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# BREEDING DIGEST: JUSTIFY STRADDLING THE SEAS



Lot 110, the Argana sales topper by Justify | Zuzanna Lupa

#### by Chris McGrath

Having long served as Champion Bore regarding the schism between gene pools either side of the Atlantic, I always find it curious that Europeans so readily shed their inhibitions about American stallions once a 2-year-old is introduced to their domestic market by a compatriot pinhooker.

That's presumably because they are nowadays so enslaved by the clock--whatever their contrary claims--that pedigree has almost been neutralized at 2-year-old sales. Functionality is all. Admittedly an elite sire will put a premium on a bullet time. But just as unfashionable local stallions have achieved some startling dividends in recent years, so end-users in Europe have proved increasingly receptive to animals they wouldn't have dreamt of importing from Lexington or Saratoga a few months previously.

Candidly, I know one or two agents with the budget to compete at Arqana last week who couldn't have told you the first thing about McKinzie before a member of his first crop became the fifth most expensive lot in the sale. To be fair, it's impossible for any of us to keep on top of every single theater of racing's global racing. But the mutual aversion between perceived "dirt" and "turf" bloodlines over the past generation (one conspicuously not shared, incidentally, in Japan) feels especially culpable because everybody knows the past regenerations achieved, for instance, by importing Nasrullah to Kentucky or sons of Northern Dancer to Europe. *Cont. p3* 

#### SATURDAY SIRES: PRESERVATIONIST

by Jill Williams

'Saturday afternoon horses' are every breeder's goal. We continue our new weekly series with a young sire who got his first graded win in a high-profile race this past weekend.

At this time last year, an unheralded colt parlayed a sole maiden win into victory in the GIII Peter Pan S., which led to Classic success in the GI Belmont S. This year, Antiquarian (Preservationist) is following the same blueprint put in place by Arcangelo (Arrogate): a maiden win early in his sophomore campaign before bursting onto the national scene via a Peter Pan win in May with the Belmont as the next target.

If Antiquarian is giving shades of Arcangelo, it's not a stretch to see some similarities between their respective sires,

Preservationist and Arrogate. Neither started at two and both improved with age. No one expected any of their stock to make any impact in the baby races at Keeneland or even to be ready for 2-year-old maiden events at Saratoga.

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LAURA VANSKA: THE CLASSICALLY-TRAINED CLASSIC TRAINER

Emma Berry checks in with Laura Vanska, the trainer of Sunday's G2 Coolmore Prix Saint-Alary heroine **Birthe (Fr)** (Study Of Man {Ire}).



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#### Breeding Digest, cont. from p1

But now, thank goodness, we appear to have found a bridge-builder. For the emergence last year of a champion juvenile from his second crop has given Justify traction with even the most parochial of Europeans--so much so, that he accounted for the first, second and joint-third prices paid in Deauville last week, from six offerings.

And that's despite City of Troy running a shocker when oddson for the G1 2,000 Guineas only days previously. For his efficacy on grass has been matched by the likes of Opera Singer, Ramatuelle and Satuette in Europe, Learning To Fly and Storm Boy in Australia, and of course Hard to Justify in the U.S.

This was not something anyone could have confidently anticipated of a stallion as blatantly built for dirt as Justify, whose Quarter Horse brawn would only alarm European traditionalists. But the fact is that many of the latter have been complicit in the conflation, in their local commercial market, of speed with mere precocity. And it's precisely the relentless, devouring stride of a top-class dirt runner that can help make stamina in a European Classic horse something more than dourness. As we saw in Justify's Belmont, a two-turn dirt champion typically sets off fast--and keeps going fast.

Unsurprisingly, Justify as an international outcross owes much to John Magnier, whose whole empire was founded on the



Justify | Coolmore

transferability of another Kentucky Derby winner's genetic prowess. Justify's sire-line reads like a sampler of his genius, Magnier having participated in its development via Scat Daddy (whose resulting familiarity doubtless aids Justify's cause in Europe) all the way back to Storm Cat's sire Storm Bird, himself of course a son of Northern Dancer.

City of Troy exemplifies Justify's vitalizing role for a Coolmore broodmare band dominated by Galileo (Ire). *Cont.* 



#### **Maryland Stallions for 2024**

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#### Breeding Digest, cont.

And the big money paid for his stock in Deauville emulates that model, all his big three being out of mares with Coolmore/Ballydoyle resonance.

The record-breaking  $\[ \le \] 2.3$  million colt is out of a sister to Ballydoyle's Group 1-placed Johann Strauss (GB), that pair being by the stable's Epsom winner High Chaparral (Ire). The  $\[ \le \] 1$  million colt is out of a sister to conspicuous Galileo achievers in dual Classic winner Churchill (Ire) and outlying Group 1 sprinter Clemmie (Ire). And the  $\[ \le \] 800,000$  filly is out of GI Canadian International winner Sarah Lynx (Ire), whose sire Montjeu (Ire) paralleled Galileo as a source of class and stamina at Coolmore.

Quite apart from their masterful preparation of these horses, those who pinhooked them from Keeneland last September take credit for recognizing that these maternal families might cause them to fall between the cracks. Because this is a two-way street: Americans have been eschewing perceived turf blood no less than Europeans have renounced the kind of lines sowing Justify's family (first two dams carrying the brands of Deputy Minister and Seattle Slew).

Norman Williamson, who bought the sale topper for \$150,000 from the peerless Nursery Place consignment, said that he looked like a turf horse with much High Chaparral about him. By the way, Williamson does a lot of work with Mags O'Toole, who signed for both the Lynn Lodge duo for \$135,000 and \$110,000 respectively.

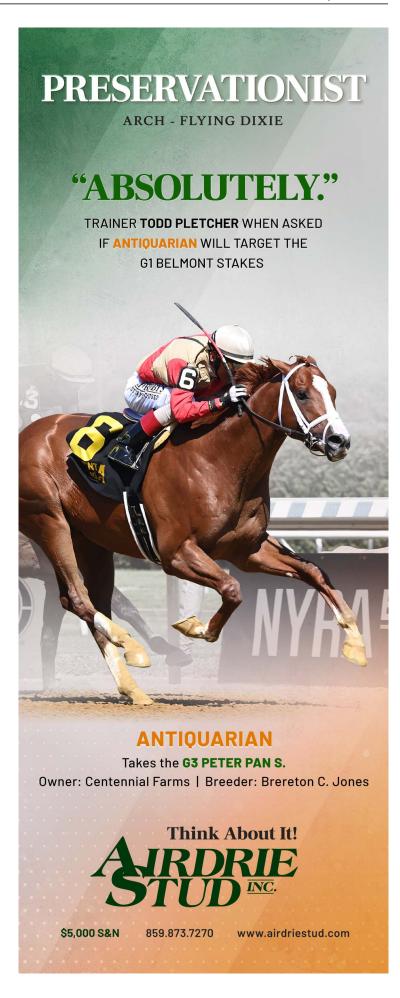
In contrast to Williamson, Eddie O'Leary thought his colt was "a double of his dad." Contrasting messages, then, that could perhaps be best reconciled in the surest way to top the sale next September: for O'Toole simply to auction her catalogue notes.

#### **Preserving A Chic Legacy**

One of many things I have admired from the outset about Preservationist is that his sire (Arch) and dam respectively combine lines of King Ranch royalty, with Courtly Dee and Too Chic facing each other in his fourth generation. Colleague Jill Williams rightly features the Airdrie stallion in her Saturday Sires series, now that a first crop already punching way above weight-remember he's standing at just \$5,000--includes a legitimate GI Belmont S. contender.

But Saturday also produced parallel evidence of the continued fertility of the dynasty tracing to Too Chic through her daughter Chic Shirine (Mr. Prospector). For Preservationist's third dam also surfaces as the fifth dam of Joey Freshwater (Jimmy Creed), winner of the GIII Runhappy S.

Emory Hamilton cultivated Joey Freshwater's family right through to his dam Lake Turkana (More Than Ready), culled from her program for \$47,000 at the 2016 Keeneland November Sale after needing nine attempts to break her maiden. *Cont.* 





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Her mother, an unraced daughter of Empire Maker, had not really rewarded some purposeful matings, though a son of Candy Ride (Arg) did make \$410,000 as a yearling and proceeded to win a Grade III on synthetic. But the next dam is GI Go For Wand scorer Serra Lake, by Seattle Slew out of Chic Shirine's graded stakes-winning daughter Tara Roma (Lyphard).

With those genes behind her, albeit tapering away, Lake Turkana was claimed for \$25,000 on her final start at Belterra Park by Dr. Naoya Yoshida, who co-bred Joey Freshwater with Dr. Aaron Sones and Dr. Eric Crawford. Having gone through the ring as a weanling (\$6,000 RNA), yearling (\$45,000) and juvenile (\$35,000), the colt has come a long way since being recruited for \$50,000 out of a Churchill maiden claimer on his second start.

His dam has meanwhile been given some good covers (got to Gun Runner early, while her latest colt is by the rock-solid Hard Spun) and is still only 11. But if her son is now bringing her up in the world, really they're only going back to their roots.

#### **Green Light For Stop-Go Sire**

No surprise that Cross Traffic's latest graded stakes scorer should have been another 4-year-old. Neecie Marie, winner of the GIII Beaugay S., joins GI Ashland S. winner Defining Purpose and the tragic Maple Leaf Mel, denied her own elite success in



Cross Traffic | Sarah Andrew

harrowing fashion, as graduates of the bumper book of 188 mares at \$25,000 (up from 60 at \$7,500) secured by Cross Traffic after Breeders' Cup champion Jaywalk led his first crop to freshman laurels the previous year.

As juveniles, these 2020 foals put Cross Traffic second in the all-comers' 2-year-old table. Yet he had drawn such opportunist commercial support that his next book plunged by two-thirds, yielding only 28 live foals. Cont.









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#### Breeding Digest, cont.

So he must ride out a couple of quiet years before getting back onto a rising curve, having rallied to 84 mares last year. At least the way Neecie Marie is thriving with maturity appears typical of his stock, which can help keep his name in lights meanwhile. Remember how Ny Traffic, though somehow missing a graded score, spread his millionaire career across five campaigns, while Cross Traffic himself didn't even race until he was four.



Neecie Marie | Chelsea Durand

Cross Traffic is a real victim of the fleeting attention span of commercial breeders.

Mind you, he's had more help from the dam of Pennsylvaniabred Neecie Marie than might be surmised: Lode Lady (Posse) is a half-sister to none other than Rich Strike (Keen Ice)--who had recorded his 17-length maiden claimer romp shortly before Milam Racing Stable gave \$25,000 for this filly at Fasig-Tipton's Timonium Yearling Sale in 2021.

Doubtless his purchasers were disappointed when Rich Strike was beaten on his first start for his new barn five days later. But, boy, has he meanwhile given Neecie Marie some residual value even before her own breakthrough as a black-type operator in her own right.

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**Preservationist** | Sarah Andrew

What breeders did expect was quality horses who might need a little more time to grow up and start showing their best.

"I think anyone familiar with Preservationist's career would expect these horses to get better with age," said Bret Jones, president of Airdrie Stud, where Preservationist stands. "He's not built like a 2-year-old. He's built like a horse that can get you the Classic distance. I would say he's on the up, on the come."

Preservationist, an Emory Hamilton-bred from her family's exceptional Too Chic (Blushing Groom {Fr}) line, was a \$485,000 yearling at the 2014 Keeneland September sale, making him the top-selling yearling by Arch that year. Limited to one start at three and one at four, Preservationist finally broke through at five with a first visit to the winner's circle in his third career start. After all that time, one may have expected his initial win to come in a route, but it was in a six-furlong sprint at Aqueduct in a sharp 1:09.35. Owner Centennial Farms and trainer Jimmy Jerkens remained patient and were rewarded with three more wins before infiltrating the big leagues when the horse was six. Preservationist took home the hardware in both the GI Woodword S. and the GII Suburban S.



**Preservationist** at Airdrie Stud



Retired to Airdrie for the 2020 season and introduced at \$10,000, Preservationist was visited by 102 mares in his initial book. Those numbers dropped in the following years, as they do for the majority of young stallions, but that first crop is suddenly starting to make some noise. The din began at Oaklawn with Martha Washington S. winner Band of Gold, who switched to the grass for the GII Edgewood S. for trainer Kenny McPeek on Kentucky Oaks day and perhaps didn't appreciate the yielding turf; then continued to grow with recent smart Keeneland debut

winner Save the Trees, who "could be anything," according to Jones, and sold at Keeneland's Apr. 26 sale for \$335,000; and increased with Gulfstream's English Channel S. runner-up In a Jam on Derby day.

All that buildup led to Antiquarian carrying the flag May 11 as the first graded winner for Preservationist. The Todd Pletcher trainee's win in the Peter Pan, a \$200,000 race, helped the now-11-year-old sire break into the top 10 of the current second-crop sire list.

"It was great," said Jones. "It was just a such a feel-good win Saturday with Centennial having raced Preservationist and the great relationship that we have with Donald Little [Jr.] and Dr. [Stephen] Carr. I know they've been high on this horse for a long time."

While Centennial raced the father and races the son, Airdrie stands the sire and bred the son.

"It's all Pops [the late Kentucky Governor Brereton C. Jones]," said Jones. "We're just trying to continue what he believed in."

He continued: "But Centennial really made a commitment to the horse."

Centennial bought Antiquarian at the 2022 Keeneland September sale for \$250,000, where he was the third highest-priced yearling in Preservationist's first crop.

Preservationist is one of the last top horses by the late Arch to go to stud. Arch's benchmark sire son is Blame, whose 10 crops to race include a liberal sprinkling of six Grade I winners among his 21 graded winners and 47 black-type winners. The majority of Blame's top runners have been better at three and beyond, just as Preservationist's are expected to be.

Obviously, it's still early days for a young stallion whose progeny have every right to improve with time and distance, but a Peter Pan win and a jump into the Classic picture with a first-crop runner like Antiquarian can't hurt. *Cont.* 



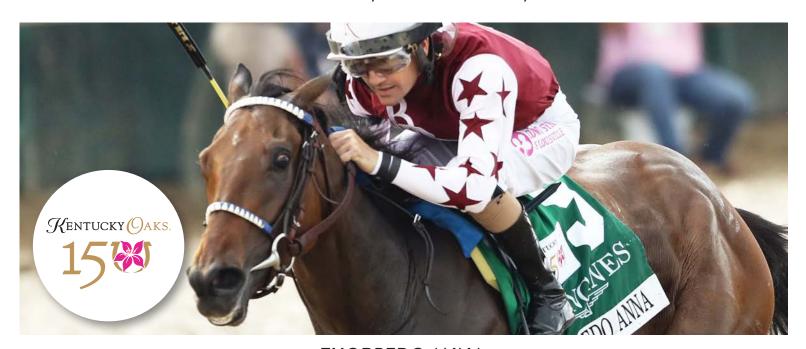
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#### Preservationist, cont.

"I think breeders always need to see it with their own eyes," said Jones. "I think anyone paying attention right now sees a stallion showing he can get these Saturday horses, horses that should only get better as they go along.

"I think the next several months will be very, very important to his future. We're very bullish on him."

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#### PREAKNESS 149: MYSTIK DAN, LUKAS PAIR **GALLOP TUESDAY**

GI Kentucky Derby winner Mystik Dan (Goldencents) continued his preparation ahead of Saturday's GI Preakness S. with a leg-stretching trip around the Pimlico surface Tuesday morning under Robby Albarado. The pair jogged seven furlongs before Albarado let the colt gallop through 1 1/2 miles.

"I let him clip along today, and he's not even blowing," Albarado told Pimlico media following the work. "I thought every day would be a better day for him. He's getting comfortable with his surroundings. He knows where he's at now. I couldn't be more pleased with the way he trained today. Every day I let him do what he feels like doing. I don't let him overdo it. I try not to make him do anything. He's all within himself."

Assistant trainer Ray Bryner, who joined Mystik Dan in Baltimore ahead of trainer Kenny McPeek's expected arrival later Tuesday, oversaw training.

"He's a consummate pro," said Bryner. "Likes to train. Can't make him do anything wrong; he's a natural. He's laid back. But when the time comes, he can switch it on and off, like a key in the ignition, which is ideal."

Mystik Dan drew post position five in a nine-horse field and, while rain threatens to persist throughout the week and into the weekend, Bryner remained optimistic.

"I think we have a huge chance. At the draw [Monday] night, I was tickled to death to get the 5 post, right in the middle of nine horses. We've got the favorite [Muth] inside us, so Brian can keep an eye on him. [Rain] won't affect him in any way, shape or form.... If it is a sloppy track, no muss, no fuss. He handles the kickback just like it's a dry racetrack. I'm not saying we'll have an edge if it's sloppy, but it's not going to hurt us."

D. Wayne Lukas sent his Preakness pair to the track Tuesday with Just Steel (Justify) and Seize the Grey (Arrogate) both galloping Tuesday after arriving at Pimlico Monday.

"They came in in great shape," said Lukas. "In fact, they had great energy today. I was really surprised, mostly because they're looking around and it's all new, but they had good energy. That's all you want when you get off that truck. That was 12 hours for them, and you just want their energy to be where it should be."



Mystik Dan at Pimlico | Maryland Jockey Club

The Bob Baffert-trained pair of 'TDN Rising Star' and morningline favorite Muth (Good Magic) and Imagination (Into Mischief) left California Tuesday morning and were also expected to arrive in Maryland late in the afternoon.

Also shipping in Tuesday were Catching Freedom (Constitution), who jogged a lap of the track after arriving around 2 a.m for Brad Cox, Tuscan Gold (Medaglia d'Oro) for Chad Brown, Uncle Heavy (Social Inclusion) and Mugatu (Blofeld).

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#### MGSW FORBIDDEN KINGDOM TOPS FASIG-TIPTON'S MAY DIGITAL SALE

With 75 horses sold, Fasig-Tipton's May Digital Sale closed Tuesday evening with a \$310,000 topper and a gross of \$3,252,100. Topping the sale was 5-year-old **Forbidden** Kingdom (American Pharoah) (hip 21), a MGSW & GISP consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, agent for MyRacehorse and Spendthrift Farm, who sold as a racing or stallion prospect to Legacy Ranch.

The 75 sales horses averaged \$43,361 with a clearance rate of 75% and registered bidders numbering 689. Full results for the sale, which featured 2-year-olds, horses of racing age, breeding stock, and yearlings can be seen here.

"It was another strong sale across the board," said Leif Aaron, Fasig-Tipton's Director of Digital Sales. "Compared to last year's May sale, we doubled the number offered, more than doubled the gross, and saw a healthy rise in the average price. I'm very pleased with the results." Cont.



#### Fasig-Tipton Digital, cont.



Forbidden Kingdom | Benoit

Filling out the top three sellers were **Such Sounds** (Cairo Prince) (hip 6), bred to Constitution for 2025 for her first foal and sold for \$250,000 to Machmer Hall from the consignment of River Oak Farm, agent for Forever Spring Farm et al; and **Man Among Men** (War Front) (hip 29), a May 5 Santa Anita allowance winner sold as a racing/stallion prospect for \$220,000 to Howell Wynne from the consignment of Taylor Made Sales Agency, agent for MyRacehorse and Spendthrift Farm.

Fasig-Tipton's June Digital Sale will open for bidding Thursday, May 30 and close on Tuesday, June 4. Nominations are now being accepted with entries closing May 22. Please contact Fasig-Tipton for more information.

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# VOLATILE FILLY, AUTHENTIC COLT EARN TUESDAY BULLETS IN TIMONIUM

by Jessica Martini

TIMONIUM, MD - Randy Hartley and Dean DeRenzo sent out two horses to work during the first under-tack show session for the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale Tuesday and came away with the bullet workers at a furlong and a quarter-mile. The Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds consignment, which was responsible for the \$1-million Midlantic May topper a year ago, sent out a colt by Authentic (hip 59) to work a quarter-mile in :21 1/5 followed a few sets later by a filly by Volatile (hip 12) who worked a furlong in :10 flat.

The first of three sessions of the Midlantic May under-tack show began at 8 a.m. Tuesday under cloudy skies and with temperatures at the Maryland State Fairgrounds hovering around 60 degrees. The session was just minutes old when hip 59 turned in the fastest quarter-mile work of the day. From the first crop of GI Kentucky Derby winner Authentic, the bay colt is

out of Grade I winner Gomo (Uncle Mo).

"He keeps himself fit as a fiddle," Randy Hartley said of the colt. "I knew he could do that. He worked really nice. He's a two-turn looking horse, tall and leggy."

Hartley/DeRenzo purchased the colt for \$300,000 at the Keeneland September sale last fall. He RNA'd for \$385,000 after working a furlong in :10 flat at the OBS March sale.

"I had him in March and he worked in :10 flat, but I had so many colts down there that everybody fell on the same four," Hartley said. "[Bob] Baffert looked at him two or three times, but he wasn't quite there yet. He's looking so much better up here."



**Hip 59** | Fasig-Tipton

Hip 12 turned in her :10 flat breeze during the fourth of seven sets Tuesday. The filly, out of multiple stakes-placed Exchange Cat (Exchange Rate) and a half to graded-placed Grit and Curiosity (Macho Uno), was purchased by Hartley/DeRenzo for \$230,000 at Keeneland September.

"We were trying to find the best Volatile that we could buy because we loved him as a racehorse," Hartley said. "We felt like, with his speed, his babies would probably work good. These babies by freshman sires who come to the sale and work good, that's what it takes to get people interested in them. And all of the Volatiles looked like they could run."

The filly was originally slated to sell at the OBS April sale last month.

"I had her in the April sale and she broke out in ringworm horrible--all over her face and her legs," Hartley said. "She drew hip 1204--she was five horses from the end--and with the way the times were at that sale, I just felt like she was going to have to go in :9 3/5 or :9 4/5. I prepped her down there and she prepped good, but through the rest of the week she was miserable. I don't think she was crazy about the synthetic track and I didn't even work her there." *Cont.* 

#### Fasig-Tipton Midlantic, cont.



**Hip 12** | Fasig-Tipton

Hartley continued, "I haven't done a lot with her since April because she was already ready. I just took her home and we didn't ride her that much because she had all the stuff on her face. We jogged her, but she didn't breeze again. I prepped her a little bit here; that was it."

Of his expectations for the filly's breeze Tuesday, Hartley said, "Here on the dirt, I was hoping for a :10 2/5 or faster. I can sell a :10 2/5 here. But I knew she was going to breeze good just by the way she was pulling me to the pole. Usually, she is real quiet. But she was so strong this morning, I thought she was going to run off with both me and the rider."

The chestnut filly marks a first pinhooking partnership between Hartley/DeRenzo and the McKinney family's Reliance Ranch, which is a major player in Quarter Horse racing.

"I own her in partnership with some new clients of mine from Texas," Hartley said. "They are sort of transitioning over to the Thoroughbreds now. We are so excited for them because we had her in the April sale and I had to call them and tell them it wasn't going to happen. They said, 'Whatever you need to do.' We only did the one pinhook this year with them and she's a lovely filly, very smart and very classy."

A headwind kicked up during the later sets of Tuesday's session, which concluded by 2 p.m. just as rain settled into a steady patter that was expected to continue through the night and well into Wednesday's second session of the under-tack show.

The under-tack show continues with sessions Wednesday and Thursday beginning at 8 a.m. The Midlantic May sale will be held next Monday and Tuesday with bidding commencing each day at 11 a.m.

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# BOB BAFFERT JOINS TDN WRITERS' ROOM PODCAST

To some trainers, the GI Preakness S. has become an afterthought. They worry about making the GI Kentucky Derby, so much to the point that the Preakness is not on their radar. The exception is Hall of Famer Bob Baffert. Yes, he'd like to win the Derby more so than any other race, but the Preakness isn't far behind. He's won it eight times and will be back in Baltimore this week with Muth (Good Magic), the 8-5 morning line favorite, and Imagination (Into Mischief), who is 6-1 on the morning line.

What is it about the Preakness that brings out the best in his horses, would he have won the Derby if he would have been allowed to participate and what does he think of his Preakness chances this year? Those were among the questions we asked Baffert when he appeared on this week's edition of the *Thoroughbred Daily News* Writers' Room Podcast presented by Keeneland. Baffert was this week's Green Group Guest of the Week.

Considering that Muth defeated eventual Kentucky Derby winner Mystik Dan (Goldencents) by 6 1/4 lengths when the two met in the GI Arkansas Derby, might Baffert, had he have been allowed to run, have sent out the best horses in the Derby?

"When you have 20 horses [in the Derby], you don't know what's going to happen," Baffert said. "I mean, what if Muth would have broken slow or something? That's water under the bridge. What happened? It was all about who got the trip. Mystik Dan figured to be among the top five, and he got the trip, and that's what he needed. With 20 horses, that's what makes it so exciting."

As far as his fondness for the Preakness, Baffert came into the sport during a time when the Preakness was still a huge race and it was unimaginable that any healthy, talented 3-year-old would miss any of the Triple Crown races.

"When I went to the Derby for the first time with Cavonnier in 1996, the Preakness was still huge," he said. "It had all the good horses. You went to the Preakness, the second leg. All three legs were so important. That's when people were tuned in and watching our sport, looking for the next Triple Crown winner. For me, I felt like I had to be there and compete and see if we could win that race because it's a very important, very historic, traditional race."

Does Baffert think the spacing of the Triple Crown races should be changed? He does not.

"I'm a traditionalist," he said. "I think it gives it more meaning if you do win the Triple Crown. I'm not saying this because I've already won the Triple Crown. I know how hard it is. If you changed the spacing, the races would be more spaced out and you'd probably have more Triple Crown winners if they had more time between races. It might be easier." *Cont.* 



METROPOLITAN - PETER R. BRADLEY III AND SCUDERIA SCOLARI

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#### Baffert on TDN Writers' Room, cont.



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"Now, you need a superior horse to win the Triple Crown and that's what the Triple Crown is all about. I finally won it. But I went in with two superior horses."

In our breeding spotlight section we took a look at the Coolmore stallion Corniche and the WinStar stallion Two Phil's.

Elsewhere on the podcast, which is also sponsored by the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders' Association, Coolmore, 1/ST Racing, West Point Thoroughbreds, WinStar, and XBTV.com, the team of Randy Moss, Bill Finley and Zoe Cadman gave their thoughts on the Preakness and all three selected Muth. That the stewards fined Tyler Gaffalione \$2,500 for his ride on Sierra Leone (Gun Runner) in the Derby was a major topic of discussion with Moss saying that all stewards at all tracks need to be much more transparent and announce their reasonings for making the call they did. The Royal Palm races at Gulfstream, which are preps for the Royal Ascot meeting, produced an ultra-impressive winner in Bullet (War Front) for our sponsor Len and Jon Green's D.J. Stable. It's time to pick out your top hat and tails, Jon and

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#### REPORT: TURF PARADISE GETS NEW LEASE **ON LIFE** by Bill Finley

According to a report in the Daily Racing Form by Matt Hegarty, the owners of Turf Paradise and local horseman have reached a deal in which the track will run about 100 cards a year for the next three years. The track's future had been uncertain since owner Jerry Simms announced last November that the track would not be opening for its regularly scheduled six-month meet.

Turf Paradise General Manager Vince Francia told the DRF that there will be four days of racing each week, starting with the first weekend in November to the first Saturday in May.

Hegarty writes that the deal was reached after May 4, closing day of the meet. Simms had announced last year that he intended to close the track, but several efforts to develop the property fell through and a 2024 meet was held.

Francia said that Simms is still seeking buyers for the track, but his new plan is to sell roughly 100 acres of the property. That will leave 213 acres, enough to maintain a grandstand and hold a meet.

"He wants racing to go on," Francia told Hegarty. "Someone can come in and develop the rest of the property for whatever they want. This has been something of a roller-coaster ride for our horsemen this past year, and we kept hearing that they wanted certainty. That really resonated with me and Mr. Simms. They have families here, they have homes here, and kids in school here."

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#### MAPLE LEAF MEL NAMED 2023 NEW YORK-**BRED HORSE OF THE YEAR**

The late Maple Leaf Mel (Cross Traffic), who won last year's GIII Victory Ride S. and GIII Miss Preakness S. before tragically falling en route to victory in the GI Test S., was named New York-bred Horse of the Year along with champion 3-year-old filly and champion female sprinter honors during the New York Thoroughbred Breeders Inc.'s Annual Awards Ceremony Monday night.

Bred by Joe Fafone and campaigned by Bill Parcells' August Dawn Farm, Maple Leaf Mel was trained by Melanie Giddings-for whom she was named--and Jeremiah Englehart.

The complete list of New York-bred winners is as follows and can also be viewed in its entirety here:

New York-Bred Horse of the Year, Champion 3-Year-Old Filly, Champion Female Sprinter: Maple Leaf Mel

Champion 2-Year-Old Male: **The Wine Steward** (Vino Rosso)

Champion 2-Year-Old Filly: Cara's Time (Not This Time)

Champion 3-Year-Old Male: Hejazi (Bernardini) Champion Older Dirt Male: **Dr Ardito** (Liam's Map)

Champion Older Dirt Female: Classy Edition (Classic Empire)

Champion Turf Male: Red Knight (Pure Prize) Champion Turf Female: Silver Skillet (Liam's Map) Champion Male Sprinter: **Bold Journey** (Hard Spun)

Steeplechaser: Kiyomori (First Samurai) Broodmare of the Year: City Gift (City Place) New York-Bred Trainer of the Year: Linda Rice New York-Bred Jockey of the Year: Manuel Franco New York Breeder of the Year: Stonewall Farm



#### OFFICIATING TO STAND IN AUSTRALIA

MGSW Officiating (Blame) has been named on the stallion roster at the Australian-based Aquis and will stand his introductory season for a fee of AUS\$12,500, the farm announced Tuesday. The first son of Blame to stand in Australia, Officiating did his racing in the United States with wins in the GIII Tom Fool H., the GIII Mr. Prospector S., and the GIII Cornhusker S.

"We went looking for a new stallion, particularly one that would suit the Queensland pool of broodmares," said Aquis Director of Sales Jonathan Davies. "Officiating met all our requirements, and through discussions with a number of different pedigree analysts, he was the ideal horse and type for us. He's a smashing type and the first stallion by Blame to stand in Australia, so we're very happy to secure him."

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#### PA-BRED AWARDS TOPPED BY ANGEL OF EMPIRE

Last year's GI Arkansas Derby winner Angel of Empire (Classic Empire) was honored as the 2023 PA-Bred Horse of the Year and champion 3-year-old male at the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association's 45th annual Iroquois Awards held May 10. Racing in 2023 for Albaugh Family Stables LLC and trained by Brad Cox, Angel of Empire won two of six starts during his 3-year-old season while racing exclusively in stakes. He was Pennsylvania's richest state-bred of the year, with earnings of \$1,446,375.

The complete list of divisional champions is below:

2-year-old Female: **Carmelina** (Maximus Mischief)

2-year-old Male: **Drum Roll Please** (Hard Spun)

3-year-old Female: **Neecie Marie** (Cross Traffic)

Older Female, Turf Female, and Female Sprinter: Caravel

(Mizzen Mast)

Older Male: Nimitz Class (Munnings)

Male Sprinter: Twisted Ride (Great Notion)

Turf male: Our Shot (Kantharos)

PA-Preferred Female: Aoife's Magic (Smarty Jones)

PA-Preferred Male: Gordian Knot (Social Inclusion)

Broodmare of the Year: Zeezee Zoomzoom (Mizzen Mast)

Additionally, the PHBA recognized State Representatives Mary Jo Daley (Montgomery County), Danilo Burgos (Philadelphia County), and Kristine C. Howard (Chester County) with Legislator Awards while Ryerss Farm for Aged Equine was presented the PHBA Award of Merit.

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#### WBAL RADIO, VOORHEES TO BE RECOGNIZED AT ALIBI BREAKFAST

The Alibi Breakfast, held Thursday at Pimlico Race Course, will honor WBAL-Radio and photographer John Voorhees for their coverage of the 2023 GI Preakness S. WBAL-Radio will receive the David F. Woods Award, while Voorhees, working on behalf of Eclipse Sportswire, will be recognized for his photo of last year's Preakness winner National Treasure (Quality Road) and jockey John Velazquez.

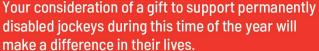
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# **GRADED STAKES** ENTRIES



#### Friday, Pimlico #13, post time: 5:44 p.m. EDT

#### GEORGE E. MITCHELL BLACK-EYED SUSAN S.-GII, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Jeanne Marie	Speightster	Cash is King LLC and LC Racing LLC	Reid, Jr.	Sanchez	118
2	Ringy Dingy	Dialed In	Callahan, Peter J. and McDonald, James Reiley	Gargan	Davis	118
3	Lemon Muffin 🖛	Collected	Sones, Aaron and Gilbert, Julie	Lukas	Prat	124
4	Call Another Play	Audible	R. Larry Johnson	Trombetta	Rodriguez	120
5	Gun Song 🖛	Gun Runner	R. Lee Lewis	Hennig	Velazquez	118
6	Whocouldaskformo 🛪	Uncle Mo	Courtlandt Farms	McGaughey III	Saez	118
7	Corposo	Vino Rosso	Madaket Stables LLC and Slam Dunk Racing	Eurton	Gaffalione	118
8	Recharge	Gun Runner	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Rosario	122

**Breeders:** 1-Cash Is King LLC & LC Racing LLC, 2-Athens Woods LLC, 3-Mr. & Mrs. Theodore R. Kuster & Collected Syndicate, 4-R. Larry Johnson, 5-Marianne Stribling, 6-Summer Wind Equine LLC, 7-Nick Cosato, 8-Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC

# Friday, Pimlico #12, post time: 5:10 p.m. EDT PIMLICO SPECIAL S.-GIII, \$250,000, 3yo/up, 1 3/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Harlocap 🛪	Justify	Harlo Stables Corp. and Villa Rosa Farm, Inc.	Asmussen	Lopez	122
2	Kingsbarns	Uncle Mo	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Pletcher	Saez	126
3	Double Crown	Bourbon Courage	Built Wright Stables, LLC.	Cash	Barbosa	120
4	Pyrenees 🛷	Into Mischief	Blue Heaven Farm	DeVaux	Hernandez, Jr.	120
5	Red Route One	Gun Runner	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Rosario	126
6	Time for Trouble 🖛	English Channel	Thorndale Stable LLC and Hiles, Jeff A.	Hiles	Prat	122
7	Be Better	Uncle Mo	Repole Stable	Russell	Russell	120
8	Royal Ship (Brz)	Midshipman	Fox Hollow Racing LLC	Motion	Velazquez	120

**Breeders:** 1-Breed First LLC, 2-Parks Investment Group, LLC, 3-Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman & Rebecca Davis, 4-Blue Heaven Farm, 5-Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC, 6-Calumet Farm, 7-Repole Stable, Inc., 8-Haras Belmont

# Friday, Pimlico #10, post time: 4:07 p.m. EDT MISS PREAKNESS S.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo, f, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Mystic Lake	Mo Town	C2 Racing Stable LLC and Stefania Farms, LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Prat	120
2	Value Area	More Than Ready	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Lewin, Gary F	Pletcher	No Rider	118
3	Youalmosthadme 🛪	Oxbow	Resolute Racing	Cox	Gaffalione	124
4	Launch 🖛	Omaha Beach	Amo Racing USA	Delgado	Saez	120
5	Lady Moscato 🖛	Quality Road	BC Stables, LLC	Lukas	Dettori	122
6	Miss Harriett	Blofeld	Narrow Leaf Farm	McFarlane	Rodriguez	120
7	Carmelina	Maximus Mischief	Cash is King LLC and LC Racing LLC	Reid, Jr.	Sanchez	120
8	Closing Act	Munnings	Douglas Scharbauer	Asmussen	Rosario	122
9	Cap Classique	Vino Rosso	DARRS, Inc.	Russell	Russell	120
10	Discreet Ops 🖛	Army Mule	Charles J. Reed	Feliciano, Jr.	Alvelo	118
11	Let Them Watch	Maximus Mischief	Case Chambers	Maker	Rosado	120
12	Belle's Blue Bell	Girvin	Jacks or Better Farm, Inc.	David	Bravo	118

Breeders: 1-Peggy Costanzo, 2-KatieRich Farms, 3-Pope McLean, Marc McLean & Pope McLeanJr., 4-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC, 5-Seclusive Farm LLC, Chester Prince & Anne Prince, 6-David Baxter, 7-Lillith E. Boucher, 8-Douglas Scharbauer, 9-Cypress Creek Equine, LLC & ThreeDiamonds Farm, 10-Richard Lueck, 11-Tracy Pinchin, 12-Jacks or Better Farm Inc

#### Saturday, Pimlico #13, post time: 7:01 p.m. EDT PREAKNESS S.-GI, \$2,000,000, 3yo, 1 3/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Mugatu	Blofeld	Average Joe Racing Stables, Ltd. and Wells, Dan	Engler	Bravo	126
2	Uncle Heavy	Social Inclusion	Milam, Michael and LC Racing LLC	Reid, Jr.	Ortiz, Jr.	126
3	Catching Freedom <a>*</a>	Constitution	Albaugh Family Stables LLC	Cox	Prat	126
4	Muth 🖛	Good Magic	Zedan Racing Stables, Inc.	Baffert	Hernandez	126
5	Mystik Dan	Goldencents	Gasaway, Lance, 4 G Racing, LLC, Hamby III,	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	126
			Daniel and Valley View Farm LLC			
6	Seize the Grey	Arrogate	MyRacehorse	Lukas	Torres	126
7	Just Steel 🖛	Justify	BC Stables, LLC and Schmueckle, Henry	Lukas	Rosario	126
8	Tuscan Gold 🖛	Medaglia d'Oro	Lawrence, William H., Walmac Farm and	Brown	Gaffalione	126
			Stonestreet Stables LLC			
9	Imagination 🖛	Into Mischief	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables,	Baffert	Dettori	126
			Stonestreet Stables, Bashor, Dianne, Masterson,			
			Robert E., Waves Edge Capital LLC, Donovan,			
			Catherine and Ryan, Tom J.			

Breeders: 1-JSM Equine, LLC, 2-Barbara Reid, 3-WinStar Farm, LLC, 4-Don Alberto Corporation, 5-Lance Gasaway, Daniel Hamby & 4GRacing, LLC, 6-Jamm, LTD., 7-Summerhill Farm, 8-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 9-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC

#### Saturday, Pimlico #12, post time: 5:52 p.m. EDT **DINNER PARTY S.-GIII**, \$500,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT

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F	PP HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
•	Highland Chief (Ire)	Gleneagles (Ire)	Madaket Stables LLC and Hay, Mrs. Fitriani	Motion	Ruiz	120
2	English Bee	English Channel	Calumet Farm	Motion	Gomez	120
3	Balnikhov (Ire)	Adaay (Ire)	Little Red Feather Racing, Madaket Stables LLC	D'Amato	Dettori	120
			and Old Bones Racing Stable, LLC			
4	Atone	Into Mischief	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Saez	120
Ę	Running Bee	English Channel	Calumet Farm	Brown	Gaffalione	122
6	Crabs N Beer	Blofeld	Charles Blanford	Brion	Castellano	120
7	' Adhamo (Ire)	Intello (Ger)	Louis Lazzinnaro LLC, Madaket Stables LLC,	Brown	Prat	120
			Caruso, Michael J. and Dubb, Michael			
8	Helms Deep	Verrazano	Designated Hitters Racing, LLC	Snchz-Slmon	Mena	120
ç	Beatbox 🖛	Pioneerof the Nile	Comestro, Rob and Ganje, Jeff	DeVaux	Rosario	124
•	0 Emmanuel 🛪	More Than Ready	Siena Farm LLC and WinStar Farm LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	122
•	1 Eons 🛪	Giant's Causeway	Mark B. Grier	Delacour	Carrasco	120
•	2 Funtastic Again 🖛	Funtastic	Three Chimneys Farm	Ward	Velazquez	120

Breeders: 1-Mrs Fitri Hay, 2-Calumet Farm, 3-T. de La Heronnierre & Gestut Zur Kuste AG, 4-Godolphin, 5-English Channel Co-Owners & Gordon Gilliam, 6-Kyle M. Horlacher, 7-Wertheimer et Frere, 8-Farm III Enterprises LLC, 9-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 10-Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust, 11-Camas Park Stud, 12-BHMFR, LLC



#### Saturday, Pimlico #6, post time: 1:28 p.m. EDT

HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
Mr Skylight 🖛	Practical Joke	Peter Vegso	Mott	Prat	120
Cats by Five 🖛	Audible	Three Chimneys Farm	Asmussen	Saez	118
Petingas Twin 🖛	Take Charge Indy	James C. Wolf	Farrior	Barbosa	118
Sweet Soddy J	Bee Jersey	Built Wright Stables, LLC.	Cash	-	120
Market Street 🖛	Street Sense	Les Wagner	Lukas	Velazquez	122
Frost Free 🛷	Frosted	Keene Thoroughbreds LLC	Creighton	Ortiz, Jr.	122
Catahoula Moon	Golden Lad	Super C Racing Inc.	Robb	Rodriguez	118
Classic Joke 🛪	Practical Joke	LBR Racing Stable, Sterling Road Stables	Sillaman	Cruz	118
	Mr Skylight Cats by Five Petingas Twin Sweet Soddy J Market Street Frost Free Catahoula Moon	Mr Skylight Audible Cats by Five Audible Petingas Twin Take Charge Indy Sweet Soddy J Bee Jersey Market Street Street Street Sense Frost Free Frosted Catahoula Moon Golden Lad	Mr Skylight Audible Peter Vegso Cats by Five Audible Three Chimneys Farm Petingas Twin Take Charge Indy James C. Wolf Sweet Soddy J Bee Jersey Built Wright Stables, LLC. Market Street Street Street Les Wagner Frost Free Frosted Keene Thoroughbreds LLC Catahoula Moon Golden Lad Super C Racing Inc.	Mr Skylight Audible Peter Vegso Mott Cats by Five Audible Three Chimneys Farm Asmussen Petingas Twin Dake Charge Indy James C. Wolf Farrior Sweet Soddy J Bee Jersey Built Wright Stables, LLC. Cash Market Street Street Street Les Wagner Lukas Frost Free Frosted Keene Thoroughbreds LLC Creighton Catahoula Moon Golden Lad Super C Racing Inc. Robb Classic Joke Practical Joke LBR Racing Stable, Sterling Road Stables	Mr Skylight Audible Peter Vegso Mott Prat Cats by Five Audible Three Chimneys Farm Asmussen Saez Petingas Twin Dake Charge Indy James C. Wolf Farrior Barbosa Sweet Soddy J Bee Jersey Built Wright Stables, LLC. Cash Market Street Street Street Sense Les Wagner Lukas Velazquez Frost Free Frosted Keene Thoroughbreds LLC Creighton Ortiz, Jr. Catahoula Moon Golden Lad Super C Racing Inc. Robb Rodriguez Classic Joke Practical Joke LBR Racing Stable, Sterling Road Stables Sillaman Cruz

**Breeders:** 1-Vegso Racing Stable, 2-Westwind Farms, 3-Mesingw Farm, LLC, 4-Built Wright Stables LLC, 5-Robert Low & Lawana Low, 6-Jackpot Farm, 7-Angela Coombs, 8-Bob Novak

# Saturday, Pimlico #7, post time: 2:08 p.m. EDT GALLORETTE S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Sweet Dani Girl	Jess's Dream	Dubb, Michael, Bouchey, Steven, New Phoenix	Clement	Rosario	122
			Stable and America's Pastimes Stables LLC			
2	Dana's Beauty 🛪	Not This Time	Resolute Bloodstock, LLC	Maker	Saez	124
3	Blissful	Empire Maker	Belladonna Racing, LLC, Manganaro Bloodstock,	DeVaux	Hernandez, Jr.	120
			Hudson, Lynne and Hudson, Jr., Edward J.			
4	Cats Inthe Timber (MTO)	Honor Code	Haymarket Farm LLC	Russell	Russell	120
5	Tequilera	Vancouver (Aus)	John T. Behrendt	Matz	Barbosa	120
6	Five Towns (GB)	Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)	Merry Fox Stables	Motion	Ruiz	124
7	Fluffy Socks	Slumber (GB)	Head of Plains Partners LLC	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	120
8	Ninja Abarrio (MTO) 🛪	Liam's Map	Albert Dilello	Tessore	Lopez	120
9	Ascendancy 🛪	Classic Empire	Jauregui Racing Stables, Barrett, Dan, Crossley,	Jauregui	Hernandez	120
			David, Foran, David, Preiss, Daniel, Valadez,			
			Angel D. and Witherall, Graham			

**Breeders:** 1-J&J Stables, LLC & Carlo Vaccarezza, 2-John Liviakis, 3-Thoreau, LLC & Empire Maker Syndicate, 4-Haymarket Farm LLC, 5-Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust, 6-Merry Fox Stud Limited, 7-Head Of Plains Partners, 8-Fred M. Allor, 9-Hunter Valley Farm

# Saturday, Pimlico #8, post time: 2:48 p.m. EDT MARYLAND SPRINT S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Coastal Mission	Great Notion	Coleswood Farm, Inc.	Runco	Bocachica	124
2	Prevalence	Medaglia d'Oro	Godolphin, LLC	Walsh	Ortiz, Jr.	124
3	Super Chow	Lord Nelson	Lea Farms, LLC	Delgado	No Rider	126
4	Jaxon Traveler 🖛	Munnings	West Point Thoroughbreds	Asmussen	Prat	126
5	Little Roo Roo	Limehouse	Michael E. Jones, Jr.	Jones, Jr.	Mendez	120
6	Prince of Jericho	Munnings	Dubb, Michael and Bailey, Morris	Russell	Russell	120
7	Bourbon Bash 🖛	City of Light	BC Stables, LLC	Lukas	Rosario	124

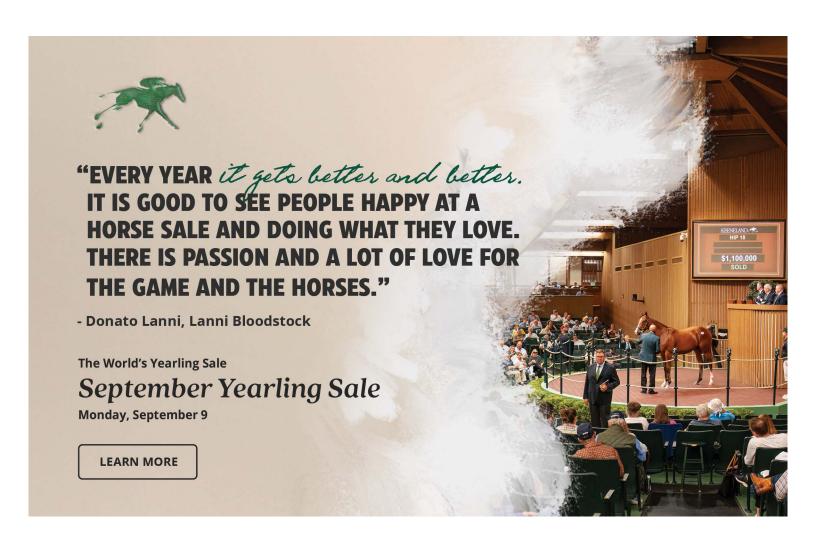
**Breeders:** 1-Coleswood Farm, Inc., 2-Godolphin, 3-Spendthrift Farm LLC, 4-Dr. & Mrs. A. Leonard Pineau, 5-Sherwood Bryant, 6-Edward Seltzer, 7-Machmer Hall

# Saturday, Churchill Downs #7, post time: 9:05 p.m. EDT LOUISVILLE S.-GIII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Starting Over	Liam's Map	Nice Guys Stables	Maker	Santana, Jr.	123
2	King Curlin 🛷	Curlin	RSR Racing, LLC	Vanden Berg	Rocco, Jr.	118
3	Avenue 🖛	Quality Road	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Freeman, William,	McCarthy	Machado	118
			LaPenta, Robert V. and Valdes, Michael			
4	Guntown 🖛	Gun Runner	Hui, Michael M. and Forte, Phil	Maker	Loveberry	118
5	Quadra Island 🖛	Kitten's Joy	Dotson Stable LLC	Maker	Gutierrez	118
6	Reckoning Force	Air Force Blue	Qatar Racing, Detampel, Marc and Galvin, Fergus	Walsh	Torres	118
7	Sugoi	Karakontie (Jpn)	Paradise Farms Corp. and Staudacher, David	Maker	Leparoux	118
8	Bold Act (Ire)	New Approach (Ire)	Godolphin, LLC	Appleby	Geroux	123
9	The Grey Wizard (Ire)	Caravaggio	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Frassetto, Albert	Motion	Graham	118
10	Utah Beach	English Channel	Amling, Jeffrey S. and Merriebelle Stable	Correas, IV	Ortiz	118
11	Strong Tide	English Channel	Penny S. Lauer	Lauer	Esquivel	118

**Breeders:** 1-George Strawbridge Jr., 2-Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC, 3-Woodford Thoroughbreds, 4-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC, 5-J. Stephen McDonald, 6-Frankfort Park Farm, 7-Normandy Farm, 8-Godolphin, 9-Longfield Stud, 10-J. Amling & Merriefield Farm, 11-Michael E. Lauer & Penny S. Lauer

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**7th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$32,000, Msw**, 5-14, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:43.14, sy, 3 1/4 lengths.

XENA (f, 3, Constitution--Princess Warrior {GSW & GISP, \$456,664}, by Midshipman), fourth in her first two attempts at Oaklawn Mar. 30 and Apr. 28, delivered as the 6-5 favorite in



Xena | Coady

this off the turfer. She sat a stalking trip in second, hit the front approaching the quarter pole and splashed her way home to a 3 1/4-length victory. The winner's dam is also represented by the 2-year-old filly Princess Em Too (Not This Time), a yearling colt by Gun Runner and a Not This Time colt of this year. Sales history: \$400,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$30,950. Click for the Equibase.com chart.

O-Spendthrift Farm LLC; B-Evan Trommer Jr., CDM Bloodstock & Crocket Farm (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

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**6th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$32,000, Msw**, 5-14, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:39.89, sy, 5 1/4 lengths.

**PLEASESTOPTALKING (f, 3, Audible--Extra Sharp, by Cherokee Run)**, claimed for \$30,000 out of a debut sixth at Turfway Mar. 30, was adding blinkers here following a local third-place finish going 5 1/2 furlongs Apr. 17. The 9-1 chance raced in an inside

fifth in this two-turn debut, was locked and loaded in third on the far turn and blasted off from there to graduate by 5 1/4 lengths. The winner's dam is also represented by the 2-year-old filly Extreme Justice (Honor A. P.). The winner is a half to Colonel Sharp (Colonel John), MSW & GSP, \$376,384. Sales history: \$160,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$22,771. Click for the Equibase.com chart.

O-Southwest Racing Stables Inc. & Triple V Racing, LLC.; B-Susan Casner (KY); T-Genaro Garcia.



SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, MAY 15 2024 Stud Fees Listed

Audible (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, \$15,000 261 foals of racing age/40 winners/5 black-type winners 2-Horseshoe Turf Pick 3, 5:16 p.m. EDT, \$150K Horseshoe Indianapolis H. IND - R7, 1mT, Chi Chi, 30-1 \$47,000 RNA OBS WIN wnl

5-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 4:14 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Endless Reign, 5-1

\$210,000 FTS AUG yrl; \$240,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo; \$75,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Catalina Cruiser (Union Rags), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000 173 foals of racing age/26 winners/0 black-type winners 2-Horseshoe Turf Pick 3, 5:16 p.m. EDT, \$150K Horseshoe Indianapolis H. IND - R7, 1mT, Hidden Class, 30-1 \$24,000 RNA KEE JAN wnl; \$30,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$40,000 OBS APR 2yo

Charming Kitten (Kitten's Joy), Breakway Farm
25 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
9-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6:18 p.m. EDT, \$100K Sagamore Sired
H., 5 1/2f, Hoosier Daddy Now, 9-2
RNA IND MIX yrl

**Dynamic Racer** (Run Away and Hide), R.C. Cline Thoroughbred Farm

17 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners 4-Belterra, 1:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Carson N Spence, 3-1 \$4,000 OTB OMX yrl

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#### Second-Crop Starters cont.

**Mitole** (Eskendereya), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000 294 foals of racing age/57 winners/3 black-type winners 6-Delaware, 3:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Tirupati, 3-2 \$90,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$230,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Omaha Beach (War Front), Spendthrift Farm, \$40,000 291 foals of racing age/38 winners/4 black-type winners 2-Horseshoe Turf Pick 3, 5:16 p.m. EDT, \$150K Horseshoe Indianapolis H. IND - R7, 1mT, Neom Beach, 6-1 \$210,000 OBS APR 2yo 6-Delaware, 3:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Notice Me Too, 3-1

Preservationist (Arch), Airdrie Stud, \$5,000 103 foals of racing age/25 winners/2 black-type winners 8-Belterra, 3:45 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, Artistic Laney, 7-2 \$20,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Shagaf** (Bernardini), Indiana Stallion Station 15 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners 6-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 4:45 p.m. EDT, \$100K Swifty Sired Fillies H., 5 1/2f, Shaggy Kitty, 5-2

**World of Trouble** (Kantharos), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$5,000 129 foals of racing age/25 winners/1 black-type winner 5-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 4:14 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, El Peligro, 30-1

\$14,000 KEE NOV wnl

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#### **ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**6th-Thistledown, \$41,500**, (S), 5-14, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39.80, ft, 3/4 length.

TANTRUM (g, 5, Speightster--Go Go Tammy, by Tiznow) Lifetime Record: SW, 25-8-6-3, \$377,538. O/B-Winblaze, LLC (OH); T-Timothy E. Hamm.

**7th-Thistledown, \$40,100**, (S), 5-14, (NW4L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.42, ft, 4 1/4 lengths.

CITY SCENE (f, 3, Dominus--Nava, by Even the Score) Lifetime Record: SW, 7-4-3-0, \$159,220. O/B-Elkhorn Oaks Inc. (OH); T-James R. Jackson. \*Full to Candlelight Hours, MSW, \$562,710; 1/2 to Timeless Bounty (Elusive Hour), SW, \$232,204.

**4th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$40,000**, (S), 5-14, (NW3LX), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.19, sy, nose.

WIN ME OVER (g, 4, Tamarkuz--Hobe Wins, by Exchange Rate) Lifetime Record: SP, 15-3-3-2, \$140,958. O-Marion F. Gorham; B-St. Simon Place (IN); T-Robert M. Gorham.

3rd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$38,000, (S), 5-14, (NW2LX), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:44.09, sy, 6 3/4 lengths.

AMERICANA ANNA (f, 4, Fast Anna--Big Sister Ridge, by Cactus Ridge) Lifetime Record: 14-2-1-0, \$57,843. O-KP Thoroughbreds, LLC & Sutton, Brent; B-Ben & Elaine Grimme (IN); T-Michelle L. Elliott.

8th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$36,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 5-13, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:36.32, gd, nose.

HIDDEN STASH (g, 6, Constitution--Making Mark Money, by Smart Strike) Lifetime Record: MGSP, 21-3-3-7, \$348,562.

O-BBN Racing, LLC; B-Rhineshire Farm LLC (KY); T-Victoria H.

Oliver. \*\$50,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Mo Stash (Mo Town), GSW, \$559,848.

**8th-Thistledown, \$30,000**, 5-14, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.28, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

SMOKIN' HOT (g, 4, Goldencents--Shez Coming in Hot, by More Than Ready) Lifetime Record: 20-4-2-5, \$107,154. O-Gene Burkholder; B-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Kim A. Puhl.

**5th-Thistledown, \$28,000**, 5-14, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.02, ft, 3/4 length.

WITHOUT OBJECTION (g, 3, Fast Anna--Chamade, by Flatter) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$49,165. O-Gene Burkholder; B-John A. O' Meara (KY); T-Kim A. Puhl.

**3rd-Finger Lakes, \$26,500**, 5-14, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5f, 1:00.27, ft, 4 1/2 lengths.

BUSTIN TIME (f, 3, Bustin Stones--Myakka City {SP, \$126,589}, by City Place) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, \$40,970. O-John P. Mc Allen; B-Mr Armore Stables (NY); T-Robbie G. Davis.

#### ANOTHER TRAVIS DURR GRADUATE

1st-Finger Lakes, \$24,500, (S), 5-14, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.24, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

CAPITAL GAL (m, 5, Constitution--Big Thrill, by Big Drama) Lifetime Record: 21-4-4-1, \$114,670. O-Dark Horse Racing Stable; B-Twin Creeks Farm (NY); T-Ronald Breed, Jr. \*\$21,000 RNA 4yo '23 FTIDEC.

3rd-Louisiana Downs, \$24,150, 5-13, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:45.22, my, 1 3/4 lengths.

DREWSILLA (m, 5, Costa Rising--Military Miss {SP, \$162,116}, by Military) Lifetime Record: 24-3-7-4, \$145,185. O-Steve D. & Patricia L. Roe; B-Spanish Cross Stable, LLC (LA); T-Patrick Mouton. \*1/2 to Fort Polk (Behindatthebar), MSW, \$437,290.

7th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$20,776, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$15,000), 5-13, 3yo/up, 5f, :59.10, ft, 3/4 length.

OLAZABAL (g, 4, Bolt d'Oro--Derby Eve, by Tiznow) Lifetime Record: SP, 19-4-2-1, \$235,171. O-Frank Fiumera; B-Susan Casner (KY); T-Rachel Sells. \*\$60,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT. \*\*1/2 to Texas Swing (Curlin), GSP, \$158,680.



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#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Simmeron, g, 2, Liaison--Izzy's Way, by Tizway. Will Rogers Downs, 5-14, 4 1/2f, :53.59. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,152. B-Center Hills Farm (OK). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

Moneyline, c, 2, Mo Town--Dialed to Go, by Dialed In. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5-14, 5f (off turf), :59.67. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$20,200. B-Juan Piedra (KY). \*\$20,000 Ylg '23 KEEJAN.

#### В A **DUCKLAND** Sales Graduate В

Red Rose Cafe, f, 3, World of Trouble--Free Bird Fly, by Bianconi. Will Rogers Downs, 5-14, (S), 1m, 1:40.82. Lifetime Record: 7-1-0-1, \$23,169. B-Kelly-Yother Equine LLC (OK).

Pace, c, 4, Dialed In--Make It Snappy, by Medaglia d'Oro. Thistledown, 5-14, 1m, 1:39.88. Lifetime Record: 12-1-1-3,

\$36,464. B-Robert V. LaPenta (KY). \*\$90,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR. **South Decatur**, g, 4, **Palace**--Allaire, by Cape Blanco (Ire).

Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5-14, (S), 6f, 1:12.20. Lifetime Record: 7-1-0-1, \$28,768. B-Wendling Cox Stables LLC (IN).

Ponza, g, 4, Special Rate--Precious Life, by Yes It's True. Will Rogers Downs, 5-14, (S), 6f, 1:11.00. Lifetime Record: 11-1-6-2, \$46,609. B-Circle Bar H LLC (OK).

Napabit, f, 4, Three Hour Nap--Looking for Bits, by Monarchos. Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing, 5-14, (S), 6f, 1:14.08. Lifetime Record: 7-1-3-0, \$32,842. B-Judy Dorris (IL).

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**Bolt d'Oro**, Olazabal, g, 4, o/o Derby Eve, by Tiznow. AOC, 5-13, Mountaineer

**Bustin Stones**, Bustin Time, f, 3, o/o Myakka City, by City Place. ALW, 5-14, Finger Lakes

Constitution, Capital Gal, m, 5, o/o Big Thrill, by Big Drama. ALW, 5-14, Finger Lakes

Constitution, Hidden Stash, g, 6, o/o Making Mark Money, by Smart Strike. AOC, 5-13, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Constitution**, Xena, f, 3, o/o Princess Warrior, by Midshipman. MSW, 5-14, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Costa Rising**, Drewsilla, m, 5, o/o Military Miss, by Military. ALW, 5-13, Louisiana Downs

**Dialed In**, Pace, c, 4, o/o Make It Snappy, by Medaglia d'Oro. MSW, 5-14, Thistledown

**Dominus**, City Scene, f, 3, o/o Nava, by Even the Score. ALW, 5-14, Thistledown

**Fast Anna**, Americana Anna, f, 4, o/o Big Sister Ridge, by Cactus Ridge. ALW, 5-14, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Fast Anna**, Without Objection, g, 3, o/o Chamade, by Flatter. ALW, 5-14, Thistledown

Goldencents, Smokin' Hot, g, 4, o/o Shez Coming in Hot, by More Than Ready. ALW, 5-14, Thistledown

Liaison, Simmeron, g, 2, o/o Izzy's Way, by Tizway. MSW, 5-14, Will Rogers

**Mo Town**, Moneyline, c, 2, o/o Dialed to Go, by Dialed In. MSW, 5-14, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Palace**, South Decatur, g, 4, o/o Allaire, by Cape Blanco (Ire). MSW, 5-14, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Special Rate**, Ponza, g, 4, o/o Precious Life, by Yes It's True. MSW, 5-14, Will Rogers

**Speightster**, Tantrum, g, 5, o/o Go Go Tammy, by Tiznow. ALW, 5-14, Thistledown

**Tamarkuz**, Win Me Over, g, 4, o/o Hobe Wins, by Exchange Rate. ALW, 5-14, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Three Hour Nap**, Napabit, f, 4, o/o Looking for Bits, by Monarchos. MSW, 5-14, Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing **World of Trouble**, Red Rose Cafe, f, 3, o/o Free Bird Fly, by Bianconi. MSW, 5-14, Will Rogers

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#### THIS DATE IN HISTORY...

**May 14, 1978...**Seattle Slew won his first start as a four-year-old in an allowance race at Aqueduct.

May 14, 1989...E.P. Taylor, owner of Windfields Farms and breeder of Northern Dancer, died at age 88.

**May 15, 1952...** Jockey Johnny Longden won his 4,000th victory at Hollywood Park.

May 15, 1954...Nashua won his first race, running 4 1/2 furlongs over a straightaway at Belmont Park.

May 15, 1993...Genuine Risk, the second filly ever to win the Kentucky Derby after taking the 1980 edition, gave birth to her first foal after 13 years of failed attempts. The son of Rahy was named Genuine Reward.

May 15, 2004...Smarty Jones set the record for the largest margin of victory in the GI Preakness S. when he ran away to a 11-1/2 length triumph. The previous mark, a 10-length victory by Survivor, had stood for 131 years.







# LAURA VANSKA: THE **CLASSICALLY-TRAINED CLASSIC TRAINER**



## **MARK'S BASILICA COOLMORE PRIX SAINT-ALARY**

Laura Vanska, centre, with the owners of Birthe | Scoop Dyga

By Emma Berry

Sunday at Longchamp was a day for firsts. A Classic victory for Rouhiya (Fr) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) in the Poule d'Essai des Pouliches was an important milestone in the partnership between trainer Francis Graffard and the Aga Khan's powerful racing and breeding operation. Then came a first Classic in his adopted home country for 34-year-old Mario Barrati when Metropolitan (Fr) (Zarak {Fr}) landed the Poulains, a year after the Italian trainer had won the German 2,000 Guineas with Angers (Fr) (Seabhac). But perhaps most notable of all, especially as a breakthrough success, was the victory of Birthe (Fr) (Study Of Man {Ire}) in the G2 Prix Saint-Alary for Laura Vanksa.

As a native of Finland, Vanska is a rarity in the Thoroughbred world. Her equine background may not be rooted in racing but she is a classically-trained rider whose skills have clearly stood her in good stead when it comes to aiming for the Classics with her stable star. The Prix de Diane is likely to be the next stop in the progressive career of Birthe.

"She just keeps exceeding all my expectations and more. She is really special," says Vanska of Birthe, who cost €12,000 at Argana's July Sale last year and raced initially in the colours of Christine Guilbert, who has dual French and Danish citizenship.

### "JUST A BIT OF FUN" - CROWLEY TO SEND **OUT FIRST RUNNER FOR 16 YEARS ON**

FRIDAY By Brian Sheerin

Frances Crowley has ruled out a full scale return to the training ranks and described sending out her first runner in 16 years at Leopardstown on Friday as "just a bit of fun" with the ultimate goal being to provide her daughter Hannah with a breakthrough victory in the saddle.

Wife of the late Pat Smullen, a nine-time champion jockey in Ireland, Crowley created history in 2005 when she became the first woman to win a Classic race in Ireland with Saoire storming to a memorable triumph in the 1,000 Guineas at the Curragh.

Crowley will be represented by the ex-Aidan O'Brien-trained The Black Tiger (Justify), snapped up for 17,000gns at the sales last year, in a lady riders' handicap at Leopardstown on Friday.

She explained, "To be honest, this is something that has been completely driven by the kids [Hannah, Paddy and Sarah]. They wanted to do it. We'll see how it goes--it's just a bit of fun."

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#### BREEDING DIGEST: JUSTIFY STRADDLING THE SEAS

Chris McGrath looks into the pedigrees of the winners, both in the sales ring and on the racecourse, of the past week.



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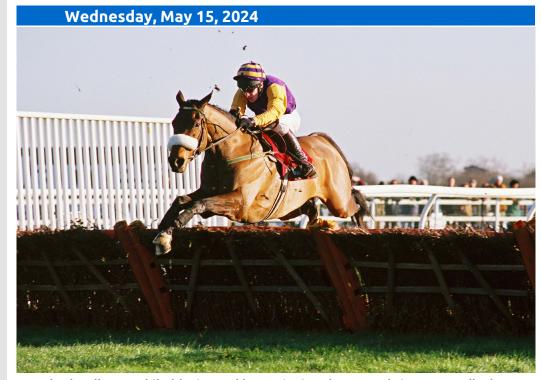
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#### 4 | MAKING WAVES: KODIAC FILLY STANDS OUT IN SOARING SOFTLY

European-sired runners were winning graded stakes left, right and centre the past fortnight or so in the U.S.

#### 6 YORK PREVIEW: FRIENDLY SOUL STEPS UP IN THE MUSIDORA

The G3 Tattersalls Musidora S. at York is the next start for Friendly Soul (GB) (Kingman {GB}).

#### 7 | ANCIENT WISDOM ON WEATHER WATCH AHEAD OF DANTE

The G2 Dante S. is next for Ancient Wisdom (Fr) (Dubawi {Ire}), but he won't run if the ground is too firm, according to trainer Charlie Appleby.

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#### Laura Vanska/Birthe Cont. from p1

Over the winter, after her initial victory at Chantilly, Alain Jathiere bought a 50 per cent share in the filly.

"She impressed me when I saw her at the sales as a two-year-old. I was already interested in her pedigree but when I saw her breezing and saw her physically I knew straight away that I wanted to buy her," the trainer continues.

"She was on my list and I couldn't stay there for the sale. Then there was a bit of a mishap and they had forgotten to vaccinate her so she was pulled out just before she went into the ring. Tina Rau went to see what was going on and was the bold one to push for a low price and we got her."

Having run third on her seasonal debut at Chantilly in March, Birthe then won the Listed Prix Caravelle in Toulouse having swerved a more traditional Classic trial while the ground remained testing in northern France through the spring.

"The last two successes that she had were important because, as a small trainer, I needed some proof that she was good enough to step up to Group 1 class, but now we have absolutely no hesitation and we shouldn't feel ashamed to present her for the Diane," Vanska says.

"On Sunday, I thought we had lost all our chance when the thunder came and they had 22mm of rain in 30 minutes at Longchamp. We lost all hope but she proved us wrong. She has

progressed so much and has gained so much muscle. She just keeps getting stronger and stronger."

Based at Lamorlaye with the full range of the Chantilly gallops at her disposal, Vanska has come a long way from her early years as a showjumper in her homeland, where there is no longer Thoroughbred racing, and later in Holland.

She says, "We have trotting in Finland. We used to have galloping in the 60s but they stopped it. I have always been into showjumping and my mum is a dressage rider, so it's a classic background. I was very lucky to be able to ride good horses in the Netherlands for my bosses, who were competing at the highest level in the World Cups. I was their young-horse rider at the time and I have been lucky to have always been surrounded by good horses.

"I must say the thing I enjoy the most is building the horses from the yearling stage. Then you know them from the very beginning and at least you know as soon as you can if something is going wrong."

It was her family friends Amelie and Robert Ehnrooth, owners of Haras de Bourgeauville in Normandy, who introduced Vanska to the delights of the racing world, and they independently have close links to Kirsten Rausing, who stands Birthe's up-and-coming sire Study Of Man at her Lanwades Stud.

"It is because of Kirsten Rausing that Amelie and Robert are in racing. She offered them a nomination to one of her stallions as a wedding gift, so they bought a mare and that's how it all started," Vanska explains.

"Amelie and Robert always wintered a few of their horses in Finland who were racing in Sweden in the summer and I was always admiring those horses but I didn't know anything about racing. I got the stallion brochures and videos and it was my dream to one day ride a racehorse, and they organised for me to go to Deauville to ride out for Stephane Wattel. I was riding in

the morning and prepping the yearlings in the afternoon during my summer holidays."

Having been urged by her parents to complete a business studies course, it wasn't long before horses dominated her life again, however. The Enhrooths had a horse in training in Chantilly with John Hammond named Sarah Lynx (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) who was several times sent home for a spell having ditched her riders on the Chantilly gallops. Vanska suggested a different approach



Birthe wins the Coolmore Prix Saint-Alary | Scoop Dyga

to help the young filly.

"I rode her with the cows in the field in the afternoon and, long story short, she eventually became a Group 2 winner in France and won the Canadian International. At the weekend her filly by Justify sold for €800,000 at Arqana," she says.

"I was invited to ride her in Chantilly as well and I followed her to Japan and Hong Kong. I had never led up a horse at the races and the first time ever was when I led her for the Japan Cup. I thought it was pretty cool and I ended up staying in France afterwards because John Hammond offered me a full-time job."

From Hammond's stable she worked for a time with Francis Graffard, who met his wife Lisa-Jane when they were both students on the first Darley Flying Start programme (now known as Godolphin Flying Start) along with the aforementioned bloodstock agent Tina Rau. Ten years after they graduated, Vanska would follow that same path. Cont. p4

The best is yet to come...

**Kingman's 2YO crop** of 2024 features siblings to **27 Gr.1 winners** including

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#### Laura Vanska/Birthe Cont.

She says, "I worked with Francis and he knew that when I was in Japan with Sarah Lynx I had applied for the Flying Start but I needed to do a language test which I couldn't do while I was in Japan. I applied for a second time and Francis and Lisa-Jane helped me to get in with a letter of recommendation.

"It really is an amazing programme and, for me, I didn't have many contacts or know much about racing around the world but now I know much better and I don't really have the urge to travel any more. I would love to travel with the horses to those races but it is nice to be able to settle here and concentrate on a career in France."

There is of course hope that a filly of Birthe's calibre will help to advertise Vanska's talents to a wider audience, though she is not keen to become too big too soon.

"This has really boosted everyone's morale," she says. "We only have a small team of horses. I work closely with some breeders but it is really important to the team to have a horse of the quality of Birthe. Hopefully it can help us to upgrade the quality of the stable a little bit. I'm not in too much of a rush to grow - I am very happy to work with the people who have supported me already and now they are sending some more. I already know that I have horses arriving so we have to get ready. I met a few people at the breeding stock sales last year and there are some two-year-olds arriving soon."

She adds, "It's great for the owners. Monsieur Jathiere has invested a lot of money and Christine Guilbert is a small owner, so for her to have a possible Classic filly like this is really amazing.

"I feel quite optimistic. Birthe has her routine and we will just stick to that. She goes to the paddock every day after she has been ridden out and we won't be changing anything."

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#### Crowley To Saddle Runner On Friday Cont. from p1

Asked if she had any designs on returning to training beyond that, Crowley replied, "No--one hundred per cent not. This is not a return. The kids wanted to experience running something off the farm and Hannah really wants to try and ride a winner. We bought the horse at Tattersalls last year and Aidan said he is a nice, kind horse who would be a good ride for Hannah. He recommended him for the job and said he had a good temperament so that's how we ended up with him."

All five of Hannah Smullen's rides have come for trainer Gordon Elliott. Smullen rode Yorkshire Escape and Silver Lark in five bumpers in total. Like The Black Tiger, both of those horses carried the colours of the family's Brickfield Stud.

Crowley concluded, "Hannah got a lot of experience last year. She is studying hard in college and is literally just finished her



Hannah Smullen: will ride for her mother Frances Crowley at **Leopardstown on Friday** | Racingfotos.com

exams so it's a big ask for her to go and ride straight away but we've nobody to answer to only ourselves. She'll definitely need the run and so will the horse. She'd just love to ride a winner at some point. She's really looking forward to it and Paddy is looking forward to leading her up."

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#### **KODIAC FILLY STANDS OUT IN NEW YORK**

In this series, the TDN takes a look at notable successes of European-based sires in North America. This column is highlighted by the victory of Pipsy during the Belmont at the Big A meeting in New York.

#### **Pipsy Soars In New York**

Pipsy (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), who races for Woodford Throughbreds, LLC, earned the first graded win of her career in the GIII Soaring Softly S. during Belmont's spring meeting at Agueduct on Sunday (video). Trained by Will Walden, the filly is now three-for-four.

The Noel Finegan-bred was a €60,000 Goffs November foal, who was a 45,000gns buy-back during the Tattersalls October Sales and won a pair of races, including the Listed Legacy S. for Ger Lyons and former owner Patrick Cosgrove. Cont. p5



Pipsy | Coglianese Photography

#### **Making Waves Cont.**

Offered during the Tattersalls December Mares Sale, Pipsy changed hands for 700,000gns to these connections and was making her first U.S. start. Her juvenile half-brother Breckenbrough (Ire) (Earthlight {Ire}) has yet to race, while her yearling half-brother is by Ghaiyyath (Ire). Her dam, Experte (Fr) (High Chaparral {Ire}), is a half-sister to G2 Grand Prix de Deauville winner Ziyad (GB) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}), who was placed in a trio of top-level races.

Tally-Ho stallion Kodiac has 50% winners to runners in the U.S., and there are 41 winners among his 82 runners in that locale. Pipsy joins seven other stakes winners, giving the son of Danehill a strike rate of 10%.

#### Musical Earns Santa Barbara Score By A Nose

Michael House's **Musical Rhapsody (Ire)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) captured the Santa Barbara S. at Santa Anita by a nose this past weekend (*video*).

Trained by Phil D'Amato, the 5-year-old mare also ran second in the GIII Red Carpet S. and is out of Colour Rhapsody (Ire) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}). The €14,000 Tattersalls Ireland yearling buyback is part of the Helen Keaveney breeding programme, and raced for trainer Gavin Cromwell and Mark and Helen Keaveney to three handicap wins before being purchased privately and sent to America. This is the same family as G3 Lacken S. heroine Only Mine (Ire) (Pour Moi {Ire}).

Coolmore's Holy Roman Emperor has 26 winners from 50 runners (52%) in the U.S. His best are GI Sword Dancer S. hero Glorious Empire (Ire), GI Joe Hirsch Turf Classic S. winner Rockemperor (Ire) and Rich Tapestry (Ire), who won the GI Santa Anita Sprint Championship among his seven stakes winners (14%).

#### **Former Oaks Filly Wins At Monmouth**

Amo Racing's **Maman Joon (Ire)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}) took her second race in a row with a tally at Monmouth Park on Saturday (*video*).

Trained by Chad Brown, the Barnane Stud-bred filly was a 400,000gns Tattersalls October Book 1 yearling. Thrown into the G1 Oaks on only her second start for former trainer Richard Hannon, she ran with great credit to take fourth, and eventually was transferred to America where she won a Tampa Bay maiden in her sixth lifetime start this April. The half-sister to the stakes winner and three-time group-placed Candleford (Ire) (Kingman {GB}) is out of the Listed Pretty Polly S. heroine Dorcas Lane (GB) (Norse Dancer {Ire}), who earned black type with top three finishes in the G2 Ribblesdale S., G2 Lancashire Oaks, and the G3 Prix de Psyche. Maman Joon's full-sister has yet to race. Under the third dam is G1 1000 Guineas heroine Harayir (Gulch).

The Aga Khan Studs' Sea The Stars has 19 winners from 40 runners (47%) in America, with his seven stakes winners there (17%) led by GII Fort Marcy S. hero Ottoman Fleet (GB).

#### Invincible Army Filly Claws Out California Win

Keith Johnston's **Invincible Molly (GB)** (Invincible Army {Ire}) won at Santa Anita recently for trainer Jeff Mullins (*video*).

Bred by Giggenstown House Stud, the filly changed hands for 7,000gns as a Tattersalls December foal, before becoming an 18,000gns Tattersalls December yearling a year later. Alex Elliott picked up Invincible Molly for 55,000gns out of the Tattersalls Guineas Breeze-Up Sale. A handicap winner for Ralph Beckett and owner G Myddelton from four starts in the UK, the bay was an 85,000gns Tattersalls Autumn juvenile when bought by Johnston last autumn. The fourth foal of the unraced Mollymawk (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}), the filly is followed by juvenile colt Red Wine (GB) (Expert Eye {GB}). Cont. p6



Program Trading (far side) | Horsephotos

#### **Making Waves Cont.**

American-based sire and dual Grade II winner Amira's Prince (Ire) (Teofilo (Ire)), who was third in the GI Gulfstream Park Turf H., is a half-brother to the stakes winner Hen Night (Ire) (Danehill Dancer (Ire)), third in the G3 Derrinstown Stud 1000 Guineas Trial and the second dam of Invincible Molly.

Yeomanstown Stud's Invincible Army now has one winner (50%) from two runners in the States. Overall, the young stallion has sired 24 winners from 78 runners worldwide, with his best, the listed winner and multiple group-placed Kitty Rose (GB).

#### **Repeat Winners**

Chad Brown has been dominating graded stakes with his European imports, but he has enjoyed an exceptional couple of weeks even by his high standards. Program Trading (GB) (Lope De Vega (Ire)), already featured in Making Waves, got his head down on the line for Klaravich Stables in the GI Turf Classic S. at Churchill Downs on Derby Day (video).

E Five Racing's Carl Spackler (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}), a dual graded winner last year, was back in the winner's circle for his 2024 debut (video). Now a winner of three stakes following his Opening Verse S. win, the Chad Brown trainee is just shy of \$600,000 in earnings.

Fellow Brown trainee **Royalty Interest (Fr)** (Le Havre {Ire}) secured a career high in the GIII Sheepshead Bay S. during the Belmont at the Big A meeting (video). It was the first stakes victory for the Klaravich Stables runner.

In Kentucky, **Dynamic Pricing (Ire)** (Night Of Thunder {Ire}) also earned her first stakes victory for Brown and Klarman's Klaravich Stables, in the GII Edgewood S. at Churchill Downs (video).

Saturday's GII Churchill Distaff Turf Mile S. heroine Chili Flag (Fr) (Cityscape {GB}) has been a star for Madaket Stables, Michael Dubb and Michael Kisbert (video). The 5-year-old is trained by Chad Brown and struck in last year's Forever



Dynamic Pricing | Coady Media

Together S. at Aqueduct last spring.

Gold Phoenix (Ire) (Belardo {Ire}), who won the GI Frank E. Kilroe Mile S. last year, added another graded win to his resume in the GII Charles Whittingham S. (video). Trained by Phil D'Amato, he races for Little Red Feather Racing, Sterling Stables, and Marsha Naify.

Godolphin's Silver Knott (GB) (Lope De Vega {Ire}), who won the GII Elkhorn S. at Keeneland this spring, added another graded laurel with a win in the GII Man O'War S. during the Belmont at the Big A meeting (*video*) for trainer Charlie Appleby. The gelding will summer in Saratoga.

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# RACE PREVIEWS



#### FRIENDLY SOUL STEPS UP IN THE

#### MUSIDORA by Tom Frary

Arguably the most impressive Oaks trial winner so far this month when dominating the Listed Pretty Polly S., George Strawbridge's Friendly Soul (GB) (Kingman (GB)) makes a 10-day turnaround in Wednesday's G3 Tattersalls Musidora S. at York. Upsetting the already-proven Kalpana (GB) (Study Of Man {Ire}) at Newmarket, where the third was 12 lengths further behind, the John and Thady Gosden-trained filly is slightly ahead of the curve as far as pedigree is concerned, so far showing more precocity than her three Group 1-winning half-siblings. Despite being by Kingman, she has plenty of stamina in her pedigree and with connections weighing up whether to head to Chantilly or Epsom next, this should help make up their minds.

Ralph Beckett won the two recognised Oaks trials last week and saddles a duo to make it three here in the daughters of Lope De Vega (Ire), Classical Song (Ire) and La Pasionaria (GB). The former, who races for Doreen Tabor, was fourth in the G1 Fillies' Mile when last seen in October and that is strong form. Jockey Rossa Ryan is optimistic. "Her work at home has been lovely. She's wintered really well and, judging by her two-year-old career, it looks like the step up in trip will suit her well so I would have no fear on that front," he said.

Ballydoyle's Mayfair (Ire) (Justify) is still a maiden after three starts with much to find on form, but that hasn't stopped many of the stable's runners down the years and she is up to a trip that will suit on pedigree. "We always felt that stepping her up in trip will make a big difference to her, so we are expecting a good bit of improvement," Aidan O'Brien said.

Also at York is the G2 1895 Duke Of York Clipper S., where the sprinters re-engage ahead of Royal Ascot including Azure Blue (Ire) (El Kabeir) who beat the sadly-departed Highfield Princess (Fr) (Night Of Thunder {Ire}) in this 12 months ago. Cont. p7

#### **Wednesday Preview Cont.**

Seen only once subsequently when sixth in Newmarket's G1 July Cup, she has to defy the lay-off in a race that is competitive in terms of numbers but which lacks a Highfield Princess.

Another filly in the line-up with solid claims is Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum's **Swingalong (Ire)** (Showcasing {GB}), whose two visits to this venue resulted in wins in the G2 Lowther S. and G3 Summer S. "Swingalong has been working really nicely, she's been on the go a long time and has been ready to go for a while," commented Karl Burke, who also saddles last year's G3 Prix de Ris-Orangis winner and G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest and G1 British Champions Sprint S.-placed **Spycatcher (Ire)** (Vadamos {Fr}) and last year's Group 3 winners Cold Case (GB) (Showcasing {GB}) and Marshman (GB) (Harry Angel (Ire)).

"She loves York and we hope she will run a big race--she has never run a bad race at York. Spycatcher will need every drop of rain and if the ground is deemed to be firm then there would be a doubt about him going. We've got four nice horses and it is a shame they all have to run against each other. Swingalong seems to be at the head of them, although on soft ground I would be leaning with Spycatcher."

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

#### APPLEBY ON WEATHER WATCH FOR DANTE **CONTENDER ANCIENT WISDOM**



Ancient Wisdom | PA Media

Charlie Appleby is hoping to see suitable ease in the ground at York for **Ancient Wisdom (Fr)** (Dubawi {Ire}), who is set to make his return to action in the G2 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai Dante S. on Thursday. The Futurity Trophy winner heads seven colts declared for the invariably-informative Derby trial, but that Group 1 success came on heavy ground and his G3 Autumn S. win at Newmarket before that was on soft.

Appleby told Godolphin.com, "Ancient Wisdom has enjoyed a good preparation and stepping up to an extended mile and a quarter is going to suit. The ground will be a question mark and we will want the rain to come.

"We know that he is a better horse with ease in the ground, so we will be on weather watch slightly. If it's on the easy side of good, then we will look forward to seeing him run. He has wintered well and we are very happy with him."

Ancient Wisdom's six rivals if taking his chance on the Knavesmire are headed by Al Musmak (GB) (Night Of Thunder {Ire}), who was last seen filling the runner-up spot in the G2 Royal Lodge S. at Newmarket in September, and Karl Burke's Caviar Heights (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), a recent Listed winner at the same course.

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#### TWENTY-NINE LOTS ADDED TO CATALOGUE FOR TATTERSALLS IRELAND BREEZE-UP SALE

Twenty-nine wildcards have been added to the catalogue for the Tattersalls Ireland Breeze-Up Sale, scheduled for Thursday, May 23 and Friday, May 24. Now featuring 281 lots, the sale kicks off at 10am on May 24, with the breezes beginning the day prior at 8.30am at Fairyhouse Racecourse.

The wildcard entries include lot 263, a Mehmas (Ire) half-brother to the G2 German 2,000 Guineas winner Fox Champion (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), and lot 269, an Oasis Dream (GB) colt whose full-brother Maxi Boy (GB) finished third in the G2 Superlative S. at Newmarket. Lot 275, a colt by Twirling Candy out of the GI Ashland S. heroine Rosalind (Broken Vow), is also likely to attract plenty of interest, along with lot 257, a Pinatubo (Ire) colt out of the Listed winner Aqlaam Vision (GB) (Aqlaam {GB}).

The full catalogue for the 2024 Tattersalls Ireland Breeze-Up Sale can be viewed here.

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#### **CHARISMATIC HURDLER HARCHIBALD DIES AT 25**

Charismatic hurdler Harchibald (Fr) (Perugino) has died at the age of 25 according to published reports. Best known for his close second in the 2005 Champion Hurdle to Hardy Eustace (Ire) (Archway {Ire})), the five-time Grade 1 winner was enjoying his retirement in Ireland. Cont. p8

#### **Harchibald Obituary Cont.**

All told, his record stands at 14 wins from 48 starts, with wins in the Fighting Fifths (2004/2007), a pair of Christmas Hurdles (2004/2008) and the John James McManus Memorial Hurdle in Ireland (2005) among his victories. Bred by Ecurie Bouchard Jean-Lo, the bay was trained for the majority of his career by trainer Noel Meade in the colours of DP Sharkey. He was retired in 2009 at the age of 10.

"Hail the King, our King is dead," Noel Meade Racing posted on X. "Harchi was my favourite horse of all time. I know on occasions he annoyed people and for sure he annoyed me but we had great days together, Paul Carberry, Harchi and myself... never to be forgotten. I'd like to thank Johnny and Danielle Hurley for looking after him so well in his retirement. He became part of the family with them. R.I.P. old friend."

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# FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

# Wednesday, May 15, 2024: UNITED KINGDOM

Earthlight (Ire) (Shamardal), Kildangan Stud 112 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners 16:45-YORK, 5f, Against The Wind (GB) £60,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2023

**Pinatubo (Ire)** (Shamardal), Dalham Hall Stud 109 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners 16:45-YORK, 5f, **Bentley Air (GB)** 88,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2023

Sergei Prokofiev (Scat Daddy), Whitsbury Manor Stud 121 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners 17:35-BATH, 5.75f, **High On Hope (GB)** 40,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2022; £30,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2023

#### **FRANCE**

Persian King (Ire) (Kingman {GB}), Haras d'Etreham 101 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners 1-LE MANS, 1100m, Redsia Fal (Fr) €22,000 Argana Deauville October Yearlings 2023

**Stunning Spirit (GB)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Haras de Beaumont 16 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners 1-VICHY, 60K HARAS DE BEAUMONT - PRIX DES REVES D'OR -

#### JACQUES BOUCHARA1000m, Pastisse (Fr)

Wooded (Ire) (Wootton Bassett {GB}), Haras de Bouquetot 80 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners 1-LE MANS, 1100m, Wellington Premier (Fr) €8,000 Argana Deauville October Yearlings 2023



Sergei Prokofiev has a runner at Bath | Whitsbury Manor Stud

## BRITAIN

#### **Tuesday's Results:**

**1st-Beverley, £7,500, Novice,** 5-14, 2yo, 5fT, 1:02.12, g/f. **MOVING FORCE (IRE) (c, 2, Mehmas {Ire}--Second Generation {GB} {SW-Fr}, by Dawn Approach {Ire}),** sent off the 5-2 second favourite, raced towards the rear early. Staying on strongly down the outer to gain the edge passing the furlong pole, the newcomer asserted to score by a length from Nad Alshiba Snow (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}). Moving Force is the second foal out of the listed-winning dam, whose first was the listed-placed New Definition (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). A daughter of the G3 Cornwallis S.-placed El Manati (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}), her yearling is a full-sister to the winner. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,931. O-Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (IRE); T-Richard Fahey.

**3rd-Chepstow**, £6,300, Mdn, 5-14, 2yo, 5f 16yT, 1:03.90, sf. VINGEGAARD (IRE) (c, 2, Mehmas {Ire}--Chevanah {Ire}, by Chevalier {Ire}), sent off at 5-1, travelled strongly shadowing the early leader. In front at halfway, the newcomer stayed on to score by 1 1/2 lengths from Cayman Tai (Ire) (Earthlight {Ire}).

#### **3rd-Chepstow Cont.**

The dam, whose yearling filly is by Inns Of Court (Ire), hails from the family of the Listed Masaka S. winner and G3 Princess Margaret S. and G3 May Hill S. runner-up Nasij (Elusive Quality). Sales history: 58,000gns RNA Wlg '22 TADEWE; €55,000 Ylg '23 GOFOR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,273.

O-Jinky Farms and Partner; B-Highfort Stud & D Mcabhaird (IRE); T-Archie Watson.

#### **ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

A Girl Named Ivy (Ire), f, 3, Dark Angel (Ire)--May Girl (GB) (GSP-Eng), by Mayson (GB). Ayr, 5-14, 6fT, 1:12.54. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,426. B-Yeomanstown Stud (IRE). \*75,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT.

## **IRELAND**

#### **Tuesday's Results:**

**2nd-Killarney,** €**22,000, Cond**, 5-14, 3yo, 8f 31yT, 1:50.20, sf. ALPHERATZ (IRE) (f, 3, Phoenix Of Spain {Ire}--Rosie Scot {Ire}, by Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)), who was third in The Curragh's G3 Park Express S. and fifth in the G3 Ballylinch Stud Priory Belle S. at Leopardstown so far this term, soon led. Tacked by Uluru (Ire) (Zoffany (Ire)) at the furlong pole, the 10-11 favourite toughed it out to score by a neck. The unraced dam, who also has the 2-year-old colt Indiza (Ire) (Ribchester {Ire}) and a yearling filly by Ten Sovereigns (Ire), is a half to last year's G3 Chester Vase and G3 Geoffrey Freer S. winner and G1 St Leger runner-up Arrest (Ire) (Frankel (GB)) and the G3 Centenary Vase winner and G1 Hong Kong Gold Cup third Dinozzo (Ire) (Lilbourne Lad {Ire}). This is also the family of the G3 Prix de Flore and G3 La Coupe winner and G1 Nassau S. and G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud-placed Narniyn (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}). Sales history: 15,000gns Ylg '22 TATSOM. Lifetime Record: GSP-Ire, 5-2-2-0, \$48,179.

O-Gerard Kervick & Crampscastle Bloodstock Ltd; B-Lynn Lodge Stud (IRE); T-Joseph G Murphy.

#### **CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**7th-Killarney**, €**15,000**, 5-14, 4yo/up, 14f 44yT, 3:30.72, sf. UXMAL (IRE) (g, 5, Galileo {Ire}--Only Mine {Ire} {GSW-Ire, SW & GSP-Eng, \$246,058}, by Pour Moi {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 7-2-3-0, \$34,069. O/B-Flaxman Stables Ireland Ltd (IRE); T-Joseph O'Brien. \*70,000gns RNA HRA '23 TATAHI.

#### **ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

Thor's Hammer (Ire), c, 3, Night Of Thunder (Ire)--Kozy (Ire), by Azamour (Ire). Killarney, 5-14, 8f 31yT, 1:51.26. Lifetime

Record: 7-1-3-0, \$32,100. B-Newtown Anner Stud (IRE). \*€100,000 Ylg '22 GOFOR.

See Me Through (Ire), c, 4, Starspangledbanner (Aus)--Trimurti, by Harlan's Holiday. Killarney, 5-14, 8f 31yT, 1:50.58. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-1, \$10,466. B-The Niarchos Family (IRE). \*£30,000 Ylg '21 TATIRY.

## **FRANCE**

#### **Tuesday's Results:**

**3rd-Saint-Cloud, €27,000, Mdn**, 5-14, 3yo, c/g, 12fT, 2:44. 30, vs.

COETZEE (c, 3, Frankel {GB}--Sing Softly {SW-Ire & GSP-Eng}, by Hennessy), fourth on debut at Fontainebleau last month, raced behind the leading quartet early and ended up in rear turning for home. Staying on strongly to gain the lead with 300 metres remaining, the 2-1 second favourite stretched his advantage to three lengths at the line from Spinello (Fr) (Cracksman {GB}). The dam, who was successful at listed level and second in the G3 Nell Gwyn S., is a full-sister to the GII Cotillion Breeders' Cup H. who in turn produced Frankel's G1 Yasuda Kinen and G1 February S. hero Mozu Ascot. Also a half to the dam of Bernardini's GI Woodward S. and GI Cigar Mile-winning sire To Honor And Serve, his GI Chandelier S. scorer Angela Renee and Street Sense's GI Donn H. third Elnaawi, she has the unraced 2year-old colt Lumber Legacy (Justify) and a filly foal by Uncle Mo. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €16,200. Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV

O-Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith & Mrs John Magnier; B-Orpendale, Chelston & Wynatt (KY); T-Francis-Henri Graffard.



Coetzee | Scoop Dyga

**4th-Saint-Cloud,** €**27,000, Mdn**, 5-14, 3yo, f, 12fT, 2:46.91, vs. MOSAIQUE (FR) (f, 3, Dubawi {Ire}--The Juliet Rose {Fr} {MGSW & G1SP-Fr, \$554,634}, by Monsun {Ger}), a well-beaten second over this course and distance last month, raced freely early without cover in mid-division. Tanking to the front passing the two-furlong marker, the even-money favourite powered to the line to register a 3 1/2-length success from Villa Des Arts (Fr) (Galiway {GB}). This performance was more fitting of a daughter of the high-class middle-distance performer whose career successes came in two renewals of the G2 Prix de Royallieu and in one G3 Prix de Royaumont and who was also third in the G1 Prix Vermeille. A half-sister to Dubawi's G3 Sandown Classic Trial and G3 Zetland S.-winning Derby contender Arabian Crown (Fr) from the family of Sea La Rosa (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), who captured the Royallieu in its current guise as a Group 1, and the G2 Pretty Polly S. scorer Hanami (GB) (Hernando {Fr}), her yearling is a full-brother to the winner named Samor (GB). Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, €18,900. Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O/B-Wertheimer et Frere (FR); T-Carlos Laffon-Parias.

#### **CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**8th-Saint-Cloud,** €**19,000**, 5-14, 4yo/up, 15 1/2fT, 3:35.02, vs. LE BUGISTE (FR) (g, 4, American Devil (Fr}--La Buisse (Fr), by **Spirit One {Fr})** Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-0, €28,740. O-Mme Denis Peltier, SAS Racing D & Olivier De Seyssel; B-P Decouz & SCEA du Bas Bugey (FR); T-Philippe Decouz.

## WORLDWIDE NEWS

## CATALOGUE RELEASED FOR THE 2024 KZN **YEARLING SALE**

The catalogue for the 2024 KZN Yearling Sale is now online,

Bloodstock South Africa (BSA) announced on Tuesday.

Previous graduates of the KZN Yearling Sale include the three-year-old Purple Pitcher (SAf) (New Predator {Aus}), who has won both the G1 TAB SA Classic and G1 TAB SA Derby in recent months having been bought for R170,000 (around €8,529) in 2022. Fellow star three-year-old Frances Ethel (SAf) (Rafeef {Aus}), who was last seen winning the G2 Wilgerbosdrift Bridget Oppenheimer SA Oaks, also sold at the 2022 edition of the sale for R160,000 (€8,028).

Of the 203 lots catalogued, potential standouts include lot 61, a filly by The United States (Ire) from the family of GI Breeders' Cup Mile winners Karakontie (Jpn), Miesque and Six Perfections (Fr), and lot 124, a Vercingetorix (SAf) filly out of a Group 3-winning half-sister to the multiple Group 1 heroine Mythical Flight (SAf).

The 2024 KZN Yearling Sale will take place at Suncoast Casino on Thursday, July 4, with the auction set to get underway at 10am local time. The full catalogue can be viewed here.

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1	Art Power (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	King Power Racing Co Ltd	Tim Easterby	David Allan	141
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6	Khaadem (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Mrs Fitri Hay	Charles Hills	Jamie Spencer	136
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8	Mill Stream (Ire)	Gleneagles (Ire)	P W Harris	Jane Chapple-Hyam	William Buick	136
9	Montassib (GB)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	The Montassib Partnership	William Haggas	Cieren Fallon	136
10	Shouldvebeenaring (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	Middleham Park Racing XVIII	Richard Hannon	Sean Levey	136
11	Spycatcher (Ire)	Vadamos (Fr)	Highclere Thoroughbred Racing (Adriana Zaefferer)	Karl Burke	Ryan Moore	136
12	Tiber Flow (Ire)	Caravaggio	Jon & Julia Aisbitt	William Haggas	Tom Marquand	136
13	Washington Heights (GB)	Washington DC (Ire)	Hambleton Racing Ltd XXVII	Kevin Ryan	Tom Eaves	136
14	Azure Blue (Ire)	El Kabeir	P Appleton & Mrs Anne Elliott	Michael Dods	Paul Mulrennan	133
15	Swingalong (Ire)	Showcasing (GB)	Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum	Karl Burke	Clifford Lee	133

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#### TATTERSALLS MUSIDORA S.-G3, £130,000, 3yo, f, 10f 56y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Classical Song (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Mrs Doreen Tabor	Ralph Beckett	Rossa Ryan	128
2	Francophone (GB)	Study Of Man (Ire)	Kirsten Rausing	Charlie Johnston	Joe Fanning	128
3	Friendly Soul (GB)	Kingman (GB)	George Strawbridge	John & Thady Gosden	Kieran Shoemark	128
4	La Pasionaria (GB)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Newsells Park Stud, Redvers & Beckett	Ralph Beckett	Hector Crouch	128
5	Mayfair (Ire)	Justify	D Smith, Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor, Westerberg	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	128
6	Secret Satire (GB)	Advertise (GB)	Guy Brook	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	128
7	Sinology (GB)	Study Of Man (Ire)	Kirsten Rausing	David Simcock	Luke Morris	128

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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	5	Kuwaitya (Ire)	Soldier's Call (GB)	Haynes	Pouchin	122
2	1	Theatrically (Ire)	Soldier's Call (GB)	A Murphy	Piccone	122
3	4	Herrenchiemsee (Fr)	Goken (Fr)	Vermeulen	Lemaitre	122
4	3	Pastisse (Fr)	Stunning Spirit (GB)	Cottier	Grandin	122
5	6	Desert Rose (Fr)	Goken (Fr)	Devin	Lecoeuvre	122
6	8	Hot Darling (Ire)	Too Darn Hot (GB)	A Murphy	Barzalona	122
7	7	Awj (GB)	Profitable (Ire)	Delcher Sanchez	Demuro	122
8	2	Improve Your Move (Ire)	Bungle Inthejungle (GB)	Guyader	Velon	122

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