Prove It
Sales History: $15,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; $180,000 2yo '23
OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $49,200. Click for the
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pedigree or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.
O-Talla Racing LLC; B-David Soblick (KY); T-Michael W. McCarthy.

ON WHITNEY WEEKEND, WHITNEY STABLES
CAPTURES SPA MAIDEN
by Bill Finley
It’s been more than four years since Saratoga socialite Marylou Whitney passed away, but thanks to her husband John Hendrickson and trainer Norm Casse, her memory is never far away when it comes to the Saratoga season.
Marylou Whitney Stables, now operated by Hendrickson, won with its first starter at the meet when homebred Empire Island (Classic Empire) won the day’s sixth race by three-quarters of a length over Lady Moscato (Quality Road). A six-furlong maiden race for 2-year-old fillies that was run at six furlongs, it had a purse of $136,500.

“Empire Island won going six-furlong maiden race Saturday at Saratoga, following in tradition of Marylou Whitney Stables,” Casse said. “Marylou was a great lady with a great heart for horses.”

Kevin Flanery, who trains Empire Island for O-Talla Racing LLC, described the filly as “a very quick filly” and said she is “a really fun filly to train.”

“Empire Island is a filly that has always done everything she’s ever done very well,” Flanery said. “She’s just an animal.”

Empire Island, a homebred for Saratoga’s own Marylou Whitney Stables, settled in third just off the speed of post-time favorite Gypsy Tales (Munnings) and then moved up to second through the stretch with Lady Moscato in third.

Gypsy Tales, sent off at 9-5, tired in the stretch and finished sixth.

“She’s the epitome of class,” Casse said. ‘She acts like an older horse already. She’s super talented. I was a little bit concerned today. She got up here and spiked a temperature and that’s why she had to scratch opening day. So she hasn’t really been on a regular routine work pattern. So I was worried she might be short today. But this is a very talented horses and I am thrilled for the connections.’

Lady Moscato (Quality Road) is owned by BC Stables Ltd and is trained by Wayne Lukas. She was an $800,000 Keeneland September purchase and nearly gave the BC Stables-Lukas team its second maiden winner in as many days. They hit Saturday with Just Steel (Justify).

Empire Island’s winning time was 1:11.79, while the first division of the race, won by ’TDN Rising Star’ Ways and Means (Practical Joke) was clocked in 1:10.51.

6th-Saratoga, $105,002, Msw, 8-6, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:11.79, ft, 3/4 length.
EMPIRE ISLAND (f, 2, Classic Empire--Gull Island, by Giant’s Causeway), a sentimental winner at 5-1 as a homebred for Saratoga’s own Marylou Whitney Stables, settled in third just off the speed of post-time favorite Gypsy Tales (Munnings). Jockey Ricardo Santana Jr. was asking her a long way from home but
she began to respond with a move into upper stretch, taking aim on Lady Moscato (Quality Road) who had assumed command from Gypsy Tales. Up past that rival inside the final sixteenth, Empire Island inched clear to a three-quarter length win. The first foal out of a daughter of champion 3-year-old filly Bird Town (Cape Town), Empire Island counts MGSW Bird Song (Unbridled's Song) and MGISW Birdstone (Grindstone) as members of her extended family. Gull Island has Vekoma yearling still to race and was bred to Twirling Candy for next year. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $57,750. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV. O/B-Marylou Whitney Stables LLC (KY); T-Norm W. Casse.

Ozara | Sarah K. Andrew

TATTERSALLS GRAD WINS AT FIRST ASKING IN SARATOGA

by Bill Finley

Dismissed at 12-1 by the bettors, Ozara (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) pulled off the upset over heavily favored Weigh the Risks (Mendelssohn) from the Chad Brown barn to win Sunday's opener at Saratoga, a $136,000 maiden special weight race run at a mile-and-a-sixteenth on the turf.

The win came less than a year after bloodstock agent Mike Ryan purchased the filly out of the 2022 Tattersalls October Yearling Sale. The purchase price was 350,000 guineas.

"This was very much a team effort," winning trainer Christophe Clement said. "Mike Ryan bought the filly for Mr. [Everett] Dobson of Cheyenne Stable. This wasn't an upset to us because we thought she was training well. We always liked her."

The winning team also included jockey Tyler Gaffalione, whose perfect rail-skimming ride probably made the difference. By the time the field passed the wire for the first time, Gaffalione had guided his mount from the nine post to the rail. He started his bid midway down the backstretch and was fourth with a half-mile to go. Turning for home, a path opened up in the two path and Ozara pushed her way through to the lead to win by a neck over the fast-closing Weigh the Risks, who had to swing wide at the top of the stretch. Weigh the Risks was the even money favorite.

"I'm delighted," Clement said. "It worked out perfectly. She had a great trip. Thank you, Tyler. He worked her last time and she had a very good work with him. It's nice when a jockey can get to know them before they run first time out. We have a great jockeys colony here in New York and Tyler makes it even better here in the summer."

1st-Saratoga, $105,000, Msw, 8-6, 2yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:45.48, gd, neck. Ozara (IRE) (f, 2, Lope de Vega {Ire}--Cercle d'Or {Ire}, by Acclamation {GB}) went off a odds of 12-1 for this unveiling. Able to clear down to the rail from her outside draw, she chased pacesetter Sands of War (War Front) up the backstretch but was eager to make a move and did so as the field moved into the far turn. Up the inside past the quarter pole, Ozara got the racing room she needed and pounced between horses to strike the front, powering home and just holding off the late challenge of even-money favorite Weight the Risks (Mendelssohn) to win by a neck. Brought to the United States after selling in Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling sale, Ozara is out of a half-sister to MG1SW and G1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe hero Golden Horn (Cape Cross {Ire}). Her dam foaled a yearling filly by Frankel (GB) last year but was not reported bred for 2023. Sales Price: 350,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $57,750. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV. O-Cheyenne Stable LLC; B-Fleche D’Or Partnership (Ire); T-Christophe Clement.
IN ORDER OF PURSE:

KY DOWNS PREVIEW TURF SPRINT S., $200,000, Ellis, 8-6, 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:00.67, fm.

1--ONE TIMER, 122, g, 4, Trappe Shot--Spanish Star, by Blame. ($21,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT). O-Patricia’s Hope LLC and Richard Ravin; B-St. Simon Place LLC (KY); T-Larry Rivelli; J-E. T. Baird. $117,125. Lifetime Record: GSW, 11-7-1-1, $721,335.

2--Let My People Go, 122, g, 4, Pionereof the Nile--Taboo, by Forestry. ($220,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; $22,000 RNA Wlg '17 KEENOV; $16,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP; $115,000 2yo '19 EASMAY). O-BBN Racing; B-Merriebelle Stable & Pionereof the Nile Syndicate (KY); T-Victoria H. Oliver. $40,250.

3--Bad Beat Brian, 122, g, 6, Jack Milton--Ultimate Class, by During. ($22,000 RNA Wlg '17 KEENOV; $16,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP; $115,000 2yo '19 EASMAY). O-Marsico Brothers Racing LLC; B-Pope McLean, Pope McLean Jr., Marc McLean & Phil Hager (KY); T-Brittany A. Vanden Berg. $19,375.

Margins: 1, HF, NO. Odds: 1.21, 7.74, 4.01.

Also Ran: Oceanic, Charcoal, Excess Magic, Just Might, Pure Panic, Bakers Bay, Mailman Money. Scratched: Chiseler, Collaborate, Red Hot Rod, Remuda.

One Timer, last year’s winner of the GII Franklin-Simpson S. at Kentucky Downs, prepped for that meet once again with a win in the Pea Patch’s KY Downs Preview Turf Sprint S. Third when last spotted in the GII Highlander S. at Woodbine, the 4-year-old gelding earned 6-5 favoritism here and was immediately sent to attend the pace outside of Just Might (Justin Phillip). The top two darted through opening fractions of :21.23 and :43.43 but it was One Timer who had something left out of the duel, finishing up strongly to hold off a host of closers and nab the win. The first foal out of a half-sister to GI Belmont S. winner Sir Winston (Awesome Again), One Timer has an unraced 2-year-old half-sister by Arrogate, a yearling Twirling Candy half-sister, and a weanling half-brother by Essential Quality. Spanish Star was welcomed into the star-studded first book of Horse of the Year Flightline for 2024. Click for the Equibase.com chart.

KY DOWNS PREVIEW LADIES TURF MILE S., $197,000, Ellis, 8-6, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:33.30, fm.

1--NEW YEAR’S EVE, 122, f, 4, Kitten’s Joy--Awesome Rafaela (Brz), by Elusive Quality. ‘TDN Rising Star’. ($110,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEENSEP; $105,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT). O-Qatar Racing LLC, Marc Detampel and Fergus Galvin; B-Stud TNT LLC (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh; J-Luis Saez. $115,575. Lifetime Record: GSW, 11-4-0-4, $646,075.

2--For the Flag, 126, f, 4, Uncle Mo--Battle Flag, by War Front. 1ST BLACK TYPE. O/B-Joseph Allen (KY); T-J. Toner. $39,750.

3--Sinfiltre, 126, f, 4, Uncle Mo--Shared Heart, by Forestry. 1ST BLACK TYPE. O/Wertheimer et Frere (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher. $19,125.

Margins: 3/4, NK, NK. Odds: 1.44, 4.29, 9.69.

Also Ran: Querobin Dourada, Glenall (Ire), Henrietta Topham, Fancy Martini, Arm Candy, Sweet Dani Girl, Lady Hideaway, Princess Theorem, Boudoir Burlesque. Scratched: Bhma, Takntotheclenear.

New Year’s Eve earned herself a ‘TDN Rising Star’ tag with a sharp last-to-first effort on debut at the Fair Grounds in the winter of 2021. Ultra consistent throughout her 3-year-old season, the chestnut filly has dueled with the best in her division, losing to last week’s GII Glens Falls S. winner McKulick (GB) (Frankel {GB}) along with MGISW In Italian (Dubawi {Ire}) just last time out in the GI Just A Game S. at Belmont June 9. The deserving 7-5 choice in this KY Downs Preview Ladies Turf Mile S., New Year’s Eve showed her usual lack of speed from the gate, dropping back to beat only a single rival as For the Flag handled the tempo through fractions of :23.60 and :46.56. Brought out into the clear by jockey Luis Saez for the run up the backstretch, she began to show interest and really jumped into the bridle as she came between rivals at the head of the lane. Full of run to the wire, New Year’s Eve closed past For the Flag close to home to steal the win. The daughter of Kitten’s Joy is out of a half to G1SW Viva Rafaela (Brz) and from a solid South American family that now includes a yearling Volatile filly and the winner’s newborn full-brother. Awesome Rafaela visited sprinter Golden Pal for new season. Click for the Equibase.com chart.

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CALIFORNIA THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS’ ASSOCIATION S., $125,500, Del Mar, 8-6, (S), 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:04.75, ft.
1--PUSHINESS, 120, f, 2, by Kantharos
   1st Dam: Imperial Pippin (SP-Can, MSP-Eng, $113,514), by Empire Maker
   2nd Dam: Apple of Kent, by Kris S.
   3rd Dam: Proflare, by Mr. Prospector
   (115,000 Ylg ‘22 FTCAYR). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Repole Stable; B-Richard Barton Enterprises (CA); T-Michael W. McCarthy; J-Umberto Rispoli. $71,250. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $107,850.

2--Grand Slam Smile, 122, f, 2, Smiling Tiger--Royal Grand Slam, by Rockport Harbor. ($75,000 Ylg ‘22 FTCAYR). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Repole Stable; B-Richard Barton Enterprises (CA); T-Scott McGowan. $23,750.

3--Crazy Hot, 120, f, 2, Goldencents--Harbor Mist, by Rockport Harbor. ($75,000 Ylg ‘22 FTCAYR). O-Repole Stable; B-Richard Barton Enterprises (CA); T-Mike McCarthy. $15,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, 2HF, 4 1/4. Odds: 0.60, 2.50, 6.00.
Also Ran: Putt For Dough, Fly A Fantasy, Stay Quiet, Stealtheslight. Scratched: It's Saul Good.

Pushiness dominated a state-bred maiden event at first asking, taking the field gate-to-wire as the heavy favorite at Santa Anita to win by 6 1/4 lengths June 9. Still well-backed at 3-5 in her stakes debut, she was quickly into stride and again paced the field, breezing through fractions of :22.00 and :45.25 and only dealt with a minor challenge to take the win by a clear margin.

"She's fast; this filly is really fast," said winning jockey Umberto Rispoli. "She went away from there very quick and I took a little hold of her. But she kept going fast. When we went into the turn, I saw her ears go up, so I knew she was relaxed. These young ones usually want to wait on other horses, but she was a runner all the way. I think she's going farther, too. I'm glad I won it for another Italian [owner Mike Repole]."

Imperial Pippin reported a filly by GI Curlin Florida Derby winner Known Agena and was bred back to Bodexpress for next Spring. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

INCREDBILE REVENGE S., $104,000, Monmouth, 8-6, 3yo, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:03.37, fm.
1--ALL THAT MAGIC, 118, f, 4, Fast Anna--Hermione's Magic (GSP, $151,204), by Forest Wildcat. ($20,000 RNA Ylg ‘20 OBSOCT; $40,000 2yo ‘21 OBSAPR). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Pewter Stable and Spedale Family Racing, LLC; B-English Range Farm (FL); T-Kathleen A. Demasi; J-Nik Juarez. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 8-5-1-1, $150,391. *1/2 to Tizanillusion (Tizway), SP, $258,960.

2--Train to Artemus, 124, m, 5, Tapizar--Pay Day Kitten, by Kitten's Joy. O-M and W Stables, LLC; B-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY); T-Kelly J. Breen. $20,000.

3--Can't Buy Love, 118, m, 5, Twirling Candy--Pay the Kitten, by Kitten's Joy. ($47,000 RNA 2yo ‘20 OBSAPR). O-Larry Johnson; B-Kenneth & Sarah Ramsey (KY); T-M. Trombetta. $10,000.

Margins: NO, 3/4, 2. Odds: 0.80, 2.10, 4.60.
Also Ran: Baby Steps, Roselba, Magic Moonstar, Captainsdaughter, Band Sweetheart. Scratched: Get the Candy.

A winner against claimers June 9 in Oceanport when she first tried the grass, All That Magic was last seen clearing a pair of allowance conditions over the turf at Penn National June 28 and exactly a month later at Monmouth Park, when the dark bay filly won by 6 lengths.

Off as the favorite here, the 4-5 shot wrestled the lead away from Train to Artemus and tried to lengthen her margin around the far turn. Lugging in past the eighth pole, All That Magic allowed her rival to re-rally, but finding the wire in time she won by a nose.

"Once I saw the break I was like 'oh, that's not good'," said trainer Kathleen DeMasi. "I saw she was being a little fussy at the gate. The guys did a great job getting her straightened out. She didn't break as sharply as she could have, but Nik Juarez did a great job of getting her where she needed to be. But she dug in so gamely. She's just amazing. I wasn't really worried about the added distance because she has been drawing away in her wins lately. My biggest concern was just nine days rest. But she is just very good right now."

The winner's dam is responsible for an unraced 2-year-old colt named Sniper Jack (Army Mule) and she also produced a yearling by that same sire, which was her last produce of record. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.
HAMILTON S., C$100,200, Woodbine, 8-6, 3yo, 7 1/2fT, 1:28.65, fm.

1--CONMAN, 118, g, 3, by Constitution
   1st Dam: Rare Medal, by Medaglia d'Oro
   2nd Dam: Grandmas' Girl, by Miesque's Son
   3rd Dam: Limbo, by A.P. Indy
   ($300,000 Ylg '21 SARAUG). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-D. J. Stable; B-Fred Hertrich lll & John Fielding (NY); T-Mark Casse; J-P. Husbands. C$60,000. Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-0, $181,592.

2--Lifetime of Chance, 122, c, 3, The
   Lieutenant--Janetstickettocats, by Storm Cat. ($135,000 2yo '22 EASMAY). O-D. J. Stable; B-Destiny Oaks of Ocala (NY); T-Mark E. Casse. C$20,000. Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-0, $181,592.

3--Eyes On the King, 120, c, 3, Street Sense--Nickel, by Unbridled's Song. ($485,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-M Racing Group; B-Rigney Racing(KY); T-M. Casse. C$11,000. Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-0, $181,592.

4--The Factor--Karula (SW), by Colonel John. O/B-Oak Crest Farm LLC (KY); T-David B. Martinez; J-Silvio Ruiz Amador. $27,500. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $55,000.

5--Mocktails Anyone, 118, f, 2, Mohaymen--Path to Power, by Political Force. ($15,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP). O-Two Putts for the Win, Lucarelli Racing Corp and Aaron Bresko; B-BHMFR, LLC (KY); T-Frank Lucarelli. $10,000.

6--Neissa, 120, f, 2, Gold Rush Dancer--Among the Stars, by Harbor the Gold. 1ST BLACK TYPE. O/B-John Parker (WA); T-Candice S. Cryderman. $6,000. Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-0, $181,592.

Margins: 3 1/4, HF, 2 1/4. Odds: 1.50, 3.65, 7.65.

Also Ran: Mehlek, Sir Lancelot, Keen Flatter. Scratched: Dreaming of Kona.

Conman recorded the first black-type win of his career after four straight NYRA turf starts against older state bred allowance and optional claiming company--the last coming July 20 when he was a well-beaten sixth at Saratoga.

As the heavy 3-2 chalk here, the Mark Casse trainee tracked Sir Lancelot (Goldencents) from third into the clubhouse turn and up the backstretch. Looking for an opening at the top of the lane, Conman tipped to the outside of the leader and with a strong turn of foot, went on to win by 3 1/4 length over Lifetime of Chance.

The winner’s dam last produce of record is Becca Belle, a 2-year-old filly by Kantharos, who was purchased for $10,000 '23 FTISPG by Bam & Ken. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

4th-Saratoga, $131,400, Alw (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($62,500), 8-6, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 3/8mT, 2:17.70, gd, 3 1/4 lengths.

WHATLOVELOOKSLIKE (f, 4, English Channel--Jonata, by Proud Citizen) won the Port Washington S. July 4 at Belmont Park and as the 3-1 shot here was trying open company for the first time. Tracking the pacesetter from second, the chestnut filly took over the lead around the far turn and won by 3 1/4 over Federalist Papers (More Than Ready). Frivole (Anodin {Ire}) was pulled up entering the clubhouse turn and vanned off, while Ever Summer (Summer Front) fell while making a three-wide bid nearing the
quarter pole and had to be euthanized. The winner is a half-sister to Stonewall Star (Flatter), MSW & GSP, $285,058 and La Fuerza (Flatter), MSW, $261,610. Lifetime Record: 11-5-3-1, $371,350. Click for the Equibase.com chart.

O-Barry K. Schwartz; B-Stonewall Farm (NY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

MICRO SHARE (f, 4, Upstart--Who'sbeeninmybed, by The Daddy) earned her second consecutive win here in the jump up in class from allowance company at Pleasanton six weeks ago. The dark bay filly broke flat-footed from her middle post in the gate and was forced to take back a bit early, but was guided over to hug the rail and establish her position right behind the speedy Liberal Lady (Mor Spirit), who controlled the moderate early pace. Midway up the backstretch, Micro Share was on the move and guided to the outside into the clear to challenge for the lead, and though she briefly let the frontrunner pull away heading into the far turn, she was soon after switched into gear and had reached even-terms with her chief rival at the top of the lane. The two hooked up for battle and continued together past the eighth pole before Micro Share began to inch away, and under a strong ride drew away to earn the 2 1/4-length win as the public's 4-5 post-time favorite. Her dam's last registered foal is an unnamed 3-year-old colt by American Freedom. Sales History: $10,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; $125,000 Ylg '20 OBSOCT; $450,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-1, $157,240.

O-MyRacehorse and Spendthrift Farm LLC; B-Ledgelands, LLC (Shelley Ritter) & Andrew Ritter (KY); T-Peter Miller.

OUR DOTSIE (f, 3, Oscar Performance--Maya Princess, by Street Sense) was unveiled as a 23-1 longshot at Kentucky Downs last Fall and managed to hit the board before going to the sidelines, not to return until another third-place performance at Tampa earlier this Spring. Off at a mild 6-1 in this slot, the chestnut split the field from seventh up the backstretch in pursuit of Candy Bar (Constitution) who paced the field through a sharp quarter in :21.41. As that rival was headed into the lane, Our Dotsie rallied out from the middle of the track to put in a late bid and
just managed to get up past even-money favorite Scatlie (Mendelssohn) for the win by a head. A half-sister to Mariah’s Princess (Ghostzapper), SW, $243,720, Our Dotsie has a 2-year-old unraced Speightstown half-brother and a filly half-sister by Essential Quality. Maya Princess visited Charlatan for next season. Sales History: $16,000 Ylg ’21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-2, $58,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart.

O-Brian Klatsky and Kenneth R. Beuley; B-Lynn B. Schiff (KY); T-Victoria H. Oliver.

4th-Ellis, $70,000, Msw, 8-6, 2yo, 6f, 1:12.28, ft, 3/4 length. GETTYSBURG ADDRESS (c, 2, Constitution--Jojo Warrior (MGSW & GISP, $396,231), by Pioneerof the Nile) didn’t garner much wagering support despite his pedigree and connections, going off at 8-1 and immediately settling in behind Remember the Fear (Honor Code) and Handsome Herb (Practical Joke). In a perfect stalking position into the turn, the Brad Cox trainee made a tandem outside move with Hedge the Risk (Constitution) into the lane and was able to wrestle away an advantage close to home, getting past Handsome Herb by three-quarters of a length. Jojo Warrior, now up to four winners from five to race, is a half-sister to a trio of ‘TDN Rising Stars’ in J Z Warrior (Harlna’s Holiday), A Z Warrior (Bernardini), and E Z Warrior (Exploit). She foaled Speightstown filly last year, took this year off, and visited Speightstown’s son Nashville for 2024. Sales History: $375,000 RNA Ylg ’22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $40,600. Click for the Equibase.com chart.

O-Siena Farm LLC and WinStar Farm LLC; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

1st-Monmouth, $55,250, Msw, 8-6, 2yo, 1m, 1:39.91, fm, 4 lengths. NOMOS (c, 2, Uncle Mo--Westit {GB} {SP-Fr, SP-USA}, by Tapit) went off favored at 9-5 in this grass debut and got a clean start against the fence from the slot after the rail horse steadied and was pulled up early in the race. Racing in the middle of a tightly bunched group into the backstretch through an easy opening quarter in :24.15, he stayed glued to the inside and began to pick up momentum and position as the field swung into the far turn. As racing room opened up three wide past the quarter pole, Nomos had a clear path to victory and opened up inside the final furlong to win decisively by four lengths. A full-brother to stakes placed 3-year-old Soviet Excess, Nomos has another full-brother born this year named Waystar while his dam was bred back to Gun Runner for next year. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $33,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O/B-Wertheimer Et Frere (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

5th-Monmouth, $54,650, Msw, 8-6, 2yo, 1mT, 1:39.21, fm, 3 1/2 lengths. ROSE COLLECTOR (c, 2, Collected--Segment, by Algorithms), making his first start since bringing $50,000 at OBS April earlier this year, received little backing at all, going off as one of longer shots on the board at 30-1. A step behind the field in the early going, he came from out of it with a bold move to place himself mid pack into the far turn. Despite being hung out wide, Rose Collector had plenty of momentum and rallied to engage the early leader in Gran Yaco (City of Light), and outkicked the field into the final sixteenth to establish a 3 1/2-length winning margin. Segment, a half to MGSW/GISP Apart (Flatter), has a yearling filly by Cairo Prince still to race but has not produced a foal or been bred since. Sales History: $27,000 Wlg ’21 KEENOV; $37,000 RNA Ylg ’22 KEESEP; $50,000 2yo ’23 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $33,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-Rose of Rumson Racing, LLC; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-J. Kent Sweezy.

6th-Gulfstream, $43,700, Msw, 8-6, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:44.18, ft, 3 3/4 lengths. SARA’S SHAMAN (c, 3, Shaman Ghost--Chickasaw Gal, by Indian Charlie) tried the main track at first asking but gave way to eventual GII Louisiana Derby winner Kingsbarns (Uncle Mo). Fifth over the all-weather track last time out Feb. 4, he fared only marginally better but still earned money Sunday at 2-1 for...
his first start since. Tucked in just off High Stakes (Munnings) in second, Sara’s Shaman needed only minimal urging to keep pace and, once clear of that rival into the lane, drew off nicely to defeat Alexander Helios (Cairo Prince) by 3 3/4 lengths. A half-brother to GII Canadian Derby winner Great Escape (Midnight Storm), GSW-Can, SP-USA, $394,301, Sara’s Shaman counts the aforementioned MGSW Cairo Prince (Pioneerof the Nile) as a member of his extended family. His dam last produced a yearling American Pharoah filly and was bred to both Maclean’s Music and Speightstown for next season. Sales History: $55,000 Ylg ’21 KEEJAN; $200,000 Ylg ’21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $27,200. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

3rd-Gulfstream, $43,000, Msw, 8-6, 2yo, 5f (AWT), :57.95, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

GRAND MO THE FIRST (c, 2, Uncle Mo--Lilies So Fair, by Giant’s Causeway), sent off as the narrow 9-5 second choice, made a nice move against the fence to place himself into position behind early leaders Improptude (Khozan) and Catch a Tiger (Mitole). Up to move with those rivals around the turn, he took over the front with a furlong to run and came home much the best over Catch a Tiger who checked in 2 1/4 lengths behind. Dam Lilies So Fair is herself a half to a pair of prolific runners in GI Besilu Stables Florida Derby winner Materiality (Afleet Alex) and GI Longines Kentucky Oaks runner up My Miss Sophia, who went on to produce GI Coolmore Turf Mile S. victor Annapolis (War Front). This is also the family of $2.6m Fasig-Tipton broodmare and GISW Embellish the Lace (Super Saver). The winner’s only younger sibling is a yearling half-sister by Triple Crown winner American Pharoah. Sales History: $125,000 RNA Ylg ’22 KEESEP; $335,000 RNA 2yo ’23 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $24,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, AUGUST 7 2023 Stud Fees Listed
Preservationist (Arch), Airdrie Stud, $10,000
77 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
3-Presque Isle Downs, 3:54 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Express Star, 10-1
$10,000 FTK OCT yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, AUGUST 7 2023 Stud Fees Listed
Counterforce (Smart Strike), Road’s End Farm
24 foals of racing age/7 winners/2 black-type winners
4-Hastings Racecourse, 6:39 p.m. EDT, $50K BC Cup Hong Kong Jockey Club H., 1 1/16m, Air Force, 6-5
CAN$16,000 BRC SEP yrl
5-Hastings Racecourse, 7:12 p.m. EDT, $50K BC Cup Nursery S., 6 1/2f, Diocles, 8-1
CAN$14,000 BRC SEP yrl
7-Hastings Racecourse, 8:17 p.m. EDT, $50K BC Cup Sir Winston Churchill Derby Trial H., 1 1/16m, Lucky Force, 6-1
CAN$4,000 BRC SEP yrl
5-Hastings Racecourse, 7:12 p.m. EDT, $50K BC Cup Nursery S., 6 1/2f, Northern Force, 15-1
CAN$9,900 RNA BRC SEP yrl

Eastwood (Speightstown), Blackstone Farm, $1,250
17 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Presque Isle Downs, 3:27 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Cosmic Connection, 10-1

Good Samaritan (Harlan’s Holiday), WinStar Farm, $7,500
172 foals of racing age/44 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Assiniboia Downs, 11:05 p.m. EDT, $125K Manitoba Derby, 1 1/8m, Neighbor, 15-1
$11,000 KEE NOV wnl; $50,000 FTK JUL yrl

Mendelssohn (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, $25,000
348 foals of racing age/69 winners/3 black-type winners
7-Assiniboia Downs, 11:05 p.m. EDT, $125K Manitoba Derby, 1 1/8m, B Minor, 4-1
$85,000 KEE SEP yrl
5-Hastings Racecourse, 7:12 p.m. EDT, $50K BC Cup Nursery S., 6 1/2f, Horatio, 5-1
Mo Town (Uncle Mo), Coolmore Ashford, $5,000
174 foals of racing age/49 winners/3 black-type winners
7-Hastings Racecourse, 8:17 p.m. EDT, $50K BC Cup Sir Winston Churchill Derby Trial H., 1 1/16m, Accidental Hero, 3-1
$65,000 FTK JUL yr; $260,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Ralis (Square Eddie), Canmor Farms
23 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Hastings Racecourse, 6:39 p.m. EDT, $50K BC Cup Hong Kong Jockey Club H., 1 1/16m, Above Average, 7-2

Tapwrit (Tapit), Gainesway Farm, $10,000
177 foals of racing age/35 winners/3 black-type winners
7-Assiniboia Downs, 11:05 p.m. $125K Manitoba Derby, 1 1/8m, Chicago's Gray, 20-1 $16,000 KEE SEP yrl; $77,000 OBS APR 2yo

RIO GRANDE SENOR THOROUGHBRED FUTURITY, (NB)
$118,039, Ruidoso Downs, 8-6, (S), 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:06.96, ft.
1--COMMUNITY LEADER, 120, g, 2, by Diabolical--Midnight Summer, by Midnight Lute. O/B-J. Kirk & Judy Robison (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher; J-Felipe Valdez. $59,020. Lifetime Record: 4-4-0-0, $135,000.
3--Aaron Who, 120, g, 2, Comfort--Weekends for Love, by Not For Love. O/B-Sam E Stevens & Sammy L Stevens (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher. $14,165.
Margins: 3 1/4, 6HF, NK. Odds: 0.60, 2.40, 17.00.

RIO GRANDE SENORITA THOROUGHBRED FUTURITY, $112,992,
Ruidoso Downs, 8-6, (C), 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:06.50, ft.
1--MARK IT DOWN, 120, f, 2, by Marking--Lady Genius (MSW, $354,022), by Quinton's Gold. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Mike & Bill Carson; B-Bill & Mike Carson & Leach Racing LLC (NM); T-Dallas J. Barton; J-Oscar Ceballos. $56,496. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, $70,976.
2--Make Up a Story, 120, f, 2, Marking--Holiday Heat, by Southwestern Heat. 1ST BLACK TYPE. O/B-J. Kirk & Judy Robison (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher. $22,598.
3--Mark the Winner, 120, f, 2, Marking--Unofficial Winner, by Attila's Storm. 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Rodney Brooks & Donnie Reid; B-Warren Franklin (NM); T-Simon J. Buechler. $13,559.
Margins: 1 3/4, 6, 1 3/4. Odds: 6.60, 4.00, 1.60.

W.T.B.O.A. LADS S., $65,000, Emerald Downs, 8-6, 2yo, c/g, 6 1/2f, 1:18.11, ft.
1--FREIGHTLINE, 120, c, 2, Coast Guard--Knight Raider (MSW), by Tribunal. ($17,000 Ylg '22 WASSEP). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Gold Coast Racing III; B-Nina M Hagen & Holly Sturgeon (WA); T-Steve Bullock; J-Alex M. Cruz. $36,140. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, $64,940.
2--Bourbon Dancer, 120, g, 2, Bayer--Bauhaus Bourbon, by Behrens. ($4,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; $4,000 Ylg '22 CTBAJA). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Dan Warden; B-Delehanty Stock Farm (NY); T-Blaine D. Wright. $13,390.
3--Whiskey Harbor, 120, g, 2, Rise Up--Ruby Romance, by Grindstone. 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Lee and Connie Erickson; B-Jack B. Root (OR); T-Ryland M. Harwood. $8,190.
Margins: 3 1/4, 2 1/4, 2HF. Odds: 3.30, 1.60, 1.00.
ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
8th-Woodbine, C$101,270, (C)/Opt. Clm ($37,368), 8-6, 3yo/up, 7f (AWT), 1:23.57, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.
RAPID TEST (g, 3, Souper Speedy--Arch Tigress, by Archarcharch) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, $83,634. O-Kingfield Racing Stable & Apricot Valley Thoroughbreds; B-Joey Gee Thoroughbred (ON); T-C. Phillips. *C$22,000 Ylg '21 CANSEP.

8th-Del Mar, $85,500, (S), (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($20,000), 8-6, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :57.42, fm, 3/4 length.
ORGANIC (f, 3, Dads Caps--Runaway Moon, by Malibu Moon) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, $105,120. O/B-Richard Barton Enterprises (CA); T-Neil Drysdale. *$34,000 RNA Ylg '21 FTCAYR.

9th-Woodbine, C$80,512, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($22,421-$23,916), 8-6, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:08.68, fm, nose.
QUITE READY (g, 4, Tom's Ready--My Sweet Revenge, by Vindication) Lifetime Record: 17-4-3-2, $110,129. O-Michael Lay, Mike Loughry & D Mac Racing Stable; B-Valencia Leach & F. Lagattuta (KY); T-D. MacRae. *$9,500 RNA Ylg '20 OBSWIN.

8th-Monmouth, $85,500, (C)/Opt. Clm ($20,000), 8-6, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :57.42, fm, nose.
QUITE READY (g, 4, Tom's Ready--My Sweet Revenge, by Vindication) Lifetime Record: 17-4-3-2, $110,129. O-Michael Lay, Mike Loughry & D Mac Racing Stable; B-Valencia Leach & F. Lagattuta (KY); T-D. MacRae. *$9,500 RNA Ylg '20 OBSWIN.

7th-Monmouth, $72,589, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($15,000), 8-6, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:08.68, ft, 1 length.
OUT OF DEDUCTIONS (g, 3, Nyquist--Giant Deduction, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: SP, 4-2-0-1, $51,640. O/B-Team Block (KY); T-Chris M. Block. *$45,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP. **1/2 to Land Mark Deal (Munnings), SP, $179,066.

8th-Monmouth, $59,400, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($16,000), 8-6, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.13, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.
YOUR INHERITANCE (f, 4, Runhappy--Puzzling (SP, $127,312), by Ghostzapper) Lifetime Record: 18-4-3-3, $103,280. O-David Gruskos; B-Phipps Stable (KY); T-Claudio A. Gonzalez. *$22,000 Ylg '20 FTOKCT; $45,000 3yo '22 OBSWIN.

8th-Del Mar, $85,500, (S), (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($20,000), 8-6, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :57.42, fm, 3/4 length.
ORGANIC (f, 3, Dads Caps--Runaway Moon, by Malibu Moon) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, $105,120. O/B-Richard Barton Enterprises (CA); T-Neil Drysdale. *$34,000 RNA Ylg '21 FTCAYR.

9th-Woodbine, C$78,812, (C)/Opt. Clm ($35,500-$37,368), 8-6, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:11.13, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.
YOUR INHERITANCE (f, 4, Runhappy--Puzzling (SP, $127,312), by Ghostzapper) Lifetime Record: 18-4-3-3, $103,280. O-David Gruskos; B-Phipps Stable (KY); T-Claudio A. Gonzalez. *$22,000 Ylg '20 FTOKCT; $45,000 3yo '22 OBSWIN.

3rd-Woodbine, C$78,812, (C)/Opt. Clm ($35,500-$37,368), 8-6, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:08.68, ft, 1 length.
THE GREAT OZ (g, 5, Liam's Map--Ullapool {MSW, $361,911}, by Langfuhr) Lifetime Record: 26-4-10-1, $194,753. O-TEC Racing (Elliott S. Logan); B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Martin Drexler. *$60,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; $130,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR.

7th-Monmouth, $72,589, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($15,000), 8-6, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:08.68, ft, 1 length.
OUT OF DEDUCTIONS (g, 3, Nyquist--Giant Deduction, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: SP, 4-2-0-1, $51,640. O/B-Team Block (KY); T-Chris M. Block. *$45,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP. **1/2 to Land Mark Deal (Munnings), SP, $179,066.

5th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, $33,600, 8-6, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:09.23, gd, 1 3/4 lengths.
Liberate (g, 6, Gemologist--Southern Silence, by Dixie Union) Lifetime Record: MSW, 21-7-2-2, $316,205. O-Blazing Meadows Farm LLC, Michael Lewis and S G M Thoroughbred Racing LLC; B-Blazing Meadows Farm LLC & WinStar Farm, LLC (OH); T-Timothy E. Hamm. *1/2 to Esplanande (Daredevil), MSW & GISP, $330,030.
**1st-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, $32,550, 8-6, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (off turf), 1:38.37, sy, 1 1/4 lengths.**

**FRAGRANT (f, 4, Classic Empire--Flatteremsworthroses (SW), by Flatter) Lifetime Record: 9-4-2-1, $74,174. O-Jerry Jamgotchian; B-China Horse Club (KY); T-Eric Reed. *$185,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; $310,000 Ylg '20 KEESPR; $65,000 3yo '22 KEENOV; $65,000 RNA 4yo '23 KEEAPR; $150,000 RNA 4yo '23 FTKHRA.**

**3rd-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, $33,250, 8-6, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.68, sy, 3 lengths.**

**DEAR BEAU (IRE) (f, 4, Jimmy Creed--K C's Songofprayer, by Songandaprayer) Lifetime Record: SP, 14-7-2-1, $192,602. O-Cecil Peters; B-Tom Wallace (Ire); T-Joe Blair Roberts. *$6,000 Ylg '20 KEEJAN. **1/2 to Beau Recall (Ire) (Sir Prancealot {Ire}), MGSW & MGISP, $1,481,412.**

**2nd-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, $20,370, 8-6, (NW2LX), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (off turf), 1:11.70, sy, head.**

**LIAM'S LASS (m, 5, Liam's Map--Salem Heart, by Touch Gold) Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-2, $38,360. O-Matthew Kosco; B-Morris B. Floyd & Dave Alban (KY); T-Eric R. Reed. *$75,000 Ylg '19 KEESPR.**

**9th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, $20,160, 8-6, (NW2LX), 3yo/up, 6f (off turf), 1:11.98, gd, 3/4 length.**

**TIMBERRY TIDDLER (g, 5, Machen--Cobra Girl, by Badge of Silver) Lifetime Record: 13-5-1-0, $65,551. OB/T-J. Michael Baird (OH).**

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Jumbotron, g, 2, Big Screen--Miss Brown Sugar, by Big Brown. Woodbine, 8-6, (C), 6f (AWT), 1:12.65. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $32,547. B-Spring Farm (ON). *C$28,000 Ylg '22 CANSEP.**

**Super Renzo, g, 2, Finality--Tricksaren't Free, by Western Trick. Canterbury, 8-6, 1 1/2f (off turf), 1:19.84. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-2, $21,413. B-Pooli Thoroughbreds (BC). **1ST-TIME STARTER.**

**Star of Saturn, f, 2, The Big Beast--Marathon Lady (MGISP, $282,825), by Graeme Hall. Gulfstream, 8-6, (S), 1:05.57. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $34,000. B-Alex & JoAnn Lieblong (FL). *$40,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. **1ST-TIME STARTER.**

**Forward Move, c, 3, Army Mule--Miss Nancy, by Arch. Saratoga, 8-6, (S), 1m (off turf), 1:41.85. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $36,500. B-Mashnee Stables LLC (NY). *$100,000 Ylg '21 KEESPR.**

**McMAHON (g, 3, Carpe Diem--Jademarie, by Malibu Moon. Woodbine, 8-6, (C), 7fT, 1:22.62. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, $27,017. B-Respect the Valleys, LLC (LA). *$15,000 Ylg '22 TTAYRL; $45,000 2yo '23 TTAAPR. **1ST-TIME STARTER.**

**It's a Fluke, g, 3, Irish War Cry--Yes I Dance, by Yes It's True. Laurel, 8-6, 6f, 1:12.31. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $31,680. B-Super C Racing Inc (MD).**

**McMAHON (g, 3, Carpe Diem--Jademarie, by Malibu Moon. Woodbine, 8-6, (C), 7fT, 1:22.62. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, $27,017. B-Respect the Valleys, LLC (LA). *$15,000 Ylg '22 TTAYRL; $45,000 2yo '23 TTAAPR. **1ST-TIME STARTER.**

**Diamonds Danzing, f, 3, Dancing Candy--Temper, by Giant's Causeway. Del Mar, 8-6, (S), 5fT, :57.81. Lifetime Record: 7-1-4-1, $100,940. B-Mahsheen Stables LLC (NY). *$19,500 Ylg '21 KEESPR.**

**Sawyer Fox, c, 3, Hit It a Bomb--One Other Than, by Forestry. Hawthorne, 8-6, (S), 6f, 1:10.89. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $23,404. B-Catalano Thoroughbreds Inc. (IL).**

**Musics My Vice, g, 3, Marking--Music in the Storm, by Trial by Jury. Ruidoso Downs, 8-6, (S), 7 1/2f, 1:37.22. Lifetime Record: 8-1-1-4, $100,940. B-H & E Ranch (CA). *$15,000 Ylg '21 ARZNOV. **SP.**

**Proud Mary, f, 3, Point of Entry--Absolute Crackers (Ire) (SP-Ire, SP-USA, $198,495), by Giant's Causeway. Laurel, 8-6, 5 1/2fT, 1:02.35. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $57,600. B-Flaxman Holdings Limited (KY). *$32,000 Ylg '21 KEESPR.**
Spanish Kiss, g, 3, Sharp Azteca--Kissimmeety, by Kissin Kris. Prairie Meadows, 8-6, (S), 1m 70y, 1:46.37. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, $33,415. B-Lonnie Umendstock (IA). *$25,000 Ylg '21 FTKFEB; $40,000 Ylg '21 FTKJUL; $30,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR.

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Mr. Disrespectful, g, 3, Smiling Tiger--Hotazel, by Unbridled's Song. Del Mar, 8-6, (S), 6f, 1:10.68. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-2, $61,709. B-Dorothee Kieckhefer (CA). *$12,000 Ylg '21 FTCAYR.

He Gots to Go, g, 3, Speightster--Trizelle, by Malibu Moon. Louisiana Downs, 8-6, 1m 70y, 1:44.36. Lifetime Record: 8-1-3-0, $33,760. B-Hugh C. Moore (KY). *$10,000 RNA Ylg '21 FTKOCT.

Gold Tapper, g, 3, Tapiture--Golden Elite, by Elite Squadron. Prairie Meadows, 8-6, (S), 6f, 1:11.39. Lifetime Record: 6-1-3-0, $51,923. B-MAMAS Thoroughbreds, LLC (IA). *$13,000 Ylg '21 IOWOCT.

Cant Keep Me Down, f, 3, The Factor--Sameeha, by Street Cry (Ire). Saratoga, 8-6, (C), 1m (off turf), 1:40.94. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, $31,760. B-Shadwell Farm, LLC (KY).

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Army Mule, Forward Move, c, 3, o/o Miss Nancy, by Arch. MCL, 8-6, Saratoga
Big Screen, Jumbotron, g, 2, o/o Miss Brown Sugar, by Big Brown. MOC, 8-6, Woodbine
Bustin Stones, Redneckerthanyou, g, 5, o/o Phyllis Sassy Girl, by Concerto. ALW, 8-6, Prairie Meadows
Caravaggio, Maltese Falcon (Ire), g, 3, o/o Isabella (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). GII La Jolla H., 8-6, Del Mar
Carpe Diem, It's a Fluke, g, 3, o/o Jademarie, by Malibu Moon. MOC, 8-6, Woodbine
Classic Empire, Empire Island, f, 2, o/o Gulf Island, by Giant's Causeway. MSW, 8-6, Saratoga
Classic Empire, Fragrant, f, 4, o/o Flattermewithroses, by Flatter. ALW, 8-6, Mountaineer
Coast Guard, Freighthouse, c, 2, o/o Knight Raider, by Tribunal. W.T.B.O.A. Lads S., 8-6, Emerald Downs

Collected, Rose Collector, c, 2, o/o Segment, by Algorithms. MSW, 8-6, Monmouth
Constitution, Conman, g, 3, o/o Rare Medal, by Medaglia d'Oro. Hamilton S., 8-6, Woodbine
Constitution, Gettysburg Address, c, 2, o/o Jojo Warrior, by Pionnoerof the Nile. MSW, 8-6, Ellis
Creative Cause, My Buddy B, c, 4, o/o Casting Director, by Bernardini. ALW, 8-6, Mountaineer
Cupid, Duke of Love, c, 4, o/o Tell the Duchess, by Smart Strike. Gill West Virginia Governor's S., 8-6, Mountaineer
Dads Caps, Organic, f, 3, o/o Runaway Moon, by Malibu Moon. AOC, 8-6, Del Mar
Danzing Candy, Diamonds Danzing, f, 3, o/o Temper, by Giant's Causeway. MSW, 8-6, Del Mar
Diabolical, Community Leader, g, 2, o/o Midnight Summer, by Midnight Lute. Rio Grande Senior Thoroughbred Futurity, 8-6, Ruidoso Downs
Diahed In, Dial Sum In, f, 3, o/o Sumlin, by Eskenedereya. ALW, 8-6, Prairie Meadows
English Channel, Whatlovelookslike, f, 4, o/o Jonata, by Proud Citizen. AOC, 8-6, Saratoga
Fast Anna, All That Magic, f, 4, o/o Hermione's Magic, by Forest Wildcat. Incredible Revenge S., 8-6, Monmouth
Finality, Super Renzo, g, 2, o/o Tricksaren't Free, by Western Trick. MSW, 8-6, Canterbury
First Dude, Ruda, f, 4, o/o Mass Invasion, by Mass Media. STR, 8-6, Saratoga
Flameaway, Julias Dream, f, 2, o/o Cinnamon Girl, by Meadowlake. MSW, 8-6, Del Mar
Gemologist, Liberate, g, 6, o/o Southern Silence, by Dixie Union. ALW, 8-6, Mountaineer
Gun Runner, Red Route One, c, 3, o/o Red House, by Tapit. Gill West Virginia Derby, 8-6, Mountaineer
He's Had Enough, Glava, g, 4, o/o Zenzelda, by Rey de Cafe. ALW, 8-6, Century Mile
Hit It a Bomb, Sawyer Fox, c, 3, o/o One Other Than, by Forestry. MSW, 8-6, Hawthorne
Il Postino, What's Up Mr. Z, g, 6, o/o What's Up (Ire), by Dylan Thomas (Ire). OCL, 8-6, Monmouth
Jimmy Creed, Poetic Verse, f, 4, o/o K C's Songofprayer, by Songandaprayder. ALW, 8-6, Mountaineer
Kantheros, Pushiness, f, 2, o/o Imperial Pippin, by Empire Maker. California Thoroughbred Breeders' Association S., 8-6, Del Mar
Khozan, Me and Mr. C, g, 6, o/o Abiding, by Dynaformer. KY Downs Preview Turf Cup S., 8-6, Ellis
Kitten's Joy, New Year's Eve, f, 4, o/o Awesome Rafaela (Brz), by Elusive Quality. KY Downs Preview Ladies Turf Mile S., 8-6, Ellis
Liam's Map, Liam's Lass, m, 5, o/o Salem Heart, by Touch Gold.
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ALW, 8-6, Mountaineer
Liam's Map, The Great Oz, g, 5, o/o Ullapool, by Langfuhr. AOC, 8-6, Woodbine
Machen, Shy Guy, g, 7, o/o Jacque C, by Behrens. ALW, 8-6, Mountaineer
Machen, Timberry Tiddler, g, 5, o/o Cobra Girl, by Badge of Silver. ALW, 8-6, Mountaineer
Marking, Mark It Down, f, 2, o/o Lady Genius, by Quinton's Gold. Rio Grande Senorita Thoroughbred Futurity, 8-6, Ruidoso Downs
Maximus Mischief, Cheeky Gal, f, 2, o/o Blackhawk Honey, by Malabar Gold. MSW, 8-6, Del Mar
Midshipman, Missed the Boat, g, 7, o/o Cashmere Miss, by Kokand. AOC, 8-6, Emerald Downs
Nyquist, Out of Deductions, g, 3, o/o Giant Deduction, by Giant's Causeway. ALW, 8-6, Hawthorne
Oscar Performance, Our Dotsie, f, 3, o/o Maya Princess, by Street Sense. MSW, 8-6, Ellis
Outwork, Brightwork, f, 2, o/o Clarendon Fancy, by Malibu Moon. Gill Adirondack S., 8-6, Saratoga
Point of Entry, Proud Mary, f, 3, o/o Absolute Crackers (Ire), by Giant's Causeway. MSW, 8-6, Laurel
Practical Joke, Ways and Means, f, 2, o/o Strong Incentive, by Warrior's Reward. MSW, 8-6, Saratoga
Runhappy, Your Inheritance, f, 4, o/o Puzzling, by Ghostzapper. AOC, 8-6, Monmouth
Shaman Ghost, Sara's Shaman, c, 3, o/o Chickasaw Gal, by Indian Charlie. MSW, 8-6, Gulfstream
Sharp Azteca, Spanish Kiss, g, 3, o/o Kissimmee, by Kissin Kris. MSW, 8-6, Prairie Meadows
Smiling Tiger, Mr. Disrespectful, g, 3, o/o Hotazel, by Unbridled's Song. MSW, 8-6, Del Mar
Souper Speedy, Rapid Test, g, 3, o/o Arch Tigress, by Archarcharch. AOC, 8-6, Woodbine
Speightster, He Gets To Go, g, 3, o/o Trizelle, by Malibu Moon. MSW, 8-6, Louisiana Downs
Square Eddie, Self Isolation, m, 5, o/o Loan Savant, by Spring At Last. ALW, 8-6, Laurel
Tapiture, Gold Tapper, g, 3, o/o Golden Elite, by Elite Squadron. MSW, 8-6, Prairie Meadows
Tapiture, Magnolia Avenue, f, 2, o/o Quicaria, by Unbridled's Song. MSW, 8-6, Louisiana Downs
The Big Beast, Star of Saturn, f, 2, o/o Marathon Lady, by Graeme Hall. MSW, 8-6, Gulfstream
The Factor, Appeal Factor, f, 2, o/o Karula, by Colonel John. W.T.B.O.A. Lassies S., 8-6, Emerald Downs
The Factor, Cant Keep Me Down, f, 3, o/o Sameeha, by Street Cry (Ire). MCL, 8-6, Saratoga
Tom's Ready, Quite Ready, g, 4, o/o My Sweet Revenge, by Vindication. AOC, 8-6, Woodbine
Trappe Shot, One Timer, g, 4, o/o Spanish Star, by Blame. KY Downs Preview Turf Sprint S., 8-6, Ellis
Uncle Mo, Grand Mo the First, c, 2, o/o Lilies So Fair, by Giant's Causeway. MSW, 8-6, Gulfstream
Uncle Mo, Nomos, c, 2, o/o Westit (GB), by Tapit. MSW, 8-6, Monmouth
Upstart, Micro Share, f, 4, o/o Who'sbeeninmybed, by The Daddy. AOC, 8-6, Del Mar
War Front, Safeen, f, 3, o/o Tafaneen, by Dynaformer. GII Pucker Up S., 8-6, Ellis

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MUSKOKA LEADS HOME SEA THE MOON TRIFECTA IN GERMANY’S PREIS DER DIANA

by Sean Cronin

Sunday’s G1 165th Henkel-Preis der Diana (German Oaks) at Dusseldorf went the way of Stall Golden Goal’s G3 Hamburg Stuten-Meile scorer Muskoka (Ger) (Sea The Moon {Ger}--Morning Mist {Ger}, by Peintre Celebre) as she mastered Kassada (Ger) (Sea The Moon {Ger}) in the 11-furlong Classic staged in heavy rain. Stepping up in trip having won at a mile, the Henk Grewe trainee was reserved early in mid division by Lukas Delozier with stamina unproven. Reeling in Kassada in the last 100 metres, the 5-1 shot asserted to score by a neck from that long-time leader, with the French raider Sea The Lady (Fr) (Sea The Moon {Ger}) completing a fabulous trifecta for the Lanwades Stud-based sire and finishing 2 1/4 lengths away in third.

Sea The Moon becomes the first sire since Monsun (Ger) to sire the winner of both G1 Deutsches Derby and G1 Preis der Diana in the same season. Germany’s lynchpin did so with Shirocco (Ger) and Amarette (Ger) in 2004.

KING REIGNS SUPREME AT DEAUVILLE

by Sean Cronin

Nicolas Caullery trainee King Gold (Fr) (Anodin {Ire}--Miss Gandelia {Fr}, by Kingsalsa) made a breakthrough at black-type level with a first such victory in June’s G3 Prix de la Porte Maillot at ParisLongchamp when last seen and made the leap forward to prevail in a thrilling renewal of Sunday’s G1 Arc Prix Maurice de Gheest at Deauville. The 39-5 chance was alert from the gates before settling under cover off the pace with just one rival behind through halfway. Inching closer when nudged along passing the quarter-mile marker, he was ridden to engage British raider Spycatcher (Ire) (Vadamos {Fr}) soon after passing the furlong pole and kept on strongly under a late drive to deny that rival by a short-head after a pulsating nip-and-tuck tussle.

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FASIG-TIPTON BRINGS GLITTER AND GLITZ TO SARATOGA

TDN’s Jessica Martini covers the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale’s return to the Humphrey S. Finney Pavilion in Saratoga Springs—after a record 2022 edition, which is due to begin Monday evening at 6:30 p.m.

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BRave emperor proves aptly named

Back at a mile at Deauville, Middleham Park Racing's son of Sioux Nation proved too tough a nut to crack as he registered a second group 3 success in the Prix Daphnis.

All eyes on see hector in fritz henkel Preis

Sunday's G3 Fritz Henkel Preis at Dusseldorf was all about the Henk Grewe-Lukas Delozier partnership as they combined successfully with See Hector.

iffraaj juvenile dominates galway maiden

Stromberg powered clear under continued urging to easily outpoint his closest rival by 10 lengths to earn his diploma at second-asking for conditioner Joseph O'Brien.
**Muskoka, cont. from p1**

Fellow Henk Grewe trainee Fantastic Moon (Ger) initiated the double with a runaway triumph at Hamburg last month. Sea The Moon is also the first sire to notch a Preis der Diana trifecta since the Gestut Graditz-based Ard Patrick (Ire) (St. Florian {GB}) did so in 1910. Ard Patrick’s feat was accomplished by Letizia (Ger), Lockung (Ger) and Regina Castra (Ger).

“She’s an unbelievably good filly with an incredible heart and fights her way past every horse in front of her,” Grewe told GaloppOnline. “She is very uncomplicated, she’s easy to handle and has a huge heart. There are plenty of options open to her and the owners already have goals in mind. There’s a nice race for her on Arc weekend and the Breeders’ Cup is also under consideration.”

Clement Lecoeuvre, rider of third home Sea The Lady, added, “Sea The Lady ran a great race, but the distance on this [soft] surface was just a bit too far for her in the end. She still ran really well and deserved her third-place finish.”

**Pedigree Notes**

Muskoka, who becomes the fourth Group 1 winner for her sire, is the fifth of seven live foals and one of three scorers from as many runners produced by an unraced half-sister to G1 Poule d’Essai des Pouilains and G1 Prix du Jockey Club-winning sire Brametot (Ire) (Rajsaman {Fr}) and G3 Walter Nilsens Minnelop runner-up Mulan (Ger) (Marju {Ire}). She is kin to the unraced 2-year-old colt Master Of Light (Ger) (Adlerflug {Ger}) and a yearling filly by Reliable Man (GB). The April-foaled chestnut’s second dam Morning Light (Ger) (Law Society) is a half-sister to the aforementioned MG1SW German cornerstone Monsun (Ger) (Konigsstuhl {Ger}) and hails from a family which also features G1 Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf heroine Aunt Pearl (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) and G1 Prix du Cadran victrix Molly Malone (Fr) (Lomitas {GB}).

**Sunday, Dusseldorf, Germany**

**165TH HENKEL-PREIS DER DIANA - GERMAN OAKS-G1, €500,000, Dusseldorf, 8-6, 3yo, f, 11fT, 2:21.92, sf.**

1--MUSKOKA (GER), 128, f, 3, by Sea The Moon (Ger)

1st Dam: Morning Mist (Ger), by Peintre Celebre

2nd Dam: Morning Light (Ger), by Law Society

3rd Dam: Mosella (Ger), by Surumu (Ger)

1ST GROUP 1 WIN. (€80,000 Ylg ‘21 BBAGS). O-Stall Golden Goal; B-Antje & Lars-Wilhelm Baumgarten (GER); T-Henk Grewe; J-Lukas Delozier. €300,000. Lifetime Record: 6-4-2-0, €354,000. Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.
BBAG graduate Muskoka wins the 165th Henkel-Preis der Diana - German Oaks, Gr.1

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2--Kassada (Ger), 128, f, 3, Sea The Moon (Ger)--Casalla (Ger), by Soldier Hollow (GB). 1ST GROUP 1 BLACK TYPE. (€140,000 RNA Ylg ‘21 BBAGS). O/B-Gestut Rottgen (GER); T-Markus Klug. €100,000.

3--Sea The Lady (Fr), 128, f, 3, Sea The Moon (Ger)--Blumenfee (Ger), by Soldier Hollow (GB). 1ST GROUP 1 BLACK TYPE. O-Avatara SA & Haras d’Etreham; B-Avatara SA (FR); T-Yann Barberot. €50,000.

Margins: NK, 2 1/4, 1HF. Odds: 4.80, 4.30, 13.70. Also Ran: Empore (Ger), Quantanamera (Ger), Spirit Of Dreams (Ger), Ultima (Ger), North Reliance (Ger), View Zabeel (Ire), Atlantica (GB), Wercruz (Ger), Evina (Ire), Calmly (GB).

Scratched: Lady Ewelina (GB).

**King Gold, cont. from p1**

The Hollie Doyle-ridden Saint Lawrence (Ire) (Al Kazeem {GB}) closed fast and late to finish a neck adrift in third.

“What a day and what a race,” beamed trainer Nicolas Caullery after collecting a first prize at the highest level. “I have so many people to thank, especially owners and breeders Raymonde and Christian Wingtans. It has been so much work for them, for so many years, to finally win a Group 1 race with a horse they bred. They are my friends and they have always supported me. I must also thank my wife Marine, my son Charles and others who are not us with us anymore. And, of course, King Gold who made all this possible. He has always showed great potential since he was a 2-year-old, but he has had his share of problems. We had to go slowly with him as he wasn’t really that precocious and needed time to mature. He ran this winter in Dubai, where he was twice unlucky, but that set him up perfectly for the European season and he has been almost perfect since. He has always been a warrior and he had to be one today. This is history now and the present is the moment to savour. All being well, he will return over his favorite course and distance [seven furlongs at ParisLongchamp] in the [G1] Prix de la Foret.”

Winning rider Stephane Pasquier added, “The whole Nicolas Caullery team deserves a huge pat on the back for the work they have done to make the horse what he is today. There’s a lot of emotion involved. I had a perfect race, and the horse showed his fighting qualities to the bitter end. He gave of himself particularly generously and was incredible today.”

Reflecting on the effort of the runner-up, Highclere’s Harry Herbert commented, “Spycatcher put in a great performance. We almost retired him last year, but our vet treated him and he was able to resume his racing career. All credit to trainer Karl Burke and his team for getting him back to this level. Winning a Group 3, and coming so close to winning a Group 1, couldn’t have been envisaged a year ago. We’ll certainly consider running him in the [G1] Sprint Cup at Haydock.”

**Pedigree Notes**

King Gold, who becomes the first Group 1 winner for his sire, is the second foal produced by the unraced Miss Gandelia (Fr) (Kingsalsa), who is a full-sister to MGSP G2 Prix Robert Papin runner-up Queensalsa (Fr).

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GETTING AHEAD OF THE FIELD
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MUSKOKA
Henkel Preis der Diana, Group 1

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Miss Gandelia is also a half-sister to Listed Prix des Jouveneaux et des Jouvenelles victrix and G3 Prix du Calvados third Queen America (Fr) (American Post {GB}). Queensals, in turn, is the dam of Listed Pixonomy victrix Whip And Win (Fr) (Whipper), herself the dam of Listed Pixonie de Saint-Cyr victrix and GIII Kentucky Downs Ladies Turf S. third Pas De Soucis (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}). King Gold’s third dam Nadelia (Fr) (Nadjar {Fr}), who hails from the family of MG1SW sires Sulamani (Ire) (Hernando {Fr}) and Dream Well (Fr) (Sadler’s Wells), is kin to the Listed Derby de l’Ouest third King’s Winner (Fr) (Legend Of France). Miss Gandelia has the unraced 2-year-old filly Nadelia (Fr) (Spanish Moon) to come.

Sunday, Deauville, France

ARC PRIX MAURICE DE GHEEST-G1, €380,000, Deauville, 8-6, 3yo/up, 6 1/2fT, 1:19.71, vsf.

1--KING GOLD (FR), 130, h, 6, by Anodin (Ire)
   1st Dam: Miss Gandelia (Fr), by Kingsalsa
   2nd Dam: Gandelia (Fr), by Ganges
   3rd Dam: Nadelia (Fr), by Nadjar (Fr)
   1ST GROUP 1 WIN. O-Mme Christian Wingtans & Nicolas Caullery; B-Mme Christian Wingtans (FR); T-Nicolas Caullery; J-Stephane Pasquier. €217,132. Lifetime Record: GSP-Ger, 35-8-3-7, €425,987. Werk Nick Rating: A++. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com

2--Spycatcher (Ire), 130, g, 5, Vadamos (Fr)--Damask (Ire), by Red Clubs (Ire). 1ST GROUP 1 BLACK TYPE. 90,000gns 2yo ‘20 TATBRE. O-Highclere Thoroughbred Racing (Adriana Zaefferer); B-Tally-Ho Stud (IRE); T-Karl Burke. €86,868.

3--Saint Lawrence (Ire), 130, g, 5, Al Kazeem (GB)--Affluent (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB). 1ST GROUP 1 BLACK TYPE. O-D J Deer; B-D J & Mrs Deer (IRE); T-Archie Watson. €43,434. Margins: SHD, NK, 2. Odds: 7.80, 1.60, 12.00. Also Ran: Cold Case (GB), Art Power (Ire), Sandrine (GB), Rohaan (Ire), Brad The Brief (GB), Egot (Ire), Fort Payne (Fr). Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

BRAVE EMPEROR LIVES UP TO HIS NAME IN THE DAPHNIS by Tom Frary

Back at a mile at Deauville on Sunday, Middleham Park Racing’s Brave Emperor (Ire) (Sioux Nation) proved too tough a nut to crack as he registered a second group 3 success in the Prix Daphnis. Registering wins in the Listed Prix de la Californie over this trip on Cagnes-Sur-Mer’s Polytrack in February and in the G3 Dr Busch-Memorial over another half a furlong at Krefeld in April, the Archie Watson trainee had suffered reversals when tried over further in the G3 Stockholms Stora Pris at Bro Park and Royal Ascot’s G3 Hampton Court S. in June.

A GROUP 1 CLASSIC 1-2-3 FOR SEA THE MOON

winner of the Group 1 German Oaks at Dusseldorf yesterday. His other runners in the race, KASSADA and SEA THE LADY, were second and third.

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Ideally positioned in third by Luke Morris, the 13-1 shot was launched passing the two-furlong pole and quickly opened up a decisive gap on Sosino (Ire) (New Approach (Ire)) and Colombier (GB) (Kingman (GB)). Despite that duo making inroads late, the British raider had plenty left to get to the line first with 3/4 of a length and a neck to spare respectively.

"Everything went smoothly and they went a nice even gallop and I had a lovely draft," Morris said. "He surprised me with how he went into the last two furlongs travelling so strongly and he quickened away nicely. We were going to find out today how good he really was and hopefully something a bit better lies ahead."

“You would imagine he could go into group two or one company now and something like the [G2] Prix Daniel Wildenstein would come into it now. I was worried about the ground today, as you don’t usually get horses who go on quick ground and this but I wouldn’t be worried about deep ground in the autumn now.”

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**Pedigree Notes**

Brave Emperor is the first foal out of Roman Gal (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)), a half-sister to the Listed Buckhounds S. winner and G1 Coronation Cup runner-up Salouen (Ire) (Canford Cliffs (Ire)). Also related to the G1 Lockinge S. hero Keltos (Fr) (Kendor (Fr)) and fellow sire Loxias (Fr) (Saumarez (GB)), her unraced 2-year-old filly by Inns Of Court (Ire) named Puella Law (Ire) was a €28,000 purchase by Hamish Macauley Bloodstock and Sean Quinn at the Tatts Ireland September Yearling Sale.

Sunday, Deauville, France
PRIX DAPHNIS - FONDS EUROPEEN DE L’ELEVAGE - PRIX FAMILLE SALEH-SELMAN-G3, €80,000, Deauville, 8-6, 3yo, 8fT, 1:43.04, vs.
1--BRAVE EMPEROR (IRE), 129, g, 3, by Sioux Nation
1st Dam: Roman Gal (Ire), by Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)
2nd Dam: Gali Gal (Ire), by Galileo (Ire)
3rd Dam: Asterita (GB), by Rainbow Quest
(£19,000 Ylg ’21 DBSPRM). O-Middleham Park Racing LX; B-Caroline Hanly & Sean Ronan (IRE); T-Archie Watson; J-Luke Morris. €40,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-Ger & GSP-Swe, 12-7-2-1, €204,433. Werk Nick Rating: A+. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

2--Sosino (Ire), 126, c, 3, New Approach (Ire)--Sosia (Ger), by Shamardal. 1ST BLACK-TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK-TYPE. O/B-Wertheimer et Frere (IRE); T-Carlos Laffon-Parias. €16,000.

3--Colombier (GB), 126, c, 3, Kingman (GB)--Ventoux (GB), by Galileo (Ire). 1ST BLACK-TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK-TYPE. O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-Andre Fabre. €12,000.

Also Ran: Kovrov (Fr), Padishakh (Fr), Cawdor (GB), Royal Shake (GB), American Hope (Fr), Muhalf (Ger), True To Form, Mr Moliere (GB).

**Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**
**SEE HECTOR TOO STRONG IN THE FRITZ HENKEL PREIS** by Tom Frary

As a precursor to the G1 Preis der Diana, Sunday’s G3 Fritz Henkel Preis at Dusseldorf was all about the Henk Grewe-Lukas Delozier partnership as they combined successfully with See Hector (Ger) (Counterattack (Aus)). Having won the G3 Preis der Diana heroine Sabera (Ger) (Fast Fox (Fr)) and the legendary racemare and producer Schwarzgold (Ger) (Alchimist (Ger)), Scouting also has the 2-year-old Saman (Ger), a full-sister to See Hector who was a €105,000 purchase by HFTB Racing Agency at the BBAG Autumn Yearling Sale 2021; 30,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; 9,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2022. See Hector is Germany’s currently leading miler, that became absolutely clear today.

**Pedigree Notes**

See Hector, who is the leading performer from Counterattack’s initial crop, is out of Scouting (Ire) (New Approach (Ire)) who has also produced last year’s G3 Preis des Winterfavoriten and G3 Zukunfts-Rennen runner-up Sea Paris (Ger) by the same sire. The second dam is the G2 Schwarzgold-Rennen winner Scatina (Ire), by Samum (Ger), a half-sister to the G3 Lillie Langtry Fillies Parioli - Italian 2000 Guineas last May and the G3 Fruhjahrs-Meile over this course and distance in April, Cometica AG’s was back on his travels again to be second in the G2 Premio Presidente Della Repubblica and third in the G3 Gran Premio di Milano. Allowed to start at 16-5, the chestnut was held up initially and after launching his challenge passing the two-furlong marker quickly had command en route to a three-length verdict over Arnis Master (Ger) (Tai Chi (Ger)).

“Actually, we were a bit worried whether he would be able to handle the conditions, but as we saw that was absolutely no problem,” Grewe said. “See Hector is Germany’s currently leading miler, that became absolutely clear today.”

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2--Arnis Master (Ger), 128, c, 4, Tai Chi (Ger)--Absolute Gold (Ger), by Kendargent (Fr). (€15,000 RNA Ylg ’20 BBASEP; €290,000 RNA HRA ’21 ARQARC; €98,000 RNA HRA ’22 BBAUG). O-Stall Siepenblick; B-Gestut Karlshof (GER); T-Axel Kleinkorres. €12,000.

3--Tarkhan (Ger), 123, g, 4, Soldier Hollow (GB)--Turfmaid (Ger), by Call Me Big (Ger). **1ST BLACK-TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK-TYPE.** O/B-Gestut Auenquelle (GER); T-Roland Dzubasz. €6,000.

Margins: 3, HF, HF. Odds: 3.20, 4.20, 24.10. Also Ran: Aemilianus (Ger), Pirouz (Ger), Calif (Ger), Western Soldier (Ger), Wonnemond (Ger).

**FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS**

Monday, August 6, 2023

**UNITED KINGDOM**

Eqtidaar (Ire) (Invincible Spirit (Ire)), Nunnery Stud

54 foals of racing age

18:30-WINDSOR, 6f, Unico (GB)

12,500gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; £35,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022

Eqtidaar (Ire) (Invincible Spirit (Ire)), Nunnery Stud

54 foals of racing age

18:30-WINDSOR, 6f, Zariela (GB)

9,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2022

Inns of Court (Ire) (Invincible Spirit (Ire)), Tally-Ho Stud

168 foals of racing age

18:30-WINDSOR, 6f, Legal Beat (Ire)

£4,500 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2022

Le Brivido (Fr) (Siyouni (Fr)), Haras de la Haie Neuve

39 foals of racing age

14:25-AYR, 7.25f, After Time (Ire)

£42,000 Goffs Sportsman’s Yearling Sale 2022

18:30-WINDSOR, 6f, May (GB)

£22,000 RNA Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022

Soldier’s Call (GB) (Showcasing (GB)), Ballyhane Stud

121 foals of racing age

14:45-RIPON, 6f, Nzinga (Ire)

14,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; 30,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2022
Study of Man (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), Lanwades Stud
54 foals of racing age
14:25-AYR, 7.25f, Francophone (GB)

FRANCE
Inns of Court (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
168 foals of racing age
3-DAX, 1400m, Aurore Boreale (Fr)

IRELAND
Inns of Court (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
168 foals of racing age
6-NAAS, 6f, Invincible Friend (Ire)
€18,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2021; €32,000 Goffs
Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2022

Invincible Army (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud
95 foals of racing age
6-NAAS, 6f, Simplexity (Ire)
€90,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2022

Magna Grecia (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Coolmore Stud
109 foals of racing age
6-NAAS, 6f, Gold Coast Galleon (Fr)
€42,000 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2021 - English Version;
€65,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2022
6-NAAS, 6f, Janzoor (Ire)
9,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; €18,000 Goffs
Autumn Yearling Sale 2022
6-NAAS, 6f, Little Miss Peppi (Ire)
€20,000 Goffs Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2022

Omaha Beach (War Front), Spendthrift Farm
138 foals of racing age
1-NAAS, 5f, Launch
$50,000 Keeneland Association September Yearling Sale 2022

Soldier’s Call (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), Ballyhane Stud
121 foals of racing age
6-NAAS, 6f, Lightening Army (GB)
72,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; 80,000gns
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022

Ten Sovereigns (Ire) (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud
149 foals of racing age
6-NAAS, 6f, Brighter (Fr)
€110,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2022

Sunday's Results:

**NET WORLD SPORTS QUEENSFERRY S.-Listed**, £50,000, Chester, 8-6, 3yo/up, 6f 17yT, 1:16.66, sf.
1--**MITBAAHY (IRE), 131, c, 4, Profitable (Ire)--Wrood, by Invasor (Arg).** (£50,000 Ylg '20 GOFOR). O-Hasan Mefareh Alajmi & Fawzi Nass; B-N Hartery (IRE); T-Roger Varian; J-Ray Dawson. £28,010. Lifetime Record: 17-5-3-1, $200,333. *1/2 to Going Global (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), GISW-US, $1,137,292.
2--**Fast Response (Ire), 126, f, 4, Fast Company (Ire)--Deemah (GB), by Iffraaj (GB).** (£7,000 Ylg '20 TATIRY; 13,000gns 2yo '21 TATBRG). O-Nick Bradley Racing 39; B-Deemah Syndicate (IRE); T-Karl Burke. £10,665.
3--**Ehraz (GB), 131, g, 4, Showcasing (GB)--Exrating (GB), by Exceed And Excel (Aus).** (135,000gns Wlg '19 TATFOA; 180,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT). O-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd; B-Whitsbury Manor Stud (GB); T-Richard Hannon. £5,340.

Margins: 1, 3HF, 4. Odds: 10.00, 2.25, 5.00.
Also Ran: Noble Style (GB), Paws For Thought (Ire), Princess Shabnam (Ire).

Off the board in four starts since his G3 Dubai International Airport World Trophy S. success at Newbury in September, Mitbaahy who had also won last season’s Listed Scurry S. and been second in the G3 Sandown Sprint S. was in need of a confidence boost and got it here. Outpaced initially but with a suitably strong pace to run at, he was able to work his way to the front with a furlong remaining and outstay Fast Response for a return to form.

“He ran in the Abbaye last year and actually ran very well,” said winning rider Ray Dawson.
“Five furlongs probably wasn’t his trip, but he was finishing quite strong and connections have decided to step him up. We were drawn low, so we ended up on the rail and, in fairness, he travelled around lovely. He picked up nicely on the ground and put the race to bed the way you like to see a horse do it. He’s a proper little sprinter and I’m delighted that conditions suited today and he’s got his head in front and won quite nicely.”

The dam, whose 2-year-old daughter of Saxon Warrior (Jpn) named Foxtrot Zulu (Ire), a 450,000gns purchase by Al Shira’a’aa Racing at the Book 1 Sale, is also responsible for the eight-times Graded-stakes winner Going Global (Ire) (Mehmas (Ire)) whose finest hour came in the GI Del Mar Oaks and who sold for $2.5million to BBA Ireland at last year’s Fasig-Tipton Kentucky November Sale, as well as the G3 Royal Whip S.-placed Finans Bay (Ire) (Kodiac (GB)). Wrood is a daughter of the stakes-placed Ras Shaikh (Sheikh Albadou (GB)), who also produced the G3 Criterion S. winner Racer Forever (Rahy), while the family also features GII American H. winner Magellan (Hansel) and G1 Cheveley Park S. heroine Tiggy Wiggly (Ire) by Finans Bay’s sire Kodiac. Her yearling colt is by Mehmas (Ire), while she also has a filly foal by New Bay (GB).

FOREVER BLUE (GB) (f, 2, Blue Point {Ire}--Toujours L’Amour {GB} (SW-Eng), by Authorized {Ire}) was well away to race in a handy third through the initial fractions of this unveiling. Easing into second at halfway, the 3-1 second choice was shaken up to seize control soon after passing the two pole and lengthened clear under urging inside the final furlong to easily account for Rainwater (GB) (Mayson {GB}) by 3 3/4 lengths, becoming the 24th winner for her freshman sire (by Shamardal). Forever Blue, half to a weanling filly by Sea The Moon (Ger), is the fifth of six foals and third scorer out of Listed Lingfield Oaks Trial victrix Toujours L’Amour (GB) (Authorized (Ire)), who is kin to G1 Prix Vermeille heroine Sweet Lady (Fr) (Lope De Vega (Ire)). Toujours L’Amour is a daughter of Listed River Eden S. victrix and G2 May Hill S. runner-up High Heel Sneakers (GB) (Dansili (GB)), herself out of a half-sister to MG1SW Peruvian champion Faaz (Fappiano). The April-foaled bay’s family also features US Fillies’ Triple Crown heroine and MG1SW matriarch Chris Evert (Swoon’s Son). Sales history: 80,000gns Ylg ‘22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $13,769.

STROMBERG (GB) (c, 2, Iffraaj (GB)--Stacey Sutton (Fr), by Tertullian), a five-length second over this trip in his July 20 debut at Leopardstown last time, chased the leaders in sixth through the initial stages here. Urged forward on the home turn to go third at the top of the straight, the 1-5 lock hit the front entering the final furlong.
Powering clear under continued urging, he easily outpoint Apollo Prince (IRE) (Kodiac {GB}) by an impressive 10 lengths. “I jumped a tad slow, the pace was down low and it was a very messy race,” explained rider Dylan Browne McMonagle.

“Coming down the hill, I didn’t know whether to switch in or come around them. I knew my lad would pick up good and I didn’t want to get into any trouble. When I did get him out he picked up really good. He’s sharpened up well from his first run, he gets through that ground really well and I loved the way he galloped through the line. I think there is plenty more improvement and he’s a lovely horse.”

Stromberg, kin to a yearling colt by Kameko, is the third foal and scorer produced by a winning half-sister to G3 Prix Imprudence victrix Spectre (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}), herself out of a half-sister to G2 German 2000 Guineas hero and G1 Prix Jean Prat third Irian (Ger) (Tertullian). The March-foaled bay’s second dam Inez (GB) (Dai Jin {GB}) is also a kin to G3 Geelong Cup scorer produced by a winning half-sister to G3 Prix Messy Race {Fr}, herself out of a and scorer produced by a winning half-sister to G3 Prix

HANDICAP RESULTS:

5th-Galway, €110,000, Hcp, 8-6, 3yo/up, 7fT, 1:29.45, sf.
DUNUM (IRE) (g, 5, Iwavood {IRE}–Shamora {Fr}, by Oratorio {IRE}) Lifetime Record: 19-6-5-1, €164,039. O/B-Maurice Burns & Michael McCartan (IRE); T-Natalia Lupini. *€2,800 RNA Ylg ’19 GOFFEB.

FRANCE

Sunday’s Results:
PRIX MOONLIGHT CLOUD - PRIX JOCKEYS FOREVER FOUNDATION CHILI-Listed, €55,000, Deauville, 8-6, 3yo, 6fT, 1:12.56, vs.
1--MILL STREAM (IRE), 125, c, 3, by Gleneagles (IRE)
   1st Dam: Swirral Edge (GB), by Hellvelyn (GB)
   2nd Dam: Pizzarra (GB), by Shamardal
   3rd Dam: Pizzicato (GB), by Statobest (IRE)
1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. (350,000gns Ylg ’21 TATOCT). O-P W Harris; B-Redpender Stud Ltd (IRE); T-Jane Chapple-Hyam; J-Marco Ghiani. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-1, €86,655.
   *1/2 to Asymmetric (IRE) (Showcasing {GB}), GSW-Eng, G1SP-Fr, SP-US, €228,245.
2--SECRET ANGEL (IRE), 121, f, 3, Dark Angel (IRE)–Meydan Princess (IRE), by Choisir (Aus). (£68,000 Ylg ’21 GOFPRM). O-Nick Bradley Racing 40, Burke & Partner; B-Yeomanstown Stud (IRE); T-Karl Burke. €11,000.
3--MOON RAY (Fr), 121, f, 3, Saxon Warrior (Jpn)–Demeanour, by Giant’s Causeway. (£55,000 Ylg ’21 ARQCT). O-R T Racing Stable; B-Team Hodgala A B & SMS Racing A B (FR); T-Nicolas Clement. €8,250.
Also Ran: Suviana (Ire), Valimi (Fr), Spirit Gal (Fr), Vicious Harry (GB), Le Tabou (GB), Nightcall (GB), Violets Star (GB), Aubazine (Ire). Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

Thirty minutes after his half-brother Asymmetric marked his European comeback with success in the Listed Prix du Cercle, Mill Stream completed a notable black-type double for the dam with a comprehensive breakthrough win that was on the cards after some solid efforts in Britain. A close second to Noble Style (GB) (Kingman {GB}) in a Newmarket novice last July before finishing fourth in the very strong G3 Acomb S. at York, he had returned with a sixth in the G2 Sandy Lane S. at Haydock in May before failing only narrowly to give lumps of weight to the almost unbeatable flyweight handicapper Quinault (Ger) (Oasis Dream {GB}) at York and Newmarket.

That latter effort in particular put him up there with some of the better sprinters in his country and after following the pace against the stand’s rail, he was sent forward by Marco Ghiani passing the two-furlong pole and quickly had command before stretching clear of compatriot Secret Angel. “We felt it was time to leave handicap company and this was the last sprint race for three-year-olds,” trainer Jane Chappel-Hyam said. “We were confident he would go on this ground and today he’s shown what we believed he was. We’ll have a go at a group two or three next time.” Cont., p11
The aforementioned first part of the Deauville double act Asymmetric, whose career tally includes a win in the G2 Richmond S., a second in the G2 July S. and third in this track’s G1 Prix Morny, was the first foal out of the dam. She is a half to the Listed Westow S. winner and G3 Prix du Petit Couvert third Fashion Queen (GB) (Aqlaam [GB]) from the family of the G3 Ridgewood Pearl S.-winning stakes producer Grecian Dancer (GB) (Dansili [GB]), the G2 Flying Childers S. scorer Wunders Dream (Ire) (Averti [Ire]) and the Hong Kong luminaries Mensa (GB) (Rudimentary) and Firebolt (Ire) (Flying Spur [Aus]). Swirral Edge’s yearling colt is by Mehmas (Ire).

**PRIX DU CERCLE - PRIX DR. IGNACIO PAVLOVSKY PADRE-Listed**, €52,000, Deauville, 8-6, 3yo/up, 5fT, 0:59.58, vs.

1--**ASYMMETRIC (IRE)**, 127, c, 4, Showcasing (GB)--Swirral Edge (GB), by Hellvelyn (GB). (65,000gns Ylg ’20 TATYEA; 150,000gns 2yo ’21 TATBRE). O-Ladritta Stud Ltd (IRE); B-Maurizio Guarini; J-Cristian Demuro. €26,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-Eng, G1SP-Fr, SP-US, 11-4-2-1, €228,245.

2--**Forza Capitano (Fr)**, 127, g, 8, Captain Marvelous (Ire)--Fantasia (Ger), by Monsun (Ger). O/B-Georg Kern (FR); T-Henri-Alex Pantall. €10,400.

3--**Batwan (Fr)**, 127, g, 8, Kendargent (Fr)--Matwan (Fr), by Indian Rocket (GB). (€25,000 RNA Ylg ’16 ARQAUG). O-Mathieu Cafafo, Gerard Gruson & Julien Caullery; B-Guy Pariente Holding SPRL (FR); T-Nicolas Caullery. €7,800. 

Margins: 3/4, HD, SNK. Odds: 16.00, 11.00, 10.00. 

Also Ran: Live In The Dream (Ire), Coeur De Pierre (Fr), Zudu Spirit (Ire), Lesslepasser (Fr), Tudo Bem (Fr), Faleh (Fr), Dream Platine (Fr), Drish Venture (Ire). 

"All I did was to give him some work and he did it nicely, so this result is not a real surprise to me. I feel five or six is the same, I just had some concerns about the ground. The [G3] Prix de Mearuty at the end of the month is now a strong possibility."

The dam, whose aforementioned 3-year-old sprinter Mill Stream was not winning out of turn in the card’s Listed Prix Moonlight Cloud, is a half to the Listed Westow S. winner Fashion Queen (GB) (Aqlaam [GB]) who was also third in the G3 Prix du Petit Couvert. This is also the family of the G3 Ridgewood Pearl S.-winning stakes producer Grecian Dancer (GB) (Dansili [GB]), the G2 Flying Childers S. scorer Wunders Dream (Ire) (Averti [Ire]) and the Hong Kong luminaries Mensa (GB) (Rudimentary) and Firebolt (Ire) (Flying Spur [Aus]). Swirral Edge’s yearling colt is by Mehmas (Ire).

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

5th-Le Lion d’Angers, €27,000, Cond, 8-6, 2yo, 7fT, 1:29.36, sf. 

LA BELLE POETE (FR) (f, 2, City Light (Fr)--On High (GB), by Exceed And Excel (Aus)) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, €29,950. 

O-T-Louis Baudron; B-SAS Aida Bloodstock, Mme Alison Tait & Laurent Lengin (FR). *€8,000 Ylg ’21 ARQDEC.

**GERMANY**

Sunday’s Results:

1st-Dusseldorf, €10,000, Mdn, 8-6, 2yo, 7 1/2fT, 1:35.74, sf.

**GEOGRAPHY (GER) (c, 3, Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)--Guajara (Ger) (SW-Ity), by Montjeu (Ire)),** the 6-4 favourite on this debut, tracked the leaders travelling easily in the rain-eased ground. Sweeping to the front approaching the final furlong, the descendant of the influential broodmare Goonda (GB) (Darshaan (GB)) drew away to score by nine lengths from Rockstar Martini (Ire) (James Garfield (Ire)).

The listed-winning dam, who has also produced the dual listed-placed Groundbreaker (Ger) (Oasis Dream (GB)), is kin to the G3 Frankfurter Stutenpreis winner and stakes producer Goathemala (Ger) (Black Sam Bellamy (Ire)) and to the dam of the G3 Meld S. winner and G1 Grosser Dallmayr-Preis third Patrick Sarsfield (Fr) (Australia (GB)). The aforementioned third dam Goonda produced a long list of the “Global” stakes horses headed by the G3 Fruhjahrsmeile winner Global Thrill (GB) (Big Shuffle) and the G2 Maurice Lacroix-Trophy scorer Global Dream (Ger) (Seattle Dancer). Sales history: €95,000 Ylg ’22 BBASEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €6,000. 

O-Stall Hanse; B-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof (GER); T-Peter Schiergen.
ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Partout (Ger), f, 3, Amaron (GB)--Peace Flower (Ire), by Dashing Blade (GB). Dresden, 8-6, 9 1/2f, 2:04.40. B-Gestut Etzean (GER).

WORLDWIDE NEWS

Sunday, Niigata, Japan
LEOPARD STAKES-G3, ¥76,770,000, Niigata, 8-6, 3yo, 1800m, 1:50.80, gd.
1--RIOT GRRRL (JPN), 119, f, 3, by Sinister Minister
1st Dam: Maria Bisty (Jpn), by Heart’s Cry (Jpn)
2nd Dam: Dalinda, by Nureyev
3rd Dam: Daloma (Fr), by Bellypha (Ire)
1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN, 1ST GROUP WIN. O/B-Hidaka Farm; T-Naoya Nakamura; J-Mirai Iwata. ¥40,539,000. Lifetime Record: 9-4-0-1, ¥70,839,000. Werk Nick Rating: A++. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree or free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.
2--Omega Guiness (Jpn), 123, c, 3, Logotype (Jpn)--Start Up (Jpn), by Harbinger (GB). 1ST BLACK-TYPE, 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE. (¥11,000,000 '20 JRHAJUL). O-Reiko Hara; B-Shadai Farm; ¥16,154,000.
3--Lux Frontier (Jpn), 123, c, 3, by Epiphaneia (Jpn)--Satono Airi (Jpn), by Stay Gold (Jpn). 1ST BLACK-TYPE, 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE. O-LUX Inc.; B-Chiyoda Farm; ¥10,077,000. Margins: HF, 2HF, NS. Odds: 11.30, 7.40, 25.90
Also Ran: Le Corsaire (Jpn), S’il Te Plait (Jpn), Kafuji Octagon (Jpn), Ashaka Tobu (Jpn), Peisha Es (Jpn), Taisei Samson (Jpn), Belenus (Jpn), Lord Bless (Jpn), Authority (Jpn), Peptide Nile (Jpn), Falconia (Jpn).
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Sunday, Sapporo, Japan
ELM STAKES-G3, ¥72,710,000, Sapporo, 8-6, 3yo/up, 1700m, 1:42.80, sly.
1--SEKIFU (JPN), 126, c, 4, by Henny Hughes
1st Dam: Siyabona, by Kingmambo
2nd Dam: Relish (Ire), by Sadler’s Wells
3rd Dam: Reloy, by Liloy (Fr)
1ST GROUP WIN. O-Akira Nakatsuji; B-Bamboo Farm; T-Koshiro Take; J-Yutaka Take; ¥38,497,000. Lifetime Record: 19-4-3-4. *Half to Big Arthur (Jpn), GISW-Jpn, $2,632,999. Werk Nick Rating: A+. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree or free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.
2--World Tachyon (Jpn), 126, h, 5, Asia Express--Anaconda (Jpn), by Fusaichi Concorde (Jpn). 1ST BLACK-TYPE, 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE. (¥5,616,000 Ylg '19 JBBAUG). O-MOJA; B-Kawamukai Takahashi Ikusei Farm; ¥15,142,000.
3--Roche Lobe (Jpn), 126, h, 6, Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)--Sun Coronet (Jpn), by Special Week (Jpn). 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE. O-Yukio Mizukami; B-Kasamatsu Farm; ¥9,571,000.
Margins: HF, 2HF, NS. Odds: 11.30, 7.40, 25.90
Also Ran: Le Corsaire (Jpn), S’il Te Plait (Jpn), Kafuji Octagon (Jpn), Ashaka Tobu (Jpn), Peisha Es (Jpn), Taisei Samson (Jpn), Belenus (Jpn), Lord Bless (Jpn), Authority (Jpn), Peptide Nile (Jpn), Falconia (Jpn).
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