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ANISETTE RETURNS A WINNER IN THE GAMELY



Anisette taking her 4-year-old debut in Monday's GI Gamely S.
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by Christina Bossinakis

Not seen since taking the GI American Oaks last December, **Anisette (GB)** (Awtaad {Ire}) kicked off her 4-year-old campaign on a winning note, taking the GI Gamely S. on Santa Anita's Memorial Day card Monday. Allowed to settle well off the pace as 5-2 favorite **Ruby Nell** (Bolt d'Oro) opened up on the field through a :24.09 opening quarter, Anisette continued to bide her time through a :47.57 half mile. With the field closing in on the weakening frontrunner approaching the final turn, the slight 5-2 second choice swept into the stretch four wide, powered to the front midstretch and proved best, scoring by a half-length over 5-1 shot **Olivia Maralda (Ire)** (Kodiac GB). **Forever After All** (Connect) was up for third.

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JOHANNES TOPS SHOEMAKER MILE

by Christina Bossinakis

Giving jockey Umberto Rispoli a day to remember after annexing the GI Gamely S. aboard Anisette two races earlier, Cuyathy LLC's **Johannes (Nyquist)** rounded out a Grade I-winning exacta for the Italian when winning the GI Shoemaker Mile S. on Santa Anita's Memorial Day card.

Assuming his usual stalking, the 2-1 second choice was content to survey the speed as 11-1 chance **Funtastic Again (Funtastic)**, with Frankie Dettori aboard, led longshot **Goliad (War Front)** through an opening quarter in :22.28. With the longshot taking over to post a half in :45.50, Johannes was poised to pounce approaching the final turn. Asked for more four wide turning for home, he was unleashed by Rispoli in the stretch, took over late and inched clear to post a 1/2-length victory over **Funtastic Again** with 2-1 choice **Du Jour** (Temple City) taking third.

"That was fantastic. I beat my idol," enthused 35-year-old Rispoli. "I have so much respect for Frankie. Having my second Gamely and Shoemaker Mile on the same day is just a dream come true."

"He is very mature, even though he dropped me behind the gate today," said Rispoli of the colt's pre-race antics. "I took out the ear plugs and he bucked me off. But he is very good horse. We always believed in him. [Trainer] Tim [Yakteen] and the owners were very patient to give him a long break and the horse came back stronger than ever. He is a fantastic and good horse. That's the type of horse you want to ride." **Cont. p4**

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Jockey Umberto Rispoli gives GI Shoemaker Mile winner Johannes a hug after winning the GI Gamely S. with Anisette earlier on Santa Anita's Memorial Day card Monday. | Benoit

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Arrogate's Mr Fisk and Reincarnate (*Good Magic*) give Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert a 1-2 finish in Santa Anita's GII Hollywood Gold Cup.

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Anisette wins the Gamely, cont. from p1

“When I passed the leaders ahead and took off, she got in front and started to wait for the other horses. I said, ‘No, you don’t do that today,’ said winning rider Umberto Rispoli. “When she felt that other filly come aside to her she just kept on going. I think it was a great effort. My thought was to get a good break, because once you break on the dirt it could get tricky, most of the horses they stumble. We were a little bit crowded but I had to ride her like she was the best filly in the race. I had a dream trip.”

Ruby Nell was allowed to take control as Linda's Gift and Olivia Maralda took up chase with Anisette an unhurried fourth rounding the first turn. The GII Buena Vista S. winner opened up by five lengths down the backstretch as the tempo began to quicken rounding the far turn. With Ruby Nell's advantage dwindling down to only two lengths straightening for home, Anisette took aim as Olivia

Maralda kept pace with the oncoming favorite while the pacesetter began her retreat. Despite her rival's best effort, however, Anisette proved best on the day, winning under a drive.



Anisette | Horsephotos

“I was very happy with the first part of the race,” explained winning trainer Leonard Powell. “I got a bit worried when Ruby Nell got the separation with the field, but I was very happy that the field caught up with Ruby Nell early.”

“I could see that Umberto was biding his time and he had a lot of confidence in her, and she got the job done. At the quarter pole, I thought if she makes it, she is a champion.”

Posting a single victory in the U.K. during her juvenile season,

Anisette launched her U.S. campaign with a trio of wins, including Del Mar's GII San Clemente S. over a mile and the nine-furlong GI Del Mar Oaks last August.

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Having to play bridesmaid to Didia in Santa Anita's GII Rodeo Drive S. over 10 panels Oct. 7, the dark bay was second to Ruby Nell when dropping back to a mile for the Nov. 5 GIII Autumn Miss S.

"I went to see her after she was on rest, and she looked like she had gained weight," said Rispoli, who later added a win with Johannes (Nyquist) in the GI Shoemaker S. on Monday's Memorial Day card. "She is tiny, but you could see that she gained some of the weight. I think it was a very good work from Leo and the barn to get her ready for a Grade I after coming back off a layoff and at a mile an eighth. I don't really think it was the distance she likes, but I think she won because she is much the best filly."

When asked about her preferred distance, he added, "It's hard to say because I really like her going at a mile because if they get away from you she can have a really good turn of foot."

Pedigree Notes:

In addition to G1 Prix d'Isphahan scorer Anmaat (Ire), she is one of two Grade I/Group winners for the stallion. Anisette, a 26,000gns purchase for Avenue Bloodstock at the Tattersalls September Yearling sale in 2021, is out of Tutti Frutti, herself a half-sister to G1 Nassau S. heroine Sultanina (GB) (New Approach {Ire}). The mare is also responsible for an unraced juvenile filly by Make Believe (GB) (Glamorous Marlene {Ire}) in addition to a yearling colt by Magna Grecia (Ire).

Monday, Santa Anita

GAMELY S.-GI, \$301,500, Santa Anita, 5-27, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:46.90, fm.

1--**ANISETTE (GB), 126, f, 4, by Awtaad (Ire)**

1st Dam: Tutti Frutti (GB), by Teofilo (Ire)

2nd Dam: Soft Centre (GB), by Zafonic

3rd Dam: Foodbroker Fancy (Ire), by Halling

(26,000gns Ylg '21 TATSOM). O-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners; B-Morera Partnership (GB); T-Leonard Powell; J-Umberto Rispoli. \$180,000. Lifetime Record: 10-6-3-0, \$786,871. **Werk Nick Rating: A++.**

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2--**Olivia Maralda (Ire), 122, f, 4, by Kodiak (GB)**

1st Dam: Yajala (GB) (SP-Ity), by Fasliyev

2nd Dam: Desacara (GB), by Arctic Tern

3rd Dam: Do You Miss Me, by El Gran Senor

1ST G1 BLACK TYPE. (460,000gns 2yo '22 TATBRE; 725,000gns 3yo '23 TATMA). O-Woodford Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Tally Ho Stud (IRE); T-William Walden. \$60,000.

3--**Forever After All, 122, m, 5, by Connect**

1st Dam: Julia Tuttle (SW & GSP, \$188,051), by Giant's Causeway

2nd Dam: Candy Cane (Arg), by Ride the Rails

3rd Dam: Candy Girl (Arg), by Candy Stripes

1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE, 1ST G1 BLACK TYPE. (\$290,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP). O/B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh. \$36,000.

Margins: HF, 1, HF. Odds: 2.80, 5.90, 17.00.

Also Ran: Nadette (Fr), Linda's Gift, Ruby Nell, Justique, Uncorked (Aus). Scratched: Yerwanthere (Ire).

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Shoemaker Mile cont. from p1

Johannes is a homebred for Joe and Debby McCloskey's Cuyathy LLC, named after the 4-year-old's dam. After making his first three starts on dirt as a 2-year-old in 2022, all losses, he was switched to turf and has since lost only once in six starts.

Last season, the dark bay won a pair of Santa Anita stakes Anita--the 6 1/2 furlong Baffle S. and the Pasadena S. at a mile--before rounding out the year with a fifth in the GII American Turf S. at Churchill Downs in May. Shelved for the remainder of the year, he marked his return with a solid 1 3/4-length victory in the GIII American S. at Santa Anita Apr. 4.

"He showed talent from the start, but to develop into this, I didn't expect it in the early stages, but I'm very thankful for him and appreciative," added Yakteen.



Johannes's winning connections | Benoit

Pedigree Notes:

Johannes gave Darley sire **Nyquist** his fifth Grade I /Group 1 victory in Monday's Shoemaker Mile. The dark bay is the first foal out of his dam Cuyathy, a \$50,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase is 2014. Stakes placed on the racetrack, the mare was the very first horse Debby and Joe McCloskey campaigned and with Monday's win, Johannes becomes the first Grade I winner for the couple. The Congrats mare also has a juvenile filly by **Gun Runner** named Sea Runner and an unnamed filly by **Knicks Go** from last season. She was bred back to **Mandaloun**.

Monday, Santa Anita Park

SHOEMAKER MILE S.-GI, \$303,000, Santa Anita, 5-27, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:33.00, fm.

1--**JOHANNES, 122, c, 4, by Nyquist**

1st Dam: Cuyathy (SP, \$107,923), by Congrats

2nd Dam: Dance Darling, by Devil's Bag

3rd Dam: Danzig Darling, by Danzig

1ST GRADE I WIN. O/B-CUYATHY LLC (KY); T-Tim Yakteen; J-Umberto Rispoli. \$180,000. Lifetime Record: 9-5-0-1, \$423,859. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.** *Triple Plus*.

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2--**Funtastic Again**, 122, c, 4, **Funtastic**--Repeta, by Broken Vow.

1ST G1 BLACK TYPE. (\$60,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV). O-Three Chimneys Farm; B-BHMFR, LLC (KY); T-Wesley A. Ward. \$60,000.

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3--**Du Jour**, 126, g, 6, Temple City--Guiltless, by Bernardini. (\$19,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$280,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR). O-Natalie J. Baffert and Debbie Lanni; B-Woods Edge Farm, LLC (KY); T-Bob Baffert. \$36,000.

 **WOODS EDGE FARM GRADUATE**

Margins: HF, 1 1/4, 1. Odds: 2.20, 11.00, 2.10.
 Also Ran: There Goes Harvard, Irideo (Arg), Easter (Fr), War At Sea, Air Force Red, Dominican Pioneer, Conclude, Goliad.
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REGALLY BRED SEGESTA PROVES BEST IN WONDER AGAIN by Alan Carasso



Segesta | Chelsea Durand

Sent off at 4-1 with '**TDN Rising Star**' **Sweet Rebecca** (**American Pharoah**) taking the lion's share of the pari-mutuel action in Monday's Gil Wonder Again S. at a rainy Aqueduct Racetrack, Juddmonte's beautifully bred **Segesta** (**Ghostzapper**) was given a heads-up ride by Irad Ortiz, Jr. to cause a mild upset.

Quickly into stride from the inside gate in a scratched-down field of six, the dark bay--whose dam was highly impressive in winning the G1 Just A Game S. for this barn in 2017--led into the first turn, but Ortiz, Jr. was looking to drop anchor and achieved that nicely, allowing **Curlin's Girl** (**Curlin**) to lead while retaining a foothold at the fence.

Into the box seat when a keen Sweet Rebecca tugged her way up into second at the half-mile, Segesta was on hold and traveling strongly turning for home, quickened better than Sweet Rebecca to her outside and, after appearing to wait on horses a bit, rebroke in the final sixteenth of a mile to hold sway. **Sy B** (English Channel) closed for second ahead of **Vive Veuve** (**Collected**) in third.

"The pace was going a little faster than it looked on paper and Irad [Ortiz, Jr.] made the good decision to take her [Segesta] back and that was it. She got a good trip," said trainer Chad Brown, winning his third straight Wonder Again and a record-extending sixth overall.

The winner will now target the July 6 G1 Fasig-Tipton Belmont Oaks over a mile and three-sixteenths, Brown said.

Sweet Rebecca, the 3-4 chalk who was mooted as a possible starter in the G1 Coronation S. at Royal Ascot next month before landing here, could do no better than fifth, though possibly with an excuse.

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"Sweet Rebecca took a really bad step around the five-sixteenths pole and I'm hoping she's OK," Brown explained. "Tyler [Gaffalione] said after she took that step, she did not feel the same down the stretch, so fingers crossed she didn't get injured."

A slow-starting and wide-trip ninth on Gulfstream debut Jan. 21, Segesta was run down close to home facing easier at Tampa Mar. 9. That confidence boost translated to a good-looking, half-length success in a mile contest at Keeneland when last seen Apr. 21, sitting a trip similar to the one she did en route to victory Monday while also idling in the late stages.

Pedigree Notes:

Segesta is the 102nd worldwide stakes winner and 56th graded winner for her sire and is bred on a similar cross to Paulassilverlining, purchased privately by Juddmonte before going on to win the GI Madison S. and GI Humana Distaff. Unbridled's Song's son First Defence is now the broodmare sire of 16 stakes winners, 10 at the group/graded level, while another son of Unbridled's Song, namely Arrogate, is the sire of Paulassilverlining's stakes-winning 'TDN Rising Star' Artorius.

Winner of the G3 Prix d'Aumale in six French appearances for trainer Pascal Bary, Antonoe made a major splash in impressively annexing her U.S. debut in Keeneland allowance company before flashing home smartly to win take out the Just A Game by three-parts of a length. Stretched to nine furlongs for that year's GI Diana S., she was beaten a length into third by stablemates Lady Eli (Divine Park) and Quidura (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) and signed off with a fourth to 2015 Wonder Again winner Lady Eli in the GII Ballston Spa S.

"She looks a lot like her mom and I'm always happy to train some of the family that I've trained," said the winning trainer. "Antonoe was a really good filly for us and we quite liked her at the barn."



Antonoe | Sarah Andrew

Antonoe is also responsible for the juvenile colt Salamis (Speightstown), a yearling filly by Gun Runner and another Speightstown filly foaled May 7.

Monday, Belmont at The Big A

WONDER AGAIN S.-GII, \$200,000, Belmont The Big A, 5-27, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT, 1:48.24, fm.

1--**SEGESTA, 118, f, 3, by Ghostzapper**

1st Dam: Antonoe (GISW-USA, GSW-Fr, \$565,377), by First Defence

2nd Dam: Ixora, by Dynaformer

3rd Dam: Imroz, by Nureyev

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN, 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN.

O/B-Juddmonte (KY); T-Chad C. Brown; J-Irad Ortiz, Jr. \$110,000. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$173,675. **Werk Nick**

Rating: C. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

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2--**Sy B, 118, f, 3, English Channel--Ocean Drive, by Belong to Me. 1ST BLACK TYPE, 1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE.** O-Blue Heaven Farm (Bonnie Baskin and Adam Corndorf); B-Blue Heaven Farm (KY); T-Cherie DeVaux. \$40,000.

Lynwood Stable Graduate (Gene Recio)

3--**Vive Veuve, 118, f, 3, Collected--Candy Store (Ire), by Lope de Vega (Ire). 1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE.** (\$30,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; 45,000gns RNA 2yo '23 TATBRE). O-Sterling Stables, LLC; B-Speedway Stables LLC (KY); T-Jack Sisterson. \$24,000.



Margins: HF, HF, 1 3/4. Odds: 4.00, 10.00, 6.60.

Also Ran: Grayosh, Sweet Rebecca, **Curlin's Girl**. Scratched:

Golden Degree, Six Pack Seniorita. **Click for the Equibase.com chart and the TJCS.com PPs. VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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Monday, Santa Anita

HOLLYWOOD GOLD CUP S.-GII, \$201,000, Santa Anita, 5-27, 3yo/up, 1 1/4m, 2:03.01, ft.

1--**MR FISK, 124, c, 4, by Arrogate**

1st Dam: Plein Air (Ire) (SW-USA & Ity, \$163,617), by Manduro (Ger)

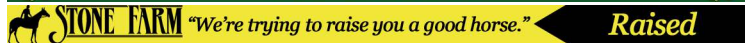
2nd Dam: Too In Love (Ire), by Galileo (Ire)

3rd Dam: Anita Via (Ire), by Anita's Prince (Ire)

O/B-Sunny Brook Stables (KY); T-Bob Baffert; J-Kazushi Kimura. \$120,000. Lifetime Record: 11-5-2-0, \$369,700. **Werk Nick**

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Hollywood Gold Cup cont.

2--**Reincarnate**, 122, c, 4, **Good Magic**--Allanah, by Scat Daddy. (\$775,000 Ylg '21 KEESep). O-SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Masterson, Robert E., Stonestreet Stables LLC, Schoenfarber, Jay A., Waves Edge Capital LLC and Donovan, Catherine; B-Woods Edge Farm, LLC (KY); T-Bob Baffert. \$40,000.

• **WOODS EDGE FARM GRADUATE** •
 3--**Judge Miller**, 122, c, 4, **Curlin**--Cavorting, by Bernardini. (\$550,000 Ylg '21 KEESep). O-Muir Hut Stables, LLC; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Mark Glatt. \$24,000.

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Margins: 2 1/4, 2 1/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 2.50, 3.00, 2.90.

Also Ran: Subsanador (Arg), Mixto, Arrowthegreat, Oviatt Class. Scratched: Ashcroft.

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Sunny Brook Stables' Mr Fisk hooked up with stablemate Reincarnate entering the final furlong of Monday's GII Hollywood Gold Cup and pulled away from that rival to register his third graded victory from his last four starts.

Wathnan Racing's recent private purchase Subsanador (Arg) (Fortify) won the break and held the advantage passing the stands for the first time, but Juan Hernandez was equally positive aboard Reincarnate from the inside barrier and he sent the 4-year-old into the lead passing the winning post with a circuit of the Great Race Place to traverse. The well-backed Judge Miller took a sit out three deep, while Mr Fisk improved a spot into fourth rounding the clubhouse turn.

There was little change in the running order over the course of the next couple of furlongs, but Kazushi Kimura allowed Mr Fisk to slowly pinch ground at the fence and was poised to strike in behind the leading trio as they hit the far turn. Reincarnate held the call, and when Subsanador began to throw out some distress signals leaving the quarter pole, Kimura drove Mr Fisk through that opening and the battle was joined. The stablemates were in lock-step into the final furlong, but Mr Fisk did the better of the two in the deciding stages and proved a comfortable winner in the end. Mr Fisk was vanned off the track and taken to the barn area for evaluation after Kimura reported that the colt felt 'off' on the gallop-out.

"Kazushi Kimura said it was nothing major, but he says he just felt a little off, nothing obvious," said trainer Bob Baffert, winning his 10th Gold Cup and 350th Santa Anita stakes race overall.

"We are just being cautious. He was a little bit off so hopefully it's a foot or something. My horses ran great, both of them, one and two like that.

"I knew they weren't going very fast, and he was in a good spot. Reincarnate when he gets a lead, he's tough. He showed up. I'm proud of them both. It's too bad we can't celebrate in the winner's circle, but the horse looks like he is going to be fine. That's the good news."

Baffert offered an update by X later in the evening, "Mr Fisk is resting comfortably in his stall, ready for dinner. He has a condylar fracture and will have surgery [Tuesday]. His prognosis is excellent. Jockey Kazushi Kimura took great care of his horse."

The dead-heat winner of last year's Shared Belief S. at Del Mar, Mr Fisk broke through at the graded level in the GIII Native Diver S. during the Bing Crosby meet in November. A wide-trip fifth in the GII San Pasqual S. Jan. 27, he bounced back to soundly defeat Judge Miller in the GIII Californian S. Apr. 20.



Mr Fisk | Benoit

Pedigree Notes:

Plein Air, a winner at listed level in Italy going 10 furlongs in heavy ground, was acquired by Sunny Brook Stables and won her U.S. debut for Baffert in the 12-furlong Astra S. in January 2018. Unplaced in three subsequent runs, she was retired in early 2019 and was among the second book of mares bred to Arrogate.

The mare is also responsible for the 3-year-old filly Bella Riva (**Hard Spun**); the juvenile colt Catch the Breeze (**Maclean's Music**), a \$30,000 FTKOCT yearling who was entered in but withdrawn from last month's Goffs Breeze-Up Sale at Doncaster; and a yearling filly by **Collected**. Plein Air produced a colt by Omaha Beach May 18. [@EquinealTDN](#)

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Monday, Churchill Downs

WINNING COLORS S.-GIII, \$248,750, Churchill Downs, 5-27, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.69, ft.

1--**CLEARLY UNHINGED, 118, f, 4, by Into Mischief**

1st Dam: Smart Win, by Smart Strike

2nd Dam: Win McCool, by Giant's Causeway

3rd Dam: Win Crafty Lady, by Crafty Prospector

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN, 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. O-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc. (J. G. Sikura) & Jarret Prussin; B-Rock Brothers Breeding LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen; J-Joel Rosario. \$150,315. Lifetime Record: 9-4-2-1, \$505,235.

Werk Nick Rating: A+++ *Triple Plus*.



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2--**Dazzling Blue, 118, f, 4, Into Mischief--Blue Violet, by Curlin.** (\$500,000 Ylg '21 KEESF). O-Juddmonte; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. \$48,650.



3--**Unsung Melody, 118, f, 4, Maclean's Music--Narrow Sea, by Bodemeister. 1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE.** (\$65,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV). O-WSS Racing; B-Scott & Debbie Pierce (KY); T-John Alexander Ortiz. \$24,325.

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Margins: 1HF, 1 1/4, NO. Odds: 2.00, 1.57, 44.97.

Also Ran: Leeloo, Happy Am I, Positano Sunset, Royal Spa, B G Warrior. Scratched: Backyard Money, Miss Arlington, Spirit Wind. **Click for the Equibase.com chart and the TJCS.com PPs. VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

Showing Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings and Jarret Prussin's filly might be sitting on a big 4-year-old season, Clearly Unhinged blazed her way to a first black-type success in Louisville in the GIII Winning Colors S. Monday.

B G Warrior (Run Away and Hide) shot to the front from post 2 while immediately to her outside, Clearly Unhinged dragged Joel Rosario to the fore through a nifty quarter in :21.02. Still under a snug hold as Happy Am I (**Runhappy**) and Leeloo (**Practical Joke**) loomed on her outer hip, the chestnut cornered like a Ferrari while throwing down a half in :44.34 and was given the cue late, remaining on task to score by 1 1/2 lengths over the earnest late-closing effort from 3-2 choice Dazzling Blue, giving Spendthrift's Into Mischief the 1-2 finish. Unsung Melody rounded out the trifecta.

"She broke from the gate sharply and I just let her do her thing up the backside," said Rosario. "We went pretty fast but she was doing it pretty much on her own. She really dug in down the lane to get the job done. I'm very proud of her performance."

The win was trainer Steve Asmussen's third in the race with prior victories coming in 2004 with Lady Tak, 2015 with Street

Story and last year with Echo Zulu.

"Anytime you see a horse go :21 flat you get a little nervous," said Asmussen's assistant Scott Blasi. "She's a very talented filly and very thankful John Sikura sent her to us. We'll probably send her north to Saratoga this summer and, hopefully, get her to the Breeders' Cup."

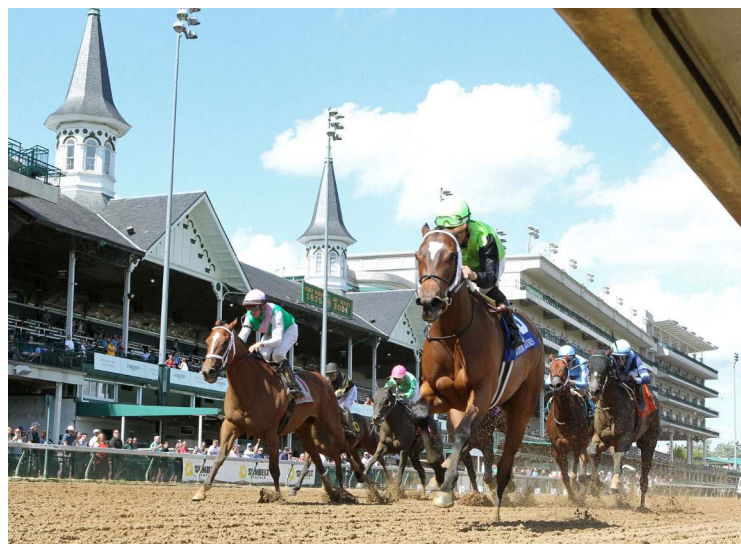
As for the beaten favorite, trainer Brad Cox added, "We were just second best today. She ran a good race but couldn't get to the winner."

Under the tutelage of Michael McCarthy last season, Clearly Unhinged took her debut going 6 1/2 panels at Santa Anita over the winter and later added an optional claiming win later in June over that track and trip. Runner up in both the GI Test S. at the Spa and the GIII Chillingworth S., she came home sixth behind Goodnight Olive in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint before wrapping up the season with a third in the GI La Brea S. Moved to the Hall of Famer for her 4-year-old season, the filly came home a confident 2 3/4-length winner in a five-furlong off turf test at Churchill Downs Apr. 30.

Pedigree Notes:

With the victory, the filly became the 150th Northern Hemisphere-foaled stakes winner and 75th graded winner for Into Mischief. The winner's dam, Smart Win, is out of a graded winning Win McCool (Giant's Causeway), herself a half-sister to GISW Harmony Lodge and GSW Graeme Hall. This represents the family of Grade I winners Magnum Moon and Pinehurst. The 11-year-old mare is also responsible for a juvenile colt by **Violence** and a yearling colt by **Justify**. This season, she dropped a colt by **Uncle Mo**.

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Clearly Unhinged: two for two at Churchill Downs | John Gallagher
- Coady Media

Monday, Lone Star Park

STEVE SEXTON MILE S.-GIII, \$400,000, Lone Star, 5-27, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.69, ft.

1--**HEROIC MOVE, 122, c, 4, by Quality Road**

1st Dam: Family Tree (MGSW & GISP, \$733,387), by Smart Strike

2nd Dam: Giant Mover, by Giant's Causeway

3rd Dam: Gold Mover, by Gold Fever

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN, 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN.

O-Arnold Bennewith, Randy Howg, Lana Wiest, R6 Stables, Gary Kropp & Norman Tremblay; B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. (KY); T-Robertino Diodoro; J-Harry Hernandez. \$236,400. Lifetime Record: 15-4-2-3, \$544,715. **Werk Nick Rating: A+.**

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2--**Touchuponastar, 124, g, 5, Star Guitar--Touch Magic, by Lion Heart.** (\$15,000 Ylg '20 TTAYHR). O-Set-Hut LLC; B-Coteau Grove Farms, LLC (LA); T-Jeff Delhomme. \$78,800.

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3--**Frosted Grace, 124, h, 8, Mark Valeski--Class, by Thunder Gulch.** (\$14,000 RNA Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$10,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP). O-Flying P Stable; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Michael J. Maker. \$43,340.

LEGACY
 Dam Sold by Grovendale

Margins: NK, HF, 3 3/4. Odds: 5.80, 0.90, 2.50. Also Ran: Lure Him In, Presidential, Silver Prospector. Scratched: Denington, Everso Mischievous. **Click for the Equibase.com chart and the TJCIS.com PPs.**

Frosted Grace and **Touchuponastar** were busy re-litigating their one-two finish in last year's GIII Steve Sexton Mile S., but it was **Heroic Move** who upset the script as he drove past that pair in deep stretch to just get his nose in front on the line at Lone Star Park Monday. The 5-1 shot settled at the back of the field as **Touchuponastar**, the 4-5 favorite, raced keenly and pulled his way to the lead through a quarter in :24.37 with **Frosted Grace** just to his outside. **Heroic Move** was still last as the half went up in :47.52, but he began rolling on the bend and loomed a threat while three wide into the lane. All eyes were on the two favorites, but **Heroic Move** closed relentlessly to just get up in the final jumps.

"I wanted to be closer to the favorite," admitted winning rider Harry Hernandez. "But I saw a couple of horses going with him and my horse wasn't exactly where I wanted him to be. I just took him back and let him relax. After the half, I could tell he

wanted to go, so I just went to the outside and started making a move from there. He did everything perfect after that. He responded to me and when I asked him, he gave me another run."

The effort impressed winning trainer Robertino Diodoro.

"He ran big," Diodoro said. "He's been working really well.

Harry gave him a good ride. The race set up the way he said and we got lucky."

Heroic Move began his racing career for his breeders, Gary and Mary West, in the barn of trainer Brad Cox, winning his debut at Oaklawn in February of 2023. In his first start for these owners and Diodoro, the bay finished third in the Iowa Derby last July. While he was off the board in the GIII Canadian Derby and GIII Oklahoma Derby, he was runner-up in the Manitoba Derby and Zia Park Derby.

Heroic Move opened 2024 with an allowance victory at Oaklawn in February before fourth-place efforts in allowance company at the Arkansas track Mar. 16 and Apr. 21.

Diodoro, **who is serving a provisional suspension from the Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit**, admitted, "It's been a little bit rough lately and I want to thank the help, for sure, and the owners for sticking with us. It's a great ownership group that owns this horse and we appreciate it."

Pedigree Notes:

Heroic Move is the 40th graded winner for his sire, **Quality Road**. GIII Arlington Classic winner **Cowboy Culture** is the only other out of a **Smart Strike** mare.

Family Tree, purchased by the Wests for \$225,000 at the 2014 Keeneland September sale, won the 2016 GII Indiana Oaks and GIII Iowa Oaks and was third in that year's GI Alabama S. in their colors. She has a yearling colt by **Tapit** and produced a colt by **Medaglia d'Oro** this year.

The mare's half-sister **Liora (Candy Ride {Arg})** won the 2018 GII Golden Rod S. and was second in the GI Kentucky Oaks the following year.

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BATTEN DOWN WORKS, STILL ON THE FENCE FOR BELMONT



Batten Down | Coady Media

Juddmonte homebred **Batten Down** (**Tapit**), a full-brother to multiple graded winner **Tacitus**, worked five furlongs in company in 1:01.09 (1/4) over the Oklahoma training track in Saratoga Monday, but trainer Bill Mott is still considering whether the sophomore will line up for the June 8 GI Belmont S.

Batten Down, with jockey Junior Alvarado up, went on the outside of stablemate **Arthur's Ride** (**Tapit**) as NYRA clockers caught them through splits of :12.54, :24.80, :36.99 and through five-eighths in 1:01.99 before galloping out in 1:14.19 and 1:28.94. The pair stayed on even terms throughout with Arthur's Ride, a 4-year-old allowance winner, a long head in front at the wire. Both horses wore blinkers for the work.

"I don't know if I'm running in the Belmont--he had a nice work," said Mott. "It couldn't have gone better. He went with an older horse and they breezed nicely together. Junior was pleased with him, so [now] we decide where we go.

"Maybe we skip the Belmont and go to Ohio possibly," Mott added, referencing the GIII Ohio Derby June 22 at Thistledown. "We've got to figure it out."

With Alvarado aboard, Batten Down rolled to an 8 3/4-length maiden victory going 1 1/4 miles at Churchill Downs Apr. 30.

"I love him. He's a very nice horse to be around and he's a very kind horse," Alvarado said. "He's a little different in the afternoon and gets very aggressive and wants to go, go, go. But he lets you do whatever you want in the morning. Arthur is a good work horse and it was a very good pairing--beautiful and enjoying their work together."

Batten Down ran with his head tilted slightly as he ran alongside Arthur's Ride in the stretch, but Alvarado said it is not something that concerns him.

"He does that. When he gets a little in front or he's about to

pass a horse, he always likes to lean in and play around," said Alvarado. "He's always been that kind of horse, but we know that when it's race time, he gets serious. He's a totally different animal in the afternoon."

Also on the tab Monday for Mott was GII Wood Memorial winner **Resilience** (Into Mischief), who posted his first work since finishing sixth in the May 4 GI Kentucky Derby. The bay colt worked alone through splits of :13.32, :26.29 and a half-mile in :50.45 (5/7) before galloping out in 1:04.20.

"I'm trying to figure out what's next," Mott said of a potential next start for Resilience.

Mott sent four-time Grade I winner **Casa Creed** (Jimmy Creed) to work four furlongs in :48.02 (1/7) Monday. Working in company with 3-year-old maiden **Timeout** (**Curlin**), the 8-year-old went through splits of :12.87, :24.64 and galloped out in 1:01.25, according to NYRA clockers.

"He was very, very, very good," Mott said of the veteran.

Owned by LRE Racing and JEH Racing Stable, Casa Creed has made three straight starts in the GI Jaipur S.--including a win in 2022--when it was contested at six furlongs at Belmont Park, but will skip this year's event at the Belmont Stakes Racing Festival with the race being run at 5 1/2 furlongs. He will instead aim for the one-mile GIII Poker S. on the Belmont S. undercard.

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BELMONT-AT-AQUEDUCT FIRST RACE RUN AT WRONG DISTANCE

Monday's first race at Belmont-at-Aqueduct was scheduled to be contested at five-and-a-half furlongs on the dirt, but due to what NYRA called an "outside-vendor issue," it was run at the incorrect distance of five furlongs.



War Tax wins the first race at Aqueduct, run at the wrong distance | Coglianese photo

"Monday's first race at Belmont at the Big A was run at the incorrect distance of five furlongs due to a program diagram error," said NYRA's Vice President of Communications Patrick McKenna. "The race was written at 5 1/2-furlongs for 2-year-old maidens, however, due to an outside-vendor issue, the corresponding race graphic in the program portrayed a five-furlong race. The race was subsequently run at five furlongs with War Tax (**Outwork**) [No. 2, \$6.90] winning with Jose Gomez up for trainer Carlos Martin."

The graphic that appears in the program showing the distance of the race--with the section to be run appearing in black--shows a five-furlong race, and the inside part of the graphic says "5 furlongs." But in the text of the conditions just below, it reads Five And One Half Furlongs.

The stewards apparently did not notice that the gate was placed in the wrong place, allowing the race to take place. The mistake was discovered after the race was run.

The field was comprised of six first-time starters.

"This is a highly unusual scenario and despite the correct distance being written in the program, on the overnight and across wagering platforms, the race was unfortunately contested at the incorrect distance. NYRA will review its protocols to ensure this scenario does not present itself again."

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HILL 'N' DALE AT XALAPA BUYS A\$800,000 I AM INVINCIBLE FILLY AT MAGIC MILLIONS



Lot 297 | *Magic Millions*

William Johnson Bloodstock secured the day's top lot on Day 2 of the 2024 Magic Millions Gold Coast National Weanling Sale when lot 297, an imposing daughter of the champion sire I Am Invincible, was knocked down for A\$800,000 on behalf of Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa.

The fact that this is one of Australia's most prolific black-type families was not lost on this filly's new owners, with William Johnson explaining that the Sikura family of Hill 'n' Dale have been keen to tap into the best Australian bloodlines.

"Racing is a global sport," Johnson said, "and the Sikuras love these well-bred fillies with great physiques. Their investment here is a great endorsement for Australian racing."

This is not Hill 'n' Dale's first Australian venture into the sales. Earlier this year they purchased an I Am Invincible yearling filly out of the dual group winner Madam Rouge (Zoustar) in partnership with Gai Waterhouse, Adrian Bott and William Johnson for A\$1.7 million.

Johnson said that no trainer has been decided upon for this filly.

"We will let her grow out and go from there," he said.

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WONG FILES APPLICATION FOR REVIEW WITH FTC IN ONGOING METFORMIN CASE

by *Dan Ross*

Trainer Jonathan Wong's legal team has filed an application with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) for the agency to review an **April decision** by an FTC chief administrative law judge affirming an earlier Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) arbitration panel ruling which suspended Wong for two years and fined him \$25,000 for a 2023 post-race metformin positive.

Metformin is a type 2 diabetes drug that HISA has classified as a banned substance.

The application for review asks the FTC to conduct a de novo review of chief administrative law judge D. Michael Chappell's decision, claiming that the judge had "misapplied the HISA rules approved by the Commission" and had "incorrectly decided issues of law and policy."

According to Wong's long-time owner, Brent Malmstrom, the application for review is a procedural requirement if Wong is to take the case to federal court, as he had **previously indicated**. Malmstrom added that the FTC has the choice of accepting or declining the application for review.

Wong's is the first HISA-related medication violation case to have made it as far in the appeal process.

Though banned from operating in jurisdictions that fall under HISA's authority, Wong operates a stable out of Louisiana Downs, in a state that currently falls outside of HISA legal purview.

The Wong-trainee Heaven and Earth (Gormley) broke her maiden at Indiana Grand on June 1 but subsequently tested positive for metformin.

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As a matter of protocol at that time, **HIWU initially provisionally suspended Wong** at the beginning of June when the A sample returned a positive finding for Metformin.

The HISA Authority subsequently announced that it had **modified the rules surrounding provisional suspensions**. Under the revised provisions, responsible parties who request B Sample confirmation following a positive test for a banned substance would no longer face a provisional suspension until the B sample findings are returned.

In Wong's case, **he was notified** on Aug. 9 that the B Sample confirmed the Metformin positive.

Though Wong was technically permitted to return to training for a brief period while the B sample was being processed, he explained at the time that his owners did not wish to transfer the horses back with the B Sample results expected imminently, and effectively has not trained since July 2.

Earlier this year, a HISA arbitration panel imposed on Wong the maximum possible sentence for such a violation. The two-year period of ineligibility retroactively started July 1, 2023, when Wong's initial provisional suspension was first imposed. The panel's ruling set the case up for review anew before the FTC.

In his written ruling dated April 22, Chappell agreed with the plaintiffs that HISA had departed from the anti-doping medication control (ADMC) program's standards or protocol in key instances.

Nevertheless, Chappell determined that "there is no basis presented by Appellant to support a conclusion that the resulting sanctions were 'arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of discretion, or otherwise not in accordance with law.'"

Chappell concluded that Wong "has failed to meet his burden of establishing that the demonstrated departures from applicable testing standards or protocols could reasonably have caused the AAF [adverse analytical finding]. Therefore, pursuant to ADMC Rule 3122(c)-(d), the test results are presumed valid and the departures are not a defense to the possession violation."

The application for review identifies four "errors" in the decision that warrant review. Among them is Chappell's finding that the test results from the various sample analyses conducted "are presumed valid and the departures [from HISA rules] are not a defense."

Wong's legal team argues that Chappell failed to determine the "admissibility, relevance, and materiality of the test results, nor did he discuss the impact that HISA rule violations had on the evidentiary admissibility or weight of the test results."

Furthermore, Wong's team argues that Chappell had failed to follow federal "rule of evidence" requirements pertaining to questions raised over chain of custody handling of the samples.

Wong's legal team also takes issue with Chappell's finding that Wong had failed to meet burden of proof requirements establishing that the "demonstrated departures from applicable testing standards or protocols could reasonably have caused" the positive findings.

Chappell "did not address Appellant's extensive briefing on due process requirements that 'agencies [strictly] adhere to their own rules' and 'not violate their own rules,'" the application for review states. "The ALJ's failure to consider whether admitting the test results as evidence comported with due process law warrants review."

In an unusual turn of events in the case, the Kenneth L. Maddy Equine Analytical Chemistry Laboratory at the University of California, Davis, conducted "Further Analysis" on the A blood sample originally sent to Industrial Laboratories, and intended to analyse what should have remained of the B urine sample processed at the University of Illinois Chicago laboratory.

The application for review argues that Chappell had failed to address the "merits" of Wong's argument that this development violated HISA's own rules.

According to the filing, if the FTC grants the application for review, Wong will seek a stay of the judge's decision.

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RODRIGUEZ, RUSSELL FINISH AS PREAKNESS MEET TOP JOCKEY, TRAINER

Jockey Jaime Rodriguez won twice on Monday's Memorial Day holiday program to clinch his first riding title at historic Pimlico Race Course, while Brittany Russell left Old Hilltop with her third straight leading trainer crown at the Preakness Meet.

Rodriguez won 12 times, three more than runners-up Jorge Ruiz and Sheldon Russell.

"It was a tight race for me. Everybody was pretty much even. It was fun," Rodriguez said. "All the horses ran good."

It is the fifth riding title in Maryland for Rodriguez, who earlier this year won Laurel Park's winter Heritage Meet and was second to then-apprentice J.G. Torrealba at the subsequent spring stand. He previously registered multi-win days at Pimlico May 9, 10 and 26, and also won once each on the GII Black-Eyed Susan S. and GI Preakness S. programs May 17-18.

Russell finished with eight wins from 35 starters, including two-win days on May 12 and 16. Jose Corrales won twice Monday to move into a tie for second with Kieron Magee at six wins.

"It is cool. We kind of point for the meet," Russell said. "It's just a fun meet for us. My team works so hard. It's a lot of work for them. I do have a string here, but we run a lot of horses. I'm just proud of everybody. Everybody worked really hard, and I feel like we deserve it."

Among Russell's victories was Apple Picker in the \$100,000 Skipat on the Preakness undercard. Third on the same program with Prince of Jericho in the GIII Chick Lang S., Russell earned \$7,000 for having the fourth-most points in stakes races in the Maryland Jockey Club's annual Preakness Weekend trainer bonus series. She won the top prize of \$25,000 for having the most points in non-stakes races.

In all she started 23 horses at Pimlico from May 16 to 18, including 19 over Black-Eyed Susan and Preakness days.

Married to Sheldon Russell, Russell credits assistants Luis Barajas at Laurel, Emma Wolfe at Fair Hill, Sam Hopkins at Delaware and Damon Gladden at Pimlico for being instrumental in the stable's success.



Jaime Rodriguez | MJC



Russell made history in 2023 as the first woman to lead the annual standings in Maryland with 118 wins at Laurel and Pimlico, setting season highs across the board with 687 starters, 177 wins, 141 seconds, 96 thirds and \$7,996,867 in purse earnings, ranking 11th nationally in wins and 16th in money won.

It is Russell's first meet title this year and seventh overall, four coming at Pimlico. Through the first five months of 2024 she has 52 wins from 247 starters with more than \$2.4 million in purses earned.

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MONDAY'S \$44K PICK 6 CARRYOVER MOVES TO OPENING DAY OF BELMONT STAKES RACING FESTIVAL

Edited Press Release

Monday's Pick 6 carryover of \$44,200 will be transferred to the Thursday, June 6 program at Saratoga Race Course after a pair of races included in the multi-race wager were taken off the turf on today's card.

Following the conclusion of Race 4--the opening leg of the Pick 6 wager--and a weather delay which included significant rainfall, the New York Racing Association, Inc. took Race 6 and Race 7 off-the-turf.

A total of \$230,327 in new money was wagered into Monday's Pick 6 pool at a carryover takeout rate of 24%. Given United Tote is unable to change the takeout rate in the tote system after the wager begins, NYRA has added a total of \$21,000 in seed money to the pool which brings the wager down to a takeout rate of 14.88%, which is below the customary non-carryover Pick 6 takeout rate of 15%.

In accordance with New York State Gaming Commission Rule 4011.26 regarding Pick 6 pools and surface transfers, the Pick 6 carryover will now transfer to the next available card which will occur June 6 on Opening Day of the Belmont Stakes Racing Festival.

According to the rules: "If there are two or three surface transfer races in the pick-six sequence, no carryovers from prior pick-six pools, advertised guaranteed amount or advertised added amounts will be distributed to winners in such day's pick-six pool, and 75% of such program's net pool shall be distributed, less breaks, to holders of wagers selecting the winners of all non-surface transfer races in the pick-six sequence, and 25% of such program's net pool shall be distributed, less breaks, to holders of wagers selecting the next most winners; should no wager include the winners of all the non-surface-transfer races in the pick-six sequence, 25% of such net pool shall be distributed, less breaks, to the holders of wagers selecting the most winners of the non-surface-transfer races in the pick-six sequence, and 75% of such program's net pool shall be carried over as elsewhere provided in this section for subsequent distribution."

Entries for the Thursday, June 6 program will be taken Friday, May 31.

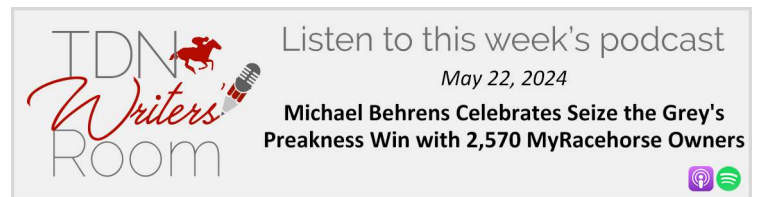
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Saturday, Churchill Downs #6, post time: 3:18 p.m. EDT

ARLINGTON S.-GIII, \$275,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Ottoman Fleet (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Godolphin, LLC	Appleby	Prat	120
2	Emmanuel 🌿	More Than Ready	Siena Farm LLC and WinStar Farm LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	120
3	Smokin' T 🌿	War Front	DATTT Stable	McGaughey III	Velazquez	120
4	Stitched 🌿	Mizzen Mast	McCauley, Nathan, Olszewski, Michael W. and Minton, William J.	Foley	Gaffalione	118
5	Northern Invader 🌿	Collected	West Point Thoroughbreds and Ingordo, David	DeVaux	Ortiz	118
6	Chasing the Crown	Skipshot	Paradise Farms Corp., Staudacher, David and Carlesimo, Angelo	Maker	Rosario	118
7	Harlan Estate 🌿	Kantharos	Graham Grace Stable	Beckman	Cannon	118
8	Irish Aces 🌿	Mshawish	Pocket Aces Racing LLC	Walsh	Saez	118

Breeders: 1-SCEA Marmion Vauville & Alain Jathiere, 2-Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust, 3-Datt Farm LLC, 4-Nathan McCauley, 5-Anderson Farms Ont. Inc. & Peter A.Berglar Racing Interests, LLC., 6-Mikhail Yanakov, 7-Tall Oaks Farm, 8-Lynch Bages LTD

Saturday, Churchill Downs #8, post time: 4:23 p.m. EDT

SHAWNEE S.-GIII, \$275,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Magical Lute	Maclean's Music	Whitham Thoroughbreds LLC	Wilkes	Hernandez, Jr.	118
2	Malloy 🌿	Outwork	Coffeepot Stables	Catalano	Torres	118
3	Wet Paint	Blame	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Prat	118
4	Take a Stand	Will Take Charge	G. Watts Humphrey, Jr.	Oliver	Saez	118
5	Bellamore 🌿	Empire Maker	Kaleem Shah, Inc.	Asmussen	Gaffalione	120
6	Xigera 🌿	Nyquist	Rigney Racing, LLC	Bauer	Leparoux	123
7	Scylla	Tapit Juddmonte	Mott	Castellano	118	
8	Hoosier Philly 🌿	Into Mischief	Gold Standard Racing Stable, LLC	Amoss	Morales	118
9	Hidden Connection 🌿	Connect	Hidden Brook Farm & Black Type Thoroughbreds	Calhoun	Gutierrez	118

Breeders: 1-Whitham Thoroughbreds, LLC, 2-Double O Bloodstock, Everest Bloodstock, Gerty Blkoodstock & Dermot Ryan, 3-Godolphin, 4-G. Watts Humphrey Jr., 5-Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD., 6-Cedar Hill LLC, 7-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 8-Candy Meadows LLC, 9-St. Simon Place

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Saturday, Churchill Downs #9, post time: 4:55 p.m. EDT

REGRET S.-GIII, \$275,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Way to Be Marie 🌿	Not This Time	LaPenta, Robert V. and Madaket Stables LLC	Atras	Geroux	118
2	Everland	Arrogate	Foster Family Racing, Wargel, William J., R.K. Eckrich Racing, LLC and Maxis Stable	Foster	Cedillo	118
3	Gavea (Ger)	Gleneagles (Ire)	Bal Mar Equine, LLC	Stall, Jr.	Leparoux	118
4	Dancing N Dixie	Neolithic	Barber, Gary, Rocky Top Stables & LEMB Stables	Casse	Ortiz	118
5	Poolside With Slim (Ire)	Churchill (Ire)	Bromagen, II, Glen S. and Lewis, Patrick	Arnold, II	Hernandez, Jr.	118
6	Buchu 🌿	Justify	Rigney Racing, LLC	Bauer	Garcia	120
7	Hello Hollywood	Oscar Performance	Double Heart Racing LLC	Lynch	Ortiz, Jr.	118
8	Sassy Princess 🌿	Cairo Prince	America's Pastime Stables & Bloom Racing Stable	Walsh	Prat	118
9	Pin Up Betty	Constitution	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Saez	118
10	Faith Understood	Catholic Boy	Robert V. LaPenta	Thomas	Velazquez	118

Breeders: 1-William B. Harrigan & Mike Pietrangelo, 2-George Strawbridge Jr., 3-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof, 4-Freddie Hyatt, 5-Kilweelran Ltd, 6-Rigney Racing, LLC, 7-Double Heart Racing, LLC, 8-Brereton C. Jones, 9-Three Diamonds Farm, 10-Whitehorse Stable

Saturday, Churchill Downs #10, post time: 5:27 p.m. EDT

BLAME S.-GIII, \$275,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Frosted Departure 🌿	Frosted	R.T Racing Stable	McPeek	Leparoux	118
2	Highland Falls	Curlin	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Geroux	118
3	War Campaign	Declaration of War	Jerry Namy	Sims	Gaffalione	118
4	Uncle Jake 🌿	Uncle Mo	Vaccarezza Racing LLC	Vaccarezza	Rosario	118
5	Tapit Trice 🌿	Tapit	Whisper Hill Farm, LLC and Gainesway Stable	Pletcher	Prat	118
6	Dreamlike 🌿	Gun Runner	Repole Stable and St. Elias Stables LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	118
7	Classic Causeway	Giant's Causeway	Old Kentucky Home LLC	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	118
8	Last Samurai 🌿	Malibu Moon	Willis Horton Racing LLC	Milligan, Jr.	Torres	118
9	Cagliostro	Upstart	Wathnan Racing	DeVaux	Ortiz	118
10	Five Star General 🌿	Distorted Humor	Elttaes Stable	Forster	Lanerie	118
11	Trademark 🌿	Upstart	BBN Racing, LLC	Oliver	Garcia	123

Breeders: 1-Alastar Thoroughbred Company, LLC, 2-Godolphin, 3-Jerry Namy, 4-Budget Stable, 5-Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD., 6-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC, 7-Kentucky West Racing LLC & Clarke M.Cooper Family Living Trust, 8-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 9-Lance Colwell & Janice Clark, 10-WinStar Farm, LLC, 11-Brereton C. Jones



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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Vino Rosso (2015) by Curlin	--	5	--	4	--	--	101	35	\$138,900 Corposo	\$1,918,509
2	Mitole (2015) by Eskendereya	2	5	--	1	--	--	93	33	\$116,800 Freeburn	\$1,950,160
3	Audible (2015) by Into Mischief	4	7	2	5	--	--	81	29	\$420,150 My Mane Squeeze	\$2,620,020
4	Maximus Mischief (2016) by Into Mischief	2	7	--	1	--	--	85	26	\$181,350 Glengarry	\$1,837,838
5	Flameaway (2015) by Scat Daddy	1	5	--	1	--	--	70	23	\$198,215 Northern Flame	\$1,260,050
6	Omaha Beach (2016) by War Front	3	10	1	3	--	2	74	21	\$184,500 Regulatory Risk	\$2,071,148
7	Preservationist (2013) by Arch	2	3	1	1	--	--	45	17	\$173,000 Antiquarian	\$938,640
8	World of Trouble (2015) by Kantharos	--	3	--	--	--	--	53	17	\$94,495 Ready for Trouble	\$809,558
9	Enticed (2015) by Medaglia d'Oro	1	4	1	2	--	--	58	16	\$90,500 Under the Palms	\$1,037,213
10	Catalina Cruiser (2014) by Union Rags	--	1	--	1	--	1	64	15	\$192,825 Catalytic	\$845,280
11	Coal Front (2014) by Stay Thirsty	1	4	--	--	--	--	28	14	\$294,500 Haulin Ice	\$1,001,421
12	Catholic Boy (2015) by More Than Ready	1	6	--	--	--	--	58	14	\$118,900 Rock'n a Halo	\$811,377
13	Demarchelier (GB) (2016) by Dubawi (IRE)	--	2	--	--	--	--	41	13	\$82,200 Royal Wintour	\$634,732
14	St Patrick's Day (2015) by Pioneerof the Nile	1	3	1	1	--	--	29	11	\$181,010 Fiona's Magic	\$527,322
15	Solomini (2015) by Curlin	--	3	--	--	--	--	48	10	\$154,600 Doc Sullivan	\$862,981

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CURLIN'S EAGLES FLIGHT AS ADVERTISED, JOINS HALF-BROTHER FLIGHTLINE AS 'TDN RISING STARS' by Alan Carasso



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Being a half-brother to undefeated Horse of the Year **Flightline** (**Tapit**, Horse of the Year, Ch. Older Dirt Male, MGISW, \$4,514,800), the expectations were naturally high and the pressure certainly on, and Hronis Racing, Summer Wind Equine and William S. Farish's **Eagles Flight (c, 3, Curlin--Feathered, by Indian Charlie)** proved equal to the task, overcoming something of a tricky trip to join **Flightline** as 'TDN Rising Stars.'

Beyond the obvious pedigree appeal, **Eagles Flight** had displayed plenty of ability in the mornings, with three consecutive black-letter works heading into the debut capped by a best-of-41 five furlongs in :58 4/5 May 19.

As low as 3-5 as the horses were about to depart the paddock, **Eagles Flight--**carrying the Summer Wind silks--eased into 4-5 and remained there before a further market drift saw him jump at odds of 11-10. Not the quickest away from the two hole, the scopey bay colt--who tipped the scales at 1,177 pounds according to a Santa Anita graphic--brushed lightly at the break with the rail-drawn **Atitlan (The Factor)**, then was beaten for speed and was ridden along from about seventh, but raced not all that far away from the leaders down the backstretch.

In tight for a stride or two at that stage, **Eagles Flight** traveled sweetly for **Flightline's** jockey Flavien Prat and he was angled away from the inside and into about the three path at the three-eighths. Taking a gap professionally between rivals while gaining good ground nearing the quarter pole, **Eagles Flight** rolled up outside to engage 2-1 chief market rival **Santarena** (Omaha Beach), a three-time maiden, but who earned a 93 Beyer for a runner-up effort two starts back. The chalk wanted to lug in

approaching the eighth pole, but once straightened away by Prat, he leveled out beautifully and won going away before galloping out strongly. The final time for the six furlongs was a rock-solid 1:10.07, all despite apparently losing his right front shoe somewhere along the way.

Racing in the colors of Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, **Feathered** was multiple Grade I-placed on the dirt at two, but developed into one of the top turf runners of her generation the following season, winning the GIII Edgewood S. while finishing runner-up in the GI American Oaks and the GII Lake George S. Jane Lyon added **Feathered** to her boutique broodmare band at Summer Wind Farm, paying \$2.35 million for the 4-year-old when offered pregnant to **War Front** at the 2016 Keeneland November Sale and the mare has since bred four winners from five to start.

Her second produce was **Flightline**, a \$1-million Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling who went undefeated in his six-race career with elite-level scores at seven furlongs (Malibu S.), eight furlongs (Hill 'n' Dale Met Mile H.) and a mile and a quarter (TVG Pacific Classic, GI Breeders' Cup Classic). He won those half-dozen races by some 70 1/2 lengths combined. **Eagles Flight's** third dam **Finder's Fee** took the 1999 GI Matron S. and added the GI Acorn S. the following season.

Lyon had **Eagles Flight** entered for the 2022 Keeneland September Sale, only days after **Flightline** won the Pacific Classic by better than 19 lengths. Ultimately **she could not risk the colt at auction** and elected to retain him, adding **Flightline** partners Hronis Racing and Will Farish to the ownership group.

Feathered is the dam of the 2-year-old Into Mischief filly **Flight of Fancy**, was barren to **Tapit** for 2023 and produced a full-brother to **Flightline** this past February.

Eagles Flight is the 27th 'TDN Rising Star' for **Curlin**.

NEW

TDN RISING STAR

8th-Santa Anita, \$56,000, Msw, 5-27, 3, 4, /5yo, 6f, 1:10.07, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

EAGLES FLIGHT, c, 3, by Curlin

**1st Dam: Feathered (GSW & MGISP, \$577,474),
by Indian Charlie**

2nd Dam: Receipt, by Dynaformer

3rd Dam: Finder's Fee, by Storm Cat

Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$32,400. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) and [VIDEO](#), sponsored by [FanDuel TV](#). Click for the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).**

O-Hronis Racing LLC, Summer Wind Equine LLC & W S Farish;
B-Summer Wind Equine LLC (KY); T-John W Sadler.

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WORLD RECORD A TWELFTH 'TDN RISING STAR' FOR GUN RUNNER *by Alan Carasso*



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Beaten just a neck into third while earning a competitive 75 Beyer Speed Figure on six-furlong debut at Keeneland Apr. 26, Siena Farm LLC and WinStar Farm LLC's **World Record (c, 3, Gun Runner--Marwa {GB}, by Exceed and Excel {Aus})** added an eighth of a mile for this second go and turned it into a one-horse show in the stretch, becoming the newest 'TDN Rising Star' for his boom sire.

Drawn the fence as the 8-5 chalk, the \$410,000 Keeneland November weanling--the most expensive of his sire's 23 foals reported as sold in the fall of 2021--was offensive minded and secured the front before the field exited the chute, covering the first couple of furlongs in a slick :22.40. Nudged along just a bit on the turn, he was by the half in :44.92 and when Florent Geroux hit the gas in upper stretch, World Record was well and truly off and gone. The Frenchman roused his mount left-handed with a good four lengths in hand entering the final eighth of a mile, but put the stick away at the sixteenth pole and the duo reported home an eased-down, 6 1/4-length winner.

World Record makes an even dozen 'TDN Rising Stars' for his Three Chimneys-based stallion.

Racing in the colors of owner Saeed Manana and trained by Ed Dunlop, World Record's dam was unplaced in four racetrack appearances at two and three and was purchased by an entity called Magna Carta Bloodstock for \$180,000 in foal to Speightstown at the 2018 Keeneland November Sale.

There was some pedigree to recommend Marwa, as her dam La Cucina produced 12 winners from 17 runners, including 2003 GII Arkansas Derby hero Sir Cherokee (Cherokee Run); Miss Isella (Silver Charm), a three-time graded winner at Churchill and second in the GI Go For Wand H.; and MSW Guam Typhoon (Distorted Humor). Another daughter of La Cucina, the MGSP

Lady Linda (Torrential), was responsible for G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) winner Penelopa (GB) (Giant's Causeway).

Marwa is also the dam of the 2-year-old filly Everloving (**Violence**), an \$80,000 purchase by Kentucky Oaks-winning owner Joel Politi at Keeneland September last fall, and a yearling filly by **Maxfield**.

NEW TDN RISING STAR

9th-Churchill Downs, \$123,375, Msw, 5-27, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:22.71, ft, 6 1/4 lengths.

WORLD RECORD, c, 3, by Gun Runner

1st Dam: Marwa (GB), by Exceed And Excel (Aus)

2nd Dam: La Cucina (Ire), by Last Tycoon (Ire)

3rd Dam: Fandangerina, by Grey Dawn II

Sales history: \$410,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$78,250. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) and [VIDEO](#), sponsored by [FanDuel TV](#). Click for the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).**

O-Siena Farm LLC & WinStar Farm LLC; B-Runnymede Farm LLC, Falguieres Bloodstock, Gestut Zur Kuste AG, et al (KY); T-Rodolphe Brisset.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

TEXAS DERBY, \$300,000, Lone Star, 5-27, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:44.62, ft.

1--E J WON THE CUP, 124, c, 3, by Omaha Beach

1st Dam: Firsthand Report (MSW, \$331,395), by Blame

2nd Dam: Kinsey, by Delaware Township

3rd Dam: Raspberry Eggcream, by Time for a Change (\$150,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$95,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP).

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O/T-Doug F. O'Neill; B-Hoolie Racing Stable, LLC (KY); J-Mike E. Smith. \$177,300. Lifetime Record: GISP, 10-3-3-2, \$383,740. *1/2 to Somebody's Problem (**Runhappy**), SW, \$137,335.

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2--**Dimatic**, 124, c, 3, **Gun Runner**--Time to Tap, by **Tapit**.

1ST BLACK TYPE. O/B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Sтивен M. Asmussen. \$59,100.

3--**Real Men Violin**, 124, c, 3, **Mendelssohn**--Meg Fitz, by **Tapit**.

(\$110,000 Ylg '22 KESEEP). O-Magdalena Racing; B-Newtownanner Stud Farm (KY); T-Kenneth G. McPeck. \$32,505.

NEWTOWNANNER STUD BRED & RAISED

Margins: 1, 6, HF. Odds: 2.00, 6.60, 5.70.

Also Ran: The Donegal Clan, Awesome Road, Lucky Jeremy, Victory for Vets, General Ledger, Informed Patriot, Higgins Boat.

E J Won the Cup, coming off a third-place finish in the GI Santa Anita Derby, found the company easier Monday and delivered a late-running victory in the Texas Derby. The 2-1 favorite sat just off the early leaders, rallied four wide into the lane and reeled in Dimatic late for the one-length victory.

E J Won the Cup broke his maiden when stretched to one mile Feb. 23 at Santa Anita. He traveled out of state to take the 1 1/16-mile Turf Paradise Derby by a front-running 3 1/2 lengths Mar. 14 and, back home in Southern California, he was 3 1/2 lengths adrift of Stronghold in the Santa Anita Derby.

Firsthand Report has a 2-year-old filly by **Frosted** and a yearling colt by **Silver State**. She produced a colt by **Hard Spun** this year. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).**

MEMORIAL DAY SPRINT S., \$100,000, Lone Star, 5-27, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.37, ft.

1--**SPIRIT WIND**, 121, m, 5, **Bahamian Squall**--**Sacred Psalm**

(**SP**), by **Awesome of Course**. O-C2 Racing Stable LLC; B-Jacks or Better Farm Inc (FL); T-Saffie A Joseph Jr; J-Mike E Smith. \$59,100. Lifetime Record: GSW, 11-6-2-1, \$447,790. *1/2 to Sing Praises (Hear No Evil), MSW, \$483,722; and Silent Prayer (Brooks 'n Down), MSP, \$302,444.

2--**Accomplished Girl**, 119, f, 4, Street Boss--Dazzle, by **Twirling**

Candy. (\$22,000 Ylg '21 KESEEP; \$275,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR).

O-Gentry Farms (A P Gentry); B-Jack Swain (KY); T-Robert A Young. \$19,700.



3--**My Friend Amy**, 123, m, 5, Orb--Orrery, by Smart Strike.

1ST BLACK-TYPE. (\$10,000 Ylg '20 KESEEP). O/T-Jayde J Gelner; B-JSM Equine LLC (KY). \$10,835.

Margins: 3HF, 7, NO. Odds: 0.30, 14.90, 28.30.

Also Ran: Reclusive, Adaline Julia, Non **Violence**, Palacein, Majestic Ways, Appropriated Funds.

A dual listed winner while under the care of Ralph Nicks to begin her career, Spirit Wind ran for Carlos David when posting a first victory at the graded level in Gulfstream's GIII Sugar Swirl S. last December. A close third in the GIII Hurricane Bertie S. in

her first run for this barn Mar. 9, the dark bay made the early running in the GI Derby City Distaff S. May 4 before retreating to finish sixth to Vahva (**Gun Runner**). With nothing remotely of that quality in this field, Spirit Wind was the 3-10 jolly and duly obliged, stalking three wide, taking over outside the quarter pole and scooting clear. One of two stakes winners and four stakes horses for her dam, Spirit Wind has a 2-year-old half-brother named Lead Pipe Joy (Batallion Runner), an \$8,000 in-utero purchase at the 2022 OBS Winter Mixed Sale, and a yearling half-brother by Vino Rosso. Sacred Psalm was most recently bred to **Army Mule**. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).**

ALLOWANCE WINNERS



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

4th-Churchill Downs, \$136,815, Alw (NW3\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 5-27, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:35.32, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

TAXED (f, 4, **Collected**--Yankee Union {MSP, \$164,064}, by **Yankee Gentleman**), a \$50,000 claim in November 2022, sandwiched a win in last year's GII Black-Eyed Susan S. between runner-up efforts in the GIII Fantasy S. and GIII Indiana Oaks. She opened 2024 with an optional-claimer win at Oaklawn in March and was coming off a fifth-place effort in the Apr. 13 GI Apple Blossom H. Sent off the 3-5 favorite, Taxed was unhurried out of the gate and settled into third behind a pair of quickly clear leaders down the chute and into the backstretch. The field bunched up midway down the backstretch and Taxed was four wide and chasing into the far turn. Tipped to the center of the track for the stretch run, the gray filly had to angle back in a path for racing room, but kicked powerfully to take the lead with a furlong to run before skipping clear to the wire to win by 2 3/4 lengths. Braganza (**Dialed In**) was second. Taxed was a \$27,000 KESEEP yearling and a \$105,000 OBSMAR juvenile. Her half-brother In a Jam (**Preservationist**, SP, \$158,391) was a narrowly beaten runner-up in the May 4 English Channel S. at Gulfstream Park. She has a 2-year-old half-sister by American Freedom--who sold for \$75,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale--and a yearling half-sister by **Complexity**. Her dam produced a colt by **Upstart** this year. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** Lifetime Record: GSW, 14-4-3-1, \$650,204.

O-Richard Bahde; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Randy L. Morse.

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3rd-Churchill Downs, \$90,300, Msw, 5-27, 2yo, f, 5f, :59.78, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

DAISY DUKE (f, 2, Classic Empire--Dixie Strike {GSW-Can, SW & GISP-USA, \$1,155,250}, by Dixie Union), who debuted May 10 here and closed some ground to finish a somewhat disappointing fourth as the 9-5 favorite, showed the benefit of that experience by sweeping past five of her rivals under jockey Jose Ortiz. Biding her time early in sixth behind Haven't a Red Cent (Goldencents)'s quick opening quarter in :22.31, the 7-5 selection advanced on the turn before swinging six wide into the stretch. She rallied strongly to collar the debuting second-place finisher Moochie Girl (Munnings) just inside the sixteenth pole and won going away by 1 3/4 lengths. Daisy Duke is a half-sister to the filly Forever Dixie (Quality Road), SW, \$203,760, winner of the 2023 Ontario Damsel S. Her dam won the 2012 Gill Selene S. at Woodbine as a 3-year-old before going on to finish third in that year's GI Cotillion S. at Parx. Dixie Strike is a half-sister to Inglorious (Hennessy), winner of the 2011 GI Queen's Plate and champion 3-year-old filly in Canada. She has an unnamed yearling full-brother to Forever Dixie. Sales History: \$30,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$56,920. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Quintessential Racing FL; B-John Oxley (KY); T-Mark Casse.

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1st-Belmont The Big A, \$90,000, Msw, 5-27, 2yo, 5f, :58.37, ft, 2 lengths.

WAR TAX (c, 2, Outwork--Transaction Tax, by Gemologist), a 2-1 shot, zipped out to the early lead and was clear through fractions of :23.54 and :46.24 and was never challenged when gliding under the wire a geared-down two-length winner. Stablemate My Mitole (Mitole) was second to give trainer Carlos Martin the exacta. Transaction Tax has a yearling filly by Central Banker. The race was originally **carded at 5 1/2 furlongs, but was mistakenly run at five furlongs.** **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$49,500.

O/B-Peter Tournas (NY); T-Carlos F. Martin.

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1st-Santa Anita, \$57,000, Msw, 5-27, 3, 4, /5yo, f/m, 6 1/2ft, 1:15.52, fm, 1 length.

MS MCWHINNEY (f, 3, American Pharoah--Thyme For Roses {Aus} {GSW-Aus, \$104,310}, by Redoute's Choice {Aus}) was claimed for \$50,000 out of a third-place effort going six furlongs of this turf course last out Apr. 20. The 9-2 shot was outfooted early and settled well off the pace before improving her position down the backstretch and into the far turn. After waiting patiently for racing room nearing the stretch, the bay was tipped out to the center of the course at the top of the lane and finished with a late flourish to graduate by a length. Criticism (Blame) was second. Ms McWhinney, a \$70,000 KEESEP yearling and \$50,000 OBSAPR juvenile, is a half-sister to Zeitlos (Curlin), MSW, \$625,567. Thyme for Roses has a yearling filly by Speightstown. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, \$54,140.

O-Lucas Downs; B-Stonestreet (KY); T-Doug O'Neill.

STONESTREET BRED & RAISED

5th-Santa Anita, \$57,000, Msw, 5-27, 3, 4, 5yo, f/m, 6 1/2ft, 1:15.56, fm, 1/2 length.

PRINCESS MIDNIGHT (f, 4, Midnight Storm--Princess Roi {MSP, \$158,152}, by Roi Charmant) was runner-up in the maiden claiming ranks in her first three career starts last year before being claimed for \$50,000 from her breeder and trainer Mike Puype out of a third-place effort over the Del Mar lawn in November. Third in a pair of outings in opening company over the Santa Anita lawn this past winter, she was making her first start since finishing sixth going six furlongs at Santa Anita Mar. 17. Dismissed at 47-1, the bay filly rated in mid-pack. She made steady progress on the bend and split foes in upper stretch to take charge inside the furlong marker before holding favored Not a Sinner (GB) (Land Force {Ire}) safe to the wire to win by a half-length. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** Lifetime Record: 8-1-3-3, \$77,300. O-Joe Herrick Racing Stables, LLC; B-GGG Stables (KY); T-Joe Herrick.

4th-Pimlico, \$53,540, Msw, 5-27, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :53.67, ft, 4 1/4 lengths.

RAPIDO ROSA (f, 2, Mosler--Tripscar, by Stroll) battled on the front end before finishing a close-up third in her debut at this distance at Laurel May 4. Adding blinkers for this second start, the 5-2 favorite rushed up to the early lead and skipped clear on the turn before coming home under wraps and 4 1/4 lengths in front of Up in Flames (Friesan Fire). Tripscar produced a filly by Temple City last year and a full-brother to the winner this year.

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O/B-Barak Farm (MD); T-Jose Corrales.



5th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$32,000, Msw, 5-27, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:46.11, gd, head.

PROCTOR STREET (f, 3, Street Sense--Proctor's Ledge {MGSW & GISP, \$768,168}, by Ghostzapper), let go at 5-1, inched over from her outside post and settled well off the pace heading into the first turn. She gradually improved her position along the rail down the backstretch and found a dream seam to run through into the lane before outbattling favored For Love and Honor (Sky Mesa) to the line for a determined victory. Proctor's Ledge, who was a three-time graded winner for these same connections, has a 2-year-old full-brother to the winner. The mare and her 2024 foal by Medaglia d'Oro died earlier this year. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,200. O/B-Patricia L. Moseley (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh.



IN JAPAN:

Izanagi, c, 3, City of Light. See 'US-Bred & -Sired Winners in Japan'

Orgoglio, c, 3, Mor Spirit. See 'US-Bred & -Sired Winners in Japan'

Mystic Lore, c, 4, Arrogate. See 'US-Bred & -Sired Winners in Japan'

IN SOUTH KOREA:

Power Gunju, c, 3, Ghostzapper--One Night, by Distorted Humor. Seoul, 5-25, Hcp. (C2), 1800m. B-David Ross (KY). *\$195,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$220,000 RNA Ylg '22 FTSAUG; \$15,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$25,000 2yo '23 FTMMAY.

Yeongung Buhwal, c, 3, West Coast--Bay River, by Pioneer of the Nile. Seoul, 5-25, Hcp. (C3), 1200m. B-Stoneriggs Farm (KY). *\$40,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT. **VIDEO (SC 9).**

Tuhonui Banseok, h, 6, Verrazano--Sense of Beauty, by Street Sense. Busan, 5-26, Busan Mayor's Cup (Kor-G2, BT) (\$514k), 1800m. B-Troy Rankin (KY). *\$13,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. **VIDEO (SC 6)**

IN PERU:

Dima, c, 3, Demarchelier (GB)--Spank, by Blame. Monterrico, 5-25, Maiden, B-Wedgewood Farm (KY). *\$8,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$6,500 HRA '23 KEENOV. **VIDEO (SC 10)**



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IN MEXICO:

Candy Jan Delight, f, 2, Gift Box--Tasha's Delight (GSP, \$163,200), by Afternoon Deelites. Hipodromo de las Americas, 5-25, Maiden, 5f. B-Burleson Farms & Dr Richard Holder (KY). *First winner for freshman sire (by Twirling Candy). **Won by 7 3/4 lengths. ***\$45,000 RNA Wlg '22 KEENOV; \$3,500 Ylg '23 FTKOCT. ****1/2 to Wilkinson (Lemon Drop Kid), MGSW & MGISP, \$475,086.



IN RUSSIA:

Practical Boy, c, 2, Practical Joke--Song of Sixpence, by Unbridled's Song. Krasnodar, 5-25, Summer S. (Rus-G2, NBT), 1200m. B-Michael J Wood (KY). *\$32,000 Wlg '22 KEENOV.

Shine Star, f, 2, **Tapwrit**--Dyna Star, by Harlan's Holiday. Pyatigorsk, 5-26, Trial S. (Rus-G3, NBT), 1200m. B-Shadowfax LLC (KY). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **\$47,000 RNA Wlg '22 KEENOV; \$62,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP.

LANTERN HILL FARM GRAD

Murager, c, 2, **Unified**--Song With a Cause, by Creative Cause. Nal'chik, 5-25, Allowance, 1200m. B-St Simon Place LLC (KY). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **\$7,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP.

Grafinya, f, 2, **Upstart**--Izarra (MGISP, \$114,800), by Distorted Humor. Krasnodar. 5-25, Maiden, 1000m. B-Whitham Thoroughbreds LLC (KY). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **Won by about seven lengths. ***\$20,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP.

Matrix Code, c, 3, **Medaglia d'Oro**--Awestruck (MSP, \$357,116), by **Tapit**. Krasnodar, 5-25, Allowance, 1800m. B-G Watts Humphrey Jr (KY). *\$80,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.



Saturday's Results:

10th-Kyoyo, ¥35,560,000 (\$226,766), Allowance, 4yo/up, 1900m, 1:58.8, ft.

MYSTIC LORE (c, 4, **Arrogate**--**Folklore** {Ch. 2yo Filly, MGISW, \$945,500}, by **Tiznow**), out of the top three just once in his seven previous tries, was the 11-10 favorite making his first start since taking an 1800-meter allowance here Jan. 28. Ridden by Ryusei Sakai for Yoshito Yahagi, the \$500,000 Keeneland September graduate broke without incident from a low gate and sat in the kickback early before easing out into the clear on the backstretch run. Asked to improve from about four furlongs out, the scopey gray colt (1166 pounds) looped rivals, conceding a stack of ground on the second turn, but nevertheless loomed a threat nearing the 400-meter pole. Showing a good kick in the lane despite doing it toughest, he struck the lead deep inside the final furlong and held on grimly to score by a hard-fought neck. Mystic Lore is the best-performed son of the 2005 Eclipse Award-winning 2-year-old filly, whose half-sister Rhodochrosite (Unbridled's Song) produced Japanese Triple Crown winner and multiple champion Contrail (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}). Folklore is a half-sister to SW & GSP Divided Attention (A.P. Indy) and to MSP Delightful Quality (Elusive Quality), dam of two-time champion 'TDN Rising Star' **Essential Quality** (Tapit) and SW Famed (**Uncle Mo**). Mystic Lore's 2-year-old half-sister Practical Folks (**Practical Joke**) was a \$260,000 KEESEP purchase by Japanese interests and his yearling half-sister by Yaupon was knocked down to Haruya Yoshida for \$400,000 at last year's

Keeneland November Sale. Contrive foaled a filly by Mo Donegal on May 8. Sales history: \$500,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 8-4-3-0, \$427,102. O-DMM Dream Club; B-Lewis Thoroughbred Breeding LLC (KY); T-Yoshito Yahagi.

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2nd-Kyoto, ¥10,480,000 (\$66,831), Maiden, 3yo, 1800m, 1:53.2, ft.

IZANAGI (c, 3, **City of Light**--**Miss Squeal**, by **Smart Strike**) belied debut odds of 9-1 to open his account at first asking with some authority. A \$625,000 Keeneland September acquisition, Izanagi settled in the latter half of the field for the run around the first turn and began to make some progress nearing the midway stage. Continuing that steady advance through the next couple of furlongs, the half-brother to Spielberg (**Union Rags**), GSW & MGISP, \$546,900, was steered out five wide into the stretch, edged in front with about 150 meters to race and pulled steadily clear to graduate by five lengths. Miss Squeal, a half-sister to SWs Outplay (Bernardini), Raconteur (A.P. Indy) and Katerbug (Pulpit), is also the dam of a yearling filly by **Gun Runner** and was last bred to **Justify**. The third dam, 1989 GI Monmouth Oaks winner Dream Deal (Sharpen Up {GB}), was a half-sister to GI Belmont S. winner Creme Fraiche and produced MGISW Clear Mandate (Deputy Minister), the dam of MGSW/MGISP Newfoundland (Storm Cat), GISW Strong Mandate (Tiznow) and SW Full Mandate (A.P. Indy). This is also the family of champion Japanese older mare To the Victory (Jpn) (Sunday Silence). Sales history: \$625,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-1, \$35,036.

O-Sanshisuimei Inc; B-G Watts Humphrey Jr (KY); T-Tomoyasu Sakaguchi.



Champion 2-year-old Filly Folklore at Taylor Made | Sarah Andrew

1st-Tokyo, ¥10,480,000 (\$66,831), Maiden, 3yo, 1400m, 1:24.8, ft.

ORGOGGIO (c, 3, Mor Spirit--Holy Wow, by Put It Back), dismissed at odds of 48-1 for this career debut, broke well from gate 11 and was settled three wide stalking dueling front-runners into the turn. Traveling well in hand into the final 600 meters, he was roused right handed with a quarter-mile to travel and closed off his race smartly to score by four impressive lengths. Odds-on American Runner (**Gun Runner**) was an alibi-free second. A \$2,000 Fasig-Tipton October yearling turned \$60,000 OBS April breezer, the Illinois-bred Orgoglio is out of a half-sister to Sovereign Award-winning female sprinter Youcan'tcatchme (The Daddy). Holy Wow is also the dam of the yearling colt Lies N Deception (Gormley) and foaled a Maximus Mischief filly this past Mar. 9, each of which was foaled in the Land of Lincoln and bred by Dennis Crooks. Sales history: \$2,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$60,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-1, \$35,036.

O-Normandy Thoroughbred Racing; B-Dennis Crooks & George Bates (IL); T-Takanori Kikuzawa.



SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, MAY 28

2024 Stud Fees Listed

Audible (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
261 foals of racing age/46 winners/5 black-type winners
2-Horseshoe Turf Pick 3, 5:16 p.m. EDT, Alw 1 1/16mT, Voice From Above, 20-1 \$24,000 FTK OCT yrl

Charming Kitten (Kitten's Joy), Breakway Farm
25 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Horseshoe Turf Pick 3, 5:47 p.m. EDT, Alw 1 1/16mT, Charming Jazel, 8-1 \$1,700 IND MIX yrl

Demarchelier (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Claiborne Farm, \$7,500
99 foals of racing age/23 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Presque Isle Downs, 5:42 p.m. EDT, Alw 1m, Class Photo, 5-2

Flameaway (Scat Daddy), Darby Dan Farm, \$15,000
200 foals of racing age/39 winners/4 black-type winners
6-Thistledown, 3:20 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Flame for Real, 10-1

Qafeef (Ghostzapper), Patrick Farm
13 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners

6-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 4:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Ghost of Danzig, 8-1 \$1,200 IND MIX yrl

Solomini (Curlin), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, \$7,500
142 foals of racing age/20 winners/3 black-type winners
1-Finger Lakes, 1:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, East Harbor, 5-2

Vino Rosso (Curlin), Spendthrift Farm, \$20,000
309 foals of racing age/55 winners/2 black-type winners
2-Horseshoe Turf Pick 3, 5:16 p.m. EDT, Alw 1 1/16mT, Vino Rosato, 30-1
\$37,000 RNA KEE JAN wnl; \$62,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$100,000 OBS APR 2yo

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STAKES RESULTS:

OUIJA BOARD DISTAFF S., \$200,000, Lone Star, 5-27, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35.44, fm.

1--**DANA'S BEAUTY, 123, m, 6, Not This Time--City Siren, by City Zip.** (\$37,000 RNA Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$47,000 Ylg '19 OBSOCT; \$70,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR; \$450,000 6yo '24 KEEAPR). O-Resolute Racing; B-John Liviakis (KY); T-Michael J. Maker; J-Ramon A. Vazquez. \$118,200. Lifetime Record: 38-9-4-8, \$546,367.

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2--**Libban, 121, f, 4, Laoban--All in Time, by Curlin.** (\$25,000 Ylg '21 FTKFEB; \$70,000 Ylg '21 FTKJUL; \$250,000 2yo '22 FTFMAR). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-C2 Racing Stable LLC and Paul Braverman; B-Southern Equine Stables, LLC (KY); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr. \$39,400.

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3--**Freydis the Red (Fr)**, 119, f, 4, **Saxon Warrior (Jpn)**--Songerie (Ger), by Shirocco (Ger). (€125,000 Ylg '21 ARAUG). O-Magdalena Racing; B-Eric Puerari, Oceanic Bloodstock SARL, Ecurie Du Parc Monceau et al. (FR); T-Kenneth G. McPeck. \$21,670.

Margins: HD, HF, 3 3/4. Odds: 6.20, 4.50, 2.10.

MR. PROSPECTOR S., \$104,000, Monmouth, 5-27, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.43, sy.

1--**DEAN DELIVERS, 118, g, 5, Cajun Breeze--Slick and True, by Yes It's True.** O/B-Stonehedge LLC (FL); T-Edward T. Allard; J-Miguel Angel Vasquez. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: GSW, 22-6-8-2, \$562,660. *1/2 to Zimba Warrior (Khozan), MGSP, \$253,591.

2--**Hollywood Jet**, 118, g, 6, Uncaptured--Travelator, by A. P Jet. O-Gonzalez Racing Stable; B-William J. Terrell & Frank De Savino (FL); T-Jose G. Gonzalez-Milian. \$20,000.

3--**Little Vic**, 118, h, 5, **Practical Joke**--Rock and Glory, by Rock Hard Ten. (\$50,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP). O-Victoria's Ranch; B-Stride Sales and Syndicate (KY); T-Wlaimar Suarez. \$10,000.

Margins: 8, 2, HF. Odds: 4.90, 9.00, 5.00.

SPEIGHTSTOWN SPRINT S., \$100,000, Lone Star, 5-27, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.29, ft.

1--**MINNESOTA READY, 124, g, 5, More Than Ready--Eden Prairie (MSW & MGSP, \$425,520), by Mizzen Mast.** (\$380,000 5yo '24 PEDLOT). O-Richard C. Colton, Jr.; B-Lothenbach Stables Inc (KY); T-Thomas M. Amoss; J-Cristian A. Torres. \$59,100. Lifetime Record: GSP, 25-5-3-5, \$485,912.

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2--**Tape to Tape**, 122, g, 6, Uncaptured--Trippi Honor, by Trippi. (\$85,000 2yo '20 OBSMAR). O-End Zone Athletics, Inc.; B-Honors Stable Corporation (FL); T-Karl Broberg. \$19,700.

3--**Mish**, 124, g, 7, Field Commission--Wicked Great, by Greatness. O-C2 Racing Stable LLC; B-Joyce Mary Kielty (FL); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr. \$10,835.

Margins: HF, 1 3/4, 3HF. Odds: 3.40, 2.20, 1.40.

CHAMBERLAIN BRIDGE S., \$100,000, Lone Star, 5-27, 3yo/up, 5fT, :55.77, fm.

1--**AGENT PETER GRAVES, 118, g, 6, Noble Mission (GB)--Miss Pac N Ship (GB), by Paco Boy (Ire).** **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O/B-Linda Juckette (KY); T-Scott E. Young; J-C.J. McMahon. \$59,100. Lifetime Record: 20-4-4-3, \$186,833.

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2--**Prince Lancelot (GB)**, 118, g, 6, Sir Prancealot (Ire)--Rainbow Vale (Fr), by Moss Vale (Ire). (€90,000 Ylg '19 ARAV2). O-End Zone Athletics; B-Skymarc Farm (GB); T-K. Broberg. \$19,700.

3--**Stayed in for Half**, 122, g, 5, **Maclean's Music**--Yes Liz, by Yes It's True. (\$190,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Robison, J. Kirk, Robison, Judy and Stonestreet Stables LLC; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. \$10,835.

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Margins: 1HF, 1 1/4, 1 3/4. Odds: 15.20, 12.70, 6.80.

GEORGE W. BARKER S., \$50,000, Finger Lakes, 5-27, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.69, ft.

1--**JAK N BURNY, 120, g, 4, Destin--Betty's Chance, by Duckhorn.** **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O/B-Sherry Washburn (NY); T-Debra A. Breed; J-Joel Cruz. \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 7-5-1-0, \$102,680. *1/2 to Winston's Chance (Roaring Fever), MSW, \$495,264.

2--**Flying Emperor**, 120, g, 7, Soaring Empire--Evil Empress, by Devil His Due. (\$20,000 Ylg '18 EASOCT). O-John Hayek; B-Grant L. Whitmer (NY); T-Jeremiah C. Englehart. \$10,000.

3--**The Institute**, 120, g, 5, Into Mischief--Princess Violet, by Officer. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Barry K. Schwartz; B-Stonewall Farm (NY); T-Michael S. Ferraro. \$5,000.

Margins: 2, 4, HD. Odds: 1.25, 14.30, 22.90.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

5th-Churchill Downs, \$145,030, (NW2RTY+X)/Opt. Clm (\$175,000), 5-27, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:42.49, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

FIVE STAR GENERAL (h, 8, Distorted Humor--Party of Interest, by Bernardini) Lifetime Record: GSW, 37-12-6-8, \$808,594. O-Elttaes Stable; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Grant T. Forster. *\$235,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$180,000 3yo '19 FTKHRA; \$110,000 6yo '22 FTDIGD.

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6th-Churchill Downs, \$123,355, 5-27, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:35.03, ft, neck.


STOWAWAY (g, 5, Gun Runner--Secret Jewel, by Bernardini) Lifetime Record: 13-2-1-3, \$146,293. O-P413 Racing; B-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC (KY); T-D. Whitworth Beckman. *\$45,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT; \$225,000 2yo '21 EASMAY; \$40,000 4yo '23 FTDAUG. **1/2 to Twenty Carat (Into Mischief), GSW, \$118,850; Full to Point Proven, SP, \$191,353.

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3rd-Belmont The Big A, \$100,000, 5-27, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1 3/8mT, 2:15.94, fm, 6 lengths.

TRULY QUALITY (g, 4, Quality Road--Truly Together {GSP, \$119,760}, by Smart Strike) Lifetime Record: 9-2-3-3, \$186,105. O-Augustin Stables; B-George Strawbridge (KY); T-Jonathan Thomas. *1/2 to Mouffy (**Uncle Mo**), SW & MGSP, \$300,941.

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7th-Belmont The Big A, \$80,000, (S), 5-27, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1m (off turf), 1:36.90, sy, 7 1/2 lengths.

MIGHTY ATLAS (g, 4, Unified--Atlas Valley {GSP, \$221,292}, by Capote) Lifetime Record: 12-3-2-3, \$176,538. O-Paradise Farms Corp.; B-Hidden Lake Farm LLC (NY); T-Michael J. Maker. *\$50,000 Ylg '21 SARAUG.

3rd-Santa Anita, \$60,630, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 5-27, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:07.89, fm, 1/2 length.

VIRAT (g, 5, Bayern--Nice Meidel, by Bernstein) Lifetime Record: 14-4-3-2, \$182,120. O/B-Sareen Family Trust (KY); T-Juan Landeros.

7th-Parx Racing, \$41,400, (S), 5-27, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (off turf), 1:41.22, sy, 11 1/4 lengths.

BOSS LIKE BETH (f, 4, Private Gold--Dance With Effie, by Chhaya Dance) Lifetime Record: 24-4-3-5, \$211,464. O-PCC Stable; B-John Parker (PA); T-Eli Betancourt.

7th-Ruidoso Downs, \$37,000, (S), 5-27, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:06.05, ft, 3/4 length.

SIDEWINDER SLICK (g, 3, Stellar Rain--Sidewinder Sally {SW, \$164,800}, by Mr. Gold Mover) Lifetime Record: SP, 3-2-0-1, \$50,100. O/B-Ben Ivey & R. Driggers (NM); T-Simon Buechler.

7th-Prairie Meadows, \$35,500, 5-27, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:43.15, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

CYBERTOWN (g, 5, Cyber Secret--Hometown Queen, by Pollard's Vision) Lifetime Record: 18-3-3-3, \$126,056. O-Scotty Caroom; B-Martin Brothers, Inc. (AR); T-Oscar Flores.

2nd-Lone Star, \$34,500, 5-27, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:36.40, ft, 13 3/4 lengths.

KOMOREBINO OMOIDE (JPN) (c, 4, California Chrome--Decennial {SP, \$181,004}, by Trippi) Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, \$77,503. O/B-Perry Martin (JPN); T-Robertino Diodoro.

6th-Lone Star, \$33,500, 5-27, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :56.33, fm, 1 3/4 lengths.

HALAGA (m, 6, Flatter--Sweet, by Blame) Lifetime Record: 23-4-2-3, \$144,215. O-End Zone Athletics, Inc.; B-Claiborne Farm (KY); T-K. Broberg. *\$100,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$70,000 RNA 4yo '22 FTKHRA.

7th-Presque Isle Downs, \$32,080, 5-27, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:10.16, ft, 1 length.

WHEELINGDEALING (f, 4, Flat Out--De Mystique, by Dehere) Lifetime Record: 21-7-4-3, \$171,085. O-Bruno Schickedanz; B-Hidden Point Farm Inc. (FL); T-Aldana Spieth. *\$28,000 Ylg '21 OBSOCT.

6th-Golden Gate Fields, \$31,218, (NW2\$YX)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 5-26, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:08.98, ft, 3 lengths.

CLOVISCONNECTION (g, 4, Vronsky--La Darling, by Perfect Mandate) Lifetime Record: MSW, 13-8-1-1, \$280,300. O/B-William L. & Judy Hedrick (CA); T-Blaine D. Wright.

2nd-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$27,456, 5-27, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (off turf), 1:11.76, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

MISS BETTY (m, 5, Frosted--Table Three Ten {MSP, \$148,726}, by El Prado {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 14-7-1-3, \$128,999. O-Team Ramgeet Racing Stable LLC; B-Cobra Farm Inc. (KY); T-Tina Ramgeet. *\$70,000 RNA Ylg '20 FTKSEL; \$6,000 4yo '23 KEEJAN.

3rd-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$27,170, 5-27, 3yo/up, 6f (off turf), 1:10.01, ft, 10 1/4 lengths.

MY BUDDY B (h, 5, Creative Cause--Casting Director, by Bernardini) Lifetime Record: 16-8-1-0, \$165,332. O/T-Krista Nicole Hetrick; B-Bonne Chance Farm LLC (KY). *1/2 to Movie Moxy (**Street Sense**), MSP, \$482,108. **Won by 10 1/4 lengths.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Big Rasee, c, 2, **Clearly Now--Pi**, by Flatter. Lone Star, 5-27, 4 1/2f, :53.05. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$26,320. B-Maggie Camejo (LA). *\$20,000 Ylg '23 BSLYM.

Back Street Baby, f, 3, **Accelerate--Beat the Street**, by Corinthian. Louisiana Downs, 5-27, (S), 7 1/2fT, 1:33.33. Lifetime Record: 10-1-0-3, \$24,031. B-Time Will Tell Llc (LA). *\$35,000 Ylg '22 TTAYRL. **1/2 to Kylie's Cutie (Private Vow), SW, \$126,740 and Carlea's Dream (Lea), SW, \$295,353.

Always Wanting, f, 3, **Always Dreaming--Peace Opportunity**, by Point of Entry. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5-27, 1 1/16mT, 1:47.62. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$26,816. B-Mullikin Thoroughbreds & **Always Dreaming** Syndicate (KY). *\$17,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV. **1/2 to First Peace (**Funtastic**), SW & MGSP, \$260,700.

Wicklow Laddie, g, 3, **Congrats--Glitzzy Lady** (SP, \$126,829), by Liaison. Prairie Meadows, 5-27, (S), 6f, 1:12.93. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, \$42,125. B-H. Allen Poindexter (IA). *\$31,000 Ylg '22 IOWOCT.



Cora Corona, f, 3, **Corfu**--Galway, by More Than Ready.

Thistledown, 5-27, (S), 6f, 1:15.26. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$23,730. B-Duncan Farms (OH). *\$5,200 Wlg '21 OTBOMX.

Quick Rendezvous, f, 3, **Quick Change**--Late Lover, by **Midnight**

Lute. Thistledown, 5-27, (S), 6f, 1:15.64. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$27,378. B-Raimonde Farms LTD (OH).

All American Lady, f, 3, **Tapiture**--Jemrose, by Harlan's Holiday.

Lone Star, 5-27, (S), 6f, 1:13.07. Lifetime Record: 12-1-3-2, \$60,655. B-Eric Moreau-Sipiere & Randi Moreau-Sipiere (TX). *\$15,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$25,000 2yo '23 TTAAPR.

Dither, c, 4, **Algorithms**--Dilly, by **First Samurai**. Monmouth,

5-27, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:05.74. Lifetime Record: 8-1-1-0, \$43,260. B-Stone Farm (KY). *1/2 to Traipsing (Stroll), GSP, \$123,200; full to Script, MSP, \$174,256.

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Climb to Glory, f, 4, **Army Mule**--Mahvelous Kitten, by Kitten's

Joy. Prairie Meadows, 5-27, (S), 6f, 1:13.07. Lifetime Record: 16-1-4-3, \$70,649. B-Devin M. Cipperley (IA).

Gold Templar, g, 4, **Bolt d'Oro**--Truss, by Friends Lake. Finger

Lakes, 5-27, 6f, 1:12.52. Lifetime Record: 15-1-3-4, \$57,919. B-Scott Ahlschwede (NY). *\$25,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN. **1/2 to Dr. Blute (**Not This Time**), SW, \$306,180.

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Creation of Adam, g, 4, **Connect**--Touch of Grace, by Tiznow.

Finger Lakes, 5-27, 1m 70y, 1:47.36. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$32,280. B-Dell Ridge Farm LLC (KY). *\$80,000 Ylg '21 FTSAUG.

Secret Rendezvous, g, 4, **Gio Ponti**--Ring Ring Ring (SP),

by Petionville. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5-27, (S), 1m, 1:39.62. Lifetime Record: 8-1-4-1, \$56,600. B-Michael E. & Penny S. Lauer (IN). *1/2 to Circus Rings (Wilburn), MSW, \$404,496 and Badabing Badaboom (Spring At Last), SW, \$228,425.

Mr. Big Heart, g, 4, **Mr. Big**--Desiresoftheheart, by Unusual

Heat. Golden Gate Fields, 5-26, 5fT, :57.60. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$19,305. B-Old English Rancho (CA).

Quiescent, f, 4, **Nyquist**--Saarlight (SW & GSP, \$173,100),

by Saarland. Belmont The Big A, 5-27, 6f (off turf), 1:10.30. Lifetime Record: 10-1-2-3, \$98,547. B-Marc Keller (KY). *\$100,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP. **1/2 to Lunar Gaze (Malibu Moon), MSP, \$205,036.

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Drowningnchocolate, m, 5, **Anchor Down**--Death by Chocolate,

by Discreet Cat. Presque Isle Downs, 5-27, (S), 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04.74. Lifetime Record: 16-1-1-3, \$37,529. B-James Everatt, Janeane Everatt & Arika Meeuse (PA). *\$20,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP.

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Algorithms, Dither, c, 4, o/o Dilly, by **First Samurai**. MSW, 5-27, Monmouth

Always Dreaming, Always Wanting, f, 3, o/o Peace Opportunity, by Point of Entry. MSW, 5-27, Horseshoe Indianapolis

American Pharoah, Ms McWhinney, f, 3, o/o Thyme For Roses (Aus), by Redoute's Choice (Aus). MSW, 5-27, Santa Anita

Anchor Down, Drowningnchocolate, m, 5, o/o Death by Chocolate, by Discreet Cat. MSW, 5-27, Presque Isle Downs

Army Mule, Climb to Glory, f, 4, o/o Mahvelous Kitten, by Kitten's Joy. MSW, 5-27, Prairie Meadows

Arrogate, Mr Fisk, c, 4, o/o Plein Air (Ire), by Manduro (Ger). GI Hollywood Gold Cup S., 5-27, Santa Anita

Awtaad (Ire), Anisette (GB), f, 4, o/o Tutti Frutti (GB), by Teofilo (Ire). GI Gamely S., 5-27, Santa Anita

Bahamian Squall, Spirit Wind, m, 5, o/o Sacred Psalm, by Awesome of Course. Memorial Day Sprint S., 5-27, Lone Star

Bayern, Virat, g, 5, o/o Nice Meidel, by Bernstein. AOC, 5-27, Santa Anita

Bolt d'Oro, Gold Templar, g, 4, o/o Truss, by Friends Lake. MSW, 5-27, Finger Lakes

Cajun Breeze, Dean Delivers, g, 5, o/o Slick and True, by Yes It's True. Mr. Prospector S., 5-27, Monmouth

California Chrome, Komorebino Omoide (Jpn), c, 4, o/o Decennial, by Trippi. ALW, 5-27, Lone Star

Classic Empire, Daisy Duke, f, 2, o/o Dixie Strike, by Dixie Union. MSW, 5-27, Churchill Downs

Clearly Now, Big Rasee, c, 2, o/o Pi, by Flatter. MSW, 5-27, Lone Star

Collected, Taxed, f, 4, o/o Yankee Union, by Yankee Gentleman. AOC, 5-27, Churchill Downs

Congrats, Wicklow Laddie, g, 3, o/o Glitzy Lady, by Liaison. MSW, 5-27, Prairie Meadows

Connect, Creation of Adam, g, 4, o/o Touch of Grace, by Tiznow. MSW, 5-27, Finger Lakes

Corfu, Cora Corona, f, 3, o/o Galway, by More Than Ready. MSW, 5-27, Thistledown

Creative Cause, My Buddy B, h, 5, o/o Casting Director, by Bernardini. ALW, 5-27, Mountaineer

Curlin, Eagles Flight, c, 3, o/o Feathered, by Indian Charlie. MSW, 5-27, Santa Anita

Cyber Secret, Cybertown, g, 5, o/o Hometown Queen, by Pollard's Vision. ALW, 5-27, Prairie Meadows

Destin, Jak N Burny, g, 4, o/o Betty's Chance, by Duckhorn. George W. Barker S., 5-27, Finger Lakes

Distorted Humor, Five Star General, h, 8, o/o Party of Interest, by Bernardini. AOC, 5-27, Churchill Downs

Flat Out, Wheelingndealing, f, 4, o/o De Mystique, by Dehere. ALW, 5-27, Presque Isle Downs

Flatter, Halaga, m, 6, o/o Sweet, by **Blame**. ALW, 5-27, Lone Star

Frosted, Miss Betty, m, 5, o/o Table Three Ten, by El Prado (Ire). ALW, 5-27, Mountaineer

Ghostzapper, Segesta, f, 3, o/o Antonoe, by First Defence. GII Wonder Again S., 5-27, Belmont The Big A

Gio Ponti, Secret Rendezvous, g, 4, o/o Ring Ring Ring, by Petionville. MSW, 5-27, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Gun Runner, Stowaway, g, 5, o/o Secret Jewel, by Bernardini. ALW, 5-27, Churchill Downs

Gun Runner, World Record, c, 3, o/o Marwa (GB), by Exceed And Excel (Aus). MSW, 5-27, Churchill Downs

Into Mischief, Clearly Unhinged, f, 4, o/o Smart Win, by Smart Strike. GIII Winning Colors S., 5-27, Churchill Downs

Midnight Storm, Princess Midnight, f, 4, o/o Princess Roi, by Roi Charmant. MSW, 5-27, Santa Anita

More Than Ready, Minnesota Ready, g, 5, o/o Eden Prairie, by Mizzen Mast. Speightstown Sprint S., 5-27, Lone Star

Mosler, Rapido Rosa, f, 2, o/o Tripscar, by Stroll. MSW, 5-27, Pimlico

Mr. Big, Mr. Big Heart, g, 4, o/o Desiresoftheheart, by Unusual Heat. MSW, 5-26, Golden Gate

Noble Mission (GB), Agent Peter Graves, g, 6, o/o Miss Pac N Ship (GB), by Paco Boy (Ire). Chamberlain Bridge S., 5-27, Lone Star

Not This Time, Dana's Beauty, m, 6, o/o City Siren, by City Zip. Ouija Board Distaff S., 5-27, Lone Star

Nyquist, Johannes, c, 4, o/o Cuyathy, by Congrats. GI Shoemaker Mile S., 5-27, Santa Anita

Nyquist, Quiescent, f, 4, o/o Saarligh, by Saarländ. MSW, 5-27, Belmont The Big A

Omaha Beach, E J Won the Cup, c, 3, o/o Firsthand Report, by **Blame**. Texas Derby, 5-27, Lone Star

Outwork, War Tax, c, 2, o/o Transaction Tax, by Gemologist. MSW, 5-27, Belmont The Big A

Private Gold, Boss Like Beth, f, 4, o/o Dance With Effie, by Chhaya Dance. ALW, 5-27, Parx Racing

Quality Road, Heroic Move, c, 4, o/o Family Tree, by Smart Strike. GIII Steve Sexton Mile S., 5-27, Lone Star

Quality Road, Truly Quality, g, 4, o/o Truly Together, by Smart Strike. ALW, 5-27, Belmont The

Big A

Quick Change, Quick Rendezvous, f, 3, o/o Late Lover, by **Midnight Lute**. MSW, 5-27, Thistledown

Stellar Rain, Sidewinder Slick, g, 3, o/o Sidewinder Sally, by Mr. Gold Mover. ALW, 5-27, Ruidoso Downs

Street Sense, Proctor Street, f, 3, o/o Proctor's Ledge, by **Ghostzapper**. MSW, 5-27, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Tapiture, All American Lady, f, 3, o/o Jemrose, by Harlan's Holiday. MSW, 5-27, Lone Star

Unified, Mighty Atlas, g, 4, o/o Atlas Valley, by Capote. ALW, 5-27, Belmont The Big A

Vronsky, Clovisconnection, g, 4, o/o La Darling, by Perfect Mandate. AOC, 5-26, Golden Gate



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FROM KINGS TO COMMONERS: THE QUEST FOR A DERBY MIRACLE



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By Paul Hayward

The common man or woman rarely owns a Derby winner but they are peppered across the 244-year history of what Disraeli called 'the Blue Riband of the Turf.'

The race tends to be exclusive, but the urge to win it was always universal. The finest challenges in sport go beyond financial incentive to the Corinthian urge to achieve victory for its own sake. This year, we scan the field for a romantic outcome knowing there will probably be a familiar one. Despair not. It was always thus, and the wealthy dreamer has more in common than you might think with the less affluent one.

The last seven Derbys have gone to Coolmore, Godolphin and Saeed Suhail, a Dubai businessman. Anthony Oppenheimer (2015) and the Aga Khan (2016) interrupted another Coolmore sequence of four consecutive wins from 2011 to 2014. Princess Haya of Jordan and the late Prince Khalid Abdullah of Saudi Arabia are other 21st Century winning owners.

Nowadays nobody takes any notice of Lord Weinstock's joke: "It is vulgar to win the Derby two years running."

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SEVEN DAYS: FROM FAST TO FEAST

by Emma Berry

If you are a racing tragic, and I'd like to think that most TDN readers fall into this celebrated bracket, it is impossible to have a day off at the moment. Trials, Classics, they come thick and fast in these heady weeks of spring. We've waited winterlong, starved of any meaningful action, and now it's hard not to feel a little queasy at the veritable feast of racing which is set before us, course after course after course. There's barely even room for the Cartmel Sticky Toffee Pudding Maiden Hurdle.

The Brits have been suitably chastened by the marauding Irish at the Cheltenham Festival in recent years but the Flat boys evened a few scores at the Curragh over the weekend when Richard Hannon notched a notable one-two in the G1 Irish 2,000 Guineas while Karl Burke celebrated victory in the G1 Irish 1,000 Guineas on a day in which he also lifted the G2 German 1,000 Guineas. [Cont. p4](#)

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ANISETTE WOULD NOT BE DENIED IN GAMELY

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Loterie winning a Maiden Special Weight at Santa Anita on Sunday. The daughter of **Ten Sovereigns** was previously trained in Ireland by Eddie and Patrick Harty. [Click here for the Replay.](#) | Benoit Photo

7 | CITY OF TROPHY A STANDOUT IN DERBY PICTURE

A full field is possible for Saturday's G1 Betfred Derby at Epsom, with City Of Troy the standout name among 20 colts still in contention.

8 | GHOSTWRITER ON COURSE FOR PRIX DU JOCKEY CLUB

Ghostwriter, last seen finishing fourth in the G1 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket, is said to be an intended runner in Sunday's G1 Prix du Jockey Club at Chantilly.

11 | BY SENSATION BECOMES FRESHMAN SIRE'S FIRST WINNER IN FRANCE

Threat picked up his first winner as a sire when the French-bred colt held off a late challenge to graduate from the maiden ranks at Marseille-Borely.

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We tend to think of great wealth as being incompatible with romance. It may not always be so. Horse, trainer, jockey and stable staff are also part of the package. Wins in the saddle for Adam Kirby, Richard Kingscote, Emmet McNamara and Pdraig Beggy in the last seven runnings qualify as Epsom fairytales. Motivator (2005) and Sir Percy (2006) were relatively recent reminders that the best horses sometimes evade the reach of the mightiest operators.

The Derby is having another identity wobble. And no wonder, when the easy Dante Stakes winner, Economics, sidesteps Epsom to take a different route to stardom. In this year's field the underdogs are perhaps most strongly represented by the James Fanshawe-trained Ambiente Friendly and Dancing Gemini from Roger Teal's yard.

With nearly 250 years to draw on, the Derby is predictably rich in context, perspective and anecdote.

The owner of the second Derby winner, Young Eclipse, in 1871, was so short of cash when he arrived in England from Ireland that he carried sedan chairs for coins. Dennis O'Kelly also had a spell in the Fleet Street prison as a debtor. On his socially upward trajectory later he would announce himself at various points as Count or Colonel O'Kelly.

John Gully was a butcher, publican, prize-fighter, MP and "polished gentleman" who fought a man called Gregson at Six Mile Bottom in 1807 so violently that some of the 'seconds' in the fighters' corners were said to have fainted. Gully's switch from boxing to betting ring led him to own the 1846 and 1854 Derby winners. Said to be "totally without education," Gully was an early (though rare) exemplification of the Derby as democratic event.

In 1865, Comte de Lagrange, the son of one of Napoleon's generals, delivered Gladiateur to become the first French winner of the race. In the late 19th Century, Hungarian and Russian noblemen entered the fray, along with an Italian senator and rich Americans. Lined up against them were the royals and landed aristocrats of Victorian England: the Dukes of Westminster, Portland and Rosebery.

By then Epsom was the No 1 playground of the internationally titled and wealthy. These days it faces fierce competition for that role.

All this is gleaned from the marvellously atmospheric 'The Romance of the Derby Stakes' by Alan Macey (1930), which features a filmic passage about a group of women making their way to the first running of the race in 1780...

"They had been dancing until early morning and their pencilled eyelids were a little weary. They asked for their smelling-salts and yawned discreetly behind their fluttering fans. These high-born ladies were inclined to boredom; they had seen most of the pageant of life and were inclined towards ennui. The prospect of a new horse-race could scarcely be expected to excite them."

But the Derby has excited generations across the world for the

244 years of its life. The thrill of owning the winner, though, tends to extend only to the super rich, the cleverest breeders and every now and then the lucky, plucky dreamer who finds a Derby horse cheaply in a sales ring. It's not meant to be easy to win. If it were, everyone would be doing it.


What Alan Macey's book and

the Derby's history say is that romance is embedded in the race's very nature. Always has been, always will. Decades and centuries ago, titled owner-breeders dominated. Now, the industrialised production and acquisition of the best bloodstock by the biggest operators sets a pattern familiar from the rest of economic life. Example: 60% of UK veterinary practices are now owned by six companies.

The knack is to look deeper than the headline of which owner or trainer is etched next to the name of the winner to the myriad of tales and struggles that led up to the victory. Each is a small miracle, and we see one every year on Epsom Downs.

NOWADAYS NOBODY TAKES ANY NOTICE OF LORD WEINSTOCK'S JOKE: "IT IS VULGAR TO WIN THE DERBY TWO YEARS RUNNING."

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Seven Days

by Emma Berry



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Remarkably those two homebred fillies, Steve Parkin's *Fallen Angel* (GB) and Newtown Anner Stud's *Darnation* (Ire), are both first-crop daughters of Darley's *Too Darn Hot* (GB), while another young Darley sire, *Blue Point* (Ire), was represented by his first Classic winner, *Rosallion* (Ire). The latter narrowly denied his stable-mate *Haatem* (Ire) from emulating his own sire, *Phoenix Of Spain* (Ire), in the Irish 2,000 Guineas.

Hannon clearly has a soft spot for *Haatem*, who was a Group 2 winner at two and bounced out in the G3 *Craven S.* on his seasonal resumption to win by three and a half lengths. He now has two Classic placings to his name and was just a head away from giving his breeder John Bourke a second Classic winner in three years following the 1,000 Guineas success of *Cachet* (Ire) (*Aclaim* {Ire}).

"Standing there being second and third in the English Guineas was galling," said Hannon at the Curragh. "I feel so sorry for *Haatem*. It pulls at your heartstrings. He's such a gentleman."

Rosallion is now a proper star from a family who can do no wrong at the moment. To his victory in the G1 *Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere* and runner-up finish to *Notable Speech* (GB) in the 2,000 Guineas he can now add his own Classic laurels, and his victory at the Curragh came less than an hour after his close



Karl Burke with *Fallen Angel*, one of his two Classic winners on Sunday | Adam Houghton

relation, the 2,000 Guineas sixth *Inisherin* (GB) (*Shamardal*), blitzed his rivals in the G2 *Sandy Lane S.* at Haydock for Kevin Ryan.

The pair are both grandsons of Sheikh Mohammed Obaid's illustrious broodmare *Reem Three* (GB) (*Mark Of Esteem* {Ire}).

Ryan also trained *Triple Time* (GB) (*Frankel* {GB}), who is a half-brother to the dams of both *Rosallion* and *Inisherin*, to win last year's G1 *Queen Anne S.* at Royal Ascot. He is now positioned alongside *Too Darn Hot* in the stallion wing at Dalham Hall Stud, where it will be hoped that he can add another dimension to the burgeoning success of this dynasty.

As for *Too Darn Hot*, burgeoning is also the word to apply to his stud career. *Fallen Angel* and *Darnation* are not new stakes winners for him: they were respectively Group 1 and Group 2 winners as juveniles, but their transition to Classic winners adds to the growing reputation of their sire, who is also responsible for the G1 *Champagne S.* winner *Broadsiding* (Aus) in Australia and Grade 2 winner *Etes Vous Prets* (Ire) in Japan, as well as the Group 3 winners *Alyanaabi* (Ire) and *Carolina Reaper* (GB).

Here's to Lady Jane

The real-life *Lady Jane Digby* created plenty of stir during her colourful life with a string of love affairs before spending her latter years in Syria married to a sheikh. Her equine namesake was typically well named by Kirsten Rausing - the Group 1 winner is by *Oasis Dream* (GB) out of *Scandalette* (GB) (*Niniski*) - and she has stolen the limelight over the last week from the more celebrated *Lanwades* family which descends from *Alruccaba* (GB).

Lady Jane Digby (GB) was trained for Rausing by Mark Johnston and her daughter *Madame Ambassador* (GB) (*Churchill* {Ire}) is now in the care of Johnston's son Charlie. She won Wednesday's Listed *Rothsay S.* at Ayr and the family was back in the spotlight on Saturday when the Listed *Height Of Fashion S.* went to *Francophone* (GB), who, less than a fortnight earlier, had been second in the G3 *Musidora S.* While we're talking about the new stallion class of 2020, it would be remiss not to mention *Francophone*'s sire *Study Of Man* (Ire), who now has four stakes winners to his name.

Also trained by Charlie Johnston for her owner-breeder, *Francophone* represents the next generation of the family, being out of *Lady Jane Digby*'s winning daughter *Francophilia* (GB) (*Frankel* {GB}).

It was a good week for the white and green hoops of *Lanwades* as the previous *Monday Lingua Franca* (GB) landed another Listed race, this time in Hanover. She too is by *Study Of Man* and is a half-sister to *Le Don De Vie* (GB) (*Leroidesanimaux* {Brz}), who was beaten a nose in Group 1 company in Australia having also won the Listed *August S.* at Windsor before he was exported down under. [Cont.](#)

Murphy at the Top Table

Before we get on to this year's Derby, let's just cast our minds back to last year, when Auguste Rodin handed out a five-length beating to White Birch (Ire), who ran a terrific race to finish third having been beaten only a neck in the Dante. Cheveley Park Stud bred the grey colt, who is by the stud's resident stallion Ulysses (Ire) (who, like Study Of Man is a representative of the Niarchos breeding programme). White Birch has rewarded his trainer John Joseph Murphy and owner Chantal Regalado-Gonzalez with a faultless season to date, his three wins in 2024 culminating in his first Group 1 success. That perhaps tasted even sweeter given that his victory in the Tattersalls Gold Cup came at the expense of Auguste Rodin.

"We've been waiting a long time for one as good as him," said the trainer's son George, who was celebrating the stable's first top-flight winner on the Flat.

That quest for the good one has long been rooted in the history of the sport, and especially when it comes to the Derby, as Paul Hayward discusses in his column this week. It was heartening to hear owner Julie Wood speaking at Epsom last Tuesday as she watched her intended Derby runner Voyage (GB) (Golden Horn {GB}) have a spin round the track. Her excitement was palpable and her optimism level has perhaps risen again since Voyage's trainer Richard Hannon saddled the first two home in the Irish 2,000 Guineas.

Hannon doesn't take himself too seriously in media interviews and he was happy to pull the owner's leg about her throwing in "a curveball" by sending him a stayer to train each year from her selections bought at the foal sales. Wood, however, was adamant that it had long been her dream to have a Derby runner and now, all being well over the next few days, she will have her wish.

Of the 20 remaining in the Derby reckoning, four of the colts are by the 2012 winner **Camelot (GB)**, the horse who, to these eyes, came closest to resembling his revered sire Montjeu (Ire), whose own influence on the Derby would almost certainly have been profound had he not died at the age of only 16.

It was already significant: from his first crop, Montjeu had the first two home, Motivator (GB) and Walk In The Park (Ire). His later winners were Authorized (Ire) and Pour Moi (Ire), with **Camelot** completing the set, and Pour Moi going on to be responsible for the shock 2017 winner Wings Of Eagles (Fr).

If you like the idea of a Derby winner being by a Derby winner then this may be your year, because along with **Camelot's** quartet, we could also have two runners by **Sea The Stars (Ire)** and a first for Golden Horn (GB). Then there's the king of them all, Galileo (Ire), with two colts from his penultimate crop, Illinois (Ire) and Mr Hampstead (Ire), still engaged at the five-day confirmation stage.



Julie Wood and Richard Hannon at Epsom | Emma Berry

Gone But Not Forgotten

The 2016 King's Stand S winner Profitable (Ire) may now have been sequestered to the Turkish stallions ranks but he was very much to the fore on Saturday when first Kerdos (Ire) won the G2 Temple S., followed an hour later by the G2 Greenlands S. victory of the five-year-old Mitbaahy (Ire). The latter set up a memorable day for his owners Jim and Fitri Hay, who enjoyed four winners from four different stables, at the Curragh, Goodwood and York.

Both horses, trained respectively by Profitable's former trainer Clive Cox and by Charlie Hills, are entered to attempt to emulate their sire at Royal Ascot in the race which now been renamed the King Charles III S.

Whitsbury's Wonders

Any stallion master will tell you how hard it is even to hit on one good stallion but Ed Harper of Whitsbury Manor Stud is currently the man with the Midas touch when it comes to introducing young sires.

Showcasing (GB), bought from his breeder Juddmonte in 2010, set a good run rolling, escalating from a £5,000 stallion in his debut year of 2011 to a high of £55,000, with his current fee now having been trimmed to £45,000. He is already represented by seven sons at stud and has four Group 1 winners to his name.

Then came the current buzz stallion Havana Grey (GB), whose sustained success last year after his first runners dazzled in 2022, has seen his fee rise from £6,000 to £55,000 in six years. He has four second-crop sons entered in the G1 Commonwealth Cup, including his star performer to date, Vandeeek (GB).

There is a long season ahead, but the latest recruit to Whitsbury Manor is also starting to turn heads with his first runners.

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Whitsbury Manor Stud's Ed Harper | *Tattersalls*

Sergei Prokofiev, with six winners to his name already, clicked into a different gear this week, with the Listed National S. win of the unbeaten Enchanting Empress (GB), followed by victory in the G3 Marble Hill S. for Arizona Blaze (GB), who was co-bred by Whitsbury Manor with Llety Farms and had won the opening juvenile race of the Irish turf season. Both youngsters are co-owned by Amo Racing with Giselle de Aguiar and will presumably be seen next at Royal Ascot.

A Mug's Game?

Brian Sheerin **reported last week** on the decision by Star Bloodstock to wind down its breeze-up business and focus instead on racing two-year-olds with a view to selling them on in training.

The operation's Matt Eves referred to the sale of subsequent multiple group winner Malavath (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), who had actually been a profitable pinhook for Star Bloodstock, rising from a £29,000 yearling to a £120,000 breeder.

Eves said, "Malavath selling for €3.2-million at Arqana. That was the moment I asked myself, 'why are we the mugs in the middle?'"

It would not be a surprise to see more in the breeze-up sector adjust their focus for next year, despite the addition of two new sales in Ireland in 2025, for this year has been tricky for plenty of consignors.

Eddie O'Leary didn't pull his punches in TDN on Saturday after the Tattersalls Ireland Breeze-up Sale when giving his thoughts on the plans for extra dates. He said, "I'm going to be very vocal on this. The clearance rate has been good here today but there is only a finite number of horses that can pass through the breeze-up sales every year. It was always about 500 or 600 horses that would go through the breeze-ups. That's all the market would take. Now it's up to 1,500. It just can't take it.

That's why the middle market is on its knees. There's too many horses in the system."

And that was just the edited version.

But there is little doubt that, whether you are a breeder, a pinhooker or a consignor, you need everything to fall right for you on sale day - or even before that in order even to get your horse into a sale. The winds of fashion blow so quickly hither and thither that it is very hard to catch it right if you are a commercial breeder operating on a relatively limited budget. And perhaps the small breeders (this correspondent included) are the biggest mugs of all.

Last week I watched as a bunch of yearlings for different owners were paraded before a sales inspection team. By far the nicest among them physically was a filly who, unfortunately for her breeder, just happens to be by the 'wrong' stallion (albeit one who sired a Classic winner only two seasons ago).

"We can't give those away," said the inspector. The sales companies know what's hot and what's not, and have a difficult job, from an abundance of horses put forward, in making the best selection for their sales. But it was a stark illustration of just how hard it is even to get eyes on your horse.

A Rider Fit for a Duchess

In Derby week, we shouldn't really be talking about the winner of a Class 6 handicap at Yarmouth, but there's a link, so bear with me.

Our own small stable has been fortunate enough to be able to call on the services of David Goodwin, whose list of equine connections couldn't get much loftier. The first person to sit on Shergar (Ire) when the great horse was being broken in at Michael Stoute's stable, Goodwin later rode the Derby winners Slip Anchor (GB) and Commander In Chief (GB) in his days working for Henry Cecil. **Cont.**



Duchess and David Goodwin on Newmarket's Limekilns
Emma Berry

A daily visitor to the gym before riding out second lot for John Berry, he simply refuses to retire and remains one of the most stylish riders on Newmarket Heath. His recent partner has been Duchess (Fr), a three-length winner at the seaside on Wednesday, much to the delight of Goodwin, who turned 73 on Tuesday.

"It just meant that my birthday lasted for two days," he said with a smile as he brought the mare a bag of celebratory apples and carrots.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

CITY OF TROY ONE OF 20 COLTS LEFT IN DERBY PICTURE AT FIVE-DAY STAGE

Following Monday's confirmation stage, there remains the possibility of a maximum field going to post for Saturday's G1 Betfred Derby at Epsom, with **City Of Troy** (*Justify*) the standout name among 20 colts still in contention for the Classic.

Unbeaten in three starts as a two-year-old, City Of Troy is a short-priced favourite to provide trainer Aidan O'Brien with a record-extending tenth success in the Derby, despite disappointing on his return to action in the G1 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket. O'Brien could field up to six runners at Epsom, with the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud and G3 Derby Trial S. winner **Los Angeles (Ire)** (*Camelot* {GB}) also featuring in the first three in the ante-post betting. **Diego Velazquez (Ire)** (*Frankel* {GB}), **Euphoric (GB)** (*Frankel* {GB}), **Illinois (Ire)** (*Galileo* {Ire}) and **Portland (Ire)** (*Dubawi* {Ire}) make up the list of possible runners from Ballydoyle.



City Of Troy | PA Media

Last month's G3 Ballysax S. winner **Dallas Star (Fr)** (*Cloth Of Stars* {Ire}) is the only other Irish-trained entry. He sports the familiar purple silks of Amo Racing--along with the Dominic Ffrench Davis trainees **Mr Hampstead** (*Galileo* {Ire}) and **Padesha (Fr)** (*Wootton Bassett* {GB})--and is set to be a first runner in the Derby for trainer Adrian Murray, who confirmed that he couldn't be happier with his charge ahead of the big day on Saturday.

"Dallas Star is doing very well," Murray said on a Zoom call organised by *The Jockey Club*. "The plan after he won the Ballysax was to go straight to the Derby. I have been very happy with him since Leopardstown--he is improving all the time and we are hoping for a big run.

"He had a racecourse gallop at Naas last week and we were very happy with how he went. We don't really know much about him on quicker ground, although he handled it okay at Naas last week. If I had the chance, I would maybe be looking for a bit of ease in the ground.

"For me, it's unbelievable to have a runner in the Derby and I'm very excited. It is a race I have been watching all my life and I'm sure it's going to be a huge experience. We are not going over as favourite but we are delighted to be in the race and hopefully he has an each-way chance."

The James Fanshawe-trained **Ambiente Friendly (Ire)** (*Gleneagles* {Ire}) is the bookmakers' second favourite following his four-and-a-half-length victory in the Listed Lingfield Derby Trial S. last time, while last year's G1 Futurity Trophy winner **Ancient Wisdom (Fr)** (*Dubawi* {Ire}) is the only other horse currently trading at single-figure odds behind City Of Troy, Ambiente Friendly and Los Angeles, having reappeared with an encouraging second in the G2 Dante S. at York.

Dancing Gemini (Ire) (*Camelot* {GB}), runner-up in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains at Longchamp on his most recent start, and **Macduff (GB)** (*Sea The Stars* {Ire}), who filled the same position in the G3 Classic Trial, warmed up for the Derby by getting a feel for the track on a press morning last week, along with last-time-out novice winners, **Deira Mile (Ire)** (*Camelot* {GB}) and **Voyage (GB)** (*Golden Horn* {GB}).

One horse who already has winning form at Epsom is last month's Listed Blue Riband Trial hero **Bellum Justum (Ire)** (*Sea The Stars* {Ire}), who represents Andrew Balding and King Power Racing Co Ltd and will be ridden by multiple champion jockey Oisin Murphy as he seeks a first victory in the Classic.

"The Derby and Oaks are incredibly prestigious races that I haven't been fortunate enough to win yet," said Murphy. "I dreamt of being part of them as a child and one day I'd like to get my name on the roll of honour. I missed out on the ride on Adayar in 2021 when Adam Kirby became available but hopefully luck will be on my side one day and it can happen.

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"Bellum Justum won the trial at Epsom over a mile and a quarter. He's a beautiful horse with a lot of quality. We don't know how good he is, but we'll find out on Derby Day. Andrew has had horses placed in the Derby and won an Oaks with Casual Look, so it would be a dream if we can take gold on Derby Day."

Bellum Justum could be joined in the line-up by stable-mate **Sayedaty Sadaty (Ire)** (Anodin {Ire}), while the list of possible runners is completed by John and Thady Gosden's **God's Window (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), plus the Abdulla Al Mansoori-owned pair of **Kamboos (Ire)** (Awtaad {Ire}) and **Tabletalk (Ire)** (Camelot {GB}) after the latter was supplemented on Monday at a cost of £75,000.

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GHOSTWRITER ON COURSE FOR CLASSIC TEST IN PRIX DU JOCKEY CLUB

Ghostwriter (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), last seen finishing fourth in the G1 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket, is said to be an intended runner in Sunday's G1 Prix du Jockey Club at Chantilly as he tries to provide trainer Clive Cox with a first Classic success.

One of 21 colts still in contention for the Prix du Jockey Club, Ghostwriter shaped as if ready for a step up in trip when beaten four and a half lengths on the Rowley Mile, form which received a couple of boosts on Saturday when Rosallion (Ire) (Blue Point {Ire}) and Haatem (Ire) (Phoenix Of Spain {Ire}) filled the first two places in the G1 Irish 2,000 Guineas at the Curragh and Inisherin (GB) (Shamardal) won the G2 Sandy Lane S. at Haydock.

Unbeaten in three starts as a two-year-old, culminating with victory in the G2 Royal Lodge S. at Newmarket, Ghostwriter has always been held in the highest regard by Cox and the trainer is excited to see what he can do on Sunday when his rivals could



Ghostwriter (right) | PA Media

include the Aidan O'Brien-trained **Diego Velazquez (Ire)** (Frankel {GB}), David Menuisier's **Sunway (Fr)** (Galiway {GB}) and the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains winner **Metropolitan (Fr)** (Zarak {Fr}).

"I'm very pleased indeed with him," Cox said of Ghostwriter. "He's had a healthy timeframe between the Guineas and this weekend and the form of the Guineas has worked out brilliantly, with Kevin's horse winning as well as Richard's two finishing first and second in Ireland, so we're very happy."

"We've been looking forward to stepping him up to a mile and a quarter, more importantly. He did really well last year when he was unbeaten and winning over a mile at two would give us every indication that he should get a little bit further this year. I hope we fare well in the draw and I'm really looking forward to it."

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ROYAL ASCOT NEXT FOR KERDOS AS PLANS TAKE SHAPE FOR SPRINTING STARS

Trainer Clive Cox has confirmed that all roads lead to Royal Ascot for **Kerdos (Ire)** following the four-year-old's victory in Saturday's G2 Temple S. at Haydock.

Cox was winning the race for a third time having previously struck in 2016 with Kerdos's sire, Profitable (Ire), and the following year with Priceless (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), a half-sister to Kerdos's granddam, Ballyalla (GB) (Mind Games {GB}). Profitable went on to win the G1 King's Stand S. at Royal Ascot on his next start and that five-furlong sprint--which will be run as the King Charles III S. for the first time this year--is now on the agenda for Kerdos after he justified Cox's belief in him with a career-best effort at Haydock.

"I was really pleased but it was no surprise," Cox summed up. "We always believed he could perform at this level, especially after the way he won the Beverley Bullet last year.

"He's a horse that normally takes a couple of runs to get into full flight and I was really pleased that he managed in that ground, but it shows he's versatile as it was very quick when he won the Beverley Bullet, so we were very happy. He wasn't beaten far in the Abbaye last season and I'm just delighted that he's hit his stride at this time of year, with some very nice races to get excited about."

On the family connection, Cox added, "What nobody picked up on Saturday was his dam is out of a half-sister to Priceless and he's by Profitable, so he really is the glue of our previous Temple winners, which was very nice."

"Most definitely it will be the King Charles III now and we'll sleep easy knowing he has won on both types of ground, which is always a relief. I'm pleased that we will be heading there with two realistic chances, with Diligent Harry in great form as well."



Kerdos (centre) beats Live In The Dream (right) at Haydock | PA Media

The opposition to Kerdos and **Diligent Harry (GB)** (Due Diligence) at Royal Ascot is likely to include last year's G1 Sprint Cup winner **Regional (GB)** (Territories {Ire}), who delighted trainer Ed Bethell when returning to action with a runner-up finish behind Mitbaahy (Ire)—another son of Profitable—in Saturday's G2 Greenlands S. at the Curragh.

"He ran really well," Bethell said of the six-year-old. "A stiff six just found him out and all roads lead to the King Charles at Royal Ascot. Hopefully we'll get good, fast ground there and I'm really excited about his chance over five furlongs on that track."

"The whole idea was to go to the Temple, but the ground went against us at Haydock, so we went to the Curragh for the ground. A stiff six would never have been his cup of tea, but a stiff five at Ascot will be tailor-made for him. It's what we all do it for, to have chances going down there, let alone a live one. We're really excited and fingers crossed he'll get there."

One horse who won't be in action at the Royal meeting is **Live In The Dream (Ire)** (Prince Of Lir {Ire}), who was beaten just half a length in the Temple having led for much of the race. Trainer Adam West is now considering a return trip to Haydock as he plots a route back to the G1 Nunthorpe S. at York which Live In The Dream won so impressively in 2023.

"He was out in the sunshine yesterday and this morning and he looks fantastic," said West. "We couldn't have asked for a better start to the season really. I think Sean [Kirrane, jockey] showed a lot of maturity. He took him through the gears nicely and wasn't hard on him. He just said in the last 50 yards he's got a tiny bit leg weary, but he absolutely felt the best he's ever felt and the maturity level of the horse has come on since last year, so we're delighted."

"We're still looking at Sandown [for the Coral Charge], but we are actually going to throw a curveball in and look at the Achilles Stakes back at Haydock first. The dates have worked out so well for us and despite being a Group 1 winner in a Listed race,

because the Nunthorpe was before the end of August he's able to run, so it would be silly of us not to consider it. We'll enter him and see what the ground is like."

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FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

Tuesday, 28 May 2024

UNITED KINGDOM

Kameko (Kitten's Joy), Tweenhills Stud

87 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners

15:15-BRIGHTON, 6f, **Kimmico (GB)**

8,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2023

15:15-BRIGHTON, 6f, **The Magic Turtle (GB)**

16,000gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2022; 11,000gns

Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2023

River Boyne (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}), Tara Stud

30 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners

15:15-BRIGHTON, 6f, **Tequila Rose (Ire)**

€18,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2023

Without Parole (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**), Newsells Park Stud

53 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners

14:45-BRIGHTON, 6f, **Liberty Bird (GB)**

30,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2022; 16,000gns

Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2023

IRELAND

Far Above (Ire) (Farhh {GB}), Starfield Stud

83 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners

3-TIPPERARY, 5f, **Rock N Roll Rocket (Ire)**

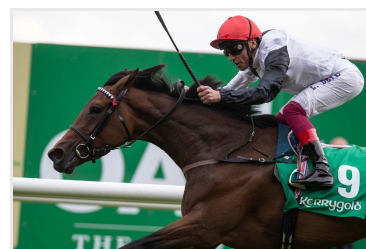
£11,000 RNA Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2023

Hello Youmzain (Fr) (Kodiac {GB}), Haras d'Etream

109 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners

3-TIPPERARY, 5f, **Powerful Lady (Fr)**

€8,500 Arqana Deauville Yearling Sale V2 2023



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DAUGHTER OF ALLURINGLY DEBUTS AT TIPPERARY

18.45 Tipperary, Mdn, €12,000, 2yo, f, 5ft

TRULY ENCHANTING (IRE) (No Nay Never) is one of two rides for Ryan Moore on the evening card and an intriguing Ballydoyle newcomer as the third foal out of the Oaks-placed Alluringly (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). Her half-sister Lily Pond (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) was successful in the nine-furlong G2 Kilboy Estate S. and third in the G3 Munster Oaks, so a bold debut show over this trip for this descendant of Urban Sea (Miswaki) would be highly encouraging even allowing for the obvious speed influence of the sire.

HOW THEY FARED

14.00 Great Yarmouth, Nov, £9,800, 2yo, 7f 3yT

Team Gosden nominee **ATTACK (GB) (Wootton Bassett {GB})**, the €460,000 Goffs Orby son of G1 Prix Marcel Boussac victrix Albigna (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}), shaped with promise on debut and made eye-catching late headway to post a 1 1/4-length second.

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BRITAIN

Monday's Results:

4th-Yarmouth, £11,400, Novice, 5-27, 3yo, 11f 104yT, 2:31.38, g/s.

THEORY OF TIDES (GB) (c, 3, Galileo {Ire}--Missrock {Aus} {GSW & MG1SP-Aus, \$1,048,590}, by Fastnet Rock {Aus}), carrying a penalty for his debut success at Nottingham earlier this month, raced worse than mid-division early. Making up ground smoothly heading to the final two furlongs, the 15-8 favourite was in front 1 1/2 down and stayed on strongly to score by 2 1/4 lengths from Steel Tiger (Ire) (Almanzor {Fr}). The winner is the first foal out of the G3 Percy Sykes S.-winning dam, who was placed twice in the G1 Goodwood and once in the G1 Lightning. A full-sister to the dual G2 Challenge S. winner Passive Aggressive (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) from the family of the G1 Oakleigh Plate heroine Mrs Onassis (Aus) (General Nediym {Aus}), she also has the 2-year-old colt Regalian (GB) (**Kingman {GB}**), a yearling son of Night Of Thunder (Ire) and a colt foal by **Wootton Bassett (GB)**. Sales history: 500,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$12,575.

O/B-Isa Salman Al Khalifa (GB); T-John & Thady Gosden.



Camelot | Coolmore

3rd-Leicester, £10,000, Novice, 5-27, 3yo, 10ft, 2:10.36, g/s.

MATSURI (GB) (c, 3, Sea The Stars {Ire}--Along Came Casey {Ire} {MSW & MGSP-Ire, \$146,654}, by Oratorio {Ire}), burdened with a penalty having broken his maiden at Kempton when last seen in November, was kept wide early away from the remainder racing freely in a first-time hood. Soon into second, the 11-10 favourite was in front with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining and surged clear for an emphatic eight-length success from Fox Legacy (GB) (Lope De Vega {Ire}). The dam, who captured the Listed Hurry Harriet S. and Listed Glencairn S. and was placed in the G3 Brownstown S., G3 Diamond S. and G3 Meld S., is responsible for the G3 Darley S. winner Feliciano De Vega (GB) (Lope De Vega {Ire}). Also a half to the G3 C L Weld Park S.-placed Hallie's Comet (Ire) (One Cool Cat) who in turn produced the G2 Challenge S. and G3 Sceptre S. winner and G1 1000 Guineas third Matilda Picotte (Ire) (**Sioux Nation**), her yearling filly is by Night Of Thunder (Ire). Sales history: 700,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$16,425. O-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum; B-Highview Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Roger Varian.

4th-Leicester, £10,000, Novice, 5-27, 3yo, 10ft, 2:10.57, g/s.

CASTLE COVE (IRE) (c, 3, Camelot {GB}--Lavender Lane {Ire} {MGSP-Fr}, by Shamardal), sent off at 4-1, was anchored towards the back early having started out a touch free on this debut. Cajoled through the pack to give pursuit of Kitty Furnival (Ire) (**Zarak {Fr}**), the homebred outstayed that rival in the last 50 yards to score by a neck as they pulled clear of the remainder. "They went a nice pace early on and I was quite surprised how quickly he went to jump into the race--he was fast to get going when I lit the fuse, so I shut him back down again for a bit," jockey Tom Marquand said. "He's going to learn a lot from today and clearly there's a bit in the tank."

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New Bay | Ballylinch

The dam, who was third in the G2 Prix de Malleret and G2 Prix de la Nonette, produced the G2 Middleton S. winner and G1 Nassau S. and G1 Prix Vermeille-placed Lilac Road (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}). A daughter of the G1 Prix Saint-Alary third Alix Road (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}) and half to Danehill Dancer's G2 Prix Greffulhe-winning sire Sumbal (Ire), she also has the unraced 2-year-old colt Carmichael (Ire) (**Sottsass {Fr}**). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$6,666.

O/B-Jon and Julia Aisbitt (IRE); T-William Haggas.

2nd-Great Yarmouth, £9,800, Nov, 5-27, 2yo, 7f 3yT, 1:28.57, g/s.

EL BURHAN (IRE) (c, 2, New Bay {GB}--Sar Oiche {Ire}, by Teofilo {Ire}) was a promising debut fourth, behind the 'TDN Rising Star' display of Ancient Truth (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), going six furlongs at Newmarket earlier this month and tracked the leaders in fourth through halfway. Bustled along passing the quarter-mile marker, the 6-4 favourite hit the front approaching the final furlong and was ridden out to defeat Attack (GB) (**Wootton Bassett {GB}**) by 1 1/4 lengths. El Burhan, half to a yearling filly by Supremacy (Ire), is the sixth of seven foals and fourth scorer produced by a dual-winning daughter of Listed Derrinstown Stud 1000 Guineas trial victrix Zavaleta (Ire) (Kahyasi {Ire}). Descendants of Zavaleta, herself a half-sister to Group 1-winning sire Sholokhov (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), include last term's G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains hero Marhaba Ya Sanafi (Ire) (Muhaarar {GB}), G1 Dewhurst S.-winning sire Intense Focus (Giant's Causeway), G1 Moyglare Stud S. victrix Skitter Scatter (Scat Daddy) and last year's Belmont Oaks Invitational heroine Aspen Grove (Ire) (**Justify**). Sales history: 210,000gns Wlg '22 TADEWE. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$8,351. O-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd; B-Deerpark Stud (IRE); T-George Boughey.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Jm Jhingree (Ire), g, 2, Dandy Man (Ire)--La Pergola (Fr) (SP-Fr), by Penny's Picnic (Ire). Redcar, 5-27, 5fT, 1:01.12. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,733. B-L Foley & Ballygowan Bloodstock Ltd (IRE). *€32,000 Ylg '23 TATIRY.

Jungle Land (Ire), g, 3, Kodiak (GB)--Kendal Mint (GB), by Kyllachy (GB). Redcar, 5-27, 5f 217yT, 1:12.49. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$16,086. B-GHS Bloodstock & JC Bloodstock (IRE). *€180,000 Ylg '22 GOFOR.

FRANCE

Monday's Results:

FIRST WINNER FOR SIRE

3rd-Marseille-Borely, €23,000, Cond, 5-27, 2yo, 6fT, 1:07.38, g/s.

BY SENSATION (FR) (f, 2, Threat {Ire}--Home Office {Fr}, by Kitten's Joy), an Apr. 24 last-out third going five furlongs at this venue, went forward to stalk the pace in second early before claiming control after the opening exchanges. Shaken up off the home turn, the 7-1 chance and came under sterner urging inside the final furlong and was ridden out to hold the late challenge of Anaconda (Fr) (Chachnak {Fr}) by a neck, becoming the first winner for her freshman sire (by **Footstepsinthesand {GB}**). By Sensation is the lone reported foal produced by an unraced daughter of GIII Sweetest Chant S. victrix and GI American Oaks third Consumer Credit (More Than Ready). The January-foaled bay's second dam is a half-sister to GIII Dogwood S. victrix Lady Radler (**Kantharos**) and Listed Svenskt Derby runner-up London Citizen (Proud Citizen), themselves out of G2 KZN Fillies' Guineas winner and G1 Allan Robertson Fillies Championship runner-up Sally Bowles (SAF) (London News {SAF}). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, €16,100. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Ecuries Puglia; B-Alban Chevalier du Fau (FR); T-Christophe Escuder.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Kovel (Ire), c, 3, Invincible Spirit (Ire)--Kasanka (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). Marseille-Borely, 5-27, 10fT, 2:03.93. B-Leahan Bloodstock & Irish National Stud Company Ltd (IRE). *65,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. **1/2 to Kastasa (Ire) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}), GSW-Ire, \$233,379; and Kassaba (Ire) (Charm Spirit {Ire}), SP-Ire.

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EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN JAPAN:

Ampadu (GB), c, 3, **Iffraaj (GB)**--Latharna Skies (GB), by Dubawi (Ire). Tokyo, 5-26, Maiden, 1600mT, 1:33.6. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$35,038. O/B-Godolphin; T-Tetsuya Kimura. *1ST-TIME STARTER.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

JOHNSON BUYS 800K VINNIE FILLY FOR

HILL 'N' DALE by TTR AusNZ



William Johnson | Bronwen Healy

An I Am Invincible (Aus) filly topped Day 2 of the 2024 Magic Millions Gold Coast National Weanling Sale. The filly was purchased by Hill 'n' Dale Xalapa through William Johnson Bloodstock.

At A Glance:

- The clearance rate of 79.87 per cent was up from last year's 72.92 per cent.
- The top price for an I Am Invincible x Single Blonde (Not A Single Doubt) filly was AU\$800,000 compared to last year's sale topping AU\$925,000 **Frankel (GB)** colt.
- The average was down from AU\$81,842 to AU\$77,539 whilst the median was down from AU\$50,000 to AU\$41,000.

- Sledmere Stud/Cangon Stud Farm were the most prolific purchases with nine weanlings whilst North Bloodstock and BL Bloodstock bought five each.
- Coolmore Stud sold the most (17) for an average of AU\$168,529 whilst Amarina sold 16 - an average of AU\$66,750.
- Of the stallions represented by at least three lots Zoustar had the best average of AU\$246,667.
- The most successful first season sires were Home Affairs (16 sold for an average of AU\$189,688 - up to AU\$430,000) and Stay Inside (eight sold - an average of AU\$151,688 - up to AU\$400,000).
- NSW based buyers were the most prolific, taking home 87 weanlings.
- The fillies achieved a higher average than the colts - AU\$87,000 vs AU\$70,762. And seven of the top ten sellers were female.

I Am Invincible leads the way

There was a hush across the auditorium as bidding crept beyond half a million towards the AU\$800,000 it took for Hill 'N' Dale Farm and William Johnson Bloodstock to secure the sale's biggest seller - Lot 297, an imposing daughter of Yarraman's Champion Sire I Am Invincible.

Part of the Element Hill dispersal, she was widely regarded as the one most likely to top the sale and she did not disappoint - though there were mixed emotions for Element Hill's Josh Hutchins.

"Leaving is very tough but we are very proud to have topped the sale," he said - the emotional ties to this weanling all the stronger as the family also bred and raced her stakes placed dam Single Blonde (Not A Single Doubt).

Due to be sold as Lot 964 on Thursday, Single Blonde - who was served last spring by **Wootton Bassett (GB)** - was third in the Listed Calaway S. Her first foal by Pierro was sold at Easter last year - Dermot Farrington paying AU\$165,000 for her.

Single Blonde is a daughter of the dual Listed winner Regrowth (Unbridled's Song {USA}) whose Listed winning dam True Blonde (Naturalism) is a daughter of the terrific mare Easy Date (Grand Chaudiere {Can}).

The fact that this is one of Australia's most prolific black-type families was not lost on this filly's new owners with William Johnson explaining that the Sikura family of Hill 'N' Dale have been keen to tap into the best of our bloodlines.

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And this is not their first venture in that regard - the Kentucky based breeders at this year's Magic Millions purchasing - with Gai Waterhouse & Adrian Bott and William Johnson - for AU\$1.7-million an I Am Invincible yearling filly out of the dual Group winner Madam Rouge (Zoustar).

"Racing is a global sport," Johnson said, "and the Sikuras love these well bred fillies with great physiques. Their investment here is a great endorsement for Australian racing."

No trainer has been decided for this filly - "we will let her grow out and go from there," said Johnson.

Home Affairs Again Popular

The Home Affairs juggernaut continued with several more high sellers including Lot 361 sold by Newgate to Silverdale Farm for AU\$430,000.

The second foal for the Group 3 placed triple city winner Witherspoon (Exceed And Excel) the chestnut caught the eye of Silverdale's Rob Petith who has been taken by Home Affairs' progeny both in Sydney and at the Gold Coast.

"They are good quality horses and I have been impressed by them across the board. We had a good few of them on our list here and this one was our favourite--she rated very highly for us."

"We had to go a bit higher than we thought," he admitted, "but we have done that in the past and it has worked out well!"

"She is a strong, athletic filly,," he said, adding that Silverdale is happy to buy at the top end rather than "search for a diamond in the rough."

"With a horse like this filly you have good residual value so there is a back-up plan."

Waterhouse And Bott In The Weanling Market

It is not often that the Gai Waterhouse/Adrian Bott put up their hand for a weanling but Bruce Slade (Kestrel Thoroughbreds) was very happy to secure on their behalf Lot 224, an attractive Stay Inside filly out of the imported Group 3 winner Pasar Silbano (Ire) (Elnadim {USA}) for AU\$400,000.

The final foal for her dam who died a few months ago, she is a half-sister to Widden Stud's exciting young stallion Zousain - winner of the G3 Champagne Classic and three times Group 1 placed.

"She fits Gai and Adrian's model," Slade said - "she is a beautiful moving filly who looks so sharp and she will suit the system well - she will come early and she has that residual value."

"We are delighted to get her," he continued - "the quality of the Element Hill dispersal draft demanded attention and we thought if we didn't get her today we might not see her again."

"She is what you'd expect from the sire line," he continued, "and she was very popular--she was paraded all week and didn't turn a hair, she showed that willing attitude which is so important."

There are no set plans as yet in terms of ownership for the chestnut but Slade did note that she was the ideal type for his Valerie partnership.

Element Hill's Josh Hutchins was pleased with the result - "she has been a beautiful filly since day one," he said, "and we are delighted with the home she is going to."

"She is a well grown filly with a deep girth; she has everything you want in a good horse."

Sale Exceeds Bowditch's Expectations

"I was really pleased to see the average hold and the clearance rate increase today," said Magic Millions' Barry Bowditch.

"It was a really healthy gross considering that there were significantly less horses in the catalogue this year and the sale exceeded our expectations."

Bowditch was especially happy with the strength of both markets - "it was great to see the end-users really taking the pin-hookers on," he said.

He was also pleased to see international involvement, including Hill 'N' Dale - "they are an outstanding global outfit and having them participate here is fantastic - a great endorsement for the Australian industry as a whole."

And he was happy that Element Hill was able to provide the sale topper - "they have been great supporters and friends of Magic Millions for many years and for them top their final weanling sale is a great effort."

"The first season sires--especially Home Affairs and Stay Inside--had outstanding results and overall we saw that if you bring quality here you get well paid. With that in mind, I think that breeders can consider bringing quality stock to weanling sales as you get both the end-users and the pin-hookers participating--there is a great thirst out there for quality weanlings."

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