DEVASTATED AND SHAKEN BY NEW YORK THUNDER TRAGEDY, DELGADO FINDS IT HARD TO CARRY ON

by Bill Finley

After watching the best horse he ever trained, New York Thunder (Nyquist), suffer a catastrophic injury in Saturday’s Grade I H. Allen Jerkens Memorial S., trainer Jorge Delgado had to get out of Saratoga. Shortly after the race, he drove back to his base at Monmouth Park, arriving there about 4 1/2 hours after the field crossed the wire in the Jerkens. It was 9 o’clock, but he needed to be with his horses.

“I had to go to his stall to make sure he wasn’t there,” Delgado said. “It was still like I couldn’t believe he was gone. I couldn’t stop crying. I saw the other horses, them being happy, them being horses. I was happy to see that. These horses are my family. I individualize them. They are all different, they all have their own lives. If they run for $5,000 or $2 million, they are all the same to me. I love to be around them.”

Even before the Jerkens, it had already been a very difficult meet and a very difficult day for the sport. Earlier in the day in the fifth race, Qatar Racing’s Nobel (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), the 9-5 post-time favorite for a 9 1/2-furlong turf allowance on the Travers Day undercard at Saratoga, broke down on the gallop out and was euthanized. Cont. p3

'NO EVIDENCE' OF ISSUES WITH TRACKS, ACCORDING TO NYRA'S O'ROURKE

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY. – In the wake of two fatal breakdowns during the Travers day program Saturday, New York Racing Association officials faced the questions of if they should immediately cancel the remaining races on the card at Saratoga Race Course and whether to run on Sunday. After fact-finding sessions both days, NYRA President and CEO David O'Rourke said the courses were deemed safe for competition—the jockeys were in agreement—and racing continued as scheduled.

The catastrophic leg injuries that led to two horses being euthanized Saturday brought the total of equine deaths to 12 since the start of the unusually rainy season July 13. According to the New York State Gaming Commission’s Breakdown, Death, Injury and Incident Database, four of the fatalities were related to training injuries and eight to racing. Cont. p5

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EDA HOME FIRST IN RANCHO BERNARDO

Eda (Munnings) made it seven in a row with an easy win in the GIII Rancho Bernardo H. at Del Mar Sunday.
Following Tragedy, Delgado Finds it Hard to Carry On (cont. from p1)

That was the seventh fatality at the meet during racing and four more horses had broken down while training.

While Delgado, a 33-year-old native of Venezuela, felt for the owners and trainers who had lost horses during the meet, his focus was on the Jerkens. New York Thunder was the type of horse every trainer dreams of getting into their barns. He was 4-for-4 and coming off a blowout win in the GII Amsterdam S. Though facing two highly regarded horses from the Bob Baffert Stable in Arabian Lion (Justify) and Fort Bragg (Tapit), New York Thunder was made the 3-2 favorite. A win in the GI Breeders Cup Sprint was well within the realm of possibility.

While getting ready to watch the race, Delgado thought about how far his stable had come since he started training in 2017 and what it would mean for him to pick up his first Grade I win. As the race was developing, Delgado grew more confident that New York Thunder was on his way to what would be the biggest win of his career.

“I am watching the race and hear people shouting ‘come on Tyler [Gaffalione!’ or ‘beat those Baffert horses.’ At the three-eighths pole, I know my horse and I know the way he had been working,” Delgado said. “I knew that he was going to romp. Once I saw that Arabian Lion couldn’t catch him and that everyone else was pretty far behind, I thought we were home.”

So did those surrounding Delgado, who watched the race on television. Nearing the sixteenth-pole, New York Thunder had what seemed like an insurmountable lead. In the very moment that people were congratulating him, New York Thunder was crashing head first to the track. He suffered a catastrophic injury to his left front fetlock and had to be put down.

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“People were starting to congratulate me and started celebrating,” he said. “A couple of people came to me to congratulate me and in that same second the horse went down. When he went down, my whole world went from being in glory to being in misery and hell. I couldn’t believe it. There was all this noise in my mind and everything turned blurry.”

It was, of course, a tough blow for Delgado and the owner, AMO Racing USA. They had a certain Grade I win snatched away from them. But Delgado said none of that matters.

“I was never thinking what is next for me, when can I win a graded stakes race or be in the position I was in Saturday?” he said. “That hasn’t crossed my mind. It’s been all about the pain I felt losing the horse. I was heartbroken, devastated. I have had no good emotions. Just trying to stay strong.”

He knows it won’t happen, but said he would do anything to bring New York Thunder back.

“I have been thinking a lot about this and it might sound corny, but that horse meant so much to me that if I could change my life for him in some way and that would bring him back I would do it in a second,” Delgado said. “There’s nothing in the world I wouldn’t do to have that horse back. Tell somebody they could shoot me in my knee and that would mean I could have that horse back I’d let them do it right now. What happened to us, I would never wish that on anybody.”

On the ride back from Saratoga Saturday night and during the hours he spent at his barn Sunday morning at Monmouth, Delgado had a lot of time to think. He said the reason that he got into training was because he wanted to follow in the footsteps of his father, a trainer in Venezuela. His uncle is Gustavo Delgado Sr., the trainer of Mage (Good Magic). He found that while he enjoyed winning, he got even more pleasure from being around his horses.

“I was talking with my assistant trainer the other day and we talked about why we moved to this country and why we have been working in this industry. We came to the same conclusion, it’s because we love the horses. We love being around them. They give us joy, hope, answers, happiness. There is nothing you can compare that to.”

But when you lose a horse that was on his way to a Grade I win in Saratoga, it becomes impossible not to focus on the fact that this game comes with more than its fair share of pain and tragedies.

“It makes you re-evaluate things, contemplate things,” Delgado said. “What should I do? I feel that I could do many different things in this industry. Being a trainer was the only thing I ever wanted to do. But now that I’ve gotten older and have gained experience and have had highs and lows, I have been contemplating things and trying to put things in balance. Is this worth it or is it not? It’s times like this when you really have to look at yourself in the mirror and decided if this is really worth it.”
Delgado said he has no immediate plans to leave training, but added, “I don’t think I will train forever.”

And, just 33, he worries that he might outlast the sport.

“I’d be lying to you if I said the sport is going in the right direction,” he said. “You see tracks closing, attendance is down, betting is less. There are fewer people trying to become trainers. You know deep in your heart that it’s not the best time for the sport and I don’t know that it will last for the rest of my lifetime. It’s something that concerns me a lot. The sport is suffering a lot. The training profession is suffering. It’s not easy for anybody.”

And a rash of high-profile fatalities has the sport reeling and in the midst of what feels like a losing fight against a changing society that views animal usage in a different light.

“Hopefully, this sort of thing will happen less in racing. That’s very important,” Delgado said. “And, hopefully, this will be the last time it happens to me. I really don’t know how I could get through this happening to me again.”

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'No Evidence' of Issues with Tracks
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Six of the eight deaths were from incidents in races run on the turf courses. Seven were musculoskeletal injuries and one was believed to be a heart attack.

The two dirt breakdowns were horrific, taking place in the stretch, with unbeaten, high-profile 3-year-old horses well on their way to victories in seven-furlong Grade I races: Maple Leaf Mel (Cross Traffic) in the GI Test S. on Aug. 5 and New York Thunder (Nyquist) in the GI H. Allen Jerkens Memorial on Saturday.

In the minutes after the New York Thunder injury, O'Rourke said NYRA had to consider whether to immediately close on the biggest day of the Saratoga season.

“Everything is going through your mind at that point,” he said.

After consulting with his staff and a number of other people, O'Rourke elected to run the remainder of the card, including the $1.25-million GI Travers S.

“I was speaking with the Gaming Commission at the same time, the stewards at the same time, about the situation that we’re in,” he said. “Obviously, there’s board members here. Many of them, if not most of them, are horsemen. The decision was made to continue the card because we have no evidence that there’s anything going on with these racetracks.”

There were no further injuries.

After what he described as a sleepless night, O'Rourke said that he and Glen Kozak, NYRA executive vice president and track superintendent, started talking with trainers at 6:30 a.m. Sunday and later talked with jockeys and veterinarians. At 12:45 p.m., NYRA announced that the 11-race program would be held.
John Velazquez, co-chairman of the Jockeys Guild, said the riders met with O'Rourke and expressed confidence in the conditions.

“We didn't find any issues at all,” Velazquez said. “The tracks feel safe. We didn’t come up with anything that we were concerned with.”

Velazquez acknowledged that the injuries are unsettling and said that NYRA should continue its reviews.

“We’ve definitely had some really horrendous breakdowns,” he said. “We are very saddened about it. There are going to be more investigations and more things we have to do and hopefully we find more answers. It will be days or weeks, whatever it is, but right now the tracks feel safe and let’s continue.”

Saturday, Nobel (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), an Irish-bred 4-year-old was injured in the gallop-out after the fifth race on turf. Two hours and 20 minutes later, New York Thunder broke bones in his left front leg in the Jerkens.

Immediately after Nobel’s injury, O'Rourke said he, staff members and Dr. Scott Palmer, the Equine Medical Director for the Gaming Commission walked the turf course to look for problems. Since more than 11 inches of rain have fallen during the meet, prompting NYRA to move 59 races off the grass to the dirt, the rail has been placed far out in the middle of the course.

On Saturday, the rails were down and the horses were running on very good turf. Still, Nobel was injured.

“We wanted to take a look at it,” O'Rourke said. “One easy solution was to pull everything off the turf. They were on fresh ground. I'm out there with experts and what I'm looking for is unanimous consensus. Not a majority. Everyone's consensus of opinion was that the turf course was in immaculate condition in the lanes we were in.”
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When New York Thunder went down between the eighth pole and the sixteenth pole, O'Rourke said Kozak reviewed the surface. “Glen installed this track and is quite familiar with moisture and the measurements and everything,” O’Rourke said. “It’s nothing off about the track. I’m convinced, I’m confident in that moment of that, but I want more information. Sometimes you need more time. We made the decision to continue the card.”

Afterward, O’Rourke said the NYRA staff continued to look at the two turf courses and the dirt main track to help develop data that could be useful in Sunday’s review.

“This has been a tough meet, so this has been a topic,” he said. “It’s not like all of a sudden we started taking a second look. After racing, the track guys are doing their thing. Some of them, I think, were here all night.”

Sunday’s card was completed without incident, but O’Rourke said the investigation is far from complete. Noting that NYRA is a non-profit, he said continuing to race on Saturday and Sunday was not related to revenue, but to safety.

“This is about how do we get it right, when and how we’re making decisions and why,” he said. “And my first job right now is to check off the tracks because that’s the question I’m getting quite a bit. I came out of that, on that aspect, confident that every piece of information or resource that I think is applicable, that we have access to, is telling me the same thing.”

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by Sue Finley

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Mark Casse may have made more starts over dirt and synthetic surfaces combined than any other trainer in history--over 5,000 starts on synthetic and 5,000 on dirt in the past 15 years alone. He estimates that he has sent horses out to gallop, breeze, or race over a synthetic surface 150,000 times in the past 10 years. With a base at Woodbine, where they race and train over a Tapeta surface which sports one of the lowest instances of catastrophic injuries in North America, Casse offered to sit down with the TDN in the wake of another tragic day in racing to advocate for a switch to a surface which he considers far safer and easier on horses than dirt.

Q: Were you at the races at Saratoga on Saturday?

MC: Luckily, I missed (New York Thunder). I had seen the Test, and I thought, I've been doing this for 40-some years. It was the most sickening thing that I'd ever witnessed in racing.

Q: Where do we find ourselves right now in horse racing?

MC: I'm a big HISA supporter, and I believe that we've already made great strides. There's no question that, when I go over for a race, I feel like we are competing on a more level playing field. I think there's still a little room for improvement and that we'll continue to go forward, but you can look at who's winning now and who was winning before. There are lots of rules and regulations that are being put out there to make things safer or we're trying to make things safer for the horse, and I'm going to make a lot of people unhappy when I say this, but until we change the racetracks, we're going to continue to have these kinds of situations. I'm not saying that, with synthetic, we will never have them. You're always going to have some injuries. I have 30 horses here at Saratoga, and the worst injury that I've had at the meet is a horse that hurt herself in her stall. When you have live animals and you have horses, things are going to happen. But we need to do everything possible to know that we are doing our very best.

I am always trying to be bigger and better. I feel like if you stand still, you get run over. Currently, at my organization, we have an app where we can videotape a horse jogging, and it gets sent to Stockholm, Sweden, and within about three minutes, it sends us back a report that tells us if a horse is off on a certain limb. We use it constantly. We're always trying to take care of these horses as all of us, but the things happen.

Q: So what would you like to see happen?

MC: I think we really, seriously, need to look at more synthetic tracks. I believe in them. I believe they've got plenty of data to back that up, and I think if anybody's an expert on it, it should be me.

Q: At any given time, how many horses do you have in training on dirt and on synthetic?

MC: Right now, I have approximately 90 horses training at tracks on dirt. I have 75 at Woodbine training on synthetic.

Q: And how many starts per year do you think you make on each surface?

MC: I broke it down over the last four years. In 2022, we had 1,402 starts, 525 on turf, 432 on synthetic, and 445 on dirt. From 2019 to today, we've had 5,921 starts since the beginning of 2019, 2,766 of which were turf starts. But 1,574 synthetic starts and 1,581 dirt. So it's pretty close.

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Q: Tell me what your observations are from your horses running on each surface.

MC: A lot of things are different. We scope every horse after they breeze and after they race. We breeze or run 50 horses a week on dirt and I would say that at least 40% of those horses will show some type of bleeding when they're scoped, even if they're on Lasix. If those same 50 horses run over synthetic or turf, the odds of them showing any signs of bleeding would be somewhere around 5%.

Q: And what do you attribute that to?

MC: It's less stressful. I can also tell you this. A horse that you want to run on synthetic takes about a half as amount of breezes to get them ready to run as a dirt horse. So in other words, say I'm going to run a horse off a layoff, a horse would maybe need 10 or 12 breezes, and I’ll run horses off of six or seven breezes on Tapeta. It's just less stressful, so when you have less stress, they rebound quicker. They're sounder the next day.

Q: What other differences do you see in your horse population at Woodbine, in terms of the health of your horses?

MC: There's no question, over the years, if I have horses that are coming back off long layoffs, it's much easier to bring them back over synthetic. I train for a few different clients that have horses with other trainers around North America, and I actually get most of their horses that have bowed or had suspensory injuries, and the reason for it is it's much easier to bring them back over synthetic. We have a great return rate with these old injuries. If I have horses that have had physical injuries in the past, I pretty well send those horses to Woodbine to train over the synthetic. What people don’t realize is this. Yes, we’re seeing injuries on the dirt, and we’re also seeing injuries on the turf, right? It's my belief that some of these injuries we are seeing on the turf, it's because these horses are training on the dirt. A turf horse, for the most part, a true turf horse struggles with the dirt surface. It’s like having a car where the wheels are imbalanced. You're going down the road, and it struggles. It's not smooth, and all at once, the hubcap flies off. There was nothing wrong with the hubcap, but over a period of time, there's a weakness, there's a crack in the armor, and then that's what we're seeing. So when you see a lot of these injuries, there is something that's been going on for a while. I know a lot of my good turf horses, they just thrive at Woodbine, because they get to train over the synthetic every day. Interestingly enough, Tepin won all over North America, except in Saratoga, and I always thought it was because she struggled so much with the deeper surface here. We get to breeze them on the grass once a week or something like that, but their everyday training is on the dirt.

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Q: We have heard a lot of trainers say that there are more soft-tissue injuries on synthetic surfaces. That was a very common theme when so many tracks switched to synthetic several years ago. What is your opinion on this?

MC: I have sent out somewhere over 150,000 horses to train over synthetic, and that could be no farther from the truth. That is an absolute falsehood. The chances of a horse hurting their suspensory, soft tissue injury, a tendon, is much greater on the dirt, and it’s not even close. I base this on lots of data. I tell everybody, I do my own studies. I study every day. I’ve been studying for 40-some years.

Q: Several years ago, several tracks, like those in California and Keeneland, switched to synthetic, and then switched back. Why do you think this was?

MC: I think what happened was they didn’t know how to handle them. They definitely didn’t know how to install them, so I think there were a lot of issues with the early tracks. In California, I think they had three different tracks, and they struggled. Santa Anita struggled. Del Mar, I remember, I actually went out the last year, the last meet that Del Mar had synthetic. I was there, and I’d have conversations all the time with trainers out there, and they were like, “Oh. We’re going to be so happy to go back to dirt.”

And I can remember saying to them, “Be careful what you wish for. Be careful what you wish for.”

And we know that things didn’t turn out so well. As far as Keeneland goes, I think it was 2008. I was asked to talk on a board, because they were looking at possibly putting in synthetic. I can remember Todd was there. Dale Romans was there. Nick Zito was there. We talked about it at that point in time, and one of the panel members said, “Well, we have to worry about tradition.”

I said to them, “We’re going to be history. We’re not going to have to worry about tradition.”

I feel that way now. We have to stop worrying about tradition or history, I’m sorry, or we’re going to be history. We can’t worry about tradition. Look, at Woodbine I think we just ran the 164th Plate, and the first 130 of them were on dirt, but they still made that switch, and I applaud them for that. So Keeneland put it in. That was Polytrack. Fifteen years ago, New York didn’t have the money. I think if New York had gone ahead and been able to put in synthetic at that point in time, Keeneland keeps theirs.

Some others would’ve maybe followed suit, but when New York couldn’t do it, they couldn’t afford to do it, Keeneland, in my opinion, felt like they were the only kind of synthetic track, and they were losing some of their Derby prospects and Oaks prospects, and they succumbed to the pressure. I was listening to a conversation 15 years ago or so at Keeneland. I heard a very good horse trainer who has since retired telling somebody, “I like synthetic, but if we run them at Keeneland and they run well, the owners will want to send them somewhere else, and we don’t have synthetic in New York, so we just don’t run them.” I found that interesting.

Q: What do you say to the argument from breeders in Kentucky who oppose a switch to synthetic, citing not only tradition, but the investments that they’ve made in dirt stallions? Is there any validity to their argument, do you think?

MC: I don’t think so, because if we don’t have an industry, it’s not going to matter. The way we’re going, that’s where we’re headed. Look, you have two of the biggest racetracks in the world who have had crises this year. I’ve sat there and watched how hard Saratoga works on their racetrack. Glen Kozak does an absolute tremendous job. He is unbelievable. Churchill’s the same way. They have the best of the best. They do the best they can do, but again, look at it. What if we had kept the Model T? Instead, look at what we’ve done with automobiles, how we’ve made those so much safer. We’re still using a racetrack that’s been around for 125 years, and there’s only so much you can do for it.

Patrick Husbands has been champion rider in Canada for years, and he told me something very interesting one time. He got hurt about three or four years ago, and I didn’t see what happened to him, so I called him in the hospital, and I said, “Patrick, what happened? Did a horse fall with you?” He said, “Mark, I’ve never had a horse fall with me on synthetic.” I said, “What do you mean?”

He said, “The difference between a synthetic track and a dirt track, for the most part, is that the synthetic actually catches them and gives you a little bounce back. A lot of times when a horse breaks a bone, the next step is where it gets ugly. It’s like a thud. There is no give to it, so it doesn’t bounce back.” Here’s a guy that’s ridden thousands and thousands and thousands of races, and for him to say that, I just found it very interesting.

Look, I’m getting to the end of my career. I’ve been doing this 40-some years, and I feel like, and it’s why I’m involved with HISAs well. I have a son, Norman, who has been very successful. I have another son, Colby, that could end up being a horse trainer as well. This industry has been very good to me. Everything I have is because of it, and I just want to try to make it better. When I leave, I want it to be better than when I started. So that’s why I’m speaking out. This is not for me. I’m fine. I’m just trying to make our sport better.
NO PLAN? NO PROBLEM FOR CASTELLANO IN TRAVERS

*The Week in Review, by T.D. Thornton*

After getting brushed and shuffled in the early stages of Saturday's GI Travers S. while losing momentum and position, Javier Castellano decided to wing his trip aboard 2.7-1 second choice **Arcangelo** (Arrogate). He would later explain with a laugh--in the way that only winning jockeys can find humor when their riding tactics go off-kilter--that "it seemed to me that everybody had a plan, except myself."

Sometimes no plan ends up being the best plan, as demonstrated by Arcangelo's *artful dissection* of a "loaded" Midsummer Derby that brought together not only the winners of this year's three Triple Crown races, but also the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile champion colt from last season.

Yet while Arcangelo's team--owner Blue Rose Farm, trainer Jena Antonucci, and the now seven-time winning Travers jockey Castellano--deservedly basked in the glory of the colt's well-improved, 105 Beyer Speed Figure score that came 11 weeks after a 7-1 upset of the GI Belmont S., the connections of this year's three Triple Crown races, but also the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile champion colt from last season.

**Arcangelo returns to Travers winner's circle** | **Sarah Andrew**

At the same time, GI Kentucky Derby upsetter **Mage** (Good Magic) also broke with more early energy than usual, leaving Flavien Prat with an unexpectedly hard-to-handle, keyed-up colt as the field scrambled for position into the clubhouse turn.

With both Ortiz and Prat committed to conceding their positions in efforts to get their colts to settle, Castellano had to adjust his own rhythm and cadence in their wake, dropping back to fifth while securing a rail spot for Arcangelo.

The two colts who projected to be the main speeds on paper--the GI Preakness S. wire-to-wire victor **National Treasure** (Quality Road) and the all-the-way Curlin S. winner **Scotland** (Good Magic)--then came around Forte and Mage while Arcangelo, taking the shortest route at the fence, edged up into second.

On the backstretch, the Travers pack sorted itself into a more logical procession after opening quarter-mile splits of :23.46 and :24.54.

But then the 12-1 'TDN Rising Star' **Tapit Trice** (Tapit) surged up with an early bid for third behind Scotland and National Treasure, and these tactics, too, were out of the ordinary for a colt who has historically lagged and had to be scrubbed on in the early stages.

But on Saturday, Tapit Trice was newly adorned with blinkers for the first time in a race, and jockey Jose Ortiz had already started nudging him for run at the mile pole to see if the equipment change would produce a prolonged bid that would be able to sustain giving up five paths of real estate through the initial turn.

By the time the field crested the half-mile marker through a third-quarter split in :23.63, the body language of the contenders was telling: Scotland was all-out under pressure, with National Treasure being pushed along but not making headway while three-quarters of a length behind. Tapit Trice continued his wide journey three deep through the second turn, while Arcangelo fluidly clicked into a higher cruising gear, with Castellano tipping him out to the four path and appearing primed to pounce turning for home.

Forte at this point was rallying admirably considering his dire, self-inflicted circumstances, but the favorite's wide move from last under Irad Ortiz was accompanied by a whiff of too-little-too-late desperation. The punchless Mage dropped back to trail the field and was not hammered on for run by Prat when it was evident he was in no way in it to win it.

Banking off the bend through a fourth-quarter split in :24.65, Arcangelo drew abreast with what had essentially been a six-furlong middle move by Tapit Trice and the stubbornly staying-on Scotland.

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Castellano gave one cursory look over his right shoulder to size up the threat from Forte, and he saw enough to know he wouldn't have to glance back in that direction again while hustling his colt with a vigorous hand ride in upper stretch.

Three-sixteenths out, Arcangelo put away both pacemakers, then braced for a fresh challenge from the late-striding Disarm (Gun Runner). A bit of judicious right-handed stick work outside the eighth pole elicited just enough torque from Arcangelo to keep Disarm at bay, with the final margin between them a length at the wire and Tapit Trice 2 1/2 lengths farther back in third.

In order, Forte, National Treasure, Scotland and Mage rounded out the finish.

Although Arcangelo's winning Beyer represents a three-point bump over his 102 for the Belmont S. and continues the colt's upward arc of always running a faster figure than his previous race over six lifetime starts, his final time of 2:02.23 for 10 furlongs was the slowest winning time for the Travers since V.E. Day stopped the timer in 2:02.98 back in 2014.

Arcangelo also made his winning move through a final quarter-mile clocked in :25.85, which is the slowest final split for the Travers since Keen Ice required :26.49 to upset American Pharoah in the 2015 edition.

Your Travers takeaway will depend upon how much emphasis you put on each of the above-mentioned factors.

On one hand, the winner looked visually impressive, and resonates as a colt who doesn't need to have everything go his own way to run his "A" race.

Arcangelo's speed figure came back more than respectable, but when the raw times get compared to the race's recent history, they're only so-so.

You also have to factor in that the next time Arcangelo meets Grade I competition, three of his main contenders are probably not going to suffer the disadvantageous types of trips that skewed the efforts of Forte, Mage, and (to a lesser degree) Tapit Trice.

On Sunday, the connections of the Travers top four reported all colts emerged from the race in decent shape. Mage's team posted on Twitter that he was doing well after "a bad day at the office."

Antonucci was non-committal about a next start for Arcangelo. The GI Breeders' Cup Classic, though, would afford the same 11-week spacing as the colt's wins between the Belmont S. and the Travers.

That time frame would also match the same 11 weeks that Arcangelo's sire utilized when he won the Travers and the Classic in succession in 2016.

And let's not forget that Arrogate then parlayed those emphatic wins at age three into a sweep of the GI Pegasus World Cup and G1 Dubai World Cup early in his 4-year-old season.

ARCANGELO IN FINE SHAPE AFTER TRAVERS

Arcangelo (Arrogate) was in fine shape Sunday following his victory in the GI Travers S. at Saratoga Saturday, but connections will take their time before picking out a next start for the sophomore.

“He came back well and is full of himself today,” said trainer Jena Antonucci. “Of course the Breeders’ Cup is on the radar, but horses don’t care about schedules or spreadsheets. We’ll do what we’ve been doing and give him his space. We’ll let him pave the way.”

Arcangelo added the Travers to his win in the GI Belmont S. in June.

“I’m just so glad the race has helped to validate he's not a fluke or a one-hit wonder,” said Antonucci. "It allows him to be validated, and I'm grateful for that. Horse and team, I'm most proud of that."

Travers runner-up Disarm (Gun Runner), who closed for second while making his first start with blinkers, could make his next start in the Sept. 23 GI Pennsylvania Derby at Parx.

“He just seems to get incrementally better,” said Winchell Thoroughbreds racing manager David Fiske said. “[The blinkers] didn’t hurt. It’s hard to say how much of a difference they made because he did run some pretty credible races without the blinkers. I suspect he’ll run back with them because like I said, they didn’t hurt him at all.”

Hall of Fame trainer Todd Pletcher reported Sunday Tapit Trice (Tapit) and Forte (Violence) emerged well from their respective third- and fourth-place finishes in the Travers.

“They're doing good,” Pletcher said. “Both of them looked well this morning.”

Asked for future plans for the pair, Pletcher said, “We’ll give it a few days to see how they are and come up with a game plan.”
Pletcher said he is pleased with how Repole Stable, Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Michael House’s Nest (Curlin) came out of her third-place finish as the favorite in Friday’s GI Personal Ensign S., just her second start this year following her 2022 champion 3-year-old filly campaign.

“She’s doing good,” Pletcher said. “She bounced out of the race well. It was hard to make up ground on a sloppy, gooey track when a quality horse gets loose on the lead. I thought she ran hard. It was only her second race of the year so, hopefully, it moves her forward.”

Pletcher said Nest will be pointed to either the GII Beldame S. during the Belmont at the Big A fall meet or the GI Juddmonte Spinster S. at Keeneland. Both 1 1/8-mile races are Oct. 8.

Repole Stable’s Fierceness (City of Light), tabbed a ‘TDN Rising Star’ following his impressive debut victory at Saratoga Friday, will likely tackle Grade I company for his second start, according to Pletcher.

“I think the [Oct. 7 GI] Champagne is the most logical next start,” Pletcher said.

Of the colt’s maiden score, Pletcher said, “He was very impressive. He had been training really well leading up to it. We were expecting a good effort, but he actually delivered an even better one than we were hoping for.”

FUNNY CIDÉ’S ASHES BURIED IN PUBLIC LOCATION AT TRACK by Mike Kane

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. – During a ceremony Sunday morning prior to the annual upstate New York Showcase Day, some of the ashes of the late GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness winner Funny Cide (Distorted Humor) were interred at Saratoga Race Course.

The popular New York-bred foaled at the nearby McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, and owned by the New York-based Sackatoga Stable, died at the age of 23 on July 17 from complications of colic at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY. He won the 2003 Derby and Preakness and his attempt to sweep the Triple Crown series ended with a third-place finish in the GI Belmont S.

While five other Thoroughbreds are buried under markers on the grounds of America’s oldest racetrack, Funny Cide is the first to be placed in a location—under a tree just behind the clubhouse—that is accessible to the public. Sackatoga managing partner Jack Knowlton said he is pleased the that New York Racing Association agreed to his request to place the memorial where it did. Knowlton said he worked with NYRA President and CEO David O’Rourke, NYRA executive VP Glen Kozak and Najja Thompson, the executive director of the New York Thoroughbred Breeders, Inc.

“I think they got the right spot,” Knowlton said.
Sunday, De Mar
RANCHO BERNARDO H.-GIII, $126,000, Del Mar, 8-27, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16.49, ft.

1--EDA, 124, f, 4, by Munnings
1st Dam: Show Me, by Lemon Drop Kid
2nd Dam: Apt to Star, by Aptitude
3rd Dam: Sweeping, by End Sweep
($240,000 Ylg ’20 KEESEP; $550,000 2yo ’21 OBSMAR).
O-Baoma Corp; B-Nathan McCauley (KY); T-Bob Baffert; J-Juan J. Hernandez. $75,000. Lifetime Record: GISW, 10-8-1-0, $667,600. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A+++ *Triple Plus*.

Click for the Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

A She is just so competitive," trainer Bob Baffert said of the winner. "Some horses just like to win, they know how to win. You’re lucky to have fillies like this. It’s exciting to have this kind of filly."

Eda, a maiden winner via disqualification on debut at Santa Anita in June of 2021, was a narrowly beaten runner-up in her second start in the GI Sorrento S. and faded to fifth after pressing the pace in the GI Del Mar Debutante in her third start, but has not lost since. Winner of a pair of Southern California stakes, she capped her juvenile season with a win in the GI Starlet S.

The bay filly went to the post just once last year, winning the Mar. 6 GII Santa Ysabel S. She opened 2023 with a Santa Anita allowance score in April and was coming off a win in the July 4 GII Great Lady M S.

While Eda’s lone two attempts past a mile in the Starlet and Santa Ysabel were wins, she is now three-for-three at 6 1/2 furlongs.

Asked if he expected to stretch Eda out going forward, Baffert said, “I don’t know yet. It’s one of those things that right now she is doing everything pretty well and I hate to mess with what she’s doing.”

Pedigree Notes:
Eda has a 2-year-old half-sister by Karakontie (Jpn) named Furidamu, as well as a weanling full-brother. Her dam, Show Me, was bred back to Munnings this year. The mare is a half-sister to graded winner Aegean (Northern Afleet). She was purchased by Camas Park Stud for $535,000 at the 2021 Fasig-Tipon November sale.
Saturday, Century Mile  
CANADIAN DERBY-GIII, C$197,500, Century Mile, 8-26, 3yo, 1 1/4m, 2:03.00, ft.  

1--ABELIEFINTHISLIVIN, 126, c, 3, by Arrogate  
1st Dam: Half A. P., by Pulpit  
2nd Dam: Half Queen, by Deputy Minister  
3rd Dam: At the Half, by Seeking the Gold  
1ST BLACK TYPE WIN, 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. ($70,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP). O-Peter Redekop B.C., Ltd.; B-Merriebelle Stable, LLC (KY); T-Barbara Heads; J-Amadeo Perez. C$120,000.  
Lifetime Record: 8-2-3-1, $183,648. *1/2 to Fully Living (Unbridled’s Song), GSP, $172,417.  
Werk Nick Rating: A+. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

2--American Blaze, 126, c, 3, American Freedom--Beauty N Balance, by Lookin At Lucky.  
1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE. ($20,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; $25,000 Ylg '21 FTKJUL; $27,000 2yo '22 OBSMAR). O-Terry Hamilton and Murray House, Murray; B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. (KY); T-Tom Rycroft. C$40,000.

3--Accidental Hero, 126, c, 3, Mo Town--Pardonmecomingthru, by Chatain.  
1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE. ($65,000 Ylg '21 FTKJUL; $260,000 2yo '22 OBSMAR). O-WYN Racing Stables Corp.; B-Michael T. Barnett (KY); T-Larry Grieve. C$20,000.

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Pedigree Notes:  
Abeliefinthislivin is one of seven winners from eight to race out of a Half A.P. He counts GSP Full Living (Unbridled’s Song), the dam of GIII Santa Ana S. heroine Ballet Dancing (Medaglia d’Oro), as a half-sister. Out of an extended female family which includes MGISW Mshawish (Medaglia d’Oro) and MGSW Lu Ravi (A.P. Indy), the winner’s dam is a half-sister to champion 2-year-old filly Halfbridled (Unbridled). She has a 2-year-old unraced filly named Omaha Queen (Omaha Beach), a yearling colt by Bolt d’Oro and she foaled a colt by McKinzie May 5. She was bred back to that same sire for next year. This was the late Arrogate’s sixth graded stakes winner. Click for the Equibase.com chart and the TJCIS.com PPs.

EYES FIXED ON TEXAS YEARLING SALE AT LONE STAR PARK  
by J.N. Campbell  
At 271 head, one of the largest catalogs in its history, the Texas Thoroughbred Association’s (TTA) single-session Yearling Sale will be held Monday, Aug. 28 at 10 a.m. (CT) at Lone Star Park Sales Pavilion.

The 2022 edition, which reported a buy-back rate of 24%, saw 161 yearlings out of 211 sell for a total of $3,416,000—up almost 6% from the previous year when 177 out of 228 grossed $3,229,600. Growth was also seen in last year’s average of $21,217, an increase from $18,246 in 2021, while the median was $13,500, up from $10,000 the year prior.

Based on current trends, Mary Ruyle, the Executive Director of the TTA, is banking on the Texas racing and sales landscape continuing to blossom.

"The Texas Thoroughbred Association is very optimistic—particularly given the strong catalog for the upcoming Yearling Sale which includes what is likely the best group of Texas-bred yearlings offered," Ruyle said. "Every horse that passes through the ring at this sale will be eligible for the $150,000 Texas Thoroughbred Association Futurity at Lone Star Park in 2024 and either the $100,000 Derby or Oaks at Sam Houston Race Park in 2025. The Derby and Oaks were run for the first time this year and were very well received."

First made available in 2020, funds from the Horse Industry Escrow Account have been used to increase purses in Texas and provide additional Accredited Texas-Bred incentive awards to breeders, owners and trainers.

"We expect to have a good crowd in attendance and we will again have online bidding available for approved buyers. A break from our never-ending heat wave would be most appreciated," said Ruyle.

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For the second year in a row, Highlander Training Center, a state-of-the-art facility just south of Sulphur Springs outside of Dallas, Texas, is represented at the sale. This year's draft is made up of 36 yearlings, stabled in Barn E3 at Lone Star.

“We had the $100,000 sales topper last year with Too Much Kiki [Too Much Bling], who ended up winning a stakes this past season at Lone Star,” said Highlander CEO Jeff Hooper. “Foster Bridewell, who coordinates and runs the sale for the TTA, has been able to really bring in a good mix of buyers and we saw several top pinhookers from Ocala, plus some others from around the country, at this sale.”

Out of the Highlander consignment, Hooper said that hip 149, a Louisiana-bred colt by Unified out of Mirabeau (Bind), will be among those to watch.

“He’s the first foal out of a very fast young stakes-winning mare,” said Hooper. “He has a lot a class and walks like a panther. I think he will be very popular with both pinhookers, as well as people looking to buy to race.”

Click here to access the TTA website and the online catalog.

Reyes, Joseph Capture Gulfstream Titles

Leonel Reyes collected his first riding title in the U.S. and Saffie Joseph, Jr. captured his seventh consecutive training championship at Gulfstream Park when the Royal Palm Meet closed Sunday.

Reyes rode more than 1,400 winners in Venezuela before moving his tack to South Florida in 2016. The 37-year-old riding veteran got off to a quick start for the meet that kicked off Apr. 4 and never looked back, finishing with 93 victories, 18 more than runner-up Edwin Gonzalez.

“It’s amazing. It’s been a lot of hard work,” Reyes said. “I’ve been riding new horses every day. I work hard every morning. I’m very happy for this.”

Reyes, who rode 30 winners during the Championship Meet, has surpassed the 100-win mark in 2023 for the second year in a row.

After being locked in a tight race with Jose D’Angelo for much of the meet, Joseph finished strongly to add another title at Gulfstream, where he has won the Championship Meet title the past two years. Joseph sent out 66 winners, 11 more than D’Angelo.

“This meet means a lot after what we went through in May and having to go through that experience,” Joseph said. “To keep the ball rolling and having our name cleared—which should have been done in the beginning—it means a lot. The title means a lot. They all mean something, but this one is right up there with the Championship Meet ones.”

Gulfstream Park’s Sunshine Meet begins Friday and will run through Nov. 26. The track’s elite Championship Meet opens Dec. 1.
### Thursday, Saratoga #7, post time: 4:34 p.m. EDT

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### Friday, Saratoga #4, post time: 2:52 p.m. EDT

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MONDAY’S RACING INSIGHTS:

by Stefanie Grimm

MAIDEN COLTS HEADLINE RESCHEDULED

ELLIS CARD

6th-ELP, $70K, Msw, 2yo, 1m, 3:18 p.m.

A trio of colts make their much-anticipated debuts Monday beginning with Stonestreet homebred BENVOLO (Tapit). Out of GI La Troienne S. winner Molly Morgan (Ghostzapper), who was purchased by Stonestreet for $1.35m out of the 2015 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall Mixed Sale, the bay is a half to $1.8m yearling Vintage Print (Curlin).

He’ll face a pair of pricey yearlings including stablemate Army Officer (Not This Time), picked up for $475,000 out of last year’s Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Select Sale by Qatar Racing. His dam is a half-sister to MGSW/GISP Forbidden Kingdom (American Pharoah).

Steve Asmussen pairs with another Gun Runner colt in Dynamis, who sold for $450,000 at Keeneland September and subsequently RNA’d for $875,000 at this year’s OBS April Sale. A half to three graded-stakes horses, he tossed in a pair of back-to-back bullet works Aug. 7 and Aug. 14 going five furlongs in 1:01 and 1:01 1/5, respectively.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**ST. LOUIS DERBY PRESENTED BY FANDUEL SPORTSBOOK**, $250,000, Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing, 8-26, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:46.42, my.

1--**TABEGUACHE**, 119, c, 3, by Into Mischief
   1st Dam: More Mojo, by More Than Ready
   2nd Dam: Deb's Charm, by Silver Charm
   3rd Dam: Ms. Cuvee Napa, by Relaunch
   **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Jeff Drown; B-Kindred Stables, Inc (KY); T-Brad H. Cox; J-Emmanuel Esquivel. $150,000. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, $201,650.

2--**Slip Mahoney**, 121, g, 3, Arrogate--Got Lucky, by A.P. Indy. ($150,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP). O-Gold Square LLC; B-Hill 'N' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc. & Philip J. Steinberg (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. $50,000.

3--**Denington**, 119, c, 3, Gun Runner--Stronger Than Ever, by Congrats. O/B-Fern Circle Stables LLC & Magdalena Racing (KY); T-Kenneth G. McPeek. $25,000.

Margins: HD, 8HF, 4HF. Odds: 8.10, 1.60, 1.90.
Also Ran: Billy Jack, Carcano. Scratched: Hayes Strike, Shouldaboughtdabar.

**ALBANY S.**, $250,000, Saratoga, 8-27, (S), 3yo, 9f, 1:50.95, ft.

1--**DRAKE'S PASSAGE**, 120, c, 3, by Tonalist
   1st Dam: Raucous (SW & GSP, $113,260), by Speightstown
   2nd Dam: Open Water, by Include
   **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O/B-Robert S. Evans (NY); T-Christophe Clement; J-Manuel Franco. $137,500. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, $231,480.

2--**Jackson Heights**, 122, g, 3, Union Jackson--Queen of The Night (GB), by Sadler's Wells. ($70,000 Ylg '21 SARAUG). O-Zilla Racing Stables, Black Jack Racing, LLC and Acqua Nova Stable; B-Sequel Stallions New York (NY); T-Orlando Noda. $50,000.

3--**Miracle Mike**, 118, c, 3, Goldencents--Kiss the Flag, by Quiet American. ($30,000 Ylg '21 SARAUG; $105,000 2yo '22 OBSMAR). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Franklin Ave Equine LLC & Int'l Equine; B-Scott Pierce (NY); T-Todd A. Pletcher. $30,000.

Margins: 7 3/4, 1 3/4, 2. Odds: 1.25, 15.00, 6.50.
Also Ran: Maker’s Candy, Mariachi, Allure of Money, Leo and Royal.

Drake's Passage took three tries to break his maiden and was given a break after graduating over a muddy Aqueduct surface Dec. 8. Making his 3-year-old debut at Belmont, the Christophe Clement trainee showed a noticeable uptick in form, winning nicely en route to posting a 90 Beyer Speed Figure. Moving into stakes company for the first time Sunday, Drake's Passage sat a stalking trip off the early speed of Mariachi (Maclean's Music) but always had the leader in his sights through a half in :48.44. Inched up into contention around the far turn, the 6-5 favorite pounced passing the quarter pole and took over to open up a commanding lead, winning under wraps by daylight as 15-1 shot Jackson Heights outran his odds to be the best of the rest. Clement won the Yaddo S. earlier in the afternoon with another Evans hombred New Ginya, also by Tonalist.
**Cont.**

“This horse has always trained like a nice horse,” said Clement. “We liked him. He won last year and when he came back, he hurt himself so we gave him some time off. He won well at Belmont and he was very impressive this afternoon. How good is he? I don’t know, but I would like to try him in open company to see where we are. He looks very much like the sire Tonalist, who I trained.”

His dam’s first foal, Drake’s Passage saw his 2-year-old Gun Runner half-brother bring $360,000 as a yearling at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall Yearling Sale. He has a yearling full-brother and his dam foaled a filly by Gun Runner this Spring before visiting Not This Time. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

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**SIMCOE S.,** C$201,500, Woodbine, 8-27, 2yo, c/g, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:15.48, ft.

1--**MY BOY PRINCE, 120, c, 2,** by Cairo Prince

1st Dam: Hopping Not Hoping (SW), by Silent Name (Jpn)
2nd Dam: Delray Beach, by Harlan’s Holiday
3rd Dam: Matter of Law, by Matter of Honor (C$115,000 Ylg ’22 CANSEP). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Gary Barber; B-Murray Smith (ON); T-Mark E. Casse; J-Sahin Civaci. C$120,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, $141,109.

2--**Yacht Boy, 120, g, 2,** Old Forester--Cawaja Beach, by Where’s the Ring. (C$75,000 Ylg ’22 CANSEP). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-3 Sons Racing Stable Ltd.; B-Susan Y. Foreman (ON); T-Norman McKnight. C$40,000.
Hurricane Clair, 118, f, 2, by Silent Name (Jpn)  
1st Dam: Hurricane Lorraine, by Weather Warning  
2nd Dam: Bayou Mist, by Silver Deputy  
3rd Dam: Pecan Bayou, by Gone West  
(C$35,000 Ylg '22 CANSEP). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-David Rowbotham, Rodney Carpenter and Tony Boogmans; B-Bru-Mel Stables Co. (ON); T-Martin Drexler; J-Sahin Civaci.  
C$120,000. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $97,487.  

2--Saucy Name, 118, f, 2, Silent Name (Jpn)--Super Story, by Super Saver. (C$35,000 RNA Ylg '22 CANSEP). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O/B-Derek Chin (ON); T-Kevin Attard. C$40,000.  

3--Vando, 120, f, 2, Souper Speedy--Mona Moon, by Perigee Moon. (C$22,000 Ylg '22 CANSEP). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Canuck Racing Club; B-Norse Ridge Farms (ON); T-K Attard. C$20,000.  

Margins: 5 1/4, HD, 1 1/4. Odds: 1.15, 12.50, 6.85.  
Also Ran: Jimmy's Affair, Red Eleanor, You Be the Judge, Blue Tango, Princess Jade, Get My Drift, Different Drum, Soul Journey.  

Hurricane Clair rallied to finish third on debut in Toronto before being rewarded as the even-money favorite here.  
After a brief stumble exiting the gate, the bay filly was hard held midpack up the backstretch, but once she was let loose to the outside around the far turn, she rolled down the lane to win handily.  
"I thought we'd be a bit closer, but I think she might have lost an iron," said trainer Martin Drexler. "I have to look at it again. I know she got into a bit of a mess there at the beginning, so I think that's what cost her a little bit of position, but it worked out fine."

A half-sister to MSW Selva (Forest Wildcat), who is responsible for MSW Vanzzy (Verrazano), the winner's dam produced a yearling filly by Cairo Prince and she was bred to Point of Entry for 2024. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

FUNNY CIDE S. PRESENTED BY ROOD AND RIDDLE EQUINE HOSPITAL, $200,000, Saratoga, 8-27, (S), 2yo, 6f, 1:10.92, ft.  
1--THE WINE STEWARD, 122, c, 2, by Vino Rosso  
1st Dam: Call to Service, by To Honor and Serve  
2nd Dam: Game for More, by More Than Ready  
3rd Dam: Ermelinda, by Sea Hero  
(O-$70,000 Ylg '22 SARAUG; $340,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR). O-Paradise Farms Corp. and David Staudacher; B-Sequel Thoroughbreds LLC, Lakland Farm & Mark Toothaker (NY); T-Michael J. Maker; J-Manuel Franco. $110,000. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, $274,010.  

2--El Grande O, 122, c, 2, Take Charge Indy--Rainbow's Song, by Unbridled's Song. O-Barry K. Schwartz; B-Stonewall Farm (NY); T-Linda Rice. $40,000.  

3--Whatchatalkinabout, 122, c, 2, Dialed In--Super Savvy, by Super Saver. ($38,000 RNA Ylg '22 FTKFEB; $82,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Ice Wine Stable; B-Newtownanner Stud Farm (NY); T-Wesley A. Ward. $24,000.  

Margins: HD, 5HF, 5HF. Odds: 1.10, 10.30, 5.60.  
Also Ran: Works for Me, Always a Warrior, Trust Fund.  
The Wine Steward kept his perfect record intact with a gutsy performance in Sunday's Funny Cide S. at Saratoga. Back facing New York-breds for the first time since his six-length debut win at Belmont May 28, the even-money favorite had to overcome a wide draw and a bumpy beginning. Caught outside throughout, the Bashford Manor S. winner turned for home four abreast, set his sights on pacesetter El Grande O, and dug in to just get past that rival in the final jumps.  
"He kind of bobbled out of there a little bit," said winning jockey Manny Franco. "I wanted to be forward and I had to stalk four wide, but I knew I was on the best horse. If he's going to win, he's going to win from here. I didn't make things complicated, I just wanted to stay there and made my move when I thought it was the right time. I'm glad he got it done."
A $340,000 OBS March 2-year-old, The Wine Steward is out of a half to a trio of good horses in GSW/GISP Giant Game (Giant’s Causeway), MGWS/GISP Isotherm (Lonrho {Aus}), and GISP Gio Game (Gio Ponti). His dam, purchased for $350,000 by Coteau Grove Farms at last year’s Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale, has a yearling colt by Authentic and a weanling Curlin filly. She was bred back to Justify for 2024.

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YADDO H., $200,000, Saratoga, 8-27, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.06, gd.
1--NEW GINYA, 120, f, 4, Tonalist--Rapid Rhythm (MSW, $279,437), by Successful Appeal. ($25,000 Ylg ’20 KEESEP; $250,000 2yo ’21 OBSOPN). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O/B-Robert S. Evans (NY); T-Christophe Clement; J-Dylan Davis. $110,000. Lifetime Record: 12-4-4-2, $334,110.

2--Spungie, 120, m, 6, Hard Spun--Screwgie, by Smart Strike. ($250,000 Ylg ’18 SARAUG). O-Diane Manning; B-Waterville Lake Stables Ltd LLC (NY); T-William I. Mott. $40,000.

3--Runaway Rumour, 122, m, 5, Flintshire (GB)--Elusive Rumour, by Elusive Quality. O/B-Lawrence Goichman (NY); T-Horacio De Paz. $24,000.


Also Ran: Whatlovelookslike, Classic Colors, Golden Rocket, Lisa’s Vision, She’s Dancing.

Trying stakes company for the first time here, New Ginya, a regular over the turf versus New York-breds, was last seen running fifth against open allowance types July 29 at Saratoga. Sent on her way at 8-1, the bay filly was taken back to the rear of the field into the first turn and remained there up the backstretch. Biding her time, the hombred swept five wide just before the top of the lane and with good energy, she drew away to post the victory. “She was always, as a younger horse, a little bit tricky mentally, but she keeps getting better and better,” said trainer Christophe Clement. “She belongs to Mr. [Robert] Evans, owner-breeder. He bred the filly, and I also trained Tonalist for Mr. Evans, so this is like a full-circle success for the operation. He sold her as a yearling and bought her back as a 2-year-old.”

The winner’s dam is responsible for a 2-year-old unraced colt named Kid Got Rhythm (Palace Malice) and she foaled a filly by Vekoma Feb. 11. She visited Oscar Performance for 2024. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

SEEKING THE ANTE S., $200,000, Saratoga, 8-27, (S), 2yo, f, 6f, 1:11.29, ft.
1--CALDWELL LUVS GOLD, 122, f, 2, by Goldencents
1st Dam: Snow, by Quality Road
2nd Dam: Humble, by Valiant Nature
3rd Dam: Hardship, by Drone ($36,000 Wlg ’21 FTNMIX; $73,000 Ylg ’22 SARAUG). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Dicke Racing; B-Jeremiah Desmond & Drumkenny Farm, LLC (NY); T-Brad H. Cox; J-Florent Geroux. $110,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $158,400.
Seeking the Ante S. Cont.

2--Stellamaris, 118, f, 2, Catalina Cruiser--Intentional Fever, by Stormin Fever. 1ST BLACK TYPE. O/B-Larry Goichman (NY); T-Horacio De Paz. $40,000.

3--My Shea D Lady, 122, f, 2, Solomini--Ladyberg, by Teuflesberg. ($25,000 Wlg '21 FTNMIX; $100,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Shea D Boy’s Stable; B-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, LLC (NY); T-Carlos A. David. $24,000.

Margins: HF, 7 3/4, 3/4. Odds: 2.80, 2.15, 4.90. Also Ran: Tricky Temper, Cara’s Time, Concerti.

Caldwell Luvs Gold debuted a winner July 27 at Saratoga against state breds before jumping into stakes company here as the 5-2 second choice.

The bay lagged early up the backstretch, chewed up ground to the outside rounding the far turn and taking aim at favorite Stellamaris, she took over the lead past the sixteenth pole to remain perfect.

When asked about the difficulty of a late-running style, trainer Brad Cox said, “It always is, but this is her. I think the longer may be the better. I’m thinking that maybe she’ll put herself in the race a little more going farther, but this has been her. Even in the mornings she breaks fine, they can kind of get away from her a little bit and she comes running. She puts in a long, sustained run and I love what we’ve seen from her in her first two runs.”

The winner’s dam is a half-sister to GISP Quindici Man (Came Home) and MGSP Spurrier (Dixeland Band). Responsible for a yearling filly by Vekoma, she was bred to Mind Control for next year.

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WEST POINT S. PRESENTED BY TRUSTCO BANK, $194,000, Saratoga, 8-27, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.63, gd.

1--CITY MAN, 126, h, 6, Mucho Macho Man--City Scamper, by City Zip. ($20,000 Wlg ’17 FTNMIX; $185,000 2yo ’19 OBSAPR). O-Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, Peter Searles and Patty Searles; B-Moonstar Farm (NY); T-C Clement; J-Joel Rosario. $110,000. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 30-11-5-4, $1,189,870.

2--Spirit of St Louis, 118, g, 4, Medaglia d’Oro--Khancord Kid, by Lemon Drop Kid. ($300,000 Ylg ’20 KEESEP; $280,000 4yo ’23 KEEAPR). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Madaket Stables LLC, Michael Dubb and Richard Schermerhorn; B-Chester Broman & Mary R. Broman (NY); T-Chad C. Brown. $40,000.

3--Jerry the Nipper, 122, g, 6, Liam’s Map--Aqua Regia, by Pollard’s Vision. ($310,000 Wlg ’17 KEENOV; $85,000 3yo ’20 KEENOV). O-Repole Stable; B-St. Elias Stable, LLC & Peta Ryan (NY); T-Todd A. Pletcher. $24,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1 3/4, 2 3/4. Odds: 2.95, 0.95, 3.85. Also Ran: Dakota Gold, Ocala Dream. Scratched: Bankit, Sheriff Bianco, Somekiliethotbrown, Un Ojo.

Multiple graded stakes winner City Man, who won this race two years ago, rolled into Saratoga after winning last time out May 29 in the Kingston S. over the Belmont Park grass. Facing state breds once more, the 5-2 chance settled in the second flight rounding into the first turn and up the backstretch. Chasing Jerry the Nipper, City Man tipped to the outside at the top of the lane and once clear, rolled home to collect another stakes victory. “He’s fun,” said winning trainer Christophe Clement. “As soon as you get him in the clear at the quarter pole, I knew he was going to be tough cause he’s got a really good turn of foot. He has been competitive to go in open company. Let’s see how he comes out of it. In the future, we could choose another New York-bred race in four weeks. There’s plenty of choices.”
West Point S. cont.

The winner has an unraced 2-year-old full-sister named Miss City Girl and a yearling half-sister by Vino Rosso. His dam visited Daredevil for 2024.

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FLEET INDIAN S., $186,000, Saratoga, 8-27, (S), 3yo, f, 1 1/8m, 1:53.23, ft.

1--ICHIBAN, 118, f, 3, by Street Sense
   1st Dam: Cover Girl Elle, by Out of Place
   2nd Dam: Cover, by A.P. Indy
   3rd Dam: Gild, by Mr. Prospector
   1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Cypress Creek Equine; B-Southern Equine Stables, LLC (NY); T-Linda Rice; J-Jose L. Ortiz.
   $110,000. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-0, $228,750. *1/2 to Ava's Grace (Laoban), GISP, $359,205.

2--Amanda's Folly, 120, f, 3, by Street Sense
   1st Dam: Cover Girl Elle, by Out of Place
   2nd Dam: Cover, by A.P. Indy
   3rd Dam: Gild, by Mr. Prospector
   1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Augustin Stables; B-George Strawbridge (KY); T-J Thomas; J-Emmanuel Esquivel.
   $74,020. Lifetime Record: 6-4-1-0, $207,920.

3--Timely Conquest, 118, f, 3, by Street Sense
   1st Dam: Cover Girl Elle, by Out of Place
   2nd Dam: Cover, by A.P. Indy
   3rd Dam: Gild, by Mr. Prospector
   1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Cypress Creek Equine; B-Southern Equine Stables, LLC (NY); T-Linda Rice; J-Jose L. Ortiz.
   $110,000. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-0, $228,750. *1/2 to Ava's Grace (Laoban), GISP, $359,205.

Ellen Park Turf S., $121,000, Ellis, 8-27, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.46, fm.

1--MOUFFY, 122, f, 4, Uncle Mo--Truly Together (GSP, $119,760), by Smart Strike
   1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Augustin Stables; B-George Strawbridge (KY); T-J Thomas; J-Emmanuel Esquivel.
   $74,020. Lifetime Record: 6-4-1-0, $207,920.

2--Lovely Princess, 122, f, 4, by Twirling Candy
   1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O/B-Gentry Farms (KY); T-Kenneth G. McPeek.
   $24,700.

3--Bipartisanship (GB), 124, m, 5, Bated Breath (GB)--Dream Wild (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB).
   1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-As One Racing, LLC, CMNWLTH & E Harty; B-Ebonos Limited (GB); T-H. G Motion.
   $9,600.

Margins: 5 1/4, 15HF, 38HF. Odds: 2.30, 2.50, 0.75.

Also Ran: Krystalheir. Scratched: Cairo Sugar.

Ichiban broke her maiden—in her fifth attempt—July 15 at Saratoga against state bred and followed that up by clearing the allowance condition upstate when she stretched to nine furlongs. Sent off at 2-1 here, she dueled from the bell with favorite Timely Conquest into the first turn before relinquishing the lead up the backstretch. Rounding the far turn, Ichiban made her move, took over the lead and never looked back.

“Ichiban, frankly, has been training so forwardly,” said trainer Linda Rice. “It didn’t surprise me at all that she broke sharp. She’s naturally a little faster than the other filly. I think that typically Amanda’s Folly had shown me more stamina, but Ichiban has been improving week by week. She just gets better and better, and I’ve got high hopes for her.”

The winner is her dam’s last record of produce, but she does have a half-sister in GISP and GSP Ava's Grace (Laoban).

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Margins: 1, 3/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 5.89, 1.44, 4.54.
Also Ran: Juncture (GB), Misread, Tasweya, Arm Candy, Sahlabiya, Dealing Justice. Scratched: Kate’s Kingdom, Wave of Goodness.

The versatile Mouffy remained undefeated on the grass while garnering black type sporting blinkers for the first time at Ellis Sunday. Alert at the draw, the 5-1 chance was forced to check on the backstretch and took up shop in seventh as Sahlabiya showed the way through a :24.50 quarter. Trapped along the inside as the pacesetter carved out a :48.96 half, the bay eagerly picked up the tempo rounding the far turn, but with no where to go, was forced to swing outward turning for home. Cutting through the pack in the stretch, she bore down on the late-leading favorite Lovely Princess en route to a one-length score.

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PRAIRIE MEADOWS FRESHMAN S., (NB) $109,157, Prairie Meadows, 8-26, 2yo, 6f, 1:11.49, ft.
1--GENERAL SHIPMAN, 118, c, 2, by Midshipman
1st Dam: Impish, by Into Mischief
2nd Dam: Perceive, by A.P. Indy
3rd Dam: Unbridled Elaine, by Unbridled's Song
O/B-Jason Cline (NE); T-Casey Schleis; J-Ken S. Tohill. $59,400.
Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $78,300.

2--Dawson's Storm, 118, c, 2, Mshawish--My Love Venezuela, by Scat Daddy. O-Gross Thoroughbreds LLC; B-William Hobbs (IA); T-Brandi Jo Fett. $27,126.

3--Good Like Magic, 118, c, 2, Good Magic--Star Silver, by Aldebaran. O-Quality Racing Stable LLC; B-Betz Thoroughbreds, Inc. & Peter V. Lamantia (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. $9,900.

General Shipman, who broke his maiden by a length at first asking July 17 at Prairie Meadows, was given a 10-1 chance here. The hooded colt seized the lead up the backstretch, controlled the fractions around the far turn and under light urging late, took home the money.

Out of an extended female family which includes third dam GI Breeders' Cup Distaff heroine Unbridled Elaine (Unbridled's Song) and her son MGSW Etched (Forestry), the winner is the first foal out of his unraced dam. Responsible for a yearling filly by Thousand Words, she foaled a colt Mar. 15 by Cairo Prince and was bred to Mo Town for 2024.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

1st-Saratoga, $88,000, (S), Msw, 8-27, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:05.71, ft, 7 3/4 lengths.

SOLOSHOT (f, 2, Solomini--Sweet Queen {MSP}, by Twirling Candy) breezed in :10.1 and brought a final bid of $290,000 at this year's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-Year-Olds In Training Sale. A main-track only entry who drew in as the race came off the turf, the 5-2 favorite led every step, showing the way through early fractions of :22.95 and :46.64. Set down at the top of the stretch, she extended her margin at will and won easily by 7 3/4 lengths over fellow MTO entry Fast and Frisky (Solomini) to top an exacta for her freshman sire. Solomini's (by Curlin) third winner, Soloshot was produced by the first of four consecutive visits to the New York-based stallion. She has a yearling full-sister still to race while her dam returned to Solomini again for 2024. Sales History: $30,000 Wlg '21 FTNMIX; $290,000 2yo '23 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $48,400. 

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O-Bregman Family Racing LLC, Jackpot Farm and Swinbank Stables; B-Rhapsody Farm LLC (NY); T-George Weaver.

6th-Saratoga, $88,000, (S), Msw, 8-27, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:24.72, ft, neck.

ROCKET AND ROLL (c, 3, Bolt d'Oro--Shine Softly {SP}, by Aldebaran) hit the board twice in his first three starts after running sixth behind 'TDN Rising Star' Arabian Knight on debut at Keeneland last November. Third last time out at Oaklawn Park Jan. 14, he was sent off at 2-1 in this return. Slow from the gate, he let the field go but was eager under jockey Flavien Prat and steadily pulled his way to be four wide turning for home. Given his head for the stretch duel, he rallied to engage Pure Fire (Practical Joke) and Clever Forever (Laoban) and just got by on the outside to win by a neck. The half-brother to The Grass Is Blue (Broken Vow), SW, $245,328, Rocket and Roll is out of a daughter of champion grass mare Soaring Softly (Kris S.). Shine Softly foaled a Yaupon filly this year and was bred back to Cyberknife. Sales History: $65,000 Wlg '20 FTKNOV; $90,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; $675,000 2yo '22 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, $76,962. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-Spendthrift Farm LLC and Frank Fletcher Racing Operations, Inc.; B-Mark Toothaker & Keith Crupper (NY); T-Brad H. Cox.

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11th-Saratoga, $81,840, ($), Msw, 8-27, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (off turf), 1:39.62, ft, 4 lengths.

SAIL WITH THE WIND (f, 3, Astern {Aus}--Kats Girl Cala, by Lemon Drop Kid) went off at 26-1 over the turf at Saratoga July 29 when she finished seventh. At double-digit odds once again here, the 16-1 shot rated just off the pace up the backstretch, took the lead exiting the far turn and cruised to graduate by four lengths over Shelly (Twirling Candy). The winner’s dam, a half-sister to MSW Amberjack (Indygo Shiner), is responsible for a 2-year-old filly in-training named Ekowanok (Mitole), who went to Windylea Farm for $145,000 at this year’s OBS Spring Sale. She also produced a yearling colt by Volatile, foaled a filly Apr. 11 by Known Agenda and she visited Mind Control for next year. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $48,778. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-Hoolie Racing Stable, LLC; B-Brushy Hill Enterprises LLC & The Ghostzapper Syndicate (KY); T-Barbara J. Minshall.

4th-Ellis, $70,000, Msw, 8-27, 2yo, 1mT, 1:37.65, fm, 5 1/2 lengths.

DEPICTION (c, 2, More Than Ready--Trensita, by Curlin), fourth in his debut going a mile at Ellis July 31, was installed the 8-5 choice in this return. Settled in a stalking third through a :23.68 opening half, the bay was a head in front following three quarters in 1:13.29 and extended his advantage from there, rolling home a 5 1/2-length winner over longshot Coastal Brink (West Coast). The victory kicked off an Ellis double for trainer Cherie DeVaux, who also won race 5 with another colt by More Than Ready named The Process. The winner’s dam Trensita is a daughter of GSP Trensa (Giant’s Causeway), dam of English Highweight route horse Hawkbill (Kitten’s Joy) and Grade I scorer Free Drop Billy (Union Rags). This is the family of Grade I winner Serape (Fappiano), dam of MGSW Batique. The multiple stakes placed mare produced a filly by Daredevil the last two seasons and was bred back to Charlatan this term. Sales history: $80,000 Ylg ’22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $44,800.

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THE PROCESS (c, 2, More Than Ready--Eblouissante, by Bernardini), a well-bred 8-5 favorite on debut, was sent up to contest the early lead outside of Burgundy Royale (Hightail) through a quarter in :22.99. The top flight spun off the turn with each runner needing racing room but The Process found a clear path and was able to get ahead of several rivals jostling for position just behind him. Shakin Loose (Munnings) worked his way through to be second 1 1/2 lengths behind, however, was ultimately disqualified for interference and placed fifth. As a result, Muazarah (Into Mischief) was promoted to second. The win was the second in a row on the Ellis card for trainer Cherie DeVaux with sons of More Than Ready. A half-brother to Confidence Game (Candy Ride {Arg}), GSW, $785,525, The Process is out of a winning half-sister to the great Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire}) along with MGISW Balance (Thunder Gulch). Eblouissante foaled a yearling Speightstown colt but lost her 2023 Maclean’s Music foal. Sales History: $375,000 Ylg ’22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $40,600. Click for the Equibase.com chart.

AWESOME ROAD (c, 2, Quality Road--Orate, by A.P. Indy) was bet down to even money and had plenty of early speed, racing between foes in a three-pronged battle for the lead. With the best closing kick of the trio, the $600,000 Keeneland September grad was left to contend only with Stronghold (Ghostzapper) into the lane and turned that rival back in the final sixteenth to score by 2 3/4 lengths. Chryso Alogo (Bolt d’Oro) checked in fourth while Loma Paloma (Mineshaft) faded from the early lead to finish eighth. Orate, herself a full-sister to MGSW and late sire Pulpit, is already responsible for a trio of runners in Whitecliffsodover (War Front), SW & GSP-Eng, G1SP-Fr, SP-Ire, $137,154, Endless Chatter (First Samurai), SW & GISP, $221,652 and Berate (Blame), SP, $157,685. This is also the extended family of GSW/MGISP Tale of the Cat (Storm Cat). Orate foaled a colt by War Front last season and was barren to Curlin this year. She was bred back to Good Magic for next Spring. Sales History: $600,000 Ylg ’22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $40,600. Click for the Equibase.com chart.

5th-Ellis, $70,000, Msw, 8-27, 2yo, 6f, 1:12.45, ft, 1 1/2 lengths. THE PROCESS (c, 2, More Than Ready--Eblouissante, by Bernardini), a well-bred 8-5 favorite on debut, was sent up to contest the early lead outside of Burgundy Royale (Hightail) through a quarter in :22.99. The top flight spun off the turn with each runner needing racing room but The Process found a clear path and was able to get ahead of several rivals jostling for position just behind him. Shakin Loose (Munnings) worked his way through to be second 1 1/2 lengths behind, however, was ultimately disqualified for interference and placed fifth. As a result, Muazarah (Into Mischief) was promoted to second. The win was the second in a row on the Ellis card for trainer Cherie DeVaux with sons of More Than Ready. A half-brother to Confidence Game (Candy Ride {Arg}), GSW, $785,525, The Process is out of a winning half-sister to the great Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire}) along with MGISW Balance (Thunder Gulch). Eblouissante foaled a yearling Speightstown colt but lost her 2023 Maclean’s Music foal. Sales History: $375,000 Ylg ’22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $40,600. Click for the Equibase.com chart.

O-Twin Brook Stables, Belladonna Racing, LLC, Nice Guys Stables, West Point Thoroughbreds, Iapetus Racing, Hornstock, S., Runnels Racing, Perrine Time Thoroughbreds, R T R Stables, LLC, Peppermint Stables, LLC and Manganaro Bloodstock; B-Summer Wind Equine LLC (KY); T-Cherie DeVaux.
Maiden winners cont.

1st-Gulfstream, $62,000, Msw, 8-27, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:12.02, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

HEPBURN (f, 2, Dialed In--Sally's Song, by Unbridled's Song) debuted Aug. 6 in Hallandale with a third-place finish before going off as the 9-5 favorite here. Trailing early up the backstretch, the bay began to improve her position into the far turn and with a three-wide move, rallied past firster Marshmellow Queen (Practical Joke) to win by 1 1/2 lengths. The winner is a full-sister to Tiger, SP, $179,580 and Filly Joel, GSP, $118,516. Out of an extended female family which includes MGSW Rockport Harbor (Unbridled's Song), GSW Regally Appealing (Valid Appeal) and MGSW Appealing Tale (Tale of the Cat), Hepburn's dam produced a yearling colt by Valiant Minister and foaled a filly Apr. 6 by Adios Charlie. She visited St Patrick's Day for next year. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $48,000.

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O/B-Arindel (FL); T-Juan Alvarado.

3rd-Canterbury, $28,430, Msw, 8-27, 2yo, 7 1/2fT, 1:30.21, fm, 7 1/4 lengths.

ELEVATED GAME (c, 2, Summer Front--Golden Joop, by Medaglia d'Oro) broke from the inside for this maiden voyage and settled in third around the first turn. Taking aim up the backstretch at a pair of leaders which included favorite Kirill the Thrill (Tapiture), the 7-2 chance uncorked approaching the top of the lane and despite drifting greenly, won by 7 1/4 lengths over the chalk. Golden Joop is a half-sister to GI Clark H. runner-up Redding Colliery (Mineshaft) and GSP Joopy Doopy (Gilded Time). The winner is his dam's last recorded produce. Sales History: $21,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $16,200. Click for the Equibase.com chart.

O-Troy Johnson, Mark E. Kane and Charles Lo; B-Fitriani Hay (KY); T-Coty W. Rosin.

IN SINGAPORE:


FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, AUGUST 28

2023 Stud Fees Listed

Audible (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, $25,000
150 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Finger Lakes, 3:40 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Ida de Nile, 20-1
$42,000 RNA FTN MIX wnl; $10,000 SAR AUG yrl; $17,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Catholic Boy (More Than Ready), Claiborne Farm, $15,000
104 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Prairie Meadows, 8:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, No Cost, 5-2
$20,000 KEE JAN wnl; $12,000 TTA APR 2yo

Disco Partner (Disco Rico), Rockridge Stud, $4,000
18 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Finger Lakes, 3:40 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Miami Twofer, 10-1

Flameaway (Scat Daddy), Darby Dan Farm, $7,500
116 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Ellis, 3:18 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Northern Flame, 8-1
$425,000 FTS AUG yrl

Maximus Mischief (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, $7,500
136 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Prairie Meadows, 7:08 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Glengarry, 8-5
$55,000 FTK JUL yrl; $150,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Omaha Beach (War Front), Spendthrift Farm, $30,000
138 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Elp All Turf Pick 3, 2:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Tipsy Runner, 8-1
$50,000 KEE NOV wnl; $155,000 KEE SEP yrl

Qurbaan (Speightstown), Indiana Stallion Station, $2,500
12 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Golden Gate Fields, 6:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Charlene's Dream, 10-1
$22,000 KEE JAN wnl; $35,000 KEE SEP yrl; $35,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Solomini (Curlin), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, $6,500
78 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Finger Lakes, 3:40 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Dorth's Sol Dancer, 3-1
$40,000 OBS APR 2yo
Cont.

Yoshida (Jpn) (Heart's Cry (Jpn)), WinStar Farm, $10,000
103 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Elp All Turf Pick 3, 2:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Sakura Sky, 30-1
$14,000 RNA KEE JAN wnl; $13,000 KEE SEP yrl; $70,000 EAS MAY 2yo

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, AUGUST 28
2023 Stud Fees Listed

Counterforce (Smart Strike), Road's End Farm
24 foals of racing age/9 winners/2 black-type winners
6-Hastings Racecourse, 11:05 p.m. EDT, $50K CTHS Sales S., 1 1/16m, Counteract, 4-1
RNA BRC SEP yrl
2-Hastings Racecourse, 9:13 p.m. EDT, $50K CTHS Sales S., 6 1/2f, Daz Lin Force, 7-2
CAN$34,900 RNA BRC SEP yrl
1-Hastings Racecourse, 8:45 p.m. EDT, $50K CTHS Sales S., 6 1/2f, Diocles, 2-1
CAN$14,000 BRC SEP yrl
1-Hastings Racecourse, 8:45 p.m. EDT, $50K CTHS Sales S., 6 1/2f, Northern Force, 6-1
CAN$9,900 RNA BRC SEP yrl

Mo Town (Uncle Mo), Coolmore Ashford, $5,000
174 foals of racing age/51 winners/3 black-type winners
2-Hastings Racecourse, 9:13 p.m. EDT, $50K CTHS Sales S., 6 1/2f, February, 4-1
CAN$36,000 BRC SEP yrl

STAKES RESULTS:

ELEVEN NORTH H., $106,000, Monmouth, 8-27, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:10.76, ft.
1--MIA'S CRUSADE, 121, f, 4, Greenpointcrusader--Mini Moneigh, by Mo Mon. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Joseph and Gayle Ioaia and Chuck Spina; B-Dianne Boyken (NJ); T-Chuck Spina; J-Jomar Torres. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 15-5-2-2, $311,781.
2--Beach Daze, 122, f, 4, Blofeld--Ysabell T., by Gators N Bears. O-All In Racing Stables LLC and J P S Stable; B-Lenny & Beth Rera (NJ); T-Farrel Mann. $20,000.
3--Roselba, 118, m, 7, Private Interview--Elba, by Mo Mon. O/B-Colonial Farms (NJ); T-Rory K. Huston. $10,000.
Margins: 2 1/4, 1 1/4, HF. Odds: 0.80, 7.80, 13.00.

NEW JERSEY BREEDERS H., $106,000, Monmouth, 8-27, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.86, ft.
1--SPEAKING, 123, g, 4, Mr Speaker--High Noon Nellie, by Silver Deputy. O/B-Holly Crest Farm (NJ); T-Eddie Owens, Jr; J-Jairo Rendon. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 14-6-2-1, $399,840. *1/2 to Stiffed (Stephen Got Even), MSW & MGSP, $256,559.
2--Pogi, 118, g, 5, Daaher--Murphy Style, by Tomorrows Cat. 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-James A. Riccio; B-Hoover Thoroughbred Racing LLC (NJ); T-Robert N. Falcone, Jr. $20,000.
3--No Cents, 120, g, 5, Goldencents--Faker, by Petionville. O-de Tomaso, Isabelle and Jones, Hope; B-Hope Haskell Jones & Isabelle de Tomaso (NJ); T-Cathal A. Lynch. $10,000.
SPEED TO SPARE CHAMPIONSHIP S., C$100,000, Century Mile, 8-26, 3yo, 1 1/4m, 2:04.00, ft.

1--GREAT ESCAPE, 126, g, 4, Midnight Storm--Chickasaw Gal, by Indian Charlie. ($65,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; $200,000 Ylg '20 FTKSEL). O-Arnold Bennewith, Rick Wiest, Clayton Wiest, Lana Wiest, Randy Howg, R6 Stables, Gary Kropp and Norman Tremblay; B-Usquebaugh Stables LLC (KY); T-Robertino Diodoro; J-Antonio Whitehall. C$60,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-Can, 18-4-6-2, $442,215.


NORTHLANDS DISTAFF H., C$99,500, Century Mile, 8-26, 3yo, 1 1/4m, 1:37.71, ft.

1--INFINITE PATIENCE, 128, m, 6, Sungold--Montero (SW, $205,063), by Louis Quatorze. (C$35,900 RNA Ylg '18 BRCSEP). O-William Decoursey and R. N. H. Stable; B-William Decoursey (BC); T-Barbara Heads; J-Antonio Ambrosio Reyes. C$60,000. Lifetime Record: 23-17-1-1, $535,560. 1/2 to Raider (Stephanotis), MSW-Can, SP-USA, $346,490.

2--ORANGE THEORY, 125, m, 5, First Dude--Chippi, by Trippi. ($3,000 Ylg '19 OBSOCT). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Shelley Brown; B-William P. Sorren (FL); T-Rodney J. Cone. C$20,000. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $7,740.

ALGOMA S., C$100,000, Woodbine, 8-27, 3yo, f, 7f (AWT), 1:25.03, ft.

1--SOUPER SINCLAIR, 119, f, 3, by Souper Speedy--She Stands Proud, by Proud Citizen. (C$31,000 Ylg '21 CANSEP). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Sorensen, Praven and The Estate of Dennis Tucker; B-Estate of Gustav Schickedanz (ON); T-Philip Hall; J-Jose Luis Campos. C$60,000. Lifetime Record: 11-2-2-2, $130,285.

2--ZANA, 119, f, 3, Goldencents--Philzana, by Philanthropist. (C$60,000 Ylg '21 CANSEP). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Malta Manors Stables; B-Denny Andrews (ON); T-Steve B. Flint. C$20,000.
8th-Saratoga, $95,000, (S), 8-27, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.16, gd, nose.

BORN DANCER (g, 4, War Dancer--Arguably, by Sky Mesa)
Lifetime Record: SP, 5-2-0-1, $115,270. O-Saratoga Ten General Partner; B-Anne Morgan & Cheavaux Racing (NY); T-Michelle Nevin. *$1,000 Wlg '19 FTNMIX.

9th-Saratoga, $95,000, (S), 8-27, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:03.51, gd, 1 1/4 lengths.

KERRY (f, 3, Practical Joke--Cuccidati, by Street Cry {Ire})
Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-0, $117,765. O-Jordan V. Wycoff; B-Waterville Lake Stable LLC (NY); T-Joe Sharp. *$85,000 3yo '23 KEEAPR.

5th-Monmouth, $75,000, (S), (NW1BX)/Opt. Clm ($15,000), 8-27, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.56, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

RUNNING RIGHT BY U (g, 3, Carpe Diem--Winiliscious {MSP, $257,860}, by Lawyer Ron)
Lifetime Record: 10-2-0-1, $99,912. O-Joseph Ioia, Gayle Ioia and Chuck Spina; B-Joseph A Ioia (NJ); T-Chuck Spina. *1/2 to My Beautiful Belle (Munnings), SW, $269,800 and to Lil Miss Moppet (Uncle Mo), SW, $172,797.

6th-Monmouth, $73,307, (S), Ocl (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($30,000), 8-27, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:39.65, fm, neck.

POSTINO'S PROPHECY (f, 4, Il Postino--Developing Story, by Smoke Glacken)
Lifetime Record: 12-2-4-3, $159,717. O-Skip Einhorn Racing LLC; B-Law Legacy Stables LLC (NJ); T-Kim Einhorn.

8th-Timonium, $66,300, 8-27, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16.84, ft, 4 3/4 lengths.

AL LOVES JOSIE (g, 4, Holy Boss--Pick Your Pleasure, by Lemon Drop Kid)
Lifetime Record: 23-8-3-3, $373,198. O-C J I Phoenix Group and No Guts No Glory Farm; B-Anchor & Hope Farm Inc. (MD); T-John J. Robb. *$8,000 Ylg '20 EASOCT.

6th-Timonium, $56,680, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($30,000), 8-27, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:17.61, ft, 1 length.

MAMA G'S WISH (f, 4, Outflanker--Gracie's Hero, by Great Notion)
Lifetime Record: 23-8-2-1, $318,187. O/B-No Guts No Glory Farm (MD); T-John J. Robb.

2nd-Woodbine, C$52,106, Ocl (NW2L)/Opt. Clm ($29,408), 8-27, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:09.86, fm, 2 1/2 lengths.

HE'S FULLY LOADED (g, 4, Reload--Meraxes, by Desert Party)
Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, $55,350. O/B-Mark Mainprize (ON); T-Ian Black.

1st-Del Mar, $50,000, Str, 8-27, 2yo, 6f, 1:12.10, ft, 4 1/4 lengths.

ACE OF CLUBS (c, 2, Mor Spirit--Rustic Chic, by Orb)
Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, $64,680. O-ERJ Racing, LLC, Fritz Brothers Racing, LLC, Pappas Horse Racing, Corp and Pablo Suarez; B-Mullikin Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Todd F. O'Neill.

5th-Timonium, $49,740, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($16,000), 8-27, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38.82, ft, head.

THE KHOZAN ONE (c, 3, Khozan--Pretty Miss Kitty, by With Distinction)
Lifetime Record: 15-3-2-4, $105,910. O-Euro Stable; B-Stonehedge LLC (FL); T-Claudio A. Gonzalez. *$18,000 Ylg '21 OBSOCT; $42,000 2yo '22 OBSMAR.

6th-Remington, $36,000, (S), 8-26, (NW3L), 3yo/up, c/g, 7f, 1:25.30, ft, 4 3/4 lengths.

DARK AFTERNOON (g, 3, Black Bear--Afternoon Liaison, by Came Home)
Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, $78,555. O-Black Hawk Stable (James Rogers); B-James W Rogers (OK); T-Austin Gustafson. *1/2 to Denver City (Silver City), SW, $175,308.

9th-Remington, $36,000, 8-26, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.34, ft, head.

BLAME DAY (f, 3, Blame--Fancy Day {Ire}, by Shamardal)
Lifetime Record: 10-3-4-1, $110,967. O-Kirk, Kat and Sanders, Wayne R.; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-W. Bret Calhoun. $25,000 Ylg '21 KEENJAN; $50,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. *1/2 to Cabo Spirit (Pioneerof the Nile), MGSt & GISP, $550,935; 1/2 to Convention (Constitution), MSP, $255,295.

7th-Remington, $35,000, 8-26, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:41.17, ft, 3/4 length.

MAGIC BUBBLES (f, 3, Empire Maker--Rigorously, by North Light {Ire})
Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-1, $127,788. O-C J I Phoenix Group and No Guts No Glory Farm; B-Anchor & Hope Farm Inc. (MD); T-John J. Robb. *$60,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; $70,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP; $62,000 Ylg '21 OBSOCT; $50,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR.

4th-Canterbury, $32,000, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($15,000), 8-27, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16.92, ft, 1/2 length.

NORTH ARM BAY (g, 4, Overanalyze--Promise Me More (SW & GSP, $171,866), by More Than Ready)
Lifetime Record: SP, 19-2-5-3, $103,020. O-Carlin J. Offerman; B-Almar Farm, LLC (MN); T-Troy A. Bethke. *$30,000 Ylg '20 MNSAUG.
5th-Canterbury, $31,465, 8-27, (C), 3yo/up, 7 1/2fT, 1:27.70, fm, 5 1/4 lengths.
JOSE PATIO (g, 3, Cinco Charlie--Smarty Prance, by Added Edge) Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-0, $85,385. O-Barry and Joni Butzow; B-Richard Bremer & Cheryl Sprick (MN); T-Michael E. Biehler. *$35,000 Ylg '21 MNSAUG.

7th-Canterbury, $28,000, 8-27, (C), 3yo/up, 7 1/2fT, 1:28.20, fm, neck.
COFFEE CALIENTE (g, 3, Good Samaritan--Hot Coffee, by Burning Roma) Lifetime Record: SP, 13-2-4-1, $82,208. O-Tailored for Gold Stables and Zahler Racing, LLC; B-Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm (KY); T-Coty W. Rosin. *$62,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. **1/2 to Abrogate (Outwork), SW, $360,572.

7th-Charles Town, $27,400, (S), 8-26, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :53.25, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.
TURTLE DOVE (g, 3, Golden Years--She's Had Enough, by Stay Thirsty) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, $42,280. O-CM Racing and Michael E. Jones, Jr.; B/T-Michael E Jones (WV).

8th-Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing, $26,400, Opt. Clm ($25,000), 8-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.33, my, 1 1/4 lengths.
GO MADI GO (f, 4, New Year's Day--Fast Madi, by Belong to Me) Lifetime Record: 15-7-3-1, $126,430. O/B-Kenneth Henry Hutchens (IL); T-Lori Plasters.

6th-Emerald Downs, $25,210, (C)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 8-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.45, ft, 3 lengths.
NAN ELIZABETH (m, 5, Flat Out--Maryneill, by Belong to Me) Lifetime Record: 22-6-3-3, $91,660. O/T-Luciano Medina Gabriel; B-Stepaside Farm LLC (CA).

9th-Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing, $24,000, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm ($12,500), 8-26, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:13.19, my, 3 lengths.
LAYTON THE DAY (g, 4, Tamarkuz--Zero Game (Ire), by High Chaparral (Ire)) Lifetime Record: 20-3-4-4, $47,288. O-Justin Plasters; B-Ben Barnow (IL); T-Lori Plasters. *$1,000 Ylg '20 KEEJAN. **1/2 to Richiesgotgame (Flashback), MSW, $316,914.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Zippy Gizmo, c, 2, Amis Gizmo--Avie's Zip, by City Zip. Woodbine, 8-27, (C), 6 1/2fT, 1:17.67. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $30,927. B-Tall Oaks Farm (ON).

Save the King, c, 2, Preservationist--My Queen, by Forestry. Hawthorne, 8-27, 1mT, 1:37.78. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $25,200. B-Cowboy Stables, LLC (KY). *$27,000 Wlg '21 KEEJAN; $35,000 Ylg '22 OBSCOT.

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Save the King, c, 2, Preservationist--My Queen, by Forestry. Hawthorne, 8-27, 1mT, 1:37.78. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $25,200. B-Cowboy Stables, LLC (KY). *$27,000 Wlg '21 KEEJAN; $35,000 Ylg '22 OBSCOT.

Homer Wells, g, 2, Prospect Park--Scathing, by Grazen. Golden Gate Fields, 8-27, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:06.27. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $30,160. B-Nick Alexander (CA).

Gee Wiz, f, 2, Sea Wizard--Crafty Coed, by Crafty Friend. Monmouth, 8-27, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.36. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $43,125. B-Colonial Farms (NJ). *1/2 to Optic Way (Cable Boy), MSP, $486,899. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

Optical Bijou, g, 2, Shaman Ghost--Amanda's Antik, by Gold Token. Monmouth, 8-27, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.45. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $43,843. B-David Edelstein (NJ).

Word for Word, g, 3, California Chrome--Way With Words (MSW & MGSP, $578,400), by Sefapiano. Monmouth, 8-27, (S), 1 1/16mT, 1:46.81. Lifetime Record: 10-1-0-0, $46,772. B-California Chrome Syndicate, Margaret C. & George L. Schwartz (NJ). *1/2 to I'm Listening (Freud), SW, $324,604; Full to There Are No Words, SP, $257,394.

C W Prize, g, 3, Code West--M B Prize (MSP, $137,934), by Pure Prize. Remington, 8-26, (S), 6f, 1:12.70. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-2, $49,806. B-Twin Hopes Farm, LLC (KY). *$500,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

Midnight Pranks, c, 3, Into Mischief--Midnight Girl, by Drosselmeyer. Gulfstream, 8-27, 1m, 1:37.33. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-2, $49,806. B-Twin Hopes Farm, LLC (KY). *$500,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

Soybean Man, g, 3, Lookin At Lucky--Martz, by Scat Daddy. Ellis, 8-27, 1mT, 1:37.47. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-0, $103,300. B-William Sparks (KY). *1/2 to Sarah Harper (Vancouver {Aus}), MSP, $331,268.
**Souper Sunshine**, g, 3, **Souper Speedy**—Sunshine Anna, by Bold Executive. Woodbine, 8-27, (C), 7f (AWT), 1:24.51. Lifetime Record: 7-1-3-0, $57,435. B-Joey Gee Thoroughbreds (ON). *C$19,000 RNA Ylg ’21 CANSEP.

**Larry the Poet**, g, 3, **Violence**—Octavia, by Point Given. Hawthorne, 8-27, 6f, 1:11.42. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-0, $36,750. B-Carolyn Wilson (FL).

**Freedom Attack**, f, 4, **Forest Attack**—Lucky Lipstick, by Lucky Lionel. Hawthorne, 8-27, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.72. Lifetime Record: 13-1-2-1, $48,208. B-Donald J McCrosky (IL).

**Amos Moses Hart**, g, 4, **Outwork**—Creative Spirit, by Smarty Jones. Remington, 8-26, 5 1/2f, 1:03.74. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $20,043. B-Cimarron TTT Farms (OK).

**Singleberylbourbon**, m, 6, **Chips Are Down**—Te Atatu, by Banker’s Gold. Monmouth, 8-27, (S), 1 1/16mT, 1:46.19. Lifetime Record: 19-1-0-3, $75,638. B-William Purdey (NJ).

**Carpe Diem**, Running Right by U, g, 3, o/o Winiliscious, by Lawyer Ron. AOC, 8-27, Monmouth

**Chips Are Down**, Singleberylbourbon, m, 6, o/o Te Atatu, by Banker’s Gold. MSW, 8-27, Monmouth

**Cinco Charlie**, Jose Patio, g, 3, o/o Smarty Prance, by Added Edge. ALW, 8-27, Canterbury

**Code West**, C W Prize, g, 3, o/o M B Prize, by Pure Prize. MSW, 8-26, Remington

**Constitution**, Autumn Chill, f, 2, o/o Old Time Chicago, by Street Sense. MSW, 8-27, Del Mar

**Danger Bay**, One Bay Hemingway, r, 3, o/o Miss Hemingway, by Circular Quay. AOC, 8-27, Woodbine

**Dialed In**, Hepburn, f, 2, o/o Sally's Song, by Unbridled's Song. MSW, 8-27, Gulfstream

**Empire Maker**, Magic Bubbles, f, 3, o/o Rigorously, by North Light (Ire). ALW, 8-26, Remington

**Flat Out**, Nan Elizabeth, m, 5, o/o Maryneill, by Belong to Me. AOC, 8-26, Emerald Downs

**Forest Attack**, Freedom Attack, f, 4, o/o Lucky Lipstick, by Lucky Lionel. MSW, 8-27, Hawthorne

**Ghostzapper**, Two Ghosts, g, 2, o/o Celia's Song, by Distorted Humor. MSW, 8-27, Woodbine

**Goldencents**, Caldwell Luvs Gold, f, 2, o/o Snow, by Quality Road. Seeking the Ante S., 8-27, Saratoga

**Good Samaritan**, Coffee Caliente, g, 3, o/o Hot Coffee, by Burning Roma. ALW, 8-26, Charles Town

**Goldencents**, Caldwell Luvs Gold, f, 2, o/o Snow, by Quality Road. Seeking the Ante S., 8-27, Saratoga

**Holy Boss**, Al Loves Josie, g, 4, o/o Pick Your Pleasure, by Lemon Drop Kid. ALW, 8-27, Tonnison

**Il Postino**, Postino’s Prophecy, f, 4, o/o Developing Story, by Smoke Glacken. OCL, 8-27, Monmouth

**Into Mischief**, Midnight Pranks, c, 3, o/o Midnight Girl, by Drosselmeyer. MSW, 8-27, Gulfstream

**Into Mischief**, Tabeguache, c, 3, o/o More Mojo, by More Than Ready. St. Louis Derby Presented by FANDUEL SPORTSBOOK, 8-26, Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing

**Into Mischief**, Three Witches, f, 4, o/o Layreebelle, by Tale of the Cat. AOC, 8-27, Gulfstream

**Kantharos**, Rahm, g, 3, o/o Succeeding, by Smart Strike. MCL, 8-26, Del Mar

**Khozan**, The Khozan One, c, 3, o/o Pretty Miss Kitty, by With Distinction. AOC, 8-27, Tonnison

**Lookin At Lucky**, Soybean Man, g, 3, o/o Martz, by Scat Daddy. MSW, 8-27, Ellis
VINDICTIVE
GSP son of Champion UNCLE MO

MO REASONS:
Defeated multiple G1 winner and Champion Cody's Wish in winning a MdSpWt at Saratoga and second by a neck to multiple GSW First Captain in the Pimlico Special (G3).

By Champion 2YO UNCLE MO ($150,000 stud fee), out of EXOTIC BLOOM, who has produced three-time G1 winner, Breeders' Cup Distaff (G1) winner and Champion STOPCHARGINGMARIA ($3,014,000), who sold for $4.4 million.

Trained by Hall of Famer Todd Pletcher, who described Vindictive as a typical Uncle Mo with great size, mental competitiveness, and definite Grade 1-winning ability whose career was cut short. Ran a 98 Beyer in winning his final start at Belmont Park in May.

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Midshipman, General Shipman, c, 2, o/o Impish, by Into Mischief. Prairie Meadows Freshman S., 8-26, Prairie Meadows

More Than Ready, Depiction, c, 2, o/o Trensita, by Curlin. MSW, 8-27, Ellis

More Than Ready, The Process, c, 2, o/o Eblouissante, by Bernardini. MSW, 8-27, Ellis

Mor Spirit, Ace of Clubs, c, 2, o/o Rustic Chic, by Orb. STR, 8-27, Del Mar.

Mr Speaker, Speaking, g, 4, o/o High Noon Nellie, by Silver Deputy. New Jersey Breeders H., 8-27, Monmouth

Mucho Macho Man, City Man, h, 6, o/o City Scamp, by City Zip. West Point S. Presented by Trustco Bank, 8-27, Saratoga

Munnings, Eda, f, 4, o/o Show me, by Lemon Drop Kid. Gill Rancho Bernardo H., 8-27, Del Mar

New Year’s Day, Go Madi Go, f, 4, o/o Fast Madi, by Belong to Me. AOC, 8-26, Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing

Outflanker, Mama G’s Wish, f, 4, o/o Gracie’s Hero, by Great Notion. AOC, 8-27, Timonium

Outwork, Amos Moses Hart, g, 4, o/o Creative Spirit, by Smarty Jones. MSW, 8-26, Remington

Overanalyze, North Arm Bay, g, 4, o/o Promise Me More, by More Than Ready. AOC, 8-27, Canterbury

Practical Joke, Kerry, f, 3, o/o Cuccidati, by Street Cry (Ire). ALW, 8-27, Saratoga

Preservationist, Save the King, c, 2, o/o My Queen, by Forestry. MSW, 8-27, Hawthorne

Prospect Park, Homer Wells, g, 2, o/o Scathing, by Grazen. MSW, 8-27, Golden Gate

Quality Road, Awesome Road, c, 2, o/o Orate, by A.P. Indy. MSW, 8-27, Ellis

Reload, He’s Fully Loaded, g, 4, o/o Meraxes, by Desert Party. OCL, 8-27, Woodbine

Sea Wizard, Gee Wiz, f, 2, o/o Crafty Coed, by Crafty Friend. MSW, 8-27, Monmouth

Shaman Ghost, Optical Bijou, g, 2, o/o Amanda’s Antik, by Gold Token. MSW, 8-27, Monmouth

Silent Name (Jpn), Hurricane Clair, f, 2, o/o Hurricane Lorraine, by Weather Warning. Muskoka S., 8-27, Woodbine

Solomini, Soloshot, f, 2, o/o Sweet Queen, by Twirling Candy. MSW, 8-27, Saratoga

Souper Speedy, Rapid Test, g, 3, o/o Arch Tigress, by Archarcharch. Elgin S., 8-27, Woodbine

Souper Speedy, Souper Sinclair, f, 3, o/o She Stands Proud, by Proud Citizen. Algoma S., 8-27, Woodbine

Souper Speedy, Souper Sunshine, g, 3, o/o Sunshine Anna, by Bold Executive. MOC, 8-27, Woodbine

Street Sense, Ichiban, f, 3, o/o Cover Girl Elle, by Out of Place. Fleet Indian S., 8-27, Saratoga

Summer Front, Elevated Game, c, 2, o/o Golden Joop, by Medaglia d’Oro. MSW, 8-27, Canterbury

Sungold, Infinite Patience, m, 6, o/o Montero, by Louis Quatorze. Northlands Distaff H., 8-26, Century Mile

Tamarkuz, Layton the Day, g, 4, o/o Zero Game (Ire), by High Chaparral (Ire). AOC, 8-26, Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing

Tonalist, Drake’s Passage, c, 3, o/o Raucous, by Speightstown. Albany S., 8-27, Saratoga

Tonalist, New Ginya, f, 4, o/o Truly Together, by Smart Strike. Ellis Park Turf S., 8-27, Ellis

Uncle Mo, Mouffy, f, 4, o/o Truly Together, by Smart Strike. Ellis Park Turf S., 8-27, Ellis

Vino Rosso, The Wine Steward, c, 2, o/o Call to Service, by To Honor and Serve. Funny Cide S. Presented by Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital, 8-27, Saratoga

Violence, Larry the Poet, g, 3, o/o Octavia, by Point Given. MSW, 8-27, Hawthorne

War Dancer, Born Dancer, g, 4, o/o Arguably, by Sky Mesa. ALW, 8-27, Saratoga
THE SOARING SUCCESS OF DARK ANGEL

By John Berry

It was fitting that Dark Angel's 100th stakes winner should have come in the Dick Hern S. at Haydock, a milestone which the ultra-reliable Yeomanstown Stud-based stallion reached thanks to the victory of the St. Albans Bloodstock home-bred filly Heredia (GB).

Dick Hern, who sent out 16 British Classic winners including three winners of the Derby as well as his best horse Brigadier Gerard (GB), would have thoroughly approved of Dark Angel. Hern was an archetypal 'old-school' trainer who excelled with every type of horse. Late in his career he prepared two consecutive Horses of the Year (in 1989 and '90). One, Nashwan, successively won the 2,000 Guineas, Derby, Eclipse S. and King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S.; the other, Dayjur, was Europe's utterly dominant sprinter. Brigadier Gerard was a champion at two, three and four, from six furlongs to twelve.

Hern gave his charges a solid preparation at two and expected them to last for a few more years after that. Two of his best stayers, Little Wolf (GB) and Longboat (GB), won the Ascot Gold Cup over two and a half miles as five-year-olds, but each had shown very smart form at two, with Little Wolf winning over six furlongs at Hern's local course, Newbury.

FROM FRANCE TO DONCASTER: KEY POINTERS FOR THE PREMIER YEARLING SALE

By Brian Sheerin

DONCASTER, England--A serious tempo was set to the European yearling sale season at Arqana last week with strong trade recorded in the August and V2 sales. If the momentum is to continue into the Doncaster Premier Yearling Sale this week, Goffs could be in for a productive week.

G3 Princess Margaret S. winner Sacred Angel (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) was sourced here 12 months ago for £52,000 while similarly smart two-year-old Jasour (GB) (Havana Grey {GB}) cost £85,000.

Both juveniles have flown the flag for the Donny yearlings with their exploits on the track this season and, judging by the footfall on the sales ground on Sunday, there is a long queue of buyers eager to find the next Sacred Angel and Jasour.

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

DELGADO DEVASTATED, SHAKEN BY NEW YORK THUNDER TRAGEDY

Bill Finley speaks with conditioner Jorge Delgado, who is struggling to cope after the catastrophic Saturday which took the life of his stable star, New York Thunder.
JACK DARCY BEST IN GRAND PRIX DE DEAUVILLE
The Paul and Oliver Cole-trained son of Gleneagles (Ire) picked up his first career group score by 1 1/4 lengths in the Deauville feature Sunday.

SIOUX NATION’S OCEAN QUEST DOMINANT AT NAAS
The 3-year-old filly, who is trained by Jessica Harrington, cruised to a 3 3/4-length tally in the G3 Tally-Ho Stud Irish EBF Ballyogan S. Sunday.

STARSPANGLEDBANNER JUVENILE SCORES AT NAAS
Bronsen Racing’s McTenett (Ire) improved off a fourth-place finish in his debut to score in a Naas maiden event by two lengths for Joseph O’Brien.

Bolshoi Ballet (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and John Velazquez winning the GI Resorts World Casino Sword Dancer S. at Saratoga on Saturday. It was his first win since the 2021 GI Belmont Derby. | Sarah Andrew
Dark Angel, cont. from p1

Little Wolf’s high-class elder half-brother Smuggler (GB) had won from six furlongs to two miles. In short, the archetypal Hern horse was tough, started work early in life and thrived on that work over an extended period. One rather suspects that Hern would have loved the progeny of Dark Angel, a stallion whose sons and daughters in general come to hand quickly, hold their form for years, and are notably tough, sound, genuine and consistent.

The irony about Dark Angel's stock being so strongly associated with durability is that he himself did not have the chance to demonstrate whether he could have held his form over several seasons. He raced only as a two-year-old and his career lasted for precisely six months and two days during the spring, summer and autumn of 2007. During that time he raced nine times, showing himself to be a hardy, sound and enthusiastic racehorse. It is easy to believe that he could have put together a great sprinting career had he been asked to do so.

Trained by Barry Hills, an old-school conditioner in the Dick Hern mould, Dark Angel made his debut at Newmarket's Craven Meeting in the spring of 2007 and then ran at most of the traditionally prestigious meetings of the season: Chester, Royal Ascot, Newmarket's July Meeting, York's Ebor Meeting, Doncaster's St Leger Meeting. He then won the G2 Mill Reef S. at Newbury and contested both of Newmarket’s juvenile autumn highlights, winning the G1 Middle Park S. before finishing unplaced behind subsequent Derby winner New Approach in the G1 Dewhurst S. It was a proper, old-fashioned two-year-old campaign from which he emerged with honour fully intact, the winner of four races.

A Changing Tide in the Stallion Market

Nowadays it is no longer unusual for a high-class two-year-old to be retired straightaway to stud. Dark Angel was only racing 16 years ago, but that was a different era. However, times were just beginning to change.

Holy Roman Emperor (Ire) (Danehill) had been a top-class and super-tough two-year-old for Aidan O'Brien in 2006 and began 2007 appealing as a likely 2,000 Guineas winner. However, when it became clear that Coolmore Stud's star recruit, the 2006 2,000 Guineas winner George Washington (Ire) (Danehill), was infertile, suddenly there was a three-figure book of high-class mares looking for a suitable horse (preferably a fast son of Danehill) who could cover them. The solution was to take Holy Roman Emperor out of training and give him the job. Consequently Holy Roman Emperor started covering mares at Coolmore in March 2007, officially aged three but in reality not yet 36 months old. Cont., p4
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High demand for the Earthlights at Arqana: Blandford bought two for €240k. **Doncaster yearlings at the sales now...**
Perhaps emboldened by this, Gay O’Callaghan put in an offer for Dark Angel in the final weeks of 2007, an offer so good that his connections felt that they could not refuse it.

The son of Acclamation (GB) proved popular at a first-season fee of €10,000, although this had come down to €7,000 by the time that he began to have runners in the spring of 2011. Once his offspring had started racing, though, it soon became clear that he was at least as good a stallion as he had been a racehorse and that he would never cover for a four-figure sum again. In Great Britain and Ireland he was represented by 27 individual winners of 44 races during 2011, headed by his first stakes winner Lily’s Angel (Ire), successful in the Empress S. at Newmarket after changing hands for only £8,000 as a yearling.

Lethal Force (Ire), who cost €8,500 as a yearling, should also be mentioned in dispatches in any review of Dark Angel’s first juveniles as he finished a close fourth of the 23 runners in the G2 Coventry S. at Royal Ascot. That admirable grey, though, didn’t fully come into his own until his four-year-old season in 2013, when he completed the great summertime six-furlong double of the G1 Diamond Jubilee S. at Royal Ascot and the G1 July Cup at Newmarket. Lily’s Angel too did even better at four than she had done at two, her wins in 2013 including the G3 Chartwell Fillies’ S. over seven furlongs at Lingfield.

Just this quick snapshot of the stars of Dark Angel’s first runners tells the tale of what was to come: a torrent of horses who came to hand early and then thrived on their racing, continuing to improve as they got older. Just how durable they really could be, though, obviously took several years to be established, but in the spring of 2017 it became crystal-clear.

Two of Dark Angel’s first-crop two-year-old winners in 2011 were Sovereign Debt (Ire) and Gabrial (Ire). The former won a maiden race at Doncaster in June and a nursery at Ascot in July; the latter scored on debut at the Chester May Meeting before following up in the Two-Year-Old Trophy at Beverley and then, like Lethal Force, running in the Coventry S. at Royal Ascot. They were clearly both precocious two-year-old sprinters; but, as it turned out, that was only the start. Six years later, in the spring of 2017 at the age of eight, Sovereign Debt was in the form of his life. He won the £150,000 All-Weather Championships Mile Conditions Stakes at Lingfield in March; the G2 Sandown Mile in April; and the G3 Diomed S. at Epsom’s Derby Meeting in the first week of June. At both Sandown and Epsom, the runner-up was Gabrial. The latter finished second in the Diomed S. again the following year aged nine, with Sovereign Debt recording his 15th and final victory (on his 62nd start) as a nine-year-old in June 2018 when taking a listed race, the Ganton S., over a mile at York.

Attracting Outside Interest

As horses such as these began to show the full extent of Dark Angel’s merit as a stallion, his fee began to climb and he found himself covering ever more impressive books of mares. In August 2015 it was announced that Sheikh Mohammed had bought a block of shares in the horse to ensure that he was guaranteed plentiful access to the stallion. Dark Angel had stood for €27,500 that spring but his progeny were winning good races so regularly (at the time that this deal was announced, he had already been represented by 13 individual stakes winners that year alone) that his fee would rise to €60,000 in 2016 (before reaching €80,000 in 2018). Cont., p5
It is not always the case that seemingly better opportunities bring even better results, but in Dark Angel’s case that is what has happened. His roll of honour is now gilt-edged. His 14 Group/Grade 1 winners on the Flat are headed by a sprinting great: the mighty gelding Battaash, who in the five seasons 2016 to 2020 inclusive won 13 of his 23 starts (starting with a five-furlong two-year-old maiden race at Bath in May 2016 and ending with his second successive G1 Nunthorpe S.) including 12 stakes races, showing himself to be arguably Europe's fastest horse at ages three, four, five and six.

Aside from Battaash, Harry Angel (Ire) and Mecca’s Angel (Ire) stand out among Dark Angel's fastest offspring. The brilliance of Mecca's Angel, a member of Dark Angel's third crop, was particularly impressive bearing in mind that she was conceived at a fee of €7,000 and then changed hands for 16,000gns as a yearling. These two speedsters won 10 Group races between them. Harry Angel’s finest hours came when he won both the G1 July Cup and the G1 Haydock Sprint Cup (by four lengths) in 2017; while Mecca’s Angel is best remembered for matching Battaash’s feat of winning the G1 Nunthorpe S. twice.

The aforementioned Lethal Force and this year’s G1 Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee S. hero Khaadem (Ire) are other top-class sprinters sired by Dark Angel. Khaadem is currently in the form of his life at the age of seven, having continued to progress since winning at Newmarket and Doncaster as a two-year-old in 2018 and then kicking off his three-year-old campaign in 2019 by beating subsequent G1 King's Stand S. and G1 July Cup hero Oxted (GB) in the Carnarvon S. at Newbury.

Dark Angel’s best milers have included the US Grade I winners Raging Bull (Fr) and Althiqa (GB); the recently-retired Top Ranked (Ire) who thrived after being exported to Australia where won the G1 Epsom H. at Randwick in October 2022; and Persuasive (Ire) who won her first five races before finally signing off as an autumn four-year-old by beating Ribchester (Ire) and Churchill (Ire) in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II at Ascot in October 2017.

The one way in which the stock of Dark Angel differ from the profile of horses trained by Major Dick Hern is that, while Hern trained plenty of stayers, Dark Angel’s stock almost exclusively excel as sprinters or milers. There is always the exception which proves the rule, of course, and in Dark Angel’s case that exception was his second-crop son Guitar Pete (Ire), who raced 55 times between May 2013 and March 2021. After starting out on the Flat, Guitar Pete thrived over jumps, his wins including the G1 Spring Juvenile Hurdle over two miles at Leopardstown in February 2014 and the G3 Caspian Caviar Gold Cup Steeplechase over two miles and five furlongs at Cheltenham in December 2017. He might be untypical of Dark Angel's stock as regards the distances and type of race at which he excelled, but as a grey horse who is as tough as old boots he is very much his father's son.

The Flourishing of a Sprint Line

Dark Angel retired to stud on his racing record rather than his pedigree, which at the time that he was sold as a yearling in 2006 at Doncaster’s St Leger Yearling Sale for 61,000gns was seen as a page likely to produce the smart sprinter which his muscular physiquestuggested he should be, but probably not a stallion. In retrospect, of course, it is now tautologous that he has a stallion's pedigree (because he is a stallion).
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Lot 61
Counterattack half-brother to **MYLADY**
Winner of The Very One Stakes, G3, Dr. Busch-Memorial, G3
2nd in German 1000 Guineas, G2, 3rd in Preis der Diana – German Oaks, G1

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Lot 176
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3rd in Bayerisches Zuchtrennen, G1, Premio Lydia Tesio, G2, Prix Corrida, G2

Lot 185
Isfahan half-brother to **SIRJAN**
Winner of Premio Guido E Alessandro Berardelli, G3,
3rd in Prix de l’Aire, LR out of the G1 winning mare **SORTILEGE**

Lot 187
Kendargent full sister to **SKY FULL OF STARS**
Winner of T. v. Zastrow Stutenpreis, G2, GP der Sparkasse Hannover, LR

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The most obvious aspect which makes it a stallion's pedigree is that he is a member of the first crop of the Royal Applause (GB) horse Acclamation (GB), who was a very good sprinter himself (most notably winning the 2003 G2 Diadem S. at Ascot, which is now the G1 British Champions' Sprint S.) and has turned out to be a far more influential sire than could have been reasonably expected at the outset.

Acclamation was not an obvious candidate to become a notable sire of sires, but that is exactly what he has become, with two of his sons, Dark Angel and Mehmas (Ire), having ended 2022 in the top 20 in the General Sires' Table for Great Britain and Ireland. Furthermore, another son, Aclaim (Ire), sired the 1,000 Guineas winner Cachet (Ire), while Harbour Watch (Ire) was represented by King George VI And Queen Elizabeth S. hero Pyledriver (GB).

Dark Angel himself is now part of the furniture in the uppermost tiers of the General Sires' Table. He is currently sitting in fourth place in the 2023 table behind Frankel (GB), Siyouni (Fr) and Sea The Stars (Ire). Last year he finished fifth behind Dubawi (Ire), Frankel, Sea The Stars and Galileo (Ire). If he were to finish this season where he currently lies, his 'form figures' for the General Sires' Table in the nine years 2015 to 2023 inclusive would be 442763554, figures which represent an extremely high degree of sustained excellence.

Looking ahead, Dark Angel is still aged only 18 and should be among Europe's most successful sires for years to come. Among his sons to retire to stud, things are looking promising. Lethal Force was the first to get Dark Angel going as a sire of sires, retiring to Cheveley Park Stud as a five-year-old in 2014 and producing some fast horses including Golden Horde (Ire) who was twice Group 1-placed as a two-year-old in 2019 before winning the G1 Commonwealth Cup at Royal Ascot in 2020.
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In August alone, his son Guitaifan (Ire) has been represented by GI Beverly D S. heroine Fev Rover (Ire), while another, Heeraat (Ire), enjoyed a particular successful Goodwood, with Aberama Gold (GB) winning the Stewards' Cup (on his 60th start) and White Lavender (Ire) finishing second to the great sprinting mare Highfield Princess (Fr) (Night Of Thunder (Ire)) in the race which Battaash won four years in a row, the G2 King George S. Furthermore, Harry Angel is shaping up as a useful young sprinting sire in both Europe and Australia, where he was one of only two first-season sires, along with Justify, to be represented by three individual stakes winners during the 2022/23 season.

The other marker which adds depth to a stallion's career is his success as a broodmare sire. In this sphere, Dark Angel's influence is also becoming noteworthy, particularly through the exploits of one of the rising stars of the stallion ranks, Havana Grey (GB), who sired his first Group 1 winner last Sunday and is himself out of the Dark Angel mare Blanc De Chine (GB).

Premier Yearling Sale, cont. from p1

The two-day sale kicks off on Tuesday at 10am and there are plenty of pointers to take from Arqana that could shape the way things play out at Doncaster and beyond.

**Blue Point Here To Stay**

There was huge expectation placed on Blue Point’s first runners this season and he has lived up to his billing with a Royal Ascot success and 25 individual winners in Britain and Ireland alone.

Big Evs (Ire) has been the flagbearer for Blue Point (Ire), with Mick Appleby’s colt following up his Windsor Castle victory at Royal Ascot with a Group 3 success in the Molecomb at Goodwood before running down the field in last Friday’s Nunthorpe.

Blue Point has eight horses rated 90 or above in Britain and Ireland and these are the sort of statistics that are willing buyers to reinvest in the Kildangan Stud-based stallion's yearlings.

An average of €191,364 for 11 yearlings sold at an aggregate of €2,105,000 at the August Sale would suggest that Blue Point has more than justified the belief placed in him by breeders. His yearlings won’t be easy to buy this week.

**Pinatubo and Earthlight Off To A Strong Start**

The strength of the Darley roster was there for everyone to see at Arqana. If it wasn’t a son or a daughter of Dubawi (Ire) selling for a couple of million euros, well then it was one of the legendary stallion’s sons Night Of Thunder (Ire) or Ghaiyyath (Ire) who were catching the imagination.

Pinatubo (Ire) was the one of the most popular freshman sires at Arqana while fellow Darley stallion Earthlight (Ire) certainly struck a chord with his first yearlings.

Of the nine Pinatubos to sell in the August Sale, they averaged €195,000 with buyers including Wesley Ward, Oliver St Lawrence, Robson Aguiar and more. There are three Pinatubos and eight Earthlights on offer at Doncaster. One would wager that they will be in high demand. **Cont., p8**
Sergei Set To Make a Splash

If the first yearlings by Sergei Prokofiev (Can) are as popular as the foals were, the Whitsbury Manor Stud-based stallion could be in for a good week.

Sergei Prokofiev embarked on his stud career on a fee of £6,500 and rewarded breeders with an average of almost £30,000 for 52 foals sold in Britain and Ireland in 2022.

Last weekend was a good one for the Scat Daddy line, as pointed out by Coolmore’s Mark Byrne on Twitter, with Ten Sovereigns (Ire), Justify, and Sioux Nation responsible for a number of smart winners.

Good judges Julie Woods, Freddy Tylicki, Larry Stratton, Harry Dutfield and Tom Whelan nominated the progeny of Sergei Prokofiev as being ones to keep the right side of in the TDN last year and plenty can be expected from him this week.

Hello Youmzain One To Take From France

Fair to say Hello Youmzain (Fr) really captured the imagination at Arqana. Etreham’s newbie had 19 sell for an average of €128,789 in the August Sale and 12 sell for €42,458 at V2.

Many are tipping him to scoop champion first-season sire honours in France next year and it’s easy to see why given how well his stock was received.

The dual Group 1-winning sprinter is represented by two yearlings this week and the momentum could continue to build behind Hello Youmzain at Donny.

Golden Horde A Dark One?

Golden Horde has just one yearling at Doncaster [219] but he could be an interesting sire judging by how his first yearlings were received at Arqana.

They came in different shapes and sizes last week, with Peter and Ross Doyle signing for a strapping colt from Anna Sundstrom's Coulonces draft for €80,000 in the August Sale catching the eye. Six of the seven yearlings by the G1 Commonwealth Cup winner sold for an average of €35,833 at the V2 Sale and it was notable that Richard Fahey, Jean-Claude Rouget and Sheik Sultan Al Khalifa fe Other Newbies To Note authored among the list of buyers at V2.

Standing at Montfort et Preaux for €8,000, Golden Horde won’t have many yearlings to represent him in Britain and Ireland this year. Along with lot 219, a filly consigned by Kildaragh Stud, Golden Horde has a couple of yearlings to sell at Book 3 at Tattersalls.

Nevertheless, judging by his stock at Arqana, Golden Horde remains an interesting young sire at an affordable level.

Breeze-up Handlers Out In Force

Kenny Rogers famously said that one of the gambler’s secrets to survival is knowing when to walk away from the table and there was plenty of that in France from the breeze-up fraternity.

While Mick and Sarah Murphy from Longways Stables picked up five yearlings, Tally-Ho Stud added two and different operators like Matt Eves of Star Bloodstock were dotted around the sales results across both sales, the trip to Deauville didn’t yield much for the majority of breeze-up handlers.

This will be the week where many operators buy their first breezers for the upcoming season and that will add to what is expected to be strong trade.

Other Newbies To Note

We were provided with an early glimpse of the yearlings by Arizona (Ire), Kameko, Mohaather (GB), Threat (Ire), Without Parole (GB) and Shaman (Ire) at Arqana but Doncaster will mark the debut Far Above (Ire), King Of Change (GB), River Boyne (Ire) and Sands Of Mali (Fr).

Of that bunch, Mohaather could be the pick. His sole yearling failed to sell at the August Sale but he has a nice bunch of yearlings to go under the hammer this week and, with a foal average of over £40,000 last year, plenty can be expected from his yearlings.
JACK DARCY OUTWITS RIVALS FOR GRAND PRIX DE DEAUVILLE SUCCESS by Sean Cronin

Paul and Oliver Cole trainee Jack Darcy (Ire) (Gleneagles (Ire)--Pretty Face (GB), by Rainbow Quest) seized immediate control of Sunday’s G2 Lucien Barriere Grand Prix de Deauville and was never headed in the 12 1/2-furlong feature to complete an afternoon pattern-race treble for the British raiding party.

On the front end from flagfall and leading his rivals in single file, the 54-5 outsider-of-five was scrubbed along off the home turn and kept finding under continued rousting in the straight to hold Al Nayyir (GB) (Dubawi (Ire)) by 1 1/4 lengths for a career best.

Jack Darcy’s route to this stakes breakthrough included seven prior attempts at black-type level, adding to a runner-up finish in last term’s Listed Prix Nureyev at this Normandy venue with a second in this month’s G3 Glorious S. at Goodwood. He lined up for this returning off a sixth-of-seven effort in last week’s G3 Geoffrey Freer S. at Newbury. The Cole yard has now annexed six editions of the contest, the run being initiated by MG1SW sire Ibn Bey (GB) (Mill Reef) in 1988.

“We expected a race devoid of pace, we’d talked about it at length with his entourage and the plan was to set a false pace from the front,” explained winning rider Cristian Demuro. “He has a lot of raw talent, so we decided to kick for home early and make it as difficult as possible for the opposition. The trip was something of a question mark and, in a race without too much pace, his stamina was less of a problem. He proved to be very tough, as British horses often are.”

Part-owner Edward Gascoigne added, “Jack Darcy likes to lead and Cristian [Demuro] rode him perfectly. We looked at the entries and the race seemed like a good opportunity. Ollie [Cole] said he was really well and in good form after Newbury, which is why we decided to run and Junko’s withdrawal certainly helped. He’s tough, but he also has speed. Distance-wise, he’s very adept if the pace is right and, if the pace isn’t too strong, he can stretch out as he did today. He was in complete control, it’s a fantastic victory and we’re very happy.”

Pedigree Notes

Jack Darcy is the 10th of 13 foals and one of six scorers out of an unraced half-sister to MG1SW sire Elmaamul (Diesis (GB)) and G1 Oaks and G1 Fillies’ Mile heroine Reams Of Verse (Nureyev). The swathe of black-type descendants produced by his unraced second dam Modena (Roberto) include MG1SW three-time G1 Nassau S. heroine Midday (GB) (Oasis Dream (GB)), G1 Arlington Million hero Set Piece (GB) (Dansili (GB)), G1 Captain Cook S. victrix Two Illicit (NZ) (Jimmy Choux (NZ)), G1 Irish Derby runner-up Lone Eagle (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)), G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. second Zacinto (GB) (Dansili (GB)), G1 Galaxy third Easy Eddie (Aus) (Super Easy (NZ)) and the Group 1-placed distaffers Sun Maiden (GB) (Frankel (GB)) and Hot Snap (GB) (Pivotal (GB)). The April-foaled bay is a half-brother to the once-raced 2-year-old maiden filly Tuneful (Ire) (Blue Point (Ire)), a yearling colt by Invincible Spirit (Ire) and a weanling colt by Nando Parrado (GB).
Sunday, Deauville, France

LUCIEN BARRIERE GRAND PRIX DE DEAUVILLE-G2, €200,000, Deauville, 8-27, 3yo/up, 12 1/2fT, 2:49.01, sf.

1--JACK DARCY (IRE), 130, g, 4, by Gleneagles (Ire)
   1st Dam: Pretty Face (GB), by Rainbow Quest
   2nd Dam: Modena, by Roberto
   3rd Dam: Mofida (GB), by Right Tack (GB)
**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN.** (19,000gns Wlg > 19 TATFOA; 24,000gns Ylg > 20 TAOCT). O-Gascoigne, Williams, Vincent, Burns & 3D; B-Bernard Cooke (IRE); T-Paul & Oliver Cole; J-Cristian Demuro. €114,000. Lifetime Record: GSP-Eng, 12-3-2-0, €176,660. **Werk Nick Rating: C.** Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

2--Al Nayyir (GB), 130, g, 5, Dubawi (Ire)--Bright Beacon (GB), by Manduro (Ger). (AED40,000 HRA > 21 ERASEP). O-Elbashir Salem Elhrari; B-Godolphin (GB); T-Romain Le Dren Doleuze. €44,000.

3--Haya Zark (Fr), 130, c, 4, Zarak (Fr)--Haya City (Fr), by Elusive City. O/B-Mme Odette Fau (FR); T-Adrien Fouassier. €21,000. Margins: 1 1/4, 1 3/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 10.80, 2.60, 3.40.

Also Ran: Fenelon (Fr), Assistent (Ger). Scratched: Diamond Vendome (Fr), Junko (GB). Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

SIOUX NATION’S OCEAN QUEST TOO GOOD

**IN THE BALLYOGAN** by Sean Cronin

Jessica Harrington-trained 3-year-old filly Ocean Quest (Ire) (Sioux Nation--Gold Zain (GB), by Aqlaam (GB)) posted a close-up fourth in Royal Ascot’s G1 Commonwealth Cup when last seen and was rewarded for her consistency with an all-the-way win in Sunday’s G3 Tally-Ho Stud Irish EBF Ballyogan S. at Naas.

The March-foaled chestnut closed her juvenile campaign with a second in the G3 Round Tower S. at the Curragh and followed up a win in Navan’s Listed Committed S. on sophomore return with a second here in the G3 Lacken S. in her penultimate start.

Swiftly into stride and on the lead against the far-side rail from flagfall, the 10-11 favourite was set alight passing the quarter-mile marker and lengthened clear thereafter to easily account for Aussie Girl (Ire) (Starspangledbanner (Aus)) by 3 3/4 lengths.

“We gave her time after Ascot, as we know she likes a bit of give in the ground, and that’s why we put her away,” explained Harrington. “I think she’ll go on anything actually and she’s a very classy filly. Ascot [for the G1 British Champions Sprint] in October is the main target and she’s in at Haydock [for the G1 Sprint Cup]. We didn’t enter her for Irish Champions weekend because it’s five furlongs, but she gets a free entry for that now. If it came up heavy, maybe. This summer we’ve had no idea what ground we’re going to get, you can have good-to-firm in the morning and abandoned in the afternoon. We know she
goes on heavy, she’s won on heavy and she’s gone on good-to-firm. She’s a very versatile filly, she’s classy and speedy.”

Pedigree Notes
Ocean Quest is the second of four foals and leading performer produced by a winning half-sister to G2 Mehl-Mulhens-Rennen (German 2000 Guineas) hero Poetic Dream (Ire) (Poet’s Voice (GB)) and G3 Prix Francois Boutin victrix Who Knows (Fr) (Siyouni (Fr)). She is a half-sister to the once-raced 2-year-old maiden filly Ocean Bliss (Ire) (El Kabeir) and a yearling filly by Raven’s Pass. Her Listed Lingfield Oaks Trial-winning second dam Zain Al Boldan (GB) (Poliglote (GB)), who ran third in the G3 Bahrain Trophy, is kin to G3 Prix Edmond Blanc-winning sire Svedov (Fr) (Exit To Nowhere) out of Listed Prix des Lilas and Listed Prix Ceres victrix Carla (Fr) (Cardoun (Fr)).

Sunday, Naas, Ireland
TALLY-HO STUD IRISH EBF BALLYOGAN S.-G3, €100,000, Naas, 8-27, 3yo/up, f, 5f 205yT, 1:10.21, gd/yl.
1--OCEAN QUEST (IRE), 131, f, 3, by Sioux Nation
    1st Dam: Gold Zain (GB), by Aqlaam (GB)
    2nd Dam: Zain Al Boldan (GB), by Poliglote (GB)
    3rd Dam: Carla (Fr), by Cardoun (Fr)
    1ST GROUP WIN. O-J Kirkland & Mrs J M Ryan; B-Dr T K Chah (IRE); T-Jessica Harrington; J-Shane Foley. €60,000. Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-1, $195,174. Werk Nick Rating: A+++ *Triple Plus*. Click for the eNicks report & S-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

2--Aussie Girl (Ire), 131, f, 3, Starspangledbanner (Aus)--Ravissante (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE. (€35,000 Ylg ’21 GOFOR). O-Peter Piller; B-Airlie Stud (IRE); T-Fozzy Stack. €20,000.

3--Secret Angel (Ire), 131, f, 3, Dark Angel (Ire)--Meydan Princess (Ire), by Choisir (Aus). (£68,000 Ylg ’21 GOFFUK). O-Nick Bradley Racing 40, Burke & Partner; B-Yeomanstown Stud (IRE); T-Karl Burke. €10,000.
Margins: 3 3/4, HF, NK. Odds: 0.91, 6.00, 8.50.
Also Ran: Cloumnacron (Ire), Ocean Jewel (Ire), Bellaphina (Ire), Lady Tilbury (GB), Apricot Twist (Ire), Coralillo (Ire), Honey Sweet (Ire), Queen Maedbh (Ire). Scratched: My Eyes Adore You (Ire).

MILL STREAM IN COMMAND IN THE MEAUTRY by Tom Frary
Returning to the scene of his emphatic black-type breakthrough in the Listed Prix Moonlight Cloud earlier this month, Peter Harris’s Mill Stream (Ire) (Gleneagles (Ire)) dominated Sunday’s G3 Barriere Prix de Meautry at Deauville to continue his upward trajectory in the sprinting ranks. Always travelling easily for Marco Ghiani tracking the pace, the Jane Chapple-Hyam-trained even-money favourite moved to the front 1 1/2 out and drew clear for an authoritative 1 3/4-length verdict over Garrus (Ire) (Acclamation (GB)).

Mill Stream, who was second to Noble Style (GB) (Kingman (GB)) in a Newmarket novice last July before finishing fourth in the G3 Acomb S. at York, had been sixth in the G2 Sandy Lane S. at Haydock in May before failing only narrowly to give away abundant weight to the prolific Quinault (Ger) (Oasis Dream (GB)) in handicaps at York and Newmarket prior to his listed win.

Pedigree Notes
Mill Stream’s dam Swirral Edge (GB) (Hellvelyn (GB)), whose G2 Richmond S.-winning and G1 Prix Morny-placed son Asymmetric (Ire) (Showcasing (GB)) was last in this contest, is a half to the Listed Westow S. winner and G3 Prix du Petit Couvert third Fashion Queen (GB) (Aqlaam (GB)). Cont., p12
She hails from the family of the G3 Ridgewood Pearl S.-winning stakes producer Grecian Dancer (GB) (Dansili (GB)), the G2 Flying Childers S. scorer Wunders Dream (Ire) (Averti (Ire)) and the Hong Kong luminaries Mensa (GB) (Rudimentary) and Firebolt (Ire) (Flying Spur (Aus)). Her yearling colt by Mehmas (Ire) is catalogued in the upcoming Tatts Book 1.

Sunday, Deauville, France
BARRIERE PRIX DE MEAUTRY-G3, €80,000, Deauville, 8-27, 3yo/up, 6fT, time, sf.

1--MILL STREAM (IRE), 125, c, 3, by Gleneagles (Ire)
1st Dam: Swirral Edge (GB), by Hellvelyn (GB)
2nd Dam: Pizzarra (GB), by Shamardal
3rd Dam: Pizzicato (GB), by Statoblest (Ire)
1ST GROUP WIN. (350,000gns Ylg > 21 TATOCT). O-P W Harris; B-Redpender Stud Ltd (IRE); T-Jane Chapple-Hyam; J-Marco Ghiani. 

Sunday, Deauville, France
BARRIERE PRIX QUINCEY-G3, €80,000, Deauville, 8-27, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:41.12, sf.

1--POKER FACE (IRE), 126, g, 4, by Fastnet Rock (Aus)
1st Dam: Stars At Night (Ire), by Galileo (Ire)
2nd Dam: Miarixa (Fr), by Linamix (Fr)
3rd Dam: Mrs Arkada (Fr), by Akarad (Fr)

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2--Gregarina (Fr), 122, f, 4, by De Treville (GB)--Gagarina (Ire), by Galileo (Ire)
3rd Dam: Mrs Arkada (Fr), by Akarad (Fr)

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POKER FACE MAKES ALL FOR QUINCEY
TRIUMPH
by Sean Cronin

Edward Ware’s 4-year-old gelding Poker Face (Ire) (Fastnet Rock (Aus))--Stars At Night (Ire), by Galileo (Ire)) notched a first black-type success in last month’s Listed Pomfret S. at Pontefract and continued his march forward with a pillar-to-post victory in Sunday’s G3 Barriere Prix Quincey at Deauville.

The 8-5 favourite, who ran second in Newmarket’s G3 Earl Of Sefton S. on seasonal return earlier in the campaign, was swiftly into stride and seized an immediate advantage in this straight one-mile test. In command throughout, he was shaken up at the intersection with the round course approaching the quarter-mile marker and kept on under a final-furlong drive to withstand the dual threat of Gregarina (Fr) (De Treville (GB)) and The Revenant (GB) (Dubawi (Ire)), by a half-length and a short-neck, in game fashion for a career high.

Pedigree Notes
Poker Face, the third of six foals, is one of two stakes scorers thrown by a full-sister to G2 Beresford S. and G3 Kilternan S. placegetter Exemplar (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)). His dam Stars At Night (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)) is also kin to G1 1000 Guineas, G1 Irish Oaks and G1 Yorkshire Oaks heroine Blue Bunting (Dynaformer), herself the dam of Listed Al Bastakiya third Blue Creek (GB) (Street Cry (Ire)). The January-foaled bay is a full-brother to the dual stakes-winning GIII Intercontinental S. runner-up and GII Franklin S. third Star Devine (Ire). Stars At Night, who was bred to Justify this year, has also produced the hitherto unraced 2-year-old colt Odyssey Fox (Ire) (Fastnet Rock (Aus)) and a yearling filly by Fastnet Rock (Aus).
**Zerostress Hangs Tough in The Goldene Peitsche** by Tom Frary

Coming into Sunday’s G3 Casino Baden-Baden Goldene Peitsche off a handicap win at ParisLongchamp and third in a similar prize at Deauville, the veteran Zerostress (Ger) (Areion (Ger)) showed grit to ward off the youthful Exxtra (Fr) (Starspangledbanner (Aus)) for a career-best. Always travelling comfortably tracking the pace against the rail, the Sascha Smrczek-trained 7-year-old was committed a furlong out by Hugo Besnier and gave his all to fend off the filly by a head.

**Pedigree Notes**

Zerostress, whose previous best was a second placing in the 2020 G3 Grosser Preis der Landeshauptstadt Dresden, is out of Zaya (Ger) (Diktat (GB)) who was runner-up in this country’s G3 Silberne Peitsche. This is the family of the 1986 G3 Goldene Peitsche-winning champion Premiere Cuvee (GB) (Formidable) and the G1 Matron S. heroine Champers Elysees (Ire) (Elzaam (Aus)). Zaya’s 2-year-old colt Zeolakis (Fr) is by Lawman (Fr).

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**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN.** O-Stall ROM; B-Gestut Hof Ittlingen (GER); T-Sascha Smrczek; J-Hugo Besnier. €32,000. Lifetime Record: SP-Swe, 30-6-7-2, €148,215. **Werk Nick Rating:** First SW from this cross. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

2--Exxtra (Fr), 125, f, 3, Starspangledbanner (Aus) --Rolling Stone (Ire), by Raven’s Pass. **1ST GROUP BLACK-TYPE.** (€26,000 Ylg ’21 ARQOCT; €150,000 RNA HRA ’22 ARQDEC). O-Anja Wilde; B-I Corbani & SARL Jedburgh Stud (FR); T-Carlos & Yann Lerner. €12,000.

3--Clever Candy (GB), 128, m, 6, Intello (Ger)--True Course (GB), by Dubawi (Ire). **1ST GROUP BLACK-TYPE.** (5,000gns RNA Wlg ’17 TATFOA; €2,200 Ylg ’18 GOFNOV; €50,000 2yo ’19 TATGNS; 8,000gns HRA ’20 TATDEC; €13,000 HRA ’21 BBAGO). O-Stall Winterhude; B-Mr & Mrs Oliver S Tait (GB); T-Sascha Smrczek. €6,000.


Also Ran: Zandjan (Ger), Amellata (Fr), Blueridge Silver (Ire), Power Daddy (Ire), Jir Sun (GB), Gallanticus (Ire), Best Flying (Fr), Muhalif (Ger), Danelo (Ire).

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**FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS**

**United Kingdom**

**Advertise (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}), Manton Park Stud
103 foals of racing age

15:35-RIPON, 40K The British Stallion Studs Ebf Ripon Champion Two Yrs Old Trophy Stakes (Class 1) (Listed Race)6f, Matters Most (GB)
135,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; 500,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2022
14:25-RIPON, 6f, Townsend Manor (GB)
62,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022

**Blue Point** (Ire) (Shamardal), Kildangan Stud
161 foals of racing age

14:35-SOUTHWELL, 5f, Bluebell Grove (Ire)
50,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2022
14:35-SOUTHWELL, 5f, Reprised (GB)

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Advertise has two entries at Ripon including in the venue’s Listed contest for juveniles | Manton Park Stallions

Inns of Court (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
168 foals of racing age
14:30-EPSOM DOWNS, 7f, Burdett (Ire)
49,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; 25,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2022

Invincible Army (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud
95 foals of racing age
14:35-SOUTHWELL, 5f, Miss Mach One (Ire)
40,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022

Land Force (Ire) (No Nay Never), Highclere Stud
117 foals of racing age
14:35-SOUTHWELL, 5f, Stoneacre Girl (GB)
20,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; €18,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2022; £30,000 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2023
14:25-RIPON, 6f, Yiengaa (GB)
28,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2022

Phoenix of Spain (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), Irish National Stud
97 foals of racing age
14:50-CHEPSTOW, 7f, Hieloray (Ire)
€24,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2021; 10,500gns Tattersalls December Yearling Sale 2022
14:50-CHEPSTOW, 7f, Miguel (Ire)
€10,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2021; 10,500gns Tattersalls December Yearling Sale 2022

Sogann (Fr) (Frankel {GB}), Norton Grove Stud
19 foals of racing age
14:35-SOUTHWELL, 5f, Grid Iron Maiden (GB)
£3,500 RNA Goffs UK Oct HIT & Yearling Sale 2022

OBSERVATIONS
on the European racing scene

TDN RISING STAR TASK FORCE TACKLES
LISTED PRIZE

15.35 Ripon, Listed, £40,000, 2yo, 6fT
TASK FORCE (GB) (Frankel {GB}) impressed on debut at Salisbury last month to earn TDN Rising Star status for Juddmonte and the Ralph Beckett stable and takes the next step on his journey in this Listed British Stallion Studs EBF Ripon Champion Two Yrs Old Trophy S. The son of the operation’s star performer Special Duty (GB) (Hennessy) meets another TDN Rising Star in Sheikh Abdullah Almalek Alsabah’s Asadna (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), whose sensational debut performance hasn’t been backed up in two subsequent efforts despite running third in the Listed Rose Bowl S.

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Sunday’s Results:
1st-Goodwood, £15,000, Mdn, 8-27, 2yo, 8ft, 1:44.47, sf.
REMAADD (IRE) (c, 2, Gleneagles {Ire}–Oojooba {GB} (MSP-Eng), by Monsun {Ger}), who was runner-up on debut to the potentially smart Alshinfarah (Ire) (Noble Mission) in a seven-furlong Haydock novice earlier this month, raced in second throughout the early stages. Taking control a furlong out, the 4-6 favourite surged into the clear to record an impressive 4 1/2-length success from Playtime (GB) (Sea The Moon {Ger}).

The winner is currently the last known foal out of the dual listed-placed dam, who is responsible for the yard’s smart middle-distance handicapper Gaassee (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) and is a daughter of the G1 1000 Guineas heroine Ameerat (GB) (Mark Of Esteem {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $13,089.

O-Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum; B-Godolphin (IRE); T-William Haggas.

1st-Beverley, £9,000, Mdn, 8-27, 2yo, f, 7f 96yT, 1:32.92, gd.
CHESHIRE DANCER (IRE) (f, 2, Phoenix Of Spain {Ire}–Kristal Xenia {Ire}, by Xaar {GB}), third on debut at Haydock earlier this month, raced towards the fore early. Staying on to lead with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining, the 100-30 second favourite held Puella Law (Ire) (Inns Of Court (Ire)) to score by a length. The eighth winner for her first-crop sire, Cheshire Dancer is a half-sister to the Italian listed scorers Cherie Good (Ire) (Big Bad Bob {Ire}), Val Nanda (Ire) (Fast Company (Ire)) and Lollipop Girl (Ire) (Dandy Man (Ire)). The dam, who also has a yearling filly by Coulsty (Ire) due to sell at next month’s Tatts Ireland September Sale. 

Lambert (GB) (g, 2, Due Diligence–Two In The Pink (Ire), by Codovil (Ire)) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, $12,235. O-Shylock; B-Whitsbury Manor Stud (GB); T-George Boughey. *25,000gns Ylg ’22 TATSOM. *1/2 to You Are Beautiful (GB) (Adaay (Ire)), SP-Ity.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Cherry (GB), f, 3, Dubawi (Ire)–Mori (GB) (SW & GSP-Eng, $101,596), by Frankel (GB). Goodwood, 8-27, 9f 197yT, 2:11.21. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-2, $64,097. B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB).

FRANCE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:
1st-Deauville, €35,000, 8-27, 3yo, 7fT, 1:26.88, sf.
SUVIANA (IRE) (f, 3, Dandy Man (Ire)–Suvenna (Ire), by Arcano (Ire)) Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-0, €67,500. O-Noir et Or Elevage SA & Comte Guillaume De Saint-Seine; B-Kildaragh Stud (IRE); T-Andre Fabre. *140,000gns Ylg ’21 TATOCT. **1/2 to Primo Bacio (Ire) (Awtaad {Ire}), SW & GSP-Eng, $113,867.

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7th-Tarbes, €22,000, Cond, 8-27, 3yo, 7fT, 1:24.50, vsf. WHISPERING DREAM (IRE) (f, 3, Invincible Spirit (Ire)--Grecian Light (Ire) (MGSP-Eng, GSP-Ire & SP-Fr), by Shamardal) Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, €29,166. O/B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Henri-Alex Pantall.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Moss Vale (Ire). Cavaillon, 8-27, 14 1/2fT, 3:12.44. B-Ecurie du Foxglove (Fr) (Pedro The Great), SW-Ger, $127,795.

Record: 5-3-1-0, 7th-Tarbes, winner for her first-crop sire.

Sunday’s Results:
1st-Naas, €25,000, Mdn, 8-27, 2yo, f, 7fT, 1:29.48, gd.
KITTIE ROSE (GB) (f, 2, Invincible Army (Ire)--Varnish (GB), by Choisir (Aus)), sent off at 25-1, tanked through the early stages racing prominently. Asked to stretch approaching two out, the 20,000gns Tatts Book 3 graduate stayed on powerfully to beat the 11-10 favourite Tannola (Ire) (Awtaad (Ire)) by 1 3/4 lengths. Trainer Natalia Lupini's partner Craig Bryson said of the eighth winner for her first-crop sire. “She’s a filly that we’ve liked a lot at home, she did it well and she’ll progress plenty. She’s big and she’s a nice filly. She likes to go forward, she likes to gallop and I’d imagine as you step her up in trip she’ll be better. I’ll talk to the lads, but we might look at the [Listed] Ingabelle Stakes at Leopardstown, that might suit her. We had a filly [Highly Desirable] that was third in this race last year and went on to finish third in the Ingabelle.” The winner is currently the last known foal out of the dam, who hails from the family of the Whitewater Affair (GB) (Machiavellian) and her high-achieving son Victoire Pisa (Jpn) (Neo Universe (Jpn)), as well as the G3 Round Tower S.-winning sire Cappella Sansevero (GB) (Showcasing (GB)) who was third in the G1 Phoenix S. Sales history: 20,000gns Ylg ‘22 TATOCY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $16,193. O-Nigel O’Hare/Gary Devlin/Kabin Racing Syndicate; B-Carmel Stud (GB); T-Natalia Lupini.

2nd-Naas, €16,000, Mdn, 8-27, 2yo, f, 5f 205yT, 1:12.07, gd. MATTER OF FACT (IRE) (f, 2, No Nay Never--Malicieuse (Ire) (MSP-Fr), by Galileo (Ire)) (Starspangledbanner (Aus)), not seen since beating only one rival in the five-furlong Naas maiden won by TDN Rising Star Devious (GB) (Starspangledbanner (Aus)) in May, was in mid-division early before being outpaced. Getting going two out, the 22-1 shot stayed on powerfully down the outer to reel in the 4-5 favourite Sweetest (Ire) (Blue Point (Ire)) 100 yards from the line and score by 3/4 of a length. “She has grown an awful lot since May,” trainer Jessica Harrington said. “Nathan [Crosse] said when she was in behind she was behind the bridle, whether it was the kickback or what.” Cont., p17
"It wasn’t until he pulled her out that she absolutely flew up the hill. I’d say she could step up in trip but the dam only got six, even though she’s by Galileo. My two-year-olds are only just starting to come to themselves. They were all good in the spring and then they all started growing. She was small in May, but now she’s a fine, big filly." The dam, who was third in the Listed Prix Six Perfections and Listed Criterium de Vitesse as a juvenile, was surprisingly speedy given that she is a half to the Arc hero Bago (Fr) (Nashwan) and the G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp and G1 Prix d’Ispahan-winning sire Maxios (GB) (Monsun {Ger}). The third and fourth dams are the Niarchos’s illustrious Coup De Genie (Mr. Prospector) and Coup De Folie (Halo), with the dynasty producing the big names Machiavellian and Exit To Nowhere and the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac heroine Denebola (Storm Cat). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $10,364.

O/B-The Niarchos Family (IRE); T-Jessica Harrington.

**GERMANY**

**Sunday’s Results:**

4th-Baden-Baden, €102,500, Cond, 8-27, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:12.05, g/s.

THREE HAVANAS (GER) (f, 2, Havana Grey {GB}–Three Ducks {GB}, by Diktat {GB}), sent off marginally the second favourite at 42-10 for this Iffezheimer BBAG-Auktionsrennen which is the most valuable of its kind staged in Germany, tracked the leading group travelling strongly throughout the early stages. Staying on to take command a furlong out, the grey who was an €80,000 BBAG October yearling graduate saw off Balzane Deux (Fr) (Recorder {GB}) to win decisively by two lengths. The winner is currently the last known foal out of a half-sister to the listed-winning and dual group-placed sire Thames (Fr) (Fabulous Dancer), the fellow listed scorer Three Wrens (Ire) (Second Empire {Ire}) and to the dam of the G1 Al Quoz Sprint hero The Right Man (GB) (Lope De Vega {Ire}). The third dam is the celebrated Three Troikas (Fr) (Lyphard), heroine of the Arc and the Poule d’Essai des Pouliches. Sales history: €80,000 Ylg ’22 BBAOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €50,000. O/B-Gestut Karlshof (GER); T-Henk Grewe.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

Topan (Ger), c, 3, Wild Chief (Ger)–Topkapi Diamond (Ire) (MSP-Ger), by Acclamation (GB). Baden-Baden, 8-27, 10fT, 2:10.80. B-U Hagemann (GER).

Lady Matilda (Ger), f, 3, Counterattack (Aus)–Lady Jacamira (Ger) (GSW-Ger, $120,360), by Lord Of England (Ger). Baden-Baden, 8-27, 7 1/2fT, 1:32.17. B-Gestut Karlshof (GER).

*€49,000 Ylg ’21 BBASEP. **1/2 to Ladykiller (Ger) (Kamsin {Ger}), GSW-Ger.

**WORLDWIDE NEWS**

**BSA AUGUST 2YO SALE TOPPED BY VERCINGETORIX FILLY**

The second session of the BSA August Two-Year-Old Sale proved more adventurous than the first as four of the five seven-digit purchases came during the portion of the event. The crowning draft arrived in the form of Lucrative (Saf), who topped the sale at R1,400,000 and cemented Vercingetorix as the top sire with an aggregate of R7,300,000 from 12 lots sold.

Of the 257 lots offered for the two-day auction, 245 sold (95.3%) for an aggregate of R59,690,000. The average was R244,631 and the median was R160,000.

Sunday, Kranji, Singapore

LION CITY CUP (Sin-G1, Black-Type), S$300,000, Kranji, 8-27, 3yo/up, 1200mT, 1:08.94, gd.

1--LIM’S KOSCIUSZKO (AUS), 127, g, 6, Kermadec (NZ)–Jacquetta (NZ) (SW & GSP-NZ), by Keeper (Aus) (NZ$75,000 RNA Ylg ’19 NZBET; NZ$60,000 RNA 2yo ’19 NZBRTR). O-Lim’s Stable; B-Trelawney Stud, Mrs C Taylor (NSW); T-Dan Meagher; J-C C Wong; S$178,500. Lifetime Record: Horse of the Year, Ch. 4yo & Ch. Sprinter-Sin, 18-15-2-0, S$1,715,895.

2--Golden Monkey (Aus), 127, g, 4, Star Turn (Aus)–Dixie’s Comet (Aus), by Northern Meteor (Aus). (A$54,000 Ylg ’20 INGFEB; A$30,000 RNA 2yo ’20 INGRTR). O-Jig Racing/Elvin Stable; B-H & J Blight (NSW); T-Tim Fitzsimmons; J-Hugh Bowman; S$63,750.

3--Mr Malek (NZ), 127, g, 7, Swiss Ace (Aus)–Tina (NZ), by Danasinga (Aus). O-Oscar Racing Stable; B-C K Phua; T-Steven Burridge; J-K A’isisuhairi; S$32,250. Margins: 1, 1 1/4, HF. Winner’s Odds: 0.40.

Click for the Singapore Turf Club chart and VIDEO.
The closing ceremony for the 2023 World All-Star Jockeys fourth leg commenced at Sapporo Racecourse on Sunday, Sapporo, Japan.

**KEENELAND CUP-G3, **¥82,620,000, Sapporo, 8-27, 3yo/up, 1200mT, 1:09.90, sf.

1--**NAMURA CLAIR (JPN), **121, f, 4, by Mikki Isle (Jpn)
   
   1st Dam: Sun Queen, by Storm Cat
   
   2nd Dam: Fountain of Peace, by Kris S.
   
   3rd Dam: Coup de Genie, by Mr. Prospector
   
   O-Mutsuhiro Namura; B-Tanikawa Farm; T-Kodai Hasegawa; J-Suguru Hamanaka; ¥43,574,000. Lifetime Record: MGSW-Jpn, 14-5-3-3, ¥349,104,000. **Werk Nick Rating: A+. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Click for the free Equineline.com pedigree.**

2--**Cinnamon Stick (Jpn), **121, f, 4, Jo Cappuccino (Jpn)--Meine Dessert (Jpn), by Meiner Love. **1ST BLACK TYPE. 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE. O-Blue Stars Farm; B-Big Red Farm; ¥17,164,000. Also Ran: Schwarz Kaiser (Ire), Vatreni (Jpn), Junilee Head (Jpn), Kimiwa Queen (Jpn), Sonnig (Jpn), Satono Ai (Jpn), Naran Huleg (Jpn), Water Navillera (Jpn), Lei Halia (Jpn), Kaiser Melange (Jpn), Win Marvel (Jpn). **Click for the JRA Chart.**

3--**Toshin Macau (Jpn), **126, c, 4, Big Arthur (Jpn)--Yukino Mermaid (Jpn), by Special Week (Jpn). **O-Sato Inc.; B-Hattori Farm; ¥11,082,000. Margins: 1, NO, NK. Odds: 1.40, 29.20, 5.60. **Click for the JRA Chart.**

**NIIGATA NISAI S.-G3, **¥59,220,000, Niigata, 8-27, 2yo, 1600mT, 1:33.80, fm.

1--**ASCOLI PICENO (JPN), **121, f, 2, by Daiwa Major (Jpn)
   
   1st Dam: Ascolti (Jpn), by Danehill Dancer (Ire)
   
   2nd Dam: Listen (Ire), by Sadler's Wells
   
   3rd Dam: Brigid, by Irish River (Fr)
   
   **1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN, 1ST GROUP WIN, 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE. O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm; T- Yoichi Kuroiwa; J-Hiroshi Kitamura; ¥31,433,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, ¥38,633,000. **Werk Nick Rating: B+. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Click for the free Equineline.com pedigree.**

2--**Shonan Manuela (Jpn), **121, f, 2, Just a Way (Jpn)--Diagonal Cloth (Jpn), by Symboli Kris S. **1ST BLACK TYPE. 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE. O-Tetsuhide Kunimoto; B-Shizunai Fujikawa Farm; ¥12,124,000. **Click for the JRA Chart.**

3--**Clean Air (Jpn), **121, c, 2, Real Impact (Jpn)-- Sylvan Song, by Street Cry (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE. 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE. O-Godolphin; B-Darley Japan Farm; ¥7,862,000. Margins: 1, 1, 2HF. Odds: 2.70, 69.10, 5.50. Also Ran: Lux Noah (Jpn), Sirius Colt (Jpn), Vent Vive (Jpn), Enya Love Faith (Jpn), Hihin (Jpn), Rouge Stunning (Jpn), June Take (Jpn), Hortobagy (Jpn), Nishino Crown (Jpn). **Click for the JRA Chart.**

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The closing ceremony for the 2023 World All-Star Jockeys fourth leg commenced at Sapporo Racecourse on Sunday, Japan Racing Association.
Monday, Ripon, Britain, post time: 15:35

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*All posts listed in local time.*