WHEN DERBY, PREAKNESS, BELMONT WINNERS MEET, HISTORY SAYS SOMEONE ELSE WILL STEAL TRAVERS

The Week in Review, by T.D. Thornton

As Tuesday's entry time looms, the GI Travers S. is shaping up as a rare showdown of the three winners of this season's Triple Crown races. That's happened only five times since 1978, and on no occasion during the last 45 years when the winners of those spring Classics all graced the starting gate for Saratoga's "Midsummer Derby" has any one of them emerged victorious.

That's a fairly daunting stat considering how the match-up of the GI Kentucky Derby, GI Preakness S. and GI Belmont S. winners is essentially what the public wants to see.

It's also a little surprising because of the presence of several high-profile horses on that list of Travers losers: Two of them had even swept the Triple Crown before getting derailed at the Spa--one crossed the wire first but was disqualified for interference, while the other endured the roughest trip of his career in his only loss at age three.

Adding to this year's intrigue, none of the winners of this spring's Triple Crown races are likely to be favored in the Travers. Derby upsetter Mage (Good Magic), Preakness victor National Treasure (Quality Road), and Belmont bloomer Arcangelo (Arrogate) all figure to be eclipsed in the betting by last year's 2-year-old champ, Forte (Violence). Cont. p3

'PRINCE' LEADS ROYAL PROCESSION IN KING'S PLATE by Christina Bossinakis

Etobicoke, Ont.--On paper, it appeared that Paramount Prince (Society’s Chairman) had many things going for him heading into the 164th King's Plate at Woodbine. Trained by Mark Casse, who is one of only a handful of individuals who has been honored by both the U.S. and Canadian Hall of Fames, the chestnut was benefitting from the services of another Canadian stalwart in Patrick Husbands. Not to mention he is owned by Michael Langlois and Gary Barber, the latter well-known for having campaigned the likes of a trio of Classic winners--2019 GI Preakness S. hero War of Will, in addition to a pair of Queen's Plate scorers--Lexie Lou (2014) and Wonder Gadot (2018).

However, despite the super-stacked street cred, the gelding was given only tepid support at 8-1 to give Casse his third victory in the oldest continuously run race in North America. Cont. p5

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MAGNIER, WHITE BIRCH GO TO €2.2M FOR SIYOUNI COLT AT ARQANA The Arqana August Yearling Sale Sunday session was topped by a son of the French champion sire who was knocked down to MV Magnier and White Birch Farm for €2.2 million. Emma Berry and Brian Sheerin report from Deauville.
MISS DRACARYS WINS THE DANCE SMARTLY
Miss Dracarys (Malibu Moon) upset last year’s Queen’s Plate winner Moira (Ghostzapper) in the GII Dance Smartly S. at Woodbine Sunday.

PATCHES O’HOULIHAN WIRES BOLD VENTURE
Patches O’Houlihan (Reload) defeated his elders with a wire-to-wire victory in the GIII Bold Venture S. at Woodbine Sunday.

BULLET DRILL FOR SCOTLAND AHEAD OF TRAVERS
LNJ Foxwoods’ Scotland (Good Magic) turned in a bullet work ahead of next week’s GI Travers S., while champion stablemates Elite Power and Channel Maker worked in company in preparation for Grade I races of their own.
The Week in Review (cont. from p1)

Turn the clock back to 2017 to find the last Travers that lured all three Triple Crown race winners. Always Dreaming, first in the Derby, finished ninth in Saratoga’s showcase race. Cloud Computing, the Preakness winner, ran eighth. Tapwrit, the Belmont winner, finished fourth, eight lengths behind the 6-1, wire-to-wire Travers outsider West Coast, who had broken his maiden in March, passed on the Triple Crown, and prepped with a score in the GIII Los Alamitos Derby.

In 2015, American Pharoah looked like a Travers slam dunk at 35-1 odds after dominating the division with powerhouse performances in the Derby, Preakness, Belmont, and GI Haskell Invitational. But the champ was boxed in, bounced around, and knocked off stride by 7-1 pace-presser Frosted in the Travers, softening him up just enough for the 16-1 Keen Ice to prevail by three-quarters of a length.

Before that, there had been a 33-year gap back to the last Travers that featured all three winners of that year’s Triple Crown races.

The 1982 renewal only drew five entrants, but it was headlined by speedy Belmont stayer Conquistador Cielo, the 2-5 chalk who was looking to extend a seven-race win streak. Derby winner Gato Del Sol and Preakness upsetter Aloma’s Ruler were the second and third favorites. But Aloma’s Ruler and Conquistador Cielo dueled themselves into defeat, allowing the overlooked Canadian-bred gray Runaway Groom to eke out a half-length victory at 12-1 after prepping for the Travers with a score in Fort Erie’s Prince of Wales S. Behind him, the Preakness, Belmont and Derby winners had to settle for second, third, and fifth, respectively.
The 1981 Travers also featured a Triple Crown triumvirate, consisting of Derby and Preakness winner Pleasant Colony, sent postward as the 8-5 fave, and Summing, who had beaten him in the Belmont. They were second and ninth, respectively, behind the 24-1 Travers party crasher Willow Hour, who splashed home by a head after refusing to get hooked into running too fast too early by a rabbit entrymate of Pleasant Colony’s.

You have to go all the way back to 1978 to find the last time the Travers drew the winners of all three spring Classics and the first horse across the line was a winner of one of those races. But even that apparent victory was fleeting.

In this case it was the Triple Crown champ Affirmed, who was sent off the 7-10 favorite over the even-money Alydar, whom he had defeated in Louisville, Baltimore and New York. Yet in one of the most dramatic renewals in Travers history, Affirmed’s 1 3/4-length victory was erased by a disqualification because he had dropped down near the rail nearing the far turn, cutting off his arch-rival and forcing Alydar into the fence. The stewards' reversal of the order of finish based on the foul elevated Alydar to the win.

Big effort from 'Cody's' Lil Bro

Hunt Ball (Into Mischief), the 2-year-old little brother of multiple Grade I-winning miler Cody’s Wish (Curlin), didn’t win his sprint debut Saturday at Saratoga. But his second-place effort in the first race Aug. 19 behind wire-to-wire favorite Risk It (Gun Runner) stamps him as a horse of interest moving forward.

The Godolphin homebred for trainer Bill Mott got pinballed at the break then rushed up into contention, losing momentum several times while trying to find a comfortable stalking spot chasing a well-meant winner over six furlongs. He leveled off with purpose under coaxing and was drawing a bead on Risk It in upper stretch before the favorite kicked clear by 4 1/2 lengths.

Keep an eye on Hunt Ball with a little bit more real estate to work with in start No. 2, whenever and wherever it comes.

Hunt Ball's dam, Dance Card, lost her sprint debut back in 2012 before racking up four straight wins over 1 1/16 miles and nine furlongs, including a Grade I win in that year’s Gazelle S.

And Cody’s Wish himself required four initial starts to find winning form in 2021, including twice being a beaten favorite as a juvenile at Saratoga before blasting through with three straight wins over one-turn miles at Churchill Downs.

Axel on a Roll

If you have the drive and the talent, the mid-Atlantic region is a great region to launch a racing career as an up-and-coming jockey, because it affords opportunities to ride at both day and evening tracks.

Right now the 18-year-old apprentice Axel Concepcion is making the most of the roughly 75-mile commute between Laurel Park and Charles Town Races. In a span of just under 48 hours between Friday night and Sunday afternoon, he rode nine combined winners at those two tracks.

The weekend spree included the first stakes score for Concepcion, who turned pro Jan. 1 in his native Puerto Rico. He won 21 races there before earning his first mainland U.S. victory Feb. 19 at Fair Grounds.
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He shifted his tack to Laurel a week later. Riding with a five-pound allowance, he's currently Maryland's leading apprentice this year and is represented by agent Tom Stift.

Concepcion rode two winners at Charles Town Friday, Aug. 18. The next afternoon at Laurel he scored in four, including one aboard an 11-1 shot and another on the 4-1 Field Pass (Lemon Drop Kid) in the $75,000 Find S. for owner Three Diamonds Farm and trainer Mike Maker. Back at Charles Town under the lights Aug. 19, Concepcion made two more visits to the winner's circle. On Sunday, Aug. 20, he rode one winner at Laurel.

In between, he's at Laurel for morning training, honing his skills while trying to get noticed and pick up business on an ultra-competitive circuit.

“He's got to be there in the morning at 6 a.m.,” Stift said. “He's been doing it for months now. He's on a mission. Obviously, Mike [Maker]'s been watching the races and watching Axel ride. You don't put a bug boy on a [stakes] horse like that unless you've been paying attention.”

Prince Leads Royal Procession in King's Plate

As expected, taking much of the pre-race play in the 17-horse field was GSW Kalik (Collected), trained by four-time Eclipse Award-winning trainer Chad Brown. Installed the 4-1 favorite, the colt weighed in slightly ahead of third betting choice Stanley House (Army Mule). While Paramount Prince seemed to take in all the hubbub that goes hand-in-hand with the big race days, Kalik bypassed the indoor enclosure entirely and set up shop in the outside ring early, proceeding to work up a fierce sweat by the time the field made their way out to the track.

Still giving the gate crew all they could handle in the moments right before the break, the favorite wasn’t in much of a hurry at the start, stationing himself toward the back early as his counterpoint, Paramount Prince, bounced to the front with relative ease. Carving out a quarter mile in :23.285 as longshots Velocitor (Mor Spirit) and Silent Miracle (Silent Name), followed by Casse's other runner—the filly Elysian Field (Hard Spun)—were within striking distance, the gelding continued to show the way following an honest but comfortable half-mile in :47.41. Still zipping along in front as the Woodbine Oaks winner started to turn the screws on Velocitor up the inside through three quarters in 1:11.81, Paramount Prince was given his cue from Husbands at the quarter pole, as his nearest pursuers were also set down for the final push. Given several right-handed reminders late just to remain on task, the gelding had enough left in the tank to score by 1 1/2 lengths over Elysian Field, co-owned by Barber and Team Valor International. Stanley House rallied from far back early to round out the triactor, while Velocitor came home fourth, seven lengths behind the winner. Favored Kalik never got into the mix of things, finishing 13th.

Sunday's King's Plate card yielded record handle of $18,127,726, up from the previous record of $18,005,973 generated in 2019.

“I didn't want to change anything that was already working,” offered Husbands when asked whether his instructions were to get to the front early. “But he left there running and he just did his own thing.”

Husbands also was winning his third Plate, following a score with ultimate Triple Crown winner Wando and Lexie Lou, for Casse and Barber.

He added, “I knew the first time around, that it was going to take a good horse to beat him.

“At the end of the day, you've got to let the horses talk and don't get too cocky. I had a clean break, I let him do what he likes to do best, and he just enjoyed the running, I asked him to get over on his right lead and he was just gone. He just glides over the ground.”
Casse explained, “He often wins the race at the start. He just breaks so fast. And there was a lot of speed. He’s so quick from the gate and that’s where he won it. He outbroke them and I knew when he went by us the first time he was traveling well.

“I was with Gary Barber, and we saw the half in :47 and I said, ‘That’s not too bad.’ And that Elysian Field, she’s just so tough, she came up. But it was a dream come true.”

Bred in Ontario by Ericka Rusnak, Paramount Prince was the first horse bought at auction by Langlois and his wife Charmaine, who made the purchase through then-trainer Jamie Attard. For Attard, Paramount Prince won when getting thrown in against $40,000 maidens going six panels over Woodbine’s Tapeta surface last November. Barber bought into the Ontario-bred following his first start, however, left him with Attard for the remainder of his 2022 campaign. Sent to Casse following a third facing Ontario-breds in the Clarendon S. in December, Paramount Prince kicked off 2023 with a second to One Bay Hemmingway (Danger Bay)—who returned to win the following month—in a six-furlong optional claiming event Apr. 30.

Stepping back into stakes company for his next start, he was runner-up behind Kaukokaipuu (Mr Speaker) in Woodbine’s seven-furlong Queenston S. June 11, but seemed to relish the added yardage, winning by five lengths at odds of 11-1 in his latest start in the Plate Trial S. July 23.

The gelding came into the Plate looking to become the first horse since Big Red Mike (2010) to notch the Trial-Plate double. Not Bourbon, in 2008, and Eye of the Leopard, in 2009, also recorded the double.

“When he came to us in Ocala, he was a different horse. We were shocked he was getting beat the first couple of times,” recalled Casse. “I think the key to that is he just doesn’t want to run short. And he just wants to use his speed.”

Pedigree Notes:
A $21,000 Canadian September Select yearling purchase, Paramount Prince is one of eight black-type winners for his sire, Society’s Chariman. The King’s Plate winner is out of SP Platinum Steel, a daughter of stakes winner Crafty Toast and a half-sister to GI Carter winner and Hill ‘n’ Dale stallion Army Mule (Friesan Fire).
KING'S PLATE S., C$1,004,500, Woodbine, 8-20, (C), 3yo, 1 1/4m (AWT), 2:01.93, ft.

1--PARAMOUNT PRINCE, 126, g, 3, by Society's Chairman
   1st Dam: Platinum Steel (SP, $171,013), by Eddington
   2nd Dam: Crafty Toast, by Crafty Prospector
   3rd Dam: Give a Toast, by Storm Bird
   (C$21,000 Ylg '21 CANSEP). O-Michael J. Langlois and Gary Barber; B-Ericka Nadine Rusnak (ON); T-Mark Casse; J-Patrick Husbands. C$600,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-1, $580,871.

2--Elysian Field, 121, f, 3, by Hard Spun--Elysian, by Smart Strike.
   ($50,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT; $70,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN). O-Team Valor International and Gary Barber; B-Anderson Farms Ont. Inc. (ON); T-Mark E. Casse. C$200,000.

3--Stanley House, 126, c, 3, Army Mule--Stormy's Song, by Unbridled's Song. ($80,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; $110,000 RNA Ylg '21 FTKJUL; $120,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT). 1ST BLACK TYPE.
   O-John E. and Diana L. Russell; B-Elevage II, LLC & St. Elias Stables LLC (ON); T-Michael P. De Paulo. C$100,000.

Margins: 1HF, 1HF, 4. Odds: 8.00, 4.60, 4.40.
Also Ran: Velocitor, Touch'n Ride, Enjoythesilent, Cool Kiss, Twin City, Philip My Dear, Moon Landing, Wickenheiser, Twowaycrossing, Kalik, Morstachy's, Kaukokaipuu, Silent Miracle, Midnight in Malibu. Scratched: El Cohete, Runaway Charlie. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.
DANCE SMARTLY S.-GII, C$208,400, Woodbine, 8-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:39.60, fm.
1--MISS DRACARYS, 122, m, 5, by Malibu Moon
   1st Dam: Ask Me When, by Speightstown
   2nd Dam: Cuando, by Lord At War (Arg)
   3rd Dam: Cuando Quiere, by Affirmed
   1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. ($525,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP). O-Al Shira'a Farms; B-Castleton Lyons & Kilboy Estate (KY); T-Neil Drysdale; J-J Castellano. C$120,000. Lifetime Record: 13-5-2-1, $370,728. *1/2 to Up the Ante (Smart Strike), SW & GSP, $298,713; Full to Aristocratic, SW & GSP, $560,209. Werk Nick Rating: A+. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

2--Moira, 122, f, 4, Ghostzapper--Devine Aida, by Unbridled's Song. ($150,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP). O-X-Men Racing, Madaket Stables LLC and SF Racing LLC; B-Adena Springs (ON); T-Kevin Attard. C$48,000.

3--Ready Lady, 121, f, 4, More Than Ready--Lady Shakespeare, by Theatrical (Ire). 1ST BLACK TYPE, 1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE. O/B-Charles Fipke (KY); T-Roger L. Attfield. C$22,000. Margins: 1, 3 1/4, NO. Odds: 4.35, 1.10, 16.95. Also Ran: Justify My Love (Brz), Ephrata (GB), Salimah (Ire), Whimsical Dance. Scratched: Il Malocchio, Souper Hoity Toity. Click for the Equibase.com chart and the TJCIS.com PPs. VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

Quite appropriately, last year's Queen's Plate heroine Moira was backed down to even-money favoritism to take the money in Sunday's GII Dance Smarty S. on the King's Plate undercard, but it was Hall of Fame trainer Neil Drysdale who swept north to land the lion's share with Miss Dracarys, making her seasonal debut while earning her first graded stakes victory.

Sent quickly to the front, the 5-year-old mare led 2-1 second choice Salimah (Ire) (El Kabeir), trained by Chad Brown, and a stalking Moira through opening fractions of :24.07, :47.91 and three quarters in 1:11.02. In control turning for home, the bay mare was not for catching despite Moira's best efforts late, crossing the wire a length in front of last season's Canadian Horse of the Year. Ready Lady closed to take third by a nose.

Making only a quartet of starts in 2022, the $525,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase won half of them, including a $62,500 optional claimer during Belmont at the Big A meet in October.

She concluded the season with another victory in Aqueduct's Forever Together S. in November, and wouldn't be seen again until Sunday's 8 1/2-furlong return.
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The 54th graded winner for Malibu Moon, Miss Dracarys is a full-sister to SW Aristocratic, and a half to GSP Up The Ante (Smart Strike) and This Is War (War Front), dam of Penn Oaks scorer Orbs Baby Girl (Orb). A half-sister to MGSW Dominus (Smart Strike), Ask Me When is a granddaughter of Cuando Quiere (Affirmed), responsible for MGISW Honey Rider (Lasting Approval) and Cuando Puede (Lord At War {Arg}), responsible for Hit It Rich (Smart Strike) and Spanish Mission (Cornado's Quest).

Sunday, Woodbine
BOLD VENTURE S.-GIII, C$170,000, Woodbine, 8-20, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:15.34, ft.

1--PATCHES O’HOULIHAN, 123, g, 3, by Reload
  1st Dam: Maythefourthbwithu, by Silent Name (Jpn)
  2nd Dam: Cat’s Calling, by Caller I. D.
  3rd Dam: Jazzie Jagua, by Tom Cat
1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. O/B-Frank D. Di Giulio, Jr. (ON); T-Robert P. Tiller; J-Daisuke Fukumoto. C$108,000.Lifetime Record: 7-6-0-0, $249,327. Werk Nick Rating: D. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.
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2--Last American Exit, 122, g, 6, Society’s Chairman--Where Oh Where, by Where’s the Ring. 1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE. O-Kirk Sutherland; B-Frank Di Giulio (ON); T-H Ladouceur. C$30,000.

3--Old Chestnut, 122, g, 6, Speightstown--Pool Land, by Silver Deputy. O-Bruno Schickedanz; B-Live Oak Stud (FL); T-Martin Drexler. C$15,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, HF, HF. Odds: 2.15, 45.00, 3.45.
Also Ran: Secret Reserve, Souper Watson, County Final, Border Town, Told It All, Candy Overload. Scratched: Flag Of Honour (Aus). Click for the Equibase.com chart and the TJCIS.com PPs.

VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.
Patches O’Houlihan, the lone 3-year-old in the field, made it five wins in a row with a determined victory in the GIII Bold Venture S. at Woodbine Sunday. The 2-1 favorite took charge in the early going and was well in hand while enjoying a clear advantage through a quarter in :22.68 and a half in :44.61. He was challenged by Last American Exit on the inside and Old Chestnut to his outside and looked ready to wilt between those two foes, but he found more late and drove the line comfortably in front.

“I looked at the [Daily Racing] Form,” said winning rider Daisuke Fukumoto. “I knew my speed in the race, but you know, anything can happen. I just rode simple, rode good. I went inside and then took the lead. He’s only three, right? It was a tough trip for him and he tried hard. He’s a nice horse.”

Patches O’Houlihan, a first-out winner over the Woodbine synthetic surface last September, suffered his lone loss to date with a troubled last-place effort over the lawn in the Bull Page S. two weeks later. He opened the year with back-to-back victories going 5 1/2 furlongs over the synthetic in optional-claimer company before returning to the lawn to win the July 8 Lake Huron S. He was coming off an 8 1/2-length romp in the off-turf Lake Superior S. July 30.

Winning trainer Robert Tiller credited owner/breeder Frank Di Giulio with the decision to tackle older horses in graded company with the speedy sophomore.

“I’ve got to give Frank a lot of credit,” said Tiller. “We test each other. It’s like a marriage. At the end of the day, this is a super good horse. I don’t want to say he’s a [Tiller-trained Sovereign Award champion] Pink Lloyd, but he’s a super good horse. This is a big thrill for me.”

Pedigree Notes:

Patches O’Houlihan is the second graded winner for his sire, Reload (Hard Spun), who has also been represented by GII Kennedy Road S. winner Candy Overland. He is the fourth graded winner for his broodmare sire, Silent Name (Jpn). A Phipps homebred, Reload won the 2014 GIII Canadian Turf S. and 2016 GIII Tampa Bay S. He stands at Northern Dawn Stables in Hillsburgh, Ontario for C$4,000.

Maythefourthbwithu has an unraced 2-year-old, May and June (Souper Speedy), as well as a yearling colt by that same sire. She was bred back to Reload this year. Breeder Frank Di Giulio purchased the mare for $3,549 at the 2012 Canadian September Select Yearling sale.

BULLET DRILL FOR SCOTLAND AHEAD OF TRAVERS

LNJ Foxwoods’ Scotland (Good Magic), last-out winner of the July 21 Curlin S., tuned up for Saturday’s GI Travers S. with a four-furlong move in :47.60 (1/68) over the Oklahoma training track Sunday in Saratoga.

“It was a good, useful work,” said trainer Bill Mott. “He galloped out well and seemed to have good energy and to be moving well. It was fast enough. I think we’re fit enough.”

A debut winner at Gulfstream in March, Scotland was nosed out of an allowance victory at Keeneland in April before taking a one-mile optional claiming at Churchill June 3. He was making his two-turn debut when scoring a 3 1/4-length victory in the nine-furlong Curlin last time out.

Scotland | Sarah Andrew

Also working for Mott Sunday, champions Elite Power (Curlin) and Channel Maker (English Channel) worked four furlongs in company over the Oklahoma training track. Elite Power, targeting next week’s GI Forego S., covered the distance in :49.55 (28/68), while Channel Maker, aiming for the GI Resorts World Casino Sword Dancer S., went in :49.75 (31/68).

“They both looked good and it was normal for them,” Mott said of the works.

On Saturday, Mott saddled firster Hunt Ball (Into Mischief), a half-brother to GI Breeders’ Cup Dirt Mile winner Cody’s Wish (Curlin), to a solid runner-up debut effort behind Risk It (Gun Runner).

Mott said the effort was educational for the juvenile, who split rivals from off the pace at the top of the lane and ran on well to be defeated 4 1/2 lengths in the six-furlong maiden race.

“We’ll probably stretch him out a little bit and we found out he’s pretty game,” Mott said of the Godolphin homebred. “He was willing to run through horses and he didn’t seem intimidated by it.”

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Meanwhile, with his debut victory, Risk It punched his ticket to the Sept. 16 one-mile Gill Iroquois S. at Churchill Downs, according to trainer Steve Asmussen.

“That’s what we were hoping for and we were thinking about it,” Asmussen said. “He’s trained like he’ll get a mile. Obviously with his pedigree and what he’s shown to this point, we’re going to continue to dream.”

Trainer John Ortiz sent Gill Adirondack S. winner Brightwork (Outwork) out to work four furlongs in :52.11 (137/139) over the main track at Saratoga Sunday morning in preparation for the Sept. 3 GI Spinaway S.

“We gave her an interval workout in preparation to stretch her out. She worked a half-mile, but she galloped out another half mile,” Ortiz explained. “From the pole to the wire, they got her in about :52, but if you clocked from the quarter-pole and just follow her gallop out, she galloped out in :49 flat. So, she basically did two workouts.

“I told Irad [Ortiz] I wanted her to go nice and easy, and get her to relax and let her listen to you,” added Ortiz. “When she got to the top of the stretch, I wanted her to stride out. I wanted him to let her gallop out as far as she wants and she took him all the way back to the half-mile pole. We basically went about seven furlongs and she stayed consistent on it.”

Unbeaten in three starts, Brightwork graduated first time out going 4 1/2 furlongs at Keeneland Apr. 26. She won the six-furlong Debutante S. at Ellis Park July 2 before her five-length victory in the 6 1/2-furlong Adirondack Aug. 6.

Brightwork will be stretching out to seven furlongs for the Spinaway, but Ortiz is confident she will handle the extra distance.
NESS, RODRIGUEZ TOP LAUREL STANDINGS

Jamie Ness was the leading trainer and Jaime Rodriguez was the top jockey at the Laurel Park summer meet which concluded Sunday. Ness saddled 27 winners at the 33-day stand, while Brittany Russell was second in the standings with 22 wins. Rodriguez outdistanced five-pound apprentice Axel Concepcion, 39-29, to finish as leading rider.

Ness and Rodriguez put an exclamation point on their meet with a Sunday hat trick--Madison Avenue Racing Stable, Inc. and Jagger Inc.’s Liberty Star in Race 5, Double B Racing Stables’ My Boy Colton in Race 6 and Morris Kernan Jr. and Jagger Inc.’s Borracho in Race 8.

“We’ve been on a pretty good roll this summer,” said Ness, who also tops the trainer standings in wins at both Delaware Park and Parx. “It’s hard to win on one front, but to win on three is really hard. We spread it out pretty equally. We’ve got good horses and we’ve got a good operation here in the Mid-Atlantic. We’ve got horses at all three tracks, and we’ve got Fair Hill and I’ve got my farm. We fine-tuned the infrastructure to the Mid-Atlantic region, and it seems to be getting a little bit better every year.”

Ness’ Jagger Inc.--named for his late dog--and Kernan finished as the meet’s leading owners with 10 wins. Jagger also won five races with Madison Avenue Racing and another four as sole owner.

“That’s another part of my business. I own a percentage of most of my horses. I like that and my owners like that, and it works well for us,” Ness said. “If I’m vested in the horse, then they feel more comfortable being vested in the horse. I’ve got some really good partners and they’re really good people and it’s been working out for us.”

The summer title is the second Maryland meet title for Rodriguez following Laurel’s winter stand. Represented by agent John Weilbacher, he is also the two-time defending champion at Delaware where he currently has a two-win edge over Daniel Centeno.

“It’s been awesome, amazing. We’re having a great year,” Rodriguez said. “Thank God, he keeps me healthy, and my agent and everybody for giving me a chance, Ness and all the trainers and owners. To be the leading rider at two tracks, that’s impressive.”
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## Personal Ensign S.-GI, $500,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m

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Alder (Hard Spun)'s first trip to the gate July 15 at Ellis Park resulted in him being declared a non-starter after he became tangled and unseated Gerardo Corrales just as the bell sounded. With Corrales back aboard, no such issues plagued the 2-year-old colt as he stormed down the lane to win on debut at Ellis Park Sunday afternoon. The bold effort earned him 'TDN Rising Star' honors.

Off at 9-5, the Godolphin homebred settled midpack up the backstretch as a trio vied for the lead into the far turn. Taking aim at that bunch, Alder took the overland route with a sweeping four-wide move before the quarter pole, shifted to another gear running down the lane and won impressively by 6 1/4 lengths over fellow firster Honky Tonk Highway (City of Light).

The winner's dam foaled a colt by Street Boss Mar. 2 and she was bred to Godolphin's G1 Dubai World Cup winner Mystic Guide for 2024. His second dam Forest Heiress (Forest Wildcat) is a multiple Grade III winner and counts G1 Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash S. hero Wildcat Heir as a full-brother. This is Hard Spun's 13th 'TDN Rising Star.'

Alder's victory capped a productive weekend for the Godolphin operation, which was represented Saturday by maiden winners at Ellis Park and Colonial Downs and an allowance winner--as well as impressive debut runner-up Hunt Ball (Into Mischief) and GI Alabama S. runner-up Wet Paint (Blame)--at Saratoga.

### DESPITE WIDE TRIP, CANDY RIDE FILLY CAPTURES SPA MAIDEN FOR PLETCHER

by Bill Finley

Candied (Candy Ride {Arg}) had all the momentum as the field turned into the stretch for Sunday's fifth race at Saratoga, a six-furlong maiden for 2-year-old fillies. The only question was whether or not she could get up in time after racing seven wide on the turn. It took some doing, but she got the job done, winning a race despite showing signs that she's still on the immature side.

Ridden by Luis Saez, Candied was in mid-pack early as Ella Elizabeth (Take Charge Indy) set the pace. On the far turn, Irad Ortiz Jr. darted to the rail aboard Chad Brown first-time-starter Catherine Wheel (Into Mischief). It appeared to be the winning move as the filly opened up by 1 1/2 lengths at the eighth pole. Meanwhile, with a wall of horses in front of him, Saez took the widest route, but it didn't matter as his filly won by three-quarters of a length.

"She had to lose some ground, but she had her face clean and picked up some momentum. I thought it was a quality effort," winning trainer Todd Pletcher said.

Pletcher continued: "We expected her to be a little closer. She had been pretty quick getting away from the gate. She's also been a little bit green. We actually put some blinkers on her a few times to test them out. We felt like she was still learning. She was one of those who was still looking around with the blinkers. So we decided to take them off."

Pletcher also noted that Candied was having problems changing leads in the stretch.

"That's something we've been working on a lot with her, her lead changes," the trainer said. "She's been kind of slow to get totally professional about that. I think there is big room for improvement for her."
Candied is owned by Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and was a $165,000 purchase at the 2022 Fasig-Tipton July yearling sale. The breeder is Buck Pond Farm Inc. She paid $12.60 and ran the six furlongs in 1:10.89. The priciest filly in the race was Munny Rockette (Munnings). She sold for $1 million at the OBS March Sale. Trained by Bill Mott, she finished third, beaten 4 1/4 lengths.

CANDIED (f, 2, Candy Ride {Arg}--Toni Tools {SW, $193,339}, by Roaring Fever), a 5-1 shot, took her time getting into stride and was in chase mode early from several paths off the rail. She began to inch up into contention into the turn and jockey Luis Saez steered her outside to position her widest of the bunch coming into the lane. With plenty of late run despite drifting towards the rail, Candied got up alongside leader Catherine Wheel (Into Mischief) with a sixteenth to run and turned that rival away to prevail on the wire by three-quarters of a length with favorite Munny Rockette (Munnings) back in third. Toni Tools is responsible for a Solomini colt this year and was bred back to Mind Control. Sales History: $165,000 Ylg '22 FTKJUL. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $57,750.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

SORORITY S., $203,500, Monmouth, 8-20, 2yo, f, 1m, 1:41.72, ft.
1--PRINCESS INDY, 118, f, 2, by Lord Nelson
   1st Dam: Bonita Mia, by Warrior's Reward
   2nd Dam: Miss Simpatia (Arg), by Southern Halo
   3rd Dam: Miss Peggy (Arg), by Fitzcarraldo (Arg)
   ($125,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; $75,000 2yo '23 EASMAY).
   1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Valter Ramos; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY); T-Claudio A. Gonzalez; J-Carlos Eduardo Rojas. $120,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, $162,500. *Full to Super Chow, MSW & MGSP, $437,580.

2--Wine On Tap, 118, f, 2, Tapit--Princess La Quinta, by Quality Road. ($600,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-MKW Racing; B-Aaron & Marie Jones LLC (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher. $40,000.

3--Lagonisi, 117, f, 2, Uncle Mo--Cersei, by Malibu Moon. ($110,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; $350,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Skara Glen Stables; B-Castleton Lyons & Kilboy Estate (KY); T-Michael R. Matz. $20,000.

Margins: 1HF, HD, HF. Odds: 3.20, 1.30, 4.70.

Also Ran: Classy Mischief, D'lightful Summer, Classy Chick, Mila Junes, Kiss for Luck.

A five-length winner when sprinting five furlongs on debut at Monmouth July 15, Princess Indy was tested for class when contesting the GIII Adirondack S. at Saratoga Aug. 6. Fifth over the slop to Brightwork (Outwork) that day, she stretched out to the mile distance for the first time Sunday in Monmouth's Sorority S.

Dropped back to have only a trio of horses behind her, the 3-1 shot was caught wide and struggled to save ground throughout as the opening fractions went in :24.06 and :48.19. Wine on Tap had command as the field moved into the turn and Princess Indy had to come outside of that rival into the lane to fight for the lead. The pair bobbed heads into the final sixteenth, but the Claudio Gonzalez trainee was able to gain separation late for the win. Cont.
“Her last race, she didn’t get hold of the track early and that’s why she dropped back,” said Gonzalez. “That’s what [jockey] Manny Franco told me. After that she checked twice. That’s why she didn’t run her race. She was impressive when she won here. That’s why I took her to Saratoga. I know this race was short between starts, but the way she was training in the morning, I thought I would take a chance. I told the owner that she is so good now that even though it was close between races, running her just two weeks back, she has been training so good that I wanted to try. She showed at Saratoga that she could close and she shows us she wants to go longer in the morning, so I wasn’t worried about the two turns. It’s never a bad time to win a stakes race.”

Out of a half-sister to GISW Carina Mia (Malibu Moon) and MGISW Miss Match (Arg) (Indygo Shiner), Princess Indy has a deep South American family that includes Argentinian champion 3-year-old filly Miss Linda (Arg) (Southern Halo) and Argentinian champion miler Mr. Nancho (Arg) (Southern Halo). Bonita Mia has a yearling colt by Into Mischief and produced a filly by Authentic this year before returning to Into Mischief for 2024. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

BOLTON LANDING S., $145,500, Saratoga, 8-20, 2yo, f, 5 1/2fT, 1:03.38, gd.
1--AMIDST WAVES, 122, f, 2, by Midshipman
1st Dam: Troublesome, by Into Mischief
2nd Dam: Apple Pie Baby, by Not For Love
3rd Dam: Time to Dream, by Time for a Change
($100,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP). O-R. A. Hill Stable, BlackRidge Stables LLC, Swinbank Stables, Big Tuff Stables and Black Type Thoroughbreds; B-Woods Edge Farm, LLC & Ballyfair Bloodstock (KY); T-George Weaver; J-Irad Ortiz, Jr. $82,500. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, $194,000.

2--Crown Imperial, 122, f, 2, by Classic Empire--Mi Fiori, by Congrats. O-Brent Gasaway; B-4 G Racing (KY); T-Christophe Clement. $194,000. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $110,172.

3--Never Silent, 120, f, 2, Silent Name (Jpn)--Summertime Friend, by Medaglia d'Oro. O-B-J. Gardiner (KY); T-M. Casse. C$25,000. Lifetime Record: 0-0-0, 0.

As the 3-2 favorite here, the chestnut filly rated in fourth up the backstretch, was tipped to the extreme outside around the far turn and with good energy down the lane, outlasted Crown Imperial who was bearing down on her.

“I’ve got a few that might be eligible for the Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Sprint, so we will try to pick a path that will get us there,” said trainer George Weaver about a potential next start. “But probably wait until later, September or October, maybe to a Keeneland race. I’ll check out some options.”

The winner’s dam is responsible for a yearling filly by Bolt d’Oro and she foaled another filly, this one by Classic Empire, Mar. 8. She was bred back to Yaupon and Bolt d’Oro. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

CATCH A GLIMPSE S., C$143,750, Woodbine, 8-20, 2yo, f, 6 1/2fT, 1:14.68, fm.
1--AIROSA, 120, f, 2, by Uncle Mo
1st Dam: Mrs. Hudson, by Street Cry (Ire)
2nd Dam: Sara Louise, by Malibu Moon
3rd Dam: Kings Lynn, by Mt. Livermore
($400,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-X-Men Racing 3, StarLadies Racing, Madaket Stables and SF Racing; B-Anderson Farms Ont (ON); T-Kevin Attard; J-Rafael Manuel Hernandez. C$90,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, $110,172.

2--Ready to Jam, 120, f, 2, More Than Ready--Third Dawn, by Sky Mesa. ($320,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Gary Barber & D. J. Stable; B-J. Gardiner (KY); T-M. Casse. C$25,000.

3--Never Silent, 120, f, 2, Silent Name (Jpn)--Summertime Friend, by Medaglia d'Oro. 1ST BLACK TYPE. O/B-Willow Pond Stable (ON); T-Catherine Day Phillips. C$15,000. Lifetime Record: 1 1/4, 1 1/4, 0.

Margins: NO, 2 1/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 2.90, 1.55, 20.05.

Airosa, coming off a maiden-breaking score over the Woodbine turf July 22, shot out of the gate, but was taken up into fourth as Bolt Enoree (Bolt d’Oro) showed the way. Patiently waiting for an opening towards the end of the far turn, Airosa moved to the two path, but after being blocked just before the eighth pole, she cut to the rail and flashed a strong turn of foot to secure the victory.

The winner’s dam, who is a full-sister to GSW Kalik (Collected)’s dam, foaled a colt by Nyquist in March and she was bred to Constitution for next year. Second dam Sara Louise (Malibu Moon) won multiple graded stakes, including the GI Top Flight H. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

SOARING FREE S., C$131,000, Woodbine, 8-20, 2yo, 6 1/2fT, 1:15.47, fm.
1--GOLDEN CANARY, 118, f, 2, by Medaglia d’Oro
1st Dam: Black Canary (SP, $190,805), by War Front
2nd Dam: Forty Moves, by Gold Fever
3rd Dam: Dance Move, by Capote
($175,000 2yo ’23 OBSAPR). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Gary Barber; B-Bonne Chance Farm LLC (KY); T-Mark E. Casse; J-Sahin Civaci. C$75,000.
Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $66,175.

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2--Dancing Duchess, 117, f, 2, Munnings--Duchess Dancer, by Congrats. ($400,000 Ylg ’22 KEESEP). O-Tracy Farmer; B-Mitchell H. Kursner (ON); T-Mark E. Casse. C$30,000.
3--Rhapsody, 117, f, 2, Goldencents--Strum, by Medaglia d’Oro.
($35,000 Wlg ’21 KEENOV; $95,000 Ylg ’22 KEESEP). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-X-Men Racing 3, Madaket Stables LLC and SF Racing LLC; B-John D. Gunther (KY); T-Todd Pletcher. C$12,500.

Bonne Chance Farm picked up Black Canary for $675,000 out of the 2019 Keeneland November Breeding Sale and this is her first foal. She has a yearling Quality Road filly and was bred to American Pharoah for 2024. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:
7th-Saratoga, $115,000, Alw, 8-20, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.37, ft, 1/2 length.
MOUNT UP (c, 3, Army Mule--Made Me Shiver {SW}, by Maclean’s Music) graduated by a nose at second asking off a lengthy layoff at Belmont June 22 and yielded to be second to Gill Gotham S. runner-up Slip Mahoney (Arrogate) when tried against winners July 23 over this same track and distance. Racing with blinkers Sunday, the 3-1 shot settled in trailing only pacesetter Set Sail (Malibu Moon), but quickly took over with an outside move around the far turn and built up enough of a lead to hold off a closing Chileno (Gun Runner) by a half-length. Mount Up has a yearling Ghostzapper half-brother and a weanling Charlatan half-sister while his dam was bred to Violence for next year. Sales History: $400,000 Ylg ’21 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, $154,750. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-St. Elias Stable, West Point Thoroughbreds and Robert Masiello; B-Hill ‘n' Dale Equine Holdings (KY); T-Todd Pletcher.
Memorialize | Sarah Andrew

6th-Ellis, $73,120, Alw, 8-20, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16.94, ft, 1/2 length.

ELITE FORCES (c, 3, American Freedom--Ten K Cat {SP, $122,515}, by Tale of the Cat) went gate to wire as the favorite in a $75,000 maiden claimer on debut over this track June 25. Favorited at 6-5 again Sunday, the homebred was outsprinted by both Eli’s Promise (Not This Time) and Pensacola (Into Mischief) into the turn and had to come around both rivals passing the quarter pole. Put to a sustained drive to the wire, he was just able to forge past that pair to take the half-length win.

Pensacola was clear for second. Elite Forces has a 2-year-old half-sister by by Lookin At Lucky. His dam was exported to Saudi Arabia after selling for $13,000 at the 2021 Keeneland November sale and produced a filly by West Coast there in 2022. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $82,940. Click for the Equibase.com chart.

O/B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

6th-Remington, $35,000, Alw, 8-19, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:06.00, ft, 3/4 length.

PERILOUS LIFE (f, 3, Candy Ride {Arg}--One for Jim {MSP, $131,555}, by Distorted Humor) broke her maiden on debut facing claiming company at Sam Houston Apr. 8 and hit the board in a pair of starts at Lone Star May 12 and June 8. The 5-1 shot tucked in behind Kelley Said Ready (Moro Tap) into the turn before tipping outside of that rival past the quarter pole to put in a sustained rally to the line, prevailing by three-quarters of a length. Favorite Titled Lady (Lord Nelson) got up for second. One for Jim also produced Bold Conquest (Curlin), GISP, $500,029. This is the extended family of GISW Jersey Town (Speightstown). The winner has an unraced 2-year-old half-brother, Minor Discrepancy (Accelerate), and a yearling Global Campaign half-sister while her dam was bred to Practical Joke for next year. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, $39,479. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-Ackerley Brothers Farm; B-Glory Days Breeding, Inc. (KY); T-Steve M. Asmussen.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

6th-Saratoga, $105,000, Msw, 8-20, 2yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.09, gd, 3 lengths.

MEMORIALIZE (f, 2, Karakontie {Jpn}--Smart Emma {SP, $199,605}, by Smart Strike) went off favored in her Colonial Downs debut July 20 and closed from way out of it to be second going just 5 1/2 furlongs. Given the stretch out here, the 6-1 chance spotted the field a step at the break and was again taken back off the pace. Kept wide throughout, she began to do her best running while caught four wide at the far turn and had a stout closing kick to win going away by three lengths over Steel Lute (Midnight Lute). Memorialize has a pair of younger full-siblings and her dam returned to Karakontie for next season.

Sales History: $280,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $69,750. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O/B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. (KY); T-H. Graham Motion.

2nd-Woodbine, C$91,944, Msw, 8-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:37.51, fm, nose.

THE NIIGON FACTOR (f, 3, The Factor--Niigon's Legacy {SP, $174,118}, by Niigon) was third sprinting over the Woodbine turf in her debut June 25 before running second at the same distance over Tapeta July 16. Trying two turns as the 2-1 favorite here, the bay filly set the pace into the first turn and up the backstretch. Continuing to lead, the homebred tried to get away around the far turn and had enough left to win by a nose over the late-running Flysoreeasleeb (Midnight Lute). The first offspring for Niigon’s Legacy, the winner has an unraced 2-year-old half-sister named Saccharine (Noble Mission {GB}). Her dam has a yearling colt by Yorkton and produced another colt by that sire in May. She was bred back to Yorkton this year. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, $59,433. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O/B-Chiefswood Stables Limited (ON); T-Layne S. Giliforte.
12th-Woodbine, C$84,480, Msw, 8-20, 2yo, 7fT, 1:22.12, fm, 3/4 length.  

**WESTERN WHIRL** (c, 2, Twirling Candy--Western Rose, by Gone West) was third in his 6 1/2-furlong unveiling over the Woodbine lawn July 23. Dismissed at 11-1, the bay colt broke sharply and raced keenly on the front end through fractions of :23.15 and :45.93. He skipped clear at midstretch and then held on to graduate by 3/4 lengths over the late-closing Oscarsson (Oscar Performance), who had the same margin on Abrumar (Divisidero) in third. Western Rose is a half-sister to graded winner Essential Edge (Storm Cat), as well as Vulcan Rose (Fusaichi Pegasus), the dam of Flameaway (Scat Daddy) and Sunday’s Gulfstream debut winner Fay’s Rhonda Cares (Mendelssohn). The winner’s third dam is Flame of Tara (Ire), dam of Salsabil (Ire) and Marju (Ire). **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $46,136.
O/B-Chiefswood Stables Limited (ON); T-Stuart C. Simon.

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5th-Ellis, $70,000, Msw, 8-20, 2yo, f, 5 1/2fT, 1:02.12, fm, 1 length.  

**MYA’S HALO** (f, 2, More Than Ready--Limonaia, by Lemon Drop Kid) debuted second by a neck after losing the lead late at Ellis July 16. Well-backed at 2-5 here, the dark bay filly set the tone early up the backstretch, continued to control the fractions around the far turn and found the wire a length over first-time starter Movin’ On Up (Accelerate). Out of an extended female family which includes GI Frizette S. heroine A Z Warrior (Bernardini), the winner is her dam’s first offspring. She has a yearling half-sister by Kitten’s Joy. Her dam, who counts GSW Unspurned (Lemon Drop Kid) as a full-sister, foaled a filly by Liam’s Map Apr. 19 and she was bred to Munnings for 2024. Sales History: $80,000 Ylg ‘22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $56,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-TSF Thoroughbreds; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Eddie Kenneally.

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5th-Monmouth, $55,850, Msw, 8-20, 2yo, 5fT, :58.13, fm, 3/4 length.  

**ROI SOLEIL** (c, 2, More Than Ready--Eden's Moon (GISW, $387,216), by Malibu Moon) split the field up the backstretch as the dueling pair of Bingo Was His Name (Frosted) and Horsepower (Good Samaritan) led. Set down for the stretch drive, the 9-2 shot came with an impactful late run to nail Horsepower on the line, winning by three-quarters of a length. From the family of champion grass horse Paradise Creek (Irish River (Fr)), Roi Soleil has a weanling Candy Ride (Arg) half-brother. Eden’s Moon, a $1.5-million broodmare purchase at the 2012 Fasig-Tipton Fall Mixed Sale, visited Medaglia d’Oro this year. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $33,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Al Shaqab Racing (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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1st-Gulfstream, $42,000, Msw, 8-20, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:03.78, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.  

**FAY’S RHONDA CARES** (f, 2, Mendelssohn--Vulcan Rose, by Fusaichi Pegasus) took money from her 20-1 morning-line odds, breaking at 9-1 and showing good early speed to sit just off the pace in third. Shifted outside of Revolu (Union Jackson) off the turn, she took over a furlong from the wire and drew off convincingly for the 5 1/4-length score over Casually (Flameaway). A half-sister to a trio of successful runners in Seguimi (Victor’s Cry), SP, $195,632, Ellan Vannin (Spring At Last), SW, $120,021 and freshman stallion Flameaway (Scat Daddy), MGSW, $911,634, Fay’s Rhonda Cares has a yearling Justify half-brother and a weanling half-sister by Maxfield. Vulcan Rose visited Mandaloun this year. Sales History: $100,000 Ylg ’22 KEESEP; $15,000 RNA 2yo ’23 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $24,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/T-Steven Dwoskin; B-Phoenix Rising Farms (KY).
4th-Hawthorne, $38,140, Msw, 8-20, 2yo, 5 1/2fT, 1:04.12, fm, 1 length.

TOUGH LITTLE NUT (c, 2, Palace Malice--Celestial Kitten {MGSP, $233,843}, by Kitten's Joy) dropped off the speed of Adios Cool Arrows (Holy Boss) into the turn and came with a three-wide bid past the quarter pole to finish the best of the bunch, edging past King of the Palace (Palace Malice) by a length to top the exacta for his sire. A half-brother to Pulsate (Speightstown), SW & GSP, $399,095, Tough Little Nut has a yearling half-brother by Flatter and a weanling half-sister by Munnings. His dam visited Epicenter for 2024. Sales History: $20,000 Ylg ’22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $22,800. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-Town and Country Racing, LLC; B-Austin & Brenda Paul (KY); T-Chris M. Block.

IN JAPAN:
Jasper Krone, c, 4, Frosted. See 'TDN Europe--Worldwide News'.

FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, AUGUST 21
2023 Stud Fees Listed

Coal Front (Stay Thirsty), Spendthrift Farm, $5,000
49 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Parx Racing, 12:40 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Dewey Doit, 4-1
$9,000 FTI DEC wnl; $25,000 OBS OCT yr; $85,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Heart to Heart (English Channel), Crestwood Farm, $5,000
37 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
3-Assiniboia Downs, 9:25 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Pam’s Awesome, 8-1
$7,000 FTK OCT yr

Leofric (Candy Ride (Arg)), Darby Dan Farm, $7,500
56 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Parx Racing, 12:40 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Swans Island, 8-1
$8,500 OBS WIN wnl

Omaha Beach (War Front), Spendthrift Farm, $30,000
138 foals of racing age/7 winners/1 black-type winner
2-Louisiana Downs, 5:33 p.m. EDT, Msw 7 1/2fT, Delta Front, 8-1
$35,000 FTK OCT yr

Preservationist (Arch), Airdrie Stud, $10,000
77 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
3-Assiniboia Downs, 9:25 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Happy Hour, 6-1
$8,000 FTK OCT yr

Vino Rosso (Curlin), Spendthrift Farm, $15,000
179 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Parx Racing, 12:40 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Ringer Card, 2-1
$90,000 OBS APR 2yo

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, AUGUST 21
2023 Stud Fees Listed

Counterforce (Smart Strike), Road’s End Farm
24 foals of racing age/9 winners/2 black-type winners
5-Hastings Racecourse, 12:00 p.m. EDT, $50K CTHS Sales S., 1 1/16m, Counteract, 4-1
RNA BRC SEP yr
2-Hastings Racecourse, 10:30 p.m. EDT, $50K CTHS Sales S., 6 1/2f, Daz Lin Force, 7-2
CAN$34,900 RNA BRC SEP yr
1-Hastings Racecourse, 10:00 p.m. EDT, $50K CTHS Sales S., 6 1/2f, Diocles, 2-1
CAN$14,000 BRC SEP yr
1-Hastings Racecourse, 10:00 p.m. EDT, $50K CTHS Sales S., 6 1/2f, Northern Force, 6-1
CAN$9,900 RNA BRC SEP yr

Eastwood (Speightstown), Blackstone Farm, $1,250
17 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Parx Racing, 4:05 p.m. EDT, $100K Miss Blue Tye Dye S., 5 1/2f, One Eyed Jackie, 12-1
10-Parx Racing, 5:07 p.m. EDT, $100K Whistle Pig S., 5 1/2f, Whiskeyromeosiierra, 5-1

Free Drop Billy (Union Rags), Spendthrift Farm, $5,000
106 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner
2-Presque Isle Downs, 3:27 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Twisted Empress, 12-1
$9,000 RNA FTK OCT yr

Hoppertunity (Any Given Saturday), Northview Stallion Station, $5,000
156 foals of racing age/23 winners/1 black-type winner
2-Parx Racing, 1:08 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Freedom Eagle, 5-1
2-Parx Racing, 1:08 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Notice of Action, 8-1 $15,000 EAS OCT yrl
8-Parx Racing, 4:05 p.m. EDT, $100K Miss Blue Tye Dye S., 5 1/2f, Sirani, 3-1 $10,000 OBS OCT yrl; $37,000 EAS MAY 2yo
1-Parx Racing, 12:40 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Sweet Mischief, 9-2 $27,000 EAS OCT yrl

Mendelssohn (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, $25,000 348 foals of racing age/73 winners/3 black-type winners
2-Louisiana Downs, 5:33 p.m. EDT, Msw 7 1/2fT, Grace's Hank, 10-1 $60,000 KEE SEP yrl
Mo Town (Uncle Mo), Coolmore Ashford, $5,000 174 foals of racing age/50 winners/3 black-type winners
2-Hastings Racecourse, 10:30 p.m. EDT, $50K CTHS Sales S., 6 1/2f, February, 4-1 CAN$36,000 BRC SEP yrl

1st-Woodbine, C$83,898, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($22,115-$23,589), 8-20, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:44.17, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.
LORD OF WAR (g, 5, Sky Mesa--Nasreen, by Not For Love) Lifetime Record: 22-5-4-5, $193,665. O-Gary Barber; B-Shawn Mojallali (KY); T-Mark E. Casse.

8th-Elvis, $80,000, (C)/Opt. Clm ($62,500), 8-20, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.03, fm, 1/2 length.
CORELLI (g, 8, Point of Entry--Vignette {SW, $132,882}, by Diesis {GB}) Lifetime Record: SP-Eng, GSW & GISPS-US, 23-6-3-4, $337,879. O-Augustin Stables; B-Strawbridge (KY); T-Jonathan Thomas. *1/2 to Flying Officer (Dynaformer), Hwt.

7th-Monmouth, $57,625, 8-20, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:04.60, fm, head.
FITTS (g, 5, Maclean's Music--Long N Lanky, by Cozzene) Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-1, $75,285. O/T-Manuel Berrios; B-Mockingbird Farm LLC (OK).

3rd-Monmouth, $57,025, 8-20, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:04.65, fm, neck.
INSATIABLE (f, 4, Constitution--Oblivious {MSP}, by Cozzene) Lifetime Record: 12-2-1-1, $103,233. O-Red Oak Stable; B-Baoma Corp (FL); T-Gregory D. Sacco. *$175,000 Ylg '20 KEEJAN; $180,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP. **1/2 to Street Storm (Stormy Atlantic), SW, $449,269.

6th-Hawthorne, $43,040, (C)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 8-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.74, fm, 1 3/4 lengths.
SHARP HERO (m, 5, Hero of Order--Helli, by Mizzen Mast) Lifetime Record: MSP, 22-5-3-2, $170,729. O-Art Zacharski and Shelley Steele; B-Raut, LLC (KY); T-Bradley S. Ross.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
5th-Woodbine, C$104,480, (C)/Opt. Clm ($35,015-$36,858), 8-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m (AWT), 1:51.59, ft, 1/2 length.
STREGA (f, 4, Silent Name {Jpn}--Set to Dance, by Distorted Humor) Lifetime Record: SW, 15-4-3-4, $260,164. O-Lanni Bloodstock; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (ON); T-Kevin Attard. *$10,000 Ylg '20 KEE SEP.

10th-Gulfstream, $49,600, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 8-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.60, ft, neck.
TIME PASSAGE (f, 3, Tunwoo--Savetime {SW, $234,839}, by Kantharos) Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-0, $157,495. O-Laurie Plesa and Glassman Racing LLC; B-Baoma Corp (FL); T-Edward Plesa. *$85,000 Ylg '21 OBSOCT. **1/2 to Outfoxed (Valiant Minister), MSW, $497,554.
5th-Hawthorne, $42,840, 8-20, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44.32, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

NULLARBOR (c, 3, Candy Ride {Arg}--Katherine, by Distorted Humor) Lifetime Record: 9-2-0-0, $52,490. O-Merritt Hudson; B-Parks Investment Group, LLC (KY); T-Steve Manley. $500,000 Ylg ’21 KEESEP; $40,000 3yo ’23 KEEAPR. **1/2 to Rhyme Schemes (Ghostzapper), GSW, $180,950.

6th-Gulfstream, $42,250, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($20,000), 8-20, 3yo/up, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:41.03, ft, neck.

FREE SMOKE (c, 3, Bucchero--Miss Propitious, by J P's Gusto) Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-3, $65,165. O-Two Ten Twelve Triple T Racing; B-Michael S. Furr (WV); T-Christopher M. Keller. *$145,000 2yo ’22 MGSP, $657,425.

7th-Charles Town, $28,400, (S), 8-19, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:20.71, ft, 4 1/2 lengths.

JUBA BABY (f, 4, Juba--Florid, by Lemon Drop Kid) Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-3, $65,165. O-Two Ten Twelve Triple T Racing; B-Michael S. Furr (WV); T-Christopher M. Keller. **1/2 to Marie MacKay (Noble Mission {GB}), SW, $150,044.

8th-Remington, $40,000, 8-19, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.30, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.


9th-Remington, $40,000, 8-19, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:06.74. B-Dream Walkin Farms Inc (OK). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Mist, f, 2, Brethren--Sweet Khaleesi (SP, $189,490), by Maimonides. Gulfstream, 8-20, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:19.76. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, $58,200. B-Ardindle (FL).


Grey Dragon, f, 2, Frac Daddy--Miss Dragonfly, by Grand Slam. Woodbine, 8-20, (C), 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:05.29. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $29,147. B-Goldmart Farms Inc (ON). *1/2 to Dragon's Cry (Victor's Cry), SW, $211,496. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

Chancellors Boom, g, 2, Harbor the Gold--Chance Encounter, by Mass Media. Emerald Downs, 8-19, 5 1/2f, 1:04.87. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $14,880. B-Bret Christopherson (WA). *$19,000 Ylg ’22 WSSAP.

Marked Up, f, 2, Marking--American Lady (SW, $151,866), by Stormy Atlantic. Ruidoso Downs, 8-20, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.60. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $13,680. B-Bred Alexander & Justin Pribble (NM). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Boy Charlie, g, 3, My Pal Charlie--Lady Tamer, by Lion Tamer. Louisiana Downs, 8-20, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:18.56. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $16,200. B-Mary E Stovall (LA). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Carats Forever, f, 3, Sea Wizard--Carats Not Carrots, by Hit the Trail. Monmouth, 8-20, (S), 6f, 1:13.66. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-2, $87,800. B-Holly Crest Farm (NJ).
**Maneuver**, c, 3, *Street Boss*—You Should Be Here, by Niagara Causeway. Hawthorne, 8-20, 5 1/2fT, 1:03.39. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, $28,200. B-La Bahia Stud, Inc (KY). *$13,000 Ylg '21 KEEJAN; $15,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. **1/2 to Conagher (Jimmy Creed), SW, $396,453.

**Digitize**, g, 4, *Maclean's Music*—Microburst, by Awesome Again. Saratoga, 8-20, 7f, 1:23.18. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, $84,550. B-Susan Moulton (KY). *$80,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; $240,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT.

**Rapper Zapper**, g, 4, *Ghostzapper*—Holy Grace, by Holy Bull. Woodbine, 8-20, (C), 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:45.38. Lifetime Record: 12-1-2-3, $74,248. B-Adena Springs (ON). *1/2 to Holy Boss (Street Boss), GSW & MGISP, $771,527; Full to Holy Helena, Ch. 3-year-old Filly-Can, GSW-Can, MGSW-USA, $1,330,018.

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**Fitz**, g, 5, *Long N Lanky*—Cozzene. ALW, 8-20, Monmouth

**Malibu Moon**, Miss Dracarys, m, 5, o/o Ask Me When, by Speightstown. GII Dance Smartly S., 8-20, Woodbine

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**ALL TDN WINNERS BY SIRE**

**American Freedom**, Elite Forces, c, 3, o/o Ten K Cat, by Tale of the Cat. ALW, 8-20, Ellis

**Army Mule**, Mount Up, c, 3, o/o Made Me Shiver, by Maclean's Music. ALW, 8-20, Saratoga

**Brethren**, Mist, f, 2, o/o Sweet Khaleesi, by Maimonides. MSW, 8-20, Gulfstream

**Brody's Cause**, Sweetcatherinerose, f, 2, o/o Devil's Shoes, by Maclean's Music. MCL, 8-20, Ellis

**Buccheri**, Free Smoke, c, 3, o/o Miss Propitious, by J P's Gusto. AOC, 8-20, Gulfstream

**Candy Ride (Arg)**, Candied, f, 2, o/o Toni Tools, by Roaring Fever. MSW, 8-20, Saratoga

**Candy Ride (Arg)**, Nullarbear, c, 3, o/o Katherine, by Distorted Humor. ALW, 8-20, Hawthorne

**Candy Ride (Arg)**, Perilous Life, f, 3, o/o One for Jim, by Distorted Humor. ALW, 8-19, Remington

**Constitution**, Insatiable, f, 4, o/o Oblivious, by Cozzene. ALW, 8-20, Monmouth

**Danza**, Danza Taxi, g, 3, o/o Forever a Friend, by Dehere. AOC, 8-19, Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing

**Dialed In**, Power Slam, g, 2, o/o Bristles, by Unbridled's Song. MSW, 8-19, Remington

**Elusive Quality**, Whitaker, g, 5, o/o Laurasia, by Black Mambo. ALW, 8-19, Remington

**Flat Out**, Luckytabucky, g, 2, o/o Gotagogotagotagotago, by Kipling. MSW, 8-19, Remington

**Frac Daddy**, Grey Dragon, f, 2, o/o Miss Dragonfly, by Grand Slam. MOC, 8-20, Woodbine

**Ghostzapper**, Rapper Zapper, g, 4, o/o Holy Grace, by Holy Bull. MOC, 8-20, Woodbine

**Harbor the Gold**, Chancellors Boom, g, 2, o/o Chance Encounter, by Mass Media. MSW, 8-19, Emerald Downs

**Hard Spun**, Alder, c, 2, o/o Arbol, by Elusive Quality. MSW, 8-20, Ellis

**Hero of Order**, Sharp Hero, m, 5, o/o Helli, by Mizzen Mast. AOC, 8-20, Hawthorne

**Juba**, Juba Baby, f, 4, o/o Florid, by Lemon Drop Kid. ALW, 8-19, Charles Town

**Karakontie (Jpn)**, Memorialize, f, 2, o/o Smart Emma, by Smart Strike. MSW, 8-20, Saratoga

**Klint**, Freebritney, f, 3, o/o Arrostos, by Bodemeister. AOC, 8-20, Canterbury

**Lantana Mob**, Doubledogjustice, g, 3, o/o Downtown Justice, by Article of Faith. ALW, 8-19, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Lord Nelson**, Princess Indy, f, 2, o/o Bonita Mia, by Warrior's Reward. Sorority S., 8-20, Monmouth

**Maclean's Music**, Digitize, g, 4, o/o Microburst, by Awesome Again. MSW, 8-20, Saratoga

**Maclean's Music**, Fitts, g, 5, o/o Long N Lanky, by Cozzene. ALW, 8-20, Monmouth

**Malibu Moon**, Miss Dracarys, m, 5, o/o Ask Me When, by Speightstown. GII Dance Smartly S., 8-20, Woodbine

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**Digitize | Sarah Andrew**
Marking, Marked Up, f, 2, o/o American Lady, by Stormy Atlantic. MSW, 8-20, Ruidoso Downs
Medaglia d’Oro, Golden Canary, f, 2, o/o Black Canary, by War Front. Soaring Free S., 8-20, Woodbine
Mendelsson, Fay's Rhonda Cares, f, 2, o/o Vulcan Rose, by Fusaichi Pegasus. MSW, 8-20, Gulfstream
Midnight Lute, Midnight Lane, f, 3, o/o It's Tamareno, by Victory Gallop. ALW, 8-20, Canterbury
Midshipman, Amidst Waves, f, 2, o/o Troublesome, by Into Mischief. Bolton Landing S., 8-20, Saratoga
More Than Ready, Mya's Halo, f, 2, o/o Limonaia, by Lemon Drop Kid. MSW, 8-20, Ellis
More Than Ready, Roi Soleil, c, 2, o/o Eden's Moon, by Malibu Moon. MSW, 8-20, Monmouth
My Pal Charlie, Boy Charlie, g, 3, o/o Lady Tamer, by Lion Tamer. MSW, 8-20, Louisiana Downs
Palace Malice, Tough Little Nut, c, 2, o/o Celestial Kitten, by Kitten's Joy. MSW, 8-20, Hawthorne
Point of Entry, Corelli, g, 8, o/o Vignette, by Diesis (GB). AOC, 8-20, Ellis
Reload, Patches O'Houlihan, g, 3, o/o Maythefourthbewithu, by Silent Name (Jpn). Gill Bold Venture S., 8-20, Woodbine
Sea Wizard, Carats Forever, f, 3, o/o Carats Not Carrots, by Hit the Trail. MSW, 8-20, Monmouth
Silent Name (Jpn), Strega, f, 4, o/o Set to Dance, by Distorted Humor. AOC, 8-20, Woodbine
Sky Mesa, Lord of War, g, 5, o/o Nasreen, by Not For Love. AOC, 8-20, Woodbine
Society's Chairman, Paramount Prince, g, 3, o/o Platinum Steel, by Eddington. King's Plate S., 8-20, Woodbine
Street Boss, Maneuver, c, 3, o/o You Should Be Here, by Niagara Causeway. MSW, 8-20, Hawthorne
The Factor, The Niigon Factor, f, 3, o/o Niigon's Legacy, by Niigon. MSW, 8-20, Woodbine
The Hunk, Star of the North, m, 5, o/o Always A Star (Ire), by Danehill. ALW, 8-19, Remington
Tunwoo, Time Passage, f, 3, o/o Savigtime, by Kantharos. AOC, 8-20, Gulfstream
Twirling Candy, Western Whirl, c, 2, o/o Western Rose, by Gone West. MSW, 8-20, Woodbine
Uncle Mo, Airosa, f, 2, o/o Mrs. Hudson, by Street Cry (Ire). Catch A Glimpse S., 8-20, Woodbine
Uncle Mo, Tio Magico, g, 5, o/o Magic Broomstick, by More Than Ready. AOC, 8-19, Del Mar
SENSATIONAL AUGUST SALE CLOSES WITH €2.2M SIYOUNI COLT TO COOLMORE

By Brian Sheerin and Emma Berry

DEAUVILLE, France—It was the bloodstock sales equivalent of a mic drop: two lots, five minutes, €3 million. Boom.

Coomore has long nurtured its partnerships, and with Peter Brant, Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith and Georg von Opel’s Westerberg, the Magnier-led operation has enjoyed plentiful success. Most notably this season that has come with Paddington (GB), a multiple Group 1-winning son of Siyouni (Fr) bred by Dayton Investments at Ecurie des Monceaux, and it was to that nursery that the team turned again, signing for the day’s top lot (244), also by Siyouni, for €2.2 million.

The names of MV Magnier and Brant’s White Birch Farm were on the ticket, just as they were for the previous colt (243), a son of Woottton Bassett (GB) whose yearlings on offer this season are from the first crop conceived in Ireland since the stallion’s purchase by Coolmore.

Those two sires, Siyouni and Woottton Bassett, have formed the cornerstone of the French stallion ranks in recent years, backed up by the late Le Havre (Ire) and Kendargent (Fr), and even with Woottton Bassett no longer in the country, his stock is still high in Deauville. Cont. p3

VANDEEK DENIES RAMATUELLE IN MORNY THRILLER by Tom Frary

Sunday’s G1 Sumbe Prix Morny looked a deep one beforehand and it didn’t disappoint as KHK Racing’s Vandeek (GB) (Havana Grey (GB)--Mosa Mine (GB), by Exceed And Excel (Aus)) reeled in Infinity Nine Horses’ TDN Rising Star Ramatuelle (Justify) close home for the bragging rights at Deauville. As he had on his winning debut at Nottingham and the G2 Richmond S. at Goodwood, the Simon and Ed Crisford-trained 625,000gns Tatts Craven Breeze-Up joint-topper travelled easily throughout with Andrea Atzeni notably still.

Allowing the G3 Prix du Bois and G2 Prix Robert Papin winner Ramatuelle first run passing two out, the 9-2 shot was eating into that even-money favourite’s advantage with every stride. Cont. p11

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

TRIPLE CROWN TRIO APPEAR READY TO CLASH IN TRAVERS

In T. D. Thornton’s The Week In Review, he examines what has happened in the past when the winners of that season’s Triple Crown races meet up in the GI Travers S., as the 2023 trio appear poised to clash at Saratoga.

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Reinvigorated by her career-best in the G1 Prix Rothschild, Mqse De Sevigne (Ire) (Siyouni {Fr}) produced a dramatic late surge for a rare and notable Deauville double in Sunday’s G1 Sumbe Prix Jean Romanet.

MUHAARAR TO MOVE TO PETIT TELLIER
Crack sprinter Muhaarar (GB), who has stood the last two years at Haras des Faunes, will now be owned by Shadwell and a consortium of French breeders and will be moved to Haras du Petit Tellier in Normandy.
Lot 244: a son of Siyouni and Sunday's top lot | Zuzanna Lupa

Arqana Day 3 Cont. from p1

A batch of 24 of his yearlings went through the ring over the last three days for an average of €349,375, led by the €800,000 colt from Monceaux out of the American Pharoah mare Holy Roman Empress (Ire), herself a winning daughter of the G1 Phoenix S. winner Damson (Ire) (Entrepreneur).

The Siyouni colt, meanwhile, is out of Hourglass (Ire), a Galileo (Ire) half-sister to Shamardal. Both colts were bred by China Horse Club from mares bred by Coolmore and associates.

"They're two very nice horses and, interestingly enough, we actually sold the two dams a couple of years ago," said Magnier. "We've come back and bought the progeny because China Horse Club are very good breeders and Monceaux are an incredible farm. They do a very good job raising horses and we're lucky to get the two of them. They'll both go to Ballydoyle."

Ecurie des Monceaux has held the title of leading consignor at the August Sale since 2012 and it was once again on top, with 35 yearlings sold for a total of €15,180,000.

Monceaux's Henri Bozo said, "It's been a very good sale. As it has got going it has gone from strength to strength and to have sold those two big horses to Coolmore is a great proof of trust from them to us. The Siyouni colt is a lovely horse with the magic cross, he's magnificent, a good mover, and there is plenty to come physically."

He continued, "I think that we saw from the beginning of the showing days that there were more and more people. A lot of principals were looking at the horses and enjoying the sale and everybody was confident."

Bozo and some of his partners were also involved in one of the Group 1 contests on the racecourse at Deauville earlier in the day when their Ramatuelle (Justify) was collared close home to finish second by a head in the G1 Sumbe Prix Morny.

"I got too excited too early and I thought she was going to win," he said. "She's so tough, she's amazing."

Ramatuelle will be a valued addition to the Monceaux broodmare band in due course, but first we may see her travel to Newmarket for the G1 Cheveley Park S.

Talking Points

- All credit to Arqana, this year's August Sale didn't miss a beat. The aggregate was up 15.41% to €56,949,000 while the average climbed 10.7% to €232,445. Along with that, the clearance rate was a healthy 86%, up 4% on last year. In short, it was an excellent, record-breaking sale.

- Plenty of attendees at the sale remarked upon the importance of the presence of some of the heads of major global racing and breeding operations in Deauville, and it may well have been a contributing factor to an incredibly buoyant market at Arqana. Godolphin, Coolmore, and a rejuvenated Al Shaqab filled the top three buyers' slots.

- For the twelfth year in a row, Ecurie des Monceaux was the leading August vendor, selling 45 yearlings at and average of €451,714, but it was also a terrific sale for Nicolas de Chambure and his team, who sold the top lot, the Dubawi half-sister to Bucanero Fuerte (Fr), for €2.4 million along with 14 other yearlings for a total average price of €340,895.
GETTING AHEAD OF THE FIELD

MQSE DE SEVIGNE
Prix Jean Romanet, Group 1

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HORSE FEEDS
MV Magnier signed for consecutive lots (243 and 244) for a combined €3 million with Peter Brant’s White Birch Farm | Arqana

Talking Points Cont.

• Siyouni has long been the stallion king of France and, with Mqse De Sevigne (Fr) winning her second Group 1 in three weeks across the road just before the start of the final session, and the scintillating prospect of Paddington (GB) running in Wednesday's G1 Juddmonte International, the stock of the Aga Khan Studs' star resident really couldn’t be higher. At Arqana over the last three days, 15 of his yearlings sold for a total of €6,950,000, putting him behind only Dubawi (Ire) and Frankel (GB) on the sale's sires' table.

• Freshman sires featured prominently, with Ghaiyyath’s €455,000 average for three sold giving him bragging rights, but it was also a notable debut for Haras d’Etreham’s Hello Youmzain, whose stock drew many favourable comments and who ended the sale with 19 sold at an average of €128,789. His initial stud fee was €25,000.

Coulonces Back in Spotlight With Another Japanese Buyer

On Saturday Anna Sundstrom sold a homebred Sottsass (Fr) colt to Mitsu Nakauchida for €525,000, and a day later another Japanese trainer, Yoshito Yahagi, also found favour with Sundstrom’s Coulonces Sales draft. He selected a Wootton Bassett (GB) colt out of the G3 Prix Miesque winner Magic America (High Yield) for €1,000,000.

"I was interested in buying a yearling by Wootton Bassett, as I think he has the ability to succeed in Japan as a sire," said the trainer who has launched successful international raids on the Breeders' Cup and Saudi Cup. Cont. p5

STALLION SUCCESS

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MQSE DE SÉVIGNÉ

Takes her second Group 1 race in three weeks by winning the Prix Jean Romanet.

The eighth top level victory for her sire in 2023.

Congratulations to owner/breeder Baron Edouard de Rothschild!

by SIYOUJNI

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Success Breeds Success
Yoshito Yahagi purchased lot 281 for €1 million | Emma Berry

He added, "I have been here all three days, and my impression is that this is a very strong market. I was on my final bid for this colt."

Last year, Yahagi was responsible for buying the sale's top lot, a €2.1 million brother to the Arc winner Sottsass (Fr). This time he signed for two yearlings, including a first-crop son of the 2,000 Guineas winner Kameko for €140,000.

The Tweenhills stallion has made a rock-solid start, but far more interesting than the fact that Kameko posted an impressive €177,500 average for four yearlings sold were the buyers of his sons and daughters. The Hong Kong Jockey Club snapped up a colt by Kameko on Friday for €310,000 and, along with Yahagi, French trainer Yann Barberot also featured on the list of buyers.

Speaking about the strong start from the £15,000 sire, David Redvers of Tweenhills said, "Delighted. It's been a great start. There is a mixture of happiness and sadness because, when a horse is sold abroad, it lessens the exposure for the stallion at home. But, wherever he does well, it will be a good thing. I think we have some really exciting yearlings to come. The ones I have seen tend to be really sharp-looking. If they are out of a fast mare, he seems to be putting that strength into them. With the Roaring Lions, I rarely saw one that didn't look as though it would need at least 10 furlongs at three."

He added, "With the Kamekos, we certainly have one going to Book 1 and he is out of a very fast mare and looks very sharp. He could be his first two-year-old runner. Sheikh Fahad wants to expose Kameko to the market so he is selling some of his nice ones."
Notre recette du succès

Lot: 267 B Colt Camelot / Lady Frankel Consignor: Gestüt Ammerland Price: €850,000

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SARACEN HORSE FEEDS
Stroud: 'It Has Been Great To Get The Principals Here'

Just a few hours after his Craven Breeze-Up purchase Vandeek (GB) (Havana Grey GB) confirmed himself one of the best two-year-olds in Europe when storming to G1 Prix Morny glory for KHK Racing Ltd, Anthony Stroud rounded off a weekend to remember by signing for a Camelot (GB) colt with "a stallion's pedigree" on behalf of Godolphin for €850,000.

Purchased from Gestüt Ammerland, the Camelot colt brought Godolphin’s total spend at Arqana over the past few days to €5,350,000 across 10 yearlings, which made the operation the leading buyers at this year’s sale.

"Very nice horse from Gestüt Ammerland," Stroud said of lot 267. "We bought the half-brother [a Shamardal colt for €1.6m] here last year and we like him. This colt obviously has a stallion’s pedigree and the team thought he was one of the picks of the sale. He's a nice staying horse."

Stroud added, "I think it has been a good sale. The main thing is that it has been great to get the principals here like John Magnier, Sheikh Mohammed, Al Shaqab, Amo Racing and now Wathnan Racing. There are many more and you couldn't come to a nicer place than Deauville for a sale, could you?"

Not only was this year’s August Sale a hugely successful one for Godolphin with a view towards the number of high-class yearlings added to the system, but the performance of the Darley stallion roster was something that gave the team a lot of satisfaction.

Dubawi was out on his own as the leading stallion at the sale with seven yearlings selling for €5,690,000 but his sons Night Of Thunder (IRE) and freshman Ghaiyyath (IRE) enjoyed some time in the limelight, with Godolphin snapping up all three offerings by the latter to the tune of €1,365,000. Cont. p7
Arqana Day 3 Cont.

Stroud commented, "We all have great faith in Ghaiyyath, including the boss, and the three that were here were a really good representation of the stallion. We've great faith in him so we will see what happens. We're very happy going forward."

'Vere Back': Al Shaqab Make A Statement With €3.5m Spend

The smile on Benoit Jeffroy's face said it all after Al Shaqab signed for the ninth yearling purchased at this year's August Sale, a Wootton Bassett (GB) colt from Haras du Mont dit Mont for €575,000, which helped bring the total spend for the operation made famous by Treve (Fr) to €4,135,000.

"It's great to be back," Jeffroy beamed, as Al Shaqab set the foundations of a rebuilding process at Arqana over the past three days that saw the operation sign for yearlings by some of the most sought after stallions in the world, including Siyouni, Kingman and No Nay Never.

Jeffroy said, "Listen, it has been good to be investing in these yearlings and nice to get some yearlings that we liked and into fillies and new families. We have really enjoyed going around selecting them with Sheikh Joaan, who has been really involved throughout the past week and was here. He said, 'Let's go and find some nice horses for next year,'. Hopefully we have found some good ones."

Elaborating on the reasoning behind the strongest spend at a yearling auction for many years by the operation, he said, "We spoke in May about trying to regroup and select more with a view towards the broodmare band. It's very tough to breed the [good] horses. We have 60 mares now compared to the big operations that have a lot more mares and access to all of the big stallions. We just thought that we would stay a little more selective on the breeding side of things and to try and buy some more nice horses at the sales. That's the plan."

That's not to say that it was all plain sailing. The strength of the market in Deauville meant that even the reinvigorated Al Shaqab operation struggled to land every punch but emerged from the 12 rounds at Arqana in better shape than it began.

"First day was good but the second day we got beaten quite a few times. Today, we got beaten twice, but got one we really liked--the Wootton Bassett." Cont. p8
Arqana Day 3 Cont.

He added, "It's been a really good market and, to be honest, the guys at Arqana have done a great job. There have been a lot of horses with good physcials and good pedigrees and we are lucky to have bought nine now."

He added, "Last year we bought six or seven horses at Book 2, including Baheer (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), who is quite exciting for Richard Hannon. We also bought some horses here in Deauville but not to this level. That’s why I said to Sheikh Joaan, it’s good to keep going with higher quality and the horses by the big stallions because, if you want to keep a mare, it’s good to have one by a big stallion. Also, if you become a good racehorse and stallion, you want to be by a good sire. We are just trying to upgrade."

Al Shaqab went on to sign for another Wootton Bassett for €675,000, elevating the spend beyond €4m. Interestingly, Amo Racing bought in to lot 235, the Wootton Bassett colt who brought €575,000, later on in the day. That represents a new partnership.

As well as recruiting runners for next year and beyond, Al Shaqab offered prospective buyers the first glimpse of progeny by the Haras de Bouquetot-based stallions Wooded (Ire) and Romanised (Ire), and Jeffroy described himself as pleased by the start the freshman sires have made.

He said, "Wooded has been very well received. His first yearling made €140,000. Personally, I find him quite exciting. They have great depth and are nice horses. I think we will see more from him in October and we are also pleased with Romanised.

"We stand him on behalf of Mr Ho and the filly was very well sold here on Saturday. Romanised has some nice yearlings selling at V.2 so we are happy. Yes, they are on the cheaper side, but who knows? They might be the ones."

Arqana's Chairman Eric Hoyeau and Executive Director Freddy Powell said, “Last year we changed the format of the August Sale, which now offers three days of sales of the same level. This year’s results have been excellent and we are more than satisfied. We would like to express our sincere thanks to all the vendors who entrusted us with colts and fillies of exceptional quality. We had the pleasure of welcoming major international owners and buyers from all over Europe, Australia, the United States, Japan and the Middle East, who were very active during the three days of sales. We would also like to thank all our teams who worked tirelessly to make the sale a success. The yearling sales season is off to the best possible start and we look forward to seeing you next Tuesday for the v.2 Yearling Sale.”

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**BUY OF THE DAY**

**ARQANA AUGUST YEARLING SALE DAY 3**

*by Brian Sheerin*

Lot 255, b, c, Zarak (Fr)—Just Sherry (Ire) (Intense Focus)
Vendor: Haras du Cadran
Buyer: Godolphin
Price: €175,000

It is almost cheating when selecting a horse who cost €175,000 as the buy of the day but, given that figure was over €50,000 below the average of this year’s sale, it is probably fair to include the Zarak (Fr) colt (lot 255) who was snapped up by Godolphin.

Zarak needs no introduction for a start, and this good-walking son of his, consigned by top breeder Haras du Cadran, boasted a lot of likeable attributes. Such a statement is backed up by the fact an operation the size of Godolphin felt they couldn’t leave him behind at the money.

He is out of Just Sherry (Ire) (Intense Focus), a dual listed winner in France, who hails from the family of the 2,000 Guineas winner Cockney Rebel (Ire).

A nice athletic colt, he looks one who will benefit with a bit of time under his belt and he’ll certainly get every opportunity to fulfill his potential.

Away from the Zarak, lot 294, a filly by The Grey Gatsby (Ire), caught the eye in selling to Dan Astbury for €82,000. She is a big girl, but has a walk to match and carries herself.

The Grey Gatsby is an intriguing sire and this filly of Anna Sundstrom’s [Coulonces] draft was a nice model and is one to look out for in time.
SESSION TOPPERS

ARQANA AUGUST YEARLING SALE DAY 3

Lot Sex Sire | Dam Price (€)
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244 c Siyouni (Fr) -- Hourglass (Ire) 2,200,000
Bred by China Horse Club International, Ltd. (Fr)
Consigned by Ecurie des Monceaux
Purchased by MV Magnier/White Birch Farm

281 c Wootton Bassett (GB) -- Magic America 1,000,000
Bred by Mr. R. McDonald (Ire)
Consigned by Coulonces
Purchased by Yoshito Yahagi

267 c Camelot (GB) -- Lady Frankel (GB) 850,000
Bred by N/A (Ger)
Consigned by Gestut Ammerland
Purchased by Godolphin

243 c Wootton Bassett (GB) -- Holy Roman Empress (Ire) 800,000
(280,000gns i/u ’21 TATDEC)
Bred by China Horse Club International, Ltd. (Fr)
Consigned by Ecurie des Monceaux
Purchased by MV Magnier/White Birch Farm

279 f Siyouni (Fr) -- Lucerne (GB) 700,000
Bred by Ecurie des Monceaux (Fr)
Consigned by Ecurie des Monceaux
Purchased by Marquee Bloodstock

287 f Wootton Bassett (GB) -- Marbre Rose (Ire) 675,000
Bred by Monceaux/Lordship Stud/Beauregard (GB)
Consigned by Ecurie des Monceaux
Purchased by Al Shaqab Racing

235 c Wootton Bassett (GB) -- Green Diamond Lady 575,000
Bred by Haras du Mont dit Mont (Ire)
Consigned by Haras du Mont dit Mont
Purchased by Al Shaqab Racing/AMO Racing

306 f Night Of Thunder (Ire) -- Mulan (Ire) 500,000
Bred by Monceaux/Qatar Bloodstock/Z Bifov (GB)
Consigned by Ecurie des Monceaux
Purchased by Jason Kelly Bloodstock/Bond Thoroughbreds

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Lot 284 was the second-highest price for her sire at the sale.

This filly’s dam changed hands carrying lot 284 for €110,000 when bought by Dermot Farrington during the Tattersalls December Mares Sale in 2021. Bobby and Honora Donworth’s Round Hill Stud acquired this filly for €85,000 out of the Arqana December Sale as a weanling last year. Florent Fonteyne of Trotting Bloodstock signed the ticket for 2.6 times her foal price on Sunday. She was the second highest price of the sale for the son of Kodiak (GB). Hello Youmzain is well-represented at Arqana. At the close of trade, 19 of his yearlings had grossed €2,447,000, from 20 offered (95%) across the three-day stand. They averaged €128,789, with a median just shy of six figures at €95,000.

He ultimately outstayed her for a short-neck success, with Ballydoyle’s G2 Coventry S.-winning TDN Rising Star River Tiber (Ire) (Wootton Bassett (GB)) closing to two lengths at the line. “It was a huge display and a big performance,” Ed Crisford said of his colt, who has now earned a berth in the G1 Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint in November. “I thought the filly’s turn of foot was fantastic and I thought we weren’t going to claw her back, but to be fair to him he’s stuck to his guns and stuck his head down and he’s a really high-quality colt. We were behind a few horses and I saw Andrea looking for a gap and he couldn’t quite find one, but once he got out he’s picked up really well in that ground and he’s a proper horse with a big future, hopefully. He could go further in time, but I think he’s got so much speed being by Havana Grey that we’ll aim for the Middle Park and then take it from there.”

This was a top-class renewal of the Morny and there was never a question that the pace would not be strong and it could be a slowly-run tactical affair. The G2 July S. winner Jasour (GB) (Havana Grey {GB}) was electric from the gates, denying Thunder Blue (GB) (Blue Point (Ire)) who was acting as the pacemaker for the G2 Norfolk S. winner Valiant Force (Malibu Moon), the lead. That set it up for the smoother-travelling closers in behind, of which Vandeek was always the most striking from a visual standpoint and also on paper once the sectional times had been released.

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Every horse was dragged into a speed test here, with such strong splits leading to halfway meaning that this was turning into one for the stayers. With the testing ground accentuating the stamina test, Ramatuelle was faster than Vandeek between three out and the furlong pole but she paid for that in the run to the line as the British raider clawed back the deficit and edge it late as she tired.

Ramatuelle’s trainer Christopher Head was not downcast afterwards. "She ran a blinder again—it’s amazing what this filly is capable of," he said. "A small tiny filly among those gigantic colts! It was a great performance, there is no shame in losing. We will discuss the next race with all the partners, but she is in the Cheveley Park and the Lagardere."

Aidan O’Brien was also delighted with the run of River Tiber following his well-documented training troubles. "He had a muscle pull behind a little over two weeks ago and I really didn’t think he’d make it," he said. "He just lacked a little bit of drive early, so he was back a long ways and Ryan had to give him a chance to loosen up. When he did, he came home very well so we were very happy with the run. We’ll see how he is and then make a plan."

**Pedigree Notes**

Vandeek, who becomes the first Group 1 winner for his excellent sire, is a grandson of Baldemosa (Fr) (Lead On Time) whose half-sister is the G1 Prix Robert Papin heroine Balbonella (Fr) (Gay Mecene). Her trio of top-class performers are the G1 July Cup S. and G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest hero Anabaa, the GI Pimlico Special runner-up Key Of Luck and the G1 Poule d’Essai des Pouliches heroine Always Loyal (Zilzal).

Always Loyal is the second dam of the Hanshin Juvenile Fillies-winning champion Shonan Adela (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), while another of Balbonella’s progeny was the G3 Prix de la Grotte-placed Country Belle (Seattle Slew) who was the dam of the G2 Gimcrack S.-winning sire Country Reel (Danzig). Also connected to the G1 Poule d’Essai des Pouliches runner-up Baine (Fr) by Country Reel, Mosa Mine's colt foal is by Starspangledbanner (Aus).
Sunday, Deauville, France

SUMBE PRIX MORNY-G1, €350,000, Deauville, 8-20, 2yo, c/f, 6fT, 1:09.84, vsf.

1--VANDEEK (GB), 126, c, 2, by Havana Grey (GB)
   1st Dam: Mosa Mine (GB), by Exceed And Excel (Aus)
   2nd Dam: Baldemosa (Fr), by Lead On Time
   3rd Dam: Bamieres (Fr), by Riverman
   1ST GROUP 1 WIN. (52,000gns Wlg ‘21 TADEWE; 42,000gns Ylg ‘22 TADEY; 625,000gns 2yo ‘23 TATBRE). O-KHK Racing; B-Maywood Stud (GB); T-Simon & Ed Crisford; J-Andrea Atzeni. €199,990. Lifetime Record: GSW-Eng, 3-2-0-0, €316,055.
   Werk Nick Rating: A+++.*Triple Plus*. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

2--Ramatuelle, 122, f, 2, Justify--Raven’s Lady (GB), by Raven’s Pass. 1ST GROUP 1 BLACK TYPE. TDN Rising Star. (€100,000 Ylg ‘22 ARQAUG). O-Infinity Nine Horses, Ecurie des Monceaux, Hollymount Stud France 5C, Chun Wai Kwok, Arthur Hoyeau, Mme Ilse Smits & Clement Tropres; B-Yeguada Centurion SLU (KY); T-Christopher Head. €80,010.

3--River Tiber (Ire), 126, c, 2, Wootton Bassett (GB)--Transcendence (Ire), by Arcano (Ire). 1ST GROUP 1 BLACK TYPE. TDN Rising Star. (480,000gns Ylg ‘22 TATOCT). O-Tabor, Smith, Magnier, Westerberg & Brant; B-Pier House Stud (IRE); T-Aidan O’Brien. €40,005.

Margins: SNK, 2, 2HF. Odds: 4.40, 1.00, 3.70.

Also Ran: Sacred Angel (Ire), Valiant Force, Sajir (Ire), Elite Status (GB), Jasour (GB), Thunder Blue (GB). Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

VANDEEK SPARKS 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FOR BREEDER KELLY THOMAS

By Emma Berry

DEAUVILLE, France—There were plenty of flags of different countries flying high on the grandstand at Deauville but in the winner’s circle, the red dragon of Wales was planted firmly, if only metaphorically, with the G1 Sumbe Prix Morny victory of Vandeek (GB).

Bred by Kelly Thomas, who is celebrating her 20th anniversary as a breeder at her Maywood Stud in Carmarthenshire, the grey colt from the second crop of Havana Grey (GB) was originally sold as a foal for 52,000gns. It was when he returned to the Tattersalls sale ring 17 months later for the Craven Breeze-up Sale that he first came to wider attention when sharing top billing at a price of 625,000gns. The Glending Stables breezer, who was bought by Anthony Stroud for owner KHK Racing, has continued to impress and is now making proper headlines with his unbeaten progression through a Nottingham maiden to the G2 Richmond S. before going one better than his celebrated young sire by winning Deauville’s juvenile Group 1 highlight.

"It takes a long time for it to sink in with me. I’m a bit speechless, but I did find myself jumping up and down near the finish line," said Thomas, who is taking a rare break from farm duties while her husband Huw is at the helm at home and is enjoying a few days in Deauville with her parents Barbara Strong and Andrew Matthews and her daughter Jessica. That enjoyment has of course been greatly enhanced by the first Group 1-winning graduate from her boutique operation.

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Kelly Thomas Cont.

She continued, "We're just a small stud, we don't have a huge amount of space and we are very careful with what we have got. We have five mares, some of them are a little bit older now so they don't breed every year. I have an education in equine science so I do draw on that quite a lot as well as the experience I've gained over the 20 years of breeding. It's our 20th anniversary and it is absolutely amazing to have achieved this in this year."

Thomas also bred Vandeek's 16-year-old dam Mosa Mine (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), whom she initially sold as a yearling and later bought back as a four-year-old.

"She has a beautiful Starspangledbanner colt coming to the sales this year as a foal," she said. "When she had finished her racing days we bought her back for £800. We've actually bought three of our mares back that we've bred."

Thomas, who is aided by her family, including children Jessica, Holly and Sion, added, "We're really not big enough to employ any staff so it's all hands on deck 365 days a year."

MQSE DE SEVIGNE LEAVES IT LATE IN THE JEAN ROMANET

by Tom Frary

Reinvigorated by her career-best win in the G1 Prix Rothschild at the start of this August Festival, Baron Edouard de Rothschild's MQSE DE SEVIGNE (Ire) (Siyouni {Fr}--Penne {Fr}), by Sevres Rose (Ire)) produced a dramatic late surge to deny VIA SISTINA (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) for a rare and notable Deauville double in Sunday's G1 Sumbe Prix Jean Romanet. Switched off in last by Alexis Pouchin, the Andre Fabre-trained 7-2 second favourite handed the 6-5 market-leader first run in early straight but had the material to get to her and have her nose in front in the shade of the post. There was a two-length margin back to TDN Rising Star Above The Curve (American Pharoah) in third as the cream rose to the top in the 10-furlong feature.

Edouard de Rothschild said, "It is a great honour and pride to be associated with such a filly. She is very well-bred from a family that gets better and better with age, has a beautiful conformation and a lovely temperament. I am delighted for all the staff working hard at Meautry. We've had a great meeting, but you have to remain humble and expect that things will not go too bad rather than expecting too much."

Andre Fabre has a trip to his beloved Newmarket in mind now. "I think the Sun Chariot S. could be the right race for her next time," he added.

While MQSE De Sevigne had taken the G3 Prix Vanteaux last spring, she then seemed to have reached a plateau with seconds to TREVAUNANCE (Ire) (Muhaarar {GB}) in both the G3 Prix de Psyche and G2 Prix de la Nonette and the early signs this term were that she was stuck in a groove with more seconds in ParisLongchamp's G3 Prix Allez France, Saint-Cloud's G2 Prix Corrida and the Listed Prix de la Pepiniere at Chantilly. While all the evidence suggested she had reached a ceiling, Fabre continued to believe and duly relit her fire dropping the half-sister to the G1 Grand Prix de Paris hero MEANDRE (Fr) (Slickly {Fr}) back to a mile for the Rothschild.

This represented another step forward, with Trevaunance setting an honest tempo under Shane Foley and creating the perfect scenario for the hold-up merchants biding their time. While Via Sistina put in a seemingly race-winning penultimate split of :11.10, MQSE De Sevigne trumped that with a stunning :10.99 to cut back the advantage and while their final furlong sectional were virtually identical, it was the Fabre runner who had produced the most potent closing effort. Cont. p15
George Boughey is keen to return to France with Via Sistina. “She’s run a blinder again against a very good filly, but it’s not taken much out of her and she possibly got a bit lonely in front,” he said. “We’ll probably come back for the Opera. That looks the right race for her and she goes on most ground. That will be her last race.”

**Pedigree Notes**

Mqse De Sevigne’s dual listed-placed dam Penne, whose aforementioned Meandre also took the G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud, G1 Grosser Preis von Berlin and G1 Preis von Europa, is also responsible for the listed-placed Dogma (Fr) (Mount Nelson {GB}). Kin to the dual listed winner Gris Tendre (Fr) by Meandre’s sire Slickly, she descends from the Poule d’Essai des Pouliches and Prix de Diane-winning champion Apollonia (Fr) (Djebel {Fr}). Penne’s as-yet unraced 3-year-old filly by Saxon Warrior (Jpn) is named Une Fausse Venus (Ire), while she also has the 2-year-old colt Mr L’Apothicaire (Fr) (Kodiac {GB}).

**JANNAH ROSE MAKES IT A FAMILY AFFAIR IN THE PRIX ALEC HEAD**

*by Tom Frary*

Al Shira’aa Farms’ bonanza weekend continued apace at Deauville on Sunday, with their star filly Jannah Rose (Ire) (Frankel {GB}) coming back from her midsummer break to win the 10-furlong G2 Sumbe Prix Alec Head which is the re-named Prix de la Nonette.

Off since her anti-climactic sixth in the G1 Prix de Diane, the G1 Prix Saint-Alary and G3 Prix Vanteaux winner was restrained to race in third by Christophe Soumillon off the moderate pace set by the G2 Ribblesdale S. runner-up and G1 Irish Oaks fourth Lumiere Rock (Ire) (Saxon Warrior {Jpn}). Having to fight once she had got alongside that rival 150 metres from the finish, the 7-10 favourite proved equal to the task to prevail by a head.

The win had added import, with Carlos Laffon-Parias being the husband of Alec Head’s granddaughter Patricia. “It’s nice to see her leave her race in the Prix de Diane behind,” the trainer said. “This is the real Jannah Rose. She was a bit fresh and the pace wasn’t quick enough for her, but in the end she quickened well and won safely I think. I will keep her over that trip and she will come back in the [G1] Prix de l’Opera.”

For Soumillon, success in the race in its inaugural new guise also carried significant weight. “It’s a great honour as, to me, the Head family are one of the biggest families in the racing world so to win the first one under Alec Head’s name means a lot to me,” the rider said. “We had a lot of good wins together and while it’s always sad to lose somebody so important in racing, he has left a great legacy.”
**Pedigree Notes**

Jannah Rose’s unraced dam Sophie Germain (Ire) (Indian Ridge [Ire]) is also responsible for the G2 Ridgewood Pearl S. winner Creggs Pipes (Ire) (Rip Van Winkle [Ire]) and the listed-placed Silver Spear (Ire) (Clodovil [Ire]). The second dam is the G1 Oaks d’Italia heroine Nydrion (Critique), whose family includes the GI Breeders’ Futurity hero and GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile runner-up Square Eddie (Smart Strike). She also has a 2-year-old filly by Invincible Spirit (Ire) bought by David Redvers for €280,000 at the Goffs Orby and a colt foal by Oasis Dream (GB).

**SOBER HAS HIS DAY IN THE KERGORLAY**

by Tom Frary

Confirming his emergence among the elite of France’s stayers, the Wertheimers’ **Sober (Fr)** (Camelot (GB)) added Sunday’s G2 Sumbe Prix Kergorlay to his tally at Deauville.

Successful in ParisLongchamp’s G2 Prix Vicomtesse Vigier in May and third to **The Good Man (Fr)** (Manduro (Ger)) dropping slightly in trip in that venue’s G2 Prix Maurice de Nieuil in July, the 9-5 favourite coasted along in mid-division under Maxime Guyon early. Gaining momentum to carry him to the front approaching the furlong pole, the Andre Fabre-trained homebred asserted to score by 1 1/4 lengths from Grand Alliance (Ire) (Churchill (Ire)).

“Sober is a very consistent horse at this level and he was there again for us,” the owner-breeders’ racing manager Pierre Yves Bureau said. “We will try to make him a Group 1 winner and the two possibilities are the Cadran and the Royal Oak, so we will see with Mr. Fabre wants to do.”

**Pedigree Notes**

Sober’s listed-placed dam Burma Sea (Fr) (Lope De Vega (Ire)) is a half-sister to the G3 St Leger Italiano winner Burma Gold (Ire) (Java Gold) and to the stakes producers Bristol Bay (Ire) and Burning Heights (Ger) by Camelot’s sire Montjeu (Ire). Bristol Bay produced the Listed Prix Pelleas winner Bay Of Poets (Ire) to a mating with Lope De Vega, while the latter is responsible for the same sire’s G3 Killavullan S. winner Blue De Vega (Ger) and is the second dam of the G2 Premio Lydia Tesio scorer Angel Power (GB) also by Lope De Vega. Also connected to the G1 Deutsches Derby and G1 Grosser Preis von Baden heroine Borgia (Ger) and the G1 Deutsches Derby and G1 Coronation Cup hero Boreal (Ger) (Java Gold), Burma Sea’s 2-year-old colt by Siyouni (Fr) is named Delire (GB), while she also has a yearling filly by Dubawi (Ire) named Andaman (Ire) and a colt foal by Dark Angel (Ire) named Kavan (Ire).
SHAMIDA SEQUENCE CONTINUES IN THE IRISH ST Leger TRIAL
by Tom Frary

One of The Aga Khan’s most upwardly-mobile 3-year-olds in Ireland, Shamida (Ire) (Australia {GB}) belied her inexperience to upset some solid older stayers in Sunday’s G3 Comer Group International Irish St Leger Trial S. at the Curragh.

Having taken the G3 Stanerra S. over this 14-furlong trip at Leopardstown in July, the Dermot Weld trainee was made the 5-4 favourite on the withdrawal of last year’s G1 St Leger hero Eldar Eldarov (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) and the G1 Irish Oaks third Library (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). Last initially, the homebred was a 33,000 purchase by Evergreen Bloodstock at the Goffs Orby, while her yearling colt and filly foal are by Camelot (GB).

“Shamida’s dam Shamooda (Ire) (Azamour {Ire}), who was a €68,000 purchase by Margaret O’Toole at the 2020 Goffs November Sale, is also responsible for the Listed Vinnie Roe S. third Shajak (Ire) (Zarak {Fr}). She is out of the G1 Prix de Diane heroine Shemaka (Ire) (Nishapour {Fr}), who produced the dual Group 3-winning Shemima (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}) and the listed scorer Shemaya (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}) who is the dam of the G1 Prix du Jockey Club runner-up Shamkiyr (Fr) (Sea The Stars {Ire}).

Shemaka’s descendants include last year’s G1 Champion S. hero Bay Bridge (GB) (New Bay {GB}), the G1 Grand Prix de Paris winner Shakeel (Fr) by Shemima’s sire Dalakhani, the G2 Prix Eugene Adam scorer Shimraan (Fr) (Rainbow Quest), the G3 Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial winner Cormorant (Ire) (Kingman {GB}) and G3 Sweet Solera S. scorer Lakota Sioux (Ire) (Sioux Nation). Shamooda’s unraced 2-year-old filly by Almanzor (Fr) was a €33,000 purchase by Evergreen Bloodstock at the Goffs Orby, while her yearling colt and filly foal are by Camelot (GB).

SHAMIDA (IRE), 125, f, 3, by Australia (GB)
1st Dam: Shamooda (Ire), by Azamour (Ire)
2nd Dam: Shemaka (Ire), by Nishapour (Fr)
3rd Dam: Shashna, by Blakeney (GB)

VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV

Pedigree Notes
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LAYFAYETTE TAKES THE ROYAL WHIP

by Tom Frary

Returning to the scene of his finest hours last spring when capturing the G2 Mooresbridge S. and G3 Alleged S., the consistent and honest Layfayette (Ire) (French Navy [GB]) proved too strong for the younger brigade in Sunday’s G3 Fitzdares Royal Whip S. at the Curragh.

Reserved in last from the outset in customary fashion by Colin Keane, the Noel Meade-trained 7-2 shot who had also finished runner-up in the most recent edition of the Mooresbridge and won the Listed Martin Molony S. moved to the 3-year-old filly Unless (Justify) with over half a furlong to race and asserted to score by 3/4 of a length.

“He loves this place,” Meade said. “He loves the long straight and this place and Naas suits him well. In Group 2s and Group 3s, he’s very competitive. He’ll probably go for the [G2] mile-and-a-half race on Champions Weekend in Leopardstown if there is an ease in the ground.”

Pedigree Notes

Layfayette’s dam Scala Romana (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor [Ire]) is a granddaughter of the Listed Cheshire Oaks winner and G1 St Leger and G1 Yorkshire S. runner-up High And Low (GB) (Rainbow Quest) from the family of the G1 Poule d’Essai des Poulains-winning sire American Post (GB). Her yearling filly by Phoenix Of Spain (Ire) is catalogued in next month’s Goffs Orby Book 1, while she also has a filly foal by Blue Point (Ire).

Sunday, Curragh, Ireland

FITZDARES ROYAL WHIP S.-G3, €55,000, Curragh, 8-20, 3yo/up, 10fT, 2:07.41, gd.

1--LAYFAYETTE (IRE), 135, g, 6, by French Navy (GB)

1st Dam: Scala Romana (Ire),

by Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)

2nd Dam: Sliding Scale (GB), by Sadler’s Wells

3rd Dam: High and Low (GB), by Rainbow Quest

Unless (Justify)--Clemmie (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE. O-Westberger, Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor & D Smith; B-Orpendale, Chelston & Wynatt (KY); T-Aidan O’Brien. €11,000.

Layfayette (second left) | Racingfotos.com

2--Helvic Dream (IRE), 135, g, 6, Power (GB)--Rachevie (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). (£4,000 RNA Wlg ’17 TATGBF; £12,000 Ylg ’18 TIRSEP). O-Mrs Caroline Hendron & Mrs M Cahill; B-T O’Dwyer & K O’Brien (IRE); T-Noel Meade. £5,500.

Margins: 3/4, 1HF, 2 3/4. Odds: 3.50, 1.88, 22.00. Also Ran: Knight To King (Ire), Pivotal Trigger (GB), Young Ireland (Ire). Scratched: Goldana (Ire). VIDEO.

Sunday, Ovrevell, Norway

MARIT SVEAAS MINNELØP-G3, NKr1,092,000, Ovrevell, 8-20, 3yo/up, 9FT, 1:54.70, sf.

1--HARD ONE TO PLEASE (IRE), 132, g, 4, by Fast Company (Ire)

1st Dam: Alyssum (Ire), by New Approach (Ire)

2nd Dam: Alasha (Ire), by Barathea (Ire)

3rd Dam: High and Low (GB), by Rainbow Quest

Unless, 125, f, 3, Justify--Clemmie (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE. O-Westerberg, Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor & D Smith; B-Orpendale, Chelston & Wynatt (KY); T-Aidan O’Brien. €11,000.

Margins: 3/4, 1HF, 2 3/4. Odds: 3.50, 1.88, 22.00. Also Ran: Captain Chorus (GB), Kick On (GB), Simply Minds (Fr), Admiral De Vega (GB), Quebello (Ger), Tuwaiq (Ire), Purple Ace (Nor).

Last year’s Svenskt Derby and Norskt Derby-winning Scandinavian champion 3-year-old colt Hard One To Please had been tried in Goodwood’s G3 Glorious S. last time but could manage only sixth in testing ground. Happy to track the leaders throughout the early stages, he moved to the front with over two furlongs remaining and despite looking awkward as he hung towards the stand’s rail kept finding to register a career-best.
Muhaarar
Haras des Faunes

The dam Alyssum has also produced the G3 Sweet Solera S. runner-up Dandy Alys (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}), while the second dam is the Listed Dick Hern Fillies’ S. winner and G1 1000 Guineas and GI E. P. Taylor S.-placed Alasha (Ire) (Barathea {Ire}). Her progeny list is headed by the G3 Ballycorus S. and G3 Sceptre S. winner Alanza (Ire) (Dubai Destination), while this is the family of the G1 Irish St Leger hero Alandi (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and the champion Aliysa (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}). Next up from Alyssum is a yearling full-sister to Dandy Alys, while she also has a filly foal by US Navy Flag.

NEW PARTNERSHIP FOR MUHAARAR, WHO MOVES TO PETIT TELLIER
by Sue Finley

Shadwell Stud's Champion Sprinter Muhaarar (GB), who has stood the last two years at Haras des Faunes in the south of France, will now be owned by Shadwell and a consortium of French breeders and will be moved to Haras du Petit Tellier in Normandy, according to Eric Puerari. Puerari said that Muhaarar's stud fee would be announced at the end of the year.

The group of breeders is comprised of Jean-Pierre Dubois and several generations of his family, Haras des Capucines, Haras de Saint-Pair, and several others. Sheikha Hissa will retain half of the shares in the stallion, and the syndicate will be managed by Capucines Bloodstock, with Puerari at the helm.

A Shadwell homebred, Muhaarar was champion sprinter of 2015, when he won the G1 Commonwealth Cup, G1 July Cup, G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest and G1 British Champions Sprint S. as a 3-year-old. He began his career at Shadwell's Nunnery Stud, beginning at a fee of £30,000. He was moved to Haras des Faunes after the death of Sheikh Hamdan, Shadwell accepted an offer from Faunes. The stallion has been very hot the past two years, and after breeding 54 mares at Faunes in 2022 at a €5,000 fee, he covered 124 in 2023 at a €7,500 fee.

"Last year, he had an exceptional year and when you look at his statistics, he's boxing way above his weight for a horse who stood this year for an advertised stud fee of €7,500," said Puerari. "Last year, he had an amazing percentage of stakes winners per runners. His numbers are very good. He's been kind of a forgotten horse."

In 2023, Muhaarar has been represented by Marhaba Ya Sanafi (Ire), the winner of the G1 French Guineas, who went on to be third in the G1 French Derby, and Cicero's Gift (GB) an undefeated 'TDN Rising Star' through his first three starts before missing in the G1 St. James's Palace S.

His recent top runners demonstrate his versatility. 'TDN Rising Star' Be Your Best (Ire) was second in the GI Del Mar Oaks at nine furlongs on the turf on Friday; Run To Freedom (GB) was second in the six-furlong G1 July Cup on July 15; three days earlier, 'TDN Rising Star' Israr (GB) won the G2 Princess of Wales's S. at twice that distance; and this spring at Santa Anita, Motorius won the GII San Simon S. at 6 1/2 furlongs on the turf.

"He does tend to produce horses who stay, which is strange for a sprinter, because he's by Oasis Dream (GB)," said Puerari, "but when you look at Oasis Dream's pedigree, there's a lot of staying blood. We think he really fits a niche that we don't have in France in the €10,000-€15,000 range. For example, this year when Mishriff got hurt, after Intello, Galiway, Goken, and few others, there's not much. Not many people are going to travel to England and Ireland to breed for €10,000. So I think he should be very popular."

Muhaarar will travel from Bordeaux to Normandy this coming week, where he will be available for breeders' inspection.

"He gets good-looking stock and he is himself a very good-looking horse," he said. "He's a very well balanced horse. He's mid-sized. Very dark bay, no white. He's very handsome horse, with a beautiful head.

"We'll decide on his stud fee later. We'll wait for the end of the year and put him at a fee where people won't try to negotiate, because he'll be good value."
DESSERT CROWN’S “CAREER IN BALANCE” AFTER PULLING UP LAME SUNDAY

Derby hero Desert Crown (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}) has been withdrawn from Wednesday’s G1 Juddmonte International after injuring himself during a workout on Sunday morning, according to owner Saeed Suhail’s racing manager Bruce Raymond.

“He pulled up lame after breezing this morning; [he’s] being assessed at [the] equine hospital, [his] career [is] in balance,” Raymond told racing broadcaster Nick Luck on Sunday.

A winner at first asking at two, the Sir Michael Stoute trainee swept the G2 Dante S. over the Knavesmire last May and won the Derby by 2 1/2 lengths that June. An ankle injury kept the son of Desert Berry (GB) (Green Desert) away from the races for almost a year until his second-place finish in the G3 Brigadier Gerard S. at Sandown on May 25. He was similarly on course for Royal Ascot, but sustained a setback. After recovering the G1 King George VI And Queen Elizabeth S., he was his next target, but Desert Crown contracted a leg infection which ruled him out of that Ascot showpiece.

ALL ROADS LEAD TO PARIS-LONGCHAMP FOR WESTOVER

Last year’s G1 Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby winner Westover (GB) (Frankel {GB}) is poised to head directly to France where he’ll get a second chance at the G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe 12 months after running sixth in last year’s renewal over unsuitably testing ground.

The Ralph Beckett-trainee is currently enjoying a break at his trainer’s Kimpton Down base and the connections are keen to follow last year’s route to the Bois de Boulogne—with a trip to Santa Anita for the Breeders’ Cup also in the planner following his attempt at Europe’s richest middle-distance contest on Oct. 1.

A head second to multiple Group 1 winner Hukum (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}) in Ascot’s G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S., hopes are high that the son of Frankel can build on last year’s finishing position.

“He came out of the King George great and he’s having a little break now at Ralph’s,” said Barry Mahon, the European racing manager for owners Juddmonte. “He’s been on the go early this year having been to Dubai and then recently had two quick runs, so I think he’s thinking he’ll freshen him up and go to the Arc then on to the Breeders’ Cup.”

GUINEAS WINNER MAWJ GIVEN AUTUMN TARGETS

Godolphin’s G1 1000 Guineas heroine Mawj (Ire) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) has been entered in the G1 Sun Chariot S. in early October, trainer Saeed bin Suroor revealed on Sunday.

Undefeated in all of her 2023 starts, the ‘TDN Rising Star’ landed a pair of Meydan conditions races in January and February, before striking by a half-length in the Newmarket Classic on May 7. A Group 2 winner last year, she missed Royal Ascot due to an infection, and she is also being considered for the GI First Lady S. at Keeneland the same weekend as the Sun Chariot.

“She’s doing well,” said bin Suroor. “I’ve given her an entry in the Sun Chariot or the same week there’s a race for her at Keeneland.

“Those are what we are looking at for her, those two races. We’ll see which one closer to the time. The Sun Chariot is obviously closer [to home].” Cont. p21
Mawj Cont.
Long term, the half-sister to multiple Grade I winner Modern Games (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) is a candidate for the Breeders’ Cup in November.

“The Breeders’ Cup is our big aim for this year, she’s not a big filly so a track like Keeneland will be perfect. She’ll stay in training next year, which is good news.”

ROSALLION TO TEST CHAMPAGNE AT DONCASTER
Sheikh Mohammed Obaid’s Rosallion (Ire) (Blue Point {Ire}) will target next month’s G2 Betfred Champagne S. at Doncaster in bid to keep his perfect record as well as bolster his growing reputation.

The Richard Hannon charge beat a next-out scorer at Newbury on debut in June before stepping up to the listed level with a victory in the Flexjet Pat Eddery S. at Ascot last out on July 29. His conditioner has also been eyeing a run in the G1 Darley Dewhurst S. in October, but is not confident Rosallion will see his peak before his 3-year-old term next season.

“He’s absolutely fine and he’s going to go to the Champagne S. at Doncaster and then hopefully on to the Dewhurst, he’s in great form,” said Hannon. “Funny enough, it is the same route as Chindit took, although the Dewhurst didn’t work for him. He went to a Donny maiden race, to the Ascot race and then to win the Champagne S. It is very similar to his route. [Rosallion] looked a very good horse at Ascot and we always thought he was. He is a very exciting horse and one that is not a 2-year-old and one for next year.”

FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

MONDAY, 21 AUGUST, 2023
UNITED KINGDOM
Advertise (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), Manton Park Stud
103 foals of racing age
18:50-LINGFIELD PARK, 6f, Cajetan (GB) 75,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; 80,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022
15:00-CATTERICK BRIDGE, 6f, Socialise (Ire) £48,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022
18:50-LINGFIELD PARK, 6f, Townsend Manor (GB) 62,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022

Blue Point (Ire) (Shamardal), Kildangan Stud
161 foals of racing age
18:50-LINGFIELD PARK, 6f, Elmonjed (Ire) 45,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2022; 40,000gns RNA Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale 2023
18:50-LINGFIELD PARK, 6f, Mbappe (GB) 43,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022

Invincible Army (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud
95 foals of racing age
18:50-LINGFIELD PARK, 6f, Invincible Molly (GB) 7,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; 18,000gns Tattersalls December Yearling Sale 2022; 55,000gns Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2023
14:05-BRIGHTON, 5.25f, Vidi Vici (GB) 10,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2022
Blue Point, whose son Rosallion will be targeting the Champagne at Doncaster, has entries in the UK and France

**FRANCE**

**Advertise (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), Manton Park Stud**
- 103 foals of racing age
- 6-VICHY, 1600m, Aodha (GB)
- 10,000gns RNA Tattersalls February Sale 2023; €8,000 Tattersalls Ireland Goresbridge Breeze Up 2023

**Calyx (GB) (Kingman {GB}), Coolmore Stud**
- 103 foals of racing age
- 6-VICHY, 1600m, Betanyx (Fr)
- €15,000 RNA Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2021 - English Version
- 2-CLAIREFONTEAINE, 1400m, Island Fantasy (GB)
- €18,000 Tattersalls Ireland Goresbridge Breeze Up 2023

**City Light (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}), Haras d’Etrenham**
- 90 foals of racing age
- 1-CLAIREFONTEAINE, 1400m, Black Gangster (Fr)
- 2-CLAIREFONTEAINE, 1400m, Hillsboro (Fr)
- 2-CLAIREFONTEAINE, 1400m, Rock the Kasbah (Fr)
- €85,000 Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale 2022

**Fas (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), Haras de Saint-Vincent**
- 30 foals of racing age
- 1-CLAIREFONTEAINE, 1400m, Vodnikov (Fr)

**Le Brivido (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}), Haras de la Haie Neuve**
- 39 foals of racing age
- 2-CLAIREFONTEAINE, 1400m,
- €19,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2022

**Magna Grecia (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Coolmore Stud**
- 109 foals of racing age
- 2-CLAIREFONTEAINE, 1400m, Shawty (Ire)
- €12,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022; €15,000 Osarus Breeze-Up la Teste 2023

**Palace Prince (Ger) (Areion (Ger)), Joel Denis**
- 7 foals of racing age
- 6-VICHY, 1600m, Brisky Spark (Fr)

**Taj Mahal (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)), Haras de la Haie Neuve**
- 46 foals of racing age
- 2-CLAIREFONTEAINE, 1400m, Laurella Bere (Fr)
- €8,000 Arqana Deauville September Yearling Sale 2022

**Ten Sovereigns (Ire) (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud**
- 150 foals of racing age
- 1-CLAIREFONTEAINE, 1400m, Gabon (Ire)
- 48,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022; €90,000 Tattersalls Ireland Goresbridge Breeze Up 2023; €33,000 Arqana Deauville Summer Mixed Sale 2023
- 6-VICHY, 1600m, Rule the Surf (Fr)

**€460K HALF TO GRAND PRIX DE PARIS HERO ONESTO SET FOR CLAIREFONTEAINE BOW**

14.23 Clairefontaine, Mdn, €30,000, unraced 2yo, f, 7fT
White Birch Farm’s €460,000 Arqana August acquisition

BEFORE NIGHT FALLS (Gleneagles {Ire}) is a half-sister to last term’s G1 Grand Prix de Paris hero Onesto (Ire) (Frankel {GB}) and debuts for Jean-Claude Rouget in this newcomers’ test.
Observations Cont.
She faces a cast of 11 which features His Highness The Aga Khan’s Francis-Henri Graffard trainee Vezdara (GB) (Siyouni {Fr}), who is the fourth foal produced by G1 Poule d’Essai des Pouliches runner-up Veda (Fr) and thus a half-sister to MGSW G1 Prix Royal-Oak and G1 Prix de Royallieu placegetter Valia (Fr) (Sea The Stars {Ire}).

HOW THEY FARED

16.45 Sandown, Mdn, £15,000, 2yo, 7fT
Skellet (Ire) (Kingman [GB]), the half-sister to the G1 Moyglare Stud S. heroine Skitter Scatter (Scat Daddy), was a major eyecatcher having been short of room for a spell in the closing stages before thundering home to be beaten just a length in fourth.

Sunday’s Results:

EBF STALLIONS HIGHFIELD FARM FLYING FILLIES’ S.-Listed, £60,000, Pontefract, 8-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 6fT, 1:14.47, g/f.
1--Believing (IRE), 132, f, 3, Mehmas (IRE)—Misfortunate (IRE), by Kodiac (GB). (70,000gns Ylg ’21 TATOCT; 115,000gns 2yo ‘22 TATBRE). O-Highclere Thoroughbred Racing (Jane Addams); B-M Mullien & Cloneymore Farm (IRE); T-George Boughey; J-Daniel Tudhope. £33,612. Lifetime Record: GSW-Fr & MGSP-Eng, 13-4-3-1, $188,949. 
2--Funny Story (GB), 127, f, 3, Havana Grey (GB)—Funny Enough (GB), by Dansili (GB). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O/B-Whitsbury Manor Stud & Mrs M E Slade (GB); T-Ralph Beckett. £12,798.
3--Samedien Rien (Ire), 130, f, 4, Bated Breath (GB)—Pantile (GB), by Pivotal (GB). O-Horses & Berries; B-Hyde Park Stud (IRE); T-Guillermo Arizkorreta Eloegui. £6,408.
Also Ran: Gale Force Maya (GB), Glorious Angel (Ire), Kitai (Ire), Princess Shabnam (Ire), Craft Irish (Ire), Demi Pointe (GB), Glenlaurel (Ire), Another Romance (Ire). Scratched: Al Simmo (GB), Rage Of Bamby (Ire), The Big Board (Ire).
Saddled with a penalty as a result of her success in Chantilly’s G3 Prix Texanita in May, Believing who had previously won the Listed Chelmer Fillies’ S. at Chelmsford in April blew the start and was never a factor in the five-furlong G2 Prix du Gros-Chene back at Chantilly when last seen in June. Again tardy from the break, she was allowed time to find her feet and picked off rivals one by one before overwhelming fellow 3-year-old Funny Story with over half a furlong remaining.

The unraced dam is a half-sister to the G3 Concorde S. and G3 Brownstown S. winner Miss Sally (Ire) (Danetime {Ire}) from the family of the G1 Irish Oaks winner Melodist (The Minstrel) and the triple grade I-winning Love Sign (Spanish Riddle). Her 2-year-old colt by Inns Of Court (Ire) was a €52,000 purchase by Gavin Cromwell at the Tattersalls Ireland Goresbridge Breeze Up, while she also has a colt foal by that sire. VIDEO.

1st-Pontefract, £10,000, Nov, 8-20, 2yo, 5f 3yT, 1:04.09, g/f.
MASTER OF MY FATE (IRE) (c, 2, Footstepsinthesand (GB)—The Works (IRE), by No Nay Never), was steadied to stalk the leaders along the fence in third after an alert getaway from the inside stall in this debut. Cruising forward off the home turn, the 4-7 favourite loomed large hard on the steel approaching the final furlong and coasted clear in hand to easily outclass Goldmine Girl (Ire) (Havana Gold {Ire}) by an unextended three lengths. Master Of My Fate is the lone reported foal produced by a daughter of Listed Criterium Aretuseo third Seinellanima (Ire) (Oratorio {Ire}), herself a kin to GI Matriarch S. heroine Off Limits (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}). The April-foaled bay hails from the family of GI Flamingo S. and GI American Derby-winning sire Awe Inspiring (Slew O’ Gold). Sales history: €11,000 Wlg ’21 GOFNO1; €12,000 Ylg ’22 TATIRY; 90,000gns 2yo ’23 TATBKG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $6,875.
O-Ms Janelle Cao, Ross Harmon & Partner; B-Michael Buggie & Liam Wright (IRE); T-John Quinn.

3rd-Sandown, £15,000, Mdn, 8-20, 2yo, 7fT, 1:31.14, gd.
ROYAL SUPREMACY (IRE) (c, 2, Make Believe (GB)—Adelasia (IRE), by Ifraaj (GB)), a 6-1 chance on this debut, broke awkwardly from the widest stall but had no problem gaining a prominent position on the outer. Narrowly in front approaching the final furlong, the 65,000gns Tatts Book 2 graduate had to dig in to beat Colorado Dancer (GB) (Time Test {GB}) but was game to the line to prevail by a nose. Cont. p24
Andrew Balding, who boasts a strong team of juveniles in 2023, said, “Oisin was very impressed with him as he didn’t have a great trip around. He is a nice horse and he will probably stay a bit further. He should have a good autumn. He hasn’t got any big entries next to his name, but there are plenty of nice races in the autumn which haven’t closed yet.” The dam is a half-sister to the G2 Euro Cup winner Fight Club (Ger) (Lavirco (Ger)) and the group 3 scorer Flambo (Ger) (Platini (Ger)) and to the dam of the Listed H.H. The President Cup winner Haqeeqy (Ire) (Lope De Vega (Ire)). Her colt foal is by Waldgeist (GB). Sales history: 65,000gns Ylg > 22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $10,313. O-Mr Michael Blencowe; B-John O’Connor (IRE); T-Andrew Balding.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Evening Story (GB)**, f, 3, New Bay (GB)—Penny Rose (GB), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). Pontefract, 8-20, 8f 6yT, 1:45.54. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-3, $12,606. B-Mr & Mrs G Middlebrook (GB). *20,000gns RNA Ylg ’21 TATSOM. **1/2 to Sweet Promise (GB) (Intello (Ger)), SP-Fr.

**Congress (GB)**, c, 3, Washington DC (Ire)—La Cabana (GB), by Havana Gold (Ire). Southwell, 8-20, 6f 16y (AWT), 1:15.72. Lifetime Record: 12-1-0-1, $5,344. B-Bearstone Stud (GB). *£4,000 RNA Ylg ’21 GOFFUK; 12,000gns 2yo ’22 TATAHI.
FRANCE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:
2nd-Deauville, €38,000, Cond, 8-20, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.29, st.
SIAM PARAGON (FR) (c, 4, Shalaa {Ire}--Cracker {GB}, by Smart Strike) Lifetime Record: SW-Fr, 17-7-1-3, €154,600. O-Claire Stephenson; B-Mohamed Jasim Mohamed Almhmoud (FR); T-Georges Doleuze. *€12,000 Ylg ‘20 ARQOCT.

7th-Le Lion d’Angers, €30,000, 8-20, 3yo, 7fT, 1:24.78, sf.
HALFWAY LINE (GB) (c, 3, Zoffany {Ire}--Midweek {GB} {GSP-Fr}, by Motivator {GB}) Lifetime Record: 5-3-2-0, €54,900. O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-Francis-Henri Graffard.

IRELAND

Sunday’s Results:
FIRST STAKES WINNER FOR SIRE
QATAR RACING AND EQUESTRIAN CLUB IRISH EBF CURRAGH S.-Listed, €40,000, Curragh, 8-20, 2yo, 5fT, 1:00.77, gd.
1--ASEAN (IRE), 126, f, 2, by Ten Sovereigns (Ire)
   1st Dam: Eria (Ire), by Zoffany (Ire)
   2nd Dam: Eirnin (Ire), by Galileo (Ire)
   3rd Dam: Litani River, by Irish River (Fr)
   1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (€55,000 RNA Ylg ‘22 GOFFUK). O-Mrs A M O’Brien; B-Whisperview Trading Ltd (IRE); T-Donnacha O’Brien; J-Gavin Ryan. €24,000. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-2, $39,992.

2--Alabama (Ire), 131, c, 2, No Nay Never--Dream The Blues (Ire), by Oasis Dream (GB). O-D Smith, Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor & Westerberg; B-Fethard Bloodstock (IRE); T-Aidan O’Brien. €8,000.

3--Rush Queen (Ire), 126, f, 2, Ardad (Ire)--Marjubilation (Ire), by Acclamation (GB). 1ST BLACK TYPE. (€20,000 Wlg ‘21 GOFNO1; 35,000gns Ylg ‘22 TATSOM; 50,000gns 2yo ‘23 TATBRE; £110,000 RNA 2yo ‘23 GOFLO). O-Shamrock Thoroughbreds; B-P Dolan (IRE); T-A McGuinness. €4,000. Margins: HF, HF, 2 1/2l. Odds: 8.50, 3.00, 7.00. Also Ran: Storm Miami (Ire), G’Day Mate (GB), Sturlasson (Ire), Son of Corballis (Ire), Brighter (Fr), Ashwiyaa (Ire). Scratched: Gunzburg (Ire).

Providing her first-crop sire Ten Sovereigns (Ire) with his breakthrough first black-type winner on Sunday, Anne Marie O’Brien’s filly Asean (Ire) was too strong for her peers in the five-furlong Listed Qatar Racing And Equestrian Club Irish EBF Curragh S. Off the mark at the fifth attempt at Cork last month, the Donnacha O’Brien-trained 17-2 shot was anchored in rear early. Asked to sprint by Gavin Ryan a furlong out, the homebred swamped the field to gain the advantage 50 yards out before asserting to beat Alabama (Ire) (No Nay Never) by half a length.

“She travelled strong, she has a lot of speed and I thought Gavin gave her a brilliant ride,” the trainer said. “She has a really good turn of foot and he rode her for that. She quickened up really well and is obviously a smart filly. We’ll probably step her up into group company now. She’s all speed and we’ll probably keep her to five. I’d say she loves quick ground, the quicker the better. Ten Sovereigns wanted it like the road.”

The winner is the first foal out of Eria (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}), whose yearling full-sister to the winner is due to sell at next month’s Goffs Orby Book 1. She is a full-sister to the G3 Gallinule S.-placed Sherpa (IRE) and the Listed Knockaibre S. runner-up Emporio (Ire) from the family of a host of Sadler’s Wells’ luminaries. They include the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas hero Saffron Walden (Fr) (Sadler’s Wells), the GI E.P. Taylor S. heroine Insight (Fr), the G1 Fillies’ Mile winner Listen (IRE) and the G1 Moyglare Stud S. winner Sequoyah (IRE).

Also by Sadler’s Wells is the G3 Concorde S. winner Psalm (Ire) and Listed Garnet S. scorer Queen Titi (Ire), with the latter going on to produce the G1 Dewhurst S. hero Beethoven (Ire) (Oratorio {Ire}), while the family also features the G1 Prix de la Foret-winning sire Dolphin Street (Fr). VIDEO.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Megarry (Ire), c, 2, Inns Of Court (Ire)--Highest Praise (GB), by Acclamation (GB). Curragh, 8-20, 6fT, 1:14.85. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, $21,311. B-Highest Praise Syndicate (IRE). *€25,000
Sunday’s Results:
**GROSSER SPARKASSEN-FAMILIEN-CUP-Listed, €30,000, Dusseldorf, 8-20, 3yo/up, 8fT, 1:35.50, sf.**
1. **PAROL (GER), 128, g, 6, Pastorius (Ger)–Palucca (Ger), by Big Shuffle.** (€64,000 RNA Ylg ’18 BBAGO). O/B-Dirk von Mitzlaff (GER); T-Bohumil Nedorostek; J-Szczepan Mazur. €18,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-Ger & MSP-Fr, 22-7-7-2, €126,680. *1/2 to Pas De Deux (Ger) (Saddex {GB}), MGGSW-Ger & GSW-Fr, $307,699.

2. **Nano Nagle (IRE), 125, f, 4, Frankel (GB)–Discursus (GB), by Dubawi (IRE). O/B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Henri-Alex Pantall. €6,000.

3. **Westminster Night (FR), 126, g, 4, Morandi (FR)–Fontaine Margot (FR), by Ballingarry (IRE). 1ST BLACK TYPE.** (€14,000 Wlg ’19 ARQDEC; €20,000 Ylg ’20 ARQOCT). O-Westminster Race Horses GmbH; B-Bloodstock Agency Ltd, Melchior-Francois Mathet & Serge S Mastey (FR); T-Andreas Wohler. €3,750.

Margins: 4, 3/4, SHD. Odds: 3.00, 7.40, 2.80.

Also Ran: Pirouz (Ger), Dhaghand (Ger), Woolze (Ger), Aggenstein (Ger), Siluto (Ger). Scratched: Western Soldier (Ger).

**GROSSER PREIS DER METALLBAU BURCKHARDT GMBH-Listed, €25,000, Hannover, 8-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 12fT, 2:31.51, gd.**
1. **ABILITY (GER), 128, f, 4, Mastercraftsman (IRE)–Atiara (GER), by Pivotal (GB). 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** O-Gestut Ittlingen; B-Gestut Hof Ittlingen (GER); T-Waldemar Hickst; J-Robert Havlin. €15,000. Lifetime Record: GSP-Ger, 9-2-1-1, €35,500. *1/2 to Areo (GB) (Medican (GB)), MGGSW-Ger; Atiara (GB) (Teofilo (IRE)), SP-Ger; and Area (Ger) (Maxios (GB)), SP-Ger.

2. **NARRATIVO (GER) (c, 2, Adlerflug (GER)–Nicella (GER), by Lando (GER)) was the last of six away from the gates and came under early rousting to race in fourth after the initial strides. Busted along to go third soon after turning for home, the 31-10 third choice challenged on the outside passing the furlong pole and was pushed out late to defeat Augustus (Ger) (Soldier Hollow (GB)) by 1 1/2 lengths. Narrativo is the latest of eight registered foals and fifth scorer produced by an unraced half-sister to G1 Bayerisches Zuchtrennen-winning sire Neatico (Ger) (Medican (GB)) and Gil Las Palmas H. victrix Beautyandthebeast (GB) (Machiavellian). The March-foaled bay is a half-brother to G3 Sibernes Pferd victor Nikkei (Ger) (Pivotal (GB)) and G2 Grand Premio di Milano third Novano (Ger) (Samum (Ger)). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €6,000. O-Gestut Ittlingen; B-Gestut Hof Ittlingen; T-Markus Klug.

3rd-Dusseldorf, €8,000, Mdn, 8-20, 2yo, 8fT, 1:39.80, sf. **ROXANNE (GER) (f, 3, Soldier Hollow (GB)–Registara (GER), by Sternkonig (IRE)) was swiftly into stride from the inside stall and raced in a handy fourth through halfway in this belated debut. Weaving a passage into the open with 300 metres remaining, the 3-1 second favourite gained an edge passing the furlong marker and bounded clear to easily account for Ciyounesse (GB) (Siyouni (FR)) by an impressive 1 3/4 lengths. Roxanne is the latest of four live foals and first winner for her dam. Stakes-winning sire Rekord (Ger) (Shepard (Ger)) is the family’s lone black-type performer in four generations. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €4,800. O/B-Gestut Golsdorf (GER); T-Markus Klug.

**1ST-BRANDENBURG, €10,000, Cond, 8-20, 2yo, 7fT, 1:27.05, gd.**
1. **MAIGRET (GER) (c, 2, Counterattack (AUS)–Minoris (FR), by Dabirsim (FR)) blew the break and forfeited multiple lengths to his three rivals in this debut. In touch by halfway, the 18-5 chance made relentless headway in the straight to launch his challenge entering the final furlong and was pushed out to deny Waldfrieda (Ger) (Blue Point (IRE)) by 3/4-of-a-length nearing the line. Maigret is the latest of three registered foals produced by Minoris (Fr) (Dabirsim (Fr)), herself out of a half-sister to Listed Hampton Court S. victor and G2 Hardwicke S. third Persian Majesty (IRE) (Grand Lodge). From the family of G1 Diamond Jubilee S. and G1 Haydock Sprint Cup-winning sire Hello Youmzain (Fr) (Kodiac (GB)), the March-foaled homebred bay is a half-brother to MGWS G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) third and G2 German 1000 Guineas runner-up Mylady (Ger) (The Grey Gatsby (IRE)). Sales history: €95,000 RNA Ylg ’22 BBAGS. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €6,000. O/B-Gestut Karlshof (GER); T-Bohumil Nedorostek.

**1ST-DUSSELDORF, €10,000, Mdn, 8-20, 2yo, 8fT, 1:39.80, sf.**
1. **ABILITY (GER), 128, f, 4, Mastercraftsman (IRE)–Atiara (GER), by Pivotal (GB). 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** O-Gestut Ittlingen; B-Gestut Hof Ittlingen (GER); T-Waldemar Hickst; J-Robert Havlin. €15,000. Lifetime Record: GSP-Ger, 9-2-1-1, €35,500. *1/2 to Areo (GB) (Medican (GB)), MGGSW-Ger; Atiara (GB) (Teofilo (IRE)), SP-Ger; and Area (Ger) (Maxios (GB)), SP-Ger.

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3rd-Dusseldorf, €8,000, Mdn, 8-20, 3yo, 8 1/2fT, 1:45.23, sf. **ROXANNE (GER) (f, 3, Soldier Hollow (GB)–Registara (GER), by Sternkonig (IRE)) was swiftly into stride from the inside stall and raced in a handy fourth through halfway in this belated debut. Weaving a passage into the open with 300 metres remaining, the 3-1 second favourite gained an edge passing the furlong marker and bounded clear to easily account for Ciyounesse (GB) (Siyouni (FR)) by an impressive 1 3/4 lengths. Roxanne is the latest of four live foals and first winner for her dam. Stakes-winning sire Rekord (Ger) (Shepard (Ger)) is the family’s lone black-type performer in four generations. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €4,800. O/B-Gestut Golsdorf (GER); T-Markus Klug.
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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

4th-Dusseldorf, €52,000, Cond, 8-20, 3yo, 8fT, 1:37.38, sf.

NERION (GER) (c, 3, Areion (Ger)--Nevada (Ger) (SP-Ger), by Dubai Destination) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, €28,600. O-Stall Bartschi; B-Gestut Brummerhof (GER); T-Peter Schiergen. *€115,000 RNA Ylg ’21 BBAGS. **1/2 to Novembra (Ger) (Gleneagles {Ire}), GSW-Ger, GSP-Eng & Fr, $217,527; and Niagaro (Ger) (Adlerflug {Ger}), SP-Ger.

8th-Ovrevoll, NKr1,255,000, Cond (Norskt Derby), 8-20, 3yo, 12fT, 2:42.40, sf.

AMI DE VEGA (IRE) (c, 3, Lope De Vega {Ire}--Amie Noire {Ger} (MSW & GSP-Swe, $338,887), by Soldier Of Fortune {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 8-4-0-3, NKr1,339,879. O/B-Stall Perlen (IRE); T-Wido Neuroth. *€130,000 Ylg ’21 GOFORB.

IN ITALY:

Lips Freedom (Ger), c, 3, Free Eagle (Ire)--Lips Arrow (Ger) (MSW & GSP-Ger, GSP-Ity, $129,214), by Big Shuffle. Merano, 8-20, Listed Premio Merano - Trofeo Hotel der Heinrichshof, 2400mT. O-Stall Lintec. B-Stall Parthenaue (Ger). T-Andreas Suborics. **1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. **1/2 to Lucky Lion (GB) (High Chaparral {Ire}); Hwt. 3yo-Ger at 9 1/2-11f, G1SW-Ger, $567,207; and Lips Eagle (Ger) (Glenagles {Ire}), MSP-Ger. ***MGSP-Ger. ****5th SW for his sire (by High Chaparral {Ire}).
FAVOURABLE PROGNOSIS AT SAPPORO

by Alan Carasso

Many of the 15 horses signed on for Sunday's G2 Sapporo Kinen were on trial for future events on foreign soil, and while the lion's share of those toiled in the tricky underfoot conditions, Shadai Race Horse's Prognosis (Jpn) (Deep Impact (Jpn)) was the one standing tallest at the finish as he galloped home a decisive winner.

Winner of the G2 Kinko Sho over the 2000 metres in March, Prognosis accepted an invitation to Hong Kong for the G1 FWD QE II Cup the following month, and, with record-setting Zac Purton at the controls, ran on from the back to finish two lengths adrift of the G1 Cox Plate-bound Romantic Warrior (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}).

Void of early speed, Prognosis managed to get all the way down onto the fence after leaving from gate 13 and raced last but one around the first turn as Unicorn Lion (Ire) (No Nay Never) crossed over from the 15 hole to head them off, as expected. Sensing a moderate pace over a course that had taken plenty of rain, Yuga Kawada asked Prognosis for a middle move at the halfway stage, and the team rallied one off the inside to race just ahead of midfield and just to the outside of the 3-year-old Top Knife (Jpn) (Declaration of War) nearing the third corner. Unicorn Lion hoisted the white flag 600 metres out, and Top Knife took advantage, but Kawada had Prognosis poised four wide at the head of the straight and opened up on them late. Fellow Shadai runner So Valiant (Jpn) (Orfevre (Jpn)) outfinished G1 Dubai Turf runner-up Danon Beluga (Jpn) (Heart's Cry (Jpn)) for third. The winner would be a likely runner in the G1 Tenno Sho (Autumn) Oct. 29 and a return trip to Hong Kong for the G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup is a distinct possibility.

Shahryar (Jpn) (Deep Impact (Jpn)) was using the Sapporo Kinen as a possible steppingstone to the G1 Breeders' Cup Turf, but struggled home 11th and was later found to have displaced. He will undergo a corrective procedure and his Breeders' Cup status is in doubt. Win Mighty (Jpn) (Gold Ship (Jpn)) holds Cups entries in Australia, but beat just two home Sunday.

Pedigree Notes

Shadai acquired Velda subsequent to her daughter Vorda's runner-up effort in the 2013 Prix Morny and victory in that year’s G1 Cheveley Park S. Prognosis is the fourth Shadai-bred produce for Velda, and she is also represented by a 2-year-old colt by Orfevre (Jpn), her final live foal, as she sadly passed away in April 2022.

Sunday, Sapporo, Japan

SAPPORO KINEN-G2, ¥135,500,000, Sapporo, 8-20, 3yo/up, 2000mT, 2:01.50, gd.

1--PROGNOSIS (JPN), 128, h, 5, by Deep Impact (Jpn)

1st Dam: Velda (GB), by Observatory
2nd Dam: Viavigoni (GB), by Mark of Esteem (Ire)
3rd Dam: Val d'Erica (Ire), by Ashmore (Fr)
O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm; T-Mitsumasa Nakauchida; J-Yuga Kawada; ¥71,050,000. Lifetime Record: G1SP-HK, 10-6-2-1, $2,295,015. *1/2 to Vorda (Fr) (Orpen), Hwt. 2yo Filly-Fr, G1SW-Eng, GSW & G1SP-Fr, Werk Nick Rating: C. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Click for the free Equineline.com pedigree.

2--Top Knife (Jpn), 121, c, 3, Declaration of War--Be Wind (Jpn), by Spinning World. (¥24,200,000 Ylg '21 HOKSUM). O-Koji Yasuhara; B-Kineusu Farm; ¥28,300,000.
3--So Valiant (Jpn), 128, h, 5, Orfevre (Jpn)--So Magic (Jpn), by Symboli Kris S. O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm; ¥18,150,000.
Also Ran: Danon Beluga (Jpn), Hishi Iguazu (Jpn), Jack d'Or (Jpn), Izu Jo No Kiseki (Jpn), Lagulf (Jpn), Win Marilyn (Jpn), Yamanin Salvum (Jpn), Shahryar (Jpn), African Gold (Jpn), Win Mighty (Jpn), Matenro Leo (Jpn), Unicorn Lion (Ire). Click for the JRA Chart.
Sunday, Kokura, Japan

TV NISHINIPPON CORP. SHO KITAKYUSHU KINEN-G3,
¥78,220,000, Kokura, 8-20, 3yo/up, 1200mT, 1:07.30, gd/fm.

1--JASPER KRONE, 126, c, 4, by Frosted
  1st Dam: Fancy Kitten (SP), by Kitten’s Joy
  2nd Dam: Endless Fancy, by Ghostzapper
  3rd Dam: Lasting Appeal, by A.P. Indy
  ($25,000 Ylg ’20 KEESEP; $90,000 2yo ’21 OBSMAR). O-Kazuo
  Kato; B-Machmer Hall & Godolphin (KY); T-Hideyuki Mori;
  J-Taisei Danno; ¥41,644,000. Lifetime Record: 14-6-1-2,
  ¥143,848,000. Werk Nick Rating: A++. Click for the eNicks
  report & 5-cross pedigree. Click for the free Equineline.com
  pedigree.

Dam Sold by Grovendale

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2--Mama Cocha (Jpn), 122, f, 4, Kurofune--Buchiko (Jpn), by
  King Kamehameha (Jpn). O-Makoto Kaneko Holdings;
  B-Northern Farm; ¥16,184,000.

3--Stone Ridge (Jpn), 123, h, 6, Deep Impact (Jpn)--Crow Canyon
  (Jpn), by French Deputy. O-Makoto Kaneko Holdings;
  B-Northern Farm; ¥10,092,000.

Margins: HF, NK, HF. Odds: 12.10, 2.00, 23.40.
Also Ran: Smart Lien (Jpn), Buon Voyage (Jpn), Travesura (Jpn),
  Lord Bay Leaf (Jpn), London Plan (Jpn), Energy Grand (Jpn),
  Mozu Meimei (Jpn), Ripresa (Jpn), Kurino Majin (Jpn), T M Spada
  (Jpn), Styx (Jpn), Shigeru Pink Ruby (Jpn), Dugat, Leggiero (Jpn),
  Thank You Yuga (Jpn). Click for the JRA Chart.

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