



# THE DERBY, IN ALL ITS BRILLIANT, QUIRKY GLORY



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## By Emma Berry

In his 1970 book *The Thoroughbred*, Peter Willett wrote, "The racehorse, the so-called 'thoroughbred', evolved in England long before other countries conceived a taste for racing and began to develop breeds of their own based on the English model and on imported English stock."

The same can be said for the Derby, which has been imitated the world over but which belongs to England, specifically to that extraordinary piece of downland in Epsom, over which champions have been determined for centuries.

We'll have no truck with those claiming that this year's Derby field is subpar. It is what these horses go on to do that will determine the ultimate quality of the race and, at this time, that is of course unknowable.

Sixteen colts will go to post. The one who returns in front, with the best blend of speed, stamina, athleticism and luck, will join a roll of honour featuring some of the greatest names of the turf. There is no higher accolade in racing than to be connected – as breeder, owner, trainer, jockey or groom – to a Derby winner. The guessing, the wondering, the anticipating will be over shortly after 4.30 on Saturday.

Welcome to our Derby preview edition of 2024.

# "HER RUNNING STYLE IS LIKE FOUND'S" - HAS MOORE CHOSEN RIGHT IN THE OAKS?

By Tom Frary

As is often the case, the opponent that may well have Ryan Moore looking over his shoulder as he attempts to win Coolmore yet another Classic could be coming from the same stable on Friday with Aidan O'Brien readying two salvos at the G1 Betfred Oaks. While there is no disputing that on the formbook, the G1 Fillies' Mile-winning **TDN Rising Star Ylang Ylang (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) is the number one, there is a sense of stealthy acceleration through the ranks for the yard's regally-bred maiden **Rubies Are Red (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}). A full-sister to the Arc heroine Found (Ire), the latter was impossible to ignore as she steamed through the line in the Listed Lingfield Oaks Trial.

Interestingly sent to the same Leopardstown maiden in April used for last year's Oaks runner-up Savethelastdance (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Rubies Are Red almost denied **You Got To Me (GB)** (Nathaniel {Ire}) her sensational success three weeks ago with barnstorming final splits. **Cont. p3** 

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Fifteen years ago, the Derby at Epsom was one of six straight Group 1 wins for Sea the Stars, whose legacy only continues to grow now as he makes his mark as a sire. Katie Petrunyak chats to Pat Downes and Ray Moore at Gilltown Stud to find out more. |

Katie Petrunyak

## 5 | POST TWO FOR GHOSTWRITER IN PRIX DU JOCKEY CLUB

Invincible Spirit (Ire)'s Ghostwriter (Ire) has drawn stall two for his G1 Qatar Prix du Jockey Club bid.

### 6 | SHIN EMPEROR POINTING TO IRISH CHAMPION

Japanese group winner Shin Emperor (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}), a group winner in Japan and third in the G1 Japanese Derby, the chestnut will target the G1 Irish Champion S.

## 7 | ROYAL ASCOT NEXT FOR FACTEUR CHEVAL

Group 1 winner Facteur Cheval (Ire) (Ribchester {Ire}) is aiming for the G1 Queen Anne S. at Royal Ascot next month.

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# 1 (6). AMBIENTE FRIENDLY (IRE) 13-2.

(c, Gleneagles {Ire}--Roxity {Ire}, by Fastnet Rock {Aus}) (25,000gns RNA Ylg '22 TATOCT; 80,000gns HRA '23 TATAPR)
O-The Gredley Family | B-Al Shira'aa Farms SARL | T-James Fanshawe | J-Robert Havlin
Form: 13-41. Last Run: First William Hill Lingfield Derby Trial S.

**PROS:** The taking winner, by four and a half lengths, of the Derby Trial at Lingfield, the British track most similar to Epsom in layout, after a warm-up fourth in the Feilden S. at Newmarket on his seasonal bow. A strong colt progressing nicely for a trainer who has long proved his skills at readying a good horse for a major target.

**CONS:** His trainer has expressed some doubt as to his ability to handle soft ground and Epsom is currently on the easy side after a week of unsettled weather.

**PEDIGREE:** Bred by Al Shira'aa Farms, he is the third foal and first to race for his dam, who ran once and won once on heavy ground over 2,000m at Saint-Cloud. Granddam Masseera (Ire) (Alzao) managed two wins in the French provinces for Sheikh Mohammed and is a half-sister to the G1 Cheveley Park S. winner Wannabe Grand (Ire) (Danehill) and Group 3 winner

Wannabe Better (Ire) (Duke Of Marmalade {Ire}). Her nine winners include three black-type performers, one of whom, Roxity's full-sister Fastnet Mist (Ire), is the dam of fellow Derby runner Deira Mile.

Ambiente Friendly was bought back as a yearling when failing to find a buyer at 25,000gns and, reoffered at the Craven Breeze-up Sale, was selected by Freddy Tylicki for the Gredley family at 80,000gns. His sire Gleneagles, who won the 2,000 Guineas in both England and Ireland as well as the St James's Palace S., is steadily compiling an admirable record at stud and already has five black-type winners this season.

**VERDICT:** Would be no surprise to see him step forward again from Lingfield and go very close. --Emma Berry

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Ambiente Friendly (front) stretches his legs on the Limekilns earlier this month | Emma Berry





# 2 (11). ANCIENT WISDOM (FR) 11-2.

(c, Dubawi {Ire}--Golden Valentine {Fr}, by Dalakhani {Ire}) (€2,000,000 Ylg '22 ARQAUG) O-Godolphin | B-Ecurie des Monceaux/LNJ Foxwoods SC | T-Charlie Appleby | J-William Buick 'TDN Rising Star'. Form: 11311-2. Last Run: Second G2 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai Dante S.

**PROS:** Beaten just once in five starts as a juvenile, he showed his class when ending the campaign with victory in the G1 Futurity Trophy S. at Doncaster, shaping as if the mile was already a bare minimum trip for him. Promises to be suited by the step up to 1m4f and the recent rain at Epsom will also be in his favour given his rounded action and the way he coped with heavy ground when successful on Town Moor. The yard won this race with Masar (Ire) in 2018 and Adayar (Ire) in 2021.

**CONS:** Might have needed the run after nearly seven months off when beaten six lengths behind Economics (GB) (Night Of Thunder {Ire}) in the G2 Dante S. at York, but there is suddenly a ceiling on his potential after that effort. Workforce (GB) in 2010 is the only horse beaten in the Dante to win the Derby and this colt surely needs to leave his York form well behind to follow suit.

**PEDIGREE:** Bred in the purple and now faces the ultimate test as he tries to provide his sire, Dubawi, with a first Epsom Classic

winner. His dam won the G3 Prix Minerve and is a half-sister to three other stakes winners, including the GIII Robert J. Frankel S. scorer and GI Rodeo Drive S. runner-up Luck (Kitten's Joy).



**Ancient Wisdom** | Racingfotos.com





### **Ancient Wisdom Cont.**

His second dam is the G3 Prix Cleopatre heroine Gold Round (Ire) (Caerleon), a half-sister to Goldikova (Ire) (Anabaa), the winner of no fewer than 14 Group 1 races.

**VERDICT:** But for the injury to Sandown Classic Trial winner Arabian Crown (Fr) (Dubawi {Ire}) and the sad loss of Chester Vase winner Hidden Law (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), he probably would have been Godolphin's third string for the Derby. Will be suited to this trip on rain-softened ground but looks vulnerable for win purposes after Dante eclipse. -- Adam Houghton

# **BETFRED OAKS DAY EPSOM GROUP STAKES POST TIMES**

G1 Holland Cooper Coronation Cup - 15:10 p.m. BST

G1 Betfred Oaks - 16:30 p.m. BST

# **DERBY WINNERS (2005 - 2023)**

Year	Winner	Sire
2023	Auguste Rodin (Ire)	Deep Impact (Jpn)
2022	Desert Crown (GB)	Nathaniel (Ire)
2021	Adayar (Ire)	Frankel (GB)
2020	Serpentine (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)
2019	Anthony Van Dyck (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)
2018	Masar (Ire)	New Approach (Ire)
2017	Wings Of Eagles (Fr)	Pour Moi (Ire)
2016	Harzand (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)
2015	Golden Horn (GB)	Cape Cross (Ire)
2014	Australia (GB)	Galileo (Ire)
2013	Ruler Of The World (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)
2012	Camelot (GB)	Montjeu (Ire)
2011	Pour Moi (Ire)	Montjeu (Ire)
2010	Workforce (GB)	King's Best
2009	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)
2008	New Approach (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)
2007	Authorized (Ire)	Montjeu (Ire)
2006	Sir Percy (GB)	Mark Of Esteem (Ire)
2005	Motivator (GB)	Montjeu (Ire)



This week the TDN Writers' Room launched a new segment, News You Can Use with Emma Berry, presented by Darley. Berry gives her take on the field for this year's G1 Derby at Epsom. | TDNtv





# 3 (12). **BELLUM JUSTUM (IRE)** 20-1.

(c, Sea The Stars {Ire}--Natural Beauty {GB}, by Oasis Dream {GB}) (375,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT)
O-King Power Racing Co., Ltd. | B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited | T-Andrew Balding | J-Oisin Murphy
Form: 5241-1. Last Run: First Listed Betfred Blue Riband Trial.

**PROS:** Although he took four tries to break his maiden, he has beat a legitimate talent in the G2 Sandy Lane S. winner Inisherin (GB) (Shamardal), who is pointing to the G1 Commonwealth Cup and was second to Bellum Justum at Newmarket over a mile last September. This King Power representative has also continued his upward trajectory at three, as he nabbed the Blue Riband Trial near the end of April over this tricky course.

**CONS:** From five starts, Bellum Justum has not scored on anything softer than good, but there is a threat of rain. Has yet to face the class of some of these, and this is also his first try at group level.

**PEDIGREE:** By the 2009 Guineas, Derby and Arc hero Sea The Stars, who has already featured as the sire of Derby winner Harzand (Ire) and Oaks winner Taghrooda (GB). Bellum Justum's granddam, Maskunah (Ire), is a Sadler's Wells half-sister to G1 Derby Italiano winner Luso (GB) (Salse).

**VERDICT:** Appears to be moving in the right direction, but a win here would be a surprise. More likely to place.

--Heather Anderson

# **OAKS WINNERS (2004 - 2023)**

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Winner	<u>Sire</u>
Soul Sister (Ire)	Frankel (GB)
Tuesday (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)
Snowfall (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)
Love (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)
Anapurna (GB)	Frankel (GB)
Forever Together (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)
Enable (GB)	Nathaniel (Ire)
Minding (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)
Qualify (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)
Taghrooda (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)
Talent (GB)	New Approach (Ire)
Was (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)
Dancing Rain (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)
Snow Fairy (Ire)	Intikhab
Sariska (GB)	Pivotal (GB)
Look Here (GB)	Hernando (Fr)
Light Shift	Kingmambo
Alexandrova (Ire)	Sadler's Wells
Eswarah (GB)	Unfuwain
Ouija Board (GB)	Cape Cross (Ire)
	Winner Soul Sister (Ire) Tuesday (Ire) Snowfall (Jpn) Love (Ire) Anapurna (GB) Forever Together (Ire) Enable (GB) Minding (Ire) Qualify (Ire) Taghrooda (GB) Talent (GB) Was (Ire) Dancing Rain (Ire) Snow Fairy (Ire) Sariska (GB) Look Here (GB) Light Shift Alexandrova (Ire) Eswarah (GB)



Bellum Justum represents King Power Racing in the Betfred Derby | Getty Images





# 4 (1). CITY OF TROY 7-2.

(c, Justify--Together Forever (Ire), by Galileo (Ire))

O-Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith | B-Orpendale, Chelston & Wynatt | T-Aidan O'Brien | J-Ryan Moore 'TDN Rising Star'. Form: 111-9. Last Run: Ninth G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas.

**PROS:** Outstanding two-year-old who went from strength to strength in three starts last year, culminating with a comprehensive Dewhurst victory that sealed his status as the European Champion two-year-old and generated some high praise from members of the Coolmore camp, with Michael Tabor even drawing comparisons to Frankel (GB).

**CONS:** Bitterly disappointing reappearance effort when beaten 17 lengths at odds of 4-6 in the 2,000 Guineas where no genuine excuses came to light.

**PEDIGREE:** By far the highest-rated progeny of Justify in Europe, City Of Troy is the fifth foal out of G1 Fillies' Mile winner Together Forever (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), who it is worth noting failed to train on at three and finished down the field in the Oaks. However, not only does Galileo have a terrific record in siring Derby winners, but his influence is starting to come through as a damsire of Derby winners, including last year with

Auguste Rodin (Ire). Not only that, but while Together Forever failed to achieve much at three, she is a full-sister to 2018 Oaks winner Forever Together (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)) and hails from that wonderful broodmare Green Room (Theatrical {Ire}), also the dam of high-class performer Lord Shanakill. In short, there are arguments to be made for and against City Of Troy seeing out the Derby trip.

**VERDICT:** Has plenty to prove after the Guineas and, while he is trained by a master, he is not a betting proposition. --Brian Sheerin

# **BETFRED DERBY DAY EPSOM GROUP STAKES POST TIMES**

G3 Princess Elizabeth S. - 14:00 p.m. BST G3 Betfred Diomed S. - 14:35 p.m. BST G1 Betfred Derby - 16:30 p.m. BST



City Of Troy on the Ballydoyle gallops | John Hoy/The Jockey Club





# 5 (7). DALLAS STAR (FR) 28-1.

(c, Cloth Of Stars {Ire}--Agathe Rare {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells)
(€30,000 Wlg '21 ARQDEC; 50,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT; 180,000gns RNA '23 2yo TATAPR)
O-Amo Racing Limited | B-Eliane Dieuaide & Domaine Billard et Fils | T-Adrian Murray | J-David Egan Form: 38313-1. Last Run: First G3 P.W. McGrath Memorial Ballysax S.

**PROS:** Put a decent field to the sword when relaxing much better than he did as a two-year-old to win what is usually a prestigious trial on his stable debut back in April. He wasn't stopping at the line in the Ballysax, which would suggest he should have no trouble stepping up to 1m4f.

**CONS:** Hasn't been seen since that career-best performance – where he benefited from a canny Seamie Heffernan ride – and will need to prove that he wasn't just the fittest horse on the day who was ridden optimally.

**PEDIGREE:** From the first crop of Cloth Of Stars, he is very much a flagship performer for a horse who could only manage eighth behind Harzand (Ire) in the 2016 edition of the Derby but went on to prove himself a top-notcher in his own right with victory in the Ganay and two placed efforts in the Arc. A brother to six individual winners, including black-type miler Apache Spirit (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), there is enough stamina in the back pedigree to suggest that Dallas Star should be able to cope with the extra two furlongs here.

**VERDICT:** Hard to weigh up what he achieved in making most of

the running to win what looked a far-from-vintage Ballysax at Leopardstown on heavy ground. Ratings suggest he needs to take another massive leap forward to be involved.

--Brian Sheerin

### **DERBY HISTORY:**

150 years ago -- 1874 -- William Sheward Cartwright's George Frederick (GB) (Marsyas {GB}), who was named after Queen Victoria's fifth grandson and the future King George V, became trainer Tom Leader's only Derby success, defeating Lord Rosebery's Couronne De Fer (GB) (Macaroni {GB}) in a canter by an easy two lengths. Landing a hefty gamble for his owner as the 9-1 fourth choice, he remains the only Blue Riband winner bred in Wales and was described at the time as a "big, gross, heavyshouldered chestnut". For the final leg of his journey home to the outskirts of Swindon, George Frederick was accompanied by his Derby pacemaker and stablemate Volturno (GB) (Macaroni {GB})--also owned by Cartwright--a brass band, church bells and free beer. Leader named his second son, born 1881, George Frederick. The equine George Frederick became the first Derby winner to stand in Canada, the second being 1974 hero Snow Knight.



Dallas Star is one of two in the race for Amo Racing, who had King Of Steel (Wootton Bassett (GB)) run second in 2023. | Racingfotos.com





# 6 (15). **DANCING GEMINI (IRE)** 11-1.

(c, Camelot {GB}--Lady Adelaide {Ire}, by Australia {GB})

O-Fishdance Limited | B-Fishdance | T-Roger Teal | J-Dylan Browne McMonagle Form: 251115-2. Last Run: Second G1 Emirates Poule d'Essai des Poulains.

PROS: Created a favourable impression when easily winning the Listed Flying Scotsman S. on soft ground at Doncaster last September, and returned to the track to finish fifth behind Ancient Wisdom in the G1 Futurity. An eye-catching late run in the Poule d'Essai des Poulains on his first run of the year saw him take second, beaten only half a length by Metropolitan (Fr). Had a taste of Epsom last week during the gallops morning and appeared to move easily on the track. With six runs under his belt he's more seasoned than most of his opponents.

**CONS:** Hard to find fault with the way this colt has been shaping up.

**PEDIGREE:** A homebred for David and Linda Fish, who also bred his dam. Lady Adelaide won over a mile at Kempton as a juvenile, notably beating the subsequently high-class Audarya (Fr) (Wootton Bassett {GB}). This is her first foal. Granddam Confusion (Fr) (Anabaa) was bred by the Wertheimers and is a grand-daughter of their G1 Prix de l'Opera winner Mona Stella (Nureyev).

**VERDICT:** By a Derby winner out of a mare by a Derby winner, he's bred for this distance and should cope if the ground remains on the soft side. A strong contender to give his trainer, jockey and breeders a first Derby win. --Emma Berry



Dancing Gemini during a morning at Epsom | John Hoy/The Jockey Club

## **OAKS LEADERS:**

Robert Robson, known by his 19th century contemporaries as the "Emperor of Trainers", is the winningmost trainer in Oaks history with a record haul of 13. His closest pursuer is modernday maestro Aidan O'Brien, who has 10 and counting.

# Robert Robson (13)

1802 Scotia (GB) (Delpini {GB})

1804 Pelisse (GB) (Whiskey {GB})

1805 Meteora (GB) (Meteor {GB})

1807 Briseis (GB) (Beningbrough {GB})

1808 Morel (GB) (Sorcerer {GB})

1809 Maid Of Orleans (GB) (Sorcerer {GB})

1813 Music (GB) (Waxy {GB})

1815 Minuet (GB) (Waxy {GB})

1816 Landscape (GB) (Rubens {GB})

1818 Corinne (GB) (Waxy {GB})

1822 Pastille (GB) (Rubens {GB})

1823 Zinc (GB) (Woful {GB})

1825 Wings (GB) (The Flyer {GB})

## Aidan O'Brien (10)

1998 Shahtoush (Ire) (Alzao)

2001 Imagine (Ire) (Sadler's Wells)

2006 Alexandrova (Ire) (Sadler's Wells)

2012 Was (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})

2015 Qualify (Ire) (Fastnet Rock (Aus))

2016 Minding (Ire) (Galileo (Ire))

2018 Forever Together (Ire) (Galileo (Ire))

2020 Love (Ire) (Galileo (Ire))

2021 Snowfall (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn})

2022 Tuesday (Ire) (Galileo (Ire))



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# 7 (14). DEIRA MILE (IRE) 25-1.

(c, Camelot {GB}--Fastnet Mist {Ire}, by Fastnet Rock {Aus}) (47,000gns Ylg '22 TATDEC) O-Green Team Racing | B-Churchtown House Stud | T-Owen Burrows | J-Jim Crowlev Form: 3324-1. Last Run: First Global QA 1SO & BRC Consultants Restricted Novice Stakes.

**PROS:** Has substance to his two-year-old form, which included a fourth-place finish behind Ancient Wisdom (Fr) in the G1 Futurity Trophy S. at Doncaster. Delighted his big-race rider Jim Crowley when getting a feel for Epsom on a press morning last week.

CONS: Lacks serious competition under his belt this year, having faced little in the way of meaningful opposition when belatedly getting off the mark in a novice at Windsor in April. That's a world away from Derby-winning form, while it remains to be seen whether the tendency he showed to wander under pressure as a juvenile was just his inexperience showing or temperament.

**PEDIGREE:** By the 2012 winner of this race, Camelot, and the

first winner from three runners out of his Listed-placed dam, who is in turn out of a half-sister to G1 Cheveley Park S. heroine Wannabe Grand (Ire) (Danehill), G3 Ballycorus S. scorer Wannabe Better (Ire) (Duke Of Marmalade (Ire)) and the Listed winners Wannabe Posh (Ire) (Grand Lodge) and Pirateer (Ire) (Danehill Dancer (Ire)). Incidentally, fellow Derby contender Ambiente Friendly (Ire) shares the same second dam, Masseera (Ire) (Alzao).

**VERDICT:** Improved with racing as a two-year-old and could have more to offer as his stamina is drawn out further. One of the more interesting outsiders, despite a gentle preparation, for an owner who has gone close in recent years with Khalifa Sat (Ire), runner-up when sent off at 50/1 in 2020, and Hoo Ya Mal (GB), who filled the same position when sent off at 150/1 in 2022. --Adam Houghton



Deira Mile was seen at Epsom last week for a racecourse gallop | John Hoy/The Jockey Club





# 8 (9). EUPHORIC (GB) 25-1.

(c, Frankel {GB}--Blue Waltz {GB}, by Pivotal {GB}) (1,900,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT)
O-Smith, Magnier, Tabor, Westerberg, Brant | B-Fittocks Stud & Arrow Farm & Stud | T-Aidan O'Brien | J-Declan McDonogh
Form: 1-32. Last Run: Second G3 Cashel Palace Hotel Derby Trial S.

**PROS:** Scampered home on debut over yielding ground at Navan last October, and was placed two starts later when just a length behind well-regarded stablemate Los Angeles in the G3 Cashel Palace Hotel Derby Trial S. The chance of cut in the ground holds no fears, and, although he is one of a number in the race for the Coolmore partners and Aidan O'Brien, the stable has won the Derby with outsiders in the past and O'Brien is the leading trainer in the race with nine victories.

**CONS:** He will be leaving the Emerald Isle for the first time in his young career and his teammates boast stronger credentials.

**PEDIGREE:** His sire is a trusty conveyer of stamina and his dam's three wins were all over 10 furlongs with the ground no better

than good. Members of this family has graced the racecourse regularly during their Classic year. One of its recent representatives, Highland Chief (Ire) (Gleneagles {Ire}), struck in the U.S. in the 1m3f GI Man o' War S., but he accomplished that feat as a five-year-old.

**VERDICT:** Lots to like and is on the up, but doesn't scream Derby winner. Could progress into a solid autumn horse and will probably be better at four. --Heather Anderson

# <u>'TDN RISING STAR'</u> BETFRED DERBY CONTENDERS

2024 Contenders: Ancient Wisdom, City Of Troy



Euphoric was one of four colts by Frankel to bring 1.9 million gns or more during the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale Book 1 in 2022.

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# 9 (10). GOD'S WINDOW (GB) 50-1.

(c, Dubawi {Ire}--Perfect Clarity {GB}, by Nathaniel {Ire}) O-Cayton Park Stud Limited | B-Cayton Park Stud, Ltd. | T-John & Thady Gosden | J-Kieran Shoemark Form: 13-145. Last Run: Fifth G2 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai Dante S.

**PROS:** Broke his maiden on debut over a mile last September and then ran third to Ancient Wisdom in the G1 Futurity. Four of the first five in that race line up for the Derby. He was the wide-margin winner of an 8.5f novice contest in soft ground on his first outing this year. John Gosden has won the Derby twice, with Benny The Dip and Golden Horn (GB), but this would be a first in partnership with Thady. Father and son are the reigning champion co-trainers in Britain.

**CONS:** Twice a winner, he has been soundly beaten in two Derby trials during May, finishing last of the four runners in the Dee S., and then fifth of seven in the G2 Dante S., 10 lengths behind the winner Economics (Ire).

PEDIGREE: A homebred for Cayton Park Stud, God's Window's dam finished seventh in the Oaks six years ago after winning the Lingfield Oaks Trial. Third dam Claxon (GB) (Caerleon) was fifth in Ramruma's Oaks and won the G2 Premio Lydia Tesio as well as the Lupe S. for Hesmonds Stud. She has been a decent producer, including of Cassydora (GB) (Darshaan {GB}), a Grade III winner in America who was runner-up to Alexander Goldrun (Ire) in the G1 Nassau S. as well as winning the Lingfield Oaks

Trial.

**VERDICT:** On paper he has every right to be in the field, though recent efforts in trials have been discouraging. -- Emma Berry

# FRIDAY'S BETFRED OAKS ODDS:

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5 Making Dreams 50-1

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7 Seaward 50-1

8 Secret Satire 12-1

9 Treasure 14-1

10 War Chimes 66-1

11 Ylang Ylang 15-8

12 You Got To Me 10-1

\*All Betfred Derby and Oaks odds are as of 21:00 p.m. BST on May 30.



The grandstand at Epsom Downs will be packed beginning on Friday | Emma Berry





10 (3). KAMBOO (IRE) 66-1. (c, Awtaad {Ire}--Quiritis {GB}, by Galileo {Ire}) (52,000gns Wlg '21 TATDEC; €90,000 Ylg '22 GOFSEP) O-Abdulla Al Mansoori | B-GCE Farm, Ltd. | T-Richard Hughes | J-Richard Kingscote Form: 61. Last Run: First Unibet More Boosts In More Races EBF Novice S.

**PROS:** Has obvious scope to improve after just two starts. Finished sixth when making his debut in a Kempton novice in November, before beating a next-time-out winner by three lengths in a similar event over the same course and distance the following month. Richard Kingscote booked to ride as he seeks a second Derby success after that of Desert Crown (GB) in 2022.

CONS: Needs to prove his effectiveness both over a mile and a half and away from the all-weather, not to mention whether he has the raw ability to make his presence felt at this level. Yet to race beyond a mile and is far from guaranteed to stay much further on pedigree, while he's been uniquely campaigned for a potential Derby contender – Shaamit (Ire) was the last horse to win the Derby on their first run of the season in 1996 and no horse has ever won the Derby on their turf debut.

**PEDIGREE:** Kamboo is the fourth winner from eight runners out of an unraced full-sister to the G3 Queen's Vase winner and G1 St Leger runner-up Mahler (GB), with the others including Sir Erec (Ire) (Camelot {GB}), a Listed winner over an extended mile and a half and third in the G2 Long Distance Cup over two miles. However, her other two winners, by Territories (Ire) and Kodi Bear (Ire), were best at seven furlongs and a mile, respectively. Descendants of his third dam, Dancing Rocks (GB), who won the Nassau S. when it was run as a Group 2, include the G1 2,000 Guineas winner and sire Footstepsinthesand (GB), the G1 Irish

2,000 Guineas hero and sire Power (GB) and the champion two-year-old filly Superstar Leo (Ire) (College Chapel {GB}).

**VERDICT:** Has a bright future but is likely to find this a shock to the system now faced with very different conditions to those he has encountered so far. -- Adam Houghton

### **DERBY HISTORY:**

25 years ago -- 1999 -- "And I swear it's Oath!" bellowed Channel 4 Racing's commentator Graham Goode as The Thoroughbred Corporation's green-and-white stripes, and customary white bridle, flashed towards the famed lollipop 1 3/4 lengths ahead of The Aga Khan's **Daliapour (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells). In winning, Oath (Ire) (Fairy King) became the last of Henry Cecil's four, and first of Kieren Fallon's three, Blue Riband victories. The Ir£450,000 Goffs Orby yearling prefaced his 13-2 Epsom triumph with a five-length rout in Chester's Listed Dee S., but suffered a career-ending knee injury when seventh of eight in the following month's G1 King George VI & Queen Elizabeth S. at Ascot and was not sighted on the racetrack again. Oath was syndicated for \$8 million later in the year to stand at the Yushun Stallion Station in Japan and returned to Ireland in 2006, selling for €205,000 at Goresbridge's October sale, before relocating to Gujarat in India and resuming his relatively low-key stallion career.



Kamboo winning over the all-weather | Racingfotos.com





# 11 (4). LOS ANGELES (IRE) 4-1.

(c, Camelot {GB}--Frequential {GB}, by Dansili {GB})

O-Westerberg, Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor, D Smith | B-Lynch Bages, Ltd. & Longfield Stud | T-Aidan O'Brien | J-Wayne Lordan Form: 11-1. Last Run: First G3 Cashel Palace Hotel Derby Trial S.

**PROS:** Already a Group 1 winner after landing the Criterium de Saint-Cloud, Los Angeles is now unbeaten in three starts after his taking return victory in the Group 3 Derby Trial at Leopardstown. That race has been used as a stepping stone for many Derby winners in the past and Los Angeles would by no means be a surprise winner here.

**CONS:** Not the choice of stable's first jockey Ryan Moore but he has a more-than-able partner in Wayne Lordan.

**PEDIGREE:** By a Derby winner and a brother to two Group performers – Be Happy (Ire) and Hector De Maris (Ire) – over 1m4f. His dam is an unraced half-sister to seven-time winner – including at Group 3 level – Impulsif (GB) (New Approach {Ire}) and the classy Veil Of Shadows (GB) (Frankel {GB}), and the family goes back to Group 1 scorer Anabaa Blue (GB).

**VERDICT:** While he has gone under the radar somewhat, largely down to the spotlight being on his stablemate City Of Troy, Los Angeles could well emerge to be the Ballydoyle number one and appears to have rock solid claims. --Brian Sheerin

## **DERBY HISTORY:**

**100 years ago** -- **1924** -- The 17th Earl of Derby's 1923 Gimcrack victor Sansovino (GB) (Swynford {GB}), undefeated after a tworace juvenile campaign, made two early-season starts as a 3year-old, winning one and finishing a hampered third in the other, but enhanced his reputation with a spectacular piece of homework in Newmarket. Reports of the exercise prompted a gamble which saw the George Lambton trainee start as the 9-2 favourite come post time. Confronted by heavy rainfall and treacherous conditions, the powerful bay gave supporters little cause for concern after two false starts and thundered home by six lengths from St Germans (GB) (Swynford {GB}) to break a 137-year hoodoo for the titular family. This edition is also noted as the first instance of Lord Derby's colours bearing the nowfamous "white button". Rider Tommy Weston accidentally buttoned his white scarf through the owner's black silks and thus initiated a tradition which still holds strong today. Owner, trainer and jockey would successfully team up again nine years' later with Derby icon Hyperion (GB) (Gainsborough {GB}).







# 12 (8). MACDUFF (GB) 14-1.

(c, Sea The Stars {Ire}--Present Tense {GB}, by Bated Breath {GB})
O-Juddmonte | B-Juddmonte Farms, Ltd. | T-Ralph Beckett | J-Rossa Ryan
Form: 124-2. Last Run: Second G3 bet365 Classic Trial.

PROS: The late Prince Khalid Abdullah's Juddmonte operation has tasted Derby success thrice, with the most recent winner being Workforce (GB) (King's Best) in 2010. This improving colt duly won at the first time of asking as the favourite at Newmarket last August. Second when stepping into Listed company at Haydock a month later, he found G1 Prix du Jockey Club hopeful Ghostwriter (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) too good in the G2 Royal Lodge S. last September. Once again second, this time to the promising but sidelined Arabian Crown (Fr) (Dubawi {Ire}) upon his seasonal bow in the Classic Trial at Sandown, he appears to be moving in the right direction.

**CONS:** Yet to race either at Epsom or over 1m4f, this colt could be found out if the ground becomes a true stamina test, though he did sample the course during last week's gallops morning.

PEDIGREE: By a Guineas and Derby winner in Sea The Stars, Macduff counts Classic-winning miler Zenda (GB) (Zamindar) as his second dam, and she, in turn, is the dam of fellow Classic-winning miler and standout sire Kingman (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). Macduff's dam Present Tense was never tried beyond a mile, and champion sprinter and sire Oasis Dream (GB) (Green Desert) is under the third dam. It is difficult to get a true read on Macduff's staying prowess.

**VERDICT:** If he has the rub of the green, he could be placed. However, if the Derby becomes a stamina-sapping affair with the forecasted rain arriving, others appear to have better chances.

--Heather Anderson



Macduff (left) is aiming to be the first Juddmonte-owned winner of the Derby since Workforce | John Hoy/The Jockey Club





# 13 (5). MR HAMPSTEAD 125-1.

(c, Galileo {Ire}--Daddys Lil Darling, by Scat Daddy) (\$575,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP)
O-Amo Racing Limited | B-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt | T-Dominic Ffrench Davis | J-Sean Levey
Form: 2-43. Last Run: Third Boodles Darley "Confined" Maiden S.

**PROS:** From the penultimate crop of Galileo, whose Derby record is second to none in the modern era, and his full-sister Savetheleastdance (Ire) was second in last year's Oaks before winning the Irish Oaks.

**CONS:** Still a maiden and rated 86, though he hasn't been far away in some decent maiden and novice races, notably finishing second to last weekend's Cocked Hat S. winner Meydaan (GB) at Newcastle in November, then just over two lengths behind Voyage (GB) when fourth in a decent novice at Newbury.

**PEDIGREE:** His dam blotted her copybook when bolting to post ahead of the Oaks in 2017, forcing Olivier Peslier to bail out at high speed. She had run second in the Kentucky Oaks prior to that and went on to win the GI American Oaks over 1m2f later that year. She is a half-sister to the GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint winner Mongolian Saturday (Any Given Saturday).

Mr Hampstead, who will be ridden by last weekend's Irish 2,000 Guineas-winning jockey Sean Levey, was bought by Robson Aguiar and Amo Racing for \$575,000 at Keeneland's September Yearling Sale, where they also found last year's 66/1 runner-up King Of Steel (Wotton Bassett {GB}).

**VERDICT:** Pedigree outshines performance to date. *--Emma Berry* 



The winner's enclosure at Epsom | Emma Berry

## **GALILEO'S DERBY DYNASTY:**

## From 18 crops of three-year-olds (2006-2023)

Winners (5): New Approach (2008), Ruler Of The World (2013), Australia (2014), Anthony Van Dyck (2019), Serpentine (2020).

**Runners-Up (4)**: At First Sight (2010), Treasure Beach (2011), US Army Ranger (2016), Cliffs Of Moher (2017).

**Third (5)**: Astrology (2012), Galileo Rock (2013), Idaho (2016), Japan (2019), Amhran Na Bhfiann (2020)

Winners By Sons (3): Masar (2018 by New Approach), Adayar (2021 by Frankel), Desert Crown (2022 by Nathaniel).

2024 contenders: Mr Hampstead.

# **GALILEO'S OAKS DYNASTY:**

From 18 crops of three-year-olds (2006-2023)

**Winners (5)**: Was (2012), Minding (2016), Forever Together (2018), Love (2020), Tuesday (2022).

**Runners-Up (4)**: Secret Gesture (2013), Rhododendron (2017)m Ennistymon (2020), Savethelastdance (2023).

Third (2): Bye Bye Baby (2018), Divinely (2021).

Winners By Sons (4): Talent (2013 by New Approach), Enable (2017 by Nathaniel), Anapurna (2019 by Frankel), Soul Sister (2023 by Frankel).

2024 contenders: Rubies Are Red.



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# 14 (2). **SAYEDATY SADATY (IRE)** 50-1.

(c, Anodin {Ire}--Bell Su River {GB}, by Galileo {Ire}) (€30,000 Ylg '22 BBASEP) O-Ahmad Al Shaikh | B-Thomas Lines | T-Andrew Balding | J-Tom Marquand Form: 210RO13-22. Last Run: Second Listed William Hill Newmarket S.

**PROS:** His trainer is yet to win this race but has saddled four first-four finishers since 2020, all bar one of them at odds of 50/1 or bigger. This colt's supporters will again be well rewarded should he hit the frame, which isn't totally out of the question following consecutive runner-up finishes in the Listed Burradon S. at Newcastle and Listed Newmarket S. Has bags of stamina on the dam's side of his pedigree, too, suggesting the step up to a mile and a half could eke out further improvement.

**CONS:** A strike rate of one win from seven starts doesn't inspire confidence that we're dealing with a colt with top-class potential. Neither does the fact that the stable's number one jockey, Oisin Murphy, has chosen to ride Bellum Justum (Ire) instead.

**PEDIGREE:** A first British Classic runner for his sire, Anodin, a

full-brother to Goldikova (Ire) who won the G3 Prix Paul de Moussac and was Group 1-placed on multiple occasions. He is the fourth winner – and the first to gain black type – from seven runners out of his dam, a winner at up to 1m6f in France. His third dam is the brilliant champion Hatoof (Irish River {Fr}), whose high-profile victories included the G1 1,000 Guineas, G1 Champion S. and GI Beverley D S.

**VERDICT:** Shares his owner with Deira Mile and this one is trained by the same man who saddled Ahmad Al Shaikh's two previous Derby placegetters, Hoo Ya Mal (GB) and Khalifa Sat (Ire), at big odds. It might be a step too far to expect lightning to strike for a third time, especially with a colt yet to even run in a Group race, but he's at least proving consistent and the longer trip ought to suit. --Adam Houghton



The two-day Betfred Derby Festival will begin at Epsom Downs on Friday, May 31, G1 Betfred Oaks Day. | Emma Berry





# 15 (13). TABLETALK (IRE) 66-1.

(c, Camelot {GB}--Dillydallydo {Ire}, by Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) (24,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT) O-Abdulla Al Mansoori | B-Cottage Bloodstock | T-Tom Clover | J-James Doyle Form: 3-1. Last Run: First Download The bet365 App EBF Restricted Maiden S.

**PROS**: Supplemented at a cost of £75,000 on Monday, a roll of the dice which gives some indication of the regard in which he is held by his connections. Finished third on his debut at Kempton in December and then returned from five months off with a comfortable victory when stepped up to a mile and a guarter at Chelmsford. Remains rather unexposed and bred to stay well.

CONS: Has a similar profile to the same owner's Kamboo in that he arrives at Epsom with limited experience to call upon full stop, never mind the fact he's yet to race on turf. The maiden he won at Chelmsford looked nothing more than an ordinary contest and there has to be a concern that this will come too soon in his development.

**PEDIGREE:** Tabletalk is the first runner from four live foals out of his unraced dam, a half-sister to the G2 Lonsdale Cup runner-up Drill Sergeant (GB) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}) and the G3 Prix Minerve runner-up and G2 Prix de Malleret third Nobilis (GB) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}). His granddam, Dolydille (Ire) (Dolphin Street (Fr)), was a dual Listed winner, while the descendants of his third dam, Gradille (Ire) (Home Guard), include the leading National Hunt sires Soldier Of Fortune (Ire) and Sholokhov (Ire), who were first and second in the Irish Derby in their respective

years.

**VERDICT:** Hard to criticise the decision to supplement him in a wide-open year, but it's still a mammoth task for one with such little experience. --Adam Houghton

### **DERBY HISTORY:**

50 years ago -- 1974 -- Sharon Phillips's highly strung Snow Knight (GB) (Firestreak {GB}), whose fractious behaviour was evident in the Epsom paddock beforehand, parted company with rider Brian Taylor during the preliminaries and continued to misbehave at the gate. With Queen Elizabeth II and the Queen Mother in attendance, the Peter Nelson trainee arrived on the Downs off the back of defeats to Bustino (GB) (Busted {GB}) in Sandown's G3 Classic Trial and Lingfield's G3 Derby Trial and was let go as an unconsidered 50-1 outsider. Prominent throughout, Snow Knight poached a decisive advantage rounding Tattenham Corner and was not for catching in the home straight, holding on in game fashion to defeat Imperial Prince (Ire) (Sir Ivor) by two lengths. The victory was the pinnacle of Nelson's and Taylor's careers. Unlike some of his ilk, Snow Knight enjoyed a fruitful post-Derby racing career with subsequent wins including the GI Man O' War and GI Canadian International. He was also named America's Champion Turf Male in 1975.



Derby contenders work over the Epsom straight | John Hoy/The Jockey Club





# 16 (16). **VOYAGE (GB)** 18-1.

(c, Golden Horn {GB}--Too In Love {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}) (40,000gns Wlg '21 TATDEC)
O-Mrs J Wood | B-Effevi SRL & Razza del Velino | T-Richard Hannon | J-Pat Dobbs
Form: 1. Last Run: First Darley Novice S.

**PROS:** Was an impressive winner on his only start at Newbury last month and hails from a stable with Classic form already in the book this season thanks to Rosallion (Ire) and Haatem (Ire).

**CONS:** His lack of racing experience is a concern, though unlike some of his opponents he had the chance to test Epsom's camber during the recent Betfred Derby gallops morning.

**PEDIGREE:** He will be the first runner in the Derby for the 2015 winner and subsequent Horse of the Year Golden Horn. Bought as a foal by his owner for 40,000gns at Tattersalls, his dam is an unraced half-sister to the G3 Sovereign S. winner Pride Of Nation (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) and has herself produced Listed winners in America and Italy among her seven winners. One of Voyage's half-siblings is Plein Air (Ire) (Manduro {Ger}), the dam of Mr Fisk (Arrogate), who underwent surgery after sustaining a fracture in the process of winning Monday's GII Hollywood Gold Cup at Santa Anita.

**VERDICT:** In the modern era, both Morston (1973) and Lammtarra (1995) have won the Derby on the back of one previous start and Voyage is not a forlorn hope to follow in their footsteps. --Emma Berry



Voyage (near) gallops at Epsom | John Hoy/The Jockey Club

# **DERBY TRAINER/JOCKEY LEADERS**

Aidan O'Brien is the winningmost trainer in Derby history, with last year's hero Auguste Rodin (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) taking the Ballydoyle maestro's tally up to an unmatched nine. Lester Piggott's haul of nine is the jockeys' benchmark.

## Aidan O'Brien (9)

2001 Galileo (Ire) (Sadler's Wells)

2002 High Chaparral (Ire) (Sadler's Wells)

2012 Camelot (GB) (Montjeu {Ire})

2013 Ruler Of The World (Ire) (Galileo (Ire))

2014 Australia (GB) (Galileo (Ire))

2017 Wings Of Eagles (Fr) (Pour Moi {Ire})

2019 Anthony Van Dyck (Ire) (Galileo (Ire))

2020 Serpentine (Ire) (Galileo (Ire))

2023 Auguste Rodin (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn})

## **Lester Piggott (9)**

1954 Never Say Die (Nasrullah {GB})

1957 Crepello (GB) (Donatello (Fr))

1960 St. Paddy (GB) (Aureole {GB})

1968 Sir Ivor (Sir Gaylord)

1970 Nijinsky II (Northern Dancer)

1972 Roberto (Hail To Reason)

1976 Empery (Vaguely Noble {Ire})

1977 The Minstrel (Northern Dancer)

1983 Teenoso (Youth)

# RACE PREVIEWS

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What played against her was her inability to travel down Lingfield's descent to the straight, so that might be a sticking point on these similar undulations, but equally that could have been down to inexperience. Forever Together (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) won this for Ballydoyle as a maiden and it is intriguing that she

has been selected to come to Surrey despite the presence of the favourite.

Ylang Ylang goes up four furlongs in trip, having run truer to her pedigree when fifth in the G1 1,000 Guineas four weeks ago than she did when beating the speedy Vespertilio (Fr) (Night Of Thunder {Ire}) in the sevenfurlong G3 Silver Flash S. at Leopardstown last July. If she was able to brandish her zealous nature in winning that prize, that side of her nature quickly led to a mid-season slump before a calmer, more tractable version

of her was displayed in her Fillies' Mile success.

Despite her obvious credentials, Ryan Moore's selection meets genuine mile-and-a-half-plus candidates here so she has something else to prove. Perhaps the devil was in the detail in Thursday's words on Rubies Are Red from O'Brien. "She is definitely an Oaks-type filly," he declared. "Her running style is like Found's, in that she takes her time and comes late. Ryan said she was very green at Lingfield and he nursed her."

Of Ylang Ylang, he added, "We were very happy with her in the Guineas. We thought going to the Guineas that she was an Oaks filly given the way she had been working and that is how she ran.

Her run in the Moyglare was a shocker. She was able to reverse it when she got into the right mindset and I imagine some of the fillies that were behind her in the Guineas were ahead of her in the Moyglare, so it's amazing the way things can swing around."

Ryan Moore seems confident that he has picked the right one and said, "It's an open Oaks, I suppose, but I'd say Ylang Ylang fully deserves her place at the head of the market. She was doing all her best work at the finish when winning the Fillies' Mile on soft ground last season and she again shaped as if a

greater test of stamina would suit when fifth in the Guineas and that is the best form on offer going into this race. By some way. The mile-and-a-half trip is not certain on pedigree, but I'd be positive on that front and she is clearly the one to beat for me."



Rubies Are Red | John Hoy/The Jockey Club

# More Aga Khan Classic Glory In 2024?

The Aga Khan's season has already started brighter than any in recent memory, with Rouhiya (Fr) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) winning

the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches, and it is fair to say that the operation's candidate **Ezeliya (Fr)** (Dubawi {Ire}) has Oaks written all over her. From the stamina-packed family of the G1 Gold Cup-winning half-siblings Enzeli (Ire) (Kahyasi {Ire}) and Estimate (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}) and the G1 Irish Oaks heroine Ebadiyla (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), the Dermot Weld project won a key trial in the 10-furlong G3 Salsabil S. at Navan looking for all the world like this Epsom test would suit.

"I've had 24 winners of English and Irish Classics, but Blue Wind was the first and so that was a very special day for me," Weld said as he reflected on his 1981 breakthrough winner. Cont. p4



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### Oaks preview cont.

"She was a very good filly who went on to win the Irish Oaks and ended the season the champion filly of Europe. She was a big, strong filly and she won by seven lengths from Madam Gay, who went on to win the Prix de Diane. I've only had a few runners at Epsom, but it's been lucky for me. I also won the Derby with Harzand and we were second in the Oaks with Tarfasha, who was beaten only by another very high-class filly in Taghrooda."

"The Salsabil form was let down a little bit in the Irish 1,000 Guineas, but I'm satisfied with my filly," the master of Rosewell House added. "She's a medium-sized filly with quality and I expect her to run a good race. She's never been over a mile and a half, but she gives every impression that the trip will suit. We hope it will, but I can assure you she isn't short of pace."

# **Continuing Of A Trend?**

Fascinatingly, both English Classics staged so far this term have gone to those who started on the all-weather during the winter and it would really be something if the unbeaten Forest Fairy (Ire) (Waldgeist {GB}) could carry on that quirk here. Dazzling on debut at Wolverhampton in February, the least-exposed of Ralph Beckett's four runners had to work for her follow-up three months later in the Listed Cheshire Oaks. What that form is worth remains to be seen, with Aidan O'Brien opting not to send the runner-up Port Fairy (Ire) (Australia (GB)) into action here, but it is notable that the filly that beat Rubies Are Red at Leopardstown, Galileo Dame (Ire) (Galileo Gold (GB)), was wellbeaten. On pedigree, she is a far more suitable Oaks candidate than the G3 Musidora S. winner **Secret Satire (GB)** (Advertise (GB)) or Godolphin's G3 Oh So Sharp S. winner Dance Sequence (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), so it could be that she holds the key to the British defence from a stable that excels with middle-distance fillies.



Forest Fairy (left) | Racingfotos.com



# Can Emily Repeat?

Anyone who knows anything about sectional timing knows that the 2023 G1 Coronation Cup success of **TDN Rising Star Emily Upjohn (GB)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}) marked her out as one of the race's very best winners and she is back to defend her title on Friday. Her stunning 10.52 split between the three and the two went unmatched over the two days, including in the Derby and while it is true that her overall form is patchy, this is an elite performer so it is welcome that connections have kept her in training at five. Triptych won this as a five and six-year-old, so the ball is in the court of the Gosdens' mare to get some consistency in 2024.

Like Emily Upjohn, fellow **TDN Rising Star Feed The Flame (GB)** (Kingman (GB) also needs to find a more level way of operating with his impressive G1 Grand Prix de Paris success now feeling more and more like a distant memory. His latest third in the 10 1/2-furlong G1 Prix Ganay gave hope that he is on the way back and it is worth remembering that Pascal Bary talked often of him being a "next-year horse" despite his 3-year-old exploits. Connections have come here looking for a mile-and-a-half test and with the likes of **Hamish (GB)** (Motivator {GB}) and **Luxembourg (Ire)** (Camelot {GB}) in attendance, he should get that. This was a race the French, and in particular Andre Fabre, at one time dominated with seven wins between 1986 and 1996.

# **Epsom Dodges The Rain...**

While the forecast last week suggested this could be one of those soggy Derby festivals, Clerk of the Course Andrew Cooper had some welcome news on Thursday. "We haven't seen a lot of rain yet here today. It was a cloudy morning with a few light showers, which gave us about a millimetre and it actually ended up being quite a pleasant, dry afternoon. I think we've got some showery rain heading our way this evening, there's still some potential for that here, so watch this space on that, but I don't expect it to be thundery heavy or anything like that."

"I've left the ground for now at good-to-soft, which is where we were at first thing this morning, because prior to this morning, we'd basically been dry since Tuesday afternoon. There was nothing I'd really call soft, so I think good-to-soft remains a fair call as it is. It will have dried a fraction during the course of the day here, but it wasn't the kind of temperature or dry enough for it to dry very quickly. Tomorrow, there looks a lot of dry weather but we could have a kind of drizzly spell through the morning potentially."

"It's not a completely dry picture, but there doesn't look anything particularly heavy and Saturday looks dry. In Flat-racing terms, I think most people would say slightly faster ground would be perfect, but I think if it stays dry, we would be heading towards good, certainly. Whatever it ends up, it's a nice, consistent surface—it's not erratic and it walks very consistently."

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# GHOSTWRITER FARES WELL IN JOCKEY CLUB

**DRAW** By Tom Frary

Thursday also saw the draw made for Sunday's G1 Qatar Prix du Jockey Club at Chantilly, with Jeff Smith's G1 2,000 Guineas fourth **Ghostwriter (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) getting an inside post in two. In between the two ParisLongchamp conditions winners **Sosie (Ire)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}) and **Look De Vega (Fr)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}), the Clive Cox-trained G2 Royal Lodge S. scorer will at least have a tactical advantage in the 10 1/2-furlong Classic, with his trainer saying earlier this week, "He is very versatile and very balanced, I'm more than happy."

Wathnan Racing's acquisition Fast Tracker (GB) (Churchill {Ire}), who jumped into the picture with a seven-length success in the track's Listed Prix de Suresnes earlier this month, drew stall five and the Henri-Alex Pantall-trained will have James Doyle on board for the first time. Andre Fabre's trio includes Sosie and Baron Edouard De Rothschild's G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains third Alcantor (Fr) (New Bay {GB}), who is re-opposed by Ballydoyle's Diego Velazquez (Ire) (Frankel {GB}) who was fourth in that ParisLongchamp feature. Alcantor is in seven,

while Diego Velazquez will have to navigate a wide draw in 11.

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# ZARAK'S ARCANDI TOO GOOD IN BADEN-BADEN FEATURE

By Sean Cronin

Gestut Ebbesloh's homebred 4-year-old **Arcandi (Ger)** (Zarak {Fr}--Santanna {Fr}, by Country Reel) made a stakes breakthrough in last month's G3 Fruhjahrs-Meile at Dusseldorf and doubled his pattern-race tally with a comfortable victory in Thursday's G3 46th Kronimus Badener Meile at Baden-Baden.

The 14-5 favourite adopted his usual hold-up tactics and was under wraps against the fence, sharing sixth with familiar rival **Best Lightning (Fr)** (Sidestep {Aus}), through halfway. Powering forward once into the straight, he weaved a passage to the front entering the final furlong and lengthened clear in stylish fashion to easily defeat Fruhjahrs-Meile seventh **Muhalif (Ger)** (Lawman {Fr}) by three lengths. French challenger **Kendly (Fr)** (Kendargent {Fr}) finished a neck adrift in third.

Arcandi's early promise, evidenced by a third to subsequent G1 Deutsches Derby hero Fantastic Moon (Ger) (Sea The Moon (Ger)) in 2022's G3 Preis des Winterfavoriten, was curtailed by injury. His sophomore season concluded after posting a runner-up finish in Krefeld's G3 Dr Busch Memorial on seasonal return last year and early-term fresheners at Chantilly and Saint-Cloud preceded his springboard at Dusseldorf last time.

"He actually needs a fast-run race, but the pace was very slow today and it was not the perfect situation for him," commented trainer Peter Schiergen. "Nonetheless, Arcandi showed his class and ability and produced a great performance. He did really well and we are very happy with this victory." Cont. p6



Arcandi | Marc Ruehl

### **Badener Meile cont.**

# **Pedigree Notes**

Arcandi, one of his sire's 16 pattern-race winners, is the third foal and scorer out of a dual-winning half-sister to G3 Prix de Lutece victor Jackfinbar (Fr) (Whipper), stakes-winning G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud second Willie The Whipper (GB) (Whipper) and stakes-winning Group 3 runner-up Anna Magnolia (Fr) (Makfi {GB}). Descendants of Arcandi's G3 Hamburger Stutenpreis-winning third dam Anna Thea (Ire) (Turfkonig {Ger}) include MGSW sire Aspectus (Ire) (Spectrum {Ire}), G2 Diana-Trial heroine Akribie (Ger) (Reliable Man {GB}), last year's G2 Hansa-Preis victor Assistent (Ger) (Sea The Moon {Ger}) and G3 Hamburger Stutenpreis victrix Anna Katharina (Ger) (Kallisto {Ger}). The March-foaled bay is a half-brother to the unraced 2-year-old filly Alunis (Ger) (Reliable Man {GB}), a yearling filly by Protectionist (Ger) and a weanling filly by Ghaiyyath (Ire).

Thursday, Baden-Baden, Germany
46TH KRONIMUS BADENER MEILE-G3, €55,000, Baden-Baden,
5-30, 3yo/up, 8fT, 1:45.59, sf.

1--ARCANDI (GER), 129, g 4, by Zarak (Fr)

1st Dam: Santanna (Fr), by Country Reel 2nd Dam: Anna Simona (Ger), by Slip Anchor (GB) 3rd Dam: Anna Thea (Ire), by Turfkonig (Ger)

O/B-Gestut Ebbesloh (GER); T-Peter Schiergen; J-Bauyrzhan Murzabayev. €32,000. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, €101,450.

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

2--**Muhalif (Ger)**, 125, c, 4, Lawman (Fr)--Macina (Ire), by Platini (Ger). **1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE**. (€10,000 Ylg '21 BBAGS).

O-Cemil Duran; B-Gestut Romerhof (GER); T-Bohumil Nedorostek. €12,000.

3--Kendly (Fr), 125, g, 4, Kendargent (Fr)--Kindly Dismiss (Fr), by Excellent Art (GB). **1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE**. (€38,000 Ylg '21 ARQOCT). O-Gerard Augustin-Normand & Stephen Lahmi; B-Guy Pariente Holding (FR); T-Philippe Sogorb. €6,000.

Margins: 3, NK, 11/4. Odds: 2.80, 7.40, 7.90.

Also Ran: Best Lightning (Fr), Aguirre (Ger), Asterix (Ger), Dapango (Ger), Westminster Night (Fr).

# EUROPEAN NEWS

# YAHAGI'S SHIN EMPEROR PROVIDES SOME STARDUST TO IRISH CHAMPION ENTRIES

Yoshito Yahagi has provided a sprinkling of stardust to the Royal Bahrain Irish Champion S. by pencilling the €1.25m Leopardstown highlight in for the Japanese star **Shin Emperor** (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}).

With numerous big-race wins in his home country and international Grade 1 success to his name in Hong Kong and at the Breeders' Cup, Yahagi has now set his sights on Leopardstown on Saturday, September 14 with a colt who finished third in the Japanese Derby last weekend.

Of course, the brother to Sottsass (Fr), who fetched €2.1m at the August Yearling Sale at Arqana in 2022, wouldn't be the first Japanese raider to tackle the Irish Champion S. The Mitsuru Hashida-trained Deirdre (Jpn) (Harbinger {GB}) ran a respectable fourth behind Magical (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the 2019 edition.

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Yoshito Yahagi | Emma Berry

### Irish Champion entries cont.

The international appeal of the race is further emphasised by an entry of two horses trained in South Africa and five from France. The South African entries are the dual Grade 1 winners Double Superlative (SAF) (Twice Over {GB}) and See It Again (SAF) (Twice Over {GB}), the latter trained by Michael Roberts, the former British champion jockey, who won the Royal Bahrain Irish Champion S. on the Henry Cecil-trained Indian Skimmer in 1988.

The quintet of French possibles are headed by the US\$5m Dubai Turf winner Facteur Cheval (Ire) (Ribchester {Ire}), trained by Jerome Reynier, the Alex Pantall-trained Fast Tracker (GB) (Churchill {Ire}), a leading hope for this Sunday's Prix Du Jockey Club and French 2,000 Guineas winner Metropolitan (Fr) (Zarak (Fr), trained by Mario Baratti.

The entry from Britain numbers 17 while Aidan O'Brien has handed entries to his big Epsom Derby hopes City Of Troy (Justify) and Los Angeles (Ire) (Camelot (GB)) along with Henry Longfellow (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), Auguste Rodin (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and Ylang Ylang (GB) (Frankel {GB}), the leading contender for Friday's Oaks at Epsom.

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# REYNIER BIDDING FOR ROYAL ASCOT TRIUMPH WITH FACTEUR CHEVAL



Dubai Turf winner Facteur Cheval will run in the Queen Anne at Royal Ascot | Erika Rasmussen

Jerome Reynier has the Queen Anne in his sights for stable star Facteur Cheval (Ire) (Ribchester {Ire}) with the Marseille-based trainer bidding to bag a breakthrough Royal Ascot winner later this summer.

Facteur Cheval played his part in some memorable Group 1 races last season before securing his own big day in the sun when landing the Dubai Turf on his seasonal debut at Meydan.

That win came off the back of placed efforts in the QEII, Prix du Moulin, Sussex S. and Prix d'Ispahan, with Reynier hoping that his five-year-old has now come of age after his Meydan triumph.

"He is aiming for the Queen Anne on the Tuesday and he came back in very good shape from Dubai. We're very happy with him," Reynier said.

"Now he's going to try to win a second time in a row after having not won for a long while. We don't have any questions about good ground because he won on it in Dubai and he's done the straight course at Ascot for the Queen Elizabeth so everything seems to be in good shape for him."

Joining him on the journey will be Darlinghurst (Ire), a threeyear-old Dark Angel (Ire) colt who has not put a foot wrong in four starts this year.

Winning a pair of Cagnes-Sur-Mer contests early in the season, the bay then stepped up to Listed level to win the Prix Maurice Caillault at Chantilly in March and then returned to the same track to take the Group 3 Prix de Guiche in May. He now holds an entry for the St James's Palace S. on the same

"That's the plan with him, he's in very good shape. He is unbeaten this year in four starts, he won his maiden, his conditions race, his Listed race and his Group 3," said Reynier.

day as his stablemate's Queen Anne bid.

"Everything is in good order, the more he goes, the better he is. Last time out in the Prix de Guiche he won in very good fashion. He's a son of Dark Angel and the dam is a Group 3 winner over five furlongs, so aiming for the French Derby over 300 metres more wouldn't have been a good idea.

"He looks like a miler physically. It's a stiff mile at Royal Ascot and it will be a great race to look forward to."

The third horse set to make the trip over from France is **Zarakem (Fr)** (Zarak {Fr}), who will aim to put defeat in the Prix Ganay behind him to return to the form he was in when he got the better of Horizon Dore (Fr) (Dabirsim (Fr)) to land the Prix d'Harcourt in April.

"We just have to forget about his last run in the Ganay where everything just went wrong," Reynier said. "He won well on his reappearance in the Prix d'Harcourt and he has some pretty solid form beating Horizon Dore, who just got beaten in the Prix d'Ispahan."

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# TOP LOT AT TATTERSALLS IRELAND MAY STORE SALE SET TO JOIN COLIN BOWE



Lady Blackmore | Tattersalls Ireland

A three-year-old filly already named Lady Blackmore (Fr) (Bathyrhon {Ger}) (lot 188) brought a sale-topping bid of €45,000 from Milestone Bloodstock and James Kenny at Thursday's Tattersalls Ireland May Store Sale.

Consigned by Galbertstown Stables, Lady Blackmore is out of the five-time winner Pennsylvanie (Fr) (Dadarissime (Fr)), a half-sister to the dam of Jango Baie (Fr) (Tiger Groom (GB)), the winner of last December's G1 Formby Novices' Hurdle and a previous graduate of the May Store Sale.

"We have bought her with Colin Bowe," said Kenny. "I love her--she has a very good temperament, has a lovely way of going, walks well and a lovely presence. Her stallion has not done anything wrong, either. She will go to Colin's and, hopefully, we will see her out in the point-to-point field."

Sean Doyle of Monbeg Stables, the session's leading buyer with 15 horses purchased, signed for the second-dearest lot at €42,000, the Lakefield Farm-offered Jack Hobbs (GB) gelding out of the winning bumper mare Penelope Pips (GB) (Presenting {GB}) (lot 187).

"He is a big, strong horse and very good mover," said Doyle. "I looked at him three times today and he stood out every time I saw him. I am delighted to have him on the team. He comes from a good farm and we have had luck with them before. This is the first by the sire we have had and I love to buy horses out of Presenting mares."

Of the 238 lots offered, 169 sold (71% clearance rate) for an aggregate spend of €2,165,750. The average was €12,815 and the median was €10,500.

Simon Kerins, Tattersalls Ireland CEO, said, "The trade today has indeed been selective, consistent with what we witnessed at the earlier Store sale this month. However, it was pleasing to

see an improvement in our clearance rate compared to last year's sale [69%]. Whilst the market has been challenging at this level there has been a real sense of pragmatism by the vendors.

"We're hugely appreciative of the support from both vendors and purchasers this week and the later date in the calendar was well-received by both. This sale has produced some outstanding winners on the track and in the point-to-point sphere, and I wish everyone the best of luck with their purchases."

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# TATTERSALLS ONLINE JUNE SALE FEATURES 140 LOTS AND BREEZE-UP SESSION



Lot 8, a colt by Earthlight out of Zip Along | Tattersalls Online

The catalogue for the Tattersalls Online June Sale can now be viewed here, with 140 lots set to be offered when the sale takes place on June 5-6, including 51 two-year-olds in the second edition of the Online Breeze-Up Session.

The 51 lots, which include the progeny of first-season sires such as Earthlight (Ire) and Kameko, breezed prior to the sale at Chelmsford Racecourse and Dundalk Stadium. The breeze-up footage and timings for all lots have been recorded and are available on the Tattersalls Online website. Each will also be offered with a Pre-sale Five Stage Veterinary Certificate

Of the 71 horses in and out of training set to go under the virtual hammer, Dragon Icon (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) (lot 68) is one of the most accomplished having finished fifth in last year's G2 German 2,000 Guineas after winning his first two starts. Consigned by Roger Varian's Carlburg Stables, the four-year-old is a full-brother to the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf winner Aunt Pearl (Ire). Cont. p9



#### Tattersalls Online June Sale cont.

Baroda Stud will offer a draft of five lots which includes the 87-rated colt Respectful (Ire) (Dandy Man (Ire)) (lot 100), a half-brother to the Group 3 winner Doctor Geoff (Ire) (Fast Company) and the Group 2-placed Show Respect (Ire) (Showcasing {GB}). The draft also features an unraced three-year-old filly named World Vision (Ire) (lot 58), who is by Galileo (Ire) out of the Group 3 winner and dual Group 1-placed Wind Chimes (GB) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}).

Eight broodmares, five point-to-pointers, four stores and one yearling will also be offered for sale when bidding opens at noon on Wednesday, June 5.

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# FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Friday, May 31, 2024:

### UNITED KINGDOM

Sands of Mali (Fr) (Panis), Ballyhane Stud 98 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners 14:15-CARLISLE, 5f, Ain't Nobody (Ire) £30,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2023

# BRITAIN

### Thursday's Results:

**1st-Ripon**, £**9,000**, **Nov**, 5-30, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:16.80, sf. ROYALTY BAY (IRE) (f, 2, Kodiac {GB}--Dubai Rainbow {Ire}, by Tamayuz (GB)) raced last of the five runners after a tardy break in this debut. Rowed along to take closer order approaching the two pole, the 8-1 chance powered to the fore entering the final furlong and was ridden clear from there to easily defeat Beronia (Ire) (Hello Youmzain {Fr}) by three lengths. Royalty Bay is the lone reported foal produced by a winning half-sister to multiple Group-winning GII Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint runner-up and G1 Phoenix S. third Go Bears Go (Ire) (Kodi Bear (Ire)). The April-foaled bay's second dam In Dubai (Giant's Causeway) is a winning half-sister to G1 Prix de l'Opera and GI Flower Bowl Invitational victrix Nahrain (GB) (Selkirk), herself the dam of three-time Group 1 winner Benbatl (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) and this month's G1 1000 Guineas heroine Elmalka (GB) (Kingman (GB)). Sales history: 38,000gns RNA Wlg '22 TADEWE; £23,000 Ylg '23 GOFFUK; £125,000 2yo '24 GOUKB. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,983.

O-Eco-Power Racing; B-Luke & Adam Morgan (IRE); T-John & Sean Quinn.

**5th-Lingfield, £7,300, Nov**, 5-30, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:09.78, g/f. DORNEY LAKE (GB) (c, 3, Ardad {Ire}--Dora's Sister {Ire}, by Dark Angel (Ire)), who shed maiden status going a shade over six furlongs at Great Yarmouth earlier this month, skipped forward from the traps to seize an immediate lead in this straight dash. In command throughout, the 1-8 chalk was on cruise control until set alight entering the final furlong and quickened clear in style to easily outclass Balmoral Lady (Ire) (Invincible Army {Ire}) by an impressive five lengths. Dorney Lake is the eighth of 10 foals and one of three scorers produced by a winning half-sister to Listed Beverley Bullet Sprint runnerup Duchess Dora (Ire) (Tagula {Ire}). The March-foaled bay is a full-brother to the hitherto unraced 2-year-old filly Perfect Dark (GB) and a half to a yearling filly by Ubettabelieveit (Ire). Sales history: 58,000gns Wlg '21 TADEWE; 110,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$12,753. O-Godolphin; B-Mickley Stud, Tim Johnson & Miranda Johnson (GB); T-John & Thady Gosden.

**3rd-Lingfield**, £**6,300**, **Mdn**, 5-30, 2yo, f, 7fT, 1:23.69, g/f. DEL RAY (GB) (f, 2, Kameko--An Ghalanta {Ire} {SW & GSP-Ire}, by Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)) was under cover in the second rank after an awkward getaway in this debut. Bounding forward into second approaching the quarter-mile pole, the 4-1 chance came under pressure to challenge with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining and was ridden out the latter stages to prevail by 3/4-of-alength from Biniorella Bay (GB) (New Bay {GB}), becoming the second winner for her freshman sire (by Kitten's Joy). Del Ray is the ninth of 11 foals and eighth scorer out of Listed Curragh S. victrix and G3 Round Tower S. third An Ghalanta (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor (Ire). An Ghalanta is kin to G3 Killavullan S. third Billyford (Ire) (Lil's Boy) and Listed Churchill S. second Bancnuanaheireann (Ire) (Chevalier (Ire). Del Ray is a full-sister to a yearling colt and half to a weanling filly by Showcasing (GB). The January-foaled bay is also a half-sister to stakes-winning G3 Prix Texanita third Miaharris (GB) (Zoustar {Aus}), Listed Empress S. victrix Time Scale (GB) (Charm Spirit {Ire}) and GII Nassau S. and G3 Albany S. runner-up Bletchley (GB) (Makfi (GB)). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,321.

O-Qatar Racing Ltd; B-The An Ghalanta Partnership (GB); T-Archie Watson.

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### **CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

3rd-Carlisle, £12,500, 5-30, 2yo, 5f 182yT, 1:15.22, sf. IT AIN'T TWO (GB) (f, 2, Calyx {GB}--Usra {Ire} {SP-Ire}, by Requinto {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$24,585. O-Ms Diamond & Owen Promotions Ltd; B-Crypto Bloodstock (GB); T-Hugo Palmer. \*10,000gns RNA Ylg '23 TATNOV.

### **ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

Larchill Lass (GB), f, 2, Territories (Ire)--Final Set (Ire), by Dark Angel (Ire). Carlisle, 5-30, 5fT, 1:02.38. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$18,767. B-Archwill Bloodstock Ltd (GB). \*11,000gns Wlg '22 TADEWE; €4,500 Ylg '23 TATIY2.

Haya (GB), f, 3, Ulysses (Ire)--Arabian Beauty (Ire), by Shamardal. Carlisle, 5-30, 9fT, 2:02.84. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-1, \$14,765. B-Cheveley Park Stud Limited (GB). \*1/2 to Dubai Icon (GB) (New Approach {Ire}), SP-UAE, \$150,988.

# **IRELAND**

### **ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

National Lady (Ire), f, 3, Magna Grecia (Ire)--Cheetah (GB) (GSW-US, SW-Eng, \$248,732), by Tiger Hill (Ire). Fairyhouse, 5-30, 6f 25yT, 1:19.44. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-2, \$16,236. B-Woodnook Farm Pty Ltd (IRE). \*€130,000 Ylg '22 GOFOR.

# **FRANCE**

## Thursday's Results:

**3rd-ParisLongchamp, €35,000, Cond**, 5-30, 3yo, 8fT, 1:45.83, hy.

ELBAZ (FR) (c, 3, Siyouni {Fr}--Elennga {Fr} {SP-Ger}, by Exceed And Excel (Aus)), a 'TDN Rising Star' on debut at Deauville last July, ran third in October's Listed Grand Criterium de Bordeaux and lined up here coming back from an Apr. 18 conditions fifth over this course and distance. Settled off the pace in fourth for the most part, the 31-10 third favourite made headway in the straight to engage Suchet (Fr) (Cloth Of Stars {Ire}) passing the quarter-mile pole and was driven out to subdue that persistent rival by 3/4-of-a-length in the dying strides. Elbaz is one of three winners from as many runners produced by Listed BMW Preis Dusseldorf third Elennga (Fr) (Exceed And Excel (Aus)), herself a half-sister to G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches, G1 Coronation S. and G1 Prix du Moulin heroine Ervedya (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}). Ervedya, in turn, is the dam of G2 Prix Daniel Wildenstein and G3 Prix Paul de Moussac victor and G1 Prix Jacques Le Marois third Erevann (Fr) (Dubawi (Ire)). Elennga is also kin to the dam of Listed Prix de Thiberville and Listed Prix Occitanie runner-up

Ebony (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}). The March-foaled homebred bay, whose second dam is G3 Prix Vanteaux runner-up Elva (Ire) (King's Best), hails from a family which includes G1 Gran Premio del Jockey Club hero Erdelistan (Fr) (Lashkari {GB}). Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 5-2-1-1, €60,050. Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.



Elbaz | Scoop Dyga

**1st-ParisLongchamp**, **€30,000**, **Cond**, 5-30, 2yo, 5fT, 1:00.81, hy. LA SAMANA (FR) (f, 2, Goken {Fr}--Steel Woman {Ire}, by Anabaa), a May 2 debut fourth tackling six furlongs at Chantilly last time, chased the leaders in sixth through the early stages of this return. Coming under pressure soon after halfway, the 8-5 favourite was driven to challenge entering the final furlong and kept on in resolute fashion to assert by 3/4-of-a-length from Pampelonne (Fr) (City Light (Fr)). La Samana is the 10th of 11 foals and seventh scorer produced by a winning daughter of G3 Deutscher Herold-Preis victrix Saperlipoupette (Fr) (Highest Honor (Fr)), herself out of a half-sister to dual stakes-winning GI Ramona H. third Envie De Rire (Fr) (Trepan (Fr)). The Februaryfoaled bay is kin to G2 Prix du Muguet-winning sire Jimmy Two Times (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr}), and a yearling colt by Galiway (GB). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €18,000. Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-Guy Pariente Holding & Gemini Stud; B-Gemini Stud, Jean Boniche & Guy Pariente Holding (FR); T-Francis-Henri Graffard.

### **CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**5th-ParisLongchamp, €23,000, Cond**, 5-30, 3yo, 9 3/4fT, 2:16.18, hy.

DRUMARD (FR) (c, 3, Recoletos {Fr}--Shabaneh, by Kitten's Joy) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, €25,000. O-Hyperion SARL & Mme Eric Libaud; B-Hyperion SARL (FR); T-Eric Libaud. \*€24,000 RNA Ylg '22 ARQOCT.

8th-ParisLongchamp, €23,000, 5-30, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:46.74, hy. TIGRR (FR) (g, 5, Teofilo {Ire}--Silca's Sister {GB} {G1SW-Fr & GSP-US, \$324,909}, by Inchinor {GB}) Lifetime Record: 35-7-5-8, €151,660. O-Gousserie Racing; B-NBH Racing (FR); T-Pierre Groualle. \*€20,000 Ylg '20 ARQSEP.

**3rd-Nantes**, €**22,000**, Cond, 5-30, 3yo, 11fT, 2:23.79, vsf. **BOLIDE PORTO (IRE) (c, 3, Le Havre {Ire}--Bella Bolide {Fr}, by Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 11-3-2-1, €65,750. O-Mme Natalie d'Amato & Mike Pietrangelo; B-Elevage Haras de Bourgeauville (IRE); T-Gianluca Bietolini. \*€65,000 Ylg '22 ARQOCT.

### **ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

Measter Owen (Fr), g, 3, Mr. Owen--Maralinka (Fr), by American Post (GB). ParisLongchamp, 5-30, 10fT, 2:17.87. B-Jean-Pierre Gauvin, Jean-Pierre Bonardel, Nunzio Ricignuolo & Boualem Mekki (FR).

# **GERMANY**

## Thursday's Results:

PREIS DER BADEN-BADENER HOTELLERIE & GASTRONOMIE-Listed, €25,000, Baden-Baden, 5-30, 4yo/up, f/m, 11fT, 2:26.08, sf.

- 1--TIFFANY (IRE), 126, f, 4, Farhh (GB)--Affinity (GB), by Sadler's Wells. O/B-Elite Racing Club (IRE); T-Sir Mark Prescott; J-Luke Morris. €15,000. Lifetime Record: 8-5-1-0, €72,471. \*1/2 to Zest (Ire) (Duke Of Marmalade {Ire}), MSP-Eng; and Harmonica (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), SP-Ity.
- 2--North Reliance (Ger), 130, f, 4, Reliable Man (GB)--North Queen (Ire), by Desert King (Ire). O-Michael Wachowitz; B-Gestut Wittekindshof (GER); T-Marcel Weiss. €5,000.
- 3--Atlantica (GB), 123, f, 4, Mastercraftsman (Ire)--Angelita (Ger), by Areion (Ger). O/B-Gestut Brummerhof (GB); T-Peter Schiergen. €3,125.

Margins: 4 1/4, 2HF, 3/4. Odds: 1.30, 3.60, 33.50. Also Ran: Know Thyself (Ire), Extrabunt (Ger), Noblesse Oblige (Ger), Oceania (Ger), Wedding In May (Ger), Taiora (Ger), Global Queen (Ger), Nepalina (Ger). Scratched: Ultima (Ger).

## **ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

Savoya (Ger), f, 3, Soldier Hollow (GB)--Sailana (Ger), by Call Me Big (Ger). Baden-Baden, 5-30, 7fT, 1:29.21. B-Sandra Lony & Gerhard Moser (GER).



# WORLDWIDE NEWS

# BOWDITCH HAILS 'CONFIDENCE BOOSTING SALE' AT MAGICS

By TTR AusNZ

The 2024 Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale came to a close on Thursday with another strong session seeing **Rubisaki** (Aus) (Rubick {Aus}) fetch A\$1.4 million and two more mares making seven figures.

## At A Glance:

- 472 fillies and mares were sold compared to 501 last year; grossing A\$97,610,000 vs last year's A\$107,843,000.
- The clearance rate of 83.39% was up from last year's 78.16%.
- The highest price was Imperatriz (Aus) (I Am Invincible {Aus}) at a record breaking A\$6.6 million--well up on last year's sale topper Forbidden Love (Aus) (All Too Hard {Aus}) at A\$4.1 million.
- The average of A\$206,801 was down on last year's A\$215,255 as was the median--A\$95,000 vs A\$100,000.
- Baramul Stud signed up for the most number of mares, purchasing 19 for an average of A\$91,842 and a gross of A\$1.745 million. Zhijun Zhao was the biggest spender with eight purchases for A\$13.125 million and an average of over A\$1.64 million.
- Newgate were the biggest consignors (over A\$27.3 million with 58 sold) last year and were again with 53 sold for A\$19,459,000.
- I Am Invincible (Aus) had the most sold last year (23) and that was again the case with 26 of his daughters finding new homes at an average of A\$536,058. The highest average for a broodmare sire with at least three sold was Lope de Vega (Ire) at A\$733,333.
- I Am Invincible also led the way last year as a covering sire (an average of A\$1.3 million) and did so again with A\$1.083 million and a gross of A\$5,415,000.
- Buyers hailed from Australia, Japan, the USA, New Zealand, the UK and Singapore.



Rubisaki top lot on final day | Magic Millions

## Magic Millions cont.

## Rubisaki Tops the Final Day

B2B Thoroughbreds' Ricky Surace had his sights on just one mare this week and after a prolonged bidding battle he got the one he wanted--the high class race mare Rubisaki.

It took a bit extra than he thought to secure her--A\$1.4 million--but he was delighted and said, "These are the sort of mares you want to be breeding with."

"She was a trouper of a race mare with a massive turn of foot and a great temperament," he said of the 7-year-old who won eight of her 20 starts, amassing over A\$1.2 million in prizemoney.

Bred by Ian Smith, Rubisaki first made her way through the ring at the 2018 Inglis Classic where Prime Thoroughbreds paid A\$85,000 for her. Upon her retirement she was sent to the 2022 Magic Millions National where James Harron and Morningside Park laid down A\$1 million.

They then sent her to Written Tycoon (Aus), with Surace talking to Morningside's Will Rowsthorn about the colt who was born last September. "He told me that he is the best of their weanlings," he said.

Surace has no plans as yet for Rubisaki and nothing is set in stone for the Snitzel (Aus) inside of her, adding, "We like to sell but if she has a nice filly, the option is there to keep her."

Said foal has an interesting pedigree, Rubick being a grandson of the outstanding producer Shantha's Choice (Aus) (Canny Lad {Aus}) whose son Redoute's Choice (Aus) is of course the sire of Snitzel.

There have been just 10 runners bred on this Rubick/Redoute's Choice combination so far, yielding five winners with the best to date being the stakes-placed Flattered by Rubick's son Yes Yes (Aus) out of Rubisaki's Adelaide Magic Millions 2YO Classic winning half-sister Zizzis (Aus) (Sizzling {Aus}).

Still owned by Ian Smith, Rubisaki's Randwick winning dam Senro Kisaki (Aus) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) was served last spring by Rubick's son Jacquinot (Aus). Her Deep Field (Aus) filly was bought by Prime Thoroughbreds for A\$200,000 in January.

Senro Kisaki is also dam of the winner Husson's Kiss (Aus) (Husson {Arg}) whose son The Nephew (Aus) (Wordsmith {Aus}) won the Listed Tasmania Derby for Rubisaki's trainer Patrick Payne.

Surace said that Rubisaki will be a prized member of the B2B broodmare band and commented, "We are lucky enough to have a lot of really nice mares and she is certainly amongst the top of them."

## **Coolmore Claims Single Blonde**

With her daughter by I Am Invincible breaking records during the week--at A\$800,000 the highest-priced weanling sale sold at the Magic Millions National--**Single Blonde (Aus)** (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}) was always going to be in demand.

And so it transpired with Tom Magnier putting in the winning bid of A\$1.2 million for the stakes placed 7-year-old in foal to Coolmore's own Wootton Bassett (GB).

"We all saw her filly sell so well," said the stud's Tom Moore, "And her sale gives us confidence that she can produce great commercial types.

"And being in foal to Wootton Bassett is a big plus for us. If she foals a nice type by him she can easily go back to him and we also have the option of Home Affairs to breed a three-quarter sibling to her sale topper."

"She was an obvious mare for us to target," he continued. "She is the sort of mare we are honing in on to support our stallions."

Moore took note of the outstanding local family from which Single Blonde not only hails from but to which she is line-bred, boasting a 3 X 3 cross of her own third dam Easy Date (Aus) (Grand Chaudiere).

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Part of the Element HIII dispersal, Single Blonde also has a Pierro (Aus) filly who sold at last year's Easter Sale for A\$165,000 to Dermot Farrington.

Her dual stakes winning dam Regrowth (Aus) (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}) did a great job at stud with all 12 of her foals being winners, including the G3 SAJC Breeders S. winner Colour (Aus) (More Than Ready) and the last start G3 Proud Miss S. winner Boognish (Aus) (Sooboog {Aus}).

Regrowth's dual Listed winning dam True Blonde (Aus) (Naturalism {Aus}) is a half-sister to Snippets (Aus).

### Widden Strikes Late

Having purchased five (bidding on 20) in the lead up to the final day of the Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale, Widden Stud's Antony Thompson labelled the sale "very strong".

Thompson was pleased to be able to swoop late on the final day

with one big buy being the A\$1.2 million mare **Witherspoon (Aus)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}).

Purchased with David Redvers from the Newgate draft, the Group 3 placed triple city winning 8-year-old is a daughter of the Listed winning high class broodmare Girl Hussler (Aus) (Hussonet) who has produced three stakes winners.

The dam of the G1 C.F Orr S. winner Manuel (Aus) (Commands {Aus}), the Hong Kong-based Group 3 winner

**Antony Thompson & Henry Field** | Magic Millions

Computer Patch (Aus) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) and the G3 Ken Russell Memorial Classic winner Taking Aim (Aus) (Choisir {Aus}), Girl Hussler is a granddaughter of the very fast Listed Debutante S. winner Clever Zoe (NZ) (Pompeii Court) who at two was able to run second to Schillaci (Aus) (Salieri) in the G1 Lightning S.

"She is a really sharp type of mare," Thompson said, adding that he bid on her when she last made her way through the Magic Millions ring (for a second time--sold as a yearling for A\$500,000), purchased by Australian Bloodstock and Newgate Farm for A\$510,000 three years ago.

"I should've bought her then, as now I've had to pay double for her," he said. "In saying that, having seen her first two foals, I have even more belief in her now than I did then.

"Her Zoustar (Aus) (her planned mating for this year) colt (purchased by Rosemont Stud and Suman Hedge for A\$400,000 in January) had real quality and I really liked her Home Affairs (Aus) filly (bought this week by Silverdale Farm for A\$430,000) as well. She is producing really good types and hopefully she can continue to do so. We bought her for a mares partnership that we have had a lot of luck with and everyone is keen to re-invest."

## Frankel Again In The Limelight

Mares in foal to the great Frankel (GB) continued to prove popular on day three of the sale and there was action early with Natural Colour (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) sold by Newgate to the Panthalassa Syndicate for A\$625,000.

Out of a Sinndar (Ire) daughter of the G2 Prix de Malleret winner Sage Et Jolie (GB) (Linamix {Fr]), Natural Colour raced on 17 occasions in England and America, winning five races including a Listed contest at Santa Rosa.

Also four times placed, the consistent mare is a half-sister to the French Champion Older Miler Sageburg (Ire) (Johannesburg), winner of four races including the G1 Pri d'Ispahan.

Sage Et Jolie is out of the Italian champion older mare Saganeca (Sagace {Fr}), dam of the French champion 3-year-olds Sagamix (Fr) and Sagacity (Fr) and granddam of the European Champion 3-Year-Old Japan (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) and fellow Group 1 winner Mogul (GB) (Galileo {Ire}).

Also from this family is Hidden Law (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), who tragically died after crossing the line three lengths ahead of his rivals in the G3 Chester Vase a

few weeks ago.

The mare had made her way successfully from America to England (where she was covered by Frankel) and then landed in Australia.

Well aware of Frankel's extraordinary statistics both overseas and locally, Vin Cox said, "We thought we bought her very well. She is a beautiful mare not only in foal to Frankel but by Exceed And Excel whose record is also outstanding. No stallion anywhere ever has sired as many two-year-old stakes winners as Exceed And Excel and his daughters are also excelling."

107 of the 1397 winners produced by daughters of Exceed And Excel are stakes winners with 15 of those being Group 1 winners. 70.3% of Frankel's Australian runners are winners with 17 being stakes winners--an exceptional 18.6% strike rate.

"Those figures will even out as he has more runners in Australia but there is no doubt that he is an elite stallion," Cox said. Cont. p14

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There are no plans as yet for Natural Colour with Cox noting that "you don't know who you are going to end up buying when you come to the sales."

# **Bowditch Hails Successful Week**

"It has been a sensational week," Magic Millions' Barry Bowditch said after a big five days of selling, pleased with the number of people who came out to the complex--"It is so important to get as many eyes on the horses as possible"--the variety and strength of the buying bench and the willingness of vendors to meet the market.

"All-in-all it was a confidence-boosting sale," he said. "From a record-breaking weanling filly through to an epic race mare section to solid trade in the last couple of days. We are delighted. You have to say that the results have been fantastic and that this is the benchmark breeding sale in Australia."

Sellers and buyers were also pleased with the strength of the sale, such as Widden Stud's Antony Thompson who found himself not only underbidder on multiple occasions but "sometimes the fifth in line!"

"It was a very competitive sale," he said, "especially for those young in-foal mares."

Vin Cox agreed and said, "The sale has been remarkable. The catalogue was a lovely group of mares and they were even better on type than on the page. We bid on a lot of horses and are very happy with the ones we are taking home."

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## **BETFRED OAKS-G1**, £550,000, 3yo, f, 12f 6y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Caught U Looking (Ire)	Harzand (Ire)	Anthony F O'Callaghan & Sabina Kelly	Noel Meade	Colin Keane	128
2	Dance Sequence (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	128
3	Ezeliya (Fr)	Dubawi (Ire)	H H The Aga Khan	Dermot Weld	Chris Hayes	128
4	Forest Fairy (Ire)	Waldgeist (GB)	G C Myddelton & V E C Taylor	Ralph Beckett	Rossa Ryan	128
5	Making Dreams (Ire)	Make Believe (GB)	Katsumi Yoshida	Karl Burke	Clifford Lee	128
6	Rubies Are Red (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Smith, Magnier, Tabor, Westerberg	Aidan O'Brien	Wayne Lordan	128
7	Seaward (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Seaward Syndicate	Ralph Beckett	Silvestre De Sousa	128
8	Secret Satire (GB)	Advertise (GB)	Guy Brook	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	128
9	Treasure (GB)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	HM The King & HM The Queen	Ralph Beckett	James Doyle	128
10	War Chimes (Fr)	Summer Front	Tars Farm Equestrian Stud	David Menuisier	Tom Marquand	128
11	Ylang Ylang (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Magnier, Tabor, Smith, Brant, Westerberg	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	128
12	You Got To Me (GB)	Nathaniel (Ire)	Valmont & Newsells Park Stud Bldstk.24	Ralph Beckett	Hector Crouch	128

Breeders: 1-Kelly Equine Services, 2-Godolphin, 3-H H The Aga Khan's Studs, 4-Philip & Orla Hore, 5-Morera Partnership, 6-Coolmore, 7-Loughtown Stud, 8-Guy Brook, 9-The Queen, 10-Hubert Honore, Nicolas Clement & Christophe Clement Racing, 11-Newsells Park Stud & Merry Fox Stud, 12-Dullingham Park Stud & Sarabex

## Friday, Epsom Downs, Britain, post time: 15:10

## HOLLAND COOPER CORONATION CUP-G1, £445,000, 4yo/up, 12f 6y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Feed The Flame (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Ecurie Jean-Louis Bouchard	Pascal Bary	Cristian Demuro	128
2	Hamish (GB)	Motivator (GB)	B Haggas	William Haggas	Tom Marquand	128
3	Luxembourg (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Westerberg, Magnier, Tabor, Smith	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	128
4	Emily Upjohn (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Lloyd Webber, Tactful Finance, S Roden	John & Thady Gosden	Kieran Shoemark	125
5	Time Lock (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Juddmonte	Harry Charlton	William Buick	125

Breeders: 1-Monceaux/Lordship Stud/Clear Light SAS, 2-J B Haggas, 3-B V Sangster, 4-Lordship Stud & Sunderland Holding Inc, 5-Juddmonte Farms (East) Ltd

## Saturday, Epsom Downs, Britain, post time: 16:30

## **BETFRED DERBY-G1**, £1,556,000, 3yo, c/f, 12f 6y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Ambiente Friendly (Ire)	Gleneagles (Ire)	The Gredley Family	James Fanshawe	Robert Havlin	128
2	Ancient Wisdom (Fr)	Dubawi (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	128
3	Bellum Justum (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	King Power Racing Co Ltd	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	128
4	City Of Troy	Justify	Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor & D Smith	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	128
5	Dallas Star (Fr)	Cloth Of Stars (Ire)	Amo Racing Ltd	Adrian Murray	David Egan	128
6	Dancing Gemini (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Fishdance Ltd	Roger Teal	Dylan Browne McMonagle	128
7	Deira Mile (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Green Team Racing	Owen Burrows	Jim Crowley	128
8	Euphoric (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Smith, Magnier, Tabor, Westerberg, Brant	Aidan O'Brien	Declan McDonogh	128
9	God's Window (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Cayton Park Stud Ltd	John & Thady Gosden	Kieran Shoemark	128
10	Kamboo (Ire)	Awtaad (Ire)	Abdulla Al Mansoori	Richard Hughes	Richard Kingscote	128
11	Los Angeles (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Westerberg, Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor, D Smith	Aidan O'Brien	Wayne Lordan	128
12	Macduff (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Juddmonte	Ralph Beckett	Rossa Ryan	128
13	Mr Hampstead	Galileo (Ire)	Amo Racing Ltd	Dominic Ffrench Davis	Sean Levey	128
14	Sayedaty Sadaty (Ire)	Anodin (Ire)	Ahmad Al Shaikh	Andrew Balding	Tom Marquand	128
15	Tabletalk (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Abdulla Al Mansoori	Tom Clover	James Doyle	128

16 Voyage (GB) Golden Horn (GB) Mrs Julie Wood Richard Hannon Pat Dobbs 128 Breeders: 1-Al Shira'aa Farms SARL, 2-Ecurie des Monceaux & LNJ Foxwoods, 3-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd, 4-Orpendale, Chelston & Wynatt, 5-Mme Eliane Dieuaide & SAS Domain e Billard Pere Et Fils, 6-Fishdance, 7-Churchtown House Stud, 8-Fittocks Stud & Arrow Farm & Stud, 9-Cayton Park Stud Ltd, 10-GCE Farm Ltd, 11-Lynch Bages Ltd & Longfield Stud, 12-Juddmonte Farms Ltd, 13-Orpendale, Chelston & Wynatt, 14-Thomas Lines, 15-Cottage Bloodstock, 16-Effevi SRL & Razza Del Velino

## Saturday, Epsom Downs, Britain, post time: 14:00

# PRINCESS ELIZABETH S.-G3, £100,000, 3yo/up, 8f 113y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Astral Beau (GB)	Brazen Beau (Aus)	Family Sly	Pam Sly	Shane Kelly	134
2	Breege (GB)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Chasemore Farm	John & Sean Quinn	Jason Hart	134
3	Julia Augusta (GB)	Ulysses (Ire)	J C G Chua	David O'Meara	Jason Watson	134
4	Royal Dress (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Saeed Manana	James Tate	Ben Coen	134
5	Running Lion (GB)	Roaring Lion	D P Howden	John & Thady Gosden	Oisin Murphy	134
6	Sea of Thieves (GB)	Cracksman (GB)	Brightwalton Bloodstock Ltd	Mario Baratti	Cristian Demuro	134
7	Sparks Fly (GB)	Muhaarar (GB)	David Lowe	David Loughnane	Laura Pearson	134
8	Chic Colombine (Fr)	Seahenge	Highclere Thoroughbred Racing (Vermeer 1)	George Boughey	William Buick	122
9	Glimpsed (GB)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	J H Richmond-Watson	Ralph Beckett	Hector Crouch	122

Breeders: 1-M H Sly & Mrs P M Sly, 2-Chasemore Farm, 3-Denniff Farms & Cheveley Park Stud Ltd, 4-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd, 5-The Bella Nouf Partnership, 6-Brightwalton Bloodstock Ltd, 7-The Lowe Family, 8-EARL Mell Elevages, EARL Ecurie Artsam & Vincent Le Roy, 9-Lawn Stud

## Saturday, Epsom Downs, Britain, post time: 14:35

## BETFRED DIOMED S.-G3, £100,000, 3yo/up, 8f 113y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Highland Avenue (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	137
2	Embesto (GB)	Roaring Lion	Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum	Roger Varian	James Doyle	134
3	Epictetus (Ire)	Kingman (GB)	George Strawbridge	John & Thady Gosden	Kieran Shoemark	134
4	Regal Reality (GB)	Intello (Ger)	Peter Done	Sir Michael Stoute	Ryan Moore	134
5	Royal Dubai (Fr)	Seahenge	Saeed Sultan Al Rahoomi	Marco Botti	Oisin Murphy	134
6	Royal Scotsman (Ire)	Gleneagles (Ire)	Mrs Fitri Hay	Paul & Oliver Cole	Jamie Spencer	134
7	Sean (Ger)	Excelebration (Ire)	Barratt Racing	Jamie Osborne	Saffie Osborne	134
8	Silver Sword (GB)	Charm Spirit (Ire)	Martians Racing & Dylan Cunha	Dylan Cunha	Rhys Clutterbuck	134

Breeders: 1-Godolphin, 2-Deerfield Farm, 3-George Strawbridge, 4-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd, 5-Societa Agricola Gem SRL & Societa Agricola La Pluma, 6-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd, 7-Gestut Rottgen, 8-Culworth Grounds & Fortune Bloodstock

## Saturday, Baden-Baden, Germany, post time: 15:50

## JAPAN RACING ASSOCIATION DERBY-TRIAL-G3, €55,000, 3yo, 10fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	4	Augustus (Ger)	Soldier Hollow (GB)	Hickst	Abik	128
2	1	Columbus (Ger)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Ferland	Madamet	128
3	7	Geminiano (Ger)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Weissmeier	Ganbat	128
4	8	Koelle (Ire)	Make Believe (GB)	Klug	Cadeddu	128
5	4	Narokan (Ire)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Schiergen	Murzabayev	128
6	3	New Emerald (Ger)	Protectionist (Ger)	Klug	Starke	128
7	2	Tuppes (Fr)	Dschingis Secret (Ger)	Geisler	de Vries	128
8	6	Wilko (Ire)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Grewe	Wolff	128

### Sunday, Chantilly, France, post time: 16:05

## **QATAR PRIX DU JOCKEY CLUB-G1**, €1,500,000, 3yo, c/f, 10 1/2fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	13	Wahdan (Ire)	Siyouni (Fr)	Rouget	Eyquem	128
2	15	Ramadan (Fr)	Le Havre (Ire)	C Head	Lemaitre	128
3	10	Grecian Storm (GB)	Churchill (Ire)	Rouget	Mendizabal	128

4	4	First Look (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Fabre	Pouchin	128
5	6	Dollar Index (Fr)	Kendargent (Fr)	Brasme	Madamet	128
6	9	Mondo Man (GB)	Mondialiste (Ire)	P&J Brandt	Buick	128
7	8	Sunway (Fr)	Galiway (GB)	Menuisier	Murphy	128
8	3	Look De Vega (Fr)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	C&Y Lerner	Thomas	128
9	7	Alcantor (Fr)	New Bay (GB)	Fabre	Barzalona	128
10	2	Ghostwriter (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Cox	Kingscote	128
11	11	Diego Velazquez (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	A O'Brien	R Moore	128
12	14	Arrow Eagle (Fr)	Gleneagles (Ire)	Rouget	Demuro	128
13	5	Fast Tracker (GB)	Churchill (Ire)	Pantall	J Doyle	128
14	12	Atlast (Fr)	Farhh (GB)	Ferland	Pasquier	128
15	1	Sosie (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Fabre	Guyon	128

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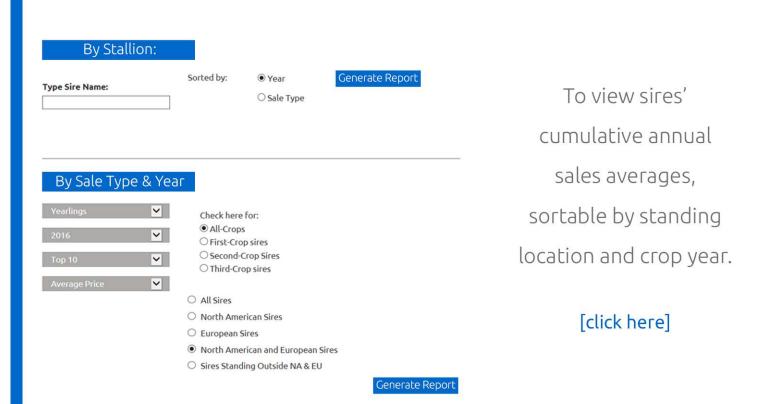
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ASTON MARTIN SURREY S.-Listed, £75,000, 3yo, 7f 3y

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SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT			
1	Zoum Zoum (GB)	Zoustar (Aus)	Mrs Lynn Turner & Guy Brook	Ralph Beckett	Rossa Ryan	131			
2	Balmacara (GB)	New Bay (GB)	Mick & Janice Mariscotti	Eve Johnson Houghton	Charles Bishop	128			
3	Evade (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Qatar Racing Ltd	Archie Watson	Oisin Murphy	128			
4	Native American (Ire)	Sioux Nation	Wathnan Racing	Richard Fahey	James Doyle	128			
5	Pandora's Gift (Ire)	Churchill (Ire)	James Parry & Partners	Stuart Williams	Sean Levey	126			
6	Bellarchi (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Nick Bradley Racing 19 & Partner	Grant Tuer	Sam James	123			
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Breeders: 1-Sanctuary Stud Ltd, 2-Meon Valley Stud, 3-Ecurie des Monceaux, Ecurie Loick Fouchet & Ralphy Meajohn, 4-Patricia Casement & Dr Dean Harron, 5-Rossenarra Bloodstock Ltd, 6-Con Marnane, 7-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd



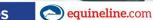


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# `CONCERNED' AND `EMBARRASSED': SHIP-IN TRAINERS REACT TO LOUISIANA MEDICATION RULES CHANGES



Steve Asmussen | Sarah Andrew

by Sue Finley

Thursday's TDN contains a story by Bill Finley discussing the set of more lenient medication rules that the Louisiana Racing Commission has recently enacted. Louisiana is not a state governed by the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA), and the new rules, which replace the ARCI model rules previously used, are scheduled to go into effect on June 8.

In Thursday's story, HISA Chief Executive Officer Lisa Lazarus suggested that there might have to be additional scrutiny on horses coming out of Louisiana races in the spring because of the more lax medication rules.

The TDN reached out to several trainers who winter at Fair Grounds, but do not stable there year-round, to see how they felt about the new medication policies.

#### **Steve Asmussen**

It's obviously concerning. No horse that you're going to plan on running somewhere else would you dare treat with (the new rules). *Cont. p3* 

# LOUISIANA RACING COMMISSION SAYS NEW RULES WILL MAKE THE SPORT SAFER, OTHER VETERINARY EXPERTS SAY THE OPPOSITE WILL HAPPEN

by Bill Finley and Dan Ross

The Louisiana Racing Commission has put in place what it is calling "Active Emergency Rules of Racing," to go into effect on June 8. These new regulations have raised the permissible dosage and shrunk the allowable withdrawal times for several medications, most notably the bronchodilator Clenbuterol and corticosteroid Depo-Medrol.

The decision by the Louisiana Racing Commission--which has already garnered significant push-back from within and without the industry--was done in an attempt to make the sport safer, the Commission's Executive Director Stephen Landry told the *TDN*. *Cont. p5* 

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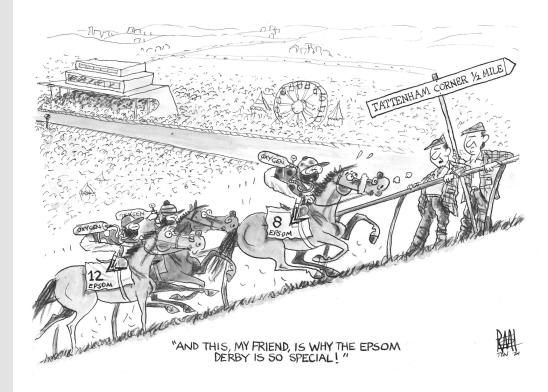
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#### Asmussen on Louisiana, cont. from p1

The people who plan on running anything out of state are not going to jeopardize our whole year with a horse. I'm interested in what Churchill Downs's policy is going to be. I feel that the Fair Grounds is a great place to winter those horses because of what they get done the rest of the year after coming out of there, and that won't change. But what does it mean for the day-to-day racing? That remains to be seen. Per usual, we're not in the room when these decisions are made. It makes it a topic of discussion between me and every person that I train for. Of course you're not going to do anything to jeopardize a horse's eligibility the rest of the year.

This is completely out of our hands. This is another example of, "here's policy. Do your best." What does it mean for our Oaks and Derby races? Our game is run for the Derby and the Oaks and Churchill Downs are in control of them and it will be interesting to see what they choose to do starting with those races.

#### **Brad Cox**

When I was reading the (Thursday) article about this, I felt like I was reading an article that was printed 10 years ago. But it was written yesterday.

#### Michael Stidham

I am astonished with the decision. The decision was made with complete reckless abandon. It's a step backwards, in my opinion. Knowing the different properties of Clenbuterol--it can be helpful in the right circumstances, but unfortunately sometimes in our industry the people who are using it are not using it for the best reasons. To be bringing that back and allowing people to use it potentially for the wrong reasons is a big step backwards. My home is a block from the Fair Grounds, and the Fair Grounds has been my winter base for over 25 years, and this is going to cause big problems for me personally when I leave the Fair Grounds. I'm not a year-round Louisiana trainer. I won't be using Clenbuterol on my horses, so I'll be at a disadvantage. When I do leave, there are just going to be a lot of negatives to this decision they have made.

I don't even know what to say or why they would think that this would be helpful for the industry. I just don't see it. I certainly have not used Depo in any of my horses' joints over the last 10 years or more and I certainly don't have any intentions of re-introducing it to my horses. Depo is considered detrimental to the joint and there wouldn't be a case where I would want to use it again. Unfortunately, there is a certain group in our industry that will do that. It's unfortunate but it happens and yes, there will be people trying to use it to their advantage.

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#### Stidham on Louisiana, cont.

It's going to create lots of problems for the trainers that use the Fair Grounds for their winter stabling. I'm just shocked that they would be doing this or thought that it's helpful. I'm just hoping that they can see the light and realize this is not a move in the right direction.

#### **Tom Amoss**

Two weeks ago, I heard about this and I immediately called the Louisiana Racing Commission. I know both the head of the Commission, Steve Landry, and Gerald Calogero, the number two guy there, and I called Gerald and said literally verbatim what the (*TDN*) article said (Thursday). And he said, 'boy, I wish you'd said something before we made this official.' I said I didn't even know. Then later that evening Steve Landry, the new Executive Director, called me. I've trained a few horses for him, and I repeated my concerns with their decision. He said, 'look, we never knew there was anybody against this.' I have the strong sense that there was nothing sinister, and they just rubber-stamped what came along. They seemed to think it was the Louisiana HBPA's decision, and someone there was trying to push it through.

As for the vets consulted on this decision, I 've never heard of these guys. Two of them are Quarter Horse vets and one is a farm veterinarian. There's one former racetrack vet, and he was against it. I've been around Louisiana racing a long time, and I didn't recognize any of them. I do find it disappointing and embarrassing and rather surprising that Steve (Landry), who has been a horse owner for years, would agree with this. I told them both, first of all, you've created an unfair playing field. People who don't race outside of Louisiana are going to take advantage of these rules. And for the ones who compete under HISA, they're not going to do that. The major trainers, who have the majority of the stalls, are not going to do this. And that creates an unfair playing field.

Breeders with yearlings bred in Louisiana bring their select yearlings to the Keeneland September sale, because they realize far more money for them than they would in Louisiana. But who in the world is going to buy a Louisiana-bred racehorse under these circumstances? It's so far-reaching and such a baffling decision. I grew up in Louisiana. My first job was at the age of 15 at the Fair Grounds and I'm proud of Louisiana racing. But today is a day that I am embarrassed for it.

#### Al Stall

They are tweaks from last year's rules, when we had the ARCI model rules. Without looking at it super-close, I'm not going to say the whole thing is great or the whole thing is horrible.

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#### Stall on Louisiana, cont.



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I imagine it will look a little bit different by the time we get to the Fair Grounds. Obviously, the elephant in the room is the Clenbuterol. These are things that are out of our control. I'll be at the Fair Grounds, I'll tell you that. I'm going to let it roll and see what happens. I'm comfortable using what we're using now. I haven't used Depo in such a long time that it's not even on my radar. The person behind a lot of this in my mind is the leading expert in horse pharmacology, Dr. Steven Barker, and I'm not going to question what he has to say.

The Clenbuterol is the grey area. The Depo all depends upon the horse and what is going on with the horse. I can't remember the last time we had Depo. It's been a long, long time. The horses who go into the starting gate without a drop of Clenbuterol as opposed to those who withdrew at 72 hours? I'm not sure there's empirical data but there's sure talk around the track. Clenbuterol is actually a very helpful drug for horses with dirty tracheas, but it got abused. I don't think that what you see on this piece of paper that came out is going to be the Bible, so to speak. But I may be wrong. The powers that be in Louisiana understand what could happen with us going to different jurisdictions, and we're all hoping this will be ironed out before we go down there.

#### **Dallas Stewart**

It's quite concerning. I just don't know that that's the right route to go. I think most horsemen that are coming from Kentucky think that it will be a setback. We're in the shock stage right now, so I'm hopeful that we can get something ironed out, and stay in a positive way. We're shocked. The Clenbuterol is something we don't need to be dealing with. We all know that it was a drug that was abused. We've got to get that off the table. Listen, we all love racing there, I have owners that love going

there, but they're going to be quite concerned. We've got to get to work on it and get to talking so hopefully we can get a middle ground that's good for everybody and good for the horse. A lot of daggers are being thrown at this point, and we've got to get to the right person to fix this, but I don't even know who that is right now. I'm very concerned.

#### **Cherie DeVaux**

Listen, we all have to go down there and abide by Kentucky rules. The rules that they had prior to passing this weren't reckless. Some of the rules made more sense than HISA rules. But this is to me a lack of regard for the safety of the horse and the riders and it's borderline negligent. Since we took away Depo, we've had a lot fewer breakdowns. We're just there for a short amount of time in their year of racing and these rules are not directed toward the transient trainers. They're more structured for those that are there year-round. It impedes what we do and our standards to run, we're at a disadvantage.

It is what it is, and there are times when you just have to go on and do what's right, which is to abide by the standards we're held to when we get back to a HISA state. It's a step backwards. Their rules were (already) more lenient, and this is going backwards. Maybe those who passed this didn't look into the statistical data or don't know how to interpret the statistical data to show that the rules they're implementing are a risk and a harm and negligent on their part.

Dan Ross contributed to this story.

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#### Louisiana Racing Commission, cont. from p1

That thinking runs counter to what has become conventional wisdom in racing--that restricting drug use is the best way to make the sport safer. But Landry said he was confident that the direction the Commission has taken will prove beneficial to the horses competing in the state.

"The rules were changed to allow trainers to train their horses and veterinarians to treat their horses in a way they felt would increase safety," said Landry.

Landry, who has held his current position for about two months, said he understands why there has been a backlash after the new rules were released. But he said he wants people to understand that the changes were made with good intentions.

"We're very hopeful that there won't be a statistical anomaly that shows we did the wrong thing. We will monitor that," said Landry. "We want to promote horse racing and safety."

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#### Louisiana Racing Commission, cont.

Landry continued: "The last thing that I'd like anybody to believe is that we in Louisiana don't care about the horse or are looking to allow cheaters to have a place to operate."

Landry said that Dr. Steven Barker was instrumental in writing the rules. Barker was the Commission's chief chemist for 29 years. He is now a Professor Emeritus at Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine. Like Landry, he said he expects the changes will prove to be beneficial to the well-being of racing's athletes.

"The rules had become more and more strict about when and how much or if you can use therapeutic medications that have been approved by the Food and Drug Administration," Barker said. "This was in response to that."

As testing thresholds have lowered and testing equipment has gotten more sensitive, "we're at a point where you can get a positive for picograms of a commonly used therapeutic. At those levels you have absolutely no pharmacology. This is an

adjustment in response to that. The pendulum in these things always swings to the left or the right. There is such a thing as being too conservative or too liberal. We're trying to come back to something that is more reasonable, rational and scientifically based," said Barker.

"It takes a while for these things to clear down to the levels that have been set. Inflammation itself is one of the more damaging afflictions in athletes because it causes tissue damage. Not treating it adds to the possibility that it will have some detrimental effect in the future," he added.

The Horse Racing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) has no jurisdiction over racing rules and regulations in Louisiana.

Larry Findley is a licensed veterinarian who sits on the Louisiana State Racing Commission.

Findley said he stands fully behind the new set of "emergency" medication rules passed by the Commission, at the same time rebuffing criticisms that the new rules could lead to an increase in equine fatalities.

"God gave us these beautiful creatures and we are here to take care of them, not to abuse them. So, the withdrawal times that they've come up with in my experience are not going to increase breakdowns," said Findley.

Among some of the more controversial aspects of the rule

changes concern the corticosteroid Depo-Medrol, permitting its intra-articular use at 200 mg seven days before a race. The current rules in Louisiana limit a 100 mg injection of Depo-Medrol 21 days before a race.

Depo-Medrol is a long-acting corticosteroid. Studies have shown it to have a potentially detrimental effect on the joints if not used judiciously.

Nevertheless, Findley said that the new rules around Depo-Medrol are adequately restrictive, arguing that the drug is not commonly used on the backstretch anymore, replaced by

more effective corticosteroids like Triamcinolone.

"Now, if you inject that horse [with Depo-Medrol] once a week, you're going do damage," said Findley. "But one injection of Depo-Medrol is not going to hurt a horse."

Findley said he similarly disagrees that collectively, the new rules surrounding corticosteroids and non-steroidal anti-inflammatories (NSAIDS) won't mask the sorts of injuries that can turn catastrophic during fast works or racing. Instead,



Fair Grounds | Hodges Photography

they are designed, said Findley, to be used in conjunction with other approaches to diagnosing injuries.

"If the horse is sore, somebody ought to be X-raying and determining, 'Is this a chip? Is this nothing? Is it just inflammation? Does he need operating on? Do you need to rest him?' Those kinds of things need to be made by the veterinarian taking care of the horse at the racetrack."

Modern advances in diagnostic equipment illustrate that those subtle bone changes proven to lead to catastrophic breakdowns--many of which are not visible to the naked eye-are often missed by more common approaches like X-ray and nuclear scintigraphy, and can only be picked up by more cutting-edge diagnostic equipment like PET and MRI. These machines are readily available to the racing industry at only a few places around the country.

Findley said that if the Commission sees an up-tick in equine fatalities subsequent to the new rules going into effect, the Commission would return to these rules for possible revision.

The Louisiana Racing Commission does not currently make equine fatality data public on its website, as many other jurisdictions do. Nor do Louisiana tracks publicly post their equine fatality statistics on The Jockey Club's "Equine Injury Database." *Cont.* 

#### Louisiana Racing Commission, cont.

Several prominent trainers who routinely ship into Louisiana Thursday voiced concern and frustration with the new rules, one saying it might create an "unfair playing field" for them, and others pointing to the headaches of trying to navigate a fractured set of rules.

When asked about these trainers' concerns, Findley disagreed that the new rules make operating a barn more difficult for them.

"Not to me it doesn't," said Findley. "It's common sense to me. You should know you should look it up. It's available. And we do it for them. We take care of them. We tell them what to give."

In April, HISA issued a report showing how racetracks operating under its rules reported 1.23 racing-related equine fatalities per 1,000 starts in 2023, while non-HISA tracks reported a rate of 1.63 racing-related equine fatalities per 1,000 starts. Findley said that he did not believe HISA's much stricter medication rules led to a safer sport.

"I think they can make data do whatever it wanted to do, but I don't think those rules are any safer personally," said Findley. "The government tries to control too much, in my opinion, the federal government. And that's what HISA is," Findley added. "You can tell everybody in the whole world, I'm totally against HISA."

When asked if the Louisiana government would try to intercede if the privately run Churchill Downs sought to institute its own tighter house medication rules, Findley said that would be his "personal preference," but he added that such a scenario was very much a hypothetical. "Churchill Downs is not a veterinarian," Findley added.

#### Disagreement

Other veterinary experts around the country strongly disagree with the stance taken by the Louisiana Racing Commission, many of them describing the new rules as a drastic reverse step in terms of equine and human welfare and safety.

"Quite frankly, it's a major step backwards as far as horse health and safety is concerned, as well as for the riders," said Jeff Blea, the California Horse Racing Board's Equine Medical Director.

Among Blea's most pointed concerns with Louisiana's new rules is the loosening of restrictions around NSAIDS, allowing their use 24 hours from a race.

"That has a very profound effect on regulatory vet exams on race day," said Blea, explaining how these anti-inflammatory drugs can mask the potential presence of a brewing injury, one that might prove catastrophic under high stress.

The same principle applies to Blea's condemnation of Louisiana's new rules surrounding intra-articular corticosteroid

injections. California regulators have long stressed their belief the state's strict rules on joint injections implemented several years ago significantly contributed to a much reduced equine fatality rate.

"We had a lot of these same rules in place for a lot of years and look where it got us, as far as fatalities," said Blea, looking back at the rules in place in California prior to the well-advertised rash of fatalities at Santa Anita in 2019. "But we made a lot of drastic changes, and they are drastic,



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but they made a huge difference in drastically reducing fatalities."

Similarly, Blea disagrees with the emergency rules around Clenbuterol. Come June 8 in Louisiana, the drug can be given to a horse within 72 hours of a race. Currently in Louisiana, the withdrawal time for Clenbuterol is 14 days before a race.

Under HISA, Clenbuterol can be prescribed by a veterinarian for a duration not to exceed 30 days in a six-month period. After administration, the horse is placed on the veterinarians' list and is not eligible to participate in a workout or race until blood samples have been taken that show that the drug is no longer in the horse's system.

"It's got a known anabolic effect," said Blea, of the drug. "It has a history of being abused in the industry, which is one of the biggest reasons for moving the regulations out to 21 days."

The new rules also remove any restrictions on the use of calcium, magnesium, phosphorus and potassium (CMPK) solutions, which are believed to have a calming effect on horses.

"If there are no regulation over that on race day, how do you protect the integrity of the horse and people betting on the horse?" said Blea.

Ryan Carpenter, a Southern California-based veterinarian, takes a similar position to Blea. *Cont.* 

#### Louisiana Racing Commission, cont.

"It's kind of what you'd expect coming from an anti-HISA state," he said.

At the same time, Carpenter described the cultural shift in horsemanship that has taken place in California since the advent of much tighter medication rules some five years ago--an evolution in veterinary care that ultimately benefitted the horse, he said.

"One thing very discouraging to me is this idea you can't train horses without medication," said Carpenter. "We all felt that way 10 years ago here in California, but then realized pretty quickly that you can do a good and effective job without overloading them on corticosteroids and non-steroidals. They don't have to have it."

Carpenter added how he used to give Lasix and Banamine (an NSAID also referred to as flunixin) routinely to horses that worked, believing these drugs to be beneficial to their recovery.



Mornings at Fair Grounds | Sarah Andrew

"I felt that if I did that, the horses would work better, would be less sore the day after they worked, and therefore, could maintain an active training regimen more consistently, and better prepare for a race with less problems," said Carpenter.

"When we removed Banamine or Bute 48 hours before a work, I thought I'd be checking a bunch of sore horses the day after they worked. But they actually were no different than when I gave it. So, clearly the Banamine that I thought was so important before the work really didn't do a whole lot," Carpenter said.

The main thing for the industry, including Louisiana, is a veterinary approach prefaced upon individual horse needs, rather than a "paint brush of what you can give," said Carpenter. "That's where we have been as an industry for a while--we give it because we can, and not because the horse necessarily needs it."

Former LRC equine medical director Tom David said that he believes the new rules set Louisiana racing back "about 50 years" on medication usage. "In 1968 at Evangeline Downs, these rules are about what we were racing off of then. I just think it's terrible," said David.

"Louisiana has got this idea, the [Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association] and a couple veterinarians on the Racing Commission now, that they think they know more than the rest of the country. But that absolutely makes no sense," said David.

The new withdrawal time for Clenbuterol opens the door for trainers to use it for performance-enhancing purposes, rather than as a bronchodilator, said David. "Clenbuterol has a definite anabolic property, and when you race on it with that short of an interval, that's what they'll be giving it for," he said.

And because both the fetlock joint and sesamoid bones are a key focal point for catastrophic injury, the new rules on corticosteroid intra-articular injections in particular could lead to an increase in equine fatalities, warned David.

"You're going to inhibit the ability of the examining veterinarian of identifying if a horse has a problem," said David. "There's much more research to support what HISA is doing. And this thing that Louisiana has come up with, it smells."

Kevin Dunleavy is a Kentucky-based veterinarian who for many years practiced at Fair Grounds during its annual winter meet, though didn't travel to Fair Grounds for the last meet.

Dunleavy called the rule changes a "dramatic swing away" from the increasingly conservative prevailing approach to medication regulations elsewhere in the U.S.

Dunleavy leveled his "biggest concern" for the connections of horses shipping into and out of Louisiana from HISA-regulated jurisdictions, where the medication rules are more stringent. Because of that, these horses could be seen to be at a "perceived disadvantage" performance-wise against horses stabled year-round in Louisiana.

"You've got to be really careful about withdrawing," said Dunleavy, pointing specifically to Clenbuterol. "We like to think that everyone using it is using it therapeutically. But in the same respect, we know that not everyone does."

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### ANIMAL WELLNESS GROUPS CALL LA. RULES 'PERVERSE AND TRAGIC'

Two animal wellness groups condemned the Louisiana State Racing Commission for passing an "emergency rule" going into effect June 8 which loosen medication rules at Louisiana tracks, according to a press release from Animal Wellness Action and Center for a Humane Economy. *Cont.* 

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"It's no surprise, since Louisiana has refused to join the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority's Anti-Doping and Medication Control program (HISA), which is a federal racing authority working to establish national medication rules that will eliminate race-day doping of horses and establish other reasonable horse-safety standards," says the release, pointing out than in 2023, HISA tracks experienced a 32.5% lower breakdown rate than non-HISA tracks.

"Louisiana clearly believes that horses should race on more drugs and wants an open-door policy for cheating and racing without integrity," said Fred Hudson, director of Equine Welfare for Animal Wellness Action. "If this racing commission were operating under HISA, it would be instead acting in the best interest of horses and preventing future tragic deaths from this kind of liberal use of medications."

Animal Wellness Action and the Center for a Humane Economy called upon the commission to immediately reverse its approval for the new rule, and to join HISA.

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Fierceness has not run since finishing 15th as the beaten favorite in the GI Kentucky Derby, repeating a pattern where he seems to run his best every other race. Prior to the Kentucky Derby, he won the GI Florida Derby by 13 1/2 lengths.

Pletcher still has three horses pointing for the Belmont in GIII Peter Pan S. winner Antiquarian (Preservationist), maiden Protective (Medaglia d'Oro) and recent allowance winner Mindframe (Constitution). All three will work Saturday.

Though he has yet to announce his final decision, trainer Kenny McPeek said Thursday he is leaning toward running Kentucky Derby winner Mystik Dan (Goldencents) in the final leg of the Triple Crown. He also said he will point for the GI Travers S.

"The Belmont actually seems to be a little more attractive because I don't have to ship, it is Grade I, obviously the prestige is a no-brainer," said McPeek, who has already shipped Mystik Dan to Saratoga. "We want to run, we do, we just got to make sure that all boxes are checked, t's are crossed and i's are dotted."

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## FIERCENESS TO PASS BELMONT, POINT TO **HASKELL** by Bill Finley

The GI Belmont S. lost a major contender Thursday when trainer Todd Pletcher revealed that last year's juvenile champion Fierceness (City of Light) will pass the final leg of the Triple Crown and will instead point for the GI Haskell S. on July 20 at Monmouth Park.

The Daily Racing Form's David Grening was first with the story.

"We felt like Fierceness needs more time and will point for the Haskell," Pletcher said in a text message.



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### FILLING THE AFTERCARE GAPS IN STATES **LIKE ARIZONA** by Dan Ross

Back in March, a pre-race exam at Turf Paradise led to Kentucky Derby-winning trainer Bernie "Chip" Woolley accusing a regulatory veterinarian who had scratched his 10-year-old mare of furnishing him with the name of a horse trader who he suspected of being a "kill buyer." This is someone who purchases horses for export into the slaughter pipeline.

The incident triggered formal investigations by the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) and the Arizona Department of Gaming (ADG).

HISA shared its findings with the ADG, which ultimately cleared the state veterinarian, Victoria Lowe, of any wrongdoing. Indeed, Lowe stressed to investigators how the horse trader in question, Jesse Bell, finds good homes for many horses that pass though his hands.

A TDN dive into the incident found gaps and factual inaccuracies with the investigations. Key figures also claimed they had not been interviewed by investigators, including Bell, who admitted to purchasing horses that would end up in the slaughter pipeline.

But more broadly, the incident peeled back the curtain on holes riven through the industry's network of aftercare programs in under-resourced parts of the country. Which begs some key questions:

What does the industry need to do to plug these existing holes? How much will that cost? Cont.

#### Aftercare gaps, cont.

And how should industry stakeholders who want to do right by their horses once their racing careers have ended navigate this fractured landscape in the meantime?

#### **Proper Protocols?**

While trainers and owners have "a financial and ethical responsibility" to find good homes for their retiring racers, "I don't think that it's fair to expect all of our industry professionals to have those resources readily available and be doing the work of vetting and verifying potential homes for these horses," said Lucinda Lovitt, executive director of the California Retirement Management Account (CARMA).



Lucinda Lovitt | CARMA

CARMA is the non-profit dedicated to fundraising for the rehabilitation, retraining and retirement of California's fleet of ex-racers. By now well established, CARMA provides funding to 23 rehoming facilities in the Golden State.

A focal point for these facilities is an "aftercare liaison" with roots at California's racetracks. This "liaison" acts as a middle person between the trainers and the rehoming facilities. The intent is to ensure the funneling of horses into the right kinds of homes--a rehabilitation facility, for example, or a retraining program or a sanctuary for life.

"That's a person, boots on the ground, who gets to know the trainers," said Lovitt, of the liaison. "I think racetrack operators owe it to themselves and to the sport to have someone like that at their tracks--someone with some resources who can point the trainer in the right direction."

While other jurisdictions operate comparable programs to CARMA--like New York's "Take the Lead" and Maryland's "Beyond the Wire"--not every state does.

And so, at those tracks lacking a well-organized network of aftercare programs connected through an aftercare liaison,

what should the connections of a racehorse suddenly needing a new home do (especially if they have done little to prepare for the day at hand)?

"My big thing is, be prepared for it to take you some time. Be prepared to have this horse for a little while longer," said Lovitt, adding how the connections of retiring racehorses often believe the process to be a swift one.

Because of the time it can take to rehome a freshly retired racehorse--and because of the costs of stabling a horse at the track--Lovitt recommends that in the interim, connections find a local farm instead (if possible).

"I find that if you shift expense to a farm rate, they [the owners] are more willing to maintain the care of that horse for the time it takes to rehome them properly," said Lovitt.

Lovitt's third suggestion is to review the map on the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance's (TAA) website for any nearby accredited rehoming organizations. The TAA accredits, inspects and awards grants to approved aftercare organizations across the nation.

"It doesn't matter if your horse doesn't fit these organizations' models. You want to be talking to people who are working in aftercare at a high level of knowledge and experience," said Lovitt.

"These organizations have founders, have principles, have executive directors, have development directors, have whatever--they've met this standard of care and standard of operation that is highly scrutinized," said Lovitt.

Even if a facility cannot immediately take in a horse, "you can ask them for recommendations," said Lovitt. "Those are the sorts of people you want to be getting recommendations from."

Another possible option, said Lovitt, are universities that maintain breeding programs, like that at the University of Arizona. *Cont.* 



Turf Paradise | Coady Photography

#### Aftercare gaps, cont.

"If I'm an owner, I can call that program and say, 'I have a horse that is no longer viable for racing. I want to make sure that it gets retired to a place that'll be safe. Do you guys have any recommendations?" said Lovitt.

The breeding option isn't always considered the best avenue for a retiring racemare, Lovitt admits. "But I think recipient mares, or embryo transfer mares, or a mare sent to a university farm is a great option," she said. "They typically have a long life. They're well cared for."

#### Nationwide

The TAA has grown exponentially since its inception a little over a decade ago, to a point now where the TAA accredits 86 aftercare organizations, providing grants to 85 of them. These 86 organizations operate 180 different facilities that currently house around 2,500 horses annually.



Jeff Bloom | Benoit

All told, the TAA has helped roughly 16,500 ex-racehorses find new homes after their careers at the track have ended, and growing.

TAA operations consultant, Stacie Clark Rogers, said that the road to a sturdily built and watertight aftercare program begins at the racetrack and with the owners. Which is why the TAA has passed out a "Best Practices" document on the subject to many racetracks, including to Turf Paradise.

"We explain what the problem is here, right?" said Clark Rogers, "Those aren't best practices if you let a horse end up in a bad spot."

But high-ups in the TAA are the first to admit that the current framework of aftercare facilities doesn't nearly cut the mustard in terms of providing a comprehensive national aftercare safety net for all ex-racers.

The TAA's foundations, said organization president Jeffrey

Bloom, are sturdy enough to "grow up and out" on this existing model. "Some of these organizations are really ambitious," he said.

As an example, Bloom and Clark Rogers pointed to Beverly Strauss, who co-founded MidAtlantic Horse Rescue (MAHR). When MAHR first came under the TAA umbrella back in 2012, the organization adopted roughly 20 horses annually.

"She regularly now adopts over 100 horses a year," Clark Rogers said, highlighting how the organization's growth has been facilitated by a strong network of "aftercare triage" at Maryland's tracks coupled with sustainable funding from the TAA and Maryland's Beyond The Wire program.

But what would a strong nationwide aftercare program look like? How many more aftercare facilities does the industry need, for example? Where would they be located? Who would run them?

The TAA framed the answer in numerical rather than in geographical terms, all built around this currently unanswerable question: Just how many Thoroughbred ex-racehorses are currently slipping through the cracks and into the slaughter pipeline?

For all sorts of reasons, the industry is unable to pin an accurate number to a question that sits at the very heart of its aftercare problems.

Border forms require only generic horse descriptions, for example, making it impossible to know for sure just how many Thoroughbreds are still making the trip to Canada or Mexico for slaughter. The rise in recent years of the "bail pen" cottage industry adds another disturbing wrinkle to the whole problem.

These are traders who purchase Thoroughbreds at auction before posting them online with a short deadline for purchase that, if missed, will mean the horse gets shipped for slaughter--a coercive economy, in other words, built on the exploitation of good will.

And as Clark Rogers points out, "one thing no one talks about are the number of racetracks that don't know when horses are being shipped direct to kill."

There are efforts to correct course, however. Last year, The Jockey Club announced a traceability project to track retired horses.

In preparation for the project's launch this summer, The Jockey Club recently encouraged "anyone with a digital certificate of foal registration in their account who no longer has possession of the horse to transfer the certificate to the current owner or appropriate certificate manager."

A comprehensive national network of aftercare facilities is a tantalizing ideal. But these facilities aren't cheap to run. As any doting owner will attest, a well-fed happy Thoroughbred can burn a hole through the pocket. *Cont.* 

#### Aftercare gaps, cont.

According to Clark Rogers, the monthly aftercare cost per horse across the country averages out at around \$680--a number that will only creep up with inflation.

The TAA's annual operating budget is between \$4.5 million and \$5 million, 80% of which is doled out to its accredited aftercare partners, 10% for the accrediting process.

Clark Rogers is unable to estimate the total funding levels for all aftercare facilities across the country, including those not funded by the TAA.

Until it's known just how many more retiring racehorses the industry needs to catch, an accurate figure on a comprehensive national program is impossible. But according to Clark Rogers, annual expenses for the current crop of TAA-accredited facilities comes to roughly \$48.5 million for both horse care and operational costs.

Furthermore, the TAA operates on a skeleton crew. In an ideal world, this small team would be primarily focused on the governance side of the aftercare equation, providing oversight of accredited facilities while ensuring equitable distribution of funds, said Bloom. But that's not nearly happening to the degree it should.

"Actually, the bulk of our time is spent trying to raise money to help support the industry's need for aftercare. It's a Catch-22. You can't really grow and expand the scope of what you're providing--in terms of comprehensive aftercare that's accredited--if a lot of your time is spent raising money to support that," said Bloom.

"One way or another, we need a mandatory sustainable fundraising solution," Bloom added. "So, who's going to pay for that?"

#### Official Responses

Arizona is home to four TAA-accredited aftercare facilities.

After the Homestretch near Phoenix, Desert Oasis Rescue and the Equine Encore Foundation near Tucson, and the Harmony and Hope Horse Haven near the New Mexico border.

Despite several aftercare figures in Arizona working informally with trainers at Turf Paradise, one thing the track lacks is a permanent "aftercare liaison" on the grounds who can act as an official rehoming facilitator. Given recent events, will that change?

According to Vincent Francia, Turf Paradise general manager, track management and the Arizona chapter of the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA) have opened discussions on the idea of such a liaison as part of a more organized system of aftercare. The funding component has also been part of these discussions, he said.



Stacie Clark Rogers | TAA Web

"This is the perfect opportunity for track management and the horsemen to unite to get this information out there," said Francia, of a more systematic approach to the problem.

And what of the investigations that the Arizona Department of Gaming and HISA pursued into Woolley's original complaint? Both agencies maintain their investigators are guilty of no lapses.

"We were completely satisfied with HISA/HIWU investigators here because our investigation was focused exclusively on Dr. Lowe. We were satisfied that Dr. Lowe, who has played an outsized role in reducing fatalities at Turf Paradise this meet, did not violate any HISA rule and did not recommend that any Thoroughbred be sent to slaughter," wrote a HISA spokesperson, when asked to respond to last week's *TDN* story.

"Jesse Bell is not a covered person so even if he does export horses to Mexico for slaughter, we have no jurisdiction over him. It would make no sense to use HISA/HIWU resources (industry funded) to investigate someone who is not covered in any way by HISA," the HISA spokesperson added.

The ADG did not respond directly to questions about the *TDN's* findings. Instead, the agency resent its original statement issued prior to last week's story.

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#### SATURDAY SIRES: INTO MISCHIEF

by Jill Williams

It was inevitable Into Mischief would be featured early on in our 'Saturday Sires' series, as his picture would probably be next to the phrase in the dictionary if the term appeared there. The five-time leading sire has now surpassed the remarkable threshold of 150 stakes winners with yet another graded winner this past weekend.

Maybe it's a coincidence the phrase 'Saturday afternoon horses' came in vogue around the rise of Into Mischief, but maybe it isn't. After all, he practically invented the term. More than any other horse in recent memory, he has embodied the ability to get breeders and owners those big horses over and over again.

"Brilliant and consistent are the two words I think I would use to describe Into Mischief," said Spendthrift's general manager, Ned Toffey, by phone Tuesday. "He's brilliant in the sense that he can get you any kind of a runner, tremendously talented runners, runners at the highest level; and consistent in that even if he gets you a horse that isn't brilliant, he'll still get you a useful, hard- knocking horse. That's what sets him apart."

The other thing that sets Into Mischief apart are his numbers. Punching at the stunning career number of 21% stakes performers to starters with his 13th crop at the races this year, he is currently leading the 2024 general sires list. That territory is nothing new for him as he's captured the leading sire title the last five years running. If Into Mischief does it again this year, he would break his three-way tie with Bull Lea and Nasrullah in the modern era. That's heady territory. And with no signs of slowing down, he's swiftly closing in on legendary eight-time leader Bold Ruler.

Toffey and the Spendthrift team don't take the success for granted.

"In this game there's always highs and lows. I think there's enough lows in this game that it makes you appreciate the highs. If we didn't, we should probably go do something else."

Not too many weekends go by without Into Mischief adding additional highs. When Clearly Unhinged won the GIII Winning Colors S. at Churchill Downs on Memorial Day--with another of stallion's daughters, Dazzling Blue, filling out the exacta--it was widely reported she was the 150th stakes winner and 75th graded winner for the Spendthrift Farm super sire. It turns out she was actually his 151st. The honor of the 150th should have gone to Pyrenees, who won the GIII Pimlico Special S. the day before the Preakness. Leave it to Into Mischief to causally blow by that milestone and then exceed it before anyone realized.

And while Clearly Unhinged also turned out to be her sire's 74th graded winner, instead of his 75th, is there any doubt the actual 75th will follow in short order?



Into Mischief at Spendthrift | Sarah Andrew

It wasn't always quite so crystal clear. The late B. Wayne Hughes stood his first four stallions at Spendthrift in 2008. The year before, he had purchased a 2-year-old son of Harlan's Holiday for \$180,000 at OBS. The catalogue page for the colt out of Leslie's Lady was solid, but not spectacular, and she had produced two winners from her two previous foals.

Trained by Richard Mandella, Into Mischief would become the mare's first stakes winner with his GI Cashcall Futurity victory in 2007. After three more starts for Into Mischief at three--a Damascus S. win and placings in both the GI Malibu S. and GII San Vicente S.--Hughes brought him home to Spendthrift to stand his first season in 2009.

Into Mischief would be the first stallion Hughes offered through the 'Share the Upside' program, an at-the-time revolutionary idea where breeders earn shares in young sires they support.

Into Mischief's fee started at \$12,500 his first year, dropped to \$10,000 for his second, and eventually went as low as \$7,500 in 2012 for his fourth season. His first four crops yielded a grand total of 141 named foals, a far cry from today's reality for the now-established sire who stands for an advertised price of \$250,000, or 20 times his introductory fee.

The year before Into Mischief's first runners, Hughes bought his half-sister by Henny Hughes at Keeneland September for the same price--\$180,000--he had purchased his young sire. Also sent to Mandella, that filly would win her first Breeders' Cup in 2012, two weeks before Into Mischief would get his first stakes winner as a sire. That first stakes winner for Into Mischief would be Goldencents, who would later win two Breeders' Cups of his own, stand alongside his sire at Spendthrift, and become Into Mischief's first son to sire a GI Kentucky Derby winner when Mystik Dan won earlier this month. *Cont.* 

#### Into Mischief, cont.

Into Mischief's female family was just getting warmed up at the same time his first crop was two--that other Hughes colorbearer was Beholder, who would win four championships and three Breeders' Cups and is now a Grade I producer in Spendthrift's broodmare band. Another half-brother,

Mendelssohn (Scat Daddy), would sell for \$3 million, win a Breeders' Cup of his own, and is now a Coolmore stallion. Leslie's Lady would be named Broodmare of the Year in 2016.

But no one was warming up quite like Into Mischief. He's been unstoppable since that first stakes winner a dozen years ago, adding seven U.S. and Canadian champions, a GI Kentucky Oaks winner, and six individual Breeders' Cup



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winners. He became the first sire in the 150-year history of the Kentucky Derby to have back-to-back winners. No fewer than 21 of his 74 graded winners have been at Grade I level; he got his first international Group 1 winner earlier this year in no less than the Dubai World Cup. He's had 44 'TDN Rising Stars' to date; 11 of his stakes winners have set track or course records. As his books have continued to improve, has he even reached the peak of his powers yet? What is there left to say about Into Mischief, other than to marvel at his prowess and wonder what heights he will yet reach?

At 19 now, he remains in good health.

"He's bred a full book of mares this year," said Toffey. "His libido and fertility is still right there with the very best stallions here at the farm. It is very, very rare that he is ever more than a one-jump horse when a mare comes into the shed. He's really very remarkable. If every stallion handled himself the way Into Mischief does, the job would be easy."

Toffey said Into Mischief bred right around 200 mares this season and handles the number with ease. When asked how the farm decides which mares to accept for such a premier stallion, he indicated a trust in the breeders and the market.

"There are certainly mares we turn away, but most people understand what type of mare they need to send to him. Right now there's a number of very solid stallions that are upper range, in the six-figure range. That spreads it out. The way the market tends to be, there's not as many breeders with mares that warrant that type of a stud fee."

When asked if there is any type of mare the farm tries to avoid matching with the leading sire, Toffey said with a laugh: "Haven't found them yet!"

Is there a type of mare that suits Into Mischief best?

"He's just over 16 hands, certainly not a short stallion, but not a tall stallion either," said Toffey. "There's a natural tendency when a stallion is less expensive for people to send smaller, more quick mares. As a horse improves and the fee goes up, people breed classier, two-turn types of mares. That has worked

well for him. For example,
Juddmonte has a lot of Empire
Maker mares and has patronized
him very well. Physically and
mentally, those types of mares
are really compatible with him.
At the same time, Speightstown
and Distorted Humor mares
really work on paper and those
mares aren't necessarily thought
of as particularly stretchy, leggy
types.

"I think that over time what we've seen is that he's just a very

good sire and there's an awful lot of stuff that works with him."

A glance at the broodmare sires of Into Mischief's stakes winners bears this out. A wide range of damsire lines are represented, with Empire Maker specifically having seven (five graded, including two Grade Is). Speightstown also has seven (four graded, two Grade Is); Distorted Humor has nine (three graded, two Grade Is). Tapit, Indian Charlie, Unbridled's Song, Galileo (Ire)--they're all there, as are less prominent broodmare sires ranging from Vicar to Gilded Time to Tiz Wonderful and Kafwain. Somehow they all work.

"Into Mischief tends to stamp them all. He's so consistent, but he also gets all types," said Toffey.

"His sons standing here are a good microcosm of what we get from Into Mischief. Goldencents is more compact, a shorter type of horse. Authentic is 16.2 and more greyhound than bulldog. Maximus Mischief is a combination of them both: a big, powerful horse with a massive amount of leg. He stands over a lot of ground."

Spendthrift has also been quick to see the potential for Into Mischief's own daughters as producers.

"A number of years ago, we made pretty substantial investment in our broodmare band. Our primary selection was performance, conformation, race record. A lot of those mares are going to Into Mischief. Their fillies have stayed in the program and will race and the majority of those will stay on as broodmares. We've got a number of his daughters that are 2-year-olds right now and we will have more in the future.

"I think he is already establishing himself as a broodmare sire," said Toffey. *Cont.* 

#### Into Mischief, cont.



Clearly Unhinged, adding to her sire's graded stakes winners Monday

Renee Torbit/Coady Media

"White Abarrio was by a stallion that we don't stand any more [Race Day], out of a mare that was relatively nondescript except that she was by Into Mischief. I think he'll continue to do more."

It's early days for Into Mischief's daughters as producers, but in addition to White Abarrio, who won last year's GI Breeders' Cup Classic, as well as the 2023 GI Whitney S. and 2022 GI Florida Derby, he has another 15 black-type winners. His other four graded winners as broodmare sire include last month's GI Madison S. winner Alva Starr (Lord Nelson) and this spring's GIII Lecomte S. winner and Derby 11th Track Phantom (Quality Road).

Whether in the position of sire or broodmare sire, Into Mischief seems to get "the speedy type, the classic type. He has the type of formula that breeders have liked for a long time," said Toffey. "They can go long, short, grass, synthetic. He really can do it all."

To top it all off, four sons currently join him among the top 100 North American sires of 2024, including Goldencents and Practical Joke in the top 10. What more can Into Mischief possibly do?

"There's always something more, but I think it's fair to say he's demonstrating that he's a sire of sires," said Toffey. "He certainly hasn't produced a son quite of his caliber yet; we'd love to see some of those emerge. You'd love to see him get something at or close to what he is, but horses like him don't come around that often.

"There's always more that a horse can do, but he has been truly a remarkable horse."

Remarkable, indeed. Into Mischief is the very definition of a Saturday afternoon sire.



# NO SANCTIONS FOR MOQUETT IN MEDICATION POSITIVE by J.N. Campbell

Trainer Ron Moquett, who is a dual member of the HBPA board and the HISA Horseman's Advisory Committee, was not charged with any fines nor penalties May 29 by HISA's ADMC program after MGSP **Speed Bias** (Uncle Mo) was found last fall to have Mepivacaine--a controlled medication--in his system, according to a tweet sent out by the Arkansas-based conditioner on Thursday afternoon.

The post-race test was administered after the gelding finished third in the GII Hagyard Fayette S. at Keeneland Oct. 28. Moquett was informed of the split sample result Nov. 27 and an internal adjudication panel heard his case May 17.

"I was shocked at the news and it's something that you don't want to believe," said Moquett, when he was reached by phone on Thursday.

"I began to investigate, but I had never heard of Mepivacaine, so I spoke to my vet and learned that it was used when you castrate a horse."

Moquett's records proved that a 2-year-old colt in his care named **Atomic** (Mitole) was gelded nine days prior to Speed Bias being in that same stall.

"We started by working backwards, but it wasn't just with the help of my staff," he said. "Keeneland provided the video evidence, which was crucial to showing who entered the stall and when."

According to Moquett, he hired an attorney who put together a witness list, so the trainer could defend himself in front of the adjudication panel. Dr. Nicole Wettstein provided testimony that she performed the surgical procedure known as a "standing castration" and administered 1000mg of Mepivacaine on Atomic. *Cont.* 



**Ron Moquett** | *Coady Photography* 

#### Moquett, cont.

Expert testimony was added by Dr. Foster Northrup, DVM and Dr. Kimberly Brewer, DVM, who corroborated that Speed Bias's lab results were consistent with inadvertent exposure to Mepivacaine.

Video evidence provided by Keeneland and testimony by assistant trainer Chance Moquett proved that the stall was thoroughly cleaned and disinfected prior to Speed Bias's arrival at Keeneland.

"Luckily we had the evidence and the opportunity to plead our case," said Moquett. "It cost resources, but I'm not getting hired because of my win percentage. I'm getting hired because of our commitment to the horse."

In the end, the panel ruled that Moquett did exercise the utmost caution when it came to preparing and attempting to decontaminate Speed Bias's stall. Even though no specific period of ineligibility or financial penalty was levied, Speed Bias was disqualified from the Fayette S., and all purse money, prizes and awards were forfeited.

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The \$400,000 GIII Penn Mile, the lone graded stakes annually on the Penn National stakes schedule, has attracted a competitive field of 10 and, adding further intrigue to an already challenging handicapping puzzle Friday evening, is the presence of some of this country's top reinsmen, making a rare appearance at the Central Pennsylvania oval.

A good many were pushing for an Amerman Racing-owned son of Oscar Performance to contest the GII American Turf S. at Churchill Downs May 4, but GIII Jeff Ruby Steaks winner Endlessly opted for the GI Kentucky Derby instead. That left the door open for the owners' Trikari (Oscar Performance), who sat an inside trip, came out for the drive and edged away late to light up the tote to the tune of 47-1. Top California jockey Umberto Rispoli, fresh off a Grade I double at Santa Anita on Memorial Day, retains the mount for the Amermans and trainer Graham Motion.

Qatar Racing and Hunter Valley Farm's First World War (War Front) carried Tyler Gaffalione to a half-length success in the GIII Kitten's Joy S. at Gulfstream Feb. 3 and the \$285,000 Fasig-Tipton November weanling endured a bit of a checkered passage when a low-odds ninth in Keeneland's GIII Transylvania S. Apr. 5. Frankie Dettori, who shipped in from Churchill to win the GIII Dinner Party S. at Pimlico two weekends ago and also spent the holiday weekend in California, takes the reins for Brendan Walsh.



Trikari | Coady Media

With racing in New York on hiatus until the start of the Belmont Stakes Racing Festival on Thursday, Flavien Prat makes the trip down to Grantville to ride **Good Lord Lorrie** (Hard Spun). The chestnut is undefeated in his two racetrack appearances to date, including a strong-finishing victory in the Apr. 27 Woodhaven S. at Aqueduct for George Weaver.

Also in town are Preakness-winning jockey Jaime Torres aboard 30-1 outsider I Know Map (Street Boss); Cristian Torres on the rail-drawn **Aspenite** (Constitution); and Javier Castellano atop Please Advise (Palace Malice).

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### FASIG-TIPTON JUNE DIGITAL SALE NOW **OPEN FOR BIDDING**

With bidding now open, Fasig-Tipton has catalogued 103 entries for its June Digital Sale, which will close on Tuesday, June 4 at 2 p.m. ET, the auction company said in a release Thursday.

The catalogue offers breeding stock, horses of racing age, 19 yearlings, a 2-year-old and a stallion prospect.

Breeding stock include mares in foal on 2024 covers to sires from Arcangelo to Yaupon. Racing/broodmare prospect offerings are headlined by 2022 Canadian champion 2-year-old filly Cairo Consort (hip 26) (Cairo Prince), while horses of racing age include a last-out allowance winner and those with conditions.

"We have something for everyone in our June Digital Sale, including a graded stakes winning racing/broodmare prospect and another quality group of broodmares," said Leif Aaron, Fasig-Tipton's Director of Digital Sales. "Traditionally, one has to wait until November to purchase high-class offerings like these."

Cont.

#### Fasig-Tipton June Digital, cont.



Cairo Consort (hip 26) | Ryan Thompson

To create an account or register to bid for the June Digital Sale, prospective buyers should visit digital.fasigtipton.com.

Click here for a video preview of the June Digital Sale by Fasig-Tipton's Jesse Ullery.

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#### **FULL TELEVISED SCHEDULE RELEASED AS BELMONT 156 RETURNS TO FOX SPORTS**

The Belmont Stakes on FOX will feature Curt Menefee, Tom Amoss and Richard Migliore as its principal hosts, FOX Sports announced Thursday morning.

On Saturday, June 8 beginning at 4:00 p.m. ET with Belmont Day on FOX, the network's pre-race show coverage is anchored by veteran studio host Menefee, multiple grade I-winning trainer Amoss and retired jockey Migliore.

Hosting from the paddock, Charissa Thompson will be joined by FOX Sports wagering expert Chris "The Bear" Fallica and handicapper Jonathon Kinchen, who will both be providing up-to-the-minute wagering expertise.

Reporter Tom Rinaldi returns and racing analyst Maggie Wolfendale also reports live on horseback for the undercard races and provides insight from the paddock. Finally, track announcer Frank Mirahmadi will be in the booth for his first call of the Belmont S.

FOX Sports's weekend of racing begins Friday, June 7 with

America's Day at the Races from 12:00 PM to 6:00 p.m. ET on FS2 and continues 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. ET on FS1, providing live coverage and analysis from prominent races across the country.

The broadcast returns on Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET on FS1, followed by Belmont Day at 4:00 p.m. ET. The network's pre-race show will feature coverage of multiple Grade I races, culminating with the GI Belmont S.

Concurrently on FS1 at 4:00 p.m. ET, America's Day at the Races provides an alternate telecast geared to the experienced horseplayer with the most in-depth handicapping across all Triple Crown pre-race coverage. Following the conclusion of the Belmont S., coverage continues on FS1 and FS2.

All horse racing coverage on FOX, FS1 and FS2 can be streamed live on the FOX Sports app and FOXSports.com.

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#### THE JOCKEY CLUB 'ON THE LEAD' PODCAST NOW **AVAILABLE**

The Jockey Club of America is hosting a new podcast called 'On the Lead' as part of its communications and outreach mission to the industry, the organization said in a release Thursday.

Presented by The Jockey Club, the podcast is produced by the In the Money Media Network, which is owned and operated by Peter T. Fornatale and Jonathon Kinchen.

The program is co-hosted by Shannon Kelly, executive director of The Jockey Club Safety Net Foundation, and Fornatale. Set for a 12-episode series, the content will cover a variety of topics reminiscent of the Round Table Conference's theme of "matters pertaining to racing."

The goal of the series is to have entertaining and interesting conversations with varying industry voices targeting owners, breeders, fans, and anyone interested in Thoroughbred breeding and racing.

The podcasts will also feature a mailbag component that will incorporate questions from the audience. The email address is: OTLmailbag@jockecyclub.com.

"Through the podcast and the mailbag feature, we hope to reach out to and answer questions from an audience who might not otherwise have the opportunity to interact with us," said James L. Gagliano, president and COO, The Jockey Club. "This is a great way to gather information on what people want to know about The Jockey Club and the sport."

The first podcast, which is now available, features a discussion about the Thoroughbred registration process. Guests include legendary racetrack announcer Tom Durkin, The Jockey Club Associate Registrar Lori Johnson, and owner and breeder Jaime Roth of LNJ Foxwoods. Cont.

#### Jockey Club podcast, cont.

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# FOUNDATION AWARDS KENTUCKY DERBY MUSEUM \$1M GRANT FOR HISTORIC EXHIBIT

The Kentucky Derby Museum was awarded a \$1-million James Graham Brown Foundation Grant, which will support an upgrade to the feature film, "The Greatest Race," the repository said in a release early Thursday.

While the Museum updates the end of the 18-minute film every year to reflect the most recent Derby winner, the current exhibit has not been remastered in nearly a decade. Next year marks the Museum's 40th anniversary.

"We are immensely grateful to the James Graham Brown Foundation for their generous support," said Patrick Armstrong, President and CEO of the Kentucky Derby Museum. "This prestigious grant will enable us to create a more visually stunning and immersive experience for our visitors, ensuring that 'The Greatest Race' continues to captivate and inspire audiences from across the globe."

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#### TAA TO BE ON SITE AT SARATOGA FOR BELMONT **FESTIVAL**

The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA) will have a presence at Saratoga Racecourse during the Belmont Stakes Racing Festival, the organization announced in a release Thursday. In addition, to highlight accredited aftercare, the New York Racing Association (NYRA) has named a race on the undercard on Friday, June 7 in honor of TAA. A presentation will be made to the winning connections, including a TAA branded blanket and gift bag.

"NYRA is pleased to welcome Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance for Belmont Week at Saratoga Racecourse, particularly during this historic year when the third leg of the Triple Crown unfolds at Saratoga--an uncommon occurrence, given the traditional venue of the Belmont Stakes," said NYRA's Vice President of Communications Pat McKenna. "This partnership underscores NYRA's commitment to raising awareness for Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance's vital mission of supporting racehorses beyond their competitive careers. Together, we aim to highlight the significance and garner support for the ongoing care of these incredible equine athletes beyond the track, ensuring a



Saratoga Race Course | Sarah Andrew

brighter future for these Thoroughbreds."

On Friday and Saturday, June 6 and 7, representatives from the TAA will also host the winners of the VIP experience that was auctioned off earlier in the year in the "Off to the Races" Campaign to support accredited aftercare. The package was donated by NYRA.

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# **GRADED STAKES** ENTRIES



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5	Dancing Groom <a> </a>	Vino Rosso	Alexandres, LLC	Sano	Panici	116
6	Please Advise 🖛	Palace Malice	R. A. Hill Stable	Gulyas	Castellano	116
7	Set	Oscar Performance	Gary Barber and Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Casse	Jaramillo	116
8	Freedom Principle 🛪	Flameaway	Echo Papa Racing Corp.	Garoffalo	Vasquez	122
9	I Know Map	Street Boss	Ultra Championship Racing LLC	Salvaggio, Jr.	Torres	116
10	Trikari 🛪	Oscar Performance	Amerman Racing LLC	Motion	Rispoli	122

**Breeders:** 1-Glen Hill Farm, 2-G. Watts Humphrey Jr., 3-Hermitage Farm, 4-Skyfall Thoroughbreds LLC, 5-Don Alberto Corporation, 6-Spartan Team Investments LLC, 7-Blue Chip Bloodstock, Inc, 8-Lantern Hill Farm LLC, 9-Forever Spring Farm, 10-Michael A Slezak & Amy Boll

# Saturday, Santa Anita #6, post time: 6:30 p.m. EDT TRIPLE BEND S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 7f

	HODEE		OWNER	TRAINER	IOCKEN	\A/T
PP	HORSE	SIRE	· · · · - · ·	IRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Dr. Venkman 🛷	Ghostzapper	Dan J. Agnew, Clint Bunch, Mark Cohen, and James Hailey	Glatt	Fresu	120
2	Happy Jack 🛪	Oxbow	Calumet Farm	O'Neill	Maldonado	120
3	Tahoe Sunrise <a>**</a>	American Pharoah	Michael E. Pegram, Karl Watson, & Paul Weitman	Baffert	Hernandez	120
4	Big City Lights	Mr. Big	William R. Peeples	Mandella	Frey	122

Breeders: 1-Ghostzapper Syndicate & Hidden Brook Farm, 2-Calumet Farm, 3-Mr. & Mrs. David Garner, 4-Bar C Racing Stables, Inc.

# Saturday, Woodbine #9, post time: 5:11 p.m. EDT BET365 ECLIPSE S.-GII. C\$175.000, 4vo/up, 1 1/16m

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Tyson 🖛	Tapit	Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc. and Stretch Run Ventures, LLC	Carroll	Kimura	124
2	Skyro	Verrazano	Raroma Stable, LLC	Attard	Stein	118
3	Palazzi 🖛	Pioneerof the Nile	Gary Barber	Casse	Civaci	122
4	War Bomber (Ire) 🖛	War Front	Bruno Schickedanz	McKnight	Wilson	124
5	J P Hellish	J P's Gusto	Mad Dog Racing Stable	Drexler	Flores	118
6	Paramount Prince	Society's Chairman	Michael J. Langlois and Gary Barber	Casse	Husbands	120
7	Get Smokin	Get Stormy	BlackRidge Stables LLC, Ironhorse Racing Stable LLC, Saratoga Seven Racing Partners, LLC and T-N-T Equine Holdings, LLC	Casse	De La Cruz	124
8	Rondure	Oxbow	Borders Racing Stable Ltd.	Vassilieva	Hernandez	118

**Breeders:** 1-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc &Stretch Run Ventures, LLC, 2-Rajendra Maharajh, 3-HnR Nothhaft Horseracing LLC &Pioneerof the Nile Syndicate, 4-Coolmore, 5-Jan Alan Meehan & John Petika, 6-Ericka Nadine Rusnak, 7-Hurstland Farm, Inc. & James Greene Jr., 8-Borders Racing Stable Ltd.



# 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 <a>**</a>	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-Dattt 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

# Saturday, Churchill Downs #9, post time: 4:55 p.m. EDT REGRET S.-GIII, \$275,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT

DD	HODGE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
PP	HORSE	SIRE	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	IRAINER	JUCKET	VVI
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.	Foster	Cedillo	118
		•	Eckrich Racing, LLC and Maxis Stable			
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 <a>**</a>	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

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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

#### Saturday, Woodbine #5, post time: 3:08 p.m. EDT JACQUES CARTIER S.-GIII, C\$135,000, 4yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Old Chestnut	Speightstown	Bruno Schickedanz	Drexler	Flores	120
2	Ironstone	Mr Speaker	Tequesta Racing Inc. and Jupiter Leasing Co.	Armata	Munger	120
3	Candy Overload	Reload	Gary Barber, Pantofel Stable, LLC & Wachtel Stable	Casse	Husbands	122
4	Flag Of Honour (Aus)	American Pharoah	R.M. Wanless and Mrs. J. M. Wanless	Carey	Kimura	124
5	Mason's Gamble	Gamble's Exchange	ATA Stables, Inc.	Carroll	Vives	120
6	War Bomber (Ire) 🖛	War Front	Bruno Schickedanz	McKnight	Hernandez	122
7	Step Forward 🖛	Speightstown	Gary Barber	Casse	Civaci	120

Breeders: 1-Live Oak Stud, 2-Kingview Farms, 3-Northern Dawn Stables Inc. & DennyAndrews, 4-Mr. G Harvey, 5-Ivan Dalos, 6-Coolmore, 7-Endeavor Farm

#### Saturday, Woodbine #7, post time: 4:09 p.m. EDT

BE	LLE MAHONE SGIII	, C\$135,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1	1/16m			
PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Tito's Calling	Society's Chairman	Zilli Racing Stables	De Paulo	Wilson	121
2	Saratoga Vision 🖛	Court Vision	Alexander P. Patykewich	Patykewich	Adams	119
3	Indy Champagne	Curlin	Chiefswood Stables Limited	Giliforte	Stein	119
4	Big Brass Bed 🖛	Nyquist	As One Racing and Edgar Harty	Walsh	Achard	119
5	Solo Album 🕋	Curlin	Gary Barber, Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, and Steven Rocco	Casse	Civaci	121
6	Fashionably Fab	Silent Name (Jpn)	Terra Racing Stable	Attard	Moran	123
7	Millie Girl 🗻	Hard Spun	Kingfield Racing Stable, Ltd., Braconcrest Inc. and Apricot Valley Thoroughbreds	Day Phillips	Hernandez	123
8	Witch Hazel	Astern (Aus)	Borders Racing Stable Ltd.	Vassilieva	Vives	119
9	Forever Dixie	Quality Road	John C. Oxley	Casse	Husbands	121
10	Metaphysical <a>**</a>	American Freedom	John P L Ryan	Gattellaro	Kimura	119

Breeders: 1-Robert Marzilli, 2-Charles Fipke, 3-Chiefswood Stables Limited, 4-Anderson Farms Ont. Inc., 5-Payson Stud Inc, 6-Terra Farms Ltd, 7-Sean Fitzhenry, 8-Bernard McCormack & Karen McCormack, 9-John C. Oxley, 10-Brereton C. Jones

### Saturday, Woodbine #8, post time: 4:40 p.m. EDT

HP	<b>IPIBET ROYAL NORTH SGIII</b> , C\$135,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2fT									
PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT				
1	Peacock Lass 🖛	American Pharoah	Storyteller Racing	Brisset	Achard	120				
2	Baby No Worries 🖛	Mr Speaker	Chan E Brook Stables	Girten	Gallardo	120				
3	Dolce Sopresa 🖛	Maclean's Music	Di Scola Boys Stable	Carroll	Hernandez	120				
4	Blind Spot	Cross Traffic	Stefania Farms, LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Crawford	120				
5	Play the Music 🖛	Mo Town	Glassman Racing LLC	Casse	Husbands	122				
6	Awesome Treat	Awesome Patriot	Rakesh S. Sikand and Kumud S. Sikand	Attard	Wilson	120				
7	Secret Money 🖛	Good Samaritan	Fortune Farm LLC, Robert G. Hahn,	Walsh	Kimura	122				
			and Matthew Hand							
8	Star Candy	Candy Ride (Arg)	Live Oak Plantation	Casse	Vives	120				
9	Miss Speedy	Souper Speedy	Gary Barber	Casse	Civaci	122				
10	Howboutdemapples	Tiznow	Agave Racing Stable and C2 Racing Stable LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Munger	120				

Breeders: 1-Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC, 2-Cave Brook Farm, 3-Minshall Farms, 4-Country Life Farm & Your Flame in Me LLC, 5-Laura McKinney, 6-Kumud S. Sikand, 7-WinStar Farm, LLC, 8-Live Oak Stud, 9-Linda Mason, 10-KatieRich Farms



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# Saturday, Santa Anita #7, post time: 7:00 p.m. EDT HONEYMOON S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT

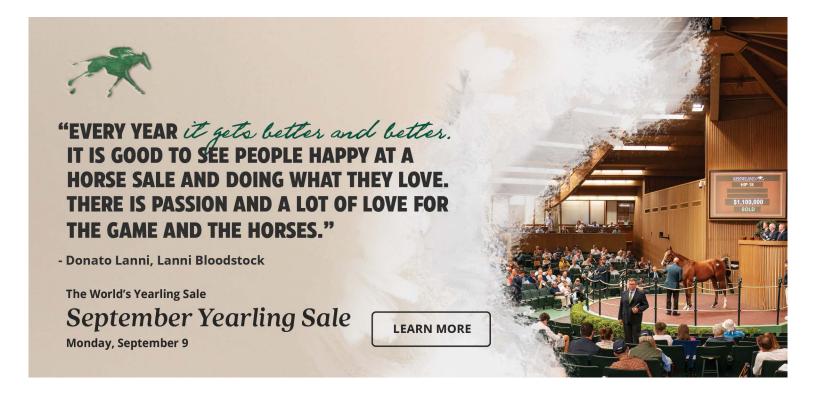
PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Pink Whitney 🖛	Liam's Map	Superfecta King Stable	O'Neill	Frey	120
2	Sakura Blossom 🛪	Classic Empire	California Racing Partners, Ciaglia Racing LLC, Kevin F. O'Donnell, and Richard C. Pearson	Powell	Berrios	124
3	Faith Understood	Catholic Boy	Robert V. LaPenta	Thomas	Smith	120
4	Sea Dancer	Mastery	CUYATHY LLC	Yakteen	Laprida	122
5	Circle of Trust	Union Rags	James E. Downey	D'Amato	Fresu	120
6	Visually 🛪	Enticed	California Racing Partners, Ciaglia Racing LLC, Fick Brothers Racing Inc., Dario Bernardi, and George P. Monty	Barocio	Maldonado	120
7	Shiloh's Mistress 🛪	Vino Rosso	Resolute Racing	McCarthy	Rispoli	120

**Breeders:** 1-Rockingham Ranch, 2-Small Batch Thoroughbreds & RobertFetkin, 3-Whitehorse Stable, 4-Cuyathy, LLC, 5-Gary & Mary West Stables, Inc., 6-ThoroughBred by Design LLC, 7-Stoneway Farm

# Sunday, Churchill Downs #7, post time: 3:50 p.m. EDT OLD FORESTER MINT JULEP S.-GIII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Safeen 🖛	War Front	Galvin, Fergus and Hillen, Rebecca	Kenneally	Saez	118
2	Henrietta Topham	Lemon Drop Kid	Cambus-Kenneth Farm	Mulcahy	Graham	118
3	Fuente Ovejuna (GB)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Farfellow Farm, Ltd.	Walsh	Dettori	118
4	Be My Sunshine 🖛	Frosted	Kenneth L. Ramsey	Joseph, Jr.	Rosario	118
5	Excellent Question <a> </a>	Speightstown	Bradley Thoroughbreds, Laura Leigh Stable,	Walsh	Ortiz, Jr.	118
			Finder, Gary and Cambron Equine, LLC			
6	Immensitude (Fr)	Lawman (Fr)	Wathnan Racing	Mott	Prat	118
7	Delahaye 🛪	Medaglia d'Oro	Lawrence, William H. and Three Chimneys Farm	Brown	Gaffalione	118
8	Heavenly Sunday 🛪	Candy Ride (Arg)	Miacomet Farm	Cox	Geroux	118
9	Misread	Blame	Claiborne Farm	Drury, Jr.	Ortiz	118

**Breeders:** 1-Shadwell Farm, LLC, 2-Cambus-Kenneth Farm, LLC, 3-Stone Roses Bloodstock, 4-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 5-Westwind Farms & Speightstown Syndicate, 6-Isabelle Corbani, 7-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 8-Randal Family Trust, 9-Claiborne Farm



# NORTH AMERICAN RACING

# FRIDAY'S RACING INSIGHTS: DAUGHTER OF GISW SALTY DEBUTS AT CHURCHILL by Christina Bossinakis



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#### 1st-CD, \$120K, Msw, 2yo, 51/2f, 12:45p.m.

**SALTED (Tapit)** debuts for Gary Barber, Bridlewood Farm and Eclipse Thoroughbreds and trainer Mark Casse. A \$760,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase, the grey filly is out of GI La Troienne S. scorer Salty (Quality Road), who was purchased by Don Alberto Corp. for \$3 million at the Fasig-Tipton November Sale in 2018. Irad Ortiz Jr. gets the mount. Also marking her debut, **Adeera** (Authentic), a \$300,000 KEESEP yearling purchase for L and N Racing and Jerry Caroom, is trained by Steve Asmussen and ridden by his son, Keith. **TJCIS PPs** 

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Heather Smullen gets her first win as a trainer | Ryan Thompson

## ALLOWANCE WINNERS



#### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**7th-Gulfstream, \$43,000, (S), Alw** (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 5-30, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:34.53, fm, 1 length.

QUESTER (c, 3, Into Mischief--Osare {SW, \$234,605}, by Medaglia d'Oro), third in his debut going 5 1/2 panels for Todd Pletcher on the main track here in March, came back to score extending to 8 1/2 furlongs Apr. 19. Given a 4-1 chance to make it two straight switching to the care of Heather Smullen, the Florida bred stalked the early pace, took over in the stretch and inched clear late to score by a length over Dear Dad (Khozan). The victory represented the first victory for Smullen, former assistant to Ralph Nicks. During her tenure with Nicks, she also served as an exercise rider to champion 2-year-old filly Caledonia Road and GI Florida Derby and GI Travers S. winner Tiz the Law. "It feels great. I've been really lucky," she said after her win Thursday. "I have a lot of owners and managers and people who have supported me over the years. I've been lucky to have the opportunity to have nice horses," she said. Smullen's career as an exercise rider ended following an accident on Labor Day morning at Saratoga in 2022 that left her with a broken fibula and tibia in her right leg. She has served at Gulfstream Park as an assistant for Arindel Farms, as well as for trainers Dale Romans and Phil Serpe over the past several years. "I've worked as an assistant for about 20 years," said Smullen, a niece of Tagg's assistant trainer Robin Smullen. "I've been lucky to have been around good horses." Smullen currently has a stable of 12 horses at Gulfstream. Osare produced a full-brother to the winner in 2022 followed by a filly by Gun Runner last season. She was bred back to Life Is Good. Sales history: \$775,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$100,000 3yo '24 KEEAPR. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$58,740. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-Lawana L. and Robert E. Low; B-Bridlewood Farm (FL); T-Heather Smullen.

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### MAIDEN WINNERS





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#### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**1st-Churchill Downs, \$117,750, Msw**, 5-30, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:04.78, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

POLITICALLYCORRECT (c, 2, Violence--Heron Watch, by Candy Ride {Arg}), sent off at 8-5 for this unveiling, hustles to the front, cutting out an opening quarter in :22.64. Three wide turning for home as I Got Game (Game Winner) gave chase, Politically Correct was in command late, crossing the wire 1 1/4 lengths over the 9-5 second choice. Heron Watch dropped a colt by Tom's d'Etat last season and was bred back to the WinStar sire. This represents the family of the Classic-winning filly Lite Light (Majestic Light). Sales history: \$9,500 Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$195,000 2yo '24 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$69,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV. O-Walmac Farm, Five Fillies Stable LLC and Ritt, Ryan C.; B-St. George Farm LLC (KY); T-Christopher Davis.



#### LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE



**6th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$32,000, Msw**, 5-30, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:04.68, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

HOME GAME (f, 3, Street Sense--Golden Artemis {MSP}, by Malibu Moon), sent off at 4-1, prompted a crisp early pace, took over in the stretch and drew off to score by 2 1/4 lengths over even-money favorite Ella Elizabeth (Take Charge Indy). The winner is a half to Runninsonofagun (Gun Runner), GSW & GISP, \$443,640; Saharan (Desert Party), SP, \$179,650 and My Conquestadory (Artie Schiller), GISW-USA, GSW-Can, \$503,526.



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Golden Artemis is also responsible for a juvenile colt by Curlin and a yearling filly by Nyquist. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,200. Click for the Equibase.com chart.

O-Mathiesen Racing, LLC; B-Killora Stud, LLC (KY); T-W E. Morey.

**3rd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$32,000, Msw**, 5-30, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:45.10, fm, 1 length.

CONSPIRACTHERAPIST (c, 3, American Freedom--Beauty N Balance, by Lookin At Lucky), overlooked at 74-1 odds for this unveiling, leaned back at the start and was several paths wide rounding the first turn. In contention following a half in :47.73, the homebred eagerly took over approaching the quarter pole and despite the best effort of the rail-hugging 4-1 chance Gold Aspen (Lookin At Lucky), the dark bay had enough left to graduate by a length. Beauty N Balance is out of dual Grade I winner Tough Tiz's Sis (Tiznow), dam of GSW Tiz Midnight (Midnight Lute), who in turn is responsible for MGSW and GISP Midnight Memories (Mastery). The 11-year-old mare has a juvenile colt by Midnight Lute. The winner is a full to American Blaze, GSP, \$180,326. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,200. Click for the Equibase.com.

O/B-BTE Stables (KY); T-Pavel Matejka.



#### FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, MAY 31

2024 Stud Fees Listed

**Authentic** (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$50,000 160 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners 1-Churchill Downs, 12:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Adeera, 4-1 \$300,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Echo Town** (Speightstown), Coolmore Ashford, \$5,000 59 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners 5-Woodbine, 3:08 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Commander Worsley, 12-1 \$75,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$16,000 OBS MAR 2yo

**Isotherm** (Lonhro {Aus}), Swifty Farms 19 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners 1-Churchill Downs, 12:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Toodle Loo, 5-1 \$50,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$75,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo

Maximum Security (New Year's Day), Coolmore Ashford, \$7,500 87 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners 1-Churchill Downs, 12:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Super Maxima, 15-1

\$15,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$10,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

Promises Fulfilled (Shackleford), WinStar Farm, \$5,000 28 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners 1-Santa Anita, 4:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Runnin On Promises, 3-1

**Tiz the Law** (Constitution), Coolmore Ashford, \$20,000 97 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners 1-Santa Anita, 4:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, What About Q, 5-1 \$50,000 KEE SEP yrl

#### SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, MAY 31

2024 Stud Fees Listed

**Breaking Lucky** (Lookin At Lucky), Blue Star Racing 55 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners 1-Santa Anita, 4:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Lucky Nea, 30-1 \$9,500 OBS WIN wnl; \$7,000 OBS MAR 2yo 5-Evangeline Downs, 8:18 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Military Charm, 7-2 \$25,000 TTA YRL yrl

Catalina Cruiser (Union Rags), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000 173 foals of racing age/28 winners/0 black-type winners 1-Gulfstream, 12:55 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Strengthnguidance, 4-1 \$37,000 RNA FTK NOV wnl; \$20,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Demarchelier (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Claiborne Farm, \$7,500 99 foals of racing age/23 winners/0 black-type winners 7-Laurel, 3:41 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Mexican Sugar, 12-1 \$16,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$30,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$48,000 RNA FTD MAR 2yo

5-Penn National, 7:10 p.m. EDT, \$150K Penn Oaks, 1mT, Photo Finish, 50-1

8-Lone Star, 10:44 p.m. EDT, Alw 1 1/16mT, Take My Picture, 9-2

\$7,500 KEE NOV wnl

6-Penn National, 7:45 p.m. EDT, \$400K GIII Penn Mile S., 1mT, Tropandhagen, 30-1 \$14,000 FTK OCT yrl

#### TODAY'S FEATURED REPLAY



Quester (by Into Mischief) gives trainer Heather Smullen her first career victory as a trainer at Gulfstream Thursday.

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

17 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners 1-Belterra, 12:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Diane's Angel, 3-1 1-Belterra, 12:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, She Is Dynamic, 9-2

Enticed (Medaglia d'Oro), Darley, \$5,000

157 foals of racing age/33 winners/2 black-type winners 8-Lone Star, 10:44 p.m. EDT, Alw 1 1/16mT, Blue Heavenly, 8-1

Flameaway (Scat Daddy), Darby Dan Farm, \$15,000 200 foals of racing age/40 winners/4 black-type winners 1-Charles Town, 7:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Broadway Red, 6-1 \$25,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$6,000 FTJ UNE 2yo 6-Penn National, 7:45 p.m. EDT, \$400K GIII Penn Mile S., 1mT, Freedom Principle, 5-1 \$30,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$47,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo 1-Santa Anita, 4:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, She's My Flame, 3-1 \$1,500 FTK OCT yrl

Force the Pass (Speightstown), Saudi Arabia 37 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners 8-Laurel, 4:12 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, One Way Traffic, 9-2 \$19,000 FTI DEC wnl; \$32,000 EAS OCT yrl; \$65,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Littlebitofadevil (Moonshine Mullin)

3 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners 5-Evangeline Downs, 8:18 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Littlebitofaqueen, 15-1

Maximus Mischief (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000 232 foals of racing age/49 winners/4 black-type winners 4-Churchill Downs, 2:13 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6f, Let Them Watch, 12-1 \$55,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl; \$55,000 OBS APR 2yo 4-Churchill Downs, 2:13 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6f, Ms. Tart, 6-1 \$145,000 KEE JAN wnl 1-Gulfstream, 12:55 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, To the Max, 10-1

**Mitole** (Eskendereya), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000 294 foals of racing age/59 winners/4 black-type winners 4-Gulfstream, 2:25 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16mT, Catch a Tiger, 9-2 \$210,000 OBS OCT yrl

4-Churchill Downs, 2:13 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6f, Halina's Forte, 2-1 \$130,000 OBS WIN wnl; \$250,000 FTK JUL yrl



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#### Om (Munnings), Harris Farms

91 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners 3-Santa Anita, 5:07 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, El Ondeado, 5-2 \$7,000 NCA AU yrl

3-Santa Anita, 5:07 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Escape Plan, 12-1 \$6,000 CTB AJA yrl

Omaha Beach (War Front), Spendthrift Farm, \$40,000 291 foals of racing age/39 winners/5 black-type winners 4-Churchill Downs, 2:13 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6f, Hot Beach, 5-2 \$160,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$400,000 FTS AUG yrl 5-Penn National, 7:10 p.m. EDT, \$150K Penn Oaks, 1mT, Neom Beach, 5-1 \$210,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Pavel** (Creative Cause), Ocean Breeze Ranch 29 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner 4-Santa Anita, 5:39 p.m. EDT, Aoc 1mT, Refocus, 5-2

Preservationist (Arch), Airdrie Stud, \$5,000 103 foals of racing age/27 winners/2 black-type winners 2-Belterra, 12:45 p.m. EDT, Alw 6 1/2f, Artistic Laney, 7-2 \$20,000 KEE SEP yrl 8-Lone Star, 10:44 p.m. EDT, Alw 1 1/16mT, Holiday Presence, 4-1

Vino Rosso (Curlin), Spendthrift Farm, \$20,000 309 foals of racing age/55 winners/2 black-type winners 6-Penn National, 7:45 p.m. EDT, \$400K GIII Penn Mile S., 1mT, Dancing Groom, 20-1 \$37,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$60,000 OBS MAR 2yo 7-Gulfstream, 3:52 p.m. EDT, Aoc 1 1/16mT, Lady Cha Cha, 2-1 \$110,000 OBS WIN wnl

5-Gulfstream, 2:54 p.m. EDT, Aoc 1m, Llamarada, 9-2 \$50,000 KEE SEP yrl



**World of Trouble** (Kantharos), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$5,000 129 foals of racing age/27 winners/1 black-type winner 6-Prairie Meadows, 9:15 p.m. EDT, \$75K Bob Bryant S., 6f, Beautifly Troubl'd, 8-1 \$12,000 IOW OCT yrl

Yoshida (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}), Darley Japan, \$1,500,000 164 foals of racing age/27 winners/1 black-type winner 3-Lone Star, 8:29 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Yo Soy Roy, 5-1



#### **ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**7th-Delaware, \$41,375,** (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$17,500), 5-30, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:36.19, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.

INCHON (g, 3, Street Sense--Bloody Point, by War Front) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$70,510. O/B-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC (KY); T-H. Graham Motion.

8th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$36,000, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 5-29, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:45.23, gd, 1 length. BOLIVIE (IRE) (f, 4, Exceed And Excel {Aus}--Burma Sun {Ire}, by Rip Van Winkle {Ire}) Lifetime Record: SW, SP-Fr, 12-3-2-1, \$132,343. O-As One Racing, LLC, Haras d'Etreham, Silver Fox Racing, A.I.S, Falguieres Bloodstock and Britt, John; B-Kildaragh Stud (IRE); T-Brendan P. Walsh. €90,000 Wlg '20 GOFNOV.

#### **Purchased by Magna Carta Bloodstock**

**3rd-Thistledown, \$35,800**, (S), 5-30, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.82, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

**KISS ME QUICK (f, 3, Fast Anna--Helluva Notion {SP, \$124,743}, by Notional)** Lifetime Record: SP, 10-2-2-4, \$79,454. O-Marion F. Gorham; B/T-Robert M. Gorham (OH).

**6th-Thistledown, \$38,400**, (S), 5-30, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39.42, ft, 7 1/2 lengths.

**DIAL DIRECT (g, 3, Dialed In--Kissy Suzuki, by Summer Bird)** Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-2, \$90,490. O-Mast Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Gail Kromer & Eric Heyman (OH); T-Robert M. Gorham.

**7th-Evangeline Downs, \$35,200**, 5-29, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (off turf), :59.04, wf, neck.

SHE HAS IT ALL (f, 4, Cloud Computing--Sweet Basil, by Pulpit) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, \$82,440. O-Keith Plaisance; B-Keith Plaisance (LA); T-Keith G. Bourgeois.

#### 7th Evangeline cont.

\*1/2 to Distractor Factor (The Factor), SP, \$161,600; 1/2 to Sweet Temperament (Temple City), MSP, \$162,570.

7th-Thistledown, \$28,000, 5-30, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:41.64, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

CANDYMONIUM (m, 5, Candy Ride {Arg}--Brown Eyed Mary **(SP, \$128,253), by Pulpit)** Lifetime Record: 13-2-4-2, \$62,600. O-Danielle Agnello; B-Muzeyyen Karabulut (KY); T-Jeffrey Skerrett.

**5th-Louisiana Downs, \$23,000**, 5-29, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.71, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

KENTUCKY CAJUN (f, 3, Peppered Cat--Shelly's Hope, by Strong Hope) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$42,800. O-Reunited Racing LLC and Joey Foster Racing and Farm, LLC; B-Colonel Thoroughbreds LLC (LA); T-Joseph M. Foster. \*\$5,500 Ylg '22 LTBSYM.

**7th-Louisiana Downs, \$23,000**, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 5-29, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17.98, ft, 1/2 length.

MYGLORYBEE (g, 4, Hard Aces--Platinum Kitty, by Forefathers) Lifetime Record: 14-4-4-0, \$125,760. O-Phyllis J. Hodges; B-Phyllis Hodges (LA); T-James E. Hodges.

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

Easter Bet, g, 3, Awesome Bet--Head for the Hills, by Exclusive Quality. Penn National, 5-29, (S), 6f, 1:12.63. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-4, \$38,237. B-Ioannis Kolibos (PA).

Frac Right, g, 3, Frac Daddy--Skybound, by Maria's Mon. Woodbine, 5-30, (WC), 5f (AWT), :59.71. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$23,646. B-Susan Y. Foreman (ON). \*C\$20,000 Ylg '22 CANSEP.

Private Moment, g, 3, General a Rod--Sister Desiree (SP, \$153,615), by Vision and Verse. Thistledown, 5-30, (S), 6f, 1:12.60. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$20,340. B-Mary Louise Hurley (OH). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

Thirty Pound Test, g, 3, Valiant Minister--Donatienne, by Bandini. Gulfstream, 5-30, 6 1/2f, 1:17.07. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-2, \$47,920. B-Baoma Corp (FL). \*\$40,000 Ylg '22 OBSOCT.

Marian Cross (GB), f, 3, Zoustar (Aus)--Cross Pattee (Ire), by Oasis Dream (GB). Delaware, 5-30, 5fT, :57.43. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$32,400. B-The Cross Pattee Partnership (GB). \*€120,000 Ylg '22 GOFOR.

Port Royal, g, 5, Texas Red--Fight Girl (SW, \$111,544), by Fit to Fight. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5-30, 5 1/2f, 1:03.88. Lifetime Record: 12-1-0-3, \$34,288. B-Robert J. Hunt (KY). \*\$14,500 RNA Ylg '20 KEEJAN.

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Candy Ride (Arg), Candymonium, m, 5, o/o Brown Eyed Mary, by Pulpit. ALW, 5-30, Thistledown

**Cloud Computing**, She Has It All, f, 4, o/o Sweet Basil, by Pulpit. ALW, 5-29, Evangeline

**Dialed In**, Dial Direct, g, 3, o/o Kissy Suzuki, by Summer Bird. ALW, 5-30, Thistledown

Exceed And Excel (Aus), Bolivie (Ire), f, 4, o/o Burma Sun (Ire), by Rip Van Winkle (Ire). AOC, 5-29, Horseshoe Indianapolis **Fast Anna**, Kiss Me Quick, f, 3, o/o Helluva Notion, by Notional. ALW, 5-30, Thistledown

**Frac Daddy**, Frac Right, g, 3, o/o Skybound, by Maria's Mon. WMC, 5-30, Woodbine

**General a Rod**, Private Moment, g, 3, o/o Sister Desiree, by Vision and Verse. MSW, 5-30, Thistledown

**Hard Aces**, Myglorybee, g, 4, o/o Platinum Kitty, by Forefathers. AOC, 5-29, Louisiana Downs

Into Mischief, Quester, c, 3, o/o Osare, by Medaglia d'Oro. AOC, 5-30, Gulfstream

**Peppered Cat**, Kentucky Cajun, f, 3, o/o Shelly's Hope, by Strong Hope. ALW, 5-29, Louisiana Downs

Street Sense, Home Game, f, 3, o/o Golden Artemis, by Malibu Moon. MSW, 5-30, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Street Sense, Inchon, g, 3, o/o Bloody Point, by War Front. AOC, 5-30, Delaware

**Texas Red**, Port Royal, g, 5, o/o Fight Girl, by Fit to Fight. MSW, 5-30, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Valiant Minister, Thirty Pound Test, g, 3, o/o Donatienne, by Bandini. MSW, 5-30, Gulfstream

Violence, Politicallycorrect, c, 2, o/o Heron Watch, by Candy Ride (Arg). MSW, 5-30, Churchill Downs

Zoustar (Aus), Marian Cross (GB), f, 3, o/o Cross Pattee (Ire), by Oasis Dream (GB). MSW, 5-30, Delaware



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