

## “DIFFERENT CLASS” LITTLE BIG BEAR RETIRED DUE TO INJURY



Little Big Bear | Megan Ridgwell

Almost a year to the day since his electrifying G1 Phoenix S. victory, last year's European Champion Two-Year-Old **Little Big Bear (Ire)** (**No Nay Never**) has been retired due to injury.

After disappointing in the G1 2000 Guineas, the ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ made light work of the opposition in the G2 Sandy Lane S. at Haydock before running second to Shaquille (GB) (Charm Spirit {Ire}) in the G1 Commonwealth Cup at Royal Ascot.

However, after trailing home behind Shaquille in the G1 July Cup at Newmarket, it emerged on Wednesday that the classy colt has been retired after suffering a condylar fracture on the right front fetlock.

“Little Big Bear is a super horse; that’s the long and the short of it,” said his trainer Aidan O’Brien. “Different class, different gear and matured very early for a big horse. He’s big, scopey, strong, clear winded and very, very fast—a class sprinter.”

Bred by Tim Hyde senior and junior of Camas Park Stud and Summerhill, Little Big Bear realised €320,000 as a yearling at Arqana.

Out of Longchamp listed winner Adventure Seeker (Fr) (Bering {GB}), Little Big Bear traces to the brilliant All Along (Fr) (Targowice) who notched up a tremendous sequence of victories in top races on both sides of the Atlantic.

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## COOLANGATTA JOINS COOLMORE; WILL VISIT HOME AFFAIRS

**Coolangatta (Aus)**, the winner of the G1 Black Caviar Lightning S. on her final start on home turf at Flemington, has been acquired by Coolmore Australia. The daughter of Written Tycoon (Aus) will visit her fellow Lightning S. winner Home Affairs (Aus) during Australia's forthcoming breeding season.

Bred by Highclere Stud and trained by Ciaran Maher and David Eustace for a partnership which included Ozzie Kheir, Coolangatta was an exciting prospect from the outset. She was the decisive winner of the G3 Keenland Gimcrack S. on debut at Randwick before adding another pair of stakes victories to her record and finishing third in the G1 Golden Slipper.

At three, she landed the first of her two Group 1 victories under Jamie Kah in the Moir S. at Moonee Valley, in which she beat a select field of older horses, including her stable-mate and fellow Group 1 winner Bella Nipotina (Aus) (Pride Of Dubai {Aus}). **Cont. p9**

## IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

### PRACTICAL JOKE FILLY “LEADER OF HER CROP”

New ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ **Ways And Means** (**Practical Joke**) was always a standout, according to trainer Chad Brown.

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*Amr Zedan went to \$4 million to acquire a colt by **Curlin** out of **Beholder** at Saratoga on Tuesday. In all, 10 yearlings sold for seven figures this year, and 52 sold for \$500,000 or above. | *Fasig-Tipton**

**NIALL MCCULLAGH CELEBRATING GALWAY WIN 3**

*McCullagh has been plying his craft since the late 80's, and celebrated a big-name winner during last week's Galway Festival.*

**TEN SOVEREIGNS JUVENILE BOUND FOR HONG KONG 5**

*Mansa Musa (Ire) is likely to start next in Hong Kong after trainer Diego Dias revealed the horse had been sold.*

**GOFFS UK AUGUST SALE LUCKI FOR SOME 5**

*Multiple Grade 2-winning chaser **Third Time Lucki (Ire)** (Arcadio {Ger}) topped the sale at £190,000 on Wednesday.*

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## 54-YEAR-OLD MCCULLAGH SAYS 'FIRE STILL IN THE BELLY' AFTER GALWAY WIN

By Brian Sheerin

They say the Galway Festival has an unrelenting ability to provide a springboard for young jockeys. Ride a winner at the Galway Festival on terrestrial television and it's worth 10 around the country tracks.

Think of the baby-faced Colin Keane storming to Topaz Mile glory aboard Brendan Brackan (Ire) (Big Bad Bob {Ire}) for his boss Ger Lyons back in 2013 as a five-pound claimer.

Just last week, we had local boy Danny Gilligan earning the plaudits for his front-running masterclass aboard Gordon Elliott's Ash Tree Meadow (Fr) (Bonbon Rose (Fr) in the Plate. Another star of the future, for sure.

But this year's meeting also provided a much needed boon for one of the elder statesmen of the weighing room, Niall

McCullagh, who propelled himself back into the spotlight with an ice-cool victory aboard Brazil (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in a premier handicap on Friday night.

At 54 years of age, McCullagh is the oldest jockey still operating in Ireland and victory aboard Brazil quashed any talk of retirement.

"I'm still on a high, to tell the truth," McCullagh said on Wednesday. "I suppose you don't realise how much it means until you go and have a big winner like that. There was a lot of emotion involved. I got a great kick out of it and it just shows you that it still matters, it still means a lot and the fire is still in the belly."

McCullagh added, "Things have been slower this year. It's getting tougher but I've been a bit more selective as well in that I'm not

going racing to ride something with no chance or for a horse or trainer I don't know something about. I'm a lot busier in the mornings than in the afternoons but I like being busy." [Cont. p4](#)



**Brazil (right): wins under McCullagh at Galway**  
*Racingfotos.com*

# NO SURPRISE!

It's no surprise that this son of Scat Daddy is Europe's current leading sire of two-year-olds by both earnings and Stakes winners. His tally of six Stakes-winning two-year-olds already matches what he achieved with his previous set of juveniles, although all six of last year's youngsters were Group winners, headed by the three Gr.1 scorers **Blackbeard**, **Meditate** and **Little Big Bear**.

The BOYCE report, EBN, 9/8/23



# NO NAY NEVER

COOLMORE

### Niall McCullagh Cont.

To illustrate McCullagh's point, it wasn't until the end of July that he tasted his first winners of the season, and they came in rather fortuitous fashion.

After Rory Cleary was stood down to ride at Down Royal last Friday week, McCullagh came in to partner Golden Spangle (Ire) (**Dawn Approach (Ire)**) and Eastern Legend (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) to victory for Jim Bolger. It was from there that things snowballed into Galway.

"If you told me last Friday week that I'd ride two winners for Jim Bolger at Down Royal and then ride the winner of a premier handicap at Galway for JP McManus and Paudie Roche, I'd have laughed. It just goes to show you that this is a great game but you have to keep going. You have to keep trying and grafting and, if you do, it will turn. All you need is a bit of luck."

He added, "A few times this year, I wondered if I would keep going. It came to Derby weekend at the Curragh and I didn't have many rides. I got one horse placed for Donal Kinsella and I got a good kick out of that--when I get a horse to run well it's a great feeling and then you're hoping that maybe there will be a next day.

"But, when you have the few winners, it makes all the hard graft worthwhile and makes you feel better about yourself. When you had been going well, riding thirty and forty winners, when you're back down struggling to get a ride, you have to deal with the devaluation. I've a strong mind and have dealt with it. You have to remember as well, it's evolution, and just like in nature, the auld stags get pushed out to the periphery by the young stags."

But even the young stags would have been proud of that ride you gave Brazil, Niall?

"Well that proved to myself more than anyone else that, if I have the horse, I'm fit enough and strong enough to be able to get the job done. Listen, I gave Brazil a good ride and I'm not afraid to say it. It all worked out and I will be in good humour now for a month!"

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**--Niall McCullagh**

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**Danny Gilligan, who won the Galway Plate this year | [Racingphotos.com](https://www.racingphotos.com)**

It is the progress of one particular young rider, his son Scott, that has particularly pleased McCullagh this year. Scott has partnered five winners all told and has struck up a good relationship with Jessica Harrington.

McCullagh commented, "It's great. We sit close together in the weighroom and we both have Dave Fox as our valet. It's a great feeling to be heading out to ride in a race with your son. I'm competitive but he's even more competitive than me. It's special riding alongside him. That's why I am enjoying the last few years of my career so much. Let's face it, I'm 54, so I don't have long left.

"But I'm proud as a kitten these days as my daughter graduated with first class honours in business in law from Maynooth University, so she got all of the brains. I'm very lucky that the two kids are going great because that gives me great pleasure."

Brazil may have postponed any talk of retirement but McCullagh knows better than most that he can't go on forever. Just what he plans to turn his hand after riding, however, is even less certain than where his next big winner might come from.

He said, "I have been asking myself that question for the past 10 years. I can't find anything else that I want to do so, while I am able to continue riding, I will. I will worry about life after retirement when it comes.

"I just know that, one day, I'll be driving to the races and I'll say, 'today is the day.' I don't know when that will be. It could be this year or next year, I'm just not sure. I still have a few things I'd like to accomplish in my career. There are a few races I need to win."

He added, "I ride out for Mick Halford and Tracey Collins, Johnny Murtagh, Ken Condon and I ride a lot of work for Jessica Harrington. They seem to appreciate the feedback and I feel like I am part of the team." **Cont. p5**

### Niall McCullagh Cont.

He added, "They all try to give me rides whenever they can but they have their own owners to try and keep happy as well. I am happy enough to pitch up whenever they need me."

You could say that things have turned full circle for McCullagh, who burst onto the scene at Galway as a young seven-pound claimer back in 1988, and there is no danger of him failing to soak up his latest moment in the spotlight there.

"Galway is where I got going back in 1988 by winning the McDonogh Handicap as a seven-pound claimer aboard Feverstowen for Paddy Mullins. Every year, a young lad seems to announce himself at Galway, and young Danny Gilligan and Jack Kearney did that this year.

"I don't know what it is but everyone seems to watch Galway. It's just an iconic meeting and I've never had so many texts and congratulations for winning aboard Brazil. Everyone I meet, the well wishes have been unreal. You could ride a winner anywhere else and they wouldn't know anything about it but Galway is different."

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

### MANSA MUSA SET TO HEAD TO HONG KONG

Goodwood maiden winner **Mansa Musa (Ire)** (**Ten Sovereigns {Ire}**) looks poised to continue his career overseas, according to his Irish-based trainer Diego Dias.

"I was going to supplement him for the Phoenix S. at the Curragh on Saturday, but I think we have sold him and he is probably heading to Hong Kong," he said.

Bred by the Cullen family's Middlelane Farm, the juvenile was offered at the Goffs Dubai Breeze-up Sale in March but was bought back by his partners in Star Bloodstock, who had given 55,000gns for him as a yearling.

"It's nice to work with horses like him," said Dias, a former jockey who now operates as a breeze-up consignor as well as being a licensed trainer.

Mansa Musa made his debut at Naas on July 8, finishing almost seven lengths adrift of the winner when taking sixth place. He got up by a short-head at Glorious Goodwood to win the British EBF-sponsored six-furlong maiden from Juddmonte's Array (Ire) (**No Nay Never**) at odds of 20-1.

"He was showing plenty at home and we thought he was a proper little horse who could win first time out," Dias added.

"He improved a lot at Goodwood and the form is good. The

second horse is a nice horse who they think a lot of and it was a hot maiden."

Dias still hopes to be represented in the G1 Keeneland Phoenix S. by the dual listed-placed **Gaenari (Ire)** (Inns Of Court {Ire}). A £23,000 yearling, she was bought in at the Goffs UK Breeze-up for just £3,000.

He said, "She was second in Deauville last time, but she came back home and she's fresh and happy and we will probably give her a run in the Phoenix. She looks fine and the race at Deauville did not take much out of her, so she's in great form.

"She's been unfortunate not to get her head in front yet, she's been second three times now and two times in listed races."

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Mansa Musa as a juvenile | de Burgh Productions

### THRICE LUCKI AT GOFFS UK AUGUST SALE

Head and shoulders above his compatriots during the Goffs UK August Sale on Wednesday, **Third Time Lucki (Ire)** (Arcadio {Ger}) (lot 85) brought a sale-topping £190,000 from Fergal O'Brien.

The dual Grade 2-winning chaser was offered by the Jamie Railton Sales Agency and was part of the Mike Newbould Dispersal.

Two other members of the dispersal featured among the top lots, with the unraced 4-year-old **Lathan (Fr)** (Doctor Dino {Fr}) (lot 18) bringing £60,000 on the bid of J P McGrath Bloodstock; and lot 46, **Goonhilly (Ire)** (Mount Nelson {GB}), was knocked down to Dan Skelton Racing for £40,000.

Peter Niven bought **Quintus Arrius (Ire)** (Mehmas {Ire}) (lot 36) for £50,000 from Kevin Ryan's Hambleton Lodge Stables, to round out the top four lots.

Of the 126 offered, 105 sold (83%) for a gross of £1,247,100. The average was £11,878 (+24%) and the median was £5,500 (-8%). [Cont. p6](#)



Third Time Lucki | Goffs UK

### Goffs UK August Sale Cont.

Goffs UK Managing Director Tim Kent said, “Today has been another successful day at Doncaster and we would like to extend a special thank you to Mike and Eileen Newbould for their support in sending their partial dispersal to this sale. Third Time Lucki came into the sale as the highest rated chaser offered anywhere this year and it was very rewarding to see him sell so well.

“Today marks the start of a busy month for the Goffs team as we hold our £300,000 Harry Beeby Premier Yearling S. at York’s Ebor Festival and our Premier Yearling Sale at the end of the month. We look forward to seeing everyone on the racecourse, and at Doncaster, over the coming weeks.”

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## BBAG AUGUST ONLINE CATALOGUE ATTRACTS 53 ENTRIES



Dhangadi | BBAG

The Classic-placed **Dhangadi (Ger)** (Soldier Hollow {GB}) (lot 16) is one of 53 horses catalogued for the BBAG August Online Sale which runs from Aug. 16 to Aug. 18. The full-brother to listed winner and group-placed Dibujaba (Ger) and the G2 German 1000 Guineas third Dishina (Ger) holds entries to several auction races.

The stakes-placed colt **Quality Road (Ger)** (Areion {Ger}) (lot 38), who has been entered in the G3 St Leger and G1 Preis von Europa, is also part of the sale, as is lot 56, **Western Soldier (Ger)** (Soldier Hollow {GB}), himself a group-placed brother to Whispering Angel (Ger), Winning Spirit (Ger), and Wangari (Ger).

Part of the Big Week in Baden-Baden from Aug. 26-Sept. 3, the sale begins on Wednesday, Aug. 16 at 12 p.m. and ends on Friday, Aug. 18 at 2 p.m. There are five additional wildcard slots available and entries will be accepted until Monday, Aug. 14. To view the catalogue and for more information, please visit the [BBAG website](#).

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## WHIP RULES AMENDED BY FRANCE GALOP

Beginning on Sept. 1, 2023, any horse that is struck more than nine times with the whip will be disqualified prior to wagers being paid out, France Galop announced on Wednesday.

This new adjustment is part of the [amendments to the racing code](#) that were adopted by the Comité de France Galop in June and subsequently approved by the Minister of Agriculture. Since May 1, 2023, the maximum number of strikes allowed in France has been four.

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## FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

Thursday, Aug. 10, 2023:

### UNITED KINGDOM

**Advertise (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}), Manton Park Stud

103 foals of racing age

17:20-SALISBURY, 6f, Cajetan (GB)

75,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; 80,000gns

Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022

**Blue Point (Ire)** (Shamardal), Kildangan Stud

161 foals of racing age

18:15-SANDOWN PARK, 5f, Big Time Rascal (GB)

100,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2022

14:10-NOTTINGHAM, 6f, Boann (Ire)

50,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2022

18:53-SALISBURY, 6f, Miss Information (Ire)  
90,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022  
18:53-SALISBURY, 6f, Raqiya (Ire)  
17:20-SALISBURY, 6f, Zabriskie Point (GB)  
70,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2022

**Inns of Court (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud  
168 foals of racing age  
18:00-CHEPSTOW, 6f, Eminny (Ire)  
35,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022;  
10,000gns Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale 2023  
18:45-SANDOWN PARK, 8f, Stratocracy (Ire)  
48,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; 92,000gns  
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022

**Invincible Army (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud  
95 foals of racing age  
17:20-SALISBURY, 6f, Odonnell's Orchard (Ire)  
€32,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2021; 65,000gns Tattersalls  
October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022

**Land Force (Ire)** (No Nay Never), Highclere Stud  
117 foals of racing age  
18:00-CHEPSTOW, 6f, Band of Joy (GB)  
18,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2022; £16,000  
Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2023

**Magna Grecia (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Coolmore Stud  
109 foals of racing age  
17:53-SALISBURY, 6f, Nukanan (Ire)  
€155,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2022

**Phoenix of Spain (Ire)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}), Irish National Stud  
97 foals of racing age  
15:00-BRIGHTON, 7f, Miguel (Ire)  
€10,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2021; 10,500gns Tattersalls  
December Yearling Sale 2022

**Soldier's Call (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}), Ballyhane Stud  
121 foals of racing age  
18:15-SANDOWN PARK, 5f, Government Call (Ire)

**Study of Man (Ire)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), Lanwades Stud  
54 foals of racing age  
17:20-SALISBURY, 6f, Jubilee Walk (GB)  
€185,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2022

**Ten Sovereigns (Ire)** (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud  
150 foals of racing age

14:10-NOTTINGHAM, 6f, Mist Rollin In (GB)  
€20,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2022; 20,000gns  
Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2023  
15:00-BRIGHTON, 7f, My Lady Samantha (GB)  
35,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022  
18:23-SALISBURY, 6f, Sarasa (Ire)

**Waldgeist (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}), Ballylinch Stud  
80 foals of racing age  
18:45-SANDOWN PARK, 8f, Surfer Dude (Ire)  
€13,500 Goffs November Foal Sale 2021; 20,000gns Tattersalls  
October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2022



Waldgeist has a runner at Sandown | Ballylinch Stud

## OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

### HOW THEY FARED

**18.30, Kempton, Novice, £9,900, 2yo, 7fT**

**Classic Encounter (Ire) (Shamardal)**, a son of the GI Man o' War S. heroine Zhukova (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), was the 13-8 favourite and did everything right until the home straight when he hung and made little impression en route to a disappointing sixth-placed finish.

**19.00, Kempton, Novice, £9,900, 2yo, 7fT**

**Important Role (Dubawi {Ire})**, the 625,000gns Book 1 relative of Carpe Diem, was the second disappointment on the card for Charlie Appleby, never looking likely to justify 6-5 favouritism as he struggled to make any impact and wound up seventh.

# BRITAIN

## Wednesday's Results:

**1st-Kempton, £11,000, Novice, 8-9, 3yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:44.04, st/sl. MEASURED TIME (GB) (c, 3, Frankel {GB}--Minidress {GB} {SP-Eng}, by Street Cry {Ire}),** the half-brother to last year's GI Breeders' Cup Turf hero Rebel's Romance (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) who hadn't raced since his course-and-distance win at the start of February, raced prominently behind the leader throughout the early stages. In front approaching the furlong pole, the 4-6 favourite easily beat Botanical (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) by 1 3/4 lengths. Rebel's Romance, who also captured the G1 Grosser Preis von Berlin and G1 Preis von Europa, is the second stakes performer out of the dam after her listed-placed initial foal Petticoat (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}). Second in the Listed Height of Fashion S., Minidress is a daughter of the G3 Musidora S. and G3 St Simon S. scorer and G1 Oaks and G1 Yorkshire Oaks-placed Short Skirt (GB) (Diktat {GB}). This is also the family of the G2 Prix de Pomone winner Whitewater Affair (GB) (Machiavellian) who was also placed in the Yorkshire Oaks as well as the G1 Irish St Leger before producing the champion Victoire Pisa (Jpn) (Neo Universe {Jpn}) and fellow sire Asakusa Den'en (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$12,229. O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Charlie Appleby.

**2nd-Kempton, £9,900, Novice, 8-9, 2yo, 7f (AWT), 1:28.32, st/sl. QUATRE BRAS (IRE) (c, 2, Sea The Stars {Ire}--Waitingforthe day {Ire} {GSW-Ire, \$156,797}, by Elzaam {Aus}),** last of nine and out of his depth behind Ballydoyle's superstar juvenile City Of Troy (Justify) in Newmarket's G2 Superlative S. last month, raced in mid-division after running free initially. Slicing between rivals once straightened for home, the 5-2 second favourite hit the front with half a furlong remaining and drew away to score by 1 3/4 lengths from Eulace Peacock (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}). The winner is the first foal out of the G3 Fairy Bridge S.-winning dam, whose full-sister to Quatre Bras is entered in the upcoming Book 1 Sale. Kin to the dual Group 3 scorer and stakes producer Waleria (Ger) (Artan {Ire}), her filly foal is by El Kabeir. Sales history: 350,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$7,888. O-Mr P W Harris; B-Angela Roche (IRE); T-Jane Chapple-Hyam.

**2nd-Pontefract, £10,000, Mdn, 8-9, 2yo, 6fT, 1:16.47, gd. ROYAL ZABEEL (IRE) (c, 2, Mastercraftsman {Ire}--Lady's Maid, by More Than Ready),** a July 21 first-up seventh over course and distance last time, broke well from the inside stall and held sway throughout this return. Shaken up in front at the top of the straight, the 1-2 favourite was safely clear entering the final

furlong and kept on strongly to easily account for Bay Of Australia (Ire) (Inns Of Court {Ire}) by a facile 7 1/2 lengths. Royal Zabeel is the first of three foals produced by a winning half-sister to MGSW GII Oaklawn H. victor Last Samurai (Malibu Moon) and the stakes-winning Candy Raid (Candy Ride {Arg}). The March-foaled homebred bay, whose second dam is stakes-winning GII Molly Pitcher S. third Lady Samuri (First Samurai), is half to a yearling colt by Blue Point (Ire) and a weanling filly by Saxon Warrior (Jpn). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$6,884. O-Jaber Abdullah; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Kevin Ryan.

**2nd-Yarmouth, £6,800, Mdn, 8-9, 2yo, f, 6f 3yT, 1:11.53, gd. QUEEN'S GUARD (GB) (f, 2, Havana Grey {GB}--So Brave {GB}, by Kyllachy {GB}),** fourth on her racecourse bow at Doncaster last month, followed the pace up the centre travelling easily. In front with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining, the 12-1 shot was in command to the line where she had a 1 1/4-length margin to spare over Run For The Sun (Ire) (Make Believe {GB}). The winner is the first foal out of a daughter of the listed-placed Valiantly (GB) (Anabaa) from the Juddmonte family of Intermission (GB) (Stage Door Johnny). Her yearling filly is by Showcasing (GB), while she also has a colt foal by Pinatubo (Ire). Sales history: 125,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,492. O-Clipper Logistics; B-Carmel Stud (GB); T-Michael Bell.

## ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Ajwadi (GB), c, 2, Dutch Art (GB)--Falaise, by War Front.** Pontefract, 8-9, 6fT, 1:16.75. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$6,884. B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB). \*14,500gns Wlg '21 TADEWE; 57,000gns Ylg '22 TATSOM; 150,000gns 2yo '23 TATBRE.

**Savvy Kingdom (GB), c, 2, Land Force (Ire)--She Is Great (Ire)** (SW-Ity, \$136,989), by Dalakhani (Ire). Kempton, 8-9, 7f (AWT), 1:27.82. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$7,910. B-Highclere Stud (GB). \*85,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT.

**Between The Covers (Ire), f, 3, Belardo (Ire)--Novel Fun (Ire), by Noverre.** Great Yarmouth, 8-9, 10f 23yT, 2:10.63. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$6,736. B-Paul McEnery (IRE). \*£16,000 Ylg '21 TATIRY. \*\*1/2 to Medahim (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), SW-UAE, \$189,472.

**Mistressofillusion (Ire), f, 3, Mastercraftsman (Ire)--Il Palazzo, by Giant's Causeway.** Kempton, 8-9, 11f 219y (AWT), 2:34.64. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-2, £14,206. B-CN Farm Ltd (IRE). \*120,000gns Wlg '20 TATFOA; 150,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT. \*\*Full to Still Standing (Ire), SW-Ire, \$129,629.

**Bussento (GB), g, 3, Oasis Dream (GB)--Super Saturday (Ire), by Pivotal (GB).** Bath & Somerset County, 8-9, 5f 160yT, 1:10.24. Lifetime Record: 10-1-3-2, \$30,873. B-Glebe Farm Stud (GB). \*30,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT.



**Nazca (GB)**, g, 4, **Oasis Dream (GB)**--Pure Line (GB), by Zamindar. Chelmsford City, 8-8, 6f (AWT), 1:11.73. Lifetime Record: 13-1-0-0, \$5,119. B-W & R Barnett Ltd (GB). \*310,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT; 16,000gns 3yo '22 TATFEB.

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Si Senior (Ire)**, f, 2, **Bungle Inthejungle (GB)**--House Of Roses (GB), by New Approach (Ire). Sligo, 8-9, 5f 160yT, 1:18.36. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$13,940. B-McCracken Farms (IRE). \*€4,500 Ylg '22 GOAUYR.

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Bahayra (Fr)**, f, 3, **Lope De Vega (Ire)**--Baiyouna (Fr), by **Sea The Stars (Ire)**. Vichy, 8-9, 12fT, 2:38.00. B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (FR).

## WORLDWIDE NEWS

**Coolangatta Cont. from p1**

"Coolangatta is one of the premier sprinting fillies seen in Australia in recent times. She was brilliantly fast and has an extremely attractive pedigree," Tom Moore, Coolmore Australia's head of marketing and nominations, told *TTR AusNZ*.

"We found her an extremely appealing prospect and we feel she will be perfectly suited to Home Affairs, both of whom were Lightning Stakes winners down the straight at Flemington as 3-year-olds, both of whom are extremely fast and good-looking. We think she's the perfect mare for one of the most exciting young stallion prospects to retire to stud in a long time."

A trip to Royal Ascot was teed up following Coolangatta's win in the Lightning in February and, on what would transpire to be her final outing, she finished six and a half lengths behind

Bradsell (GB) (Tasleet {GB}) when 11th in the G1 King's Stand S. on her sole start outside Australia.

Moore added, "She will head up to Coolmore in the near future and prepare for her life as a broodmare. Tom Magnier and Ozzie [Kheir] have a good relationship and we have had plenty of luck together through Yes Yes Yes and Sir Dragonet, who was bought out of Ballydoyle before coming to Australia



Coolangatta | John Hoy

and winning the Cox Plate. We hope Coolangatta can continue to be lucky for the association and we thank Ozzie and his partners for entrusting us with the next stage of her career."

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## WAYS AND MEANS “LEADER OF HER CROP” SINCE DAY ONE



Click here for our visit with new TDN Rising Star **Ways and Means**  
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Klaravich Stables homebred **Ways and Means** wowed the crowd in her 'TDN Rising Star'-worthy debut on Sunday at Saratoga, but for the connections who have worked with the daughter of **Practical Joke** leading up to that 12 3/4-length romp, her impressive performance came as no surprise.

Out of the Klaravich-campaigned stakes winner Strong Incentive (Warrior's Reward), Ways and Means was a standout at Dell Ridge Farm since the day she was foaled. Sent to Nick de Meric's in Ocala to go through her early training, again she was one of the highest-rated horses in his barn. The story was much the same when she arrived at Chad Brown's barn early this summer.

“She's been the leader of her crop all the way until she got to us and she's been the leader here, too,” Brown said the morning after her maiden win. “Those horses that are really the leaders of their class from birth and everyone that has touched them has the same thing to say, that's really where the stars come from.”

Jockey Flavien Prat got to know the bay juvenile this summer in Saratoga leading up to her debut.

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## 1/ST RACING CONSIDERING MOVING DATE OF THE PREAKNESS; NYRA NOT ON BOARD WITH MOVE by *Bill Finley*


1/ST Racing & Gaming is ready to shake up the Triple Crown. The company, which operates Pimlico Race Course, has confirmed to the *TDN* that it is giving strong consideration to moving the date of the GI Preakness S. so that it is run four weeks after the GI Kentucky Derby.

“We have discussed it internally and believe it's in the best interests of horses and horse safety to move the race four weeks after the Kentucky Derby,” said Aidan Butler, Chief Executive Officer of 1/ST Racing & Gaming. “This would give horses more time to recover between races to be able to run in the Preakness. Horse safety is more important than tradition. NYRA is aware and considering how this would impact the Belmont. Stay tuned.” **Cont. p9**

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### LITTLE BIG BEAR RETIRED DUE TO INJURY


Group 1 winner **Little Big Bear (Ire)** (No Nay Never) has been retired due to injury.



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**Tyler, Tyler, and Dave.** David Charlton of Vintage Thoroughbreds, jockey Tyler Gaffalione, and trainer Tyler Servis smile for the cameras after Morethanafeeling (*Blame*) wins the tenth race at Saratoga Wednesday. This was the first win at the Spa for Servis. | Sarah Andrew

**DECISIVE DELGADO COULD NOT WAIT 11**

It turned out that a non-decision is precisely what settled who would ride GI Kentucky Derby winner *Mage* (*Good Magic*) and GI Belmont S. winner *Arcangelo* (*Arrogate*) in the GI Travers.

**DETAILS SCANT ON RIDING INFRACTION 14**

The two jockeys currently ranked second and third for wins this season at Finger Lakes are both facing sanctions for their roles in two separate races last week in which one rider was piloting a long shot that altered course while the other rider was aboard the beaten favorite.

**VINDICTIVE TO STAND IN NEW JERSEY 21**

*Vindictive* (*Uncle Mo*), a close second in last spring's GIII Pimlico Special S., has been retired and will stand his first season at stud in 2024 at Pegasus Stud in New Jersey.





**Ways and Means cont. from p1**

On July 23, she worked out of the gate with Prat aboard, going five furlongs just a tick over a minute flat. From there, jockey and trainer made a plan to make her first start a learning experience.



**Practical Joke** | *Coolmore*

“I really wanted Flavien to try to teach her something and not be on the lead,” Brown explained. “He executed beautifully. She was able to rate behind horses quietly and then when he made the lead, she was professional.”

Ways and Means launched her bid going around the turn, took the lead at the top of the stretch and then cruised down the lane without so much as a hint of urging from Prat.

“It’s hard for an unraced 2-year-old to even breeze alone, let alone run alone--a whole stretch with no partner to either chase or follow,” said Brown. “You often see horses maybe get green, not travel straight or wait on horses. None of that with her. She just galloped through the lane like she was a 3-year-old. Flavien really took care of her through the lane. I’m happy that he never really asked her to run much because there’s a lot of big stuff ahead of her.”

The filly is on to the Sept. 9 GI Spinaway S, according to Brown, who added that he wasn’t concerned about the stretch in distance or the heightened competition.

“It just felt like she had a lot more in the tank,” he said of her debut.

The filly follows a pretty similar path as her sire **Practical Joke**, who also broke his maiden on debut on Aug. 6 for Brown back in

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2016 and went on to earn the GI Hopeful S. and GI Champagne S. double.

The Ashford Stud-based stallion was competitive on the 2017 Kentucky Derby trail, running second in the GII Fountain of Youth S. and GII Blue Grass S. and finishing fifth on Derby day, but he returned to the winner's circle later that year for the GIII Dwyer S. and GI H. Allen Jerkens S.

"He was such an honest, hard knocking, reliable racehorse," recalled Brown. "He raced at the highest level. He was effective running really from six furlongs all the way to a mile and an eighth. The more I do this, I find that those horses that have a wide range in distance and still are effective through various distances, oftentimes they become really good sires."

**Practical Joke** is also the sire of this year's GIII Schuylerville S. winner Becky's Joker and he currently ranks second behind **Gun Runner** on the list of leading third-crop sires.

Ways and Means is one of six homebreds by **Practical Joke** this year for Klaravich Stables. Her dam has also produced GSW and Airdrie sire **Highly Motivated** (Into Mischief) and recent GIII Lake George S. winner Surge Capacity (Flintshire {GB}).

All three Klaravich-bred athletes are also campaigned by their breeder, which is a unique occurrence for the prominent racing entity.

"The Klaravich plan is we mostly buy horses in the marketplace

and sell our very best horses as part of our business plan to pay for the new purchases," explained Brown. "Seth [Klarman] loves racing and we're trying to constantly make minor changes to what we're doing to get to the races that we really want to get to together. That said, we may keep a broodmare or two along the way that we felt had a lot of ability. We've bred a few of these in conjunction with the breeding rights that we've started to accumulate from stallions that we've made. The breeding is never going to be the centerpiece of our racing operation, but it's an evolving plan all the time and we're always trying to get better at it."

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### RIVER OAK MOVING THROUGH THE GEARS

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Nathan McCauley | Fasig-Tipton

Trading in horsepower is second nature to Nathan McCauley. For many years his father Ron owned a big Toyota franchise in Lexington, and McCauley showed a precocious flair for the same game when opening his own dealerships in Tennessee. And since quitting automobiles for Thoroughbreds, McCauley has discovered a couple of niches largely unexplored by those horsemen whose own transitions, from one generation to the next, tend merely to consolidate familiar commercial conventions.

In fact, since opening River Oak Farm for business in 2019, he reckons to have bought and sold as many as 250 horses. That's a pretty staggering turnover, when you consider that the resident population tends not to exceed 50.

A lot of these trades have been broodmare pinhooks, driven not so much by the long game of building a family as by alert identification of up-and-coming stallions.

So does this imaginative, adventurous program reflect a marketplace felicity learned in his first career?

The question prompts a chuckle. "I think so," he says. "And I'm smiling, just because I'm thinking of Lindsay Laroche, my business partner. I think I do trade a lot more horses, especially mares, than is typical. And sometimes it must be uncomfortable for Lindsay, that we do so much. But I'm kind of wired that way: comfortable doing multiple deals in a week, keeping track of it

all, maintaining a comfortable exit strategy. Saying that, I'm now at the stage where I think the most challenging thing that you can do is also the most satisfying. And that's to breed."

Sure enough, he has lately shown aptitude in every department. He bred **Eda (Munnings)**, unbeaten in her last six and a graded stakes winner in each of her three seasons; he pinhooked the dam of **Arabian Knight (Uncle Mo)**; and he not only bred but co-owns **Stitched (Mizzen Mast)**, winner of the GII Wise Dan S. earlier this summer.

"I love breeding and raising horses," he stresses. "It's just that there's a lot more risk involved, and it's a lot more expensive. So if you're going to take those chances, you have to pay for it some way. I don't have the car dealerships anymore, we just have River Oak, so we need to sell good horses. And we do. We sell our best mares every year."

That was why Show Me (Lemon Drop Kid) was cashed out to Camas Park Stud for \$535,000 even as her daughter Eda was emerging as one of the best juvenile fillies in California in 2021—and actually before she won the GI Starlet S.—having been purchased for just \$24,000 three years previously. In an typical snapshot of McCauley's program, she had been acquired to support one of his stallion picks.

"We bought her to breed to **Munnings**," he explains. "I really believed in him, and felt that I needed to put the focus of my operation behind **Munnings** while he offered this tremendous value. In her case, Lemon Drop Kid was an incredible broodmare sire; she'd been an expensive 2-year-old, and a debut winner for Mark Casse at Gulfstream Park; and she was a half-sister to a graded stakes-winning 2-year-old. So she had a great resume, and I thought she'd really fit **Munnings** physically too. I felt very lucky to get her for that."

Eda herself realized \$240,000 at the Keeneland September Sale (before doubling her value for Eddie Woods the following spring). And McCauley, having meanwhile sent Show Me back to **Munnings**, was able to offer her carrying a sibling to a recent stakes winner/head runner-up in the GII Sorrento S.

"That was a life-changing day for me," McCauley admits. "The price was well over reserve. And I was still very happy to see Eda then go on and win her Grade I, so that her dam turned out to be a great buy for those connections."

McCauley had first struck the **Munnings** seam with the home-bred Free Rose, who proved a revelation when switched



**McCauley (center) in the winner's circle after *Stitched* wins the GI Wise Dan S. at Ellis Park | Coady Photography**

to turf. After he melted the clock in a Keeneland allowance, "Bing" Bush came in for a piece with Abbondanza Racing in California. "Wonderful guys," McCauley says. "We sent Free Rose out to Richard Baltas, and he ended up winning the [GIII] La Jolla H. and the [GII] Del Mar Derby. And I'm sitting there at Del Mar, having the time of my life. And the team at my car dealership are calling me every day to solve problems, and all I

want is to be at the track. So I thought, 'Man, I've got to find a way to do horses full-time.' Within a year or so, I sold out of my dealerships, and was 'all in'."

The whole Turf adventure had started with his father, who had worked his way up from car salesman to manager to owner. Ron had all five of his sons selling cars right out of high school, but there was one other bond that they all shared.

"We got very lucky, we sold right before the [2008] recession," McCauley says. "And we had always gone to Keeneland, and to the Derby, and for years we were saying, 'Dad, we should buy a horse.' We twisted his arm, and finally talked him into it."

Ron bought a yearling, and then went into overdrive. He bought half a dozen mares at the November Sale, and started building a farm.

"So he really caught the bug, as did we all as a family," McCauley says. "And actually we were very lucky: Eugenio Colombo introduced us to Madeline Auerbach and Barry Abrams who owned the great California stallion, Unusual Heat. And they sold us his daughter Golden Doc A."

That filly made them think the game was easy, winning the GI Las Virgenes S. and running fourth in the GI Kentucky Oaks. Moreover the McCauleys bought into a couple of other Grade I fillies by Unusual Heat, Bel Air Sizzle and Lethal Heat. Of course, there were also bumps in the road; but the family had

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*Eda, bred by Nathan McCauley, has won six in a row including the Great Lady M S. (G2) last time out.*

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And apart from anything else, it turned out that the boys shared an innate horsemanship.

"Well, we grew up in the country, in the middle of the woods, and had a couple of \$100 horses," McCauley says. "So we had a love for horses as a young age. But none of us were experienced horsemen, and we all got a baptism of fire when my dad started the farm."

McCauley's late brother Alex proved to be "just a natural," breaking the horses, while Tyson built much of the farm infrastructure. Then one Thanksgiving dinner their dad introduced a casual thunderbolt.

"You know," he said. "I think Tevis could maybe train our horses for us."

McCauley remembers exclaiming: "Dad, Tevis isn't crazy enough to think that he could do that!"

"And the following week they had applied for stalls," McCauley remembers with a grin. "I don't think there's anything Tevis has ever put his mind to that he couldn't do. He was a 20 percent lifetime trainer, and won many stakes."

Tevis quit the racetrack when starting a family—he now has a successful hunting lodge—and soon afterwards their parents dispersed the stable. Yet it was precisely then that the middle son sold his **Nashville** dealerships and decided on full immersion. "I had been fortunate to have so many good people around me," McCauley emphasizes. "Eugenio Colombo, Hubert Guy, Lesley Campion, the Taylor brothers. I picked their brains nonstop, and obsessed over the *TDN* every day. I didn't have a lot of money, but about 15 years ago started pinhooking some mares.

"The very first one, I called Lesley and said that I'd seen this well-bred mare in for \$16,000. I didn't even have the five or six grand to put up my third, so just suggested her as one they could do themselves. But they put up the money for me, and we resold her and doubled our money. Then I could play a little on another, and it just grew from there. I started finding stuff that worked; started thinking that maybe I could see one or two things that other people don't."

One especially useful intuition, as we've seen with **Munnings**, was for emerging sires. For instance, from his parents' dispersal he salvaged an unraced filly from one of the first crops of Into Mischief.

"She'd been bred on a \$7,500 stud fee," McCauley recalls. "Her name is Walking Miracle. She had a paddock accident, and we were told to put her down. But she was in such good spirits, my mom insisted that we give her a chance, and she had a miraculous recovery. She had been such a gorgeous foal that it made a big impression on me, about what Into Mischief could get you physically."

McCauley doubled down on Into Mischief for as long as he

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could afford the fee. But Walking Miracle was always special in her own right, having been home-bred from an Aldebaran mare claimed for just \$12,500 as a half-sister to GI Hollywood Gold Cup winner Mast Track.

"At that time I needed mares to breed to Scat Daddy," McCauley explains. "He was another one I was just crazy about. They don't always work out like that, by the way! But I think he'd had three graded stakes winning 2-year-olds that year, and he was affordable, \$17,500. That's been my niche, finding stallions early that are on the upswing. **Not This Time** would be our most recent example, my dad was an original shareholder."

But reviving the family's Mizzen Mast link (he was sire of Mast Track) with Walking Miracle has given McCauley a different kind of kick, as the result was Stitched—rather an exception in his program, having been retained after failing to make his reserve at \$50,000 at the Keeneland September Sale of 2020. Stitched's shock success at Ellis Park took him past \$500,000 in earnings and he's been a great ride for McCauley with "the O.G.s".

"So the term is the 'original gangsters', as they're the original partners that were involved in Free Rose," McCauley explains. "There are five of us, and they're so supportive. They really encourage me with the risks I take—and we just have a blast, win, lose or draw."

Walking Miracle's first foal, **Swill (Munnings)**, broke his maiden





Swill | Coady Photography

shortly after Stitched went under the hammer.

"I knew that [Swill] was a promising horse, I loved what I was seeing from the mare, and I thought a lot of Stitched as a yearling," McCauley explains. "He was a beautiful moving horse, had great mechanics. And Mizzen Mast was terribly underrated. The only question was, could I afford to race him? So when my buddies asked if they could do that with me, that was all I needed."

There's no mistaking the extra fulfillment that McCauley, still only 40, derives from teaming up with others on his wavelength. He loves the work of trainer Greg Foley and his sons Travis and Alex; and then there's Laroche, with whom he has "struck up a wonderful friendship." Unfortunately McCauley wasn't able to go to Royal Ascot to root for one of his partner's European projects, **Snellen (Ire) (Expert Eye (GB))**, winner of the Chesham S.

Needless to say, there will be a wide spectrum of outcomes when you're trading in such volume. (Around 30 mares will go to the sales every winter, many off the track carrying a first foal; while the average foal crop would be 15 to 20.) Even a successful mare pinhook like **Borealis Night (Astrology)**--picked up for \$50,000 in February 2019 before sold at Keeneland that same November for \$285,000--was a bit of a mixed result, in that her upgrade cover by **Uncle Mo** would ultimately produce **Arabian Knight**.

"Borealis Night was by Astrology, but sister to a couple of good horses, and just a beautiful physical specimen," McCauley says. "By then **Uncle Mo** was starting to show an affinity for A.P. Indy, and we just thought we'd breed the best physical that we could to one of the best stallions around. We sold her, we made a profit, and that was good. That served River Oak Farm's business model. And we always take a lot of satisfaction when people that buy mares from us have that type of luck."

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Much the same thing happened with a **Smart Strike** mare claimed for \$30,000 back in 2012. McCauley sent her to **Hard Spun** and processed her through Keeneland November for \$130,000. The resulting foal sold well before winning two Grade II prizes as **Rocketry**.

"Those early mares taught me a lot," McCauley argues. "To this day, that mare was one of the nicest physicals we ever bought. And then you'd get some that had the pedigree, but you wouldn't necessarily want them in your broodmare band. And so those mares have a slot, and we would take them to market, and it taught me a lot about how I make my living today."

"There's certain mares we have a strong feeling about, that wouldn't be expensive, and those are the type that we're breeding on the farm, and trying to raise good horses out of. But that's a long game, and very challenging. **Show Me** wasn't worth a lot, for instance, until **Eda** came along."

Right now the emerging stallion that intrigues McCauley is **Army Mule**, whose early ratios have been so conspicuous.

"I ended up bringing a lot of mares to him at the end of the season," he says. "If he can come up with a Grade I winner in the next little bit, he's going to explode. And one part of the River Oak program that I'm terribly excited about is that we bought into **Uncle Chuck**. He went to **Journeyman Stud** in Florida

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last year, and covered 135 mares. I've got seven Uncle Chucks on the farm that are just unbelievable. I just have a strong feeling about him. He was a beautiful-moving horse, unexposed, had a ton of talent. And that family [**Uncle Mo** half-brother to **Maclean's Music**] is just incredible."

As for the mares, it looks like McCauley may have done it again with **Lookintogeteven** (**Ghostzapper**), claimed for \$40,000 at Santa Anita last fall. In the meantime, her half-brother **Drew's Gold** (**Violence**) has emerged as one of the fastest 3-year-olds around. Lookintogeteven will be going to the November Sale with an **Epicenter** cover.

"When I started, back around the time of the recession, nobody was really buying mares," McCauley reflects. "But then I started really paying attention, and understanding the claiming game. I picked up on the value of horses pretty fast, started to study stats and pedigrees. You never really know what they're worth. But I was a car guy! I'd been at auctions every day. I started a spreadsheet many years ago, and began to see outliers.

"Maybe you see something that was born to be a good horse but just ended up in the wrong program. You're going to have some gut feel, but I let the data drive it: opportunities, performance, the pipeline. And if you can catch onto that kind of stuff, and make a bet based on it, sometimes it works out."

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### Preakness cont. from p1

Butler said there would be no further comment at this time.

Should the date of the Preakness get changed, the next move will be up to NYRA, which hosts the GI Belmont. If the Preakness is moved to four weeks after the Derby that would mean that, unless NYRA also shifts the date of the Belmont, the Belmont would be run just one week after the Preakness. That may be exactly what happens.

"NYRA has concerns about fundamental changes to the structure of the Triple Crown. We have no plans to move the date of the Belmont Stakes," said NYRA spokesperson Pat McKenna.

The current structure of the Triple Crown works far better for the Belmont than it does for the Preakness. With five weeks between the Derby and Belmont, a number of trainers pass the Preakness and go next in the Belmont.

Traditionally, the Triple Crown is run over a five-week period, with two weeks between the Derby and the Preakness and



*Horsephotos*

three weeks between the Preakness and the Belmont. While that may be a long-standing tradition, it has clearly become an impediment to drawing horses to the Preakness because modern trainers are very reluctant to run their horses back within two weeks. In 2022, Kentucky Derby winner Rich Strike (Keen Ice) skipped the Preakness and waited for the Belmont. This year, Kentucky Derby winner Mage (**Good Magic**) was the only horse from the Derby to run back in the Preakness.

These developments have led to added support for changing the spacing of the races. Just last month, Tom Rooney, the president and CEO of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, **penned an editorial** calling for the races to be spread further apart. "The time has come in Thoroughbred racing for our own change, to modernize the timeline of the Triple Crown," he wrote.

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## O'ROURKE APOLOGIZES FOR SUNDAY'S PICK 5 FIASCO; SAYS "WE DROPPED THE BALL"



David O'Rourke | Adam Coglianese

by Bill Finley

With the field loading into the gate for Sunday's sixth race at Saratoga, the start of a Pick 5 sequence, it was announced that three subsequent races were being taken off of the turf. For purposes of the Pick 5, the three off-the-turf races were considered "all" races, meaning those races essentially were eliminated from the bet, turning the Pick 5 into a daily double. It paid \$25.

That didn't sit well with numerous horseplayers, which didn't go unnoticed by NYRA executives.

That's why NYRA CEO and President Dave O'Rourke appeared Wednesday on the track's Talking Horses segment hosted by Andy Serling and admitted that mistakes were made.

"There is no excuse," O'Rourke said. "We dropped the ball."

O'Rourke described what led up to the decision, starting with a breakdown in the fourth race. In a mile-and-three-eighths allowance race on the grass, Ever Summer (**Summer Front**) broke down and had to be euthanized.

"After the fifth race, the jocks reached out to the racing office and said they wanted to discuss the turf course," O'Rourke said. "Our initial reaction was to take everything off turf for the rest of the day. We had had an incredible amount of rain since we began the meet, which impacted the meet in several ways. We believe in safety first, so our instinct was to take those races off the turf."

There was a time lag and the decision on taking the races off the grass was not announced to the betting public until the horses were being loaded into the gate for the sixth.

"They are loading into the gate for the sixth and there was a rush for time," O'Rourke said. "So, now it's the worst case scenario. We had to make those other races 'all' races. There's

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no excuses for it."

When asked why it took so long to get the information out to the public, O'Rourke said: "I can go through the time line over and over, but from the players' perspective, we dropped the ball. I can't make any other excuse for it."

Prior to the announcement NYRA went to the stewards and asked that the entire Pick 5 pool be refunded and that there be a delay prior to the start of the sixth race so that customers could make decisions regarding other wagers involving the off-the-turf races. Both requests were denied.

"The intention was to refund everything," O'Rourke said. "That's slightly out of the norm but we felt that it was the right thing to do. We were not able to refund the pools. The stewards ultimately make decisions in terms of what are in the rules and what are not. Once in a while you'll find gaps for strange situations, but we were not able to refund."

While NYRA may have been well intentioned in its efforts to refund all monies wagered in the Pick 5 pool, as O'Rourke addressed, it was not their decision to make. Under New York racing rules, if a surface change is made after betting has started on a wager then the off-the-turf races are considered 'all races.' It would be up to the New York Gaming Commission to change that rule to allow for NYRA to cancel a wager.

O'Rourke said he will look into seeding some pools at a future

date as a way of paying the bettors back.

“I can’t fix it after the fact but I can mitigate it going forward,” he said.

O’Rourke also addressed the tragedy that took place in the GI Test S. on Saturday in which Maple Leaf Mel (Cross Traffic), who had the race won, broke down just a few feet before the wire and had to be euthanized.

“What occurred on Saturday, there are hardly words for it,” he said. “There were 43,000 people here and in a moment they were going to see a triumph but it turned into a tragedy. It shook me. It shook the entire racing world. It’s nothing that I ever experienced before and hopefully never will again. We will double down on our commitment toward safety. Everything we do is about safety. All our condolences go out to the connections. It’s hard to talk about it now and it’s not even a week later. This was a tough weekend.”

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## DECISIVE DELGADO COULD NOT WAIT FOR CASTELLANO *by Mike Kane*

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. -- It turned out that a non-decision is precisely what settled who would ride GI Kentucky Derby winner **Mage** (Good Magic) and GI Belmont S. winner **Arcangelo**



**Javier Castellano aboard Arcangelo working at Saratoga Aug. 6 | Sarah Andrew**

(Arrogate) in the GI Travers.

Hall of Fame jockey Javier Castellano rode both horses to their victories in the Triple Crown series and had his choice of which one to ride in the Travers on Aug. 26 at Saratoga Race Course. He holds the Travers record of six wins.

Mage’s trainer, Gustavo Delgado, asked Castellano on Monday to give him an answer by late Tuesday afternoon. Castellano

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asked for more time and when he did not contact Delgado by the deadline, Delgado announced that Luis Saez would ride the chestnut colt.

"I can't wait for him. That's no problem," Delgado said. "He said he can't make a decision right now. I understand."

Delgado said the owners of the colt were asking him who would ride and since he expects the \$1.25- million Travers to have a large field, perhaps as many as a dozen runners, he felt it was important to act.

"The decision was not Castellano's. It was my decision," he said. "My decision was not to wait. Not to wait until next week. Not wait until entries."

Saez's move to Mage leaves **Tapit Trice (Tapit)** without a jockey for the moment. Trainer Todd Pletcher said he would talk with the colt's connections about a replacement.

Delgado and Castellano are both from Venezuela and are longtime friends. Castellano said he understands why Delgado wanted the matter settled.

"It's a hard decision. Nobody can be mad," he said. "We shouldn't be mad. Nobody. This is the business."

Castellano had hoped he would have more time to discuss his options with his agent and Arcangelo's trainer Jena Antonucci, but Delgado was firm. After spending Tuesday on a boat with his family, Castellano returned home to learn that Delgado had booked Saez.

"I don't blame them because they gave me the right to choose," Castellano said. "Then they gave me the deadline and I couldn't answer that question right away. Then they took away the decision. It was good. It worked out for everybody."

Delgado said he settled on Saez because he had ridden the colt to a second-place finish in the GI Florida Derby. **Forte (Curlin)** made a strong run in the stretch to catch and pass Mage.

"At that moment, he was not used to the horse," Delgado said. "I think he was surprised with the horse because he never rode (Mage). When I talked with him after the ride, he said, 'Gustavo, this is a good horse. You can win the Derby, but right now I have a commitment to **Tapit Trice.**'"

Delgado turned to Castellano and he earned his first Derby victory. He also rode Mage to a third in the GI Preakness and a second in the GI Haskell.

Saez's agent Kieran McLaughlin said they made it clear that they wanted another opportunity on Mage.

"We were always in touch with them," he said. "We knew there was going to be a possible issue so we told them we would be happy to ride him if they needed a rider."

It wasn't an easy decision because **Tapit Trice** has been very good to us and Todd has been very good to us, but we just thought we would like to be on Mage in the Travers."

McLaughlin said he got the call from the Mage camp Tuesday



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afternoon.

"I just waited for them," he said. "I told Todd as soon as they told me and he was good with it. He's very, very good to deal with. He's a very close friend and I hate to ever take off a Todd Pletcher, for a claiming race or a Grade I. It's not easy."

Antonucci said early in the meet that she would be patient and let Castellano pick who he would ride.

"You just have to give things time to breathe sometimes and not force topics and everything always works out the way it's supposed to," she said. "I'm a big believer that there are stuff way bigger and stronger than us making things happen and watching out."

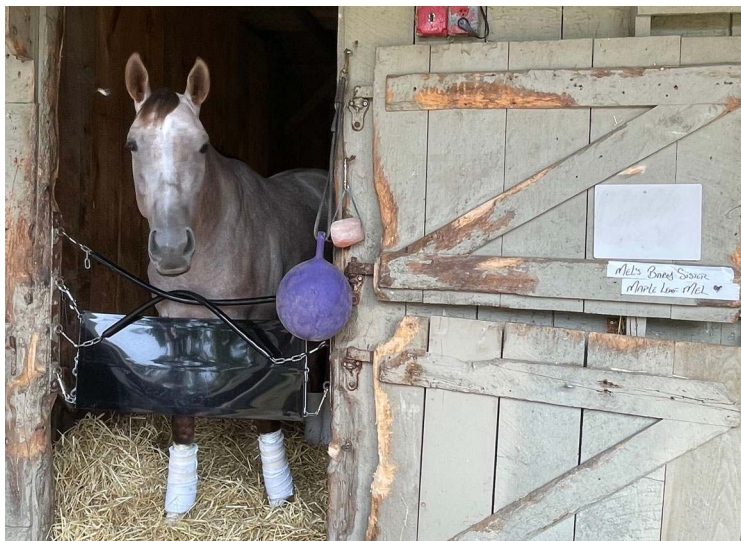
One of us was going to have Javier and one of us was going to have Luis Saez."

Castellano is 3-for-3 aboard Arcangelo. Antonucci said she turned to him when Jose Ortiz gave up the mount after two starts. Castellano was up for the maiden victory on Mar. 18, and wins in the GIII Peter Pan May 13 and the Belmont June 10.

Antonucci said Castellano's patient approach suits Arcangelo's running style.

"For me, it just works," she said. "He believes in the horse. The horse knows that. They keep forming more and more of a relationship. It just works."

## MEL'S BABY SISTER MOVES INTO MAPLE LEAF MEL'S STALL *by Mike Kane*



**Mel's Baby Sister** | *Mike Kane*

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. -- Owning a very similar name and the same color, sire, owner and trainer, **Mel's Baby Sister** (Cross Traffic) was moved Wednesday into the stall occupied by the late **Maple Leaf Mel** (Cross Traffic).

Despite the names given to them by owner Bill Parcels, the

NFL Hall of Fame coach, to honor trainer Melanie Giddings, Maple Leaf Mel and Mel's Baby Sister are not related.

Maple Leaf Mel was on her way to victory in the GI Test S. Saturday when she suffered a catastrophic leg injury near the finish line. She was euthanized on the track. Her stall was vacant for three days and was turned into an impromptu memorial for the 3-year-old New York-bred. Trainer Brendan Walsh, whose filly Pretty Mischievous (Into Mischief), ended up finishing first in the Test, brought the winner's blanket of flowers to Giddings Sunday morning and it was placed in the front of the stall. The floral arrangement has been moved to the front of the shedrow to make room for Mel's Baby Sister.

"I didn't want to put anybody in there, but I needed the stall today," Giddings said. "I thought, 'Whether it's today or next week it's going to have to happen sooner or later.' I felt like if somebody should go in there, it's her."

Parcels purchased the 2-year-old Mel's Baby Sister in May for \$110,000 at Fasig-Tipton's Timonium Sale.

"They have a lot of the same personality," Giddings said. "You know what? Maybe there is something to a name. I don't know."

Giddings, 39, said she is beginning to recover from the tragic loss of the star of her small stable.

"A little better every day," she said. "I think keeping busy helps everybody. Even my staff. Keep them busy and just try to keep

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everybody's mind OK and in a positive way."

Giddings is quite familiar with dire situations. In June 2020, the native of Coburg, Ontario was diagnosed with Stage 4 endocervical and ovarian cancer. She underwent 10 hours of surgery to remove tumors, six rounds of chemotherapy and 28 radiation treatments. She recovered and in 2021 returned to the racetrack as an assistant for Jeremiah Englehart, who trained for Parcells. When Giddings decided to open her own stable this year, Parcells moved Maple Leaf Mel to her care.

It was a winning combination. Together, the Maple Leaf Mel team picked up three stakes victories: the East View for New York-breds, the Gill Miss Preakness S. in May at Pimlico and the Gill Victory Ride S. in early July at Belmont Park. The unbeaten gray was about 10 yards from a victory in the Test when she was injured.

Giddings said she has been overwhelmed by the number of people who have reached out to her since Saturday.

"It's pretty incredible," she said. "I said to somebody the other day, 'I didn't even hear from this many people when I was dying.' I knew she was popular. Did I think she was that popular? No.

"I guess a lot of it was half the horse and half the people messaging me about their battle with cancer as well. It just shows you that there is good in horse racing."

Giddings said a fundraiser has been established by the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance in Maple Leaf Mel's name.

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## DETAILS SCANT ON 'CONTRARY TO BEST INTEREST' RIDING INFRACTION AT FINGER LAKES

by T.D. Thornton

The two jockeys currently ranked second and third for wins this season at Finger Lakes are both facing sanctions for their roles in two separate races last week in which one rider was piloting a long shot that altered course while the other rider was aboard the beaten favorite.

According to a stewards' ruling posted Aug. 8 on the New York State Gaming Commission (NYSGC) website, jockey John Davila, Jr., who has been riding at Finger Lakes since 1983, has been fined \$500 "for riding in manner contrary to the best interest of racing" in the [first race there Aug. 2](#).

"Any further similar conduct will result in an increased penalty," the Finger Lakes stewards wrote in Davila's ruling.

A separate stewards' ruling, also dated Aug. 8, gave a three-day suspension to jockey Keiber Coa, a 12-year veteran, for "careless riding" in the [fourth race July 31 at Finger Lakes](#).

Having waived his right to appeal, Coa will serve his days Aug.

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TDN wanted to find out if Davila has appealed, and learn details about what, specifically, led to his "contrary to the best interest of racing" violation.

Brad Maione, the NYSGC's communications director, responded to a Wednesday email query about the rulings by writing back, "This is all that is publicly available."

TDN then asked if the NYSGC could provide a stewards' report for the race dates in question, but did not receive a reply prior to deadline for this story. The website for Finger Lakes has a "Stewards' Corner" page, but the reports there have not been updated for one year, since Aug. 10, 2022.

Coa's "careless riding" violation July 31 occurred in a \$10,000 claiming sprint over 5 1/2 furlongs in which he attained the lead from the rail under the 11-1 Forward Motion (Mission Impazible). Davila, riding the 9-5 favorite N Y Anthem (War Dancer), pressed the pacemaker from the outside until the top of the stretch.

At the quarter pole Coa came off the rail and edged out while appearing clear in front of Davila's mount, who was already losing touch with the leader. Coa then dropped Forward Motion back to the inside and in front of another rival, Breaking Stones (Congrats), who had to take up while Forward Motion widened to a 2 3/4-length win. The jockey on Breaking Stones claimed

foul after finishing third. Davila's mount dead-headed for fourth. There was also a stewards' inquiry, but the results stood.

Davila incurred his "contrary to best interest" infraction two days later in a \$28,500 NW2 allowance over 1 mile 70 yards. Riding the 8-1 Juggler (Lord Nelson) from post five, he sent his mount from the gate to contend with the 9-10 favorite Mo Trump (Mo Town), who was piloted by Coa from post six.

The Equibase chart noted that Mo Trump was "forced six wide into the first turn by Juggler," with announcer Tony Calo commenting in his call that the favorite was "stuck out there in no-man's land."

Equibase further noted that Davila's mount "appeared to be getting out some" on the backstretch while Coa's favorite got "carried seven wide by the latter at the half mile pole." Mo Trump finished fifth, while Juggler ran sixth and last. There was no posted stewards' inquiry.

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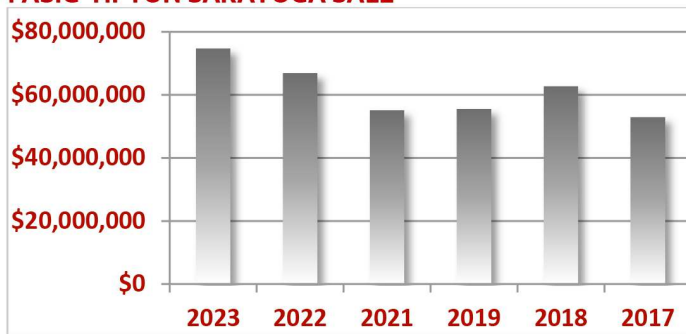
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- Jessica Martini & Christina Bossinakis

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2019	223	182	135	19.4%	74.2%	60.5%	\$55,547,000	\$411,459
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## JOCKEY CLUB'S GAGLIANO: HISA IS NECESSARY



James Gagliano | *The Jockey Club*

*“Everyone is entitled to his own opinion, but not his own facts.”*

*--Daniel Patrick Moynihan*

Letters to the editor are, by definition, opinions. You can disagree with an opinion, but you can't exactly say it's wrong. But when “facts” that are not facts are offered in support of an opinion, that is disinformation. The writer of the [July 26, 2023, Thoroughbred Daily News letter to the editor](#) slamming HISA could be the poster child for that. Over the past week I reviewed his criticisms with executives with HISA and HIWU and found his letter replete with disinformation.

Here are some of the most serious mistruths from the article:

### **Lack of Communication on Testing Results & Provisional Suspensions**

According to the author, “There was zero notification from HISA/HIWU explaining what needed to be done.” Truth: According to Ben Mosier, executive director of HIWU, “Every trainer and owner who receives a positive test result receives a written notice from the Horseracing Integrity & Welfare Unit (HIWU), the independent enforcement agency tasked to enforce HISA's Anti-Doping and Medication Control Program, that states which prohibited substance was detected and contains detailed instructions about next steps, including HIWU contact information if the owner or trainer has questions.” I will note HISA maintains a 24/7 hotline for questions, something never before provided by state testing authorities.

### **Professionalism of Testing Barn Staff**

According to the author, “... the people performing the test were not wearing gloves and were not wearing sterile gowns, nor are the receiving barns/test barns cleaned and thoroughly sterilized before and after every animal is processed.” Fact, again from Mosier: “All test barn personnel operating in states

under HISA's jurisdiction have been trained by HIWU procedures that include sanitizing hands prior to handling sample collection equipment and wearing gloves throughout the process of collecting urine samples.”

### **Lab Credibility**

The author attacks the credibility of the laboratories working with HIWU questioning whether they know how a substance got into a horse. Fact: Labs detect prohibited (banned or controlled) substances that are present in equine blood, urine, or hair samples and no labs have ever been tasked with conducting investigations into how, when, or why the horse was exposed to that prohibited substance.

### **Prohibited Substances**

The author accuses HISA of inappropriately categorizing prohibited substances that are permitted by the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI), World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), and United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA). Fact: In the case of one of the author's horses, the substance reported as metformin is a prohibited substance by HISA and ARCI. WADA's and USADA's prohibited substances are not relevant because their prohibited lists cover proven performance-enhancing effects in humans, not horses.

Beyond that, the letter writer seems to have totally forgotten the big picture, so here's a reminder: HISA was necessary for the safety of our horses and riders. The survival of Thoroughbred racing in America depends on it, and as we all know, there is plenty of evidence to support that fact.

People in our sport, including at the highest level, were cheating right under the noses of state regulators for years and not getting caught--the names Servis and Navarro should ring some bells. And if you think that's a thing of the past, think again. As of July 30, 2023, HISA drug rules, enforced by HIWU, have resulted in 30 positive findings for, or possession of, banned substances. These aren't minor therapeutic overages; we're talking about drugs that have no business anywhere near a racehorse in competition or training. So, those horsemen who have been sticking their chests out and saying, “There's no doping going on in Thoroughbred racing,” are just plain wrong.

The HISA rollout hasn't been perfect, but HISA was given a huge job to do in a short period of time. And throughout that time, HISA has been bombarded by an orchestrated barrage of lawsuits generated by the same small group of dissidents and based on the same type of alternative facts espoused in the TDN letter. Now that HISA has won the latest round of lawsuits in federal court, the same group of naysayers has launched a massive disinformation campaign--they should be ashamed of themselves.

Despite the incoming fire of misinformation, half-truths, and lies, HISA has made enormous progress. Here are just a few

examples:

- HISA is virtually a start-up company and has launched both its Racetrack Safety Program and its Anti-Doping and Medication Control (ADMC) Program in the span of a year, establishing a much-needed national set of integrity and safety rules.
- HISA developed uniform protocols based on data and science that were previously absent from this sport. Data generated by HISA's reporting mechanisms is being deployed in real time to help identify horses that could be at increased risk for injury, thereby making racing safer for horse and rider alike.
- Veterinary oversight and the number of learned hands touching horses before they set foot on the track has expanded to help ensure horses' wellbeing. More than 30,000 pre-race inspections have been performed by regulatory vets, and to date, more than 1,000 veterinarians have submitted more than 1 million treatment records of the care they provide to horses.
- HISA has put unprecedented emphasis on jockey wellness and safety, providing the industry with a national medical director and jockey safety and welfare manager to enhance and expand safety programs for our riders.
- To improve its own rollout and rule compliance, HISA established a national Horsemen's Advisory Group that is consulted on a regular basis for feedback on its rules and their implementation.
- HIWU was established in partnership with Drug Free Sport International and has formed a best-in-class team of testing, laboratory, investigatory, and legal experts to enforce HISA's anti-doping and medication control efforts. Since launching on May 22, HIWU has tested more than 15,000 horses, including post-race tests, out-of-competition tests, vets' list tests, and tests on claimed horses.

There is more work to be done, but HISA and its staff are working long hours to create and implement a lasting anti-doping program that is already transforming equine health and safety. I do agree with the letter's author that racing needs to improve, to demonstrate to the public that we as an industry put the care of our horses above all else. HISA is the independent organization that is leading the sport in these efforts, and it's time for everyone to be more productive and engaged to accomplish our shared goals.

**James L. Gagliano,**  
**President and Chief Operating Officer**  
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## BOBBY MONTANO, THE STAR OF THE PLAY "SMALL," JOINS THE TDN WRITERS' ROOM PODCAST



**Bobby Montano in SMALL | Dorice Arden Madronero**

Growing up in Queens, Bobby Montano eventually became an actor and a dancer, a career he was happy to follow. But before that, his path took him in an entirely different direction. Montano, who was so small as a child that he was bullied, discovered horse racing and decided he wanted to be a jockey. On March 2, 1977, his dream came true as he rode in his first race at Aqueduct. He only rode in seven races and did not have a winner, but he left the sport with a story to tell. That story has turned into the Off-Broadway play "SMALL," which Montano wrote and stars in. It's coming to New York and the 59 E. 59 Theater on Aug. 12 and will run through Sept. 2.

In advance of SMALL's run in New York, Montano joined the TDN Writers' Room podcast presented by [Keeneland](#) to talk about the play and what has been a fascinating life full of ups and downs. Montano was the [Green Group](#) Guest of the Week.

Looking at those jockeys riding in New York, he saw people who were as small as he was, but instead of being bullied they were respected athletes, admired by thousands of racing fans. That's what he wanted for himself.

"I was tired of getting picked on," he said. "But when I saw these little men coming out into the paddock area I saw that they were getting respect. It would get quiet and I would ask my mother what was happening and she said, 'The jockeys have come. That's called respect.' I was just so in love with the whole pageantry of it all. My mother was there to bet on her jockey friend Roberto Pineda. He reminded me of Bruce Lee and I was a huge fan of Bruce Lee."

Nothing ever came easily for Montano on the racetrack. After a growth spurt, he became too big to be a jockey and his weight

was the reason why he couldn't get any mounts. He rode for just five months. He resorted to using laxatives, amphetamines, cocaine and pills called Black Beauties. He would run 17 miles a day.

"I couldn't get there. I was just getting bigger and bigger, and I just didn't know what to do with my life," he said.

Yet, Montano said he wouldn't trade his time on the racetrack for anything.

"I would do it again in a heartbeat," he said. "There are people who have made it work. I look at people like Trevor McCarthy, who I love. He's a wonderful rider and he's five-foot-ten. There were others, like Marco Castaneda. But they all had thin bones. I was born with thick bones. I just was fighting Mother Nature and there was just nothing I could do about it."

After giving up on his dream to be a jockey, Montano saw *Saturday Night Fever*, went to the famous disco, the Rafters and discovered the world of dancing and acting. On television, he has appeared as one of Kim Cattrall's lovers, "We William," in *Sex In The City*. He has guest starred in, *CSI: Miami*, *Third Watch*, *Six Degrees*, *Law & Order*, *New York Undercover*, *Law & Order: SVU*, *Harrison – Cry Of The City*, numerous soaps, and as Resto in the HBO film *Undeclared*, directed by John Leguizamo.

Elsewhere on the podcast, which is also sponsored by the [Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association](#), [Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders](#), [NYRABets.com](#), [WinStar Farm](#), [XBTv.com](#), [Stonestreet Farms](#) and [West Point Thoroughbreds](#), the team of Bill Finley, Randy Moss and Zoe Cadman discussed the tragic breakdown of Maple Leaf Mel (Cross Traffic) in the GI Test S. Like virtually everyone else in racing, the team tried to come up with answers to what is a horrible problem for the sport but admitted that they had none. The GI Whitney S. was a major topic of discussion, from the huge performance by winner **White Abarrio** (Race Day) to the lackluster third-place finish by **Cody's Wish** (Curlin). Looking ahead at the weekend, the focus was on the GI Arlington Million and the other stakes formerly run at Arlington Park that will be run at Colonial Downs. Finley said the Million has lost its mojo since Arlington has closed and said it may be time to simply discontinue these races.

To watch the Writers' Room, click [here](#). To view the show as a podcast, click [here](#).

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## WEEKLY STEWARDS AND COMMISSIONS

### RULINGS: AUG. 1-7 by Dan Ross

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

[Here's a primer](#) on how each of these jurisdictions adjudicates

different offenses, what they make public (or not) and where.

The TDN will also post a roundup of the relevant Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) related rulings from the same week. These will include decisions from around the country.

### California

Track: Del Mar

Date: 08/03/2023

Licensee: Kent Desormeaux, jockey

Penalty: Three-day suspension

Violation: Careless riding

Explainer: Jockey Kent Desormeaux, who rode St Ignacio in the eleventh race at Del Mar Race Track on July 30, 2023, is suspended for 3 racing days (August 10, 11 and 12, 2023) for altering course without sufficient clearance in the stretch, causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from fourth to ninth; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules - careless riding).

### Florida

The following was taken from the ARCI's "recent rulings" webpage.

Track: Gulfstream Park

Date: 06/09/2023

Licensee: Jose M. Jimenez, trainer

Penalty: Written warning

Violation: STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER # 2023-018928 - F.S. 550.2415 VIOLATION = PHENYLBUTAZONE. WRITTEN WARNING IMPOSED AND ISSUED. "JUST KATHERINE"

Track: Gulfstream Park

Date: 06/09/2023

Licensee: Javier Morzan, trainer

Penalty: Written warning

Violation: Medication violation

Explainer: STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER # 2023-017764 - F.S. 550.2415 VIOLATION = PHENYLBUTAZONE. WRITTEN WARNING IMPOSED AND ISSUED. "RHYMES LIKE DIMES"

Track: Gulfstream Park

Date: 06/29/2023

Licensee: Eduardo Azpurua, trainer

Penalty: Restoration of licensure good standing

Violation: Former failure to meet financial obligations

Explainer: Withdrawal of Complaint by Northwest Distributors LLC v Eduardo A. Azpurua, Jr. received via email from Attorney.

Respondent has made satisfactory arrangements for payment of his obligation. His license is currently in good standing with the Florida Gaming Control Commission.

## Kentucky

Track: Ellis Park

Date: 08/01/2023

Licensee: Eric Foster, trainer and owner

Penalty: \$500 fine

Violation: Medication violation

Explainer: Upon receipt of notification from the University of Kentucky Equine Analytical Chemistry Laboratory, the official testing laboratory for the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission, sample number R013023 taken from Stonevicious, who finished third in the seventh race at Churchill Downs on May 19, 2023, contained flunixin at a level of 187 ng/ml in blood (Class C drug). After waiving his right to a formal hearing before the Board of Stewards, Eric Foster is hereby fined \$500. Stonevicious is disqualified and all purse money forfeited.

## NEW HISA/HIWU STEWARDS RULINGS

The following rulings were reported on HISA's "rulings" portal and through the Horseracing Integrity & Welfare Unit's "pending" and "resolved" cases portals.

This does not include the voided claim rulings which were sent to the TDN directly. Some of these rulings are from prior weeks as they were not reported contemporaneously.

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

## Violations of Crop Rule

### Colonial Downs

Juan Jose Esquilin - violation date Aug 3; \$500 fine, excessive use of the whip

Jose Luis Alonso - violation date Aug 3; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, excessive use of the whip

Adam Beschizza - violation date Aug 3; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, excessive use of the whip

Jorge Gustavo Ruiz - violation date Aug 3; \$250 fine, excessive use of the whip

### Del Mar

Hector Berrios - violation date Aug 3; \$1,460 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

### Emerald Downs

Rocco Roger Ricardo Bowen - violation date Aug 4; \$250 fine

and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

Jose Cruz Damian - violation date Aug 4; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 9 strikes

### Presque Isle Downs

Gaddiel Alberto Martínez colon - violation date Aug 2; \$250 fine, "no record" of other details of the ruling

### Ruidoso Downs

Felipe Sanchez Valdez - violation date Aug 4; \$250 fine, "no record" of other details of the ruling

### Thistledown

Jeffrey Sanchez - violation date Aug 1; \$250 fine, "no record" of other details of the ruling

## Pending ADMC Violations

Date: 07/24/2023

Licensee: Dick Clark, trainer

Penalty: Provisionally suspended

Alleged Violation: Medication violation

Explainer: For the possible presence or possession of Levothyroxine, a banned substance. This is a possible violation of Rule 3214 (a)—Presence of a Banned Substance or a Banned Method.

Date: 07/22/2023

Licensee: Dick Clark, trainer

Penalty: Provisionally suspended

Alleged Violation: Medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Methamphetamine—a banned substance—in a sample taken from Colonel Klink, who finished second at Prairie Meadows on 7/22/23. This is a possible violation of Rule 3212—Presence of a Banned Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers.

Date: 07/18/2023

Licensee: Bruno Tessore, trainer

Penalty: Provisionally suspended

Alleged Violation: Medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Altrenogest—a banned substance—in a sample taken from Tenebris. This is a possible violation of Rule 3212—Presence of a Banned Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers.

Date: 07/07/2023

Licensee: Chad Brown, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged Violation: Medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Omeprazole—Controlled Medication (Class C)—in a sample taken from Forced Ranking. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312—Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers.

Date: 07/06/2023

Licensee: Jeff Fletcher, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged Violation: Medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Flunixin—Controlled Medication (Class C)—in a sample taken from Tier One. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312—Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers.

Date: 07/04/2023

Licensee: Lorenzo Ruiz, trainer

Penalty: Provisionally suspended

Alleged Violation: Medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Diisopropylamine—a banned substance—in a sample taken from Kant Beat the Rock, who finished second at Los Alamitos on 7/4/23. This is a possible violation of Rule 3212—Presence of a Banned Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers.

Date: 07/03/2023

Licensee: Dick Clark, trainer

Penalty: Provisionally suspended

Alleged Violation: Medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Methamphetamine—a banned substance—in a sample taken from Colonel Klink, who won at Prairie Meadows on 7/3/23. This is a possible violation of Rule 3212—Presence of a Banned Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers.

Date: 07/03/2023

Licensee: William Martin, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged Violation: Medication violation

Explainer: For the potential breach of Rule 4221—Alkalinization or Use of an Alkalinizing Agent (TCO<sub>2</sub>)—on Wild Irish, who won at Presque Isle Downs on 7/3/2023. This is also a possible violation of Rule 3313—Use of a Controlled Method During the Race Period.

Date: 06/30/2023

Licensee: Samuel Calvario, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged Violation: Medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Triamcinolone—Controlled Medication (Class C)—in a sample taken from Griffith Park. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312—Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers.

Date: 06/28/2023

Licensee: Mario Serey Jr., trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged Violation: Medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Phenylbutazone—Controlled Medication (Class C)—in a sample taken from Harper's Do, who finished seventh at Delaware Park on 6/28/2023. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312—Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers.

Date: 06/28/2023

Licensee: Tina Chamberlin, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged Violation: Medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Methocarbamol—Controlled Medication (Class C)—in a sample taken from Rosebud Ryde. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312—Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers.

Date: 06/11/2023

Licensee: Jose Camejo, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged Violation: Medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Methocarbamol—Controlled Medication (Class C)—and Promazine Sulfoxide—Controlled Medication (Class B)—in a sample taken from Fire King. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312—Presence of Controlled Medication Substances.

### Resolved ADMC Violations

Date: 07/01/2023

Licensee: Nestor Cascallares, trainer

Penalty: Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points.

Alleged Violation: Medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Phenylbutazone—Controlled Medication (Class C)—in a sample taken from Irazu, who won at Tampa Bay on 7/1/23. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312—Presence of Controlled Medication Substance.

Date: 06/13/2023

Licensee: Arcadio Lopez, trainer

Penalty: Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points.

Alleged Violation: Medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Flunixin—Controlled Medication (Class C)—in a sample taken from Mo Crazy Blues who won at Finger Lakes on 6/13/23. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312—Presence of Controlled Medication Substance.

Date: 05/24/2023

Licensee: Wayne Sparling, trainer

Penalty: Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points.

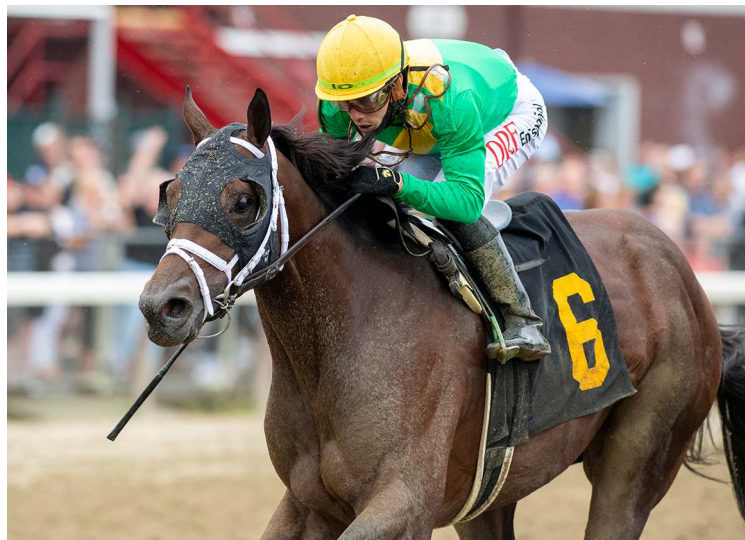
Alleged Violation: Medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Methocarbamol—Controlled Medication (Class C)—in a sample taken from Banco Medici, who won at Finger Lakes on 5/24/23. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312—Presence of Controlled Medication Substance.

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## VINDICTIVE TO STAND AT PEGASUS STUD IN NEW JERSEY



**Vindictive** | Sarah Andrew

**Vindictive** (Uncle Mo--Exotic Bloom, by Montbrook), a close second in last spring's GIII Pimlico Special S., has been retired

and will stand his first season at stud in 2024 at the Spinella Family's Pegasus Stud in New Jersey.

The \$200,000 KEESEP yearling purchase and half-brother to GI Breeders' Cup Distaff heroine Stopchargingmaria (Tale of the Cat) was campaigned by Grandview Equine, Cheyenne Stable, LLC and LNJ Foxwoods and trained by Todd Pletcher. He retires with a record of 8-4-1-1 and earnings of \$300,960.

"Vindictive is an impressive physical specimen who has both performance and pedigree on his resume," said Alex Solis, II of the Solis/Litt Bloodstock Agency. "His four victories from eight starts came in New York against top competition, including a decisive win over Cody's Wish (in a maiden special weight at Saratoga). Vindictive comes from the esteemed Uncle Mo-line, known for producing exceptional sires, and he's a half-brother to the champion Stopchargingmaria."

Pletcher described Vindictive as "a typical Uncle Mo offspring with great size, mental competitiveness, and definite Grade I stakes-winning ability."

"Vindictive was a talented racehorse posting five single-digit Ragozin Sheets numbers in eight-career starts," said Rick Sacco, who purchased Vindictive for stallion duties. "He's a stunning, big, and athletic horse by one of the country's best stallions in Uncle Mo."

"The female side of the pedigree is equally powerful," added Sacco. "His dam, Exotic Bloom, was a stakes winner and she has produced a champion. Vindictive is a serious addition to the Pegasus Stud stallion operation and to the state of New Jersey breeding program in general."

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## ROSARIO OFF HIS SPA MOUNTS WEDNESDAY; CAMACHO SET TO RETURN FRIDAY AT MONMOUTH

Per agent Ron Anderson, Joel Rosario is off his mounts Wednesday at Saratoga as he still has soreness in his mouth after requiring stitches Saturday when Maple Leaf Mel (Cross Traffic) tragically broke down in the GI Test S., NYRA's Keith McCalmont said in a tweet Wednesday. Rosario will aim for a return to riding on Thursday, Anderson added.

After being sidelined more than five weeks due to an injury suffered in a spill on July 2 at Monmouth Park, jockey Samy Camacho will resume riding on Friday, the track said in a release Wednesday.

Camacho will ease into his return with three mounts on the eight-race card. The jockey, who remains tied for second (with Jairo Rendon) in the Oceanport standings, suffered a right shoulder injury in the mishap.

"I'm ready to come back," said Camacho. "I feel good. I'm ready to go again. I'm not 100%, but I am close to being

completely healed.”

Camacho said he intends to ride through the end of the Monmouth Park meet on Sept. 11 before heading to Florida to ride for the winter.

“His first day back we didn’t want to overdo it,” said Mike Moran, Camacho’s agent. “But he says he is feeling great and I’m looking forward to seeing him ride again.”

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## SECRETARIAT CENTER TO HOLD ANNUAL FUNDRAISER OCT. 14 AT GODOLPHIN’S JONABELL FARM

The Secretariat Center will hold its annual fundraising event, “Bluegrass Brunch and Bubbles” at Godolphin’s Jonabell Farm in Lexington, Kentucky Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. ET, the organization said in a release Wednesday.

Bidding on everything from vacation packages and experience tickets to artwork, halters, saddles, sports memorabilia and more, will go live Oct. 1 and will close at Noon on the day of the event. All proceeds go toward supporting the Secretariat Center’s mission of preparing off-track Thoroughbreds for post-track careers through rehabilitation and retraining.

“Support of events like this is key to raising community awareness and assisting Thoroughbred aftercare efforts,” said Shelley Mann, the Secretariat Center’s Executive Director. “It is important for us to share with the community how these wonderful horses can be cared for and thrive after their racing career.”

Click [here](#) for tickets and more information.

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## DAVID O’FARRELL ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF TOBA’S BOARD OF TRUSTEES

David O’Farrell has been elected as chairman of the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association’s Board of Trustees. Also joining O’Farrell on the Board of Trustees to serve three-year terms as new members are Joe Appelbaum, Michael Banahan, Everett Dobson, Mandy Pope and R. Glenn Sikura.

Re-elected to three-year terms were current trustees Shannon Arvin, Jeffrey Bloom, Marette Farrell, Brant Laue, Garrett O’Rourke, and Stephen Scenci.

“It’s an honor and a privilege to lead an organization that deeply cares about the economics and integrity of horse racing on behalf of owners and breeders,” O’Farrell said.

Following its annual members meeting, the TOBA Board of Trustees met to elect officers for the association.

Officers named for 2023-2024 are: David O’Farrell, chairman, Everett Dobson, vice-chairman, Dan Metzger, president; Doug

Cauthen, secretary; and Garrett O’Rourke, treasurer.

The TOBA Board also approved the appointment of Alex Solis II to the American Graded Stakes Committee.

The 2023-2024 committee is comprised of TOBA members Everett Dobson (chair), Barbara Banke, Walker Hancock, Brant Laue, David O’Farrell, and Alex Solis II and racing officials Dan Bork (Churchill Downs and Ellis Park) Frank Gabriel (NYRA), Rick Hammerle (Kentucky Downs), Chris Merz (Santa Anita Park), and Tora Yamaguchi (Del Mar).

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## ROUND TABLE TRANSCRIPTS AND VIDEO REPLAY NOW AVAILABLE

Transcripts from Thursday’s 71st Annual Round Table Conference on Matters Pertaining to Racing are now available at [www.jockeyclub.com](http://www.jockeyclub.com). The event was held at the Saratoga Springs City Center in Saratoga Springs, New York, and streamed on The Jockey Club’s website and Facebook page, and through multiple industry outlets. A video replay is also available.

As the keynote speaker, Michael Lopez, senior director of Data and Analytics for the National Football League, discussed how data is analyzed to enhance and help better understand football and possible correlations with horse racing.

Lindsay Czarniak, an Emmy-award winning sports reporter and anchor who works for FOX NFL and FOX NASCAR, presented her observations on marketing the sport of horse racing.

The conference featured two panels, the first of which focused on computer-assisted wagering and its effects on racetracks and bettors. Hosted by Pat Cummings, executive director of the Thoroughbred Idea Foundation, panelists included Marshall Gramm, a professor at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee, and co-founder of the Ten Strike Racing syndicate, and Joe Longo, the general manager of NYRA Content Management Solutions.

The second panel addressed the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) after its first year of enactment. Panelists Lisa Lazarus, CEO of HISA; Ben Mosier, executive director of the Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit; and trainers Jena Antonucci and Ron Moquett were interviewed by James L. Gagliano, president and chief operating officer of The Jockey Club.

Kyle McDoniel, president and COO of Equibase, presented on E-GPS and opportunities for Equibase to help grow the sport.

Kristin Werner, senior counsel for The Jockey Club and administrator of its Thoroughbred Incentive Program, discussed improved traceability of Thoroughbreds and a recommendation by the Thoroughbred Safety Committee.

Stuart S. Janney III, the chairman of The Jockey Club, presided over the conference and focused his closing remarks on

embracing the international aspect of the sport and enhancing marketing efforts to reach a new generation of fans.

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### NYRA TO SEED SATURDAY'S LATE PICK 5 WITH ADDITIONAL \$100K

The New York Racing Association, Inc. (NYRA) will offer a Late Pick 5 pool seeded with \$100,000 on Saturday, at Saratoga Race Course. The additional money offered in Saturday's Late Pick 5 pool is to honor NYRA's commitment to horseplayers following extenuating circumstances on Sunday's card that saw three races taken off-the-turf late in the day which disrupted a number of multi-race wagers. Featuring a 15% takeout rate and 50 cent minimum, the Late Pick 5 is open to retail customers only and offered on every live race day at NYRA tracks. The popular multi-race wager, which covers the last five races of the card, features a carryover provision of 100% of the net pool into the next day's Late Pick 5 if there are no winning tickets. The seeded funds do not affect the NYRA Bets \$1 million Late Pick 5 bonus, which is available exclusively to NYRA Bets customers on every Saturday and Sunday during the 2023 Saratoga summer meet.

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### FIFTH RACE CANCELLED AT SARATOGA DUE TO POWER OUTAGE

A power outage at Saratoga Race Course on Wednesday afternoon before the fifth race delayed the start and eventually forced NYRA to cancel that event. The loss of power affected other properties near the course after a tree apparently fell on Union Avenue. Power was lost throughout Saratoga Race Course at 3:19 p.m. ET and substantially restored at 4:01 p.m. with various critical systems brought back online for the sixth race to go at 4:31 p.m. The card resumed with adjusted post times beginning with race six.

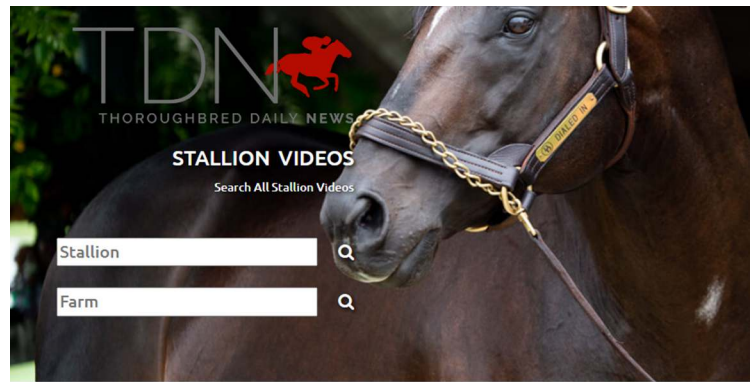
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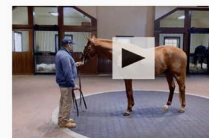
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**Friday, Saratoga #8, post time: 5:08 p.m. EDT**

**NATIONAL MUSEUM OF RACING HALL OF FAME S.-GII, \$500,000, 3yo, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	More Than Looks	More Than Ready	Victory Racing Partners	DeVaux	Velazquez	124
2	Carl Spackler (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	e Five Racing Thoroughbreds	Brown	Gaffalione	118
3	Behind Enemy Lines (GB)	<b>Sioux Nation</b>	Rockingham Ranch, Talla Racing, and David A. Bernsen LLC	Sisterson	Rosario	118
4	Ocean Vision (Ire)	<b>U S Navy Flag</b>	JR Ranch	Donworth	McCarthy	120
5	Appraise (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Prat	118
6	Mysterious Night (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Godolphin, LLC	Appleby	Alvarado	120
7	Mischievous Angel	Into Mischief	Peter M. Brant and Parkland Thoroughbreds	Brown	Franco	118
8	General Jim	Into Mischief	Courtlandt Farms	McGaughey III	Saez	118
9	Bat Flip	<b>Good Magic</b>	Harrell Ventures, LLC and Starlight Racing	Pletcher	Castellano	118

**Breeders:** 1-Hinkle Farms, 2-Fifth Avenue Bloodstock, 3-The Brigadier Partnership, 4-Mighty Universe Ltd, 5-Mr J & Mrs L Scott, 6-Godolphin, 7-Parkland Thoroughbreds, 8-Fifth Avenue Bloodstock & CenterlineBreeding, 9-Fifth Avenue Bloodstock

**Saturday, Colonial Downs #10, post time: 6:40 p.m. EDT**

**ARLINGTON MILLION S.-GI, \$1,000,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Strong Tide	English Channel	Penny S. Lauer	Lauer	Karamanos	123
2	Never Explain	<b>Street Sense</b>	Courtlandt Farms	McGaughey III	Cheminaud	125
3	Set Piece (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Juddmonte	Cox	Geroux	123
4	Atone	Into Mischief	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Carmouche	125
5	Rockemperor (Ire)	<b>Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)</b>	Madaket Stables LLC, Dubb, Michael, Wonder Stables, Kisber, Michael E. and Caruso, Michael J.	Brown	Velazquez	123
6	Master Piece (Chi)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Iavarone, Michael, Iavarone, Julia C., Zoumas, Nicholas, Baccari, Dino, Argano, Frank and Douglass, Peter	Dutrow, Jr.	Lezcano	125
7	Strong Quality	<b>Quality Road</b>	Barber, Gary and Kinsman Stable	Casse	Castellano	123
8	Catnip	Kitten's Joy	Moore, Susan and John	Stidham	Hernandez, Jr.	123
9	Adhamo (Ire)	Intello (Ger)	Madaket Stables LLC, Dubb, Michael, Louis Lazzinaro LLC and Caruso, Michael J.	Brown	Prat	125
10	Win for the Money	Mohaymen	Live Oak Plantation	Casse	Ruiz	123
11	Santin	Distorted Humor	Godolphin, LLC	Walsh	Gaffalione	123

**Breeders:** 1-Michael E. Lauer & Penny S. Lauer, 2-Hidden Brook Farm & Godolphin, 3-Juddmonte Farms (East) Ltd, 4-Godolphin, 5-Haras du Mezeray, 6-Haras Don Alberto, 7-Kinsman Farm, 8-John Moore & Susan Moore, 9-Wertheimer et Frere, 10-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 11-Godolphin



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**Saturday, Colonial Downs #9, post time: 5:55 p.m. EDT****BEVERLY D. S.-GI, \$500,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 3/16mT****CHALLENGE SERIES WIN AND YOU'RE IN.™**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Fev Rover (Ire)	Gutaifan (Ire)	Tracy Farmer	Casse	Castellano	125
2	Jan's Girl	Palace	Eric S. Jensen	Cazares	Gallardo	123
3	Romagna Mia (GB)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Team Valor International, LLC	Motion	Velazquez	123
4	Mise En Scene (GB)	<b>Siyouni (Fr)</b>	Qatar Racing LLC and RacehorseClub	Walsh	Spencer	123
5	Didia (Arg)	Orpen	Merriebelle Stable	Correas, IV	Cheminaud	123
6	Gina Romantica 🐾	Into Mischief	Peter M. Brant	Brown	Prat	123
7	Rocky Sky (Ire)	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	Peter M. Brant	Brown	Gaffalione	125

**Breeders:** 1-Manister House Stud, 2-Spendthrift Farm, LLC, 3-Cavendish Bloodstock, 4-The Gadfly Partnership, 5-La Manija, 6-Machmer Hall, Carrie Brogden & CraigBrogden, 7-Eadling Farm Ltd

**Saturday, Saratoga #9, post time: 5:44 p.m. EDT****FOURSTARDAVE H.-GI, \$500,000, 3yo/up, 1mT****CHALLENGE SERIES WIN AND YOU'RE IN.™**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Emmanuel 🐾	More Than Ready	Siena Farm LLC and WinStar Farm LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz	121
2	Full Screen	Big Screen	Pantofel Stable, Wachtel Stable & Barber, Gary	Casse	Franco	115
3	My Sea Cottage (Ire)	Shalaa (Ire)	Gary Barber	Casse	Davis	114
4	Annapolis	<b>War Front</b>	Bass Racing, LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	124
5	So High (GB)	Nathaniel (Ire)	Naipaul Chatterpaul	Chatterpaul	Silvera	116
6	Casa Creed 🐾	Jimmy Creed	LRE Racing LLC and JEH Racing Stable LLC	Mott	Saez	125
7	Ice Chocolat (Brz)	Goldikovic (Ire)	Barber, Gary, Wachtel Stable and Deutsch, Peter	Casse	Rosario	118

**Breeders:** 1-Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust, 2-Spring Farm, 3-Mubarak Al Naemi, 4-Bass Stables, LLC, 5-George Strawbridge, 6-Silver Springs Stud, LLC, 7-Haras Niju

**Saturday, Colonial Downs #8, post time: 5:10 p.m. EDT****SECRETARIAT S.-GII, \$500,000, 3yo, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Silver Knott (GB)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Godolphin, LLC	Appleby	Spencer	123
2	Gigante 🐾	<b>Not This Time</b>	Iapetus Racing and Diamond T Racing	Asmussen	Castellano	121
3	Nagirroc	<b>Lea</b>	Little Red Feather Racing, Madaket Stables LLC and Strauss, William	Motion	Prat	121
4	Mo Stash 🐾	<b>Mo Town</b>	BBN Racing, LLC	Oliver	Geroux	125
5	Northern Invader 🐾	<b>Collected</b>	West Point Thoroughbreds and Ingordo, David	DeVaux	Velazquez	119
6	Major Dude	Bolt d'Oro	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Pletcher	Gaffalione	125
7	More Than Looks 🐾	More Than Ready	Victory Racing Partners	DeVaux	Lezcano	123
8	Tee At One	Tunwoo	Mastic Beach Racing	Morici	Sanchez	119

**Breeders:** 1-St Albans Bloodstock LLP, 2-Ann Mudge Backer & Smitten Farm, 3-Chervenell Thoroughbreds LLC, 4-Rhineshire Farm LLC, 5-Anderson Farms Ont. Inc. & Peter A.Berglar Racing Interests, LLC., 6-Clearsky Farms, 7-Hinkle Farms, 8-Julian Serna Jr. & Marie Serna

**Saturday, Del Mar #9, post time: 9:00 p.m. EDT****YELLOW RIBBON H.-GII, \$250,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Closing Remarks	Vronsky	Harris Farms, Inc.	Gaines	Rispoli	122
2	Turnerloose 🐾	<b>Nyquist</b>	Abbondanza Racing, LLC, Medallion Racing, Thrash, Dawn and Thrash, Ike	D'Amato	Fresu	119
3	Spirit And Glory (Ire)	Cotai Glory (GB)	Beast Mode Racing LLC, CYBT, Dubb, Michael, Falcone, Jr., Robert N. and Nentwig, Michael	Falcone, Jr.	Berrios	120
4	School Dance	Animal Kingdom	Agave Racing Stable & Rockin Robin Racing Stables	D'Amato	Vazquez	120

5	Lucky Girl (Ire)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	Panic Stable LLC	D'Amato	Bravo	118
6	Ganadora 🌿	Quality Road	Baoma Corp	Baffert	Hernandez	119
7	Awake At Midnyte 🌿	Nyquist	Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Gutierrez	119

**Breeders:** 1-Harris Farms, 2-William Humphries & Altair Farms LLC, 3-Dr Noel Cogan & Patrick Williams, 4-Betz/Lamantia/Ramsby/Strong, B & KCAnetti/J.Betz, 5-Paul Hyland, 6-Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD, BrianGraves & Michael E. Hemon, 7-Forty Oaks

**Saturday, Saratoga #8, post time: 5:06 p.m. EDT**

**HERB MOELIS MEMORIAL SARATOGA SPECIAL S.-GII, \$200,000, 2yo, 6 1/2f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Lasso	Brethren	Arindel	Alvarado	Zayas	120
2	Market Street 🌿	Street Sense	Les Wagner	Lukas	Torres	120
3	Woodcourt	Ransom the Moon	Qatar Racing, Detampel, Marc and Galvin, Fergus	Walsh	Ortiz	120
4	Haul	Army Mule	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and St. Elias Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	120
5	Edified 🌿	Tapit	Courtlandt Farms	Asmussen	Rosario	120
6	Rhyme Schemes 🌿	Ghostzapper	Pura Vida Investments LLC	Casse	Santana, Jr.	120

**Breeders:** 1-Arindel, 2-Robert Low & Lawana Low, 3-Michelle Lovell, 4-KMN Racing, LLC, 5-Summer Wind Equine LLC, 6-Parks Investment Group, LLC

**Saturday, Del Mar #6, post time: 7:30 p.m. EDT**

**SORRENTO S. PRESENTED BY KEENELAND SALES-GIII, \$200,000, 2yo, f, 6f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Feisty Mitole	Mitole	Barber, Gary and Pell, Richard C.	Miller	Vazquez	118
2	Dreamfyre 🌿	Flameaway	Danny A. Eplin	Jauregui	Berrios	120
3	Dua	Arrogate	Zedan Racing Stables, Inc.	Baffert	Hernandez	120
4	Vinos Angel	Vino Rosso	Adams, Tony, Adams, Angela, Connors, James Michael, Connors, Paris Oliver, Rasmussen, Richard, Santos, Rob and Symons, Lisa	McCanna	Bravo	118
5	Kythira 🌿	Kantharos	Albert, Rory, Dunn, Robin D., Hanson, Michelle and Hanson, Ryan	Hanson	Van Dyke	120
6	Motet 🌿	Mo Town	Gary J. Folgner	Gomez	Alsagoor	118
7	Ur in Trouble 🌿	Maximus Mischief	R3 Racing LLC	O'Neill	Fresu	118
8	Benedetta 🌿	City of Light	Kaleem Shah, Inc.	Callaghan	Espinoza	118

**Breeders:** 1-Brandywine Farm (Jim & Pam Robinson), 2-John C. Oxley, 3-Wynnstay Inc, Donna Moore & JimRichardson, 4-Stoneriggs Farm, 5-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc &Stretch Run Ventures, LLC, 6-Lantern Hill Farm LLC, 7-Springland Farm & Lynden Branch, 8-Springhouse Farm & Dromoland Farm

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Reeves Firster Looks Dangerous at the Spa



by Alan Carasso

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

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

### Thursday, August 10, 2023

#### Saratoga 5, \$88k, 2yo, f, (S), 6f, 3:26 p.m. ET

Horse (Sire)	Sale	Price (\$)	Breeze*
<b>Ekwanok (Mitole)</b>	<b>OBSAPR</b>	<b>145,000</b>	<b>:10.2</b>
<i>Consignor: Niall Brennan Stables, agent</i>			
<i>Buyer: Windylea Farm LLC</i>			
<b>Miss d'Or Cherie (Bolt d'Oro)</b>	<b>OBSAPR</b>	<b>300,000</b>	<b>:20.3</b>
<i>Consignor: RiceHorse Stable (Brandon &amp; Ali Rice)</i>			
<i>Buyer: Reeves Thoroughbred Racing (PS)</i>			
<b>Snarky (Redesdale)</b>	<b>OBSJUN</b>	<b>115,000</b>	<b>:10</b>
<i>Consignor: Harris Training Center LLC</i>			
<i>Buyer: eFive Racing</i>			
<b>Superstarsusan (Hard Spun)</b>	<b>OBSAPR</b>	<b>95,000</b>	<b>:10.1</b>
<i>Consignor: Omar Ramirez Bloodstock, agent</i>			
<i>Buyer: Clear Stars Stable &amp; Mitre Box Stable</i>			

#### Saratoga 6, \$83k, 2yo, (R), 6f, 4:00 p.m. ET

<b>Always Dialed (Dialed In)</b>	<b>OBSJUN</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>:10.3</b>
<i>Consignor: Omar Ramirez Bloodstock, agent</i>			
<i>Buyer: Melanie Giddings</i>			

<b>Cowboy Luke (Girvin)</b>	<b>OBSMAR</b>	<b>37,000</b>	<b>:10.1</b>
<i>Consignor: Little Farm Equine LLC, agent</i>			
<i>Buyer: Ashley Quartarolo, agent</i>			
<b>Don Vino Vici (Vino Rosso)</b>	<b>OBSMAR</b>	<b>37,000</b>	<b>:10.3</b>
<i>Consignor: de Meric Sales, agent</i>			
<i>Buyer: Dominick Schettino</i>			
<b>Secret Lover (Khozan)</b>	<b>OBSJUN</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>:10.2</b>
<i>Consignor: IJC Racing Stables LLC</i>			
<i>Buyer: Cammarota Racing LLC</i>			
<b>Twentyeighttothree (Curlin)</b>	<b>OBSAPR</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>:10.3</b>
<i>Consignor: de Meric Sales, agent</i>			
<i>Buyer: James Politano</i>			

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#### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**JOHNSTONE MILE H.**, \$121,250, Saratoga, 8-9, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.98, ft.

1--**VENTI VALENTINE, 124, f, 4, Firing Line--Glory Gold, by**

**Medaglia d'Oro.** O-NY Final Furlong Racing Stable and Parkland Thoroughbreds; B-Final Furlong Racing Stable & Maspeth Stable (NY); T-Jorge R. Abreu; J-Manuel Franco. \$68,750. Lifetime Record: 13-5-2-2, \$617,600.

\*1/2 to Espresso Shot (Mission Impazible), MSW, \$516,625.

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2--**Timeless Journey, 123, m, 6, Verrazano--Matchmadeinheaven, by Utopia (Jpn).** O-Merrylegs Farm; B-Merrylegs Farm North LLC (NY); T-Raymond Handal. \$25,000.

3--**Betsy Blue, 123, m, 5, Tonalist--Honest to Betsy, by Yonaguska.** O-Cloud Nine Stable; B-Blue Devil Racing Stable, LLC (NY); T-Linda Rice. \$15,000.

Margins: HF, HF, 2 1/4. Odds: 5.20, 7.90, 1.00.

Also Ran: Know It All Audrey, Sunset Louise. Scratched: Bustin Bay, Mia Bea Star.

A state-bred stakes winner at two and graded stakes placed at three, the chestnut rounded out her sophomore season with a win going a mile in a muddy renewal of the Bay Ridge S. at the Big A in December. Fourth facing Empire bred in Belmont's Critical Eye S. May 29, the 4-year-old finished third last time out while trying open optional claiming company at that venue June 24.



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Lugging out dramatically at the start, the 5-1 chance settled off the pace as favored Sunset Louise (**Tonalist**) and Know It All Audrey (Shackleford) set an opening quarter in :24.33. With Know It All Audrey assuming a slight advantage over Sunset Louise following a half in :47.34, Venti Valentine began to make progress while swinging to the outside for the stretch drive. With the early pacesetters beginning to soften, Venti Valentine overtook the late-leading Timeless Journey late en route to a narrow score. Late-closing Betsy Blue was up for third.

“She broke a step slow and I was kind of surprised. But after that, very good trip,” said winning rider Manny Franco. “I just sat behind the two horses in front and when [Timeless Journey] passed by the five-sixteenths, I just went around him [Dylan Davis, aboard Timeless Journey] and got in the clear.”

Winning trainer Jorge Abreu won two races on the card, including Jody's Pride (**American Pharoah**) in race 6.

“I think I was a little concerned about the post because she doesn't like to be inside of horses,” he said. “I told Manny, ‘Play the break and see if you can get us out somehow outside of horses and she'll run for you.’ She did.”

“At the quarter pole when she was picking up her momentum, I was feeling pretty confident then because there was nobody coming from behind. We had like two lengths in front of the six horse [No. 6, Timeless Journey].”

When asked what's next for the filly, Abreu said, “We'll see how she comes out. We'll probably save her for Aqueduct, keep her against state-breds and go from there.”

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**4th-Saratoga, \$144,120, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 8-9, 3yo/up, 1 1/4m (off turf), 2:03.38, ft, neck.**

**CLASSIC CATCH (c, 3, **Classic Empire**--Moon Catcher {**GSW, \$714,450**}, by Malibu Moon),** a well-beaten fourth to subsequent GI Belmont S. hero Arcangelo (Arrogate) in the GIII Peter Pan S., he was last seen running fifth in the Pegasus S. June 17 at Monmouth Park. Sent off the 5-2 shot here in this off-turf affair, the Todd Pletcher trainee closely tracked pacesetter Trident Hit (Tiznow) into the clubhouse turn and up the backstretch. As the leader lost steam around the far turn, both the dark bay colt and Costa Terra (**Gun Runner**) began to battle with one another. Separating themselves from the rest of the field, it was Classic Catch who surged ahead along the rail to win by a neck. Out of an extended female family which includes MGISW Ancient Title, the winner is a half-brother to SP Bobby G (Awesome Again). His dam also produced a 2-year-old colt by Competitive Edge and she foaled a filly Feb. 28 by **McKinzie**. She visited **Justify** for 2024. Sales History: \$110,000 Ylg '21 KESEEP. Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-2, \$237,210. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.](#)**

O-Whisper Hill Farm, LLC; B-Liberty Road Stables, LLC (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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**8th-Saratoga, \$116,380, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 8-9, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.79, ft, nose.**

**INTO HAPPINESS (f, 4, **Into Mischief**--Acting Happy {**GSW & MGISP, \$262,470**}, by Empire Maker),** who accounted for a single win in 10 starts for Michelle Nevin, was dropped in for \$40,000 at Belmont June 23 and came home a 12 1/4-length. Claimed that day by her current connections, she followed up with another win in a seven-furlong starter allowance at the Spa July 13. Sent off at 4-1 to make it three straight while stepping into open company here, she got off to a sluggish start, and found herself at the back as MGISP Raging Sea (**Curlin**) led through a pedestrian :25.18 quarter. Starting to gear up and improving to fourth with a quarter mile to go, Into Happiness swung out wide turning for home, bore down on the tiring favorite and new leader Coppa Girl (**Constitution**) in the final sixteenth and won the head bob at the wire.

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Out of MGISW I Ain't Bluffing (Pine Bluff), GSW and MGISP Acting Happy (Empire Maker) has a yearling filly by Mo Town and a filly foal by Maclean's Music. She was bred back to Army Mule. Lifetime Record: 13-4-2-0, \$215,727. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Windylea Farm, LLC; B-Samantha Siegel (KY); T-Mark Hennig.

**7th-Belterra, \$25,600, (S), Alw, 8-9, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:37.09, fm, 4 lengths.**

**BUCKEYE BELLE (f, 3, Liam's Map--Lion Belle, by Lion Heart)**, a debut winner going five panels against statebred rivals here July 5, was installed the 2-5 choice to remain perfect while stretching out. Quickly to the fore, she extended her advantage late, scoring by four lengths over Chica Chula (Courageous Cat). Sales history: \$60,000 RNA Ylg '21 OTBOMX. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$29,580. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O/B-Maccabee Farm LLC (OH); T-Thomas Drury, Jr.



**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**6th-Saratoga, \$105,000, Msw, 8-9, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:05.50, ft, 10 1/2 lengths.**

**JODY'S PRIDE (f, 2, American Pharoah--Jody's Song, by Scat Daddy)**, sent off the 6-5 second choice in this scratch depleted off-the-turf test, suffled with 3-1 chance Mia Marcela (Twirling Candy) through an crisp opening quarter mile in :21.89.

Narrowly in front approaching the quarter pole, Jody's Pride was a touch awkward switching gears in early stretch, but straightened herself out and drew off as Mia Marcela faded to score by an emphatic 10 1/2 lengths. Favored Solve the Puzzle (Bolt d'Oro), who drew in off the MTO list was third. Jody's Song, a half-sister to MSW and GISP Make Mischief (Into Mischief), produced full brothers to Jody's Pride the past two seasons and was bred back to Epicenter. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$57,750. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Parkland Thoroughbreds and Sportsmen Stable; B-Mr. Steve Weston (KY); T-Jorge R. Abreu.

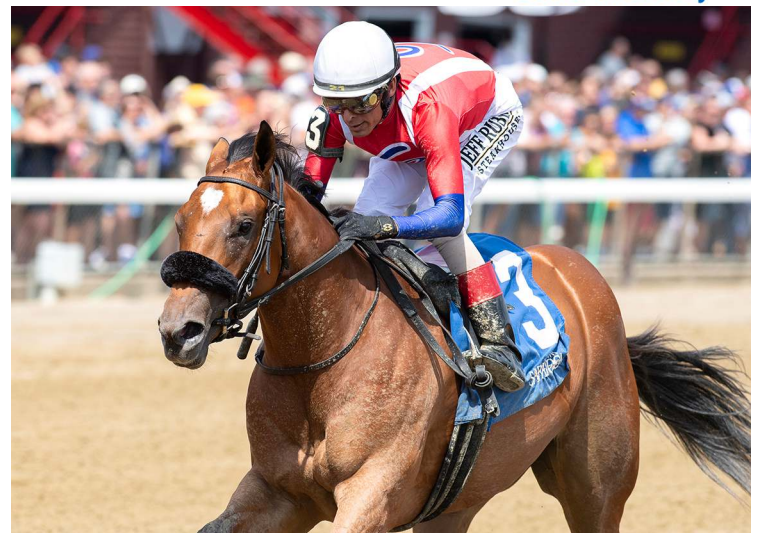
**3rd-Saratoga, \$88,000, (S), Msw, 8-9, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:06.12, ft, 4 3/4 lengths.**

**TRICKY TEMPER (f, 2, Into Mischief--Winter Book {MSW, \$148,299}, by Any Given Saturday)** was the 6-5 favorite in this off-turf debut that saw half of the field scratch following heavy rains earlier in the week. The bay rated to the outside up the backstretch, three off the lead. Tricky Temper was still in chase mode around the far turn but at the top of the lane, she flashed her speed down the center of the track to win by 4 3/4 lengths over My Kinda Mischief (Maximus Mischief. The winner's dam, who is a half-sister to GSW Motor City (Street Sense), produced a yearling filly by Gift Box and visited Yaupon for next year. Sales History: \$97,000 RNA Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$230,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$48,400. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Mark H. Stanley; B-Sequel Thoroughbreds, LLC & Lakland Farm (NY); T-Jeremiah C. Englehart.

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**1st-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$34,000, Msw, 8-9, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:05.10, wf, neck.**

**EPIC BATTLE (c, 2, Runhappy--Speedy War, by War Front), 7-2** for this first start, led up the backstretch until he was joined just before the far turn by 4-5 favorite Quarrymen (Street Boss). Going head-to-head at the top of the lane, the pair dueled all the way to the wire, but Epic Battle poked his head in front to win by a neck. The winner's dam is responsible for a yearling colt by Flatter and she was bred to **Blame** for next year. Sales History: \$80,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$20,400. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.** O-Cherry Valley Farm LLC; B-Bradley W. Purcell (KY); T-Thomas Drury, Jr.

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**1st-Canterbury, \$31,000, (S), Msw, 8-9, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:06.38, sy, 12 1/2 lengths.**

**XTREME DIVA (f, 2, Coal Front--Silly Little Mama {MSW, \$149,823}, by Old Topper),** sent off the 4-5 choice, was up on the early pace, assumed control through a :47.38 half and extended her advantage late, rolling home an eye-catching 12 1/2-length winner over Honorable Mischief (Maximus Mischief). Xtreme Diva represents the fifth winner for her Freshman sire (by Stay Thirsty). The winner is a half to Crypto Mama (Cloud Computing), MSP, \$168,300. Sale's History: \$35,000 Ylg '22 MNSAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,600. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.** O-Xtreme Racing Stables, LLC; B-Scott Pierce (MN); T-McLean Robertson.

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**Audible** (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, \$25,000  
150 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Saratoga, 3:26 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, My Mane Squeeze, 6-1

**Catalina Cruiser** (Union Rags), Lane's End Farm, \$15,000  
110 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-Saratoga, 1:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2ft, Bobby Jean, 10-1  
\$55,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$80,000 KEE SEP yrl  
1-Saratoga, 1:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2ft, My Starship, 20-1  
\$55,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$10,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$30,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo

**Catholic Boy** (More Than Ready), Claiborne Farm, \$15,000  
104 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
8-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5:50 p.m. EDT, Msw 7 1/2ft, Nativity, 5-1  
\$90,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Flameaway** (Scat Daddy), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500  
116 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner  
6-Saratoga, 4:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Game Misconduct, 20-1  
\$36,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$45,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$35,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo

**Force the Pass** (Speightstown), Saudi Arabia  
36 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Canterbury, 8:07 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Latin Force, 12-1  
\$3,500 MNS AUG yrl

**Mitole** (Eskendereya), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000  
159 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Saratoga, 3:26 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Ekwanok, 12-1  
\$110,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$145,000 OBS APR 2yo  
4-Charles Town, 8:25 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Mitole Candy, 7-2  
\$30,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Om** (Munnings), Harris Farms, \$6,000  
35 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
4-Del Mar, 6:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 5ft, Cussin N Fussin, 12-1  
\$25,000 FTC AYR yrl

**Redirect** (Speightstown)  
10 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Charles Town, 8:25 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Direct the Cat, 3-1

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**Shagaf** (Bernardini), Indiana Stallion Station, \$2,500  
 8 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
 1-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 2:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Captain's Best, 4-1  
 1-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 2:10 p.m., Msw 1m, Dattts Life, 5-2  
 \$4,500 KEE NOV wnl  
 1-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 2:10 p.m., Msw 1m, Shagbark, 3-1

**Solomini** (Curlin), McMahan of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, \$6,500  
 78 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
 5-Saratoga, 3:26 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Book of Wisdom, 3-1  
 \$25,000 FTN MIX wnl

**Vino Rosso** (Curlin), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000  
 179 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner  
 6-Saratoga, 4:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Don Vino Vici, 20-1  
 \$100,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$37,000 OBS MAR 2yo

**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, AUGUST 10  
 2023 Stud Fees Listed**

**Aldrin** (Malibu Moon), O'Sullivan Farms, \$2,000  
 46 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners  
 2-Colonial Downs, 2:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Buzzaway, 15-1  
 4-Charles Town, 8:25 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Runaway Beauty, 6-1

**Redesdale** (Speightstown), McMahan of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, \$2,500  
 74 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner  
 5-Saratoga, 3:26 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Snarky, 9-2  
 \$8,000 OBS WIN wnl; \$115,000 OBS OPN 2yo

**Tup Take' Please** (R. S. V. P. Please)  
 2 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
 8-Charles Town, 10:17 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Red Speak Please, 10-1



**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**7th-Hawthorne, \$42,120**, 8-9, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.33, ft, 4 1/2 lengths.

**TEE BURNS (g, 4, Klimt--Dalis On Stage, by Yankee Gentleman)**  
 Lifetime Record: 19-5-2-4, \$94,792. O-Corban, Barry, Fraterrigo, Gregory J. and Reavis, Michael L.; B-Elise Handler & Matthew Schering (KY); T-Michael L. Reavis. \*\$40,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$10,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP.



**3rd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$42,000**, (S), 8-9, (NW4LX), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.76, ft, 3 lengths.

**ROTARY DIAL (g, 5, Dialed In--Dreamin Big {MSW, \$602,350}, by Pure Prize)** Lifetime Record: 13-4-3-3, \$132,250. O-Penny S. Lauer; B-Michael E. & Penny S. Lauer (IN); T-Michael E. Lauer. \*1/2 to Strong Tide (English Channel), MSW & GISP, \$692,389; 1/2 to Flurry (Old Fashioned), MSW, \$231,099.

**6th-Hawthorne, \$41,460**, 8-9, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2ft, 1:02.42, fm, 3/4 length.

**SHE'S WANDAFUL (m, 5, Flat Out--Where's Wanda, by Straight Line)** Lifetime Record: 25-4-2-3, \$82,852. O-Janice L. Ely; B-Morrie Waud (KY); T-Patti R. Miller.

**7th-Thistledown, \$40,100**, (S), 8-9, (NW4L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.80, ft, 1/2 length.

**DERBY INCLUDED (g, 6, Include--Derby Day Storm {MSP, \$238,512}, by Habayeb)** Lifetime Record: 27-4-4-4, \$131,943. O/B-Bryan A Metz (OH); T-Robert C. Cline.

**5th-Thistledown, \$33,400**, Alw, 8-9, (NW26M), 3yo/up, 1m, ft, 7 lengths.

**CHANNEL FURY (g, 5, Even the Score--Star Sheba {SP, \$104,472}, by Elusive Hour)** Lifetime Record: 22-7-7-3, \$185,495. O/B-Elkhorn Oaks Inc. (KY); T-James R. Jackson. \*Full to Command Strike, SW, \$211,736; Full to Shadow Tracer, SP, \$297,157.

**2nd-Canterbury, \$33,005**, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 8-9, 3yo/up, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:45.18, sy, neck.

**RUNAWAY READY (g, 5, Cross Traffic--Citizen Emma, by Proud Citizen)** Lifetime Record: 17-4-6-1, \$119,285. O-Novogratz Racing Stables Inc.; B-Sugarland Thoroughbreds, LLC (MN); T-McLean Robertson. \$35,000 Ylg '19 EASOCT.

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**7th-Presque Isle Downs, \$32,840**, 8-9, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:44.64, ft, 3/4 length.

**YADI (g, 6, Verrazano--Un Eclair, by Pioneer of the Nile)** Lifetime Record: 50-6-7-7, \$115,624. O-Thomas E. Rozantz; B-Wendell Yates (KY); T-Cathy Carr Rozantz. \*\$60,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEEJAN.

**7th-Finger Lakes, \$24,000**, (S), 8-9, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.11, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

**TRUE EMPRESS (f, 4, Classic Empire--For All You Know {SP, \$112,887}, by Yes It's True)** Lifetime Record: 21-5-2-4, \$193,919. O-J and M Racing Stables, O'Driscoll, James J. and Elvira Falco; B-Magnolia Mares LLC (NY); T-Michael S. Ferraro. \*\$135,000 Wlg '19 FTNMIX.

**3rd-Finger Lakes, \$23,320**, 8-9, (C), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.82, ft, head.

**STARBURST (g, 5, Upstart--Favorite Candy, by Candy Ride {Arg})** Lifetime Record: 7-5-0-0, \$124,413. O-Dare To Dream Stable LLC (Michael Faber); B-David DiPietro (MD); T-Michael Stidham. \*\$30,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

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**4th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$20,140**, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$15,000), 8-8, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.89, ft, 1 length.

**INCESSANT (m, 5, Oxbow--Perpetual Novena {SP}, by Majestic Warrior)** Lifetime Record: 31-8-5-1, \$130,941. O/T-Khadeem Galloway; B-Evans Wellborn & Eddie Kane (KY).

**1st-Assiniboia Downs, C\$20,000**, (S), 8-8, 3yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2f, 1:33.42, ft, 5 lengths.

**LADY COP (f, 3, Vengeful Wildcat--Agolo Bynoe, by Successful Appeal)** Lifetime Record: 9-5-0-2, \$69,132. O-A2 Thoroughbreds and True North Thoroughbreds; B-Betty Hughes (MB); T-Michael Nault. \*C\$12,000 Ylg '21 CTHMAN.

**6th-Fort Erie, C\$18,204**, 8-8, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17.13, ft, 3/4 length.

**VICTORY MARCH (g, 5, Maclean's Music--Victory On Tap, by Pleasant Tap)** Lifetime Record: 14-2-3-1, \$72,632. O-John Simms; B-Judy B. Hicks (KY); T-John Simms. \$210,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. \*1/2 to My Majestic Rose (Majestic Warrior), GSW, \$207,028.

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Gamboling Ghost**, g, 2, **Weigelia**--Dancingwithdebbie, by Mizzen Mast. Presque Isle Downs, 8-9, (S), 5f (AWT), :58.54. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$18,750. B-Cynthia M Bartkowski & Scott A Bunker (PA). \*\$9,500 Ylg '22 EASOCT.

**Holiday With Amy**, f, 3, **Ami's Holiday**--Proud Vixen, by Proud

Citizen. Fort Erie, 8-8, 7ft, 1:27.10. Lifetime Record: 10-1-2-0, \$33,022. B-Colebrook Farms & Bear Stables (ON).

**Morethanafeeling**, c, 3, **Blame**--Blithely (SP, \$310,410), by Exchange Rate. Saratoga, 8-9, (S), 1m (off turf), 1:39.98. Lifetime Record: 8-1-3-2, \$104,050. B-William Parsons & David Howe (NY). \*\$35,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT; \$70,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN.

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**Returnoninvestment**, g, 3, **Karakontie (Jpn)**--Almost an Angel, by Artie Schiller. Belterra, 8-9, (S), 1mT, 1:39.28. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-2, \$25,375. B-The Ronald E. DeWolf Trust (OH).

**Specialized**, c, 3, **Midshipman**--Love Spun, by **Hard Spun**. Thistledown, 8-9, (S), 6f, 1:12.26. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$21,696. B-Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm (OH). \*Full to Special Reserve, MGSW & GISP, \$789,746.

**Callie's Passion**, f, 3, **Outwork**--Bid N Ask, by **Munnings**. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 8-9, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:43.51. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-1, \$29,763. B-Cherry Run Farm & **Outwork** Syndicate (KY). \*\$28,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

**Faith Runner**, c, 4, **Medaglia d'Oro**--Miss Empire (MSW & GISP, \$228,250), by Empire Maker. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 8-9, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:44.31. Lifetime Record: 14-1-2-1, \$47,796. B-Whisper Hill Farm, LLC (KY). \*\$300,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP.

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- Blofeld**, Brooklyn Girl, f, 3, o/o Pop Ditty's Girl, by Afleet Alex. MSW, 8-9, Delaware
- Classic Empire**, Classic Catch, c, 3, o/o Moon Catcher, by Malibu Moon. AOC, 8-9, Saratoga
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- Dialed In**, Rotary Dial, g, 5, o/o Dreamin Big, by Pure Prize. ALW, 8-9, Horseshoe Indianapolis
- Even the Score**, Channel Fury, g, 5, o/o Star Sheba, by Elusive Hour. ALW, 8-9, Thistledown
- Firing Line**, Venti Valentine, f, 4, o/o Glory Gold, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. Johnstone Mile H., 8-9, Saratoga
- Flat Out**, She's Wandaful, m, 5, o/o Where's Wanda, by Straight Line. ALW, 8-9, Hawthorne
- Global Power**, Mere Bag of Shells, f, 3, o/o Morant Bay, by Badge of Silver. MSW, 8-9, Thistledown
- Include**, Derby Included, g, 6, o/o Derby Day Storm, by Habayeb. ALW, 8-9, Thistledown

- Into Mischief**, Into Happiness, f, 4, o/o Acting Happy, by Empire Maker. AOC, 8-9, Saratoga
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