

DUELLING QUEENS: ASSESSING THE 1,000 GUINEAS FILLIES



William Buick aboard Desert Flower debriefs Charlie Appleby after a racecourse gallop | Emma Berry

By Emma Berry

Following on from our look at the Classic colts in [yesterday's edition](#), the focus has turned to the fillies. This year's Betfred 1,000 Guineas has the potential to be an absolute barnstormer of a race, and anyone not currently spending their waking hours wondering who's better between Desert Flower and Lake Victoria is hereby banned from reading *TDN*.

It's not all about that pair, obviously, and Lake Victoria may not even be ready to return in a fortnight's time, but just the thought of seeing those two go head to head is enough for now.

Tuesday's Nell Gwyn winner Zanzoun (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) further embellished Juddmonte's 2025 Classic portfolio but doesn't hold an entry for Newmarket, with the Poule d'Essai des Pouliches the preferred option, according to trainer John Gosden. The Archie Watson-trained Fred Darling winner, Duty First (GB) (Showcasing {GB}) would also need to be supplemented for the 1,000 Guineas.

Night Of Thunder may have the favourite, but this could be all about Frankel, who even pops up as broodmare sire of one contender. [Cont. p3](#)

ANDREW BALDING AND QATAR RACING PART WAYS

Qatar Racing has removed its six horses from Andrew Balding's Kingsclere yard. The news was confirmed by the trainer's wife, Anna Lisa, speaking at Newcastle on Friday.

Anna Lisa said, "Andrew and Sheikh Fahad just had differences and we just decided that it was probably best to go our separate ways."

Balding's association with Sheikh Fahad's operation has been particularly fruitful. Since Qatar Racing was established in 2012, Balding has been training for the operation which has resulted in a quartet of Group 1 winners: 2000 Guineas winner and Group 1 sire Kameko (Kitten's Joy), Elm Park (GB) (Phoenix Reach {Ire}), Side Glance (GB) (Passing Glance {GB}), and New Century (GB), by Kameko. The last-named horse won the 2024 GI Summer Stakes in Canada and was fifth in Wednesday's G3 Craven Stakes at Newmarket. [Cont. p7](#)

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TIZ THE LAW COLT MAKES \$1.5M AT OBS

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TODAY in TDN EUROPE

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Too Darn Hot (GB)'s Oracle (GB) got off the mark on debut at Saint-Cloud on Friday. He is a homebred for Wertheimer et Frere, and is a son of Group 3 winner and G1 Prix Vermeille third Ligne D'Or (GB) (Dansili {GB}). | Scoop Dyga

6 | ROMANISED SIRE'S FIRST STAKES WINNER IN PRIX CLEOPATRE

Zia Agnese (Fr) is the first stakes winner for her Haras de Bouquetot-based sire, after winning the G3 Auguste Rodin Coolmore Prix Cleopatre at Saint-Cloud.

7 | ALL-WEATHER CHAMPIONS CROWNED ON GOOD FRIDAY

Newcastle hosted the All-Weather Championships at Newcastle on Friday.

12 | SIRE LINES IN THE SATSUKI SHO

Sunday Silence and King Kamehameha (Jpn)'s descendants dominate the G1 Satsuki Sho field, accounting for 15 of the 18 slots. Heather Anderson takes a closer look.

Assessing The 1000 Guineas Fillies Cont. from p1

This is by no means a full list of potential candidates for the race, but it includes those most prominent in the betting and a few to have caught the eye in recent weeks. Here's hoping that this year's race can match the 2024 running, in which the winner Elmalka (GB) was chased home by subsequent Group 1 winners Porta Fortuna (Ire), Ramatuelle, Tamfana (Get) and Fallen Angel (GB).

Desert Flower (Ire)

Night Of Thunder (Ire) - Promising Run (Hard Spun)

If you ever lean towards depression, go watch horses on the gallops of a morning. Fresh air and thoroughbreds in full flight can provide a huge lift, and it was certainly a thrill to see the unbeaten Desert Flower striding out imperiously along the Rowley Mile on Wednesday morning. We don't know what instructions were given to her rider William Buick, but she was certainly the **most visually impressive** of Charlie Appleby's four smart gallopers, which included Shadow Of Light (Ire), Ruling Court and last year's 2,000 Guineas winner Notable Speech (GB). A rangy, long-limbed filly, you could be forgiven for thinking that she might be all at sea on an undulating track, but she had already demonstrated an affinity for Newmarket when winning the G1 Fillies' Mile by five and a half lengths. She also won twice

last year over the dyke on the July Course. This is her track and she deserves to be favourite.

Current odds with sponsor Betfred: 5/4 favourite

Lake Victoria (Ire)

Frankel (GB) - Quiet Reflection (GB) (Showcasing {GB})

But then there's Lake Victoria. She too can lay claims to Newmarket through her G1 Cheveley Park Stakes win. **Cont. p4**



Lake Victoria and Dean Gallagher at Ballydoyle on Monday
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Another Classic Contender!

RIDARI stepped up from his maiden win at Chantilly to take France's premier Poule d'Essai des Poulains trial, the **Gr.3 Prix de Fontainebleau** at Longchamp for owner/breeder **The Exors of The Late H H Aga Khan**

“I'm very pleased... he quickened nicely, and it was a good prep for the big one in four weeks time. He's a May foal and not even three yet, so there should be more to come..” Trainer Mikel Delzangles



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Assessing The 1000 Guineas Fillies Cont.

She also won over a mile, albeit an easier one, at Del Mar in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf. She was rated 2lbs higher than Desert Flower in the European two-year-old classifications, and perhaps the only reason she is not favourite is that her trainer Aidan O'Brien indicated several weeks ago that she may not be ready in time for the first weekend of May. On Monday, however, while watching the elegant filly saunter around the training grounds at Ballydoyle, he said, "Lake Victoria is on the way back. We stepped her up a couple of weeks ago and she's really coming. She could be there in time." Please let that be so.

Current odds: 5/1

Red Letter (GB)

Frankel (GB) - Red Impression (GB) (Dark Angel {GB})

Zanzoun may be unlikely for Newmarket but Juddmonte could be represented by this homebred whose form ties in to a degree with Lake Victoria. A head separated them at the line when they were first and second on debut at the Curragh. Red Letter won there next time out and was then only a length and a half away when fourth of five in a tightly-fought G1 Moyglare Stud Stakes, with that quintet all holding Guineas entries.

Current odds: 7/1

Bedtime Story (Ire)

Frankel (GB) - Mecca's Angel (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire})

That five mentioned above included this filly, bred on the same cross as Red Letter but out of a more accomplished race mare in the Group 1-winning sprinter Mecca's Angel. She disappointed in the Moyglare but had twice previously beaten Exactly when winning the G2 Debutante and G3 Silver Flash Stakes. She was also hugely impressive when running away with the Chesham Stakes.

Current odds: 16/1

Vertical Blue (Ire)

Mehmas (Ire) - Krunch (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire})

A Group 1 winner over a mile in the Prix Marcel Bousac when nosing out stable-mate and recent Prix de la Grotte winner Zarigana (Fr) (Siyouuni {Fr}), Vertical Blue was subsequently bought by John Stewart's Resolute Bloodstock for 3,200,000gns at Tattersalls in December. Returned to Francis Graffard's stable in Chantilly, which is in rude health at the moment, she has Classic entries at home and in England, and her trainer may well wish to keep her apart from Zarigana this spring at least.

Current odds: 20/1

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GR.3 WINNER *for*



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Classic-entered **ZIA AGNESE** strikes in the Prix Cleopatre **GR.3** at Saint-Cloud , one step closer to the Prix de Diane - French Oaks **GR.1**.

Congratulations to her breeder Team Hogdala A.B. & to all her connections!

Assessing The 1000 Guineas Fillies Cont.

Exactly (Ire)

Frankel (GB) - Heartache (GB) (Kyllachy {GB})

If Lake Victoria fails to show her readiness in time for Newmarket, Exactly appears to be Aidan O'Brien's main 1,000 Guineas hope, and she deserves proper consideration. Only half a length behind Vertical Blue when third in the Marcel Bousac, she had been in the shadow of her stable-mates Lake Victoria and Bedtime Story earlier in the season but closed out her

juvenile campaign with a seventh start and easy win in the G3 Killavullan Stakes. Second on her first start this season to Swelter (GB) (Kingman {GB}), yet another Juddmonte Classic prospect who heads to the Irish 1,000 Guineas, she should come on for that run.

Current odds: 20/1

Cathedral (GB)

Too Darn Hot (GB) - War And Peace (GB) (Frankel {GB})

An €800,000 Arqana Breeze-up purchase by Amo Racing, she won easily on debut at Lingfield in September before being narrowly beaten into second in the G3 Oh So Sharp Stakes. Not sighted yet this year but she certainly has a pedigree deserving of a place in the Guineas line-up as her dam is a half-sister to Cathedral's former stable-mate, the Arc winner Bluestocking (GB) (Camelot {GB}).

Current odds: 25/1



Cathedral as a juvenile | Mel Media

Kon Tiki (GB)

Night Of Thunder (Ire) - Maid Up (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire})

She's in a similar bracket to the 2,000 Guineas contender Cosmic Year (GB) in that we've only seen her twice, but she has won twice, most recently over a mile on the same night at Kempton that Cosmic Year made his return. Trainer Jane Chapple-Hyam wanted to give her more time between races than if she had run in the Nell Gwyn and has indicated that the Guineas is very much in her plans. The trainer had Saffron Beach

finish second in the Classic four years ago and she's never afraid to take a chance.

Current odds: 25/1

Remaat (GB)

Kodiac (GB) - Savannah (GB) (Olden Times {GB})

Third in the Nell Gwyn was not only a good comeback run after almost 300 days off the track but was also a step up on her Newmarket maiden win of last June. She's a big price, and that is rightly so in comparison to some of her higher-achieving rivals

here, but it will be hard not to cheer for a filly whose sire, dam and maternal grandsire were all bred by her owner-breeder Prince AA Faisal.

Current odds: 50/1

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NEW WINNER ON DEBUT!

UTHRED scores in good style in the Prix Pas de Deux over 1600m at Saint-Cloud, for trainer Philippe Decouz

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ROMANISED'S ZIA AGNESE MAKES ALL FOR PRIX CLEOPATRE UPSET

by Sean Cronin

With seven runs under her belt entering Friday's G3 Auguste Rodin Coolmore Prix Cleopatre, **Zia Agnese (Fr)** (Romanised {Ire}) was by far the most exposed contender in the 10 1/2-furlong Classic trial and made her experience tell with a game pillar-to-post triumph.

The outsider of five, fresh off a course-and-distance fifth on seasonal return earlier in the month, broke well and led from flagfall. Coming under pressure when threatened in early straight, she refused to yield inside the final quarter-mile and was ridden out to hold all-comers at bay in game fashion. The G3 Prix Penelope victress **Tajlina (GB)** (Kingman {GB}) was second by a head. Owned by Gina d'Amato and Richard Marini,



Zia Agnese (white cap) holds off Tajlina | Scoop Dyga

Zia Agnese will now head straight to Chantilly for the G1 Prix de Diane, according to trainer Gianluca Bietolini.

"I was not at all disappointed with her first run of the season," he said. "She was facing some nice colts, on ground probably a shade too soft for her, and she also lost a shoe. I knew she was ready and that she would run her race. She stays well and we did not hesitate to take our responsibilities. Beforehand, in the back of our minds, we were dreaming of the Prix de Diane. Now we can dream even more and she will go straight there."

Pedigree Notes

Zia Agnese is the fourth of five foals and lone scorer produced by a winning half-sister to Listed Norsk Jockeyklubs Sprintlop runner-up Pal O'Mine (Ire) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}). Her second dam Xaara (Swe) (Xaar {GB}) is a full-sister to G3 Sweet Solera Stakes third Kay Es Jay (Fr) and a half to Listed Prix de Montretout third Archetype (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}). [Cont. p7](#)



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G3 Prix Cleopatre Cont.

The April-foaled bay, half-sister to a 2-year-old filly by Victor Ludorum (GB), hails from the family of G1 Prix Vermeille heroine Bateel (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), herself the dam of runner-up Tajlina (GB) (Kingman {GB}).

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FIRST STAKES/GROUP WINNER FOR SIRE

Friday, Saint-Cloud, France

AUGUSTE RODIN COOLMORE PRIX CLEOPATRE-G3, €80,000, Saint-Cloud, 4-18, 3yo, f, 10 1/2ft, 2:17.63, g/s.

1--**ZIA AGNESE (FR)**, 126, f, 3, by Romanised (Ire)

1st Dam: Little Sister (Fr), by Le Havre (Ire)

2nd Dam: Xaara (Swe), by Xaar (GB)

3rd Dam: Angel Rose (Ire), by Definite Article (GB)

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN. (€27,000 Ylg '23 ARQAUG). O-Gina d'Amato & Richard Marini; B-Team Hogdala AB (FR); T-Gianluca Bietolini; J-Ronan Thomas. €40,000.

Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-0, €80,050. **Werk Nick Rating: A++.**

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2--**Tajlina (GB)**, 126, f, 3, Kingman (GB)--Bateel (Ire), by Dubawi (Ire). O/B-Al Asayl France (GB); T-Francis-Henri Graffard. €16,000.

3--**Indalimos (Fr)**, 126, f, 3, Cloth Of Stars (Ire)--Lucy The Painter (Ire), by Excellent Art (GB). **1ST BLACK TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (€12,000 RNA Ylg '23 ARQFEB; €47,000 Ylg '23 ARQOCT). O-Yves Burrus; B-John Plowden Carrington; T-Andre Fabre. €12,000.

Margins: HD, 1 1/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 19.70, 0.40, 9.00.

Also Ran: Benamira (GB), Marinaleda (Fr). Scratched: Danara (Fr).

EUROPEAN NEWS

Andrew Balding/Qatar Racing Cont. from p1

In 2025, Balding's string has been hitting on all cylinders, with 44 winners already, including a double at Newcastle on Friday during the All-Weather Championships with Storm Star (GB) (Night Of Thunder {Ire}) and Berkshire Whisper (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}). Kirsten Rausing's Almeric (GB) (Study Of Man {Ire}) won the Listed Feilden Stakes for the stable **on Tuesday**. Juddmonte's Jonquil (GB) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) struck in last week's G3 Watership Down Stud Too Darn Hot Greenham Stakes **at Newbury**. Divina Grace (Ire) (Golden Horn {GB}) captured the G3 John Porter Stakes on the same card.

Qatar Racing has been expanding the countries it operates in, and enjoyed a win in the U.S. with GIII Pucker Up Stakes heroine Waves Of Mischief (Into Mischief) last year. Sheikh Fahad's silks are also regularly seen in Australia, Ireland, France, and Japan.

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New Century winning at Woodbine | Michael Burns/WEG

ALL-WEATHER CHAMPIONS CROWNED AT NEWCASTLE

The all-weather season drew to a close on Good Friday, April 18, with Tony Carroll named the All-Weather Champion Trainer for the first time.

Carroll, who finished second to Mick Appleby last season, saddled 57 winners, 11 clear of his nearest rival, James Owen.

"For me personally, it is a great achievement and I am very proud of it," said Carroll. "A big thank you to the team at home--Titch, Mary, and everybody else involved. They are people that never go racing and are never seen, but they are the backbone behind it all. They do all the work really, and I'm just there making sure everything is as it should be.

"The horses have been fantastic all winter. The horses have been really healthy, right the way through, and the owners have been fantastic. ARC have put a great thing on and we have all really enjoyed it."

Added Carroll of All-Weather Champion Apprentice winner Jack Doughty, "Jack Doughty has been fantastic for the yard and it's great for us both to win together. He is only 17 but has been with me for a while, so it's marvellous. He has been a pleasure to have in the yard, all the way through from day one, and you could always see that he was just a bit different from the rest.

"We have had 57 winners on the all-weather this season, but I think Init Together (GB) (Poet's Voice {GB}) is the only one that has won four. The rest has been made up by individual horses, so it's a great performance from them." **Cont. p8**



Tony Carroll pictured with ARC chief executive Martin Cruddace | AWC

All-Weather Champions Cont.

Billy Loughnane was a first-time winner of the All-Weather Champion Jockey title. He was the All-Weather Champion Apprentice the past two years. Godolphin earned its 11th consecutive All-Weather Champion Owner title with 15 wins, two better than Rabbah Racing.

Loughnane, who had 75 wins, four better than Hector Crouch, said, "I am chuffed. It has been a good winter and a long hard battle with Hector for the past few months, who's obviously a great jockey, and it's been a big last push to get it over the line.

"It was good being able to get away for a little bit of time in Australia as well, but to come back and get a lot of support from numerous different trainers who've helped me and my agent Tony Hind, who is a super-agent and doing a great job.

"Obviously, dad runs the majority of his horses on the all-weather and I've grown up around it.

"Dad's got a big team and George Boughey is my main boss now, but there are a lot of trainers, the Kublers and Ian Williams to name just two, who have given me a lot of support so it's great."

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OBSERVATIONS
on the European racing scene

HOW THEY FARED

14.00 Saint-Cloud, €27,000, Mdn, unraced 3yo, f, 8ft
Haras de Saint Pair newcomer **Pearly Queen (Fr) (Kingman {GB})**, a homebred half-sister to G1 Matron Stakes victrix Pearls Galore (Fr) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), made rapid late headway to finish one length behind the winner in third.

14.35 Saint-Cloud, €27,000, Mdn, unraced 3yo, c/g, 8ft
Andre Fabre trainee **King Esoteric (GB) (Kingman {GB})**, a son of multiple Group 1 winner Esoterique (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), was handily placed throughout this debut, but faded late and hit the line just under three lengths adrift of the winner in fifth.

4.30 Chelmsford, Cond, £75,000, 3yo, 6f (AWT)
Sky Majesty (Ire) (Blue Point {Ire}), last year's G3 Firth of Clyde Stakes and G2 Criterium de Maisons-Laffitte winner, surrendered her unbeaten record in third but was probably in need of the comeback run.

BRITAIN

Friday's Results:

BETMGM BURRADON STAKES-Listed, £100,000, Newcastle, 4-18, 3yo, 8f 5y (AWT), 1:26.45, st.

1--GLITTERING LEGEND (GB), 130, g, 3, by Too Darn Hot (GB)

1st Dam: Eastern Belle (GB) (SW-Eng, MGSP-US, \$230,141), by Champs Elysees (GB)

2nd Dam: Fleche D'Or (GB), by Dubai Destination

3rd Dam: Nuryana (GB), by Nureyev

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (67,000gns Ylg '23 TATSOM). O-Mr Boniface Ho Ka Kui; B-Hascombe & Valiant Stud Ltd (GB); T-James Fanshawe; J-Daniel Muscutt. £56,710. Lifetime Record: 6-4-0-0, \$126,557. *1/2 to Megallan (GB) (Kingman {GB}), MGSW-Eng, \$284,415.

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2--Bowmark (GB), 130, c, 3, Kingman (GB)--Bound (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). TDN Rising Star. 1ST BLACK TYPE. O/B-Lordship Stud (GB); T-John & Thady Gosden. £21,500.

3--Royal Playwright (GB), 130, c, 3, Lope De Vega (Ire)--Arabian Queen (Ire), by Dubawi (Ire). O-Mr J C Smith; B-Littleton Stud (GB); T-Andrew Balding. £10,760.

Margins: NK, 1 3/4, HF. Odds: 4.50, 1.50, 2.50.

Also Ran: Michael Scofield, Titanium Emperor (Ire), Nordic Norm (GB).

Helped by race-fitness on Friday, Ka Kui Ho's Glittering Legend proved too strong in the Listed Burradon Stakes to emulate the win of his half-brother Megallan (GB) (Kingman {GB}) in the Newcastle feature. This looked a deep renewal of the mile contest staged on the Tapeta, with last year's G2 Royal Lodge Stakes runner-up Royal Playwright and Lordship Stud's **TDN Rising Star** Bowmark in attendance and the focus was sharply on the latter who started as the well-supported 6-4 favourite despite having only his second start.



Glittering Legend | Grossick Racing Photography

Listed Burradon Stakes Cont.

Glittering Legend, who had taken a similarly warm affair at Kempton last month, was delivered by Daniel Muscutt to overhaul the Gosdens' market-leader in the last furlong and secure a neck success at odds of 9-2. Royal Playwright was 1 3/4 lengths away in third. The winner was a bargain 67,000gns purchase from the Tattersalls Somerville Sale, being that he is out of the Listed Lord Weinstock Memorial Stakes winner Eastern Belle (GB) (Champs Elysees {GB}) who is a half to the ground-breaking Golden Horn (GB). Her aforementioned son Megallan took this in 2021 before finishing second in the G2 Dante Stakes and adding the G3 Diomed Stakes and G3 Sovereign Stakes to his tally.

"He's a star horse. He was very naughty to begin with, but he's getting it together now and turning into a really useful three-year-old," trainer James Fanshawe said of the winner, who was a winner at Goodwood and Doncaster in four starts at two. "He came there travelling beautifully and his experience probably stood him in good stead today. He's very tenacious and tough and it's just a case of whether we step up to a mile and a quarter. I'll speak to Mr Ho and make a plan, but he'll probably be at Royal Ascot I'd say."

Thady Gosden said of the runner-up, "The winner is a nice horse, he showed good form and won well at the backend of March, so that was a good first run from Bowmark. There is stamina on the dam side, but Bowmark is by Kingman and, as you saw there, he has a real turn of foot. They didn't look like they went an overly quick gallop early on and he picked up readily to hit the front. The [G2] Dante is definitely an option."

Eastern Belle, who was also second in the GII New York Stakes,

GIII Waya Stakes and GIII Glens Falls Stakes, is not the only daughter of the Oppenheimers' unraced Fleche D'Or (GB) (Dubai Destination) to make her mark during her second career with Cercle D'Or (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}) producing last year's Ginger Brew Stakes winner and GIII Herecomesthebride Stakes-placed Ozara (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}). With this family of Golden Horn and Rebecca Sharp (GB) (Machiavellian) showing no signs of abating in churning out smart runners, Eastern Belle's yearling filly by Baaeed (GB) will be keenly-awaited.

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6th-Newcastle, £175,000, Hcp, 4-18, 4yo/up, 10f 42y (AWT), 2:10.49, st.

SALAMANCA (GB) (c, 4, Sea The Stars {Ire}--Awesometank {GB} {MSW & MGSP-Eng, GISP-US, GSP-Fr, \$352,767}, by Intense Focus), considered a Derby prospect at one point last term, had warmed up for this feature All-Weather Easter Classic with a fourth at Chelmsford last month and set out to make all. Pressed all the way up the straight, the 14-1 shot found the line a neck ahead of the strong-finishing Old Harrovian (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), with a short head separating that 6-4 favourite and Charlotte's Web (Ire) (Night Of Thunder {Ire}). "This has been a six-month plan for Salamanca," trainer Jane Chapple-Hyam said. "David [Egan] has given him a beautiful ride. He clocked it properly in his head. We are thrilled that we have seen the horse we have always believed in." The winner is the first foal out of the dual listed-winning dam, who was also runner-up in the GI Beverly D. Stakes, G3 Princess Elizabeth Stakes and G3 Atalanta Stakes. She is also from the family of Danehill Dancer's sires Misu Bond (Ire) and Air Chief Marshal (Ire) and the G1 Irish St Leger hero Flag Of Honour (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). [Cont. p10](#)



Salamanca | Grossick Racing Photography

6th-Newcastle Cont.

She also has the unraced 3-year-old filly Perpetua (GB) (Frankel {GB}), Juddmonte's 500,000gns purchase at the Tattersalls December Foal Sale, a 2-year-old filly by Camelot (GB) bought by Stroud Coleman Bloodstock for 290,000gns at Tattersalls October Book 2 and a yearling filly by Baaeed (GB). Sales history: 335,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-1, \$136,809.

O-Mr P W Harris; B-Eminent Kind Ltd (GB); T-Jane Chapple-Hyam.

2nd-Newcastle, £150,000, Hcp, 4-18, 3yo, 6f (AWT), 1:11.04, st.

BERKSHIRE WHISPER (IRE) (c, 3, Dark Angel {Ire}--Samaah {Ire}, by Cape Cross {Ire}), coming into this All-Weather 3 Year Old Championships Handicap on the back of a course-and-distance win last month, tracked the leader throughout the early stages. Taking over approaching the two-furlong pole, the 9-2 favourite stayed on to score by 1 1/4 lengths from Master Technician (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}). "Berkshire Whisper is an improving horse," Anna Lisa Balding said. "He is a little bit quirky--as you probably saw earlier, he wasn't an easy lead around--so it makes it even more rewarding. We shall see how he is tomorrow, but Royal Ascot is always a dream, so fingers crossed." The unraced dam, whose son Huraiz (Ire) (Sepoy {Aus}) was third in the G3 Sirenia Stakes, unfortunately died this year. A half-sister to the G1 Golden Jubilee Stakes and G1 Nunthorpe Stakes hero Kingsgate Native (Ire) (Mujadil) and to the dam of the Australian sensation Via Sistina (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) and Dark Angel's G1 Jebel Hatta-placed First Contact (Ire), her last offering is the 2-year-old filly Anorah Unleashed (Ire) (Supremacy {Ire}).



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The latter was a £52,000 purchase by Howson and Houldsworth for Jamie Insole at the Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale. Sales history: 110,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, \$115,183.

O-Berkshire Parts & Panels Ltd No1 Fanclub; B-Yeomanstown Stud (IRE); T-Andrew Balding.

6th-Chelmsford City, £75,000, Cond, 4-18, 3yo, 6f (AWT), 1:11.73, st.

SAYIDAH DARIYAN (IRE) (f, 3, Dariyan {Fr}--Tencaratrubieslace {Fr}, by Siyouni {Fr}), a 13-length winner of her maiden at Lingfield in September, was a tiring sixth in a strong renewal of Dundalk's five-furlong Listed Legacy Stakes the following month and started at 6-1 on this return. Always travelling easily tracking the leader Mr Lightside (Ire) (Earthlight {Ire}), the relative of the G2 Prix du Gros-Chene winner Finsbury Square (Ire) (Siyouni {Fr}) stayed on strongly once taking over inside the final furlong to beat that rival by 1 1/4 lengths. Last year's G3 Firth of Clyde Stakes and G2 Criterium de Maisons-Laffitte winner Sky Majesty (Ire) (Blue Point {Ire}) was a further 2 1/2 lengths away in third. "She had made the running before listed race at Dundalk, but they harrowed the track that day and she walked the last furlong," trainer Richard Hughes said. "I don't normally take on a 110-rated filly [Sky Majesty] with one rated 92, but she had been working well. The [Listed] Carnarvon [Stakes at Newbury] in three weeks is probably spot-on for her." The dam, whose aforementioned Finsbury Square also captured two Group 3 contests as a leading French sprinter of his era, is a half to the listed scorer Bakoel Koffie (Ire) (Naaqoos {GB}) who was also placed in the G2 Goldene Peitsche. Her 2-year-old filly Supreme Diamond (Ire) (Supremacy {Ire}) was a €45,000 purchase by Clive Cox Racing at the Tattersalls Ireland September Sale, while her yearling is another filly by that sire. Sales history: £35,000 Ylg '23 GOFFUK. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$58,055.

O-Jaber Abdullah; B-Yeomanstown Stud (IRE); T-Richard Hughes.

2nd-Chelmsford City, £40,000, Mdn, 4-18, 3yo, 7f (AWT), 1:26.55, st.

COSI BELLO (GB) (g, 3, Bated Breath {GB}--Fauran {Ire}, by Shamardal), a half-brother to the G3 Greenham Stakes third Urban Icon (GB) by Bated Breath's half-brother Cityscape (GB), raced in rear early off the moderate tempo. Gliding by each rival and to the front with half a furlong remaining, the 11-2 shot drew away for an impressive 1 1/4-length success from Critical Acclaim (GB) (Acclaim {Ire}). "We liked him a lot coming into today--he's so professional and a dream to train and picked up beautifully there," trainer Charlie Fellowes said. [Cont. p11](#)

2nd-Chelmsford City Cont.

He added, "It wasn't a surprise and I think you can upgrade that. His three-parts brother was very good and stayed seven furlongs, but he has a lot of speed and while he might stay a mile he won't stay any further." The dam, whose 2-year-old filly is by Ulysses (Ire), hails from the family of the dual G1 Coronation Cup hero Warrsan (Ire) (Caerleon), the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches and G1 Prix de Diane heroine Avenir Certain (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}) and the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf winner Queen's Trust (GB) (Dansili {GB}). Sales history: 38,000gns Ylg '23 TATSOM. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$27,776.

O-Bedford House Racing IIII; B-Minster Stud (GB); T-Charlie Fellowes.

HANDICAP RESULTS:

7th-Newcastle, £175,000, 4-18, 4yo/up, 16f 56y (AWT), 3:26.14, st.

WONDER LEGEND (IRE) (g, 5, Sea The Stars {Ire}--Sea of Wonders {Ire}, by Fastnet Rock {Aus}) Lifetime Record: 13-5-3-1, \$178,112. O-Mr Boniface Ho Ka Kui; B-Sunderland Holding Inc (IRE); T-James Ferguson. *€50,000 Ylg '21 GOFSP; €220,000 2yo '22 ARQMAY.

4th-Newcastle, £150,000, 4-18, 4yo/up, 8f 5y (AWT), 1:36.22, st.

STORM STAR (GB) (c, 4, Night Of Thunder {Ire}--Dancing Star {GB} {GSW-Eng, \$441,832}, by Aqlaam {GB}) Lifetime Record: 10-4-1-4, \$208,599. O-Mr J C Smith; B-Littleton Stud (GB); T-Andrew Balding.

5th-Newcastle, £150,000, 4-18, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09.81, st.

WE NEVER STOP (IRE) (g, 4, Cotai Glory {GB}--Deliziosa {Ire}, by Iffraaj {GB}) Lifetime Record: 18-5-4-1, \$205,178. O-Mr B T McDonald; B-Padraig O'Reilly (IRE); T-Kevin Ryan. *€16,500 Wlg '21 GOFNO1; £70,000 Ylg '22 GOFFUK.

2nd-Lingfield, £65,000, 4-18, 4yo/up, 10f (AWT), 2:04.73, st.

HITCHED (IRE) (g, 5, Cotai Glory {GB}--Newlywed {Ire}, by Authorized {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 30-8-4-3, \$99,147. O-The Future; B-Tally Ho Stud (IRE); T-David Simcock. *50,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT.

3rd-Lingfield, £65,000, 4-18, 4yo/up, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:36.51, st.

DINGLE (IRE) (g, 7, Footstepsinthesand {GB}--Beal Ban {Ire}, by Dagers Drawn) Lifetime Record: 35-6-4-6, \$155,202. O-Martin

Hughes; B-Natasha Newsome (IRE); T-Julie Camacho. *£100,000 Ylg '19 GOFFPR.

4th-Lingfield, £65,000, 4-18, 4yo/up, 6f 1y (AWT), 1:10.55, st.

WESTMORIAN (GB) (g, 6, Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}--Inca Trail, by Royal Academy) Lifetime Record: 30-6-5-3, \$105,241. O-Miss Marjorie A Thompson; B-J Carrington & Richmond Bloodstock (GB); T-Grant Tuer. *40,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT. **1/2 to Fanaar (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), GSW-UAE, SW-Eng, \$282,186.

1st-Lingfield, £50,000, 4-18, 4yo/up, 12f (AWT), 2:30.15, st.

OBSIDIAN KNIGHT (IRE) (g, 7, Awtaad {Ire}--Holda {Ire}, by Docksider) Lifetime Record: 34-7-7-2, \$108,568. O-The Property Investor Partnership Ltd; B-Wardstown Stud Ltd (IRE); T-T Kent. €88,000 Wlg '18 GOFNOV; £20,000 2yo '20 GOFARQ. *1/2 to Blond Me (Ire) (Tamayuz {GB}), Hwt. Older Mare-Eng- at 9 1/2 - 11 f., GISW-Can, GSW & G1SP-Eng, GSW-Tur, GSP-USA, \$1,019,799.

5th-Lingfield, £50,000, 4-18, 3yo/up, f, 7f 1y (AWT), 1:25.27, st.

LADY MANZOR (GB) (f, 3, Almanzor {Fr}--Montjeu's Lady {GB}, by Motivator {GB}) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, \$45,690. O-Coombelands Racing Syndicate; B-Charlotte Colbert (GB); T-Amanda Perrett. *12,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT.

6th-Lingfield, £50,000, 4-18, 4yo/up, 15f 169y (AWT), 3:20.80, st.

TIDES OF WAR (IRE) (g, 7, Galileo {Ire}--Walklikeanegyptian {Ire} {GSP}, by Danehill) Lifetime Record: MGSP-Fr, 27-4-1-4, \$171,029. O-Tick Tock Partnership; B-Mrs Fitri Hay (IRE); T-David Simcock. *Full to Deauville (Ire), GISW-US, GSW & G1SP-Eng, GSW & MG1SP-Ire, \$1,444,846; Full to The Corsican (Ire), GSW-Eng, \$268,341.

7th-Lingfield, £50,000, 4-18, 3yo, 6f 1y (AWT), 1:11.29, st.

VOCAL LEGEND (IRE) (c, 3, Dark Angel {Ire}--Hay Chewed {Ire} {SW-Eng}, by Camacho {GB}) Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$45,563. O-Teme Valley & The Parmar Family; B-Grangemore Stud & Yeomanstown Stud (IRE); T-Charles Hills. *€50,000 Ylg '23 GOFOR; €65,000 2yo '24 TATBRU.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Heavenly Heather (GB), f, 4, Shamardal--Right Direction (Ire), by Cape Cross (Ire). Newcastle, 4-18, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:24.33. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-0, \$104,961. B-Godolphin (GB). *37,000gns HRA '24 TATFEB.

FRANCE

Friday's Results:

2nd-Saint-Cloud, €27,000, Mdn, 4-18, unraced 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:44.47, g/s.

SHIRIBETSU (FR) (f, 3, Mehmas {Ire}--Countryside {GB}, by Motivator {GB}) withstood a hefty bump at the break and trailed all six rivals through halfway in this debutantes' heat. Nudged along to reduce arrears with 500 metres remaining, the 12-5 second choice moved into fourth passing the furlong pole and swooped late to deny long-time leader Menakoz (GB) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) by 3/4-of-a-length. Shiribetsu is the second foal and scorer out of an unraced half-sister to dual Group 3 winner Kings Fete (GB) (King's Best) and the stakes-placed Gymkhana (GB) (Equiano {Fr}). The January-foaled bay, whose second dam is Listed Prix de Thiberville victrix Village Fete (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}), is kin to the unraced 2-year-old gelding Jackabi (Fr) (Hello Youmzain {Fr}) and a yearling filly by Sealiway (Fr). Sales history: €56,000 Wlg '22 ARQDEC; €200,000 Ylg '23 ARQAug. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500.

O-Andrew Rosen & Marcstown Farms SC; B-Haras de Saint Vincent, Haras du Saubouas & ABF (FR); T-Francis-Henri Graffard.

3rd-Saint-Cloud, €27,000, Mdn, 4-18, unraced 3yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:44.22, g/s.

UTHRED (FR) (g, 3, Persian King {Ire}--Eristars {Fr}, by Sea The Stars {Ire}) raced under cover in sixth for most of this debut. Making smooth headway in the straight, the 51-10 chance was shaken up to challenge approaching the furlong marker and pushed out to defeat Eliman (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}) by 3/4-of-a-length. Uthred, half-brother to a yearling filly by Almanzor (Fr), is the first of two foals thrown by a dual-winning granddaughter



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of stakes-winning G3 Noblesse Stakes third Tarakala (Ire) (Dr Fong). Tarakala's leading performer is dual stakes-winning G3 Curragh Cup third Tarana (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}), herself the dam of multiple elite-level winners Tahiyra (Ire) (Siyouni {Fr}) and Tarnawa (Ire) (Shamardal). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500.

O/B-Ecurie Griezmann (FR); T-Philippe Decouz.

5th-Saint-Cloud, €27,000, Mdn, 4-18, 3yo, 10 1/2fT, 2:16.67, g/s.

ORACLE (GB) (c, 3, Too Darn Hot {GB}--Ligne D'Or {GB} {GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$221,508}, by Dansili {GB}) tracked the leaders in sixth through halfway in this debut. Coaxed forward once into the home straight, the 22-5 chance launched his challenge out wide passing the quarter-mile pole and kept on well under whipless urging inside the final furlong to assert by 2 1/2 lengths from Quiet King (Fr) (Persian King {Ire}). Oracle is the first of three foals produced by G3 Prix de Flore winner and G1 Prix Vermeille third Ligne D'Or (GB) (Dansili {GB}), herself out of a winning full-sister to G3 Prix de Flore victrix Lil'wing (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). Her second dam Louve Nationale (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) is kin to a further five black-type performers headed by multiple Group-winning G1 Prix Ganay and GI Turf Classic placegetter Loup Breton (Ire) (Anabaa) and multiple Graded-placed Listed Dowager Stakes victrix Louve Royale (Ire) (Peintre Celebre). The February-foaled bay is a half-brother to the unraced 2-year-old filly Zlata (Ire) (Zarak {Fr}) and a yearling colt by Lope De Vega (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500.

O-Wertheimer & Frere; B-Dayton Investments Ltd (GB); T-Andre Fabre.

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SIRE LINES IN THE SATSUKI SHO

by Heather Anderson

To the surprise of no one, pride of place in Sunday's G1 Satsuki Sho belongs to the Sunday Silence sire line with eight representatives spread throughout the 18-strong field.

The late Shadai Stallion Station luminary's first foals arrived in Japan in 1992, and from that first crop was 1995 Satsuki Sho winner Genuine (Jpn). Six others followed (Ishino Sunday {Jpn}, 1996, Air Shakur {Jpn}, 2000, Agnes Tachyon {Jpn}, 2001, Nishino Sunday {Jpn}, 2003, Daiwa Major {Jpn}, 2004, and Deep Impact {Jpn}, 2005). Sunday Silence saved the best for last, with Deep Impact also winning the Japanese Triple Crown.

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G1 Satsuki Sho Preview Cont.

A 13-time Japanese Champion Sire before his premature death, the American Horse of the Year would also sire a litany of other Classic winners and champions, excelling as both a sire-of-sires and a broodmare sire.

However, it is a different Sunday Silence branch from Deep Impact that gives us the antepost favourite on Sunday in 2024 Japanese Champion 2-Year-Old Male and G1 Hopeful Stakes winner **Croix Du Nord (Jpn)**. By Kitanasan Black (Jpn), the sire of 2023 Satsuki Sho hero Sol Oriens (Jpn), 2022 runner-up (and international wunderkind) Equinox (Jpn) and 2025 rival and G2 Spring Stakes winner **Piko Chan Black (Jpn)**, Croix Du Nord counts Black Tide (Jpn), a less heralded full-brother to Deep Impact, as his grandsire. He will leave from stall 10 under Yuichi Kitamura.

Trainer Takashi Saito said of the champion, “Last time in the Hopeful Stakes, he got a position quite naturally, and the jockey rode him well. It was the horse’s first run at Nakayama, but he ran a strong race. He’s had a break at Northern Farm Shigaraki since, and on returning to the stable, he looks about the same, and things seem as usual with him.”

A total of three sons of Deep Impact have won this Classic including Dee Majesty (Jpn) (‘16), Al Ain (Jpn) (‘17) and Triple Crown Winner Contrail (Jpn) in 2020. Deep Impact’s **2024 Japanese Champion Sire** son Kizuna (Jpn) boasts a trio of colts hoping to dethrone Croix Du Nord, with the three-for-three **Eri King (Jpn)** shortest in the market. Like the Hopeful Stakes hero, the G3 Kyoto Nisai Stakes victor and son of G1 Queensland Oaks heroine Youngstar (Aus) (High Chaparral {Ire}) will be making his 2025 bow in the Satsuki Sho and will be ridden by Yuga “King” Kawada from stall two. **Satono Shining (Jpn)** defeated subsequent G1 Oka Show third Lynx Tip (Jpn) (Kitasan Black {Jpn}) in the G3 Kisaragi Sho, while **Magic Sands (Jpn)** claimed

the G3 Sapporo Nisai Stakes.

Nishino Agent (Jpn) already sports a win in the G3 Keisei Hai over the Satsuki Sho course and distance, and traces to Sunday Silence through his grandson, 2014 Satsuki Sho hero Isla Bonita (Jpn) (Fuji Kiseki {Jpn}).

King Kamehameha’s Influence

Kingmambo horse King Kamehameha (Jpn) also excelled as a sire in Japan, and seven members of the Satsuki Sho field trace to the 2004 G1 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) winner through their male line. The late **Japanese Champion Sire** and 2015 Satsuki Sho scorer Duramente (Jpn) is represented by a quartet of sons with the three-for-four **Masquerade Ball (Jpn)** appearing the best on paper. He defeated **Kalamatianos (Jpn)**, by King Kamehameha’s son Rey De Oro (Jpn), in the G3 Tokinominoru Kinen.

Trainer Takahisa Tezuka said of Masquerade Ball, “He had a break at the farm after his last race, before returning to the stable at the end of March. He’s been working as usual on the uphill track, and he’s done well enough when considering the ground at the time of his work.”

One of the most intriguing runners on pedigree is G1 Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes second **Museum Mile (Jpn)**, by King Kamehameha’s Leontes (Jpn). Leontes’s dam, the dual Group 1 winner Cesario (Jpn) (Special Week {Jpn}), also produced Celia (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}), the dam of fellow Satsuki Sho entrant and group-placed **Vincentio (Jpn)** (Real Steel {Jpn}). Museum Mile will be ridden by Joao “Magic Man” Moreira, who won the G1 Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas) aboard Embroidery (Jpn) (Admire Mars {Jpn}) last Sunday. They are booked for stall six.

Cutting back in distance is Rulership (Jpn)’s 2200-metre Listed Sumire Stakes winner **G T Adamant (Jpn)**. [Cont. p14](#)



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G1 Satsuki Sho Preview Cont.

Seventh choice ahead of Sunday's contest, the colt is currently 18-1 and will exit stall eight.

Alternative Bloodlines

- One of only three in the race not tracing to either Sunday Silence or King Kamehameha, ante-post fourth choice **Giovanni (Jpn)** (Epiphaneia {Jpn}) was runner-up in the Hopeful Stakes. He is a descendant of Hail To Reason's son Roberto through Kris S. to Symboli Kris S, the sire of Epiphaneia (Jpn). The last-named sire already has 2021 Satsuki Sho hero Efforia (Jpn) to his credit.
- Another branch of Roberto is represented by the multiple group-placed long shot **Dragon Boost (Jpn)** (Screen Hero {Jpn}). His grandsire Grass Wonder was by Silver Hawk (Roberto).
- The only horse in the race tracing tail male to Northern Dancer is Hopeful Stakes third **Faust Rasen (Jpn)**, by

Frankel (GB)'s G1 February Stakes/G1Yasuda Kinen scorer Mozu Ascot. He won the course-and-distance Guineas prep--the G2 Hocht Hai Yayoi Sho Deep Impact Kinen--on March 9.

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Faust Rasen took the G2 Hocht Hai Yayoi Sho Deep Impact Kinen last month | Japan Racing Association

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SATSUKI SHO (JAPANESE 2000 Guineas)-G1, ¥380,000,000, 3yo, 2000mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Nishino Agent (Jpn)	Isla Bonita (Jpn)	Tsumura	Chiba	125
2	Eri King (Jpn)	Kizuna (Jpn)	Kawada	Fujita	125
3	King Squall (Jpn)	Duramente (Jpn)	Fujioka	Yahagi	125
4	Tjuta (Jpn)	Duramente (Jpn)	Sakai	Yahagi	125
5	Giovanni (Jpn)	Epiphaneia (Jpn)	Matsuyama	Sugiyama	125
6	Masquerade Ball (Jpn)	Duramente (Jpn)	Yokoyama	Tezuka	125
7	Fukuno Blue Lake (Jpn)	Win Bright (Jpn)	Matsuoka	Takeuchi	125
8	G T Adamant (Jpn)	Rulership (Jpn)	Iwata	Uemura	125
9	Piko Chan Black (Jpn)	Kitasan Black (Jpn)	Ishibashi	Uehara	125
10	Croix Du Nord (Jpn)	Kitasan Black (Jpn)	Kitamura	Saito	125
11	Museum Mile (Jpn)	Leontes (Jpn)	Moreira	Takayanagi	125
12	Dragon Boost (Jpn)	Screen Hero (Jpn)	Tannai	Fujino	125
13	Alohi Alii (Jpn)	Duramente (Jpn)	Yokoyama	Tanaka	125
14	Kalamatianos (Jpn)	Rey De Oro (Jpn)	Tosaki	Okumura	125
15	Vincentio (Jpn)	Real Steel (Jpn)	Lemaire	Mori	125
16	Satono Shining (Jpn)	Kizuna (Jpn)	Nishimura	Sugiyama	125
17	Faust Rasen (Jpn)	Mozu Ascot	Sugihara	Nishimura	125
18	Magic Sands (Jpn)	Kizuna (Jpn)	Sasaki	Sugai	125

Breeders: 1-Kamii Stud, 2-Northern Racing, 3-Tobino Bokujo, 4-Shunsuke Yoshida, 5-Taihei Stud Farm Co., Ltd., 6-Shadai Farm, 7-K's Inc., 8-Orion Farm, 9-Champions Farm, 10-Northern Racing, 11-Northern Farm, 12-Z Stable, 13-Grace Inc., 14-Northern Farm, 15-Northern Farm, 16-Shimokobe Farm, 17-Tomoda Bokujo, 18-Northern Racing. [Click for the preview.](#)

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