

SEVEN DAYS: KINGMAN'S QUEENS



The Roger Varian team with Elmalka | *Racingfotos*

By Emma Berry

Over the last three years **Frankel (GB)** and **Dubawi (Ire)** have handed the sires' championship back and forth between each other, and they rule supreme as the two most expensive stallions in the world this year at £350,000. While Darley's **Dubawi** duly provided the winner of the first British Classic of the season when **Notable Speech (GB)** became his fourth in that particular race--an achievement that is unrivalled in the post-war era--it was **Frankel's** Juddmonte friend and rival **Kingman (GB)** who had the bragging rights on Sunday. In the history of the 2,000 Guineas, two sires have sired five winners each but you have to go back to the 19th century to find **Sultan (GB)** and **Stockwell (GB)**. Lord Derby's **Fairway (GB)**, whose most recent winner was **Garden Path (GB)** in 1944, is currently **Dubawi's** equal on four winners.

Picking the winner of either Guineas was no easy feat. **Notable Speech**, a winner solely on the all-weather at Kempton prior to his Classic triumph, and unraced at two, returned at 16/1, while **Kingman's** first winner of the 1,000 Guineas, the lightly raced **Elmalka (GB)** was 28/1. Their victories for trainers **Charlie Appleby** and **Roger Varian** respectively meant that both Guineas 'stayed at home' within the Newmarket fold despite some serious challengers from overseas.

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THREE-TIME GERMAN CHAMPION SIRE SOLDIER HOLLOW DIES AT 24

By Emma Berry

A day after his daughter **Tamfana (Ger)** was beaten just a length in the 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket, leading German sire **Soldier Hollow (GB)** has died at the age of 24. The stallion's death was announced on social media by his owner **Helmut von Finck** of Gestut Park Wiedingen. He said, "Soldier Hollow the horse of my life...You were my hero, my life and infinitely more. Rest in peace, I'm lost for words today but I'll carry you in my heart forever." Bred in England by **Car Colston Hall Stud**, the diminutive son of **In The Wings (GB)** and the **Common Grounds (GB)** mare **Island Race (GB)** was bought by von Finck as a yearling at Tattersalls for 75,000gns. Sent into training with **Peter Schiergen**, **Soldier Hollow** became an unbeaten champion two-year-old in Germany but was forced to miss the following year's **Deutsches Derby** when struck down by a bout of colitis after finishing fourth in the **G2 Mehl-Mulhens-Rennen (German 2,000 Guineas)**. *Cont. p7*

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Brant, Magnier, Tabor, Smith's Whistlejacket (*No Nay Never*), a full brother to *Little Big Bear*, winning the Listed GAIN First Flier S. at The Curragh on Monday. [Replay.](#) | [racingfotos](#)

CITY OF TROY TO THE DERBY

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European champion juvenile *City Of Troy* (*Justify*) remains on course for the Derby despite a disappointing performance in the 2000 Guineas.

HANNON EYES IRISH GUINEAS WITH DUO

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Richard Hannon indicated the Irish Guineas might be in store for Guineas second and third, *Rosallion* (*Blue Point*) and *Haatem* (*Phoenix Of Spain*).

ISLE OF JURA TO BRIGADIER GERARD

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Isle of Jura (*New Approach*) is set to make his seasonal debut in the G3 *Brigadier Gerard S.* at Sandown May 23.

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Seven Days

by Emma Berry



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Indeed, Elmalka narrowly denied Donnacha O'Brien's Porta Fortuna (Ire) and the Christopher Head-trained Ramatuelle for a multi-national trifecta, while Tamfana, bred in Germany and trained by a Frenchman in England, kept up that theme when flying home to take fourth. Her trainer David Menuisier was left ruing his luck and attempting to balance those polar opposite emotions of pride and crushing disappointment in seeing a horse run so well in defeat. With just a length covering the first five home--Aidan O'Brien's Ylang Ylang (GB) completed the quintet--any one of the four trainers other than that of the winner was entitled to go home thinking 'if only'. Tamfana, who had been available at 66/1 earlier in the week, was half that at the off and it is hard not to be impressed by the huge amount of ground she made up when finally in the clear. She will head to France next for the Prix de Diane.

Classic Double for Breeder Godolphin

For Godolphin it was a weekend rich in celebration. A 2,000 Guineas winner in the royal blue, a year after Mawj (Ire) took the 1,000 Guineas for Saeed Bin Suroor, was a terrific start. But then came Elmalka, bred by Godolphin and racing in the colours of Sheikh Mohammed's younger brother Sheikh Ahmed, who had enjoyed a successful winter in Dubai, becoming champion owner in his homeland, while his retained trainer Michael Costa was runner-up in the championship behind Dubai World Cup-winning trainer Bhupat Seemar.



Two smart fillies: Kalpana and Friendly Soul | Racingfotos

Sheikh Ahmed has long been a loyal supporter of Roger Varian and his former boss, the late Michael Jarvis. For Varian, the victory of Elmalka was extra sweet, not just for the filly being his first winner of the 1,000 Guineas but because her dam Nahrain (GB) (Selkirk) is doubtless remembered with great affection. Back in 2011, in the Prix de l'Opera, Nahrain became Varian's first Group 1 winner, a victory made all the more emotional for its timing, less than two weeks after the death of his mentor Jarvis. Varian has trained all of the mare's progeny bar the prolific Benbatl (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), who won 10 Group races in the Godolphin silks, including three Group 1s, for Saeed Bin Suroor. Now the 16-year-old mare has provided Varian with his third British Classic winner following Eldar Eldarov (GB) and Kingston Hill (GB).

"It doesn't get more special than that," said the trainer, whose only regret was that his wife Hanako and children Momoka, Eiji and Reika were at the Royal Windsor Horse Show on Sunday and not on the Rowley Mile to celebrate. Hanako Varian was overseeing the sale of merchandise from her fashion brand Newmarket 875 at what her husband referred to as "pop-ups" at both Newmarket and Royal Windsor over the weekend.

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Anyone filing out past her stand on the Rowley Mile on Sunday could have had one of the Newmarket 875 caps autographed by the Classic-winning trainer, who stood happily chatting to racegoers as the runners went to post for the last race of the meeting.

Sunday will also live long in the memory of Silvestre de Sousa. The 42-year-old has been champion jockey three times in Britain but had only three previous Group 1 wins in the country aboard Farhh (GB) and Arabian Queen (GB).

"I've been trying for so long to win a Classic," he said after his sole ride of the day at Newmarket.

With Varian's first-call rider James Doyle on duty in France for Wathnan Racing, de Sousa got the call-up from the trainer, and he has already made the most of the opportunities given to him by Varian since his return from a 10-month ban during his time in Hong Kong. De Sousa rode Charyn (Fr) to win both the G2 Bet 365 Mile and Doncaster Mile, and he also recently partnered Adaay In Devon (GB) to win the Listed Lansdown S. for Rod Millman.

The Brazilian added, "I love British racing so much. To me it's my base. This is the place where it starts and I hope this is the place where I'm going to finish one day."

There in Spirit

The 27-year-old Invincible Spirit (Ire) played his part in both Guineas results as the paternal grandsire of Elmalka and the broodmare sire of Notable Speech. His son, the G2 Royal Lodge winner Ghostwriter (Ire), was also fourth in the 2,000 Guineas.

Notable Speech is a fifth generation homebred for Sheikh Mohammed. In recent years the family has also been well represented by the G1 Natalma S. and G3 Fred Darling S. winner Wild Beauty (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**), who is a half-sister to Notable Speech's dam Swift Rose (GB). Jumping back three generations, his fourth dam Cherokee Rose (Ire) (Dancing Brave) was a top-class sprinter for John Hammond, winning the G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest and G1 Haydock Sprint Cup. Her half-brother Volksraad (GB) (Green Desert) was less exalted on the track, though he did manage third in the G2 Challenge S. He later made his mark as a stallion following his export to Windsor Park Stud, where he eventually became champion sire of New Zealand in 2001/02, dethroning the great Zabeel (NZ).

Elmalka's family, too, has been within the Godolphin fold for decades. Sheikh Mohammed purchased her fourth dam, Lady Of The Sea (Ire), from her breeder Sonia Rogers. The daughter of Mill Reef was out of the New Zealand champion race filly La Mer (NZ) (Copenhagen {GB}) who had been purchased by Captain Tim Rogers and exported to his Airlie Stud in Ireland.

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Nahrain has been one of the standouts of this family for the Godolphin team, but her dam Bahr (GB) (Generous {Ire}) was also very talented and won the G2 Ribblesdale S. and G3 Musidora S., as well as finishing second in the Oaks and third in the Irish Oaks.

The tall and elegant Friendly Soul (GB) had looked a stand-out in a field of good-looking fillies for the Listed Pretty Polly S. and George Strawbridge's homebred was another feather in the cap of **Kingman** on Sunday. She could hardly have been more impressive on only her second run, holding off Juddmonte's Kalpana (GB) (Study Of Man {Ire}) by just over a length, with the pair of them having pulled 12 lengths clear of the rest of the field. Both fillies clearly have bright futures, and co-trainer John Gosden suggested that the G1 Prix de Diane is a realistic target for Friendly Soul. She will have plenty to live up to as she bids to become the fourth Group 1 winner for her dam In Clover (GB) (Inchinator {GB}). The mare's seven black-type performers also include Incahoots (GB) (**Oasis Dream** {GB}), the dam of last year's G1 Prix de la Foret winner Kelina (Ire) (**Frankel** {GB}).

Royal Ascot Juvenile Clues

The success didn't end in the Classics for Godolphin, who

unleashed the smart Mountain Breeze (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}), a three-parts-sister to Pinatubo (Ire), to win the £40,000 Tattersalls-sponsored fillies' maiden on Sunday. She became the latest TDN Rising Star in Europe and is already being talked about with Royal Ascot in mind. Her brother of course took the Chesham S. en route to becoming champion two-year-old.



Fast Tracker wins easily at Chantilly | ScoopDyga



G1 Prix de l'Opera winner Nahrain, the dam of 1,000 Guineas winner Elmalka, pictured during her days in training with Roger Varian.

Emma Berry

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While Sheikh Mohammed Obaid may have knocked on the door with 2,000 Guineas runner-up Rosallion (GB) (Blue Point {Ire}), the owner-breeder nevertheless enjoyed a memorable Guineas meeting in general.

A treble on Friday included two Listed winners, the four-length Newmarket S. winner Caviar Heights (Ire) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**) and King Charles II S winner Boiling Point (Ire) (Too Darn Hot {GB}).

Rosallion and his relation Inisherin (GB) (Shamardal) were second and sixth in the 2,000 Guineas, and on Sunday the juvenile The Actor (Ire) (Harry Angel {Ire}) rallied gamely to win on his second start for Richard Hannon after finishing runner-up during the Craven meeting. We can expect to see him at Royal Ascot, too.

Well Heald

Following the disappointing run of the odds-on favourite City Of Troy (**Justify**) in the 2,000 Guineas, Godolphin's Arabian Crown (Fr) (Dubawi {Ire}) has now replaced him as favourite for the Derby. The impressive winner of the Classic Trial at Sandown in late April, the colt was bred by Guy Heald, who is responsible for two serious Classic contenders this season.

Last Thursday, Heald's homebred Fast Tracker (GB) (**Churchill**

{Ire}) went seven lengths clear at Chantilly to land the Listed Prix de Suresnes, the race won last year by Ace Impact (Ire) (Cracksman {GB}) before he went on to glory in the G1 Prix du Jockey Club. Heald's colt, who is trained by his long-time ally Henri-Alex Pantall, also holds an entry for that Classic.

The breeder is doubtless now delighted in his decision to retain Fast Tracker when he was bought in at 28,000gns as a yearling at Tattersalls. He is out of the unraced Anabaa mare Emma Knows (Ire), a half-sister to the Group 3-placed King Of Camelot (Fr) (**Camelot {GB}**) and Listed runner-up Leader Writer (Fr) (Pivotal {GB}). All three were also bred by Heald, whose recent major success as breeder came with the 2022 G1 Prix de Royallieu winner Sea La Rosa (Ire) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**).

One Last Thing

If you can keep your eyes open after a long day at Newmarket, the best way to spend the evening of the 2,000 Guineas is by watching the superb NBC coverage of Kentucky Derby day from Churchill Downs.

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It is in stark contrast to the relative calm and openness of Newmarket on Guineas weekend, where the runners can circle quietly at the start a mile away from the noise of the stands. But that is what makes racing such a fascinating sport. It's essentially just a bunch of horses running round a field, but those fields vary so vastly the world over.

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Soldier Hollow dies, cont. from p1

Retired initially to stand at Gestut Rottgen before moving to Karl-Dieter Ellerbracke's Gestut Auenquelle, Soldier Hollow was the champion first-season sire in Germany in 2011 and has been German champion sire on three occasions.

His best offspring include the G1 Deutsches Derby winners Pastorius (Ger) and Weltstar (Ger), as well as Group 1 winners Ivanhowe (Ger) and Dschingis Secret (Ger). Soldier Hollow also features as the broodmare sire of von Finck's homebred 2022 Deutsches Derby winner Sammarco (Ire) (**Camelot {GB}**).



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In an interview with TDN in 2021, the owner-breeder recalled seeing Soldier Hollow for the first time.



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Soldier Hollow cont.

Von Finck said, "I was looking for a horse who would get the distance. My favourite horses are middle-distance or long-distance horses, and I found two sons of In The Wings. One was very big and one was quite small. Everybody told me I should buy the big one because he was so beautiful, but I fell in love with the small one because he was well proportioned and looked strong. He was very typical of the Northern Dancer line and I have always liked Northern Dancer.

"Soldier Hollow has done everything I could have dreamed about, as a racehorse and as a stallion. Last year he had 20 stakes horses and 11 stakes winners. It's a pleasure for me to follow every horse by Soldier Hollow with all my heart. He is my pride, the horse of my life."

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CITY OF TROY ON COURSE FOR THE DERBY DESPITE GUINEAS DISAPPOINTMENT



City Of Troy: is still on course for the Derby | *Racingfotos.com*

Aidan O'Brien has suggested that he left City Of Troy (**Justify**) "too fresh" ahead of what turned out to be a bitterly disappointing return in the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket on Saturday but went on to explain that last season's European Champion Two-Year-Old remains on course to run in the Derby.

City Of Troy trailed home in ninth, beaten 17 lengths by the winner Notable Speech (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), and can now be backed at odds as big as 8-1 for the Derby.

Speaking to the Nick Luck daily podcast, O'Brien said, "He's still on the same plan. Obviously we always make a plan and

sometimes every part of the plan doesn't go right. Next time, we will know an awful lot more. The plan is that he will go straight to the Derby."

O'Brien added, "Thinking back on it, maybe I had him too fresh and hadn't enough done with him through the whole winter. Our ground has been very bad and very deep here and, listen, that's what's going on in my mind. He just jumped and ran fresh and then just blew out. I think that that's the reason and obviously we'll know more the next time.

"When he went into the stalls, he stood straight up straight away. For me, that meant that he was too fresh. Obviously, when that happens, the heart rate will rise straight away. He landed and the gates opened, so he was racing straight away.

"He was always very natural at home and always done everything very easy. If he was a horse who hadn't as much ability, he'd probably be finding his work harder than he was finding it. That's what I am putting it down to."

It wasn't all doom and gloom for Ballydoyle at Newmarket as stablemate Ylang Ylang enhanced her reputation by finishing fifth in the 1,000 Guineas on Sunday. According to O'Brien, all roads will now lead to the Oaks at Epsom, for which Ylang Ylang heads the market at 7-2.

O'Brien said, "She was working like an Oaks filly more than a Guineas filly--working like a filly who could run a very big race in a Guineas and we felt that was what she did. She looked like a filly that would definitely step up to a mile-and-a-quarter and usually, if they have enough class over a mile-and-a-quarter, they have a good chance of getting a mile-and-a-half at Epsom."

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HANNON EYES IRISH 2,000 GUINEAS FOR ROSALLION AND HAATEM

The Curragh could be next for Rosallion (Ire) (Blue Point {Ire}) and Haatem (Ire) (Phoenix Of Spain {Ire}) after the Richard Hannon-trained colts finished second and third respectively behind Notable Speech (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) in the Qipco 2000 Guineas on Saturday. The Hannon stable last recorded victory in the Irish 2,000 Guineas when Canford Cliffs (Ire) ran out a hugely impressive scorer back in 2010.

"I'm immensely proud of both horses," Hannon reflected. "They ran good races and we'll have a lot of sport with them through the year.

He added, "The winner is an extremely good horse, I never want to see him again, but we might take him on at Ascot around a bend and it might be a different story. I think on the way, they'll both go to Ireland. That's the plan."

Meanwhile, Clive Cox is charting a path towards the French Derby for Ghostwriter (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), who bolstered his reputation with a fine effort in fourth on Saturday.



Richard Hannon | PA Media

Cox said, "I hope he will continue his progress and I would say, after speaking with Jeff (Smith, owner) this morning, that the French Derby is going to be our likely target."

Ghostwriter also holds an entry in York's Dante S. later this month, but with a short span of time between the the Guineas and his French Classic assignment, Cox is willing to forego a fact-finding mission over 10 furlongs and cross the Channel with a freshened-up Derby contender.

"The Dante comes soon enough and although the Dante would be ideal, we were very keen to run in the Guineas and he justified that with a really solid run," he Cox.

"York will come soon enough and then the timeframe between the Guineas and the French Derby is probably going to be much more suitable.

"He's a very nice horse and I'm just very pleased he has come out of the race well and we can now look forward to him going a mile and a quarter."

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ISLE OF JURA TO BRIGADIER GERARD FOR IN-FORM SCOTT *by Emma Berry*

He came into his own at four and beyond, racing until he was seven, with his 12 victories including four Group 1 wins in Germany and Italy. He also beat subsequent Horse of the Year Manduro (Ger) to win the G2 Prix Dollar at Longchamp.

The stable of George Scott has been enjoying a decent run of form in 2024 and the trainer notched an important win at Newmarket on Saturday when Seven Questions (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) ran home the 33/1 winner of the G3 Palace House S. For the same Bahraini owner, Victorious Racing and Fawzi Nass, Scott won Bahrain's Triple Crown earlier this year with Isle Of Jura (GB) (New Approach {Ire}) and the trainer is eyeing some classy contests for both horses in Britain this summer.

As Seven Questions demonstrated that he had come out of Saturday's race well with a buck and a kick in his paddock on Monday morning, Scott said of the Tally-Ho Stud-bred gelding, "He was a good two-year-old last year. He was very unlucky in the Sirenia, drawn on the wing. He got beaten a head by a good horse that day in Starlust. And then I think if anyone wanted to go back and look at the Mill Reef in a bit more detail now he's come out and done this, you'll see he was very unlucky in the Mill Reef as well."

With three wins to his credit at two, Seven Questions was also third in the G2 Mill Reef and G2 Criterium de Maisons-Laffitte as well as his close second in the G3 Sirenia S.

Scott continued, "Winning the Palace House was obviously a little bit of surprise for the bookmakers, but we expected him to run a nice race. As I say, he's a talented horse so he has loads of options.

"For example, we'll look at Royal Ascot. Is he a Wokingham horse or is he one for the the King Charles III [formerly the G1 King's Stand]? It might be that we go for the Wokingham this time around and then go from there. But I would love him to run at Royal Ascot.

"We might well look at the Temple Stakes at Haydock or the Sandy Lane the same day. I know Vandeek is going to start back in the Sandy Lane."

Scott also issued an update on the four-year-old Isle Of Jura, who won four of his five starts in Bahrain over the winter and was beaten a short-head in the other. He has had a short spell following his return to Newmarket and looks set to run at Sandown on Thursday, May 23.

"He's going to start back in the Brigadier Gerard," said the trainer. "It looks like King of Steel might start back there but we're very keen to get a run into him before Ascot. He looks incredible. We're very, very pleased with the way he's training,



George Scott with Saturday's Palace House winner Seven Questions | Emma Berry

and obviously the plan is the Hardwicke, but we'll be using the Brigadier Gerard as a stepping stone towards the Hardwicke. It's a race that we're looking forward to. The track should suit him, a stiff one and a quarter [miles]."

Scott has had the New Approach gelding for just over a year after Billy Jackson Stops identified him as a promising purchase from the Godolphin draft in the Tattersalls Ascot March Sale. Bought for £150,000 on behalf of Shaikh Nasser Al Khalifa's Victorious Racing, his earnings now stand at more than £292,000 for his six wins from 11 starts.

Along with Isle Of Jura, Scott could also be sending the improving stayer Prydwen (Ire) (**Camelot {GB}**) to Sandown on the same day for the G3 Henry II S. The six-year-old, who is owned by Blue Starr Racing, has won his last two starts, including an impressive performance at Southwell last week under Callum Shepherd.

"The handicapper will have his say tomorrow, but I would think he'll be 108, 109, 110," Scott said. "He's going to run in the Group 3 at Sandown and that will be a good indication for whether he completes his owner's dream and maybe rolls the dice in the Gold Cup or more likely go to Northampton Plate, in which he'll have a big weight."

He added of the eight-time winner, "He's a very straightforward horse to train. He just runs every month and he's happy doing it."

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ALL POWER TO WHITE BIRCH IN THE MOORESBRIDGE *By Tom Frary*

Continuing his perfect start to the current campaign, Chantal Regalado-Gonzalez's **White Birch (GB)** (Ulysses {Ire}) added The Curragh's G2 Coolmore Stud **Sottsass** Irish EBF Mooresbridge S. to last month's G3 Alleged S. success with the minimum of fuss on Monday. Third in the Derby last June after taking the G3 Ballysax S. and finishing runner-up in the G2 Dante S., the John Murphy-trained grey stalked the early leader **Greenland (Ire)** (**Saxon Warrior {Jpn}**) under Colin Keane before taking over approaching the two-furlong pole. Too strong from there, the 2-1 favourite hit the line with 3 3/4 lengths to spare over **Lord Massusus (Ire)** (Markaz {Ire}), who denied Greenland second by a neck.

Assistant trainer George Murphy said, "He travelled along nicely, they didn't go much of a gallop, but it was by far his best performance. We'll see how he comes out of that and talk to the owners to make a plan. He has the option of the [G1] Tattersalls Gold Cup and also the [G1] Coronation Cup at Epsom. He's come on a nice bit from the last day and hopefully he can come on again."

Pedigree Notes

White Birch is a son of the Cheveley Park Stud-bred Diagnostic (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}), whose dam Holistic (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) is a full-sister to the Listed Kilvington Fillies' S. winner and stakes producer Prescription (GB) and a half to four other black-type winners. They are headed by the dual G3 Princess Elizabeth S. winner Clinical (GB) (Motivator {GB}), who later produced the G2 Mehl-Mulhens-Rennen (German 2000 Guineas) runner-up and G1 Vincent O'Brien National S. third Lockheed (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}).

From the family of Rahaam (Secreto), Diagnostic is connected to the late sire Verglas (Ire) and the high-class sprinter Cassandra Go (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}) who produced the triple group 1 winner Halfway To Heaven (Ire) by Holistic's sire Pivotal. She produced the brilliant Galileo (Ire) pair Magical (Ire) and Rhododendron (Ire), with the latter responsible for the Derby hero Auguste Rodin (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}). Diagnostic's yearling colt is also by Ulysses (Ire).

Monday, The Curragh, Ireland

COOLMORE STUD SOTTASS IRISH EBF MOORESBRIDGE S.-G2, €138,000, Curragh, 5-6, 4yo/up, 10fT, 2:21.10, sf.

1--**WHITE BIRCH (GB)**, 131, c, 4, by **Ulysses (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Diagnostic (GB)**, by **Dutch Art (GB)**

2nd Dam: **Holistic (GB)**, by **Pivotal (GB)**

3rd Dam: **Doctor's Glory**, by **Elmaamul**

(75,000gns Wlg '20 TATFOA; 48,000gns RNA Ylg '21 TATOCT).

O-Mrs C C Regalado-Gonzalez; B-Cheveley Park Stud Limited (GB); T-John Joseph Murphy; J-Colin Keane. €72,000.

Lifetime Record: G1SP-Eng, 9-4-1-1, \$418,705. **Werk Nick**

Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

2--**Lord Massusus (Ire)**, 131, g, 4, Markaz (Ire)--Wajaha (Ire), by Haafhd (GB). O-John N Bourke; B-Longrove Stud (IRE); T-Joseph G Murphy. €24,000.

3--**Greenland (Ire)**, 131, c, 4, **Saxon Warrior (Jpn)**--Aktoria (Fr), by Canford Cliffs (Ire). (160,000gns Wlg '20 TATFOA; 300,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT). O-Mrs J Magnier/M Tabor/D Smith/Westerberg; B-SCEA Marmion & Mr A Jathiere (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien. €12,000.

Margins: 3 3/4, NK, 2 1/4. Odds: 2.00, 20.00, 11.00.

Also Ran: Village Voice (GB), Maxux (Ire). Scratched: Elegant Man, Goldana (Ire).

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WOOTTON VERNI WINS THE GREFFULHE



Wootton Verni | ScoopDyga

By Tom Frary

Last seen finishing runner-up in the Listed Prix Maurice Caillault at Chantilly in March, Jean-Pierre-Joseph Dubois and Jean-Claude Seroul's **Wootton Verni (Fr)** (**Wootton Bassett (GB)**) stepped up to land Monday's G3 Prix Greffulhe and survive a subsequent inquiry at Saint-Cloud. Tackling 10 1/2 furlongs for the first time under Cristian Demuro, the 9-2 shot who holds an entry in the June 2 G1 Prix du Jockey Club was anchored last of the quartet early before being launched wide of the duelling **Sunway (Fr)** (Galiway {GB}) and **Casapueblo (Ire)** (Le Havre {Ire}) to seize the advantage a furlong out.

Driven out to the line, the Jérôme Andreu-trained colt who had beaten the subsequent listed scorer Trafalgar Square (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr}) by five lengths in a mile-and-a-quarter conditions event on Marseille Pont-de-Vivieux's all-weather in December had a neck to spare over last year's G1 Criterium International winner Sunway at the line, with **TDN Rising Star** Casapueblo 3/4 of a length behind in third. The latter was the sufferer of interference as the winner lugged in late, but the result was allowed to stand.

Pedigree Notes

Wootton Verni is the foal out of Vernie (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr}), a daughter of the unraced Persian Belle (GB) (Machiavellian) whose progeny list features three black-type performers. They are **Wootton Bassett's** G3 Prix des Chenes runner-up Scherzo (Fr), the smart Calvados Blues (Fr) (Lando {Ger}) who went one better in the Prix des Chenes and also took the G3 Prix de Guiche before finishing third in the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic, and the G2 Prix de Sandringham scorer Volta (Fr) (**Siyouni (Fr)**) who was also second in the G1 Prix Rothschild and third in the G1 Prix de Diane.

Another of Vernie's half-siblings is Opera Fan (Fr) (Cape Cross {Ire}), whose son No Needs Never (Ire) (**No Nay Never**) captured the Listed Star Appeal S. and was second in the G3 Gladness S., while another Plain Vanilla (Fr) (Kendor {Fr}) was responsible for the G3 Prix Fille de l'Air runner-up Vespera (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) who in turn produced the listed scorer Fakarava (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}). Also related to the G1 Grosser Dallmayr-Preis winner Neatico (Ger) (Medicean {GB}) and the GII Las Palmas H. scorer Beautyandthebeast (GB) (Machiavellian), Vernie's 2-year-old colt is by Le Havre (Ire) while she also has a yearling filly by St Mark's Basilica (Fr).

Monday, Saint-Cloud, France

PRIX GREFFULHE-G3, €80,000, Saint-Cloud, 5-6, 3yo, 10 1/2fT, 2:14.79, vs.

1--**WOOTTON VERNI (FR)**, 128, c, 3, by **Wootton Bassett (GB)**

1st Dam: Vernie (Fr), by Kendargent (Fr)

2nd Dam: Persian Belle (GB), by Machiavellian

3rd Dam: Nicola Bella (Ire), by Sadler's Wells

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN. (€175,000 Ylg '22 ARQOCT). O-Jean-Pierre-Joseph Dubois & Jean-Claude Seroul; B-T de la Heronniere & Salabi Racing (FR); T-Jérôme Andreu; J-Cristian Demuro. €40,000. Lifetime Record: 8-5-1-0, €109,700. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.** **Werk Nick Rating: A.**

2--**Sunway (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, Galiway (GB)--Kensea (Fr), by Kendargent (Fr). (€300,000 Ylg '22 ARQAUG). O-Guy Pariente, Thomas Lines & Qatar Racing; B-Guy Pariente Holding SPRL (FR); T-David Menuisier. €16,000.

3--**Casapueblo (Ire)**, 128,c, 3, Le Havre (Ire)--Uruguay (Ire), by Authorized (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** **TDN Rising Star.** (€130,000 Ylg '22 ARQOCT). O-Godolphin SNC; B-E Puerari & Ecurie Ades Hazan (IRE); T-Andre Fabre. €12,000.

Margins: NK, 3/4, 15. Odds: 4.40, 0.80, 2.40.

Also Ran: Corneliene (Ire). **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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DE TREVILLE'S GREGARINA SWOOPS LATE FOR ATHASI TRIUMPH

By Sean Cronin

Last term's Listed Prix Goldikova victrix **Gregarina (Fr)** (De Treville {GB}--Gagarina {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}) changed hands, privately, for €210,000 at Arqana's December Breeding Stock sale and claimed a career high with a last-gasp lunge to make a winning start for new connections in Monday's G3 Coolmore Stud **Little Big Bear** Irish EBF Athasi S. at the Curragh.

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The 5-year-old mare snagged 2022's Listed Prix de la Cochere and placed twice at Group 3 level, in one dozen black-type starts for former trainer Fabrice Chappet, and also ran third in 2022's G3 Premio Elena e Sergio Cumani and second in last term's G3 Prix Quincey.

Gregarina, last seen running seventh in Deauville's Nov. 29 Listed Prix Miss Satamixa, was positioned at the tail of the field for most of this first outing for the Joseph O'Brien stable. Picking off rivals inside the final quarter-mile, the 16-1 outsider went seventh passing the furlong marker and unleashed a telling burst under whipless cajoling to nail **You Send Me (Ire)** (Starspangledbanner {Aus}) by a head on line.

"She was quite a hard puller in her races in France and we just had the objective today of getting her settled," the winning trainer explained. "We didn't want her over-racing on her first run of the season and she switched off lovely. I was surprised with the kick she showed, it really was very impressive visually, and it was a cool, patient ride from Dylan [Browne McMonagle]. She will either come back here for the fillies' race on Guineas weekend [G2 Ridgewood Pearl S.] or more likely go straight to [Royal] Ascot for the one-mile Group 2 [Duke Of Cambridge S.]."

Pedigree Notes

Gregarina is the fourth of five reported foals and one of three scorers produced by a winning half-sister to GII San Clemente H. and GII Honeymoon Breeders' Cup H. victrix Altima (GB) (Zafonic) and G3 Prix des Chenes second San Domenico (GB) (Zamindar). Descendants of the March-foaled chestnut's third dam Atropa (Vaguely Noble {Ire}) include G3 Prix de Psyche victrix Tenuous (GB) (Generous {Ire}), dual stakes-winning G3 Prix de Cabourg and G3 Prix d'Aumale third Kithira (GB) (Danehill) and stakes-winning dual Group 3 runner-up Tombelaine (First Defence).



Gregarina winnins at the Curragh | Racingfotos.com

Monday, Curragh, Ireland

COOLMORE STUD LITTLE BIG BEAR IRISH EBF ATHASI S.-G3, €67,500, Curragh, 5-6, 3yo/up, f, 7fT, 1:32.89, sf.

1--**GREGARINA (FR)**, 135, m, 5, by De Treville (GB)

1st Dam: Gagarina (Ire), by Galileo (Ire)

2nd Dam: Guarded (GB), by Eagle Eyed

3rd Dam: Atropa, by Vaguely Noble

1ST GROUP WIN. (€250,000 RNA 4yo '23 ARQDEN). O-Sights On Gold & E S Racing; B-Rashit Shaykhutdinov (FR); T-Joseph O'Brien; J-Dylan Browne McMonagle. €40,500. Lifetime Record: MSW & GSP-Fr, GSP-Itly, 16-4-3-3, \$172,367.

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Werk Nick Rating: A.

2--**You Send Me (Ire)**, 135, f, 4, Starspangledbanner (Aus)-- Coco Rouge (Ire), by Shamardal. (100,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT). O-Craig Bernick, Cayton Park Stud & Mrs Paul Shanahan; B-Joe Banahan, Edel Banahan & Micheal Smith (IRE); T-Fozzy Stack. €13,500.

3--**Doom (GB)**, 135, f, 4, Dubawi (Ire)--Dank (GB), by Dansili (GB). **1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** O/B-James Wigan (GB); T-William Haggas. €6,750.

Margins: HD, 3/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 16.00, 8.50, 4.50.

Also Ran: Magical Sunset (Ire), Jumbly (GB), Wide With Delight (Ire), Bluedrum (Ire), Vain Gloria (Ire), Valpolicella (Ger), Purple Love (Fr).

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Tuesday, May 7, 2024:

FRANCE:

Hello Youmzain (Fr) (Kodiac {GB}), Haras d'Etreham
109 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
5-CHANTILLY, 1000m, Allee de Bercy (Fr)
€26,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2023

Van Beethoven (Scat Daddy), Karwin Farm
32 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
3-CHANTILLY, 1000m, Ciaran (Fr)
€26,000 Arqana Deauville Yearling Sale V2 2023

Waldpfad (Ger) (Shamardal), Gestut Etzean
24 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
3-CHANTILLY, 1000m, Pariscayenne (Fr)

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How They Fared

13.50 Curragh, Listed, €40,000, 2yo, 5fT

Ballydoyle's **Whistlejacket (Ire)** (No Nay Never), a full-brother to G1 Phoenix S.-winning sire **Little Big Bear (Ire)**, made good on a debut second going six furlongs at this venue and led from pillar to post for a first win of any kind on black-type bow.

14.20 Curragh, Listed, €50,000, 3yo, 8fT

Ballydoyle representative **Samuel Colt (Ire)** (No Nay Never), who hails from the family of G1 Irish Derby and G1 Melbourne Cup runner-up Tiger Moth (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), held every chance inside the final quarter-mile and finished 1 1/2 lengths behind the winner in third.

BRITAIN

Monday's Results:

3rd-Royal Windsor, £8,000, Novice, 5-6, 3/4yo, 8f 31yT, 1:49.94, sf.

GALYX (IRE) (c, 3, Calyx {GB}--Gallic Star {Ire} {SW & GSP-Eng}, by Galileo {Ire}), sixth over a mile on debut at Newbury last month, tracked the early leaders under cover. Reeling in A Major Payne (GB) (Harry Angel {Ire}) a furlong out, the 10-11 favourite asserted to score by 2 1/4 lengths. The winner is currently the last known foal out of the dam, who captured the Listed Silver Tankard S. and was third in the G2 Ribblesdale S. She is related to the eight-times graded-stakes winner Going Global (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), whose personal best came in the G1 Del Mar Oaks, and her G3 Dubai International Airport World Trophy S.-winning half-brother Mitbaahy (Ire) (Profitable {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,419. O/B-Jon and Julia Aisbitt (IRE); T-Jack Channon.

1st-Beverley, £30,000, Mdn, 5-6, 2yo, 5fT, 1:05.23, g/s.

CALL ME HARSWELL (IRE) (f, 2, Soldier's Call {GB}--Libiamo {Ire}, by Alhebayeb {Ire}), an Apr. 25 debut third over this course and distance in her only prior start, was swiftly into stride from the outside stall and raced on the front end throughout this return. Shaken up passing the quarter-mile pole, the 11-2 chance came under sterner urging thereafter and was driven out inside the final furlong to defeat Larchill Lass (GB) (Territories {Ire}) by 1 1/2 lengths. Call Me Harswell, full-sister to a yearling filly, is the first of two foals produced by a half-sister to GI Frank

E. Kilroe Mile hero River Boyne (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}). The February-foaled dark bay's second dam Clytha (GB) (Mark Of Esteem {Ire}) is kin to four black-type performers headed by GII Colonel F W Koester H. and G3 Ostermann Pokal-winning sire Ventiquattrofogli (Ire) (Persian Bold {Ire}). Sales history: £5,000 Ylg '23 GOFFUK. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$21,508.

O-Harswell Thoroughbred Racing I; B-Tara Stud (IRE); T-Roger Fell & Sean Murray.

2nd-Bath, £9,650, Mdn, 5-6, 2yo, 5f 10yT, 1:05.40, g/s.

STAR ANTHEM (IRE) (c, 2, Starspangledbanner {Aus}--Ihtifal {GB}, by Dansili {GB}), who set a clear form standard having been second in a hot Newbury maiden last month which is working out well, quickly established himself on the lead. Stretching out well to the line, the 1-2 favourite had four lengths to spare over Red Sand (Ire) (Too Darn Hot {GB}). The dam, whose yearling colt by **Saxon Warrior (Jpn)** was a €50,000 purchase by Archersgrove Bloodstock at the Goffs November Foal Sale, is kin to the G3 Prix de Lieurey winner Zibelina (Ire) (Dansili {GB}) and listed scorer Floristry (GB) (Fasliyev) who both proved to be notable producers for Godolphin. Zibelina was responsible for the G2 Dubai Millennium S. scorer Royal Fleet (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) and the G3 Prix de Ris-Orangis winner Royal Crusade (GB) (Shamardal), while Floristry boasts three black-type performers headed by Dubawi's G2 Blue Point Sprint and G3 Palace House S. winner Lazuli (Ire). This is the family of the G2 Dante S. winner Carlton House (Street Cry {Ire}), who was placed in the Derby, the G1 Prince of Wales's S., the G1 Rawson S. and G1 Queen Elizabeth S. Sales history: €34,000 RNA Wlg '22 GOFNO1; €45,000 Ylg '23 TATIRY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$10,320.

O-The Stargazers; B-P Moloney Ltd (IRE); T-Clive Cox.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Miletus (Ire), c, 3, **Magna Grecia (Ire)**--Prima Luce (Ire) (GSW-Ire, \$154,565), by Galileo (Ire). Royal Windsor, 5-6, 8f 31yT, 1:48.46. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$5,419. B-Kilcarn Stud (IRE). *€140,000 Ylg '22 GOFOR. **1/2 to Emmaus (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), SW-Eng, GSP-Can & SP-US, \$282,965.



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IRELAND

Monday's Results:

GAIN FIRST FLIER S.-Listed, €40,000, Curragh, 5-6, 2yo, 5FT, 1:04.72, sf.

1--**WHISTLEJACKET (IRE)**, 131, c, 2, by **No Nay Never**

1st Dam: Adventure Seeker (Fr) (SW & GSP-Fr, \$155,312), by Bering (GB)

2nd Dam: American Adventure, by Miswaki

3rd Dam: All Along (Fr), by Targowice

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (500,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT).

O-Peter M Brant, Mrs John Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Camas Park, Lynch Bages & Summerhill (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Ryan Moore. €24,000. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$29,882. *Full to **Little Big Bear (Ire)**, G1SW-Ire, GSW & G1SP-Eng, \$549,583; and 1/2 to Andrea Mantegna (Giant's Causeway), GSP-Aus, \$352,585.

2--**Arizona Blaze (GB)**, 131, c, 2, Sergei Prokofiev--Liberisque (GB), by Equiano (Fr). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (36,000gns Wlg '22 TADEWE; £82,000 Ylg '23 GOFFUK). O-Amo Racing Ltd & Giselle De Aguiar; B-Andrew Bengough & Partners (GB); T-Andrew Murray. €8,000.

3--**Monotone (Ire)**, 131, c, 2, Verbal Dexterity (Ire)--Yes Oh Yes, by Gone West. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (€4,000 RNA Ylg '23 GOAUJR). O-Mrs J S Bolger; B/T-Jim Bolger (IRE). €4,000.

Margins: 3 3/4, 2 3/4, 1 3/4. Odds: 0.83, 2.00, 20.00.

Also Ran: Gran Habano (Ire), Morning Vietnam (GB). Scratched: Usdi Atohi (Ire).

Whistlejacket debuted with a runner-up finish in an Apr. 21 six-furlong maiden at this venue last time and made no mistake dropped down in trip for this black-type bow. Sharply into stride to race on the front end from flagfall, the 500,000gns Tattersalls Book 1 graduate was shaken up soon after passing the quarter-mile pole and surged clear under continued urging inside the final furlong to easily account for Arizona Blaze by 3 3/4 lengths.

"He's progressed from his first run and did it nicely," O'Brien commented. "He's a fast horse, five or six furlongs would be no problem, and he has loads of speed for five. He's after having two runs now so he probably doesn't need to run again before [Royal] Ascot."

Whistlejacket is the latest of nine foals and sixth scorer out of Listed Prix de Liancourt victrix and G3 Prix Cleopatre runner-up Adventure Seeker (Fr) (Bering {GB}), herself a half-sister to G3 Princess Margaret S. third Along Again (Ire) (Elusive City). The April-foaled chestnut is a full-brother to G1 Phoenix S.-winning sire **Little Big Bear (Ire)** and a half to G3 Hobart Cup runner-up Andrea Mantegna (Giant's Causeway). Whistlejacket's third dam is storied champion All Along (Fr) (Targowice).

COOLMORE STUD PADDINGTON IRISH EBF TETRARCH S.-Listed, €50,000, Curragh, 5-6, 3yo, 8FT, 1:49.57, sf.

1--**BRIGHT STRIPES (IRE)**, 131, c, 3, by **Starspangledbanner (Aus)**

1st Dam: Dutch Rose (Ire) (SP-Eng, \$149,497), by Dutch Art (GB)

2nd Dam: Eloquent Rose (Ire), by Elnadim

3rd Dam: Quintellina (GB), by Robellino

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (22,500gns Ylg '22 TATOCT). O-Paul Hardy; B-Diomed Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Andrew Oliver; J-Billy Lee. €30,000. Lifetime Record: GSP-Ire, 6-2-1-1, \$90,310. *1/2 to Sunsprite (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), SP-Eng.

2--**Norwalk Havoc (GB)**, 131, g, 3, Showcasing (GB)--Light of Joy, by Kitten's Joy. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O/B-Flaxman Stables Ireland Ltd (GB); T-Jessica Harrington. €10,000.

3--**Samuel Colt (Ire)**, 131, c, 3, **No Nay Never**--Lesson In Life (GB), by Duke of Marmalade (Ire). (€340,000 Ylg '22 ARAUG). O-Westerberg, Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor & D Smith; B-Camas Park & Lynch Bages (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien. €5,000. Margins: 1, HF, HF. Odds: 16.00, 6.50, 0.36.

Also Ran: Ecureuil Secret (Fr), Elegant Madame (Ire).

Bright Stripes, the most experienced of five contenders here, closed last season with a narrow second in Leopardstown's Oct. 21 G3 Killavullan S. and went lined up for this third stakes start returning off a last-of-eight finish in last month's G3 Ballylinch Stud "Red Rocks" S. back at the Foxrock venue. Adrift of all four rivals through halfway, he took closer order approaching the final quarter-mile and quickened stylishly in the closing stages to secure a black-type breakthrough nearing the line.

"We were very concerned about the [soft] ground as he's such a good-moving horse," revealed trainer Andy Oliver. "Last year we didn't get anything else and his run in the Killavullan was on very heavy ground. This year on the first day out he encountered similar ground and just didn't seem to like it at all. The only day he got good ground was when he won his maiden at Naas. We expected the ground to dry out today, but it didn't and I thought long and hard about not running him today. Billy [Lee] switched him off, he really accelerated and was very impressive. He's in the [G1] Irish [2000] Guineas and, all being well, that is where he'll go next."

Bright Stripes is the fourth of six foals and one of three scorers produced by Listed Pipalong S. runner-up Dutch Rose (Ire) (Dutch Art {GB}). The March-foaled chestnut is a half-brother to Listed Ripon Champion Two-Years-Old Trophy third Sunsprite (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), the unraced 2-year-old colt Principality (Ire) (**Calyx {GB}**)--who is entered at Ascot this coming Saturday--and a yearling filly by Cable Bay (Ire). His sixth dam is G1 1000 Guineas and G1 Sussex S. runner-up Jacinth (Ire) (Red God).

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1st-Curragh, €25,000, Mdn, 5-6, 2yo, 6fT, 1:19.59, sf.
BARNAVARA (IRE) (f, 2, Calyx {GB}--Alfea {GB}, by Kentucky Dynamite) raced up front in a prominent third through halfway in this debut. Easing to the front passing the quarter-mile marker, the 5-1 chance was accompanied by Kilmood Susan (Ire) (Belardo {Ire}) to the furlong pole and was ridden clear of that rival in the closing stages to hit the line with an impressive four-length buffer. "She was up here the other morning on the Curragh on softish ground, the first time we had her on grass, and we were delighted with her," said Jessica Harrington. "Shane [Foley] said she was grand over six furlongs and she would probably like better ground. She might have another run and then go to [Royal] Ascot for the [G3] Albany. We'll see how she comes out of the race, but she won very easily." Barnavara is the latest of three foals, all winners, thrown by a granddaughter of G3 Prix Andre Baboin victrix Bal De La Rose (Ire) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}), herself a half-sister to multiple Group 1-winning sire Lope De Vega (Ire) (Shamardal) and G3 Prix de Lieurey-winning G1 Prix de l'Opera third Lady Frankel (GB) (Frankel {GB}). The May-foaled bay's second dam Askania Nova (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}) is a winning half-sister to G1 Grosser Dallmayr Preis hero Danceteria (Fr) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) and Listed Prix Isola Bella victrix Blossomtime (GB) (Shamardal). Sales history: €70,000 Ylg '23 GOFOR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$16,145.
 O-Alpha Racing; B-Andriy Milovanov & Vikto Tymoshenko (IRE); T-Jessica Harrington.

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FRANCE

Monday's Results:

1st-Saint-Cloud, €27,000, Debutantes, 5-6, 3yo, 8f (AWT), 1:47.34, vs.

SCHIKERIA (FR) (f, 3, Zarak {Fr}--Society Lady {Fr}, by Zafeen {Fr}), sent off at 12-1, was soon able to gain a prominent pitch. In front at the 300-metre mark, the homebred asserted to score by 1 1/4 lengths from Saganne (Fr) (Zelzal {Fr}). The dam, whose 2-year-old filly Snowsociety (Fr) is by Toronado (Ire), hails from the family of Zarak's G3 Prix Cleopatre winner and G1 Prix Saint-Alary third Crown Princesse (Fr), fellow top-level performer Anabaa's Creation (Ire) (Anabaa) and the star siblings Sottsass (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}), Sistercharlie (Ire) (Myboycharlie {Ire}) and My Sister Nat (Fr) (Acclamation {GB}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**
 O/B-Haras de Saint Julien & Regula Vannod (FR); T-Fabrice Chappet.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

4th-Saint-Cloud, €19,000, 5-6, 4yo/up, 10 1/2fT, 2:17.38, vs.
LA DIVA D'ALBEN (FR) (m, 5, Wings Of Eagles {Fr}--Nazlia {Fr}, by Polish Precedent) Lifetime Record: 14-4-0-0, €45,240.
 O-Benedicte Ferry Abitbol, M Nigge (S) & Lylia Cadet;
 B-Mme B Ferry Abitbol & Mme L Cadet (FR); T-Markus Nigge.
 *1/2 to Anahita (Fr) (Turtle Bowl {Ire}), MGSP-UAE & GSP-Fr, \$137,086; to Shutterbug (Fr) (Soldier Of Fortune {Ire}), SW-Fr & SP-Qat, \$280,672; to Lakalas (Fr) (Turtle Bowl {Ire}), MGSP-Fr; & to Djo Francais (Fr) (Intello {Ger}), GSW-Fr, \$185,102.

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8th-Saint-Cloud, €19,000, 5-6, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:47.32, vs. **IKEN (FR) (m, 5, Vadamos {Fr}--Kenwana {Fr}, by Kendargent {Fr})** Lifetime Record: 20-4-3-1, €90,030. O-Crispin De Moubray SARL & MLP Consultancy; B-C De Moubray, MLP Consultancy & Entrypoint Ltd (FR); T-Joséphine Soudan.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Nado Trezy (Fr), c, 3, **Elvstroem (Aus)**--Tudor Court (Ire) (MSP-Ger), by Cape Cross (Ire). Limoges, 5-5, 7fT, 1:30.90. B-SCEA Eric Feurtet (FR).

Moor Malpic (Fr), f, 3, **Hunter's Light (Ire)**--Moon Malpic (Fr), by Green Tune. Orleans, 5-5, 13 1/2fT, time: n/a. B-Pierre Pasquet (FR).

Miss Incognito (Fr), f, 3, **Sea The Moon (Ger)**--Maestria (Ire), by Mastercraftsman (Ire). Limoges, 5-5, 10 1/2fT, 2:33.90. B-Haras des Pyrenees (FR). *€38,000 RNA Ylg '22 ARQAUG.



IN JAPAN:

Awaking (Fr), c, 3, **Kingman (GB)**--Waldjagd (GB) (GSP-Ger), by Observatory. Niigata, 5-4, Cond., 1200mT. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$148,480. O-Susumu Fujita; B-Haras du Domaine de l'Etang, Ecurie de Cachene; T-Yoshito Yahagi. *€280,000 Wlg '21 ARQDEC; €560,000 Ylg '22 ARQAUG. **1/2 to Urwald (GB) (Le Havre {Ire}), SW-Fr; and Waldbiene (Fr) (Intello {Ger}), GSW-Ger.

Marble Mountain (GB), f, 3, **Soldier's Call (GB)**--Maralika (Fr), by Dubawi (Ire). Niigata, 5-5, Maiden, 1800m. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$35,946. O-Silk Racing; B-Mickley Stud & Tim & Miranda Johnson; T-Katsunori Tanaka. *12,000gns Wlg '21 TATDEF; 100,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT.

Juhannus (GB), c, 4, **Frankel (GB)**--Midsummer Fair (Jpn) (GSW-Jpn, \$1,182,998), by Tanino Gimlet (Jpn). Tokyo, 5-4, Cond., 1400mT. Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-0, \$187,631. O/B-Godolphin; T-Ryuji Okubo.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

Monday, Nagoya, Japan

NAGOYA GRAND PRIX-G2-NAR (Listed), ¥72,000,000, Nagoya, 5-6, 4yo/up, 2100m, *2:10.90 (NTR), gd.

1--**NOTTURNO (JPN)**, 130, h, 5, **Heart's Cry (Jpn)**--**Sheikh's Serenade**, by **Unbridled's Song**. ¥43,000,000 yrl'20 JRHAJUL. O-Makoto Kaneko Holdings; B-Shimokobe Farm; T-Hidetaka Otonashi; J-Yutaka Take; ¥40,000,000. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Jpn, 20-5-4-0.

2--**Heroic Tale (Jpn)**, 123, g, 7, **Screen Hero (Jpn)**--Personal Legend, by Awesome Again. O-Tomie Ito; B-Shadai Farm; ¥14,000,000.

3--**Kirinji (Jpn)**, 123, c, 4, by **Kizuna (Jpn)**--Timepiece (Jpn), by Rulership (Jpn). O- Koji Oka ; B-Sunday Hills ; ¥8,000,000 Margins: 8, 2.1/2, 4; Odds: 1.00, 110.10, 6.80.

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Mystik Dan (rail) holds off Forever Young (Jpn) (middle) and Sierra Leone (outside) in the GI Kentucky Derby | *Coady Media*

by T.D. Thornton

Two days after an exciting three-way photo for the win in the GI Kentucky Derby, public speculation continued to simmer about the roughly-run stretch battle between the second- and third-place finishers.

It's the second time in five years that the stewards at Churchill Downs are being openly questioned over why they didn't announce an inquiry to let the public know they were actively investigating a potential infraction in America's most important and historic horse race.

But despite the mild controversy that is largely playing out online and on social media, none of the human connections of any of the top three horses under the wire in the Derby lodged an objection in the immediate aftermath of the race, nor have any of them since made public statements to the effect that they believed an inquiry or disqualification was warranted.

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PARTNERSHIPS: IRONHORSE RACING STABLE, PRESENTED BY TAYLOR MADE PARTNERSHIPS by Joe Scurto

If you consider yourself a baseball fan and are of a certain vintage, the term Iron Horse will conjure up thoughts of one of the most legendary baseball players to ever grace the diamond: The Iron Horse himself, Lou Gehrig. Jonathan Eig, author of *Luckiest Man: The Life and Death of Lou Gehrig*, described the term Iron Horse as "a type of courage to persevere and to keep yourself going and to never give up."

Harlan Malter, Founder and Managing Partner of Ironhorse Racing Stable is a self-proclaimed sports fanatic and played college baseball at New York's Columbia University.

"I enjoyed going out to Saratoga each summer with my family. It is one of the reasons that makes Saratoga extremely special," recounted Malter. "As a sports fan, horse racing was simply part of that landscape for me. Seattle Slew in 1977 and Alydar in 1978 got me hooked." **Cont. Pg 5**

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Horses and riders pause the post parade to commemorate the end of the meet at Oaklawn with the Trail's End ceremony, in which the bugler plays "Auld Lang Syne" before Sunday's final race. | Coady Media

BELMONT BUZZ HITS SARATOGA

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The final stop on the Triple Crown series--the 156th GI Belmont S., some six weeks hence on June 8--is already at the top of the charts for plenty of people in this horse-centric upstate city.

PREAKNESS: LUKAS DOUBLE TO BALTIMORE

10

D. Wayne Lukas confirmed both Seize the Grey (Arrogate) and Just Steel (Justify) would go on to Baltimore with GI Kentucky Derby winner Mystik Dan (Goldencents) still unconfirmed for Kenny McPeck.

THEIR FIRST KENTUCKY DERBY

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The TDN's Katie Petrunyak brought five first-time Derby goers to Kentucky on Saturday and chronicled the event, and the industry in general, through their eyes.

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Kentucky Derby cont.

The Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) on Monday released a statement that pointed out that all races in the state receive stewards' scrutiny, even if the inquiry sign doesn't always get posted.

That same statement also noted that Tyler Gaffalione, the jockey aboard runner-up Sierra Leone (*Gun Runner*), has been summoned to a film review on Churchill's next day of live racing, May 9.

Next-day film reviews are standard procedure in North American racing, and jockeys are often asked to appear even when no inquiry, objection or disqualification has occurred.

Sierra Leone and eventual third-place finisher Forever Young (Jpn) (Real Steel {Jpn}) battled in near-lockstep between the three-sixteenths pole and the finish wire in the May 4 Derby.

Sierra Leone, who has shown a repeated tendency to lean in

during his stretch runs throughout his brief career, was bearing down on the undeterred Forever Young as the two closed the gap on a tiring, but not quitting, *Mystik Dan* (Goldencents) at the rail.

Mystik Dan prevailed by a nose and was not directly affected by the jostling of Sierra Leone and Forever Young, who finished a nose apart in second and third.

Although Forever Young has not been widely viewed as the aggressor in his tussle with Sierra Leone, he did fight back by engaging in some degree of counter-leaning that reportedly made it difficult for Gaffalione to maintain his balance and/or prevented him from going to a left-handed stick to keep Sierra Leone straight.

Chad Brown, Sierra Leone's trainer, had explained it this way on Sunday:

"There was some bumping going on. What Tyler was really attempting to do was make room for his left stick, which the



Sierra Leone (left) and Forever Young (right) | *Coady Media*

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horse really respects and keeps him straight, and he was just looking for sort of a pathway to use his left stick. And the bumping, the tight duel between those two horses, it disarmed him with the stick. All he had was a rein to pull on, and it really hurt his momentum...A foul is not only bumping, a foul is actually striking your opponent with the stick. So he didn't want to do that either...

"I wasn't surprised [that there wasn't an inquiry]," Brown continued. "I felt it was going a bit both ways. It's not always about who initiates it. It's about the entire race all the way to the wire. [Forever Young] started to lean back in. That's what horses do."

Neither Forever Young's jockey, Ryusei Sakai, nor his trainer, Yoshito Yahagi, lodged an objection prior to the race being made official. Rough translations of their post-race comments from Japanese to English indicated that they both believed the contact between the two colts was the type of heat-of-battle competition that did not merit the claiming of a foul.

In Japan, where Sakai and Yahagi are both based, lodging such an objection is not as commonplace as it is in North America.

A KHRC spokesperson emailed the following statement to *TDN* late in the day May 6 after its contents were first reported earlier in the afternoon on X/Twitter by Steve Byk of the "At the Races" radio program:

"The Stewards review every race in Kentucky live and by video replay before posting it official and they followed the same procedure for the 150th running of the Kentucky Derby. After conducting their standard review of the race, determining no further review or investigation was necessary to conclude there were no incidents that altered the finish of the race, and seeing there were no objections filed, the Stewards posted the Kentucky Derby official.

Following the race, the Stewards ordered Tyler Gaffalione, jockey aboard Sierra Leone, to film review on May 9, 2024. The Stewards conduct film reviews routinely to review the conduct of jockeys during a race. The Stewards, in their discretion, can take disciplinary action against a jockey following the review. If the Stewards issue a penalty, it will be posted on the KHRC website..."

No Derby-related penalties had been posted on the KHRC site as of 5 p.m. Monday.

Prior to deadline for this story, the KHRC did not respond to a *TDN* question about whether any other jockey from the three-way photo finish would be similarly ordered to appear at the film review, either in person or remotely.

The KHRC also did not respond to a *TDN* request to obtain a copy of the stewards' report for May 4. These daily reports are customarily posted to the KHRC's website, but that section has not been updated since the final day of the Keeneland meet Apr. 26. **Cont.**

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The three stewards currently assigned to officiate at Churchill are chief state steward Barbara Borden, state steward Brooks "Butch" Becraft, and Churchill steward Tyler Picklesimer.

Those are the same three stewards who worked the 2019 Derby, in which **Maximum Security** crossed the finish wire first but was judged to have fouled Long Range Toddy, and was disqualified from the win and placed behind that rival in 17th place.

In 2019, the stewards' post-Derby adjudication process lasted 22 minutes and played out on national TV as they debated whether **Maximum Security's** shifting out while leading on the far turn caused crowding that affected rivals in close pursuit and almost triggered a clipping-of-heels accident.

Two jockey objections were lodged in the 2019 Derby, but only one of them was initially announced to the public. The stewards five years ago were criticized for not posting any inquiry into the incident, but at that time the KHRC essentially gave the same answer that the agency did on Monday--that just because the "inquiry" sign isn't lit, it doesn't mean the stewards aren't examining in the situation.

When **Maximum Security's** owners unsuccessfully sued in federal court to try and get the DQ overturned, their lawsuit cited "the absence of any inquiry" by the stewards. The lawsuit also alleged that the three Churchill stewards were "not truthful" when they issued a post-DQ press statement that said they "interviewed affected riders," because two rival jockeys whose horses appeared to lose momentum and position later told the media that they never spoke to the stewards.

One of those jockeys who told the media in 2019 that he never was asked for his side of the story by the stewards was Gaffalione, who was aboard **War of Will**, the horse who wasn't directly fouled but almost fell as the result of the incident.

This coming Thursday, five years and five days after not having a say in that 2019 Derby DQ, Gaffalione will have a formal opportunity to explain what happened in the 2024 stretch run of the Derby.

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Partnerships cont.

"New York racing really captivated me. Whenever I had time between school and baseball, you could find me at the closest New York City OTB or track."

When uncovering more about Harlan Malter, you begin to see dichotomies reveal themselves. These include his love of New York, even though he grew up in Boston; and the most obvious

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being that while one of his heroes, Lou Gehrig, was known as a man of few words, Harlan Malter is not. His passion for racing erupts out of him like a volcano and when he opines, his words are often both insightful and inspiring.

"Only sports can produce things like a last-minute field goal, a three-point buzzer beater, or a walk-off home run," he says. "Horse racing is one of those sports. The moment your horse enters the gate or crosses the wire produces one of those feelings. You can't make that feeling up."

Those feelings are shared by the over 165 partners with Ironhorse Racing Stable, including Beth Shireman, who just returned from visiting one of her horses in the stable area at Churchill and watching her horse Indy Magic break his maiden at first asking at Keeneland.

"Connecting with these horses is one of the best parts of being part of this partnership," Shireman says. "I have access to the farms and stable areas for visits. They will steal your heart. You get to know your horse very well and feel like a proud parent on race day."

Zach Silka, who started following racing as a horseplayer and recently witnessed his horse Kid Cairo break his maiden on debut and then saw his other horse Beauty of the Sea win the Golden Beach Handicap at Gulfstream the very next day, reflects this common theme.



Martin Wickins and Harlan Malter | *courtesy Ironhorse Stable*

“The people and the horses are the best parts of Ironhorse Racing Stable,” he said. “Harlan is our fearless leader, our trainers are great, and meeting so many other partners from around the country who are passionate about horse racing has been a cool experience. Then, to have your horses run on consecutive days at the same track, let alone to win both races, was something I could have never expected.”

You cannot profile Harlan Malter or Ironhorse Racing without highlighting **Bucchero**, the original iron horse for the stable. The \$43,000 2-year-old purchase went on to make 31 starts and win over \$947,000. He knocked down the GII Woodford S. twice, in 2017 and 2018. The Indiana-bred phenom also took Malter to the GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint twice and all the way across the pond to Royal Ascot.

“My first win as a racehorse owner was a four claimer at Penn National,” said Malter. “Then came **Bucchero**. He took me to tremendous places. I couldn't have imagined getting to run in the Breeders' Cup and Royal Ascot.”

Those experiences were the inspiration for Ironhorse Racing Stable, said Malter.

“We started slowly as a small group of friends. After having **Bucchero**, we wanted to create a syndicate that could compete at the national/global level that was built with the partners' interests as the priority. This is how we developed the ‘No Markup’ model. We wanted to differentiate ourselves from other national syndicates by building partnerships that reflected a true ownership experience. As a sole owner, I went to the sales and paid the auction price for the horse, not a penny more. I wanted to be able to give this same opportunity to our partners. So, we typically assemble our partners before the sales and then go and buy the best possible horse within our budget.”

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Morning training with Ironhorse partners
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“This is how typical owners buy horses, and there is no reason partnership participants can't have that same opportunity.”

Silka was drawn to how the partnerships were constructed.

“I wasn't interested in micro shares or joining a syndicate that marked up the sale price of the horse. I wanted a true partnership experience and to learn as much as I could about the horse ownership side of things,” he says.

The Ironhorse Racing partnership closely reflects how Malter's other business, financial planning, works.

“We don't mark up stocks like brokers did 20 years ago. We now align our interests with our clients. If the portfolio grows, we will all make more money. I wanted to bring that model to horse ownership. We look to buy value, pick our spots, always be opportunistic, and maximize every single dollar.”

Ironhorse is compensated for its management by retaining 10% of all earnings and 10% of the proceeds when the horse is sold. Other costs are a straight pass-through to the penny. By incorporating the tools offered by Horsebills.com, each partner receives an invoice just as if he or she were a full owner, broken down in accordance with their percentage ownership.

Partner Robbie Estes said he found this approach very appealing.

“Both my wife and I are retired CPAs,” said Estes. “The Ironhorse financial model makes sense to me. Horse ownership is expensive. Harlan Malter's approach makes it understandable, as predictable as possible, and efficient.”

When asked about who a good prospect for the partnership group is, Malter replied, “Partners who are looking to run on the national level with a group that gives them the opportunity to buy exactly the way they would if they went to a sale to buy a horse 100% on their own. We pride ourselves on communication, with a dedicated portal where we provide the

same type of trainer communication an owner would get if they owned the horse themselves.”

Since 2007, Malter and Ironhorse Racing have put together a team of trainers across the country and have recently put their first horse in training in the United Kingdom. Trainers like Mark Casse, Joe Orseno, Doug O'Neill, Michael Trombetta, Kelsey Danner, and James Ferguson in the United Kingdom are part of the team that keeps over 25 horses in the stable producing for its partners.

“Utilizing a network of farms and training centers to help develop our purchases and breed some solid homebreds has kept the winners' circle photos coming,” commented Malter.

Ironhorse's model focuses on yearlings and 2-year-olds. You can find the Ironhorse silks breaking from starting gates in just about any racing jurisdiction. The current star of the stable is Get Smokin (Get Stormy).

“He won the \$1.7-million GII Kentucky Turf Cup last year. He is our type of horse...a hard-knocking runner who shows up every time. We also have 3-year-old stakes winner Mattingly (Bucchero), stakes winner Beauty of the Sea (Bucchero), and many promising 2-year-olds in the pipeline,” said Malter.



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Multiple opportunities at various price points is what drew Shireman into the group.

“Harlan purchases horses from various sales in the U.S. and Europe--yearlings, 2-year-olds-in-training, broodmare prospects. I can pick my favorite, or mix and match. I choose my own adventure within a budget I am comfortable with.”

Besides success on the racetrack, communication and education have also played a significant role in the growth of Ironhorse. With a robust social media presence, dynamic website, and the use of technology-driven applications like Slack and Horsebills, Malter can deliver a modern racehorse owner experience. **Cont.**

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“Along with learning the ins-and-outs of their individual horses, they receive updates on the entire stable,” he explained. “We give insights on each horse, race strategy, development plans, etc. We are all owners of these horses, and we want each partner to feel part of the process from that perspective, not just coming along for the ride.”

There are millions of sports fans across the world, but few get to participate on the field, court, or rink. As Malter so poignantly stated about the uniqueness of owning a Thoroughbred racehorse, “You never know where a horse can take you.”

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BELMONT BUZZ HITS SARATOGA



Saratoga Race Course | Sarah Andrew

by Mike Kane

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. - While most of the racing world was focused on the 150th GI Kentucky Derby run last Saturday at Churchill Downs, the final stop on the Triple Crown series--the 156th GI Belmont S., some six weeks hence on June 8--is already at the top of the charts for plenty of people in this horse-centric upstate city.

In order to accommodate the massive makeover of Belmont Park, New York Racing Association officials decided last year to stage the 2024 and 2025 runnings of the Belmont S. at Saratoga Race Course, the oldest and most popular track in the country. NYRA has scheduled the Belmont Stakes Festival, which will feature 24 stakes races with purses totaling \$10.25 million, for June 6-9 at Saratoga.

Even though Thoroughbred racing has been conducted at the Spa since 1863 and its world-renowned summer meet features the \$1.25-million GI Travers S., the addition of the Belmont S. is nothing short of enormous. The daily limit of 50,000 admission tickets and seating sold out at Taylor Swift concert-level speed, as did hotel rooms and short-term rentals in the city and region.

“We're used to the Travers,” said Jack Knowlton, the Saratoga resident and businessman who heads Sackatoga Stable. “I say that the Belmont at Saratoga is going to be four days of the Travers on steroids. We have our Travers and it's a big deal every year, but if there's a big horse, or, on the rare occasion where there is a Triple Crown, it's absolutely crazy. That's what this is going to be.”

Knowlton has more than a casual connection to the sport. Sackatoga's Funny Cide (Distorted Humor) won the Derby and GI Preakness S. in 2003 and its **Tiz the Law (Constitution)** prevailed in the 2020 Belmont and Travers. He compared the anticipation for the Belmont to 2015 when Triple Crown winner **American Pharoah** came to Saratoga for the Travers and was upset at the fabled “graveyard of favorites” by Keen Ice.

Sending the Belmont upstate instead of staging it at nearby Aqueduct Racetrack, which no longer has the seating to accommodate a major event, has provided a multi-million-dollar package for the region.

Marianne Barker is in her 46th season operating the Impressions of Saratoga gift and souvenir shop on Broadway and said the news of Belmont at Saratoga has been good for business for months.



Arcangelo | Sarah Andrew

“Because it's so novel, that none of those races have ever been here before. Just the fact that it's something new and pretty monumental,” she said. “Yeah, people are really excited. Even if they're just here for a long weekend, I'd say that every other person that comes into the store is like, ‘So, are you guys ready for the Belmont? What's it going to be like? Is it going to be crazy? Are you going to be nuts?’ We're like, ‘Well, we sure hope so.’”

Among the merchandise that Impressions has carried since deep winter has been a Belmont at Saratoga poster created by local artist Greg Montgomery, famous for his distinctive Travers posters. **Cont.**

Barker and her partner in Impressions and The Dark Horse Mercantile, Maddy Zanetti, know that the news of the temporary relocation of the Belmont has registered well beyond the Capital Region of upstate New York.

“We were in Maine for a small tradeshow about a month and a half ago and even people there were like, ‘Oh my God, you guys, it's going to be great for you,’” she said. “The buzz is out.”

The National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame, located across Union Avenue from the track, is at the forefront of a community-wide embrace of Saratoga's Belmont S.

“It certainly is everywhere,” said museum director Cate Masterson. “The New York Racing Association has been visiting Saratoga quite regularly since their announcement and with the Chamber of Commerce, Discover Saratoga, the Downtown Business Association, they've included, not only all the non-profits, but also the businesses. They've done regular meetings to just see what can happen and the buzz is there. Everyone's talking about it.”



Saratoga downtown | Mike Kane

The museum, which will celebrate its 75th anniversary in 2025, has developed a program of special events for the festival. It includes an evening of Belmont stories from retired NYRA track announcer Tom Durkin; the Belmont Gala at the Canfield Casino that will benefit the museum and Hall of Fame; a morning tour of the Old Tavern Farm; a Saturday Morning Social at the museum; and a Handicapping 101 evening organized by retired jockey and television personality Donna Barton Brothers that will benefit Therapeutic Horses of Saratoga.

“It's an extremely exciting time because it's historic,” Masterson said. “We're thrilled. The community has definitely, I would say, rallied around the fact that the race is coming. And the four-day Belmont Stakes Festival is really nice.”

The Discover Saratoga tourism organization has been working on the Belmont-at-Saratoga project for months and it has a

prominent position on its website. Among the elements being discussed are watch parties.

“We want to create events, not only for our visitors, but also our locals,” said Darryl Leggieri, the Discover Saratoga president. “We want them to feel like they're a part of it, too. Creating free events, a festive atmosphere in downtown, trying to engage all of our members, all of our restaurants and retailers and have some live entertainment and just really making it fun so that people have a great experience in Saratoga Springs.”

NYRA's original plan was to start the Belmont Park tear-down and rebuild immediately after the 2024 Belmont S., move the race to Saratoga for 2025 and have Belmont Park ready for the 2026 race known as “The Test of the Champion.” At the end of the last summer's Saratoga meeting, NYRA CEO David O'Rourke said that the Belmont was likely to be held in Saratoga in 2024 as well, providing a bigger window for the work at Belmont Park.

In early December, the switch was made official.

“I can just tell you that my phone has been ringing off the hook for the past like six months about reservations,” said Pennell's Restaurant owner Bruce Cerone. “I'm at the point I can't even take any more reservations for that weekend.”

Cerone's popular restaurant, a fixture in Saratoga for a century, has a strong year-round business. The Belmont at Saratoga festival is a present for the already vibrant economy of the city and region.

“Honestly, for myself, it's a great thing,” he said, “but people were going crazy about it, especially the rental market in my neighborhood. It's definitely a bonus for everybody.”

Siro's Restaurant, which has operated on a seasonal basis next to the track since 1945, will have its outdoor facility of a bar, raw bar and live music open throughout the festival.

“We can fit 1,500 to 2,000 people and we will have the inside bar open, too,” Siro's general manager Kevin Decker said. “We're the first stop after the track. It's going to be very exciting and we're looking forward to it. All of Saratoga is.”

Decker said his newest venture, as a co-owner with Lucas White, The Wild Horse bar, on Caroline Street downtown will be open with entertainment for the festival.

Barker said she fully expects the Belmont at Saratoga memorabilia sales to surpass the Travers in her shops.

“I do just because it's so unique. It's on track for doing better than Travers,” she said. “Travers is huge, needless to say, but being that this is only going to happen twice and how Saratoga is excited about history and history-making events, I think it's going to be gigantic.”

LUKAS DOUBLE TO BALTIMORE; MCPEEK UPBEAT ABOUT MYSTIK DAN

Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas confirmed both **Seize the Grey** (Arrogate) and **Just Steel** (Justify) would go on to Baltimore with an eye on the GI Preakness S. after runs this past Saturday at Churchill Downs, the Maryland Jockey Club announced Monday. Seize the Grey won the GII Pat Day Mile S. while Just Steel wound up 17th in the GI Kentucky Derby.

“We’ll bring both of ours,” Lukas confirmed to the Maryland Jockey Club media Monday. “We will be there Monday.”

Meanwhile, Derby hero **Mystik Dan** (Goldencents), whose status for the Preakness is still unconfirmed, seemed to be on the rebound according to trainer Kenny McPeek.

“[He] ate up last night, which is a really good sign,” said McPeek. “... I’m big on that. I always believe the faster they eat, the faster they run. You’ve got to keep them in the feed tub. They need that energy.”

As for his colt's future plans, McPeek noted: “We’ll get him back to the track on Wednesday, probably give him a little jog a mile, gallop a mile, something simple. I’m encouraged. I’m going to talk to [owners] Lance [Gasaway] and Sharilyn [Gasaway]. No fast moves. We probably won’t decide until the morning of entries. But the horse is doing fine and seems to be bright and happy.”

Mystik Dan will remain at Churchill Downs with McPeek until a final decision is made regarding his Preakness status.

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I BROUGHT FIVE YOUNG PEOPLE TO THEIR FIRST KENTUCKY DERBY

by Katie Petrunyak

This past weekend, my husband and I brought five of his old high school friends to their first Kentucky Derby. The group grew up together in Baltimore and while some of them have been to the infield at the Preakness, the Derby was their first authentic race-day experience.

They flew in from various parts of the East Coast. One is an engineer, two are wealth managers, one works in investment banking and another is in business consulting. They are all hard-working, fun, intelligent 26 and 27 year olds. In short, they are the type of people that horse racing very much needs to engage and retain.

A lot of thought was put into their Derby Day outfits and they were thrilled to learn that their general admission ticket bought them unlimited access to food and drinks. Their betting budgets ranged from \$200 to \$1,200. Some lost, a few won. The big winner on the day put \$25 to win on Mystik Dan (Goldencents) because he liked the name and \$50 to win on the 47-1 longshot

Trikari (**Oscar Performance**), who won the GII American Turf S., because the older gentleman behind him in line for the betting window told him it was a good pick at a price.

As the day progressed, many of their reactions and comments made me laugh. Some of their questions were humbling, reminding me how incredible our sport is, while others were a bit of a reality check as they made me realize just how easy it can be to live in our “racing bubble” and forget about the general public's true perception of horse racing. I jotted down a few of their direct quotes that struck me most.



Their smiles say it all. Two members of the group got to experience the new paddock at Churchill Downs | Katie Petrunyak

1. Walking into Churchill Downs: “Wow, I didn't realize how big it was.”

These were no sports amateurs. Earlier this year, we all went to the Ravens-Chiefs AFC Championship game together (sadly it did not go well for the Baltimore natives). Yet even for these huge sports enthusiasts, weaving through Churchill Downs among 150,000 other race-goers and glimpsing those twin spires poised above a sprawling new paddock was awe inspiring.

2. While juggling a racing program, a mint julep and the phone he was using to bet with: “I need to get rid of this magazine. It's a nuisance.”

For someone whose racing form is virtually my at-the-track bible, this one made me laugh. Once we showed him how his “magazine” was the key to learning about the horses running that day, he held onto it a bit tighter. Still, it was a reminder of how important it is to make data and other handicapping material easily accessible online, especially for the younger generation that would prefer if they could review information and make their bets all from the device in their pocket.

3. Seeing the paddock for the first time: “This isn't a Reds game. Why can't we go onto the grass?”

For context, the group went to a Cincinnati Reds game the night before. We explained what the paddock was and who was able to visit it. Two members of the group were actually able to go in the paddock for an undercard race and I think their jaws nearly hit the new artificial turf as they took in the sights. Many people working in the industry will go to the paddock on Derby day dozens of times over the years, making it easy to forget that for most it is an unforgettable, once-in-a-lifetime experience.

4. “I want to watch you bet and then I'll do one.”

Even for someone who is a consistent sports bettor, going up to the window can be intimidating and placing a wager is confusing. It makes me wonder about racing novices who go to the track and don't have that person with them to explain things like what an exacta is and what it means to box an exacta. How many people are in the industry today because friend or family member took them to the racetrack and explained the ins and outs of the sport to them? It emphasizes just how significant of an impact it can have on a new fan to go to the track with an experienced race-goer.



Three of the five first-time Derby-goers (the others are off getting a chicken sandwich) | Katie Petrunyak

5. “67 minutes until post? Why is there so much time?”

Industry members are not the only ones who bemoan the lengthy gaps in between races on the big days. The long waits certainly bring the mood down for first-time attendees as well.

6. “Is Bob Baffert an owner or a trainer?”

After covering and following the Churchill Downs-Baffert saga for the last three years, this one was a shocker for me when one friend asked this question after they heard Baffert come up in

an outside conversation. Many racing insiders have speculated on how there is an asterisk next to this year's Kentucky Derby because of Churchill Downs' ban on Baffert's horses, and while that may be a valid point, to a lot of the general public—especially young people—the basic facts about one of the most recognizable faces in racing are a mystery and they are completely unaware of the issues that have been such a focal point going into this year's Kentucky Derby.

7. As the Kentucky Derby contenders came down the tunnel and into the paddock: “Oh guys hold up, these are the Derby horses. That's pretty amazing.”

And that's the magic of the Kentucky Derby. It's not the big hats or the mint juleps or the famous people in attendance. Even for those taking in their very first Derby, all the other hubbub of the day falls away as 20 of the best 3-year-old Thoroughbreds in the world stride into the paddock. Our group experienced that same familiar spine-tingling rush even the most veteran trainers and owners feel when all our cheers meld together into a roar as the crowd hears the call to the post.

So what does this crew's future in horse racing look like? One of our friends who lives in Baltimore has already asked if Mystik Dan will be at the Preakness in two weeks. Another who lives in New York City is thinking about taking the train up to Saratoga this summer. I don't think anyone will be making a career change any time soon, but I am fairly sure we will see them all at the track again someday and maybe, just maybe, their names could be listed in the racing program as owners somewhere on down the line.

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SUPPLEMENTAL ENTRIES ADDED TO MIDLANTIC MAY SALE

An additional 29 juveniles have been supplemented to the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training. These entries, which are catalogued as hips 557-585, include 2-year-olds by Bolt d'Oro, **Gun Runner**, **Hard Spun**, Into Mischief, **Justify**, **Not This Time**, **Quality Road**, Speightstown, and **Tapit**.

“These supplemental entries add more quality to an already strong catalogue,” said Paget Bennett, Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Director of Sales.

The Midlantic May sale will be held May 20 and 21 at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium, Maryland. Sale sessions will begin at 11 a.m.

The auction's under tack show will be held May 14-16, beginning each day at 8 a.m.

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Sire (Sire's Sire)	#SWs	#GSW (GISW)
Audible (Into Mischief) <i>(De Regreso--Honey Ryder S.; My Mane Squeeze--Eight Belles S.-GII)</i>	5	2
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Enticed (Medaglia d'Oro) <i>(Visually--Senorita S.-GIII)</i>	2	1
Goldcents (Into Mischief) <i>(Mystik Dan--Kentucky Derby-GI)</i>	26	7 (2)
Gun Runner (Candy Ride {Arg}) <i>(Gun Pilot--Churchill Downs S.-GI) Vahva--Derby City Distaff S.-GI)</i>	29	21 (10)
Mo Town (Uncle Mo) <i>(Doncho--Gold Fever S.-L; Play the Music--Whimsical S.-GIII)</i>	9	4
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Oscar Performance (Kitten's Joy) <i>(Trihari--American Turf S. presented by TwinSpires-GII)</i>	9	5

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MONMOUTH, NYRA BETS AND FOX SPORTS PARTNER ON TV AND SPONSORSHIP DEAL

FOX Sports will be the television home for Monmouth Park's 2024 racing season, which opens May 11 under a new partnership announced Monday by the New Jersey track and the New York Racing Association.

In addition to the expansion in television coverage, NYRA Bets will become the title sponsor of the \$1-million GI Haskell S. and the Pegasus S. Monmouth's signature race, the NYRA Bets Haskell S. will be run July 20. The NYRA Bets Pegasus S., the traditional local prep for the Haskell, will be contested June 15.

America's Day at the Races, the acclaimed national telecast produced by NYRA in partnership with FOX Sports, will provide live coverage of Monmouth racing from May 11 through July 7. The on-site broadcast team will include Paul LoDuca, Laffit Pincay, III, and Rajiv Maragh.

Beginning with the July 11 opening of the 2024 summer meet at Saratoga Race Course, select stakes races from Monmouth Park will be broadcast on Saratoga Live, FOX Sports' flagship horse racing show.

"We've always had a great relationship with NYRA and this partnership takes it further across multiple television and sponsorship channels, including our biggest day with the NYRA Bets Haskell S.," said Bill Knauf, Monmouth Park's vice president of business operations. "We look forward to the synergy between Monmouth Park and NYRA and the great exposure that FOX Sports can provide for our races this summer."

As part of the new agreement, Monmouth Park will be featured in NYRA's Cross Country Pick 5 wager on all live race days.

"This partnership will ensure that racing from Monmouth Park is easily accessible to racing fans and bettors across the country," said Tony Allevato, NYRA Chief Revenue Officer. "Monmouth is a summertime destination home to historic races each year, which is why we are thrilled to be a major part of two big days on the Jersey Shore."

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YEAR-TO-DATE WAGERING FALLS

Through the first four months of the year, wagering on U.S. races fell 6.10% compared to the same time period in 2023, in figures released Monday by Equibase. A total of \$3,516,968,001 was wagered through April this year, compared to \$3,745,511,588 a year ago. Available U.S. purses dipped 1.17%

from \$366,620,431 in 2023 to \$362,312,915 this year, with 80 fewer race days and 673 fewer races.

During the month of April, \$926,855,960 was wagered on U.S. races, down 11.42% from last year's figure of \$1,046,334,587. Available U.S. purses totaled \$94,938,583, compared to \$100,519,382 a year ago. There were 269 race days this April, down from 281 last April and the number of races declined from 2,351 to 2,245.

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BEVERLY STRAUSS NAMED HONORARY PREAKNESS 149 POSTMASTER

Beverly Strauss, co-founder and Executive Director of the Chesapeake City, M.D.-based Mid-Atlantic Horse Rescue, has been named as the Honorary Postmaster for Preakness 149, the Maryland Jockey Club announced Monday. Strauss will be recognized during the Alibi Breakfast Thursday, May 16 at Pimlico Race Course.

A graduate of the U.S. Pony Club, Strauss helped launch MAHR in 2002 with the goal of helping to find and transition former racehorses to new homes. A federal 501(c)3 non-profit organization, MAHR buys ex-racehorses and, after quarantine and careful evaluation, adopts them into good homes as pleasure and sport horses.

The Alibi Breakfast, which began in the 1930s on the porch of the old Pimlico Clubhouse, features a gathering of media, owners, trainers, jockeys, horsemen and fans to celebrate the Preakness. [Click here](#) for more information on the Alibi Breakfast and to purchase tickets.

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Beverly Strauss | Sarah Andrew

WYOMING'S COWBOY RACING TO PARTNER WITH 1/ST

Wyoming-based Cowboy Racing will partner with 1/ST to boost racing, breeding and wagering opportunities in the state, the organizations announced in a joint statement Monday. The newly-planned Thunder Plains Park, a racing and training facility planned for Cheyenne, will welcome 1/ST as its exclusive racing operator through a planned 16-day meet.

"We are excited to expand upon our success and continued support of racing and HHR in Wyoming to lend 1/ST's industry-leading operational experience and passion to Cowboy Racing as they work to develop a new racing and breeding ecosystem in the State," said 1/ST President Aidan Butler. "It is encouraging to work with partners who, like us, recognize that there are new opportunities for horse racing and pari-mutuel wagering."

"As we began this journey to bring the highest standard of horse racing to Wyoming, we wanted to find an experienced partner that prioritized horse and rider safety and operational integrity," added Thunder Plains/Cowboy Racing's Ryan Clement. "Our project at Thunder Plains and our partnership with 1/ST does just that."

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1	Justify (2015) by Scat Daddy	5	16	2	12	--	4	140	38	\$483,750 Fee: 200,000	\$4,853,100 Just Steel
2	Oscar Performance (2014) by Kitten's Joy	6	10	4	6	--	1	70	25	\$504,640 Fee: 25,000	\$2,603,280 Trihari
3	Good Magic (2015) by Curlin	2	8	2	5	1	2	122	30	\$907,500 Fee: 125,000	\$3,408,848 Muth
4	City of Light (2014) by Quality Road	3	7	2	4	1	1	100	38	\$601,100 Fee: 35,000	\$3,042,593 Fierceness
5	Always Dreaming (2014) by Bodemeister	3	4	1	2	--	1	92	31	\$2,105,000 Fee: 5,000	\$3,244,856 Saudi Crown
6	Mendelssohn (2015) by Scat Daddy	2	6	1	2	--	1	182	57	\$188,100 Fee: 15,000	\$2,868,943 Midnight Rising
7	Collected (2013) by City Zip	5	6	1	2	--	--	109	46	\$266,750 Fee: 10,000	\$2,403,433 Lemon Muffin
8	Mo Town (2014) by Uncle Mo	4	6	1	2	--	--	89	31	\$159,275 Fee: 5,000	\$1,715,426 Ro Town
9	Bolt d'Oro (2015) by Medaglia d'Oro	1	4	1	1	--	--	120	37	\$167,000 Fee: 60,000	\$2,392,302 Ruby Nell
10	Cloud Computing (2014) by Maclean's Music	1	1	1	1	--	1	98	36	\$367,000 Fee: 3,500	\$1,617,305 I'm Very Busy
11	Buccheri (2012) by Kantharos	1	4	--	1	--	--	86	30	\$330,000 Fee: 7,500	\$1,478,485 Book'em Danno
12	West Coast (2014) by Flatter	1	2	--	1	--	--	85	25	\$256,250 Fee: 5,000	\$1,091,826 West Omaha
13	Good Samaritan (2014) by Harlan's Holiday	--	2	--	1	--	--	70	16	\$96,737 Fee: 5,000	\$829,983 Secret Money
14	Awesome Slew (2013) by Awesome Again	1	2	1	1	--	--	46	17	\$193,550 Fee: 4,000	\$742,777 Hades
15	Funtastic (2014) by More Than Ready	--	2	--	1	--	--	18	6	\$79,400 Fee: 5,000	\$311,921 First Peace

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4th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$45,000, (S), Alw, 5-6, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.01, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

CARIMBA (m, 6, Kantharos--Star of Gallantry, by Warrior's Reward) won three of five starts and was stakes-placed while trained by Wesley Ward for Stonestreet at two and three before changing hands for \$18,000 at the 2023 Keeneland January Sale. She had won four of seven tries since the acquisition, including last year's grassy Pan Zareta S. at the Fair Grounds, and was exiting a 3/4-length victory in a valuable state-bred handicap here Apr. 8. The 2-5 chalk to put them back-to-back, Carimba pressed a good early pace, poked her head in front a furlong from home and edged clear. She has amassed better than \$231,000 since her purchase 16 months ago. The winner's dam, a half-sister to SW & MGSP Thatwhatimean (Belong to Me), GSW Moonwalk (Malibu Moon) and GSP Atwhatimtalknbout (A.P. Indy), is responsible for 3-year-old gelding Babson and was most recently bred to **Jack Christopher**. This is the female family of GISW Stormy Lucy (Stormy Atlantic). Sales history: \$155,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$18,000 5yo '23 KEEJAN. Lifetime Record: SW, 13-8-2-2, \$330,019. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).**

O-John Donaldson; B-H Allen Poindexter (IN); T-Rey Hernandez.

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5th-Finger Lakes, \$26,500, Alw, 5-6, (NW2L), 3yo, f, 4 1/2f, :52.19, gd, 5 3/4 lengths.

MYBRONXBABY (f, 3, Mitole--My Bronx Tail, by Speightstown) earned a strong 70 Beyer Speed Figure in graduating by 8 3/4 lengths at first asking last August and was the odds-on pop to pick up where she left off. Off quickly from the inside stall, the bay filly was challenged through the early exchanges by 17-10 second choice Bustin Time (Bustin Stones), but put that rivaal away in upper stretch and drew clear as much the best at 7-10. Breeder Joe DiRico acquired My Bronx Tail for \$100,000 at the 2020 Fasig-Tipton February Sale and bred her to this stallion before sending her to the Empire State to foal down. The mare, a daughter of one-time GSW **'TDN Rising Star'** Winding Way (Malibu Moon)--whose year-younger full-sister Kauai Katie earned **'Rising Star'** status one day earlier in the summer of 2012--was hammered down to Winchell Thoroughbreds for \$175,000 at Keeneland November in 2022 and produced a **Practical Joke** colt last season. Her latest produce is a colt by the Winchells' **Epicenter** foaled Feb. 10. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$35,160. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).**

O-DiRico Racing & Breeding LLC; B-Joseph DeRico (NY); T-Karl M Grusmark.



My Bronx Tail at the 2020 Fasig-Tipton February Sale | Fasig-Tipton

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7th-Finger Lakes, \$26,290, Alw, 5-6, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :52.70, ft, 2 lengths.

BUSTIN AWAY (g, 3, Bustin Stones--La Rignana, by Galileo {Ire}) belied odds of 13-1 to gamely break his maiden at Saratoga last July and was getting Lasix on for this first go since. Drawn one from the outside and therefore forced to cover ground on the turn, the chestnut took command in upper stretch, opened a clear lead into the final furlong and went on to take it by two lengths as the even-money pick. The winner, out of a half-sister to SW/MGSP Two Thirty Five (Stay Thirsty), has a 2-year-old half-sister name Running Rio (Street Boss) and a yearling full-brother. Sales history: \$8,000 Ylg '22 EASOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$64,300. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).** O-Michael R Di Tomasso; B-Hibiscus Stables (NY); T-M A Ferraro.



IN JAPAN:

Sonic Star, c, 3, Into Mischief. See '*US-Bred & -Sired Winners In Japan*'

Lap Star, c, 4, Justify--Guest House, by Ghostzapper. Tokyo, 5-4, Allowance, 1600m. Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-1, \$222,780. O-Susumu Fujita; B-Hartmut H Malluche & Silesia Farm (KY); T-Hideyuki Mori. *1/2 to Guest Suite (**Quality Road**), GSW, \$645,287. **\$400,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

IN SOUTH KOREA:

Ohra Khan, c, 3, Free Drop Billy--Another Please, by Flower Alley. Seoul, 5-4, Hcp. (C3), 1800m. B-Norman Dellhiem & Katie Liebe (FL). *\$16,000 Ylg '22 OBSOCT; \$25,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. **VIDEO (SC 5)**

Mighty Jjang, c, 3, Race Day--Wings of a Dove, by Milwaukee Brew. Seoul, 5-4, Hcp. (C4), 1400m. B-Milfer Farm Inc (NY). *\$11,000 Ylg '22 KEEJAN; \$45,000 Ylg '22 FTNAUG. **VIDEO (SC 5)**

IN RUSSIA:

Best King, c, 3, Collected--La Dame Blanche (MSP), by Point of Entry. Kazan, 5-3, Allowance, 1600m. B-Ralph Ebert (KY). *\$24,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

Teddy Has, c, 3, Summer Front--Constantinople, by Istan. Adygea, 5-4, Prize of the Republic of Adygea (Rus-G2, NBT), 1800m. B-Brereton C Jones (KY). *\$7,000 Ylg '22 FTKFEB; \$3,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT.

IN MEXICO:

Heart to Crown, c, 2, Heart to Heart--Daydawn (Ire), by Hawk Wing. Hipodromo de las Americas, 5-4, Maiden, 4 1/2f. B-Pope McLean (KY). *\$2,500 Ylg '23 KEESEP.

Little Regi, f, 2, Liam's Map--Lexintonia, by Malibu Moon. Hipodromo de las Americas, 5-3, Maiden, 4 1/2f. B-Castleton Lyons & Kilboy Estate (KY). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **\$3,500 Ylg '23 FTKOCT.



Saturday's Results:

9th-Tokyo, ¥34,490,000 (\$224,116), Allowance, 3yo, 1600m, 1:36.2, gd.

SONIC STAR (c, 3, Into Mischief--Carolina Bertie, by Speightstown) was a debut winner over nine furlongs at Hanshin back in September, but only 11th in the Cattleya S. (allowance), the first leg on the Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby. Favored here at 13-10 off a course-and-distance victory Jan. 27, the \$300,000 Keeneland September yearling was given a positive ride from gate seven by Joao Moreira and settled in the second flight into the turn. Poking through to race just behind the leaders on the home turn, he was angled out three wide under a hold, was asked for his best 300 meters from home and kicked on well to withstand a late bid from the running-on Sorrel Bullet (Malibu Moon) by a neck. Sonic Star is out of an unraced half-sister to three-time Grade I winner Beach Patrol (Lemon Drop Kid)--now standing in Japan--and the deeper female family includes classy Klein racemares MGSW/GISP Hurricane Bertie (Storm Boot) and MGSW/GISP Allamerican Bertie (Quiet American). The last listed produce from Carolina Bertie is the 2-year-old filly American Avery (**American Pharoah**), who breezed an easy three furlongs at Churchill Downs Apr. 29. Sales history: \$300,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$220,177. **VIDEO (SC 7)**

O-Kazutaka Hosaka; B-Nancy C Shuford (KY); T-Tetsuya Kimura.



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2024 Stud Fees Listed

Big Time Player (Candy Ride {Arg})

17 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5:16 p.m. EDT, Msw 7 1/2fT, Fancy Streak, 8-1

Force the Pass (Speightstown), Sau

37 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Finger Lakes, 2:42 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Findaname, 10-1
7-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5:16 p.m. EDT, Msw 7 1/2fT, My Mister Perfect, 6-1

Maximus Mischief (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000

231 foals of racing age/45 winners/3 black-type winners
4-Finger Lakes, 2:42 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Mischief Exposed, 5-1
\$29,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$70,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

Solomini (Curlin), McMahan of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, \$7,500

142 foals of racing age/18 winners/3 black-type winners
4-Finger Lakes, 2:42 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Solo Tonight, 2-1
\$37,000 RNA FTN MIX wnl

Take Charge Tapit (Tapit)

5 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 2:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Mr Bobby Boucher, 20-1

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

10th-Santa Anita, \$68,880, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 5-5, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:35.50, fm, 1/2 length.

OLD PAL (c, 4, Grazen--Athina Lee, by English Channel) Lifetime Record: SW, 5-3-1-1, \$194,060. O-Blinkers On Racing Stable, Carolyn Corbett, Jai H Desai, Frederick A Dizosno, Chris Garcia, Cheryl Harris, Craig Hocevar, Tom Lewis, Garrett Pate, James Titus & Les Wagner; B-Ken W Miles & Sheridan Jones (CA); T-Mark Glatt. \$160,000 Ylg '21 FTCAyr.

9th-Santa Anita, \$58,000, 5-5, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2fT, 1:12.60, fm, head.

VITALERA (CHI) (m, 5, Into Mischief--Viarose {Chi}, by Della Francesca) Lifetime Record: 20-2-1-4, \$77,902. O-Matriarca; B-Haras Matriarca (CHI); T-Marcelo Polanco. *1/2 to Chow Chow (Chi) (Good Samaritan), GSP-Chi.

6th-Thistledown, \$38,400, (S), 5-6, (NW2X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.08, ft, head.

OFFICIALLY YOURS (f, 3, Tapiture--Officially, by Officer)

Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$71,223. O-Marion F Gorham; B/T-Robert M Gorham (OH). *1/2 to It's Official (Flat Out), SW, \$314,876; and Guacamole (Flat Out), GSP, \$171,805.

8th-Golden Gate Fields, \$31,450, 5-5, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09.84, ft, neck.

SAWASDEE (g, 6, Desert Code--Scary Fast, by Congaree)

Lifetime Record: 29-7-7-3, \$262,780. O-Ronald R Yayoshi; B-Harris Farms Inc (CA); T-Craig Dollase.

7th-Thistledown, \$28,000, 5-6, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:40.40, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

SHARP SHOT (c, 3, Sharp Azteca--Weekend Prospect, by A.P. Indy)

Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$59,446. O-James C Wolf; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Anthony Farrior.

3rd-Finger Lakes, \$26,500, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 5-6, 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :52.04, gd, 2 lengths.

TRA LAD (g, 5, Constitution--Deputy Cures Blues {MSW, \$405,893}, by War Deputy)

Lifetime Record: 15-7-5-0, \$140,481. O/T-Carl J O'Callaghan; B-Twin Creeks Farm (NY). *1/2 to Wine Police (Speightstown), MSW & GISP, \$509,873; and Moon Traveler (Malibu Moon), SP, \$195,266.

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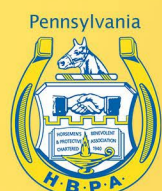
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7th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$22,848, 5-5, (NW4LX),
 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41.29, ft, 2 lengths.
PLAY CHICKEN (g, 6, Square Eddie--Smooove, by Distorted
Humor) Lifetime Record: SW, 26-4-3-4, \$162,211. O-Tijuana
 Racing Stables; B-Reddam Racing LLC (CA); T-Juan Pablo Silva.
 *Full to Smooove It, SW & GSP, \$395,910.

5th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$20,352, 5-5, (NW3LX),
 3yo/up, 1m, 1:40.38, ft, *14 3/4 lengths.
COUTH (g, 4, War Front--Sweet, by Blame) Lifetime Record:
 11-3-1-1, \$61,108. O-Raymond Fischer; B-Claiborne Farm (KY);
 T-Anthony Stephen. *\$190,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP.



ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Avaling, f, 3, Sky Flight--Zerlina, by Hansen. Lone Star, 5-5, (S),
 6 1/2f, 1:19.49. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$39,420. B-Penn
 Family Racing & Kevin Clifton (TX). *\$1,000 2yo '23 TTAAPR.
Willadean, f, 4, Cloud Computing--Call Me Mischief, by Into
Mischief. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5-6, (S), 7 1/2fT, 1:30.96.
 Lifetime Record: 10-1-4-0, \$53,473. B-Pine Tree
 Thoroughbreds LLC & Masterpiece Racing (IN).
Barfly, g, 4, Holy Boss--Motherload Hipster, by Dance With
Ravens. Finger Lakes, 5-6, 4 1/2f, :53.32. Lifetime Record:
 16-1-5-3, \$47,180. B-Ronald Harris Parker (MD). *\$27,000 2yo
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- Cloud Computing, Willadean, f, 4, o/o Call Me Mischief, by Into Mischief.** MSW, 5-6, Horseshoe Indianapolis
- Constitution, Tra Lad, g, 5, o/o Deputy Cures Blues, by War Deputy.** AOC, 5-6, Finger Lakes
- Desert Code, Sawasdee, g, 6, o/o Scary Fast, by Congaree.** ALW, 5-5, Golden Gate
- Grazen, Old Pal, c, 4, o/o Athina Lee, by English Channel.** AOC, 5-5, Santa Anita
- Holy Boss, Barfly, g, 4, o/o Motherload Hipster, by Dance With Ravens.** MSW, 5-6, Finger Lakes
- Into Mischief, Vitalera (Chi), m, 5, o/o Viarose (Chi), by Della Francesca.** ALW, 5-5, Santa Anita
- Kantharos, Carimba, m, 6, o/o Star of Gallantry, by Warrior's Reward.** ALW, 5-6, Horseshoe Indianapolis
- Mitole, Mybronzbaby, f, 3, o/o My Bronx Tail, by Speightstown.** ALW, 5-6, Finger Lakes
- Sharp Azteca, Sharp Shot, c, 3, o/o Weekend Prospect, by A.P. Indy.** ALW, 5-6, Thistledown
- Sky Flight, Avaling, f, 3, o/o Zerlina, by Hansen.** MSW, 5-5, Lone Star
- Square Eddie, Play Chicken, g, 6, o/o Smooove, by Distorted Humor.** ALW, 5-5, Mountaineer
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