POLITI FEELS ALL THE EMOTIONS AS SERENGETI EMPRESS'S FIRST FOAL TO SELL AT KEENELAND

by Jessica Martini

Joel Politi was still a relative newcomer to racehorse ownership when Serengeti Empress (Alternation) took him to the winner’s circle of the 2019 GI Kentucky Oaks. The dream ride could continue when the mare’s first foal, a colt by Into Mischief (hip 309), goes through the sales ring Tuesday during the second Book 1 session of the Keeneland September Yearling Sale through the Taylor Made Sales Agency consignment.

“I am excited, proud and nervous, how about that? Probably a lot of emotions,” Politi said ahead of next week’s auction.

“Serengeti Empress means the world to me and my family. And then because of that, her first foal means a lot to us as well. He’s a beautiful, good-looking, athletic colt, so I would love to keep him. But I also understand that, if I am going to stay in horse racing for a while, then I am going to have to stick to my basic philosophy of keeping my fillies and selling my colts. I intend to stay in horse racing for the long term, so it’s a very practical thing to sell him, but it’s also an emotional thing to sell him.”

Politi, an orthopedic surgeon living in Columbus, Ohio, grew up around horses on his father’s farm in Youngstown.

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THE X-RAY FILES: NORMAN WILLIAMSON

by Jessica Martini

The TDN sat down with Irish pinhooker Norman Williamson for this last installment in the series presented in cooperation with the Consignors and Breeders Association (CBA). Through conversations with buyers and sellers, the series looks to contribute to the discussion on radiograph findings and their impact on racetrack success.

The Oak Tree Farm of retired National Hunt jockey Norman Williamson and his wife Janet is responsible for Classic-winning graduates on both sides of the Atlantic. The operation sold future 2019 GI Preakness S. winner War of Will (War Front) and 2022 Irish 2000 Guineas winner Native Trail (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) at Arqana Breeze-Up Sales. The Williamsons’ search for pinhooking prospects encompasses the international stage, as well.

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TATTERSALLS SOMERVILLE SALE RECAP

The TDN’s Emma Berry recaps all the day’s action at the popular Tattersalls Somerville yearling sale held Tuesday at Park Paddocks in Newmarket.

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Oaks Winner's First Foal to Sell at Keeneland

Politi began his own racing stable in 2005 with claiming horses owned in partnerships, but he decided to strike out on his own in 2015.

“In about 2015, I decided I wanted to start a broodmare band with the idea of racing horses and trying to create a broodmare band from scratch,” Politi explained. “Honestly, the first horse that we bought at the sale was Serengeti. And all of the credit goes to [trainer] Tom Amoss. We picked her at the sale—when I say we—Tom picked her.”

Politi purchased Serengeti Empress for $70,000 at the 2017 Keeneland September sale. Under Amoss’s tutelage, the filly proved an immediate success, romping by 13 1/2 lengths in the 2018 Ellis Park Debutante and by 19 1/2 lengths in the GII Pocahontas S.

She returned at three to win the GII Rachel Alexandra S. before her Oaks victory on the first Friday in May. Runner-up in the GI Acorn S. and GI Test S., she ended her sophomore campaign with a third-place effort in the GI Breeders’ Cup Distaff.

At four, she added the GII Azeri S. and GI Ballerina S. to her resume, was second in the GI Derby City Distaff S. and concluded her racing career with a runner-up effort behind Gamine (Into Mischief) in the 2020 GI Breeders’ Cup F/M Sprint. All told, she earned $2,175,653 on the track.

Her success on the racetrack made her a valuable commodity in the breeding shed, but Politi never wavered in his desire to retain the filly once her racing career was over.

“I was always going to keep her,” Politi said. “When we raced her, I had offers at every step along the way to sell her.”
Politi continued, “Basically right after her Ellis Park Debutante win, I had significant offers, after her Pocahontas win, I had significant offers, and then I had real offers for her later in her career. And then at the end of her career, everybody kind of assumed that the normal protocol that a lot of people follow is to race their mares and sell them in November at the end of their careers. At that point, I had no interest in selling her. I’ve grown up around horses and to have a horse as special as her is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I just didn’t feel right selling her and letting her go to somebody else, no matter how good of a broodmare she ever became. I was going to keep her and be able to enjoy her for the rest of her life.”

Serengeti Empress has become a permanent fixture in the Politi family.

“We go visit her all of the time,” Politi said. “My family likes visiting her, I like visiting her. And we know she is really well cared for. So that’s priceless.”

The family has been watching the mare’s first foal since before he was born.

“We had a camera on her stall the entire time she was pregnant,” Politi said. “We watched her every day. We were living and dying with this little guy as he was going through all the trials and tribulations of being born and growing. So we are very invested in him, so it will be emotional to watch him sell, but I am trying to be practical.”

Politi currently has 11 broodmares, including Li’l Tootsie (Tapiture), who was purchased for $105,000 at the 2019 Keeneland September sale and went on to win a pair of stakes and hit the board in three graded events, including a third-place effort in the 2021 GII Prioress S. Also in the band is Littlestitious (Ghostzapper), who was acquired for $190,000 at that same auction and is also a two-time stakes winner. Both mares are currently in foal to Not This Time.
“We bought five other fillies that have turned into nice stakes horses and a couple of them that never really got to show their potential that I love and I think they’ll be great,” Politi said. “So we have a nice group of broodmares and now they are forever part of the little family.”

Politi’s young broodmare band had its first Keeneland September offering a year ago when selling a filly by Bolt d’Oro out of Del Mar May (Jimmy Creed) (hip 1778) for $85,000 to pinhooker Tom McCrocklin. McCrocklin sold the filly for $375,000 at this year’s OBS Spring sale.

“I am not upset that somebody did much better on her than I did because I own the broodmare,” Politi said with a laugh. “She is a nice mare and I have a yearling filly by Not This Time out of her that I am keeping. So I am rooting hard for that Bolt filly.”

Of his broodmare band, Politi said, “It’ll be fluid, but I don’t intend to become Stonestreet. My number is going to stay in that seven, eight, nine, 10 range. At some point, I will pare down what I have and just try to curate a really boutique, quality band of broodmares that I am happy to keep the foals and race them if nobody wants them or sell some of them and keep the whole operation going that way, that will be part of the plan.”

Politi currently has about eight horses in training, but he expects to do some shopping as well as selling at Keeneland next week.

“Tom and I will go shopping for some more yearlings,” he said. “We are doing the same thing. We are buying athletes--physicals first--and try to get a pedigree as far as the dollars will let you go. But physical first.”

While Serengeti Empress failed to get in foal last year, she is back in foal to Curlin with another baby likely destined for the sales ring.

“I certainly was hoping for a filly, but we sexed the baby and it’s a colt. They called me with the bad news,” Politi said chuckling. “I was really hoping for a Curlin filly. But it’s ok. It is what it is.”

The Keeneland September sale begins Monday with the first of two Book 1 sessions beginning at 1 p.m. Book 2 sessions Wednesday and Thursday begin at 11 a.m. and, following a dark day Friday, the auction resumes Saturday at 10 a.m.
IZE ON THE PRIZE

Nyquist’s spectacular sophomore crop, led by G1 Alabama winner Randomized, could soon be upstaged when his 2023 yearlings get to the track.

Bred on a $75k fee after his Champion freshman sire season, they are from a book of 160 mares which included 14 G1 winners, 31 Graded Stakes winners and 72 Black Type performers.

As we so often find ourselves saying: just imagine!

See them at the sales.
The X-Ray Files (cont. from p1)

“The world has become a smaller place,” Norman Williamson said. “I’ve been doing this for 19 years or so and when I first went to America, there were a huge amount of horses that you wouldn’t bother looking at, especially the dirt-bred horses. But now, your list tends to be a lot longer. The past couple of years, we’ve had a sale in Dubai. We are selling horses around the world basically, to Saudi and back to America. I suppose the best example was War of Will. He was pinhooked by an Irishman, he sold in France and he gets back to America to run in the Kentucky Derby and win the Preakness. That wouldn’t have happened 20 years ago, I don’t think, because people were thinking, ‘We will go to America and just buy the turf-bred horses.’ Now I think we can look at most horses.”

For Williamson, the vet report goes hand-in-hand with consideration of a yearling’s potential price tag.

“We go through the full vetting,” he said. “Sometimes it will depend on the price range, as in what you can forgive and what you can’t forgive. I can’t forgive bad knees or if the X-rays of his knees aren’t great. For breezing, it tends not to work. They get knee pain and you’re in trouble from an early stage. So there are certain things that you can put up with, but the price also has to come into account. If you are going to give what we call good money for a horse, well you need to have a clean set of X-rays because it’s very important at the other end.”

Williamson said buying horses to resell automatically eliminates some horses with vetting issues.

“I would have put up with plenty of things, only when I am reselling, those people won’t,” he said. “I have a horse that is breezing well and he’s 100% sound, but if his X-rays aren’t clean they are going to say, ‘Well he’s going to go lame at some point.’ Most of the breeze-up people know if you get a horse to a breeze and he’s very sound, whatever his issues are, they are probably not going to come against him if he can take all of that early.”
Williamson continued, “We put up with a bit, but because of the other end—for instance, if you are selling to Hong Kong, they have to be absolutely squeaky clean and also if it’s a big-money horse, they have to be clean. But it’s not necessarily the answer to soundness, in my opinion.”

He continued, “There are quite a few things that wouldn’t bother me in the slightest. Sesamoiditis, for me, is just a bit of time. I have never had any trouble with it. And every single horse seems to have had sesamoiditis. Everyone mentions sesamoiditis, but if the joints and legs handle well and they are tight and they look good, I don’t tend to have any problems with them. You can’t just go galloping tomorrow morning. You’ve got to take your time. But I haven’t had any trouble with it.”

And vet issues are always subjective.

“As we all know, some vets are more critical than others,” Williamson said. “It is the same process, but you tend to find the racehorse vets, as in people who are going in and out of trainers’ yards every morning, tend to accept a lot more because they are seeing it every day. If you just have a vet who is sent there to make the horse squeaky clean, well he won’t pass much. But the guys that really see these 2-year-olds and see what they can put up with and they don’t tend to go lame on things, they will pass them. You’ll be passed with a comment. So it does depend quite a bit on the vet. But again going back to it, if you’re looking for a big result and big money, you need to have them pretty good.”

When he returns to sell juveniles in the spring, Williamson acknowledged there are some buyers who will take his assessment of his horses into consideration.

“You can certainly talk to trainers and to some of the agents,” he said of discussing perceived vet issues in horses he has been training all winter. “But you’ve also got to realize that some of these agents are employed by some wealthy businessmen and if the horse does go wrong, they have to go back and say whatever.”
Williamson continued, “So you do build up a rapport with your trainers and with your customers. And yes, they do start to believe you, because if you don’t tell the truth, you’re not going to be in business for very long. The trainers can put up with a certain amount, and will say, ‘that doesn’t bother me’ or ‘that doesn’t bother me.’ But it’s a tricky one, the agent might understand you and might totally believe you, but he’s got to go to a businessman who is investing his money. So I can see where they are coming from as well. They want everything squeaky clean from their point of view. If you stand there and tell somebody we think this is a good horse and he has probably breezed five times and he hasn't been made to go very fast and I really like him, in time, if the horse is a good horse, they will be back to you.”

The all-important clock dominates the under-tack shows at 2-year-old sales in the U.S. and, while a :9 3/5 furlong work might turn heads in Ocala, there is no official timing at the European breeze-up sales. The difference reflects the different nature of racing in Europe versus America, according to Williamson.

“I think, from a horseman’s point of view--and I used to ride myself--European racing is very different from American racing,” Williamson said. “They tend to start off slow and they tend to quicken up--American turf racing is now like it, they quicken off the bend. But dirt racing looks to me like it’s the horses that go the fastest for the longest. They break from the gate and they go very quick. Breezing probably doesn’t make much difference to that type of horse, but if you have a horse here and you want him to go a mile or a mile and a quarter, and you train him to be a clock horse like America, you’d end up with nothing. You’d spend the next 12 months trying to get him to settle. You can’t jump off in a turf race here and have the horse run keen with you because he’s not going to finish out. So we tend to do it a bit slower and a bit more gradual. But of course there are unofficial timings now and we still have to do a certain time. You won’t get away with a slow horse. But I don’t think official times will ever work in Europe.”

Without the reliance on the clock, nuance becomes more important at European breeze-up sales.

“There are people who read it very different,” Williamson said. “Some people say, ‘Oh, he did a good time,' and some people will say, 'I didn’t like his stride.' Whereas in America, it seems to be the fastest is the best, the fastest makes the most money. I don’t think any of us breeze-up people in Europe want a professional clock because we tend to train them like that.”
Williamson continued, “You have a huge amount of horses in America breezing in blinkers. I don’t think any horse has ever breezed in blinkers in Europe. Straight away, it would be like a red rag, they’d say ‘What’s wrong with him?’ Which tells you the difference. They don’t need to see them go that fast here, but once they have nice action and they do it well at a nice dial, I think it’s better than trying to break the clock.”

Not trying to beat the clock also allows European pinhookers added time to allow yearlings to overcome issues that their American counterparts might not have the luxury of waiting out. “I suppose the one thing you can take out of it, you can slightly, as a pinhooker, buy a horse that’s a little more backward maybe as a yearling,” Williamson said. “I don’t mean necessarily backward, but maybe a big horse. And you can gradually take your time and then if he has natural ability, well he’s going to breeze well anyway. In America, they seem to be the big strong horses with big backsides that people buy for breezing. But here, you can buy a horse that looks like a 1 1/4-mile horse to go breezing and give him that little bit of time. I don’t really know anything about the American set-up, but here you can [give them extra time]. You still put them into the routine and get them going into the system, but they don’t have to be galloping to break a clock. So you can actually give them a week off here or there and a few days off and maybe have a trot out tomorrow rather than go off cantering or galloping again. So you can forgive a little.”

Asked what changes he might like to see in the yearling sales in America, Williamson said, “You need to keep the horsemanship in it. There are certain things—like every single vendor in America mentions sesamoiditis. Well, it’s up to yourself to take a chance. We’ve all bought horses over the years that had moderate X-rays and have been perfect through their racing careers. So, it’s not the end of the world, but you are taking a risk.”

Check out previous installments of The X-Ray Files: with Tom McCrocklin, David Ingordo, Liz Crow, Ciaran Dunne, Bill Heiligbrodt, Wesley Ward, and Elliott Walden.

WITH SARATOGA SLUMPING, NATIONAL HANDLE OFF 7.3% IN AUGUST by Bill Finley

Betting on U.S. horse racing had its worst month so far this year in August as handle fell by $87,216,418 when compared to August 2022 figures. The decline was 7.3%, the sharpest drop in a month since December 2022.

A total of $1,107,146,014 was bet on the sport during this August, while the 2022 handle figure was $1,194,362,432. In month-over-month figures, it was the sharpest drop since December when handle fell by 7.52%.

While the Saratoga meet spills over in to July and September, the majority of it is run in August. That handle fell so sharply, by 9.0%, during the meet at Saratoga, no doubt impacted the national figures. While national handle was off by $87 million in August, handle for the Saratoga meet alone fell by $78,982,675.

The monthly Thoroughbred Racing Economic Indicators report issued each month by Equibase continues to offer bad news when it comes to the handle front. Through August, handle is off 4.09% for the year. It has also fallen for six straight months after posting a slight increase in March.

As is often the case when the monthly reports come out, there was good news on the purse front. While the total amount of purse money paid out was virtually identical to August, 2022 numbers, the average available purses per race day figure was $324,561, a 12.62% increase from last year.
For the year, $819,846,264 in purses have been paid out. In the category of average available purses per race day, that number has risen by 10%.

Average field size has actually shown a slight increase this year, going from 7.18 starters per race to 7.30.

HONG KONG HARRY DISQUALIFIED FROM SECOND PLACE IN GI TURF CLASSIC by Bill Finley

Hong Kong Harry (Ire) (Es Que Love {Ire}), who crossed the wire second in the GI Old Forester Bourbon Turf Classic S. at Churchill Downs on Kentucky Derby Day was officially disqualified by the Churchill Downs stewards in an Aug. 26 ruling. The ruling came after the post-race urine sample and a subsequent split sample tested positive for the substance mofebutazone.

In addition, trainer Phil D'Amato was fined $1,000 and owners Scott Anastasi, Jimmy Ukegawa and Tony Valazzz had to forfeit $194,000 in purse earnings. D'Amato and the owners waived their right to a formal hearing.

The Blood-Horse was the first to report the story.

Mofebutazone is a drug used for joint and muscular pain, but is not approved by the Federal Drug Administration for use in any species. Because it is not FDA approved, it is considered a banned substance under the Horse Racing Safety and Integrity Act (HISA). However, HISA’s Anti-Doping and Medication Control Program did not go into effect until May 22. Had HISA rules been in place, D’Amato could have been charged with using a banned substance, which can result in a suspension of up two years and a $25,000 fine.

At deadline for this story, D’Amato’s attorney Darrell Vienna had not returned a phone call from the TDN. He told the Blood-Horse, “We presented some evidence and it was reviewed by the stewards,” Vienna said. “Based upon the specific facts and circumstances in the case, the stewards reached what in my opinion was a fair and appropriate decision. What we’re talking about is a substance that is essentially very weak (phenylbutazone). The substance, to my client’s knowledge, he neither administered nor caused it to be administered. It was basically of unknown origin.”

This was the third disqualification from a race run during Kentucky Derby week due to a drug positive. In 2020, Gamine (Into Mischief) was disqualified after crossing the wire third in the GI Kentucky Oaks after testing positive for betamethasone for trainer Bob Baffert. The following year, the Baffert-trained Medina Spirit (Protonico) also tested positive for betamethasone after crossing the wire first in the GI Kentucky Derby. Owner Amr Zedan is still contesting Medina Spirit’s disqualification in court.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA JOCKEY FRESU SUSPENDED 32 DAYS FOR WHIPPING VIOLATIONS by Bill Finley

Jockey Antonio Fresu, currently second in the jockey’s standings at Del Mar with 31 wins, has been suspended a total of 32 days by the California stewards for overuse of the whip. Fresu’s suspension runs from Sept. 8 through Oct. 9. He was also fined $1,242.

The suspensions came in the form of six separate rulings from the California Horse Racing Board, including two issued Sept. 4. According to CHRB spokesman Mike Marten, while the CHRB issued the rulings, it was only enforcing rules set forth by the Horse Racing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA). Fresu’s agent Tom Knust said an appeal will be filed with HISA on Thursday.

The Daily Racing Form was the first to report the story.

Fresu is from Italy and began riding in Southern California in late April.

Under HISA rules, a jockey is limited to six strikes of the whip and only in increments of two strikes at a time. For each violation, a jockey is given points according to how many times he or she went over the six-strike limit.

“I am new in the country and where I rode before, you can use the crop more times,” Fresu said. “When I came here, I needed to change my style and keep count. Most of the times, I was just one over the limit. It’s not so easy to keep count, especially when you are fighting for a win and are head to head with another horse. It’s my own fault. The other jockeys adapted to these new rules. In the last couple of weeks, it happened three times in three days and I won every one of those races by a nose. It shouldn’t have happened, but I don’t think it’s really fair. It’s not like you’re riding in a way where you get other people in trouble or in a bad spot. It’s not doing something dangerous. So I think the penalty is a little harsh. Still, I want to change and I want to improve. I want to do my best and not make mistakes like this anymore.”

In the Sept. 4 ruling, Fresu was suspended 15 days for compiling 18 violations points. He was given another seven days in a Sept. 1 ruling for another 15 violations points and in an Aug. 31 ruling, he was suspended seven days for having 12 points. He was also given three one-day penalties for three other rides at Del Mar in which he violated the whip rules.

The days are served as calendar days and not racing days and Fresu will be allowed to ride in some designated stakes races during his suspension.

PAPPACAP RETIRED, TO STAND AT WALMAC

Grade II winner Pappacap (Gun Runner), has been retired and will stand the 2024 breeding season at Gary Broad’s Walmac Farm in Lexington, the farm announced Tuesday. His fee will be $12,500, stands and nurses.

In three seasons for Hall of Famer Mark Casse, Pappacap amassed a career line of 12-2-4-2 for earnings of $842,430. In addition to capturing the 2021 GII Best Pal S. at Del Mar, he was second in the GI TVG Breeders’ Cup Juvenile and GI American Pharoah S. behind champion Corniche (Quality Road). He also placed in three other graded stakes, including last year’s GI Woody Stephens S.

The George and Karen Russell homebred is out of the Grade III-placed Scat Daddy Mare Pappascat and is a half-brother to Grade III winner Boppy O (Bolt d’Oro) and hails from the family of Group 1 winner and Peruvian Horse of the Year Al Qasr (Aptitude).

BETH BUNGERT NAMED KHRC SAFETY STEWARD

Beth Bungert has been named by the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission to the new position of safety steward. The position was created in June to ensure compliance of both Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) and KHRC standards and rules at the state’s licensed Thoroughbred racetracks and training centers. As safety steward, Bungert will monitor regulatory and safety compliance and ensure that information is being shared with all parties.
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In her 20-year career in racing, Bungert has worked as a groom, exercise rider, veterinary assistant, assistant trainer, racing official and program director at several Kentucky racetracks. “Safety is the responsibility of everyone involved in racing,” said Jamie Eads, executive director of the KHRC. “Centralized communication between officials, racing participants and track management is a key aspect of both safety and compliance. We’re excited to have Beth join us, because she is someone who understands daily operations and can identify potential improvements in safety protocol. And, importantly, she is a long-time horsewoman who cares about the safety of the sport.”

Bungert added, “This position is the culmination of a career on the racetrack. I have been involved in almost every aspect of racing and look forward to bringing those experiences together for the safety of both horse and rider.”

The safety steward will make recommendations to racetrack management and regulators for the welfare of horses and riders, integrity of racing and compliance with horse racing laws and regulations.

Other Running the Show featured speakers are: SVP and General Counsel, Sports and Entertainment at New York Racing Association Joi Garner; SVP, Operations and Administration DMTC Ann Hall; and SVP and Executive Producer for Santa Anita Amy Zimmerman.

The third panel discussion, led by Christina Blacker and titled Looking Forward, will delve into a variety of topics including diversity, mental health, and the backstretch community.

Karen Chavez, General Manager of the New York Race Track Chaplaincy, who will join the Looking Forward panel said, “Attending the HRWS Meet Up in Saratoga was an inspiring experience that showcased the power of connection and empowerment within the horse racing industry, leaving a positive and lasting impact on the women of the backstretch community. I am excited to be on a panel at the second Horse Racing Women’s Summit at Santa Anita Park, and continuing to build on the momentum that began one year ago.”

Looking Forward speakers also include: trainer and equestrian Chanel Minnifield; Los Angeles Chargers CAO Catherine Iste; and Amplify Horse Racing executive director Annise Montplaisir.

Friday’s hands-on workshop is designed to identify areas of focus and specific action items for the Horse Racing Women’s Summit Committee in 2024.

Tickets for the Horse Racing Women’s Summit can be purchased here.

HORSE RACING WOMEN’S SUMMIT TOPICS, SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED

The second annual Horse Racing Women’s Summit, to be held Sept. 27-29 at Santa Anita, will include three panel discussions, morning and luncheon keynotes and a Friday morning workshop.

Zoe Cadman will serve as the emcee for the event, which will kick off with a keynote from Reagan Cannon, an international leadership speaker and coach. Following the morning keynote, leaders at the front line of industry change will gather for a discussion on the State of the Industry, moderated by Millie Ball.

State of the Industry featured speakers are: Keeneland President Shannon Arvin; horse racing reporter Britney Eurton; HISA CEO Lisa Lazarus; and equine veterinarian Casille Batten.

The second panel, titled Running the Show, will feature a conversation among industry professionals in various facets of management from racetracks across the county. Moderator Michelle Yu will guide the panelists through a discussion focused on their careers, the ins-and-outs of racetrack management, current events, and their outlook on the future.

“I am a firm believer in the philosophy that ‘a rising tide raises all ships’ and this sport is so much better when we are able to come together, elevate and support each other,” said Jessica Paquette, Parx Racing announcer and Running the Show panelist. “I am honored to join so many women I respect in the industry for an event that is sure to be educational and empowering.”

The entire list of best attractions for sports fans can be found here.
POOR AIR QUALITY CAUSES ASSINIBOIA DOWNS CANCELLATION

Assiniboia Downs in Winnipeg, Canada was forced to cancel its live race card Tuesday due to concerns over air quality.

“Widespread wildfire smoke continues to produce very poor air quality and reduced visibility in and around the City of Winnipeg,” according to a statement from the track. “It is expected to clear out of the region overnight.”

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EMAIL CHARLIE O’CONNOR

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(Gala Brand—With Anticipation S.-GIII; Love to Shop—Toronto Cup S. Presented by Crown Royal-L)

‘TDN Rising Star’ Arabian Knight became the 14th Grade I winner for Coolmore’s Uncle Mo in the FanDuel Racing Pacific Classic | Benoit

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7-Thela Holding 1, Inc., 8-Rhineshire Farm LLC, 9-Barry Butzow & Joni Butzow, 10-C. W. Swann & Wetherbee Holdings, LLC., 11-Brereton C. Jones,
12-The Brigadier Partnership, 13-Calumet Farm, 14-Parkland Thoroughbreds, 15-Bedouin Bloodstock LLC, 16-Pillar Property Services Inc

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Saturday, Kentucky Downs #11, post time: 6:30 p.m. EDT

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Saturday, Kentucky Downs #3, post time: 1:40 p.m. EDT

**ARISTOCRAT LADIES MARATHON S.-GIII**, $1,000,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 5/16 mT

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Saturday, Kentucky Downs #9, post time: 5:16 p.m. EDT

**CASTLE HILL GAMING LADIES TURF S.-GIII**, $1,000,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT

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KEENELAND.
IN ORDER OF PURSE:
GENEROUS PORTION S., $125,000, Del Mar, 9-4, (S), 2yo, f, 6f, 1:11.93, ft.
1--CRAZY HOT, 121, f, 2, by Goldencents
   1st Dam: Harbor Mist (SW, $262,529), by Rockport Harbor
   2nd Dam: Jaramar Miss, by Risen Star
   3rd Dam: Special Warmth, by Lucky Mike
   1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. ($75,000 Ylg ’22 FTCAYR). O-Edward Rusty J Brown & Cory S Thabit; B-Thomas W Bachman (CA); T-Jeff Bonde; J-Mike E Smith. $71,250. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-2, $134,850.
2--Prancingthruparis, 121, f, 2, Sir Prancealot (Ire)--She’s a Big Winner, by Bellamy Road. 1ST BLACK TYPE. O/B-SAF Racing, Ciaglia Racing LLC & Harry Crusberg (CA); T-Peter Eurton. $23,750.
3--Fly a Fantasy, 121, f, 2, Smiling Tiger--Almost Reality, by Desert Code. ($29,000 Ylg ’22 NCAAU). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Harris Farms, Inc, John Cavalli, Mark Stanton & Stephanie Wedge; B-Harris Farms Inc (CA); T-Jeff Bonde. $15,000.
Margins: 1 1/4, 7 1/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 0.90, 8.80, 4.20.
Also Ran: Blevys Tiger, Putt for Dough, Talent for Gold.
Scratched: Unified A. P.

A 10 3/4-length debut winner at Santa Anita May 18, Crazy Hot was looking to atone for a pair of third-place efforts in the June 17 Fasig-Tipton Debutante and the local CTBA S. Aug. 6. The start of the race was delayed by about 15 minutes “after a mishap with a tractor left uneven harrow marks in the stretch,” Daily Racing Farm reported. One entrant, Unified A.P. (Unified) was withdrawn at the gate.

Once finally loaded, the $75,000 Fasig-Tipton California yearling sale purchase veered inward at the break, but quickly recovered to lead after about an eighth of a mile. She galloped them along at a fairly leisurely tempo and never truly looked like losing even as Prancingthruparis was rounding her up late.

“You hate drawing the one hole and this race was a disaster,” said winning trainer Jeff Bonde. “With young 2-year-olds, some of them tolerate it, some of them don’t, so you’re going to see a new side of them when that occurs. He’s [Mike Smith] a great speed rider and he did a good job.”

The 26th stakes winner for her sire, Crazy Hot is out of a stakes-winning half-sister to SW & GSP Jaramar Rain (Thunder Gulch), the dam of three black-type horses, including MGSP Imperial Council (Empire Maker).

Harbor Mist, purchased by this breeder for $230,000 in foal to Frosted at Keeneland November in 2018, is also responsible for a yearling Cal-bred Danzing Candy filly and produced a filly by Rock Your World in Kentucky after bidding stalled out at $47,000 at KEENOV last fall. The mare was most recently bred to Violence.

The start of the day’s final race was also delayed by poor visibility due to the setting sun. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:
9th-Del Mar, $85,000, Alw (NW1$X), Opt. Clm ($80,000), 9-4, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.36, fm, 3/4 length.
WATSONVILLE (c, 3, Jack Milton--Grand Slam Kitten, by Kitten’s Joy), a running-on fourth in a six-furlong turf dash at Santa Anita May 13, improved a couple of spots going a bit further June 3 and successfully stretched out to the mile to graduate by a half-length here July 29. Settled in mid-division after bumping soundly with a rival at the break, the chestnut raced inside and about five lengths off eager pacemaker X J Rascal (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) for the opening six furlongs. Steered out in upper stretch, Watsonville appeared to have it all to do, but the leader weakened noticeably inside the final sixteenth of a mile and Watsonville powered past for the victory.

Cont. p2
9th-DMR (Monday), cont.

It was a 31st win in the saddle at the meet for jockey Antonio Fresu, who trails Juan Hernandez by three, but begins a month-long suspension Friday. A full-brother to Chilean Group 3-placed Silvercreekwhiskey (Midshipman). Sales history: $3,000 Ylg ’21 WAMMAR; $240,000 2yo ’22 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, $114,860. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-Pine Racing Stables & Saints or Sinners; B-Kings and Queens Farm (KY); T-Mark Glatt.

3rd-Finger Lakes, $26,000, Alw, 9-5, (C), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.65, ft, 7 lengths.

JAK N BURNY (g, 3, Destin--Betty’s Chance, by Duckhorn) wallowed a field of maidens by nearly a dozen lengths on debut July 24 and easily handled two-lifetime allowance company by 8 3/4 lengths Aug. 7. favored at 11-10 to stay unbeaten, the bay hit the ground running and set strong fractions, began to get away from the field with 2 1/2 furlongs to travel and was never out of second gear in the lane, cruising in by seven lengths. A half-brother to Winston’s Chance (Roaring Fever), MSW, $495,264, Jak N Burny has a yearling half-sister by Cloud Computing. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, $50,340. Click for the Equibase.com chart.

O/B-Sharon L Washburn (NY); T-Debra A Breed.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

4th-Thistledown, $33,900, (S), Msw, 9-5, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:07.48, ft, (13 1/4 lengths).

BIG FACTS (f, 2, The Factor--Billboard Hit, by Giant’s Causeway) earned this maiden victory upon the disqualification of 5-2 Saltmakesshersweet (Bird Song). The latter made the running through the opening 3 1/2 furlongs, with Big Facts, pressing from second, as 1-2 Woman’s Dream (Enticed) looked loaded just behind. The chalk attempted to go through an opening at the inside, but made contact with the front-runner and fell, throwing jockey Angel Diaz. Diaz was then kicked by the trailing Honey Bee Good (Bee Jersey), who could not avoid the fallen horse, and also dislodged jockey Diogdinabi Smith. Saltmakesshersweet crossed the line first but was disqualified and placed fifth.

According to the track announcer, both riders were up following the incident. Both Woman’s Dream and Honey Bee Good galloped under the wire apparently uninjured. No further information was made available. Sales history: $5,000 Ylg ’22 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $20,340. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-Bobby R Rankin & Charles W Johnson; B-Susan King (OH); T-Jeffrey A Radosevich.

1st-Presque Isle Downs, $30,600, Msw, 9-5, 2yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:12.44, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

KENWICK (f, 2, Bernardini–Bell Court, by Street Sense) finished third in an eventful debut sprinting on the turf at Hawthorne Aug. 16 and was the 9-5 second choice switching surfaces Tuesday. Handy to the early pace from fourth, the homebred was on hold turning for home and took her chances up the rail in the stretch. Short of room at the eighth pole, Kenwick got through a razor-thin hole and may have brushed with Cupid Missed (Cupid) inside the final furlong, but kicked on once clear to best favored Red Wren (Jess’s Dream) by 2 1/2 lengths. Kenwick is the first foal out of a daughter of $850,000 KEESEP purchase Burmilla (Storm Cat), winner of the GII Honorable Miss H. and whose GII Comely S.-winning daughter Snowbell (Tapit) produced SW Twice As Sweet (Candy Ride {Arg}). Third dam Nannerl (Valid Appeal), four times a graded winner and three times placed at Grade I level, bred Burmilla’s MGSW full-sister Magicalmysterecat. Bell Court produced a Twirling Candy colt in 2022 and, after selling to Nicoma Bloodstock for $80,000 at Keeneland January this winter, produced a Frosted filly. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $21,800. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O/B-Godolphin LLC (KY); T-Eoin G Harty.
4th-Presque Isle Downs, $30,150, Msw, 9-5, 2yo, 6f (AWT), 1:10.67, ft, 4 3/4 lengths.

**BANNEKER (c, 2, Not This Time--Bosserette, by Street Boss)**, a $210,000 Keeneland September purchase, was the lone firster in a field of five and turned in a dominating debut effort. Off as the 29-10 second choice, the attractive dark bay broke on terms, but was content to take a trail from third through the middle stages. Going ominously well under a full-Nelson nearing the stretch, he was eased out and around odds-on Hector (Maclean’s Music) in upper stretch and went on to score with consummate and impressive ease while never off the bridle. The winner’s dam is also represented by a yearling Brody’s Cause colt, a weanling filly by Creative Cause and was most recently bred to yet another Giant’s Causeway-line stallion in the form of Mitole. Sales history: $210,000 Ylg ‘22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $18,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-Taylor Creek; B-Paradise Stables LLC (KY); T-Jack Sisterson.

8th-Thistledown, $26,400, Msw, 9-5, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:06.06, ft, 2 lengths.

**LUCKY COUGAR (f, 2, Madefromlucky--Another Cougar, by With Distinction)** had trained forwardly over the local strip and was the 21-10 second pick to open her account against the boys at first asking. One of the last into stride, the Maryland-bred quickly gained ground to be just behind the leading trio into the turn. Eased out three deep approaching the lane, she ranged up to lead three-sixteens of a mile from home and edged away by two lengths.

Out of a half-sister to 2014 Gil Indiana Derby and Ohio Derby hero East Hall (Graeme Hall), Lucky Cougar has a yearling half-sister Gogo Boots (Eclipicalspraline) and a weanling half-sister by St Patrick’s Day. Another Cougar was covered by Hoppertunity this season. Sales history: $6,000 Wlg ’21 FTIDEC; $27,000 Ylg ’22 EASOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $15,840. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-Jason DaCosta & Calypso Stable; B-Maria Haire (MD); T-Jason DaCosta.

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**FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 2023**

**Maximus Mischief** (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, $7,500
136 foals of racing age/18 winners/1 black-type winner
9-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6:38 p.m. EDT, $100K Circle City S., 6f, Castile, 5-1
$75,000 KEE NOV wnl; $175,000 KEE SEP yrl

**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6 2023**

**Cloud Computing** (Maclean’s Music), Spendthrift Farm, $5,000
199 foals of racing age/47 winners/3 black-type winners
8-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6:07 p.m. EDT, $100K Back Home Again S., 6f, Noneofyourbusiness, 3-1
$5,500 KEE JAN wnl
Code West (Lemon Drop Kid), Westwin Farms, $2,000
40 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Remington, 8:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Isaidwhatisa, 8-1

Collected (City Zip), Airdrie Stud, $10,000
234 foals of racing age/52 winners/5 black-type winners
3-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 3:32 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Collected Success, 4-1
$25,000 KEE SEP yrl; $60,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Forever d’Oro (Medaglia d’Oro), Breakway Farm, $2,000
21 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
9-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6:38 p.m. EDT, $100K Circle City S., 6f, Positive Change, 30-1
$3,300 IND MIX yrl

Free Drop Billy (Union Rags), Spendthrift Farm, $5,000
106 foals of racing age/20 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5:05 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Amateur Day, 10-1
$7,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Funtastic (More Than Ready), Three Chimneys Farm, $5,000
44 foals of racing age/9 winners/2 black-type winners
9-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6:38 p.m. EDT, $100K Circle City S., 6f, Funtastic Vow, 6-1

Mo Town (Uncle Mo), Coolmore Ashford, $5,000
174 foals of racing age/52 winners/3 black-type winners
9-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6:38 p.m. EDT, $100K Circle City S., 6f, Molly’s Town, 9-5

Oscar Performance (Kitten’s Joy), Mill Ridge Farm, $20,000
172 foals of racing age/31 winners/4 black-type winners
9-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6:38 p.m. EDT, $100K Circle City S., 6f, Black White N Gold, 20-1

Slope (Lemon Drop Kid)
6 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
8-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6:07 p.m. EDT, $100K Back Home Again S., 6f, Martz Rosey, 15-1
$1,200 IND MIX yrl

STAKES RESULTS:
RAMON LLOBET, JR. S., $88,800, Camarero, 9-3, (S), 2yo, f, 6f, 1:14.09, ft.
1-- SEDUCTORA, 118, f, 2, by Console
  1st Dam: Perfect Gal, by Perfect Bullet
  2nd Dam: Metro Gal, by Afleet Alex
  3rd Dam: Song, by Unbridled’s Song
  1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O- Sonata Stable; B-Potrero Los Llanos Inc (PR); T-Ramon Morales; J-Juan C Diaz. $51,504. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $61,364. **11th stakes winner for sire (by War Front).
2-- Sola Bella, 116, f, 2, Tapwrit-- Danceinthemoment, by Tiznow.
  1ST BLACK TYPE. O- Sonata Stable; B-Potrero Los Llanos Inc (PR); T-Ramon Morales. $17,760.
3-- Belleza Celestial, 116, f, 2, Believe in Royalty-- Taylornator, by Utopia (Jpn).
  1ST BLACK TYPE. O- Antonio Llavona; B-Jose A Llavona (PR); T-Jason Lisboa. $8,880.

SAM SPEAR MEMORIAL S., $52,450, Golden Gate Fields, 9-4, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.81, fm.
1-- LAMMAS (GB), 126, g, 6, Heeraat (Ire)-- Spate Rise (GB), by Speightstown.
  (10,000gns RNA Wlg ‘17 TATFOA; £1,800 RNA Ylg ‘18 GOHITY; 42,000gns Syo ’22 TATBRG). O-Ronald L Charles & Samuel Gordon; B-Peter Onslow (GB); T-Manuel Badilla; J-William Antongeorgi III. $30,350. Lifetime Record: 23-6-5-3, $172,218.
2-- I’mgonabesomebody, 126, g, 5, Will Take Charge-- Brown Rice, by Big Brown. ($30,000 Ylg ’19 KEESEP). O-Auyeung, Nin, Crosby, Philip, Hauck, Cheryl, McLean, Bill, Miller, Todd, Moran, Elizabeth and Taylor, Marilyn S.; B-Elm Tree Farm, LLC (KY); T-Bill McLean. $10,000.
Margins: 1 3/4, 1 1/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 5.90, 0.30, 33.30.

Slope (Lemon Drop Kid)
6 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
8-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6:07 p.m. EDT, $100K Back Home Again S., 6f, Martz Rosey, 15-1
$1,200 IND MIX yrl

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-Prairie Meadows, $50,450, (S), Hcp, 9-4, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:43.44, ft, 3 lengths.

SIR WALLY WALLY (g, 5, Revolutionary--Paws Up, by Posse) Lifetime Record: SP, 21-6-4-3, $271,882. O-D and L Farms; B-Midnight Thoroughbreds LLC (IA); T-Kelli Martinez.

4th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, $44,000, 9-5, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.51, ft, 1/2 length.

WENT WEST (h, 6, Union Rags--Spectacular Sky (MSW & MGSP, $288,985), by Sky Mesa) Lifetime Record: 15-5-2-4, $200,100. O/T-Louie J Roussel III; B-Chappell Alpine Farm (KY). *$125,000 Ylg '18 KEEJAN; $195,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT.

9th-Parx Racing, $41,760, (C)/Opt. Clm ($50,000), 9-5, 3yo/up, f/m, 1:13.44, ft, head.

DREAM CONCERT (f, 3, Jess’s Dream--Spanish Concert (SW, $232,365), by Concerto) Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-0, $96,670. O/B-James M Chicklo (FL); T-Kathleen O’Connell.

3rd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, $38,000, (S), 9-5, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.36, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

ACE REPORTER (f, 3, War Correspondent--Archusexy, by Archarcharch) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, $44,580. O-Spiess Stable LLC, Randy Klopp & Amara Kranz; B-Jerry Carden & David Neiman (IN); T-Randy L Klopp.

7th-Thistledown, $28,000, 9-5, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:06.22, ft, neck.

GRACIE DANCE (f, 3, Super Saver--Salad Mood, by Malibu Moon) Lifetime Record: 11-2-1-3, $42,956. O-Danielle Agnello; B-Vincent Colbert (KY); T-Jeffrey Skerrett. $25,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Roll On Big O, g, 2, Cowtown Cat--Echt, by Fusaichi Pegasus. Thistledown, 9-5, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.86. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, $25,425. B-Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm (OH). *$22,000 Ylg '22 OTBOMX. **Full to Authentic Cowtown, MSP, $317,125; half to Near Perfect (Mobil), SW, $149,943.

Kontie, f, 2, Karakontie (Jpn)--Milk Run, by Running Stag. Assiniboia Downs, 9-4, 5f, 1:01.59. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-0, $25,668. B-Double W Thoroughbred Racing Inc (FL). *$35,000 2yo ’23 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Bienville Street (Street Boss), SW, $243,535.

Shadowy, c, 2, National Flag--Feeling Ethereal, by Union Rags. Thistledown, 9-5, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.84. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-3, $45,700. B-Brazing Meadows Farm LLC & Brian Kahn (OH).

Wildwood Ghaly, f, 4, Ghaaleb--Wildwood Appeal, by Successful Appeal. Fanuel Sportsbook And Horse Racing, 9-5, (S), 6f, 1:15.93. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, $16,614. B-William P. Stiritz (IL).

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Heeraat (Ire), Lammas (GB), g, 6, o/o Spate Rise (GB), by Speightstown. Sam Spear Memorial S., 9-4, Golden Gate
Jack Milton, Watsonville, c, 3, o/o Grand Slam Kitten, by Kitten's Joy. AOC, 9-4, Del Mar
Jess's Dream, Dream Concert, f, 3, o/o Spanish Concert, by Concerto. AOC, 9-5, Parx Racing
Karakontie (Jpn), Kontie, f, 2, o/o Milk Run, by Running Stag. MSW, 9-4, Assiniboia
Madefromlucky, Lucky Cougar, f, 2, o/o Another Cougar, by With Distinction. MSW, 9-5, Thistledown

National Flag, Shadowy, c, 2, o/o Feeling Ethereal, by Union Rags. MSW, 9-5, Thistledown
Not This Time, Banneker, c, 2, o/o Bosserette, by Street Boss. MSW, 9-5, Presque Isle Downs
Revolutionary, Sir Wally Wally, g, 5, o/o Paws Up, by Posse. HCP, 9-4, Prairie Meadows
Super Saver, Gracie Dance, f, 3, o/o Salad Mood, by Malibu Moon. ALW, 9-5, Thistledown
The Factor, Big Facts, f, 2, o/o Billboard Hit, by Giant's Causeway. MSW, 9-5, Thistledown
Union Rags, Went West, h, 6, o/o Spectacular Sky, by Sky Mesa. ALW, 9-5, Horseshoe Indianapolis
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HAVANA GREY DOMINATES ROASTING HOT SOMERVILLE SALE

By Emma Berry
NEWMARKET, UK--There was nothing grey about Tattersalls on a roasting hot day other than the name of the sire who is increasingly prominent in results both in the sales ring and on the racecourse. Havana Grey (GB) was represented by four of the top 11 lots at the Somerville Sale, with plenty of people continuing to benefit from his success story either as breeders or pinhookers.

Whitsbury Manor Stud is where he stands, and Whitsbury Manor Stud was the consignor and breeder of the top lot [221], a grey daughter of the Harbour Watch (Ire) mare Minoria (GB) who has already produced the Group 3-placed Its's Showtime Baby (GB) to another of the stud’s stallions, Showcasing (GB). Agent Matt Coleman signed for the filly at 155,000gns and noted that she will be trained by George Scott.

"Havana Grey is almost a freak stallion and is surpassing everyone’s expectations," he said of the G1 Flying Five winner and last year's leading first-season sire. Coleman's business partner Anthony Stroud bought the G1 Prix Morny winner Vandeek (GB) by the same stallion earlier in the season at the Craven Breeze-up Sale. Cont. p3

IRISH 2,000 GUINEAS WINNER NATIVE TRAIL TO STAND AT KILDANGAN STUD

Irish 2,000 Guineas winner and unbeaten European Champion Two-Year-Old Native Trail (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) will stand at Kildangan Stud for 2024. Trained by Charlie Appleby, Native Trail carried the Godolphin blue throughout his career, which featured a stellar unbeaten juvenile campaign in 2021 which culminated with spellbinding performances in the G1 Goffs Vincent O'Brien S at the Curragh followed by the G1 Dewhurst S. at Newmarket. After landing the G3 Craven S. on his seasonal return at three, he found only stablemate Coroebus (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) too tough in the 2,000 Guineas, but made the Classic breakthrough in the Irish equivalent.

Sam Bullard, Darley’s director of stallions, commented, “What a horse. He never failed to take the eye, and when you watch those big wins of his, across two demanding seasons, it’s very impressive." Cont. p9

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SERENGETI EMPRESS'S FIRST FOAL TO SELL AT KEESEP

Jessica Martini offers a closer look at breeder Joel Politi, who will offer the first foal out of Kentucky Oaks heroine Serengeti Empress at the upcoming Keeneland September sale.

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King Of Steel (Wootton Bassett) heads the 13 still standing for Saturday’s G1 Irish Champion S. at Leopardstown.

Trainers William Muir and Chris Grassick announced that the dual Group 1 winner has been retired after suffering a minor injury.

Former German champion jockey Filip Minarik, who suffered significant injuries in a fall in July 2020, died on Monday at the age of 48.
Tattersalls cont. from p1
Coleman added, "Vandeek has that wonderful flowing action and this filly has that, too. She is stand-out at the sale." She was certainly the most expensive by the sire but not the only six-figure filly by Havana Grey to pass through the ring on Tuesday. Amo Racing has already had two stakes winner by the stallion this season, the G3 Nell Gwyn S. winner Mammas Girl (GB) and Listed winner Graceful Thunder (GB), and Kia Joorabchian’s team signed up another of his daughters in lot 199, who was bred and consigned by Sophie Buckley’s Culworth Grounds Farm. Hamish Macauley signed for the filly out of the dual winner Last Echo (Ire) (Whipper) at 140,000gns and noted that she will go to Graceful Thunder’s trainer George Boughey. A descendant of the successful Ballylinch Stud matriarch Ingabelle (GB), she is a half-sister to Oddyssey (GB), who has been placed this season in both the G2 Superlative S. and Listed Chesham S.

"Matt Coleman helped me buy the mare," said Buckley, who sold another Havana Grey filly in her draft of five for 29,000gns to Antonio da Silva. "I wanted her as she is a Whipper mare and he's a good broodmare sire. There aren’t that many of them so it is hard to get them. She has had a great update this year with Oddyssey. Pat Owens has done a great job of training him to get his black type."

She added, "I liked [Havana Grey’s] foals, and I buy a lot of foals. I thought they looked very correct and good walkers. When I was asked I punt ed him as the stallion in that generation of sires that I thought could be the one. I thought I had better back my judgment and use him."
**Dowling's Gallic Flare**

The rising popularity of Haras de Colleville’s Galiway (GB), who already has one son at stud and another as favourite for the Melbourne Cup, spread to Tattersalls on Tuesday when Drumhill Stud’s lucrative pinhook [lot 152] joined the Richard Hannon team at 145,000gns.

The colt out of the winning Modigliani mare Golconde (Ire) had been bought at the Arqana December Sale for €27,000 and beautifully prepped for his Somerville engagement by Gary Dowling, who was moved to tears by the result.

Ross Doyle signed the ticket for Hannon and, describing the chestnut as an "absolute smasher", added that Willie Mullins, who trains the Melbourne Cup-bound Vauban (Fr), and his agent Harold Kirk had advised him to buy as many Galiways as he could.

Dowling, whose late father Sean was also involved in the business, said, "I started off doing it with my dad and he sadly died five years ago and it was his anniversary yesterday. His anniversary is always around the time of the yearling sales and I often find myself saying 'give us a dig out this year, Dad'. I think he was listening this year.

"We hoped he might stand out a bit at this sale. The mare is two from two with juvenile winners, and thankfully the plan has paid off. There are a couple of lads involved in him with me so we'll all get a few quid. It’s what it’s all about."

Galiway was recently joined at stud in Normandy by his son Sealiway (Fr), winner of the G1 Champion S., who stands at Haras de Beaumont. Following an unpredictable summer in England where racecourses have fluctuated between fast ground and flooding, the sun has returned with a vengeance this week.
Diego Dias, who purchased Lot 51, a daughter of Prince of Lir

**Tattersalls**

Cont.

At Park Paddocks there were more Panamas on display than in the members’ enclosure at Glorious Goodwood, and there was no shortage of buyers on the hunt for the next bright, young thing.

A solid first few hours suddenly gave way to the first six-figure lot of the sale when the Hassett family’s filly by Prince Of Lir (Ire) strolled into the ring and the bidding shot up rapidly. Diego Dias was the last man standing at 130,000gns and, with his colleague and co-buyer Robson Aguiar, plans to race the half-sister to French Listed winner Royal Address (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}) and her full-sister, the stakes-placed Yahsat (Ire).

"We bought the mare Barqeyya at the July Sale in foal to Helmet. She's been a lucky mare and has bred two black-type winners by Dandy Man," said Tom Hassett, whose children Maebh, Orla and Richie are the members of Trio Bloodstock which bred the filly.

"It is very much family affair for the three children. My wife and I are getting nothing out of this."

The family also divulged that Barqeyya was originally booked in to a different stallion.

"This was Plan B and it has not been a bad Plan B in the end. Ballyhane has been very lucky for us and Joe [Foley] has bought a lot of horses from us."

Prince Of Lir has subsequently moved from Ballyhane Stud to stand in India, and he was represented by his first Group 1 winner only recently when the Adam West-trained Live In The Dream (Ire) won the Nunthorpe S. Though not bred by the Hassetts, that gelding is the result of a mating they planned for his dam Approaching Autumn (GB) (New Approach {Ire}) whom they sold in foal to breeder Lorna Doyle.
Talking Points

- This sale doesn't pretend to be about anything other than those who on paper look to be fast and precocious sorts, and you had to get to the 18th name on the sires' table for the day, Galiway (GB), to find a stallion who had won beyond a mile. Most showed their best form at significantly less than that.

- There was an upwards shift in all sectors, with the number of six-figure yearlings rising to seven from four last year, the average improving by 5% to 31,904gns and the median by 4% to 27,000gns. Turnover of 8,646,000gns (+12%) was accrued from the sale of 271 yearlings at a clearance rate of 89%.

- Tally-Ho Stud sold 27 yearlings last week at the Goffs Premier Sale in Doncaster and brought another 26 to the Somerville Sale where the team ended the day as leading vendor with 24 sold for 746,000gns. The offspring of Mehmas (Ire), one of the stars of the Tally-Ho roster, continued to be sought after, with 14 sold for an average of 43,571gns.

- Whitsbury Manor Stud's Havana Grey (GB) is another of the most popular young sires in Europe at the moment and his 16 yearlings returned an average of 58,188gns. His stud-mate Sergei Prokofiev has his first yearlings for sale this year and they also found favour with buyers. Fourteen found a buyer at an average price of 28,179gns.

- Let's not forget Havana Grey's late sire Havana Gold (Ire), who was a great loss to Tweenhills and to the British stallion ranks when he died earlier this year just after the start of the covering season. There will be one more crop of yearlings to come from the stallion whose son Chipotle (GB) was one of the star graduates of this sale's forerunner, the Tattersalls Ascot Sale, when bought by his trainer Eve Johnson Houghton and Anthony Bromley. Havana Gold's five yearlings at the Somerville sold for an average of 30,600gns.

- There was a truly diverse list of buyers, predominantly on the domestic front, with 170 different entities represented.
The Somerville boasted a big book for a one-day sale but the Tattersalls auctioneers were taking no prisoners when it came to ensuring the bidding was conducted in as timely a manner as possible. They may not be as fast as their colleagues across the water who are currently gearing up for the Keeneland September Sale, but their increased tempo was appreciated by all involved in the proceedings on a sweltering day.

**Buy Of the Day**

The fact that the average and median were so closely aligned spoke to the strength of the middle market, but that said there are always some bargains to be found. Dylan Cunha, a Group 1-winning trainer in his native South Africa who is now in his second season training in Newmarket, has already proved what he can do with some inexpensive purchases and it would be no surprise to see him repeat the feat with the Cable Bay (Ire) filly he picked up for the minimum bid of 1,000gns. There’s certainly cause for optimism when it comes to lot 54 as Cable Bay has already worked some magic in the family in the case of the dual winner and stakes-placed Belle Anglaise (GB), who is a half-sister to the filly’s unraced dam Belle Monde (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}). It’s a pretty good bet that Cunha will be syndicating this filly. Go on, people, get involved. You’ll have a lot of fun in the stable run by one of the nicest trainers in Newmarket. And, no, I’m not on commission.

**Thought for the Day**

Certain regulars on the sales circuit are starting to feel a little long in the tooth compared to the massive influx of young faces on the sales grounds in England over the last few weeks. It’s great to see so many new people getting involved in foal and yearling pinhooking syndicates. And, who knows, some of them may eventually be coaxed into racehorse ownership as well as trading.

**Chairman’s Comments**

"The Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale has established itself as an important fixture in the European yearling sale calendar in a remarkably short period of time," said Tattersalls chairman Edmond Mahony. Only two years ago the turnover at the inaugural Somerville Yearling Sale was below five million gns, the average a fraction over 21,000gns and the median was 16,250gns. Today’s third edition of the Somerville has produced records across the board with turnover above 8.5 million gns, an average well over 30,000gns and a median of 27,000gns.

"Somerville yearlings have enjoyed an extraordinary recent run with the likes of Bradsell, Indian Run and Relief Rally showcasing the sale to great effect on the home front and Grade 1 Del Mar Oaks winner Anisette providing the best possible advertisement across the Atlantic.

"Top British and Irish consignors have sent us some smart yearlings and their confidence in our newest yearling sale has been reflected in a sale of real depth with a clearance rate approaching 90% and the number of yearlings selling for more than 50,000gns and more than 100,000gns increasing significantly on last year’s impressive numbers.

"The pinhookers have also enjoyed some spectacular returns on their investments and today’s robust trade has given us a positive start to the Tattersalls yearling sale season as we now look forward to Books 1 to 4 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale and the unveiling of our newly renovated Somerville Yard which is the latest major investment undertaken at Park Paddocks."
### TUESDAY'S TOP YEARLINGS

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#### TATTERSALLS SOMERVILLE SALE

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*Bred by Summerhill (GB)
*Consign by Barton Stud
*Purchased by Yeomanstown Stud

An €8,500 Goffs November weanling purchase, the filly is out of MSP Dubai Fashion—a daughter of Group 2 scorer Oriental Fashion (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire})—who is a half-sister to group winner St Jean (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}). This is the family of champion Height of Fashion, the dam of a plethora of black-type performers including English 3-year-old champion Nashwan and MG1SW Nayef.
He added, "We are privileged to be standing a champion like him at Kildangan Stud. It's a while since our first Champion Two-Year-Old who went on to win a Classic retired to stud at Kildangan; that horse was Shamardal, and who's to say Native Trail won't do just as well?"

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Aidan O'Brien's dual Derby winner Auguste Rodin (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) is once again on the comeback trail after a below par effort in the King George VI And Queen Elizabeth Qipco Stakes at Ascot.

It was in that Group 1 contest where King Of Steel performed with credit to finish best of the three-year-olds in third behind the winner Hukum (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) and connections say that they are optimistic of better again at Leopardstown.

"We've been looking for an option to drop King Of Steel back to ten furlongs all year, but so far it has just not presented itself and we're very much looking forward to it," Pennington said.

"There's no such thing as an easy Group 1, but we've been waiting for this race to present itself. The horse is in great form, I saw him at the weekend and he did a routine piece of work and did it very nicely and let's hope he gets there in one piece now."

Along with Auguste Rodin and King Of Steel, the 13 remaining in Saturday's contest feature Nashwa, Onesta and the supplemented Alflaila.

Bucanero Fuerte provided the Amo operation with a breakthrough Group 1 in the Phoenix S. at the Curragh last month and the Adrian Murray-trained colt is reported to be in top shape ahead of Sunday's National S. at the Curragh.

Pennington said, "He has always been a strong stayer at six furlongs and looks as if he's been crying out for seven. His last furlong has been his best in his last couple of races.

"At the beginning of the season he was a big frame of a horse with an engine, now he is really maturing into the horse we hoped he would."
If Bucanero Fuerte is to add another big-race victory he will have to lower the colours of Aidan O'Brien's City Of Troy (Justify), who is currently odds-on at the head of the betting.

City Of Troy made it two from two in the Superlative S. at Newmarket--and connections of Bucanero Fuerte are under no illusion they have a huge task on their hands.

"Bucanero Fuerte does like to get his toe in, but we wouldn't be overly concerned stepping up to seven--the one concern we do have is obviously City Of Troy," added Pennington.

"You can't be frightened of one horse, but what he did at Newmarket, to the eye, was visually impressive. We know he will take a lot of beating, but we think we're going there with a live chance."

'MUIR BRINGS CURTAIN DOWN ON PYLEDRIVER'S CAREER

Dual Group 1 winner Pyledriver (GB) (Harbour Watch {Ire}), who won over £2 million in prize-money and took his trainers William Muir and Chris Grassick to some of the top races around the world, has been retired.

Pyledriver suffered a setback ahead of an intended appearance at Kempton on Saturday leaving Muir with a straightforward decision to retire his horse of a lifetime.

Winner of the 2021 Coronation Cup at Epsom and last year's King George at Ascot, the six-year-old had been preparing for a possible tilt at the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe but his joint-trainer says now is the right time to retire the classy performer.

"He worked on Saturday and to be honest he was sensational. He's never a horse we've galloped off the bridle and done anything stupid with, but it was just the way he did it, the way he moved, the way he looked and he marched off the gallops like a lion," Muir said on Tuesday.

"I actually said to the owners 'you've just seen your next winner' and he was fine 90 per cent of the way home, but when he got back to the yard he was just a little bit sore in the same place we first got the suspensory injury before.

"I called my vet and he said he'd just tweaked it and had a bit of inflammation round it and he was really sore to touch it, but like Pyledriver does on Sunday morning he was 100 per cent sound and bucking and kicking.

"We had him on the walker on Sunday and cantered him on Monday and the vet came back and looked at him and couldn't believe it.

"We could run him on Saturday and he might win, but the horse has done so much for us and I just feel if I ran him and he tweaked it there's a good chance he could do some damage, or like all of us if you've got a little niggle somewhere do you put more weight somewhere else and cause a problem?"

"HE'S BEEN FANTASTIC' - MUIR BRINGS CURTAIN DOWN ON PYLEDRIVER'S CAREER

GERMAN CHAMPION JOCKEY FILIP MINARIK DIES AT 48

Filip Minarik, the former four-time champion jockey in Germany, died on Monday at the age of 48.

Born in the Czech Republic, Minarik rode in Germany from 1992 and by the time of his enforced retirement following a race fall in July 2020 had posted 1,669 wins in the country that had become his second home. He was champion jockey in 2005, 2011, 2016 and 2017, and rode 14 Group 1 winners during that time, including four victories in each of the G1 Grosser Preis von Baden and G1 Grosser Preis von Bayern.

As well as riding in France and Japan, he captained the winning European team in the Shergar Cup of 2019 when riding Stone Of Destiny (GB) to victory at Ascot for Andrew Balding.

The following year, Minarik was seriously injured in a race fall at Mannheim and spent four weeks in an induced coma after being hospitalised with head injuries and a broken leg and ankle. He was eventually released from hospital in November 2020 but the extent of his brain injury meant he was unable to resume his career in the saddle.
Filip Minarik | racingfotos.com

Daniel Krüger, managing director of Deutscher Galopp, said, "With Filip Minarik we are losing a valued colleague and true friend who loved horse racing since he was a child. I am shocked and deeply saddened."

Minarik is survived by his wife Katja and daughter Finja. Speaking to Germany’s Galopponline website, Katja Minarik said, "We fought so hard, but in the end we lost the battle against the ever-increasing depression. We need time to realise and process what has happened."

“"It was a wonderful day and we are so grateful to all those owners, trainers and sponsors who supported it,” David Catlow, RoR Managing Director, said. “The generosity of donors of the auction lots and the guests on the day has been fantastic. Our thanks to everyone for helping to raise funds for the important work RoR does, at a time when such support is much needed.”

RACING WELFARE’S ANNUAL ARC MALTON OPEN DAY SET FOR SUNDAY

Racing Welfare’s annual ARC Malton Open Day is set to take place Sunday, Sept. 10, giving fans the opportunity to follow their favourite horses from their stables to York Racecourse.

Eleven trainers have opened their doors to the public, including Tim Easterby, Richard Fahey, Roger Fell, Sean Murray, Adrian Keatley and Nigel Tinkler, all of whom have horses running at York Sunday.

This year, participants in the event will also meet jockey Sean Kirrane, who was aboard Live In The Dream (Ire) (The Prince Of Lir (Ire)) for the win in this year’s G1 Coolmore Wootton Bassett Nunthorpe S., at Tim Easterby’s Habton Grange Stables.

Tickets for the ARC Malton Open Day and the YorkMix Family Sunday Raceday are £17.50. Visit the ARC Melton Open Day website for more information.

ROR RACING TO CRICKET DAY RAISES £45K

The RoR Racing to Cricket Day, held Sunday, Sept 3., raised over £45,000 for Retraining of Racehorses (RoR) with Jack Channon’s team claiming the victory in the tournament.

A total of eight teams participated in the event, with the final coming down to a battle between Jack Channon’s and Charlie Hills’ teams. Channon’s team has taken part in the Racing to Cricket Tournament since it began in 2017 and finished second twice previously.

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Wednesday, September 6, 2023

UNITED KINGDOM

Advertise (GB) (Showcasing (GB)), Manton Park Stud
103 foals of racing age
18:30-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, Lady Chatterley (GB)
14:40-SOUTHWELL, 7f, Queen of Atlantis (GB)
£20,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022; 40,000gns Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2023

Blue Point (Ire) (Shamardal), Kildangan Stud
161 foals of racing age
14:30-LINGFIELD PARK, 5f, Desert Master (GB)
15:05-LINGFIELD PARK, 5f, Persian Blue
80,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022
18:30-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, Raknah (Ire)
€80,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2022

Inns of Court (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
168 foals of racing age
13:40-BATH, 5.75f, Tennis Court (Ire)

Invincible Army (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud
95 foals of racing age
15:15-SOUTHWELL, 7f, Invincible Aura (GB)
22,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2022
15:05-LINGFIELD PARK, 5f, Love Billy Boy (Ire)
£90,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022

Magna Grecia (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Coolmore Stud
109 foals of racing age
15:05-LINGFIELD PARK, 5f, Meganissi (GB)

Soldier’s Call (GB) (Showcasing (GB)), Ballyhane Stud
121 foals of racing age
15:15-SOUTHWELL, 7f, Project Frank (Ire)
€7,500 Goffs November Foal Sale 2021; €16,000 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2022

Study of Man (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), Lanwades Stud
54 foals of racing age
14:40-SOUTHWELL, 7f, The Crafty Mole (GB)
€16,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2022

Ten Sovereigns (Ire) (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud
150 foals of racing age
15:15-SOUTHWELL, 7f, Danehill Star (Ire)
£16,000 RNA Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022
150 foals of racing age/18 winners/2 black-type winners
14:40-SOUTHWELL, 7f, Mist Rollin In (GB)
€20,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2022; 20,000gns Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2023
15:15-SOUTHWELL, 7f, Yaajooz (Ire)
€50,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2022

FRANCE:

Palace Prince (Ger) (Areion {Ger}), Joel Denis
7 foals of racing age
5-LYON PARILLY, 1350m, Brisky Spark (Fr)

Too Darn Hot (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud
120 foals of racing age
5-LYON PARILLY, 1350m, Liberte (Fr)
€135,000 Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale 2022

IRELAND

Advertise (GB) (Showcasing (GB)), Manton Park Stud
103 foals of racing age
1-GOWRAN PARK, 7f, Instant Appeal (GB)
78,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022

Blue Point (Ire) (Shamardal), Kildangan Stud
161 foals of racing age
1-GOWRAN PARK, 7f, Royalcorrespondent (Ire)
150,000 RNA Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2022

Inns of Court (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
168 foals of racing age
6-CORK, 7f, Perfect Judgement (Ire)
€100,000 Tattersalls Ireland Goresbridge Breeze Up 2023
**OBSERVATIONS**
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**HALF TO GOING GLOBAL DEBUTS AT CORK**

16.29 Cork, Mdn, €16,000, 2yo, f, 8fT

**FOXTROT ZULU (IRE) (Saxon Warrior (Jpn))**, a 450,000gns Tatts Book 1 purchase by Al Shira‘aa Farms, gets going for the Ger Lyons stable and is an intriguing proposition as a half-sister to the GI Del Mar Oaks heroine Going Global (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}) and the group 3-winning sprinter Mitbaahy (Ire) (Profitable {Ire}). Among her peers is Ballydoyle’s Grateful (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), a daughter of the luminary Tepin (Bernstein) who was only ninth at The Curragh last month.

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**BRITAIN**

**Tuesday’s Results:**

2nd-Goodwood, £30,000, Mdn, 9-5, 2yo, 8fT, 1:39.24, gd. CAVIAR HEIGHTS (IRE) (c, 2, Sea The Stars (IRE)--Cava (IRE) (GSP-Ire & SP-Eng), by Acclamation (GB)), an Aug. 10 second over one mile at Sandown when last seen, broke smartly and led from flagfall here. Holding sway for the most part, the 4-6 chalk was stoked up when tackled by Midair (GB) (Frankel {GB}) passing the two pole and kept on well under continued urging inside the final furlong to deny that rival by a length.

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Caviar Heights is the first of three foals out of G3 Balanchine S. third Cava (Ire) (Acclamation [GB]), herself a full-sister to dual G3 Greenslands S. victor Hitchens (Ire). The March-foaled bay is half to a yearling filly by No Nay Never and a weanling filly by Lope De Vega (Ire). Sales history: 300,000gns Ylg ‘22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $23,864.

O-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum; B-Norelands & Sunderland Holding Inc (IRE); T-Armand Balding.

1st-Ripon, £9,000, Mdn, 9-5, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:39.80, gd. KARMOLOGY (GB) (f, 3, Golden Horn (GB)--Karmadal (IRE), by Shamardal) tracked her lone rival in second through halfway in this belated debut. Nudged along with three furlongs remaining, the 9-1 chance reduced arrear approaching the eighth pole and found the better turn of foot in the closing stages to overpower 1-25 lock Doom (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) by a length nearing the line. Karmology is the latest of three live foals and second scorer from as many runners produced by a winning half-sister to G1 Prix Marcel Boussac second On Verra (Ire) (Smart Strike) and the dual stakes-placed Keladora (Crafty Prospector). The April-foaled bay’s second dam is G1 Poule d’Essai des Pouliches runner-up Karmifira (Fr) (Always Fair). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $6,137.

O/B-David & Yvonne Blunt (GB); T-Karl Burke.

1st-Hamilton, £8,900, 9-5, 2yo, 5f 7yT, :57.98, gd. ALMARADA PRINCE (IRE) (c, 2, Prince Of Lir (IRE)--Almarada (Fr), by Le Havre (IRE)) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, $15,168. O-Saeed Suhail; B-Con Marnane (IRE); T-Craig Lidster. *175,000gns Ylg ’20 TATOCT. **Full to Rose Of Kildare (IRE), MGSW-Eng & MGSP-Ger, $245,373.

1st-Goodwood, £15,000, Nov, 9-5, 3yo/up, 9f 197yT, 2:10.45, gd. BELIEVE IN STARS (IRE) (g, 4, Make Believe (GB)--Cruck Realta (GB) {SW-Eng}, by Sixties Icon (GB) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, $15,168. O-Saeed Suhail; B-Wansdyke Farms Ltd (IRE); T-Sir Michael Stoute. *175,000gns Ylg ’20 TATOCT. **Full to Rose Of Kildare (IRE), MGSW-Eng & MGSP-Ger, $245,373.

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

Bill’s Baar (Ire), c, 2, Elzaam (Aus)--Kateeva (Ire), by Statue Of Liberty. Ripon, 9-5, 6fT, 1:12.16. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $7,501. B-Michelle Fogarty (IRE). *€12,000 Ylg ’22 GOFFEB; €34,000 Ylg ’22 GOSPT.

Spectacular Style (GB), c, 3, Frankel (GB)--Auld Alliance (IRE) (SP-US), by Montjeu (IRE). Hamilton, 9-5, 12f 15yT, 2:31.97. Lifetime Record: 4-1-3-0, $13,664. B-B Flay Thoroughbreds (GB). *625,000gns Ylg ’21 TATOCT.
FRANCE

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Rodainah (Fr), f, 3, Le Havre (Ire) (SP-Fr), by Raven’s Pass. Evreux-Navarre, 9-5, 12 1/2fT, 2:47.50.
B-S.A. Aga Khan (FR).

IN MAINLAND CHINA:
Yin Ling Shi Shang (Ire), c, 2, Inns of Court (Ire) -- Bloomsday Babe, by Cherokee Run. Yulong, 9-2, 1000m, 1:01.26. 450,000 RMB (€51,049). O-LIU Gui Sheng. €10,500 fl ’21 GOFN0V; €9,000 yr ’22 GOFAUT.
Baton Rouge (Ire), h, 5, Galileo (Ire) -- Absolutelyfabulous (Ire) (GSP-Ire), by Mozart (Ire). Yulong, 9-2, 1800m, 1:57.10. 500,000 RMB (€64,044). O-A Hong Tao; B-Coolmore (IRE).
*Full to Magician (Ire), Hwt 3yo at 11-14f-Ire & Hwt 4yo at 9.5-11f-Ire, G1SW-Ire, GISW-US, MG5SW & MG1SP-Eng, $2,580,402; Apple Betty (Ire), GSW-US, MGSP-Fr, $292,619; Outstanding (Ire), GSW-Ire, GISP-US, $180,016.

EIGHTH ANNUAL CHINA HORSE OWNERS ALLIANCE CONFERENCE HELD
The eighth China Horse Owners Alliance (CHOA) conference was held on Aug. 31 at Yulong International Hotel. Yulong owner Zhang Yuesheng was re-elected as Chairman of CHOA.
"This year's prize money is 20 million RMB/$2.7 million and next year's is 30 million RMB/$4.1 million," Yuesheng said. "That means we will have completed the three-year plan for the Chinese-bred Thoroughbred series regular races. However, we will strive towards a prize money of 40 million RMB/$5.5 million next year and plan to introduce graded races. This is also the reason why CHOA has launched the 'Three-Year Chinese-bred Thoroughbred Series Regular Races', step by step promoting the growth in the number of domestic horses."

Via a pre-recorded video, Tom Reilly, CEO of Thoroughbred Breeders Australia, announced the TBA’s online horse course targeting Chinese horse lovers. The course is free and in Chinese.

Irish-bred runners claimed two out of seven races on Chinese mainland’s richest raceday, Saturday, Sept. 1. Yin Ling Shi Shang (Ire) (Inns of Court (Ire)) won his debut in the Coolmore Cup S. and Baton Rouge (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)) earned his fourth win from five starts in the Tattersalls Cup S. He is a full brother to European highweight and dual Group 1 winner Magician (Ire), who was recently purchased by Chinese interests and will continue his stallion career in China next year.
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**PRIX DES CHENES-G3**, €80,000, 2yo, c/g, 8fT

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