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The Week in Review by T.D. Thornton

With a healthy GI Kentucky Derby winner bypassing the GI Preakness Stakes for the second straight year and only two starters out of the 18-horse Derby likely to be entered on Monday, the long-debated realignment of the Triple Crown race spacing is edging more toward “when” than “if.”

It could happen as soon as 2027, which would be appropriate in the sense that the Triple Crown is already set for a major reset by reverting to established venues and distances after being in flux since 2024 because of the overlapping rebuilds of Belmont Park and Pimlico Race Course.

The 2027 Preakness is scheduled to be the unveiling of the modernized Pimlico Plus (likely under a “festival” setup with full construction not expected to be finished) after one temporary running at Laurel Park. The GI Belmont Stakes will be back home at the new Belmont Park, restored to its rightful “Test of a Champion” distance of 1 1/2 miles after being contested at Saratoga Race Course for three years at 1 1/4 miles.

The scheduling idea with the most traction seems to be re-establishing the series on the first Saturdays in May, June and July. But traditionalists who are open to the concept of changing the Triple Crown—yet want the series to feature the exact same race spacing every year—are going to be out of luck with that methodology. *Cont. p3*

IRON HONOR ON TRACK FOR PREAKNESS, OTTINHO TARGETS BELMONT

Stablemates **Iron Honor** (Nyquist) and **Ottinho** (Quality Road) worked four furlongs in :48.00 (10/184) in company over the Belmont Park dirt training track Saturday. The former is expected to line up in the May 16 GI Preakness Stakes at Laurel Park and the latter remains possible for the June 6 GI Belmont Stakes at Saratoga Race Course.

Iron Honor, owned by St. Elias Stable, William Lawrence, and Glassman Racing, won the Feb. 28 GIII Gotham Stakes and was most recently a troubled seventh in the Apr. 4 GII Wood Memorial.

“That work went well,” trainer Chad Brown said. “Iron Honor came out of it very well. I’d say that we are in good shape to head over and try the Preakness. We will give him another shot going two turns.” *Cont. p5*

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RAYIF CLAIMS CLASSIC GLORY IN THE POULAINS

Aga Khan Studs homebred Rayif (Sea The Moon) became trainer Francis-Henri Graffard's first winner of ParisLongchamp's Poule d'Essai des Poulains with a dominant performance in Sunday's renewal. Sean Cronin has the report.

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GI Champagne Stakes winner Napoleon Solo ([Liam's Map](#)) arrived at Laurel Park from New York Sunday afternoon to prepare for next Saturday's GI Preakness Stakes. Owned by Gold Square LLC and trained by Chad Summers, the gray colt is due to go to the track Monday morning. | MJC photo

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The Week in Review *(cont. from p1)*

Right now there are always two weeks between the Derby and Preakness, and another three weeks until the Belmont, making for five weeks of spacing (not counting Derby day itself in the total of weeks).

But under the first-Saturday monthly scenario, the total number of weeks between the first and third legs of the entire Triple Crown would be either eight or nine depending on how the calendar falls in any given year.

In addition, the gaps between the first Saturdays in May, June, and July will always fluctuate between either four or five weeks.

So in some years there would be one additional week between the Derby and Preakness, and in other years the extra week would be between the Preakness and the Belmont.

In yet a third scenario (but not as frequently) there would be some years with just four weeks between each leg of the Triple Crown.

In 2027, for example, the Derby will be run on May 1. Under the first-Saturday template, that puts the Preakness five weeks later on June 5 and the Belmont four weeks after that, on July 3-nine weeks from first to third leg.

For 2028, the Derby would be on May 6, the Preakness four weeks later on June 3, then another four weeks to a July 1 Belmont. That's a cutback to eight weeks from first to third leg (over the next decade this would repeat twice, in 2033 and 2034).

The 2029 Triple Crown on a first-Saturday monthly schedule would essentially be a flip of the 2027 spacing: The Derby on May 5, the Preakness on June 2, and the Belmont on July 7. So back to nine weeks in total, but this time just four weeks from Derby to Preakness, then five from Preakness to Belmont.

Some might argue that it's imperative for there to be no such fluctuations in the total number of weeks or in the spacing between the races so that the feat of trying to win the Triple Crown can be held to the same standard every year.

I see the point, but that might not be practical or possible.

For our sport, the important thing is that even though the proposed new first-Saturday Triple Crown gaps might fluctuate in a small ways from year to year, the challenge will be the same for every Triple Crown aspirant within any given year.

In the championships of almost every other American sport, the playoff structure has recently (and continues to be) altered and modified. First it was extra games in quarter- and semi-final series. Then the addition of wild-card qualifiers. More recently, the introduction of play-in elimination games.

Have all of those changes been widely embraced by purists? Certainly not. But it's hard to find naysayers who convincingly claim that those evolving concepts haven't added excitement and interest (plus more wagering opportunities) to the Super Bowl, World Series, Stanley Cup and NBA championships.

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By retooling the Triple Crown--unlike in the aforementioned sports--the goal would be to achieve increased participation (particularly in the Preakness), while adding an equine safety buffer of time between races.

And it wouldn't be just the Preakness and the Belmont that would benefit. The supporting stakes on the Fridays before and on the day of the final two Triple Crown events would also improve, because the horses that compete in other divisions on roughly the same schedule will also be benefitting from extra time between starts.

Another schedule option being floated is the Derby on the first Saturday in May, the Preakness on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, and the Belmont on the Saturday nearest Independence Day.

Or why not just set the series at four-week spacing between the Derby, Preakness and Belmont and leave it at that?

In my opinion, the unappealing point of all these ideas is that they all involve at least some coupling of either the Preakness and/or the Belmont to federal holidays.

Memorial Day weekend already has a strong association with a race--the Indy 500. Plus, it's a big holiday for travel and people are outdoors or on the move for the unofficial start of summer.

Independence Day is also a huge travel weekend, with people celebrating at cookouts and fireworks shows.

In the first-Saturday scenario, the Preakness would never get stuck on Memorial Day, because that holiday's last-Monday-in-May placement keeps it at least five days away from the first Saturday in June.

But a first-Saturday Belmont would almost always occur around or on July 4, because that holiday annually cleaves itself to the closest weekend.

The second plan mentioned above--Preakness and the Belmont both on Memorial Day and Independence Day weekends--puts two of the three legs of the Triple Crown directly against federal holidays while also in some years (like 2028) creating the additional quirk of the Preakness being three weeks after the Derby, then five weeks until the Belmont.

The third idea--just slotting the races every four weeks apart--creates the least conflict with federal holidays.

But in this case, it would always be the Preakness that got saddled with Memorial Day weekend, while the Belmont would never hit Independence Day weekend. Over the next decade, that would happen in 2027, 2030, 2032 and 2033.

I still favor the idea of the first Saturday of the month for each race. Major prep stakes from February through April are clustered on the first Saturday of the month, and that's when we run the Breeders' Cup. There can be value in establishing the first Saturday of the month as a time when big things happen in horse racing.



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Extending the series into July has another advantage. Beyond baseball, Independence Day weekend is traditionally light on the American sporting scene. If a Triple Crown were on the line, the Belmont Stakes would not have to face direct competition from basketball and hockey playoffs (which can go as late as June 20), like the Belmont does every year when those games are going full-blast in June.

Whatever tweaks might be implemented, here's another wrinkle--you might even call it an opportunity for racing--that will be unique to 2027. Right now it looks like there is a good chance there will be some sort of lockout, strike or labor stoppage that affects a portion or all of next year's Major League Baseball season. A revised Triple Crown could end up being conducted in a sports betting landscape that is devoid of baseball next spring.

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Iron Honor to Preakness, Otinho Possible for Belmont *(cont. from p1)*

Iron Honor will have an equipment change when he makes just his fourth career start in the Preakness. Brown will take the blinkers off the colt, who will be ridden for the first time by Flavien Prat. Iron Honor was equipped with blinkers when he broke his maiden in his first career start last Dec. 13 at Aqueduct and also had them on for his one-length score in the Gotham.

"We're trying to get the horse to relax and maybe not be too aggressive early," Brown said. "I'm hoping there is some early pace in the race where he can sit back just a little bit and track horses."



Iron Honor | Sarah Andrew

Three Chimneys Farm's homebred Otinho was second behind Further Ado (**Gun Runner**) in the nine-furlong GI Toyota Blue Grass Stakes last out Apr. 4.

"I want to keep him as a Belmont possibility," Brown said. "I was pleased with that last effort. He had a minor issue with his foot that we discovered at Churchill, and we rectified that with a bar shoe. He seems to be very sound and moving forward again."

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CHIP HONCHO TUNES UP FOR PREAKNESS

Chip Honcho (**Connect**) had his final major tune-up for the May 16 GI Preakness Stakes when he worked four furlongs in :50.20 (39/47) at Churchill Downs Sunday. Exercise rider Luiyi Ortiz was aboard for the work, which was one of trainer Steve Asmussen's typical easy half-mile moves the week of a race. Chip Honcho's big work came May 2, when he worked five furlongs in 1:00.00 (1/14).

"I think we're in a very good place with him right now," said Asmussen, who won the Preakness in 2007 with **Curlin** and with Rachel Alexandra two years later. "We want to get him up there in the same shape he's leaving here in and hope for a good draw for him."

"I'm anxious because I think we have a very good opportunity going in," Asmussen added. "For him, I really want to avoid an outside draw."



Chip Honcho | Horsephotos

Chip Honcho had post two when he won a Churchill Downs maiden race and the rail when he took the **Gun Runner** Stakes last December at Fair Grounds in his first start around two turns.

In the Jan. 17 GIII Lecomte Stakes, Chip Honcho had the outermost post 10, broke a step slowly and was five wide on the first turn. He wound up fourth behind future Kentucky Derby hero Golden Tempo (**Curlin**).

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His best and fastest race came when Chip Honcho was second in the Feb. 14 GII Risen Star Stakes at Fair Grounds, when he broke well from post five, set the pace and only gave way late to come in second by a half-length to the well-regarded and subsequently sidelined Paladin (**Gun Runner**), while easily finishing in front of Golden Tempo. Chip Honcho's hoped-for progression hit the brakes with a well-beaten fifth in the Mar. 21 GII Louisiana Derby, leading connections to skip the Kentucky Derby in favor of the Preakness.

Kentucky Derby-winning jockey Jose Ortiz, who rode Chip Honcho in his maiden victory, has the Preakness mount.

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PRETTY BOY MIAH JOINS PREAKNESS FIELD

Pretty Boy Miah (**Beau Liam**) moved into the 14th and final spot in the GI Preakness Stakes field Sunday following the defections of **Express Kid** (Bodexpress) and **Smoovin Saturday** (I'll Have Another). The gelding has won his last two starts in wire-to-wire fashion since trainer Jeremiah Englehart added blinkers for a 6 1/2-furlong maiden special weight race Mar. 29 at Aqueduct. He added a one-mile starter optional claiming win at that oval Apr. 25.

"These races come around just once a year and you only have one chance in a career to run in them," Englehart said. "I think he's always been a really nice horse. When Travis Durr was breaking him at his farm after Legion Bloodstock bought him, they kind of always had him circled as a really nice colt. He showed that coming through. He went through some growing pains going to the track. We gave him some time to kind of grow up, gelded him and it's worked out for everyone involved here so far."



Pretty Boy Miah | *Coglianesse*

Pretty Boy Miah worked four furlongs in :49.04 (12/42) over the Oklahoma training track in Saratoga Saturday, while still an also-eligible to the Preakness field.

Englehart said that **Pretty Boy Miah** came out of the work in fine shape and that he was looking forward to saddling his first starter in a Triple Crown race. However, aware that another entry might knock his gelding back to the also-eligible list, Englehart said he would finalize shipping plans after entries close Monday. Should he get bumped from the Preakness field, **Pretty Boy Miah** is likely to run in the Sir Barton Stakes on the Preakness undercard at Laurel Park.

Ricardo Santana Jr. will ride the gelding in the Preakness.

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GROWTH EQUITY FINE AFTER PETER PAN WIN, BELMONT POSSIBLE

Klaravich Stable's **Growth Equity** (**Nyquist**) exited his two-length victory in the GIII Peter Pan Stakes Saturday in fine shape and the June 6 GI Belmont Stakes remains a possible next target for the bay colt.

"He looks good so far," trainer Chad Brown said of **Growth Equity**'s status Sunday morning. "That was a nice step forward. I was glad to see him handle two turns. I thought that he ran well. I think the runner-up is a nice horse. So, that was a nice, positive move forward. No immediate plans yet, but I was very pleased with the race."



Growth Equity | *Coglianesse*

Growth Equity was second in his first two career starts, both at sprint distances. He graduated by 4 1/4 lengths when stretched out to Aqueduct's one-turn mile Mar. 20. In the Peter Pan, he scored a stalking victory over Withers Stakes winner **Talk to Me Jimmy** (**Modernist**), with GIII Stonestreet Lexington Stakes winner **Trendsetter** (**Modernist**) in third.

The Peter Pan is the traditional New York prep for the GI Belmont Stakes, to be held over 10 furlongs at Saratoga Race Course this year. The New York Racing Association has waived entry and starting fees to the Belmont Stakes for the first three finishers of the Peter Pan.

“I’m going to see how the horse comes out of this race when we put him back under tack and out on the track,” said Brown. “We’ll keep an eye on [the Belmont Stakes]. We’ll keep it as a possibility, for sure, but it is not the only possibility.”

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REEF RUNNER TO RETURN IN JAIPUR

Reef Runner (The Big Beast), winner of the G2 1351 Turf Sprint in February at King Abdulaziz Racecourse in Riyadh and fourth in the Mar. 28 G1 Al Quoz Sprint at Meydan, is expected to make his stateside return in the June 6 GI Jaipur Stakes at Saratoga. The 5-year-old gelding had his first work since returning from the Middle East Saturday, going four furlongs in :46.90 (1/19) over the Tapeta at Gulfstream.

“He looks fantastic,” said trainer David Fawkes. “I nominated him for the Jaipur. We’re coming. He traveled unbelievable from Dubai. He got off the plane like I vanned him from Ocala to Miami. I gave him 3 1/2 weeks with Nick Esler in Ocala, who took great care of him for me. Nick called me and said, ‘Dave, you need to bring him back to work. He’s a wild man.’”



Reef Runner | Mathea Kelly/JCSA

Fawkes will be hoping for sunshine and firm ground in June at Saratoga, which is something Reef Runner failed to find in his lone previous outing at the Spa when a troubled eighth in the Mahony Stakes over good ground in August 2024.

“We were at John Kimmel’s yard, and it rained so hard his entire courtyard was flooded. I knew we were screwed,” Fawkes said. “This time, he should be very strong, as long as the weather is good. He doesn’t like it soft.”

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Friday, Laurel #13, post time: 5:17 p.m. EDT

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

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Miss Fulton Gal 🌿	Rock Your World	Trott Racing Stable, Five Sisters Farm and Polizos, John	Gorham	Velazquez	118
2	Ivy Girl 🌿	Maxfield	Lucky Hat Racing LLC	Green	Carrasco	120
3	Holly's Holiday 🌿	Maxfield	4 G Racing, Day, Gregg, Crain, Steven and Crain, Holly	McPeek	Prat	122
4	Savor It 🌿	Vino Rosso	Trin-Brook Stables, Inc.	St. Lewis	Sanchez	118
5	Braken Poppa	Aurelius Maximus	Reimer, Ken T., Kent, Bradley D & Madaket Stables, LLC	Asmussen	Ortiz	118
6	Haute Diva 🌿	Constitution	JSM Equine LLC	Biancone	Asmussen	120
7	Jumping the Gun	Gun Runner	Imaginary Stables	Simoff	Saez	118
8	Majestic Lucia 🌿	McKinzie	Elena Racing Stable and Carga, Inc.	Barboza, Jr.	Alvarado	118
9	A. P.'s Girl	Honor A. P.	C R K Stable LLC	Eurton	Ortiz, Jr.	118
10	My Miss Mo	Uncle Mo	Averill Racing, Mathis Stable, and De Meric, Tristan	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	118

Breeders: 1-Malia Hopkins, Virginia Moore & LeeForestiere, MD., 2-Farfellow Farms LTD., 3-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC, 4-Tony Lacy & Kathie Maybee, 5-Natalie Montgomery & Jim Montgomery, 6-JSM Equine, LLC, 7-John Guarneri, 8-Monarch Farms, Inc., 9-Parks Investment Group, LLC, 10-Valerie Mastromonaco, Tristan de Meric & Uncle Mo Syndicate

Friday, Laurel #8, post time: 2:52 p.m. EDT

MISS PREAKNESS S.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo, f, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Little Miss Curlin	Charlatan	Coteau Grove Farms LLC	Asmussen	Ortiz	124
2	Peach Tie 🌿	Preservationist	Estate of Brereton C. Jones	Russell	Russell	120
3	Lights Out Leni	Speightstown	Gold Square LLC	Summers	Saez	118
4	Getting Closer 🌿	Good Magic	Long, Eric Y. and JWS Racing, LLC	Sisterson	Lezcano	118
5	Tessellate 🌿	McKinzie	Magic Cap Stables, Braverman, Paul, Pinch, Timothy, Castle Gate Farm, BAG Racing Stables, Reinhardt, John and Turf Express Racing, Inc.	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz, Jr.	122
6	Late Night Text	Into Mischief	Daugherty Racing LLC and 24th Road Racing LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	118
7	Victory Music 🌿	Maclean's Music	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Prat	120

Breeders: 1-Coteau Grove Farms, LLC, 2-Brereton C. Jones, 3-Cypress Creek Equine, LLC, 4-John Ropes, 5-Castle Gate Farm LLC, 6-LNJ Foxwoods & Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD, 7-Three Diamonds Farm

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Friday, Laurel #12, post time: 4:48 p.m. EDT

PIMLICO SPECIAL S.-GIII, \$250,000, 3yo/up, 1 3/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Maclean's Rook	Maclean's Music	PrepsToThePros Racing Stables, & July Cavalry Racing	Trombetta	Villalobos	120
2	Navajo Warrior 🦋	Candy Ride (Arg)	BAG Racing Stables, Miller Racing, Paul, Dr. Derek K., Mathis Stable, LLC, Braverman, Paul and Pinch, Timothy	Joseph, Jr.	Prat	120
3	San Siro 🦋	Classic Empire	Andrew Farm, Mountmellick Farm, Ocean Reef Racing, White Mountain Stables and Stonecrest Farm	Walsh	Gaffalione	122
4	Awesome Aaron 🦋	Practical Joke	Turman Racing Stbl, AJ Suited Racing Stbl & Blieden, M	Casse	Velazquez	120
5	Xcellent Start	Upstart	Regulator Racing Stable	Sanderson	Peltroche	120
6	Duke of Duval 🦋	Arrogate	Mike G. Rutherford	Asmussen	Ortiz	120
7	Yo Daddy	Yoshida (Jpn)	Winning Move Stable	Rice	Lezcano	122

Breeders: 1-Determined Stud, 2-Hinkle Farms, 3-Frankfort Park Farm, Bemart, Equinow, Valle Falcone & K. Byrne, 4-Lester Kwok & Dr. Naoya Yoshida, 5-Williams Racing Corp, 6-Bluewater Sales LLC, 7-Big Chief Racing LLC & Rocker O Ranch LLC

Saturday, Churchill Downs #8, post time: 9:39 p.m. EDT

LOUISVILLE S.-GIII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Anegada 🦋	Midshipman	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Morales	118
2	Echo Lane	Treasure Beach (GB)	Anthony Rogers	Crichton	Leon	118
3	Burnham Square	Liam's Map	Whitham Thoroughbreds LLC	Wilkes	Hernandez, Jr.	123
4	Freedom's Way 🦋	Declaration of War	Snyder, Connie and Richard	Kenneally	Curtis	118
5	Dancin in Da'nile	Pioneerof the Nile	Ralph R. Murray, John Menary, Gail Cox and Michael Balaz	Cox	Geroux	118
6	Vote No 🦋	Divisidero	Crown's Way Racing, LLC, NBS Stable, Kevin Marko and Eli Diamant	Danner	Beschizza	118

Breeders: 1-Leonard Supchak, 2-Echo Lane Of Ocala, LLC, 3-Whitham Thoroughbreds, LLC, 4-Cove Springs Farm LLC, 5-Sam-Son Farm, 6-Mr. & Mrs. A. John Price

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1st Dam: **Zydeco Mama**, by **Hard Spun**

2nd Dam: **Song of Solomon**, by **Unbridled's Song**

3rd Dam: **Regal Miss Copelan**, by **Copelan**

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1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Klaravich Stables, Inc.; B-LBD Stable, LLC (KY); T-Chad C. Brown; J-Samuel Marin. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-0, \$166,480.

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2--**Star Sweeper**, 116, c, 3, Rock Your World--Tapless, by **Tapit**. (\$40,000 2yo '25 OBSMAR). O-Bran Jam Stable and David W. Clark; B-Tami D. Bobo (KY); T-Louis C. Linder, Jr.. \$20,000.

3--**Noble Heritage**, 118, g, 3, **Tapit**--Comic Marvel, by Distorted Humor. (\$32,000 3yo '26 FTDMAR). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Anthony Fontana; B-Juddmonte (KY); T-Jorge Delgado. \$10,000.

Margins: HD, 7HF, 1 1/4. Odds: 0.60, 11.60, 12.00.

Also Ran: Bricklin. Scratched: Clocker Special, Red Zone Runner.

It was a battle to the line, but Hedge Ratio overhauled Star Sweeper in the final strides to win the Long Branch Stakes by a head.

Last seen posting a 100 Beyer when defeating optional claiming company at Aqueduct Mar. 29, it was his second attempt at the condition after breaking his maiden three back Nov. 22 as a juvenile at that venue. Sent off carrying 3-5 favoritism, the Speightstown colt set up in the back of a small field but was never far away from Star Sweeper as that one set the pace. The colts were on even terms after a half-mile in :47.15 and Hedge Ratio had even put some distance between them as they swung for home. His competition proved stubborn however, and they came within a head of each other on the wire. Noble Heritage was over seven lengths back in third from that pair.

"We weren't worried about him bouncing [after running a 100 Beyer in his previous start]," said Luis Cabrera, assistant to Chad Brown. "We really don't worry about that. He has continued to train well and he is sharp right now. The jockey might have moved a little early with him this race but it worked out."

"The horse is getting more experience. He's pretty young. Everything now is a learning experience for him. I think he saw the horse on the inside [eventually beating a resurgent Star Sweeper by a head] but I think he felt he was going to keep going right by. Then it was almost as if he was waiting for company."

When asked about a next start, Cabrera left that up to Brown, saying, "That's Chad's decision. I think a lot of things are under consideration (with the possibility of the NYRA Bets Pegasus Stakes on Haskell Preview Day June 13). He was very professional today. You can see him getting better and better."

The victor is the first to the races for Zydeco Mama, who has since produced a juvenile colt by **Munnings** named Morning Jazz that was exported to Russia this year. The mare also has a yearling colt by **Essential Quality**. She is due to **Elite Power** in 2026. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**



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8th-Churchill Downs, \$111,179, Alw, 5-10, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:33.78, fm, 1/2 length.

PRINCESS ATTITUDE (f, 4, Frankel {GB}--Keertana {MGSW & MGISP, \$1,031,938}, by Johar) showed her affinity for the distance when graduating at Keeneland last spring before hitting the board in last season's Hilltop Stakes at Pimlico and Tepin Stakes at Churchill. A close-up third going a sixteenth longer at Keeneland on Apr. 8, she was installed the 2-1 choice to get the job done here. Settled in a tracking position early, the bay mounted her challenge two wide turning for home, took over and was up late to score by a half-length over Competitive Market (Authentic).

The winner, a half to Ticonderoga (Tapit), GSW, \$431,470, has an unraced 2-year-old sister by Into Mischief and a yearling brother by Charlatan. Sales history: \$400,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: MSP, 13-2-4-2, \$270,856. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-G. Watts Humphrey, Jr.; B-Pursuit of Success (KY); T-Victoria H. Oliver.



Princess Attitude (inside) | Coady Media



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5th-Belmont The Big A, \$88,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$55,000), 5-10, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:35.47, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

POINT OF REFERENCE (f, 3, Upstart--Turtle Trax {GSP, \$163,294}, by Cairo Prince) settle in fourth as P Mutter Pickle (Vino Rosso) led favored Snide (Tonalist) through an opening quarter in :23.01. Continuing to survey the pace through a :46.14 half, Point of Reference reached the pacesetters at the quarter pole, but was forced wide rounding the home turn. In control down the lane, the 5-2 second choice ran on to score by 2 3/4 lengths over the 3-2 choice.

Turtle Trax is also responsible for a juvenile full sister to Point of Reference and a yearling brother by McKinzie. She dropped a Mage colt in 2026. Sales history: \$260,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$93,080. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Klaravich Stables, Inc.; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.

7th-Belmont The Big A, \$88,000, Alw, 5-10, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:34.24, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

I'M READY TO GO (c, 4, Liam's Map--Silverpocketsfull {GISP, \$137,671}, by Indian Charlie) won by a neck on debut March 2025 but went onto the sidelines afterwards for almost a year until he resurfaced Mar. 7 in a first-level allowance contest at this venue. Running second there behind Porosity (Maclean's Music), who is now on a three-race winstreak, I'm Ready to Go beat home three next out winners in what has turned into a very productive running line. Made the even-money favorite here, he chased off the pace going down the backstretch and was six wide rallying into the lane as Bold Strength (Constitution) proved stubborn on the front end. Edging clear as the longtime leader tried to mount a response, I'm Ready to Go collected his second lifetime victory by 2 1/2 lengths.

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The grey is his dam's fourth winner from five to the races, and is a half-sibling to Mackman (**Union Rags**), SW & GSP, \$490,395. Silverpocketsfull's most recent offspring are a yearling colt by **Olympiad**, and a 2026 filly by **Tiz the Law**. She was bred to Jackie's Warrior for 2027. Sales history: \$270,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$109,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Richard Schermerhorn; B-Sierra Farm (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.



Making Daisys | MJC

8th-Laurel, \$49,020, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000-\$62,500), 5-10, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:48.87, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.
MAKING DAISYS (f, 3, Gun Runner--Stayclassysandiego {SP}, by Rockport Harbor), ninth in her debut going 6 1/2 panels at Kentucky Downs last September, rounded out her juvenile season with a distant third going a mile on the dirt at the Big A in December. Given support at 9-5 in her seasonal bow at Colonial on Mar. 13, the half to MGSW & GISP Pretty N Cool (Scat Daddy), \$562,905, came home a narrow winner and was installed the 4-5 choice to repeat here. Propping and dislodging jockey Sheldon Russell during the load process, Making Daisys nor her rider suffered any ill effects from her pre-game antics and promptly proceeded to get to business. Tacit Value (**Tacitus**) ran to the front, while Making Daisys settled a few lengths behind as the pacesetter's saddle slipped forward giving her rider Yedsit Hazlewood all he could handle to control the free-rolling frontrunner. Starting to close on the front runner on the far turn, Making Daisys caught the early leader and was narrowly ahead of her wayward rival straightening for home. Comfortably in front through the lane, she had enough left to hold off the rallying Yau Majesty (Yaupon) by 1 1/4 lengths at the wire.

"It's not that she's green," Russell said. "She needs a friend [to run near]. I had a friend for the whole race at Colonial, but she

didn't want to pass. So I had to work on her, work on her, and I thought she would improve. But she's done the same thing again today. She was stuck on [Tacit Value] a little bit too. She just doesn't do a whole lot in front, but she got the job done. Hopefully, she'll keep figuring it out. She's a lovely ride."

A half-sister to Grade I winner Sean Avery (Cherokee Run), Stayclassysandiego has a yearling filly by **Cody's Wish** and a filly foal by National Treasure. Sales history: \$200,000 Wlg '23 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$86,120. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Thomas Bachman; B-Nancy C. Shuford (KY); T-Wesley Ward.

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4th-Gulfstream, \$46,500, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 5-10, 3yo/up, 5fT, :54.14, fm, 3 1/4 lengths.

THOUGHT CONTROL (c, 4, Gun Runner--In It for the Gold, by Speightstown), ninth in his career debut going seven panels over the main track here on Mar. 29, bounced back to go wire-to-wire sprinting over the Gulfstream synthetic in November. Giving the dirt another go on Mar. 28, the chestnut tired to finish fifth as the 2-1 choice in a 6 1/2 optional claimer. Sent to the front from jump, Thought Control was clear turning for home and remained confidently in front to score by 3 1/4 lengths over Giant Teddy (Giant Gizmo).

The winner, a half to GSP Englishman (**Maxfield**), \$244,500, has a yearling sister by **Mandaloun**. In It For the Gold, who brought \$75,000 at KEENOV while carrying a filly by Authentic in 2023, produced a colt by **Tiz the Law** this season. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$54,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-e Five Racing Thoroughbreds; B-Fifth Avenue Bloodstock (KY); T-Saffie A. Joseph Jr.



Thought Control | Ryan Thompson

6th-Lone Star, \$33,500, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 5-10, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38.62, my, 3/4 length.

MISTER OMAHA (c, 4, Omaha Beach--Cosmic Code, by Into Mischief) has been a solid face in the black type races since he first entered them as a juvenile, and after a solid 2025 campaign where he ended it with a 96 Beyer after claiming the Jim Thorpe Stakes at Remington by a head, his 4-year-old season began just as well. Leaving the blocks here as an overwhelming favorite, he set all the fractions on an uncontested lead and had built up enough of an advantage late that Diamond Rim (**Not This Time**) could not reel him in. Mister Omaha is the first to the races for Cosmic Code, but also has a winning younger full-brother named Sharons Beach. The mare's 2024 **Blame** foal died the year she hit the ground, but there is a yearling filly by Code West waiting in the wings. Sales history: \$120,000 RNA Ylg '23 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: MSW & GSP, 15-8-1-2, \$406,033. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O/B-Bryan Hawk (OK); T-Joe S. Offolter.

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10th-Churchill Downs, \$111,288, Msw, 5-10, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:48.49, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.

TULIP (f, 3, Flameaway--Dancinginherdreams {GSW, \$328,516}, by Tapit) debuted Apr. 12 at Keeneland against a maiden field contesting a mile on the grass and closed from eighth to run third. Returning here at 6-1 odds for this second jump going even longer, she tried a diametrically opposed trip and stepped out quickly to take command. Opening up on her competition to set uncontested fractions of :47.46 and six furlongs in 1:12.66, Tulip posted a mile in 1:36.55 as the runners behind her tried to cut into her margin. Still in control in the lane, Emerald Spun (**Hard Spun**) came closest to the grey but was still 1 1/4 lengths beaten in the end. The victress is the most recent to the races for Dancinginherdreams and is a half-sister to Champions Dream (**Justify**), GSW, \$211,230. The mare was barren in 2024, but has a yearling colt by **Gunite** and a 2026 full-sister to Tulip in the wings. Sales history: \$130,000 Ylg '24 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$78,534. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-LNJ Foxwoods and Church Street Stable; B-John C. Oxley (KY); T-William Walden.

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4th-Belmont The Big A, \$85,000, Msw, 5-10, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35.79, fm, 4 1/4 lengths.

RIGHT TIMING (f, 3, Not This Time--Elusive Amber, by Quality Road) found a home on the turf with a smart victory to break her maiden at third asking for trainer Chad Brown and owner/breeder Three Chimneys. Unveiled Mar. 7 at Tampa over the main track, she was run down late in that six-furlong maiden to run second and was fourth last out at Keeneland Apr. 11 when testing a furlong farther. Moved to the grass and again adding real estate for this third try, the 4-5 betting choice was content to watch the action unfold from just off the pace as a 59-1 longshot led them into the far bend after six panels in 1:12.62. Overtaking that one and opening up a clear advantage turning for home, Right Timing kicked away well to win by 4 1/4 lengths over fellow **Not This Time** filly River Ride. The victress is the first to make the races for Elusive Amber after her 2022 **Gun Runner** died as a foal. The mare has since produced a yearling filly by **Practical Joke**, but her 2026 **Newgate** foal was stillborn. Sales history: \$400,000 RNA Ylg '24 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$59,169. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC (Goncalo B. Torrealba) (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.

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6th-Belmont The Big A, \$85,000, Msw, 5-10, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.92, fm, 3 1/2 lengths.

GLAVINE (c, 3, Not This Time--Aspen Hilltop, by Bernardini) was unveiled last season in late August against a field of Saratoga maidens going long on the lawn, and dueled to a respectable second-place result. Gone since then and back here with first-time Lasix, the 4-1 shot once again stalked the action from off the pace behind :23.65 and :47.81 early splits. Rolling by the pacesetter turning for home, he kicked on well to break his maiden by 3 1/2 lengths over 1-2 favorite Coordinator (**Kingman {GB}**). Glavine is the fourth winner from five to the races for his dam, whose 2024 **Epicenter** was stillborn, but who safely delivered a now yearling filly by **Oscar Performance** a year later. She is due to **Olympiad** in 2026. Sales history: \$135,000 Ylg '24 KEEJAN; \$250,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$66,750. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-West Paces Racing LLC, Rainbow's End Racing Stable LLC and Lyden, Michael P.; B-Hunter Valley Farm (KY); T-Thomas Morley.



1st-Belmont The Big A, \$80,000, (S), Msw, 5-10, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.81, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.

BLUE ROOF BEAU (g, 3, Beau Liam--Lipstick, by Ghostzapper) went right to the front and did not give them a second opinion in this unveiling, recovering from an awkward step coming out of the gate to set the tempo through :22.06 and four panels in :45.12. Dueling with Bye for Now (Tapiture) through the bend, the 2-1 second choice turned that rival away from the inland route and kicked away to a workman-like 3 3/4-length victory over 8-5 favorite Hurricane Kaz (Name Changer). The victor is the third winner from as many to the races for Lipstick. He is also her last registered offspring when she didn't catch in 2024 with no breedings on record since then. Sales history: \$70,000 Ylg '24 SARAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$44,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Legion Racing and Flash Toga Farm; B-Mallory & Karen Mort (NY); T-Jeremiah C. Englehart.



Blue Roof Beau by Beau Liam | Coglianese-NYRA

3rd-Belmont The Big A, \$80,000, (S), Msw, 5-10, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:34.63, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

TRICKY BUSINESS (g, 3, Vekoma--Super Marina {SW, \$134,253}, by Warrior's Reward) had to be coaxed out of the gate for this debut, but he settled just off the speed dual six wide down the backstretch. Improving his position on the turn and moved closer to the rail to save some ground, the 3-1 shot locked horns with Judge Boushay (Global Campaign) until the quarter pole when he turned that one away. Inching forward to extend his advantage, Tricky Business hit the wire 3 1/2 lengths over his challenger. The victor is a full-brother to SP Super Swift and a half to a winning Russian Realm (**Constitution**). Super Marina's most recent to come of age is a juvenile filly named Jadugar (Authentic). She is due back to **Constitution** for 2026. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$44,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-R. A. Hill Stable; B-R. A. Hill Stable (NY); T-George Weaver.



5th-Woodbine, C\$78,784, Msw, 5-10, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:11.09, ft, 3/4 length.

BRACHETTO (c, 3, Vekoma--Colorino, by Include) finished on the board in both starts last term, including the latest over this track and trip on Dec. 14. Sent off at 5-2 for this return, the Manitoba-bred caught a flyer exiting post 6 and found himself in front but soon dropped back to fourth as favored Mister Blue (**Maclean's Music**) led through a swift opening quarter in :21.76. Starting to pick up them tempo as the favorite continued to dominate up front, Brachetto started to reel in the tiring frontrunner and overhauled his rival late to score by 3/4 of a length. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$49,140. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Dr. Ross & B McKague; B-R McKague (MB); T-Julia Carey.

1st-Woodbine, C\$75,524, Msw, 5-10, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:12.14, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

EMPTY HANDED (f, 3, Neolithic--Russian River, by Stravinsky), given a 7-2 chance for this unveiling, closed from off the pace to post a lengthening 3 1/2-length victory over fellow firster Borika (Ire) (Kodi Bear {Ire}). Favored Justine (**Justify**) was third.

The winner is a half to GSW Marckie's Water (Tribal Rule), \$543,634. Russian River produced a filly by Simplification earlier this year. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$32,599. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Discovery Racing, Goldie Stables and Tom McCrocklin; B-Frank Mermenstein & Tom McCrocklin (FL); T-Julia Carey.

1st-Santa Anita, \$65,000, Msw, 5-10, 3, 4, /5yo, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:49.78, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.

VICTORIOUS DREAM (IRE) (f, 3, Ghaiyyath {Ire}--Perfect Dream {GB}, by Oasis Dream {GB}) was last seen Apr. 5 at this venue collecting black-type placing in the Providencia Stakes when running third by a head in a wild three-horse photo for the win. Hammered down to 1-5 favoritism for this jump against maiden competition, she broke well to track the action up front from midpack before moving closer on the backstretch. Challenged by Fire Ban (Preservationist) on the far turn, Victorious Dream turned her away in the final sixteenth to win by 1 1/2 lengths. The victress is the first to the races for Perfect Dream, whose youngest is a juvenile colt by Nando Parrado (GB). Sales history: €26,000 RNA Ylg '24 GOFFEB. Lifetime Record: SP, 7-1-2-2, \$82,886. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Sabby Racing, LLC and House, Michael; B-Mr Paul Croke (IRE); T-Michael W. McCarthy.



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2026 Stud Fees Listed

Basin (Liam's Map), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
95 foals of racing age/20 winners/3 black-type winners
5-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 4:14 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Basil, 6-1
\$24,000 KEE SEP yrl

Beau Liam (Liam's Map), Airdrie Stud, \$7,500
144 foals of racing age/31 winners/4 black-type winners
3-Horseshoe Turf Pick 3, 5:16 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Blazy, 30-1
\$15,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

Beau Liam cont.

6-Thistledown, 3:20 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, Unbridled O'Brien, 8-1
\$15,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$37,000 RNA EAS MAY 2yo; \$23,000 OBS
OPN 2yo

By My Standards (Goldencents), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
132 foals of racing age/22 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 4:14 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Standard
Edition, 20-1
\$11,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

Code of Honor (Noble Mission {GB}), Lane's End Farm
62 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Thistledown, 2:50 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, Honor and Obay, 3-1
\$4,500 KEE JAN wnl; \$19,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Silver State (Hard Spun), Claiborne Farm, \$7,500
173 foals of racing age/21 winners/1 black-type winner
3-Finger Lakes, 1:53 p.m. EDT, Alw 5f, Savage State, 3-1
\$17,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl; \$27,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Sombeyay (Into Mischief), Swifty Farms, private
26 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 2:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Rioja Alta, 4-1



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Right Timing (by Not This Time) takes her turf debut with a stylish victory at the Big A on Sunday.

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STAKES RESULTS:

COIN COLLECTOR S., (NB) \$76,500, Charles Town, 5-9, (S), 3yo, 4 1/2f, :51.80, ft.
1--RYAN'S RUN, 122, g, 3, by Runhappy--Saturday Nthe Park (MSP, \$210,312), by Any Given Saturday. O/B-Coleswood Farm, Inc. (WV); T-Jeff C. Runco; J-Arnaldo Bocachica. \$45,900. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$63,924. *1/2 to Change the World (Overanalyze), SP, \$253,105; 1/2 to Barbers Point (Congrats), SP, \$186,012.
2--The Big Lep, 122, c, 3, Great Notion--Oh So Lovely, by Friesan Fire. (\$22,000 Wlg '23 FTIDEC). O-Burnsworth, Richard and Dunn Brothers Racing, LLC; B-Super C Racing Inc (WV); T-Anthony Farrior. \$15,300.
3--Irish Jubalee, 122, c, 3, Juba--My Girl Tricky, by Hat Trick (Jpn). (\$10,000 Wlg '23 FTIDEC). O-Burnsworth, Richard and Conroy Thoroughbreds, LLC; B-Lee H. Vosters (MD); T-Anthony Farrior. \$8,415.
 Margins: 5HF, NK, 5. Odds: 1.10, 1.50, 12.80.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Woodbine, C\$100,188, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$34,734-\$36,563), 5-10, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:10.77, ft, head.
PIPER'S FACTOR (h, 5, The Factor--Pipers Future {MSP, \$188,334}, by Niigon) Lifetime Record: SW & MGSP, 21-4-3-1, \$324,103. O-Chiefswood Stables Limited; B-Chiefswood Stables Limited (ON); T-Katerina Vassilieva.

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8th-Belmont The Big A, \$82,000, (S), 5-10, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:35.78, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.
STICKUPWITHOUTAGUN (c, 3, McKinzie--Gun Club, by Trappe Shot) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$108,490. O-Harold Lerner LLC, AWC Stables and Nehoc Stables; B-Sequel Thoroughbreds, LLC & Lakland Farm (NY); T-Kenneth G. McPeck. *\$130,000 Ylg '24 SARAUG.

9th-Belmont The Big A, \$82,000, (S), 5-10, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.99, fm, nose.
JUST FOR LUCK (g, 6, Lookin At Lucky--La Boheme, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: 27-4-6-7, \$185,167. O-Morris, Sean, Speranza, Steven, Manfredi, Linda and Ramaglia, Joseph; B-Lannister Holdings (NY); T-Richard E. Dutrow, Jr.

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7th-Woodbine, C\$80,838, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$21,938-\$23,400), 5-10, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04.61, ft, head.
GILT EDGE (g, 5, Klimt--Ruby Roan, by Jimmy Creed) Lifetime Record: 20-4-2-0, \$172,121. O-Chesney, Stephen and Hoffman, Cory S.; B-Ryan Shane Kerbel (ON); T-Darwin D. Banach. *\$20,000 Ylg '22 OBSWIN; \$49,000 RNA Ylg '22 OBSOCT.

4th-Santa Anita, \$67,000, (S), (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 5-10, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.33, ft, 6 lengths.
RYAN'S GIRL (f, 4, Win the Space--Fuega, by Union Rags) Lifetime Record: 22-6-2-3, \$140,150. O-Lizbeth Medina; B-Kretz Racing LLC (CA); T-Genaro Vallejo.

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7th-Monmouth, \$65,625, (S), 5-10, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.81, ft, 4 3/4 lengths.
RED HEAD ITALIAN (m, 5, Bucchero--Dangerous Dawn, by Forest Danger) Lifetime Record: 18-4-3-2, \$105,490. O-Kenwood Racing LLC and RJR Racing; B-Kelly Lynn Lupton (NJ); T-Kelly J. Breen. *\$40,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR.

7th-Gulfstream, \$53,250, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 5-10, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :55.47, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.

CORBET'S CRUSH (f, 3, Volatile--Qiaona {MSW, \$657,027}, by Wilko) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$55,373. O-Rebel Racing LLC; B-Judy Hicks (KY); T-Heather Smullen. *\$50,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP.

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6th-Monmouth, \$51,325, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 5-10, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.21, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

TICKIN TIME BLONDE (f, 4, Not This Time--Blonde Bomber {SW & GISP, \$293,540}, by Fort Larned) Lifetime Record: 15-2-2-1, \$205,114. O-BBN Racing, LLC; B-Clarkland Farm LLC (KY); T-Victoria H. Oliver. *\$100,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP. **1/2 to Bling (American Pharoah), MGSP, \$743,951.

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6th-Prairie Meadows, \$47,145, (S), 5-9, (NW2L), 3/4yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:04.61, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

SONG MAGIC (f, 3, Good Magic--Songatmidnight, by Midnight Lute) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$62,372. O/T-Christine Hicklin; B-Good Magic Syndicate & Christine Aaron Hicklin DVM (IA). *\$40,000 Wlg '23 KEENOV.

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8th-Evangeline Downs, \$41,000, (S), 5-9, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.22, sy, 1 length.

MO ECHOS (f, 3, Mo Town--Lucky Mary G. {SP, \$197,797}, by Forestry) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$66,190. O-Lisa Rau; B-Roger B. McNamara (LA); T-Chadwick J. Mouton. *\$11,000 Ylg '24 BSLY&M.

7th-Lone Star, \$36,500, (NW1YX)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 5-10, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16.48, my, 2 3/4 lengths.

DOMINANT SPIRIT (g, 4, Mohaymen--Town Belle, by Speightstown) Lifetime Record: 17-4-1-4, \$154,049. O-Henry S. Witt, Jr.; B-Clark O. Brewster (KY); T-Jerry Gourneau. *\$65,000 2yo '24 TTAAPR. **1/2 to Ryono Tesoro (Justin Phillip), SW-Jpn, \$528,097.

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5th-Hawthorne, \$31,000, 5-10, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:43.50, ft, 9 lengths.

END OF INNOCENCE (m, 5, Upstart--Blame the Law {SP}, by Blame) Lifetime Record: 21-5-2-1, \$125,856. O-Haran Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-John Haran. *\$90,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

9th-Century Mile, C\$24,550, 5-9, 3yo/up, 5f, :57.69, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

THATSWHATIMHEREFOR (g, 4, Fed Biz--Ennis Lady, by Speightstown) Lifetime Record: 12-5-3-2, \$80,102. O-Landry, Curtis and Highfield Investment Group, Inc.; B-Highfield Investment Group Inc. (ON); T-Gonzalo Anderson. *C\$26,000 Ylg '23 CANSEP.

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6th-Century Mile, C\$20,370, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,430), 5-9, 3yo, 5f, :58.37, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

JAVIER (g, 3, Practical Joke--Allegory, by Unbridled's Song) Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$21,358. O-Don B. Danard; B-Dell Ridge Farm, LLC (KY); T-Carson Frey. *\$16,000 2yo '25 FTDJUL. **1/2 to Copper Bullet (More Than Ready), GSW, \$339,345.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Sr Seventyone, f, 2, **Blame**--Noble Charlotte (SW, \$239,060), by Include. Churchill Downs, 5-10, (C), 4 1/2f, :53.48. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$34,952. B-Jack Swain III (KY). *\$18,000 Ylg '25 KEESEP. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

Slewssongofthenile, g, 3, **Aurelius Maximus**--Singing n' Praying, by Songandaprayer. Evangeline Downs, 5-9, (S), 6f, 1:12.88. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$46,845. B-Phyllis Hodges (LA).

Game Time Decision, g, 3, **By My Standards**--Biogio's Gift, by Any Given Saturday. Lone Star, 5-10, 1m (off turf), 1:41.53. Lifetime Record: 9-1-2-2, \$38,959. B-Scott Pierce (KY). *1/2 to Tap Dancing Lady (Tapiture), MSP, \$192,203; 1/2 to B G Warrior (Run Away and Hide), MSW, \$564,037; 1/2 to Lou's Legacy (Tapiture), SP, \$219,902.

Ur Fabulous, f, 3, **Collected**--Gusto Dolce (Uru) (GSW-Brz), by T. H. Approval. Charles Town, 5-9, 4 1/2f, :53.43. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$20,081. B-Brownwood Farm (KY). *\$4,500 3yo '26 FTDMAR. **1/2 to Querobin Dourada (Capo Bastone), MSP, \$420,781.

Ain't No Angel, f, 3, **Fiber Sonde**--Shes Pretty Fancy (MSP, \$142,363), by My Boy Adam. Charles Town, 5-9, (S), 4 1/2f, :53.47. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,572. B-Tim Grams & Judith Grams (WV). *Full to Fancy Concho, MSW, \$381,830. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

Matt At Five, g, 3, **Tamarando**--Fast Breaking News, by Flower Alley. Santa Anita, 5-10, (S), 6fT, 1:09.15. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$67,000. B-Harris Farms, Inc. (CA).

Rock Music, c, 4, **Into Mischief**--Clever Babe, by Distorted Humor. Churchill Downs, 5-10, (C), 7f, 1:23.12. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$45,092. B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. (KY). *1/2 to Book Review (Giant's Causeway), GISW, \$884,955.

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Aurelius Maximus, Slewssongofthenile, g, 3, o/o Singing n' Praying, by Songandaprayer. MSW, 5-9, Evangeline

Beau Liam, Blue Roof Beau, g, 3, o/o Lipstick, by Ghostzapper. MSW, 5-10, Belmont The Big A

Blame, Sr Seventyone, f, 2, o/o Noble Charlotte, by Include. MCL, 5-10, Churchill Downs

Buccherro, Red Head Italian, m, 5, o/o Dangerous Dawn, by Forest Danger. ALW, 5-10, Monmouth

By My Standards, Game Time Decision, g, 3, o/o Biogio's Gift, by Any Given Saturday. MSW, 5-10, Lone Star

Collected, Ur Fabulous, f, 3, o/o Gusto Dolce (Uru), by T. H. Approval. MSW, 5-9, Charles Town

Fed Biz, Thatswhatimherefor, g, 4, o/o Ennis Lady, by Speightstown. ALW, 5-9, Century Mile

Fiber Sonde, Ain't No Angel, f, 3, o/o Shes Pretty Fancy, by My Boy Adam. MSW, 5-9, Charles Town

Flameaway, Tulip, f, 3, o/o Dancinginherdreams, by **Tapit**. MSW, 5-10, Churchill Downs

Frankel (GB), Princess Attitude, f, 4, o/o Keertana, by Johar. ALW, 5-10, Churchill Downs

Ghaiyyath (Ire), Victorious Dream (Ire), f, 3, o/o Perfect Dream (GB), by **Oasis Dream (GB)**. MSW, 5-10, Santa Anita

Good Magic, Song Magic, f, 3, o/o Songatmidnight, by Midnight Lute. ALW, 5-9, Prairie Meadows

Gun Runner, Making Daisys, f, 3, o/o Stayclassysandiego, by Rockport Harbor. AOC, 5-10, Laurel

Gun Runner, Thought Control, c, 4, o/o In It for the Gold, by Speightstown. AOC, 5-10, Gulfstream

Into Mischief, Rock Music, c, 4, o/o Clever Babe, by Distorted Humor. MCL, 5-10, Churchill Downs

Klimt, Gilt Edge, g, 5, o/o Ruby Roan, by Jimmy Creed. AOC, 5-10, Woodbine

Liam's Map, I'm Ready to Go, c, 4, o/o Silverpocketsfull, by Indian Charlie. ALW, 5-10, Belmont The Big A

Lookin At Lucky, Just for Luck, g, 6, o/o La Boheme, by Giant's Causeway. ALW, 5-10, Belmont The Big A

McKinzie, Stickupwithoutagun, c, 3, o/o Gun Club, by Trappe Shot. ALW, 5-10, Belmont The Big A

Mo Town, Mo Echos, f, 3, o/o Lucky Mary G., by Forestry. ALW, 5-9, Evangeline

Mohaymen, Dominant Spirit, g, 4, o/o Town Belle, by Speightstown. AOC, 5-10, Lone Star

Neolithic, Empty Handed, f, 3, o/o Russian River, by Stravinsky. MSW, 5-10, Woodbine

Not This Time, Glavine, c, 3, o/o Aspen Hilltop, by Bernardini. MSW, 5-10, Belmont The Big A

Not This Time, Right Timing, f, 3, o/o Elusive Amber, by **Quality Road**. MSW, 5-10, Belmont The Big A

Not This Time, Tickin Time Blonde, f, 4, o/o Blonde Bomber, by Fort Larned. AOC, 5-10, Monmouth

Omaha Beach, Mister Omaha, c, 4, o/o Cosmic Code, by Into Mischief. AOC, 5-10, Lone Star

Practical Joke, Javier, g, 3, o/o Allegory, by Unbridled's Song. AOC, 5-9, Century Mile

Runhappy, Ryan's Run, g, 3, o/o Saturday Nthe Park, by Any Given Saturday. Coin Collector S., 5-9, Charles Town

Speightstown, Hedge Ratio, c, 3, o/o Zydeco Mama, by **Hard Spun**. Long Branch S., 5-10, Monmouth

Tamarando, Matt At Five, g, 3, o/o Fast Breaking News, by Flower Alley. MSW, 5-10, Santa Anita

The Factor, Piper's Factor, h, 5, o/o Pipers Future, by Niigon. AOC, 5-10, Woodbine

Upstart, End of Innocence, m, 5, o/o **Blame** the Law, by **Blame**. ALW, 5-10, Hawthorne

Upstart, Point of Reference, f, 3, o/o Turtle Trax, by **Cairo Prince**. AOC, 5-10, Belmont The Big A

Vekoma, Brachetto, c, 3, o/o Colorino, by Include. MSW, 5-10, Woodbine

Vekoma, Tricky Business, g, 3, o/o Super Marina, by Warrior's Reward. MSW, 5-10, Belmont The Big A

Volatile, Corbet's Crush, f, 3, o/o Qiaona, by Wilko. AOC, 5-10, Gulfstream

Win the Space, Ryan's Girl, f, 4, o/o Fuega, by **Union Rags**. AOC, 5-10, Santa Anita

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SEA THE MOON'S RAYIF CLAIMS CLASSIC GLORY IN THE POULAINS



Rayif | Scoop Dyga

By Sean Cronin

Aga Khan Studs homebred **Rayif** (Sea The Moon), whose year-old half-sister Rayevka (Blue Point) took the G3 Prix de Saint-Georges earlier on the card, became trainer Francis Graffard's first winner of ParisLongchamp's G1 Emirates Poule d'Essai des Poulains with a dominant performance in this year's renewal. He becomes the Aga Khan Studs' first winner of the race since Sendawar in 1999.

"I always prefer to prepare the horses I train with races that gradually bring them towards the major targets, but this time I didn't really have a choice and I was forced to skip the prep races," admitted Graffard. "The rain arrived and complicated things a little for us, but we were fortunate to have a very good draw, which allowed us to race close to the pace. From there, everything unfolded perfectly and the horse was able to quicken again. He reaccelerated at the right moment and put everything together perfectly."

He added, "It's true that I've been enjoying a very good spell over the last few months. We had a solid foundation to work from and we managed to stay faithful to it. Right now, several horses from the stable are performing at a very high level and it's hugely satisfying."

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FIRST CLASSIC FOR ST MARK'S BASILICA AS DIAMOND NECKLACE SHINES By Tom Frary

Staged in relentless driving rain, Sunday's G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches offered a dramatic backdrop to the continued rise of Ballydoyle's brilliant **Diamond Necklace**, who provided St Mark's Basilica with his first Classic.

Sent off the 4-5 favourite returning to the ParisLongchamp track over which she had dominated the Prix Marcel Bousac in the autumn, the regally-bred TDN Rising Star tracked the early pace under cover before being sent down to the rail at the straight's cutaway.

Surging to the front 300 metres from the finish, she was kept up to her work by Ryan Moore to register an authoritative three-length success over fellow TDN Rising Star **The Last Dance** (Iffraaj). **Green Spirit** (Kingman) was another 1 1/2 lengths away in third.

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7 | LAPOTHEOSE IN SURPRISE SAINT-ALARY WIN

The daughter of Wootton Bassett made it four from four when stepping up in grade to win Sunday's G2 Prix Saint-Alary at ParisLongchamp.

8 | JAMES J BRADDOCK WINS THE DERBY TRIAL

Ozzie Kheir's James J Braddock swooped late to deny Pierre Bonnard in Sunday's G3 Cashel Palace Hotel Derby Trial Stakes at Leopardstown.

10 | RAYEVKA STRIKES IN SAINT-GEORGES

Rayevka initiated a notable double for the Aga Khan Studs at ParisLongchamp on Sunday when winning the G3 Prix de Saint-Georges.

Poule d'Essai des Poulains cont. from p1

"I hope this momentum continues, because it's only the beginning of the season and it's already been a wonderful period for us," Graffard continued. "I didn't realise it had been so long since an Aga Khan Stud's horse won this race, but this is a very important victory. In the racing industry, producing stallions and helping them establish themselves at stud is essential. With this success, he has clearly earned his place as a future stallion. His [half] sister won the [G3] Prix de Saint-Georges earlier today, so this is a family that continues to rise in strength. It's a real source of satisfaction for the whole team because this result rewards an enormous amount of hard work. We'll see how he comes out of the race, but the idea is to continue along this path and the [G1] St James's Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot will be his next target."

The 11-2 chance was positioned in a close third after the initial strides of the one-mile Classic. Nudged along once into the home straight, he was ridden to challenge the pacesetting G3 Autumn Stakes winner **Hankelow** (Night Of Thunder) with 300 metres remaining and kept on strongly inside the final furlong to defeat Godolphin's fast-finishing G3 Prix de Fontainebleau victor **Komorebi** (Pinatubo) by a length.

Hankelow was chinned by a head on the line for second place, while 9-10 favourite **Puerto Rico** (Wootton Bassett) was ideally placed to strike throughout, but lacked the necessary kick when it mattered and finished a neck back in fourth.

Rayif debuted with a win at Deauville in July and doubled his tally back there in the following month's G3 Prix Francois Boutin, before hitting the board behind Puerto Rico in this venue's G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere on Arc weekend when last seen.



Rayif with winning connections | Scoop Dyga

Ever-deepening conditions affected several contenders and Godolphin's runner-up Komorebi may have finished closer in drier conditions. "We are very pleased and he ran extremely well," commented Louise Benard. "He found himself a little wide early in the race, but just as he did in the Fontainebleau, he showed that he never gives up. He really gives everything with tremendous determination and was still a bit further back than the others when the sprint began. He showed great tenacity all the way to the line. William Buick said that slightly quicker ground would have suited him better, but it's still a very fine second place today."

Looking to the future, she continued, "We believe he can be stepped up in trip and we'll take our time to analyse things and make a decision." **Cont. p4**

FIRST CROP CLASSIC WINNER!

Last year's G1 Marcel Boussac winner **DIAMOND NECKLACE** took her unbeaten record to four with a sparkling success in yesterday's G1 French 1,000 Guineas



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Poule d'Essai des Poulains cont.

"William was not negative about trying him over a longer distance and the [May 31 G1] Prix du Jockey Club has not been ruled out at this stage," Benard added. "He has never finished outside the first two and, last year, we chose not to run him in the end-of-season Group 1 [Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere] in order to preserve him and give him time to mature. He had a very good winter, which we already saw on his comeback run and which was confirmed again today."

Karl Burke was far from downcast in the aftermath and is looking forward to the French Derby for Hankelow. "He ran a super race and, at the two-furlong marker, I thought we might actually win it," the trainer said. "He'll stay further and he simply lacked the winner's turn of foot, but he came back again strongly at the finish. I think with another ten strides he might even have regained second place. He's a very good horse, we always believed he needed this type of [softened] ground and it was the first time he had raced on it. Longchamp suits my horses very well and we've had a lot of success here. I think he'll come back [to France] for the [May 31 G1] Prix du Jockey Club, but first we'll take him home before making a decision. It will certainly be high on the list. Maybe the winner is an exceptional horse and Francis [Graffard] can do no wrong at the moment."

Analysing the performance of beaten odds-on favourite Puerto Rico, Aidan O'Brien said, "He was a bit rusty and he ran very well, but the penny just really didn't drop until the race was over. We kind of prepared him to run at Newmarket [in the G1 2,000 Guineas] and then we skipped it. Maybe he was kind of ready to peak last week and in the [past] week he just went down a little bit. That could be the reason, but we were very happy to run. For his first time back, it was a very respectable run and you'd be looking forward to him running next time."

Pedigree Notes

Rayif is the sixth of seven foals and leading performer out of the dual stakes-placed Rayisa (**Holy Roman Emperor**), herself a half-sister to G3 Athasi Stakes victrix Rehana (Dark Angel).

His second dam Rayka (Selkirk) is a half-sister to Group 3-winning G1 Irish 2,000 Guineas runner-up Rayeni (Indian Ridge).

The winner is a half-brother to the aforementioned G3 Prix de Saint-Georges winner and G1 Commonwealth Cup third Rayevka (Blue Point) and a yearling colt by **Vadeni**.

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Sunday, ParisLongchamp, France

EMIRATES POULE D'ESSAI DES POULAINS-G1, €650,000, ParisLongchamp, 5-10, 3yo, c, 8fT, 1:38.63, vsf.

1--**RAYIF (Ire)**, 128, c, 3, by **Sea The Moon (Ger)**

1st Dam: **Rayisa (Ire) (MSP-Ire)**,

by **Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)**

2nd Dam: **Rayka (Ire)**, by Selkirk

3rd Dam: **Rayyana (Ire)**, by Rainbow Quest

1ST GROUP 1 WIN. O/B-Aga Khan Studs; T-Francis-Henri Graffard; J-Mickael Barzalona. €371,410. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-1, €476,580. *1/2 to Rayevka (Ire) (Blue Point {Ire}), GSW-Fr & G1SP-Eng. **Werk Nick Rating: A.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

2--**Komorebi (Ire)**, 128, c, 3, Pinatubo (Ire)--Lyric Of Light (GB), by Street Cry (Ire). **1ST GROUP 1 BLACK TYPE.** O/B-Godolphin; T-Andre Fabre. €148,590.

3--**Hankelow (Ire)**, 128, c, 3, Night Of Thunder (Ire)--Sagaciously (Ire), by Lawman (Fr). **1ST GROUP 1 BLACK TYPE.** (210,000gns Wlg '23 TADEWE; 750,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT). O-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum; B-George Kent; T-Karl Burke. €74,295.

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Poule d'Essai des Pouliches cont. from p1

"We're delighted--there are so many people involved," Aidan O'Brien said of the winner, whose sire had won the Poulains on this card in 2021. "She's like her dad. She's improved since last year, has a great cruise and a lot of natural ability. She's very natural and handled the ground very well."

It is a measure of how much the rain had got into the track over the course of the afternoon that Diamond Necklace only managed a 36.72 closing three-furlong sectional as opposed to Rayif's relatively rapid 34.72 less than an hour before. The pace-setting **Zanthos (Sioux Nation)** got to three out in an almost identical time to the Poulains leader Hankelow before it all turned a bit slow-motion. The winner's 11.73 penultimate split was the decisive factor, both visually and on the clock.

Diamond Necklace, who was providing her dam's esteemed family with a belated French Classic success after her half-sisters Chicquita (Montjeu) and Philomene (Dubawi) had run second in the 2013 and 2021 runnings of the Prix de Diane, is potentially headed to that Chantilly Classic now.

"She has plenty of natural speed and great ease in the way she does things," O'Brien added. "I haven't really had the chance yet to speak with Ryan about how far she might stay, but we had it in our minds to either go for the Prix de Diane or the Oaks, depending on what the lads want to do."

Yann Lerner said of The Last Dance, "For quite a while now, Christophe [Soumillon] has been telling me that we wouldn't beat Diamond Necklace so there you go," he quipped. "We can say that The Last Dance beat the rest of the field and was top-class! I haven't trained many fillies like her and I really believed in her today."

"Once again, she was only average coming out of the stalls but she produced a very good performance. We'll see how she comes out of the race. The winner will probably head to the Diane and I think she may still be unbeatable there. Every year, we buy yearlings more or less on our own and we're fortunate to have many loyal clients supporting us--over the past few years, Mr Gilbert, Mr Ghrghar, Jean-Michel Lebrun. Sometimes they run for one owner, sometimes another but the important thing is for the stable to be successful and for everything to keep moving forward."

He concluded, "For us, this result also means a lot because she was bred by Pierre Talvard [of Haras du Cadran]. I also rode her dam in races myself, so she's quite a special filly to me and she's also the last foal out of her dam. I'm very attached to her."

Pierre-Yves Bureau said of Green Spirit, "The race unfolded very well. We had a difficult draw in stall 14, which forced us to settle further back than ideal, but she produced a magnificent finishing effort. We are delighted with her performance. The next target could be the Prix de Diane. We'll see how she comes out of the race before making a decision." **Cont. p6**



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CLASSIC GROUP ONE WINNER FOR

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RAYIF, bred & owned by HH the Aga Khan Studs, puts in an impressive performance to win the **Gr.1 Poule d'Essai Des Poulains** at Longchamp.

Also sire of **Classic** winners **FANTASTIC MOON** and **MUSKOKA**, now sire of **6 Group 1** winners.



Pedigree Notes

Diamond Necklace's remarkable dam Prudenzia (Dansili) boasts six stakes performers, headed by Galileo's Magic Wand and Montjeu's Chicquita, both of whom won at the highest level, with the latter capturing the Irish Oaks. There is also the aforementioned Philomene (Dubawi), who took the G3 Prix Penelope before emulating Chicquita in running second in the Chantilly Classic. Magic Wand has produced the Group-placed Ecstatic (Lord Kanaloa), while Chicquita is responsible for three stakes performers, including Dubawi's G2 Curragh Cup winner Emily Dickinson and **American Pharoah's** American Oaks runner-up and Irish Oaks third Nicest.

The Listed-winning Prudenzia is a daughter of Fittocks Stud's Platonic (Zafonic) and therefore a half to the Group 3-winning Pacificque (Montjeu), who is the second dam of Night Of Thunder's dual Group-placed three-year-old filly Skydance and Dubawi's G2 Prix Niel third Parachutiste. This illustrious dynasty includes the G2 Debutante Stakes winner and Moyglare Stud Stakes runner-up Vespertilio, also by Night Of Thunder, and this stable's Oaks, Irish Oaks and Yorkshire Oaks heroine Alexandrova (Sadler's Wells).

Prudenzia's record at the Arqana Sales is outstanding, with Chicquita selling for €600,000 as a yearling and her Galileo progeny Gulliver's Travels, Sinnamary, Truth and Magic Wand--

as well as Philomene and Invincible Spirit's Craven's Legend--all selling for six-figure sums. Another Galileo, Je Ne Regretterien, was a €950,000 purchase at the August Sale and Muhaarar's smart stayer Enemy was €420,000.

After Diamond Necklace had sold for €1.7 million at the prestigious Normandy auction in 2024, Prudenzia's filly Marylebone (Night Of Thunder) sold to Amo Racing last August for a sale-topping €3 million.

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Tattersalls October Book 2 Derby Trial Winner

JAMES J BRADDOCK

DERBY TRIAL STAKES, GROUP 3

*sold Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, Book 2
by Glidawn Stud to Joseph O'Brien for 40,000 gns*

*also sold Tattersalls December Foal Sale
by Selwood Bloodstock to BBA Ireland for 20,000 gns*



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Sunday, ParisLongchamp, France

EMIRATES POULE D'ESSAI DES POULICHES-G1, €550,000, ParisLongchamp, 5-10, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:40.73, hy.

1--**DIAMOND NECKLACE (IRE)**, 126, f, 3, by **St Mark's Basilica (Fr)**

1st Dam: Prudenzia (Ire) (SW-Fr), by Dansili (GB)

2nd Dam: Platonic (GB), by Zafonic

3rd Dam: Puce (GB), by Darshaan (GB)

TDN Rising Star. (€1,700,000 Ylg '24 ARAUG). O-Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith, Mrs John Magnier & Westerberg; B-Ecurie des Monceaux & Skymarc Farm Inc; T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Ryan Moore. €314,270. Lifetime Record: SW-Ire, 4-3-0-0, €621,030. *1/2 to Magic Wand (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), G1SW-Aus, GSW & MG1SP-Ire, GSW-Eng, MG1SP-Fr, MG1SP-US, G1SP-HK; to Chicquita (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), G1SW-Ire, G1SP-Eng & Fr; to Philomene (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), GSW & G1SP-Fr; to Enemy (GB) (Muhaarar {GB}), MGSP-KSA & GSP-Eng. **Werk Nick Rating: A+.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#), or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).

2--**The Last Dance (Fr)**, 126, f, 3, Iffraaj (GB)--Mary's Precedent (Fr), by Storming Home (GB). **TDN Rising Star. 1ST BLACK**

TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE; 1ST GROUP 1 BLACK TYPE.

(€105,000 Ylg '24 ARQAUG). O-Sheikh Omar Esmil Ghrghar, C & Y Lerner & Antoine Gilibert; B-Ecurie Haras du Cadran, Ecurie Melanie & A Gilibert; T-Carlos & Yann Lerner. €125,730.

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3--**Green Spirit**, 126, f, 3, **Kingman (GB)**--Sapphire Pendant (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). O/B-Wertheimer & Frere; T-Christopher Head. €62,865.

Margins: 3, 1HF, NK. Odds: 0.80, 11.00, 14.00.

Also Ran: Narissa (Ire), Showna (Fr), Fashion City (Fr), Radiant (Fr), Isle Of Fernandez (GB), Zanthos (Fr), Maintain (GB), Baklawa (Fr), Half Sovereign (Fr), Ymeelih (Fr), Anashkaya (Ire), Venosa.

UNBEATEN LAPOTHEOSE IN SURPRISE SAINT

-ALARY WIN *By Tom Frary*

Sunday's G2 **Camille Pissarro** Coolmore Prix Saint-Alary looked as strong a renewal as there has been in recent years and, despite her odds, there was no fluke in the success of **Lapothese** (Wootton Bassett).

Kept to the provinces before this acid test, Riviera Equine and Maurice Lagasse's homebred had come from a narrow win in the Listed Prix Caravelle at Toulouse last month, where she had extended her unbeaten tally but was in considerably deeper here.

Held up in rear early by Alexis Pouchin as Baccari Racing Stable's **Concorde Agreement** (Persian King) set out her stall in front in customary fashion, the Yann Barberot-trained 11-1 shot

was the last to challenge that G3 Prix Vanteaux winner and had the only kick that counted to take over 100 metres from the finish. A length separated that pair at the line, with TDN Rising Star **Evita** (Persian King) another 2 1/2 lengths away in third and Juddmonte's G3 Prix Cleopatre winner and 3-5 favourite **Gilded Prize** (Frankel) only fifth of the six runners.

"We are extremely excited and obviously she is progressing," the owners' representative Marc de Chambure said of the winner, who was the only member of this line-up not entered in the Prix de Diane. "She only won a Listed by a head last time and now she's a Group 2 winner which is fantastic. I am a great fan of Jean-Claude Rouget and that was typical of his style, to do the job in the provinces and then come to Paris for the big one--and Lapotheose has done that."

Barberot added, "We came here via the side roads to avoid battles and run without pressure and she has improved with each run. The Diane isn't certain, because she's a filly who has not finished developing physically. She goes on all ground and still has to put on more weight, so she could be a filly for the autumn."

Concorde Agreement remains on course for the Diane despite meeting with defeat for the first time. "She has stamina and the right mentality, so in a big race we can be a little more patient," trainer Pierre Groualle said. "For the moment, we are sticking with the objective of the Prix de Diane."

Pedigree Notes

Lapothese is just the latest advert for her remarkable sire, whose loss will be felt for some time to come. The dam Loyale (Turtle Bowl), who had already produced one of his notable progeny and one of the first to fly his flag in the G2 Champions Juvenile Stakes winner Atomic Jones, is a daughter of the important mare Luminosity (Sillery), who hailed from the Wildenstein family of Bigstone et al. [Cont. p8](#)



Lapothese | *Scoop Dyga*

Prix Saint-Alary cont.

Luminosity was responsible for the GIII Dixiana Bourbon Stakes winner Keep Quiet (Elusive City) and GII San Clemente Handicap winner Little Treasure (Night Shift), who in turn produced the GII La Canada Stakes scorer and multiple Grade I-placed More Chocolate (Malibu Moon).

Another of her daughters, the dual Group-placed Harem Lady (Teofilo), is the second dam of this year's Listed Prix Maurice Caillault winner Hello Jo (Hello Youmzain, the G2 Prix d'Harcourt winner and Prince of Wales's Stakes runner-up Zarakem (**Zarak**) and G1 Prix de Royallieu-placed Rabbit's Foot (Golden Horde).

Luminosity is also the ancestress of the Group and Graded-Stakes scorers New York Girl (New Approach), Rhythm Of Light (Beat Hollow), Elusive Beauty (Elusive Pimpernel) and Go Athletico (Goken).

Loyale's two-year-old filly is by Persian King, while her yearling full-sister to Lapotheose was a €340,000 purchase by MV Magnier at the Goffs November Foal Sale.

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Sunday, ParisLongchamp, France

CAMILLE PISSARRO COOLMORE PRIX SAINT-ALARY-G2, €119,000, ParisLongchamp, 5-10, 3yo, f, 10fT, 2:03.41, sf. 1--**LAPOTHEOSE (FR)**, 126, f, 3, by **Wootton Bassett (GB)**

- 1st Dam: **Loyale (Fr)**, by **Turtle Bowl (Ire)**
- 2nd Dam: **Luminosity (GB)**, by **Sillery**
- 3rd Dam: **Bague Bleue (Ire)**, by **Last Tycoon (Ire)**

1ST GROUP WIN. O-Riviera Equine SARL & Maurice Lagasse; B-Riviera Equine SARL & Gestut Zur Kuste AG; T-Yann Barberot; J-Alexis Pouchin. €67,830. Lifetime Record: 4-4-0-0, €113,530. *Full to Atomic Jones (Fr), GSW-Ire. **Werk Nick Rating: A++.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#), or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).

2--**Concorde Agreement (Fr)**, 126, f, 3, Persian King (Ire)--La Concorde (Fr), by Sadler's Wells. (€15,000 Wlg '23 ARQDEC; €75,000 Ylg '24 ARQOCT). O-Baccari Racing Stable LLC, Hubert Guy, Jean-Philippe Dubois & Arthur Pean; B-A Gourama; T-Pierre Groualle. €26,180.

A Hubert Guy Bloodstock Yearling Purchase

3--**Evita (Fr)**, 126, f, 3, Persian King (Ire)--A Mist Opportunity (Aus), by Foxwedge (Aus). **TDN Rising Star. 1ST BLACK TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (€280,000 Ylg '24 ARQAUG).

O-Bradley Thoroughbreds Llc, Sheikh Omar Esmil Ghrghar & C & Y Lerner; B-Haras d'Etream & Katelanis Bloodstock; T-Carlos & Yann Lerner. €12,495.

Margins: 1, 2HF, HF. Odds: 11.00, 5.80, 6.70.

Also Ran: Habibi (Fr), Gilded Prize (GB), Composing (Ire).

JAMES J BRADDOCK WINS THE DERBY TRIAL FOR OZZIE KHEIR *By Tom Frary*



James J Braddock (left) | *Racingfotos.com*

Springing a minor surprise in Sunday's G3 Cashel Palace Hotel Derby Trial Stakes at Leopardstown, Aziz Kheir's **James J Braddock (Zarak)** swooped late to deny **Pierre Bonnard (Camelot)** for Joseph in the all-O'Brien affair.

Sent off at 9-1 for the 10-furlong prep, the Ballysax fifth was waited with by Dylan Browne McMonagle and delivered in the nick of time to oust Ballydoyle's long-time ante-post Derby favourite in the shade of the post for a short-head verdict. Pierre Bonnard's pacemaking stablemate **Endorsement (Wootton Bassett)** stuck to his task to be a neck away in third.

"He was tough and we thought he'd come on for his run the last day," Joseph said. "We were worried about the fast ground, but you'd have to say he handled it well and was very comfortable. We were working towards the King Edward VII before today, but I suppose we now have to consider other options. We'll discuss it with Ozzie [Kheir]. This is the first horse we've had for him. He has a lot of horses in Australia and this is going to be a horse who will hopefully turn up in the top international races through the course of his career.

He added, "The Derby does look an open race and I guess this guy is one of the contenders now, having won his trial. We always thought he'd love going a mile and a half and if we did want to go there he's earned his spot, but we'll see how the next week goes and discuss it with Ozzie."

Pedigree Notes

James J Braddock is the first foal out of Burkina Faso (Mukhadram), a half-sister to the G2 Premio Lydia Tesio and G3 Pride Stakes winner Angel Power (Lope De Vega) and the Listed scorer Flaming Stone (**Kingman**), who was placed in the G2 Prix Saint Alary and G3 Prix Vanteaux. [Cont. p9](#)



Next stop Epsom for James J Braddock? | Emma Berry

Derby Trial Stakes cont.

From the family of the high-class half-siblings Borgia (Acatenango) and Boreal (Java Gold), which includes Lope De Vega’s G3 Killavullan Stakes scorer and Irish 2,000 Guineas-placed Blue De Vega, her two-year-old filly Ouattara (Baaeed) was sold for 80,000gns to Julie Camacho at the Tattersalls December Yearling Sale.

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Sunday, Leopardstown, Ireland

CASHEL PALACE HOTEL DERBY TRIAL STAKES-G3, €115,000, Leopardstown, 5-10, 3yo, 10fT, 2:08.20, gd.

1--**JAMES J BRADDOCK (GB), 131, c, 3, by Zarak (Fr)**

1st Dam: Burkina Faso (GB), by Mukhadram (GB)

2nd Dam: Burning Rules (Ire), by Aussie Rules

3rd Dam: Burning Heights (Ger), by Montjeu (Ire)

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN, 1ST GROUP WIN. (20,000gns Wlg ‘23 TADEWE; 40,000gns Ylg ‘24 TATOCT). O-Aziz Kheir Aust Partners & Kevin Blake; B-Mrs Anita Wigan; T-Joseph O’Brien; J-Dylan Browne McMonagle. €60,000. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$92,706. **Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

2--**Pierre Bonnard (Ire), 131, c, 3, Camelot (GB)**--Sultanina (GB), by New Approach (Ire). (€80,000 Wlg ‘23 GOFNOF; €280,000 Ylg ‘24 GOFORY). O-Mrs J Magnier/M Tabor/D Smith/Westerberg; B-Rathasker Stud; T-Aidan O’Brien. €20,000.

3--**Endorsement (Ire), 131, c, 3, Wootton Bassett (GB)**--Embellish (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). O-D Smith, Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor, Westerberg; B-Embellish Syndicate; T-Aidan O’Brien. €10,000.

Margins: SHD, NK, 5. Odds: 9.00, 0.83, 3.50.

Also Ran: Shaihaan (Ire), Straight Up (Ire).

LORDANO SALUTES IN HOPPEGARTEN

FEATURE *By Sean Cronin*

Gestut Ittlingen’s 2024 G1 Preis von Europa third **Lordano** (Adlerflug) had not been outside the first four in 20 prior starts, collecting six Group races along the way, and maintained his status as Germany’s leading stayer in Sunday’s G2 Comer Group International 55th Oleander-Rennen at Hoppegarten.

“I am speechless about what has happened lately, I am truly speechless,” trainer Marcel Weiss told *GaloppOnline* after adding to his G2 Gerling-Preis win with Ittlingen’s Alleno (Nathaniel) on Friday. “I’m so happy about the fantastic work my team has done and that Sibylle [Vogt] is with us. She’s doing a great job. I have rarely experienced such a horse and he wins at distances from 11 furlongs to two miles. We now have all options open, Baden-Baden or France, and there are many possibilities available to us.”

Vogt added, “It has been a fantastic weekend with Alleno on Friday, [maiden winner] Englishman [at Krefeld] yesterday and now Lordano. It’s unbelievable. I know him well from his work, he fights like a lion and you can count on him. If someone appears on his flanks he always keeps going.”

The 21-10 favourite, who snagged Cologne’s Listed Grand Prix Aufgalopp on seasonal comeback last month, was positioned off the moderate tempo in a midfield sixth passing the judge first time in this two-mile marathon. Coming under pressure at the top of the straight, he joined fellow Ittlingen homebred **Narrativo** (Adlerflug) on the front end approaching the final furlong and stayed on in resolute fashion to deny that rival by an ultimately snug half-length.

Pedigree Notes

Lordano is one of two pattern-race winners produced by G3 Hamburger Stutenpreis second Labrice (Dubawi), herself kin to G1 Gran Premio del Jockey Club victrix Lovelyn (Tiger Hill) and Listed Junioren-Preis runner-up Larella (Anabaa). His full-brother Loft won this contest in 2022 and also annexed that season’s GII Belmont Gold Cup.

The winner’s second dam Laurella (Acatenango) is a full-sister to G1 Deutsches Derby-winning sire Lando, as well being a half-sister to G1 Deutsches Derby-winning sire Laroche (Nebos) and G2 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) third La Donna (Shirley Heights).

La Donna, in turn, is the second dam of G1 Deutsches Derby hero Laccario (Scalo), while La Donna’s full-sister Laurencia threw GI United Nations Handicap runner-up Lauro (Monsun) and G3 Preis der Winterkonigin victrix Love Academy (Medicean).

Oleander-Rennen cont.

Love Academy is the dam of G2 Diana-Trial winner and G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) third Longina (Monsun). The latter, in turn, is the dam of G3 Prix de Royaumont victrix Ottery (Dubawi).

Lordano is also kin to a two-year-old filly by Nathaniel and a yearling filly by Torquator Tasso.

Sunday, Hoppegarten, Germany

COMER GROUP INTERNATIONAL 55TH OLEANDER-RENNEN-G2, €130,000, Hoppegarten, 5-10, 4yo/up, 16fT, 3:26.58, g/s.

1--**LORDANO (GER), 128, g, 7, by Adlerflug (Ger)**

1st Dam: Labrice (GB) (GSP-Ger), by Dubawi (Ire)

2nd Dam: Laurella (GB), by Acatenango (Ger)

3rd Dam: Laurea (Ire), by Sharpman (Ire)

O-Gestut Ittlingen; B-Gestut Hof Ittlingen; T-Marcel Weiss; J-Rene Pichulek. €75,000. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Ger, 21-12-3-3, €501,575. *Full to Loft (Ger), GSW-Ger & US, SP-Eng, \$433,089. **Werk Nick Rating: A+.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equine.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

2--**Narrativo (Ger), 128, h, 5, Adlerflug (Ger)--Nicella (Ger), by Lando (Ger).** O-Gestut Ittlingen; B-Gestut Hof Ittlingen; T-Peter Schiergen. €25,000.

3--**Techno Beat (Ger), 122, m, 5, Best Solution (Ire)--Techno Queen (Ire), by Manduro (Ger).** **1ST BLACK TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** O-Robin Grimm; B-Gestut Brummerhof; T-Andreas Wohler. €14,000.

Margins: HF, 3, HF. Odds: 2.10, 2.50, 34.20.

Also Ran: Waldadler (Ger), Prydwen (Ire), Enea (Fr), Naughty Peter (Cze), Kampfger (Ger), May It Be (Ire), Sea Celia's Star (Ire), Moon Above (Ire).

TDN RISING STAR RAYEVKA SET FOR ROYAL ASCOT BID AFTER SAINT-GEORGES TRIUMPH

By Sean Cronin

Last term's G1 Commonwealth Cup third **Rayevka** (Blue Point) was on a streak of six consecutive defeats, but that unwelcome run came to a sudden halt when the Francis Graffard-trained TDN Rising Star delivered a stunning late burst to register a belated first pattern-race success in Sunday's G3 Prix de Saint-Georges at ParisLongchamp.

"Sometimes it doesn't all into place for her, but Mickael [Barzalona] was very confident today and she really settled behind that fast pace," said Nemone Routh. "We were pleased the rain stayed away, because she's not really a soft-ground filly, and she enjoyed the drop back to five furlongs.



Rayevka | Scoop Dyga

"She's a sprinter that has a turn of foot and, when she relaxes, she can really deliver that turn of foot. The race we'll aim her at is the five-furlong one at Royal Ascot [G1 King Charles III Stakes] and I think we'll go straight there. She loves fast ground and is pretty easy to get fit."

The 13-10 favourite, last seen finishing sixth in March's G1 Al Quoz Sprint at Meydan, chased the leaders in seventh through the early stages of this straight dash. Making smooth headway into contention once past halfway, she quickened in impressive fashion to lead with 150 metres remaining and surged clear in the closing stages to easily defeat last term's G3 Prix d'Arenberg winner **Afjan** (Mehmas) by 1 3/4 lengths. **Lesslepasser** (Penny's Picnic) finished three lengths further back in third.

Pedigree Notes

Rayevka is the fifth of seven foals and second pattern-race winner produced by the dual stakes-placed Rayisa (**Holy Roman Emperor**), herself a half-sister to G3 Athasi Stakes victrix Rehana (Dark Angel).

Her second dam Rayka (Selkirk) is a half-sister to Group 3-winning G1 Irish 2,000 Guineas runner-up Rayeni (Indian Ridge).

The homebred bay is a half-sister to the card's G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains hero Rayif (Sea The Moon) and a yearling colt by **Vadeni**.

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Sunday, ParisLongchamp, France

PRIX DE SAINT-GEORGES-G3, €73,200, ParisLongchamp, 5-10, 3yo/up, 5fT, :55.51, sf.

1--**RAYEVKA (IRE)**, 126, f, 4, by **Blue Point (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Rayisa (Ire) (MSP-Ire)**,
by **Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)**

2nd Dam: **Rayka (Ire)**, by **Selkirk**

3rd Dam: **Rayyana (Ire)**, by **Rainbow Quest**

TDN Rising Star. 1ST GROUP WIN. O/B-Aga Khan Studs;

T-Francis-Henri Graffard; J-Mickael Barzalona. €36,600.

Lifetime Record: G1SP-Eng, 12-3-2-1, €249,494. *1/2 to Rayif

(Ire) (Sea The Moon {Ger}), G1SW-Fr. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++**

Triple Plus. Click for the **eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree**,
or the **free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree**.

2--**Afjan (Fr)**, 120, c, 3, Mehmas (Ire)--Al Johrah (GB), by **Bated**

Breath (GB). O/B-Al Shaqab Racing; T-Henri-Francois Devin.

€14,640.

3--**Lesslepasser (Fr)**, g, 7, Penny's Picnic (Ire)--Ekatea (Fr), by
Power (GB). (€24,000 Ylg '20 ARQOCT). O-Stal Vie En Rose;

B-Haras du Hoguenet; T-Sofie Lanslots. €10,980.

Margins: 1 3/4, 3, SNK. Odds: 1.30, 6.20, 46.00.

Also Ran: Rogue Lightning (Ire), Estepona (Fr), Mgheera (GB),

Jawwal (Fr), Ponntos (Ire), Beautiful Diamond (GB).

CITY OF MEMPHIS ON THE UPGRADE AFTER DOWNING MUTAMAKINA RIVALS



By Sean Cronin

Last year's G1 Irish 1,000 Guineas fifth **City Of Memphis (Sioux Nation)** continued on her journey back through the ranks with a second success of this term in Sunday's G3 Al Shira'aa Racing Mutamakina Stakes over seven furlongs at Leopardstown. She had previously made a winning her seasonal return at Gowran Park last month, which was her first start since her only career defeat.

"She's a very good filly, we haven't raced her much and I'm hoping we'll make up for lost time this year," commented Paddy Twomey, who registered an afternoon treble which included a winner over hurdles at Cork. "She's in the Group 2 [Lanwades Stud Stakes] on [Irish] Guineas weekend and I think the mile will be no problem. She's a filly that will do very well later in the year, over seven [furlongs] or a mile and I'll keep her to the better tracks."

Sent forward to stalk the pace in a prominent second after the initial strides, the 7-4 favourite forged ahead approaching the furlong pole and she was beyond recall in the latter stages as **Signora (Frankel)** made late inroads to finish 1 1/2 lengths down at the line. **Snellen (Expert Eye)** fared best of the remainder and was a neck further adrift in third.

Pedigree Notes

City Of Memphis is the ninth of 10 live foals and one of six winners produced by a daughter of Source Of Life (Fasliyev), herself a half-sister to G3 Prix de Flore victrix Australie (Sadler's Wells), G3 Glorious Stakes winner Forgotten Voice (Danehill Dancer) and Listed Marble Hill Stakes runner-up Keepers Hill (Danehill). Source Of Life is also kin to the dam of multiple Group 1 scorer Luxembourg (**Camelot**), while the winner is a half-sister to an unnamed three-year-old by Walk In The Park.

Sunday, Leopardstown, Ireland

AL SHIRA'AA RACING MUTAMAKINA STAKES (CORNELSCOURT STAKES)-G3, €70,000, Leopardstown, 5-10, 3yo/up, f, 7f 53yT,

1:28.58, gd.

1--**CITY OF MEMPHIS (IRE)**, 135, f, 4, by **Sioux Nation**

1st Dam: **Decorative (Ire)**, by **Danehill Dancer (Ire)**

2nd Dam: **Source Of Life (Ire)**, by **Fasliyev**

3rd Dam: **Asnieres**, by **Spend A Buck**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN. (€60,000 Ylg '23

GOFOR; €370,000 2yo '24 TATBRU). O-Zinlo Syndicate;

B-Decorative Syndicate; T-Paddy Twomey; J-Billy Lee.

€42,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$80,156. **Werk Nick**

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

PURCHASED AS A 2YO BY AVENUE BLOODSTOCK

2--**Signora (Ire)**, 123, f, 3, **Frankel (GB)**--Heartache (GB), by

Kyllachy (GB). O-Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith & Mrs John

Magnier; B-Coolmore; T-Aidan O'Brien. €14,000.

3--**Snellen (Ire)**, 138, m, 5, Expert Eye (GB)--Illumined (Ire), by

Sea The Moon (Ger). (£200,000 4yo '25 GOFLO). O-Tim Porter;

B-L H LaRoche; T-Gavin Cromwell. €7,000.

Margins: 1HF, NK, HF. Odds: 1.75, 3.00, 12.00.

Also Ran: California Dreamer (GB), Princess Child (Fr), Carla

Ridge (Ire), Duckadilly (Ire), Quebec (Ger), Fregada (Ire),

Mallavelly (Ire).

FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

Monday, May 11, 2026:

UNITED KINGDOM

Bayside Boy (Ire) (New Bay {GB}), Ballylinch Stud
85 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
18:30-WOLVERHAMPTON, 6f, **Emerald Bay (Ire)**
€42,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2025

Caturra (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Overbury Stud
68 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
18:30-WOLVERHAMPTON, 6f, **Cydney Sweenie (GB)**
9,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2024; 25,000gns
Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2025

IRELAND

Bayside Boy (Ire) (New Bay {GB}), Ballylinch Stud
85 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
1-ROSCOMMON, 7.5f, **Our Boy Bailey (Ire)**
€17,000 RNA Goffs November Foal Sale 2024

FRANCE

Ebro River (Ire) (Galileo Gold {GB}), Haras de la Haie Neuve
28 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-NANTES, 1100m, **Ebrosindra (Fr)**
€3,000 RNA Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2024
1-NANTES, 1100m, **Olympique (Fr)**

Thunder Moon (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}), Castillon Stallions
52 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
1-NANTES, 1100m, **Sydney Moon (Fr)**



Bayside Boy | Emma Berry

IRELAND

Sunday's Results:

PORSCHE IN SUPPORT OF BREAST CANCER IRELAND

AMETHYST STAKES-Listed, €50,000, Leopardstown, 5-10,
3yo/up, 8fT, 1:14.17, gd.

1--**CATALINA DELCARPIO (IRE), 132, f, 4, Lope De Vega (Ire)--
Queen Guenevere (Ire), by Camelot (GB). TDN Rising Star.
1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** (400,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT;
800,000gns HRA '25 TATMA). O-Lordship Stud; B-Ballylinch
Stud & Ecurie des Charmes; T-Paddy Twomey; J-Billy Lee.
€30,000. Lifetime Record: GSP-Eng & Ire, 5-2-1-1, \$99,695.
*1/2 to Grand Stars (Ire) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**), SW & G1SP-Fr,
\$186,232.

2--**Tokenomics (Fr)**, 135, g, 5, The Grey Gatsby (Ire)--Danni
Samuel (Ire), by Elusive City. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (€1,800 Ylg
'22 GOFFEB; €28,000 Ylg '22 GOFSP; 70,000gns HRA '24
TATAHI). O-N Molloy; B-John Kilpatrick; T-David Marnane.
€10,000.

3--**Excellent Believe (GB)**, 135, g, 4, Make Believe (GB)--
Lambeth Walk (GB), by Charm Spirit (Ire). (22,000gns Wlg '22
TADEWE; €55,000 Ylg '23 TATIRY; £175,000 RNA HRA '25
GOFLO). O-Jaber Abdullah; B-David Ward; T-Jack Channon.
€5,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1HF, HF. Odds: 3.30, 5.50, 2.75.

Also Ran: Alcantor (Fr), Mutassarref (GB), Lord Massusus (Ire),
Mississippi River (Ire), Omni Man (Ire).

Labelled a TDN Rising Star following her maiden win over 10
furlongs here last April, Catalina Delcarpio disappeared after a
second in the G3 Salsabil Stakes and third in the G2 Ribblesdale
Stakes and was at a mile for the first time on her return in the
Curragh's G3 Park Express Stakes last month. Fourth there, she
built on that effort to resume the winning thread in the Lordship
Stud silks after their 800,000gns purchase at Tattersalls
December.

Delivering her trademark finishing kick to overwhelm
Tokenomics inside the final furlong, Catalina Delcarpio earned
herself a tilt at something bigger according to trainer Paddy
Twomey. "Billy [Lee] said to me in the parade ring that he'd like
to drop her in and I said, 'Do whatever you want.' She's got a lot
of class and it was a bit of trainer error maybe last year--I
stretched her out to a mile and a half for the Ribblesdale and
I'd say she has too much speed for that," he said.

"Her dam and the dam of Iberian--who is a high-class
six-furlong sprinter--are full-sisters and [Iberian] is by the same
sire. I'd say I was stepping her up too much in distance doing
that last year. I said to Billy that we'd start back at a mile."



Paddy Twomey and Billy Lee at Leopardstown | Emma Berry

Amethyst Stakes cont.

"She had a setback after Ascot, so she was just ready to start back when she ran in the Park Express and I thought she'd come forward for that," Twomey continued.

"I think she can step up to ten furlongs no problem, but she has the pace for a mile. Her new connections were keen that she won a Listed before we step up the grades and she's done that today. Trevor and Libby Harris bought the filly from us at the Newmarket December Sales and they told me that if they bought her they were going to send her back, so I was delighted with that. It's great to train for the Harrises, this is the first horse I've had for them and there's hopefully more to come from her."

The unraced dam had previously produced the Listed Prix Solitude winner Grand Stars, who was also third in the Prix Jean Romanet at the highest level and the G2 Prix Corrida. She is a daughter of the GII San Clemente Handicap and GII San Gorgonio Handicap scorer Uncharted Haven (Turtle Island), whose daughter High Heeled (High Chaparral) captured the G3 St Simon Stakes, as well as finishing third in the Oaks and Coronation Cup.

Uncharted Haven's other black-type performer was High Chaparral's Listed Cairn Rouge Stakes winner Bella Estrella, who in turn produced the aforementioned G2 Champagne Stakes winner Iberian (Lope De Vega), while her daughter Faraday Light (Rainbow Quest) is the dam of the Irish 1,000 Guineas and E. P. Taylor Stakes heroine Just The Judge (Lawman).

Also related to the GII Del Mar Mile winner and Woodbine Mile runner-up Ferneley (Ishiguru), Queen Guenevere has the promising three-year-old filly Miss Scott (Night Of Thunder), the Thoroughbred Racing Corporation's 650,000gns Tattersalls October Book 1 purchase who won her sole start last term for the Gosdens. Her two-year-old colt Bay River (New Bay) was a €220,000 purchase by Amanda Skiffington at Arqana August.

2nd-Leopardstown, €17,000, Mdn, 5-10, 3yo, 12fT, 2:37.44, gd. CANNES (IRE) (c, 3, Sea The Stars {Ire}--Celeste De La Mer {Ire}, by Zoffany {Ire}), runner-up to his headline-grabbing stablemate James J Braddock on debut last term and again over 10 furlongs here last month, stalked the leader in second throughout the early stages. In front two out, the 4-5 favourite stayed on strongly to score by 2 1/4 lengths from Almazann (Zarak).

The dam, who is responsible for the G2 Futurity Stakes and G3 Tyros Stakes runner-up Maritime Wings (Gleneagles), is a half to Sea The Stars' Derby, St Leger and Gold Cup runner-up Mojo Star and the Listed scorer and Group-placed Portage (Teofilo). Also connected to Dansili's Arc and Grand Prix de Paris-winning sire Rail Link, her two-year-old colt Oyster Harbors (Blue Point) was a €360,000 purchase by Epona Bloodstock at the 2024 Goffs November Foal Sale. She also has a yearling full-sister to Cannes.

Sales history: €310,000 Wlg '23 GOFNOF; €500,000 Ylg '24 GOFORY. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$21,320.

O-AI Shaqab Racing & Stall Perlen AB; B-Langan, Hickey & Sunderland Holding Inc; T-Joseph O'Brien.

6th-Leopardstown, €15,000, Mdn, 5-10, 3yo/up, f/m, 10fT, 2:09.42, gd.

JOHANNA WALSH (IRE) (f, 3, Sea The Stars {Ire}--Miss Aiglonne {GB}, by Dawn Approach {Ire}), third at Gowran Park last month, set off in front. Stretching clear from two out, the 9-4 favourite hit the line with 3 1/4 lengths to spare over Believed (Frankel).

"To be honest, we expected her to win the last day in Gowran, but I'm not sure if she really loved the track," Joseph O'Brien said. "We were keen to get her on a big track and get her rolling today. I thought she won impressively because I think that was a strong maiden. There were plenty of nicely-touted horses in it."

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6th-Leopardstown cont.

"You'd imagine she'll head for a stakes races now," O'Brien added. "You'd imagine she'd love a mile-and-a-half, being a **Sea The Stars** filly. There is the race in Naas [the June 24 G3 Blue Wind Stakes]. We thought she might have ended up in the race yesterday [the Naas Oaks Trial] had she won in Gowran. I think we learned plenty that day and hopefully we'll have that going forward."

The dam, whose two-year-old full-brother to the winner is named Seagoing, is a daughter of the Group 3 winner Aiglonne (Silver Hawk), who produced the Prix d'Isphahan-winning sire Mekhtaal, also by **Sea The Stars**. Among her other progeny is the dual Graded Stakes scorer and stakes producer Aigue Marine (Galileo) and the Group winners Normandy Bridge (Le Havre) and Democrate (Dalakhani). The family also features Silver Hawk's G1 Prix Saint-Alary winner and Prix de Diane runner-up Germance.

Sales history: €460,000 Ylg '24 GOFORY. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-2, \$14,257.

O-Wells Watson; B-Sunderland Holding Inc; T-Joseph O'Brien.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Halon Bay (Ire), g, 3, **Coulsty (Ire)**--Moonlit View (Ire), by Exceed And Excel (Aus). Leopardstown, 5-10, 7fT, 1:30.13. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$11,385. B-Mattock Equine Ltd.

FRANCE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

2nd-Cavaillon, €9,500, Cond, 5-10, 3yo, 8fT, 1:41.71, sf.

LIGHTIANA (FR) (f, 3, **Soft Light {Fr}**--**Galiciiana {Fr}**, by **Galiway {GB}**) Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-1, €14,166. O-Guy Pariente Holding & Manon Scandella-Lacaille; B-Guy Pariente Holding; T-Manon Scandella-Lacaille.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Nevados (Fr), g, 3, **The Grey Gatsby (Ire)**--Sotise (Ire), by Shamardal. Morlaix, 5-10, 13fT, 2:50.63. B-Mme Yvette Pantall & Henri-Alex Pantall. *Full to Harmony Grey (Fr), SP-Fr.

Bedaio (Fr), c, 3, **Van Beethoven**--Lestilia (Fr), by Intello (Ger). Carcassonne, 5-10, 13 1/4fT, 2:49.05. B-Haras du Logis Saint Germain. *€1,500 Ylg '24 ARQNOV.



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GERMANY

Sunday's Results:

3rd-Hoppegarten, €10,000, Cond, 5-10, 3yo, f, 10fT, 2:07.22, g/s.

ASA NORTE (IRE) (f, 3, **Protectionist {Ger}**--**Santanna {Fr}**, by **Country Reel**), a G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) entry, raced in fourth for most of this unveiling. Coming under pressure in early straight, the 7-5 favourite swooped for control with 300 metres remaining and was driven out in the latter stages to outpoint Amy Van Lips (Rip Van Lips) by 2 1/2 lengths.

"The dream of the Diana lives on," Gestut Ebbesloh's racing manager Wilhelm Feldmann told *GaloppOnline*. "She is still a bit green, but performed better today than she does at home. The important thing is that she gets black type."

Asa Norte is the latest of six reported foals and fourth scorer out of a dual-winning half-sister to G3 Prix de Lutece winner Jackfinbar (Whipper), stakes-winning G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud runner-up Willie The Whipper (Whipper) and the stakes-winning Anna Magnolia (Makfi).

The winner is a half-sister to G3 Fruhjahrs-Meile and G3 Badener Meile victor Arcandi (**Zarak**). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €6,000.

O/B-Gestut Ebbesloh; T-Peter Schiergen.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

2nd-Hoppegarten, €10,000, Cond, 5-10, 3yo, 10fT, 2:22.22, g/s.

WEEKEND WARRIOR (IRE) (c, 3, **Japan {GB}**--**Whispering Angel {Ger}** **{GSW-Ger}**, by **Soldier Hollow {GB}**) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, €14,000. O-Eckhard Sauren; B-Gestut Park Wiedingen; T-Henk Grewe. *€120,000 Ylg '24 BBAGS. **1/2 to Wilko (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), GSW-Ger.

ITALY

ADDITIONAL STAKES RESULTS:

Woodchuck (Fr), g, 6, **Birchwood (Ire)**--Reinedetroie (Fr), by Dunkerque (Fr). Milan, 5-10, G3 Premio Ambrosiano, 2000mT, 2:02.80, sf. B-Haras de la Huderie (Fr). *SW & MGSP-Fr.

VIDEO.

Sioux Life (Ity), m, 5, **Sioux Nation**--Ninepins (Ire), by Rip Van Winkle (Ire). Milan, 5-10, Listed Premio Paolo Mezzanotte, 2200mT, 2:18.30, sf. B-Allevamento Le Gi S R L Societa' Agric. *€18,000 RNA Wlg '21 ARQDEC. **1/2 to Reina Julieta (Ire) (Inns Of Court {Ire}), GSP-Ity. **VIDEO.**

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RODEO DRIVE DELIVERS GROUP 1 BREAKTHROUGH FOR TETSUHIDE TSUJI IN NHK MILE CUP



Rodeo Drive (centre) | Horsephotos

Trainer Tetsuhide Tsuji celebrated his first Group 1 success at Tokyo on Sunday when **Rodeo Drive** (Saturnalia) denied **Ask Ikigomi** (Lord Kanaloa) in a pulsating finish to the NHK Mile Cup.

Damian Lane took his medicine in the early stages aboard race favourite Rodeo Drive, who had a tricky draw to navigate in stall 17 of 18. Racing towards the rear of the field for much of the contest, the son of Saturnalia still trailed the pacesetters by the best part of 10 lengths entering the straight, shadowing the every move of Ask Ikigomi as that rival swung wide to deliver his challenge.

At the business end, Ryusei Sakai appeared to have timed his run to perfection when producing **Admire Quads** (Real Steel) to lead well inside the final furlong, but he was quickly joined by Ask Ikigomi and Rodeo Drive as that duo came fast and late on his outside. **Locked** together in the final strides, it was Rodeo Drive who put his head down where it mattered to get the verdict by a nose, with Admire Quads finishing another 1 1/4 lengths behind Ask Ikigomi in third.

"I'm relieved to get the best out of the horse," said Lane, back riding in Japan under a short-term licence. "His best trait is his closing speed. He was able to close off really strongly today and sustained a strong run to the finish. The colt is improving all the time. Now he has performed very well at Group 1 level, I expect him to race at this level for some time."

This was Rodeo Drive's first top-level assignment following three starts over 1,600 metres at Nakayama. He made a successful debut there in December last year, before following up on his return to action in March to earn the unbeaten colt a step up in grade for last month's New Zealand Trophy. He was beaten a neck in that Group 2 by **Reservation** (Danon Premium), who reopposed on Sunday but could finish only sixth, 3 1/2 lengths behind the winner.

Pedigree Notes

Rodeo Drive is the fifth winner from six runners out of the Snitzel mare Beverly Hills, who won twice in 11 starts when trained in Japan by Ryo Terashima. Beverly Hills, in turn, is a half-sister to four black-type winners, headed by the multiple Group 1-winning sire Company and G3 Mainichi Hai scorer Historical (Deep Impact). Their dam, Brilliant Very (Northern Taste), is a full-sister to the champion steeplechaser in Japan, Big Taste. This is also the family of the G1 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) and G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup hero Tastiera (Satono Crown).

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Sunday, Tokyo, Japan

NHK MILE CUP-G1, ¥253,460,000, Tokyo, 5-10, 3yo, c/f, 1600mT, 1:31.50, fm.

1--**RODEO DRIVE (JPN)**, 126, c, 3, by **Saturnalia (Jpn)**

1st Dam: Beverly Hills (Jpn), by Snitzel (Aus)

2nd Dam: Brilliant Very (Jpn), by Northern Taste

3rd Dam: Crafty Wife, by Crafty Prospector

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN. 1ST GROUP 1 WIN.

O-Katsumi Yoshida; B-Northern Farm; T-Tetsuhide Tsuji;

J-Damian Lane; ¥133,822,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0,

¥171,830,000. **Werk Nick Rating: D. Click for the**

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2--**Ask Ikigomi (Jpn)**, 126, c, 3, Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)--Impede (GB), by **Bated Breath (GB)**. **1ST GROUP 1 BLACK TYPE.**

(¥86,000,000 Wlg '23 JRAJUL). O-Toshihiro Hiroasaki;

B-Northern Farm; ¥53,092,000.

3--**Admire Quads (Jpn)**, 126, c, 3, Real Steel (Jpn)--Date Line (Jpn), by Zoffany (Ire). (¥66,000,000 Wlg '23 JRAJUL). O-Junko Kondo; B-Northern Farm; ¥33,546,000.

Margins: NS, 1 1/4, 1HF. Odds: 3.60, 7.40, 8.70.

Also Ran: Lorbeerkranz (Jpn), Diamond Knot (Jpn), Reservation (Jpn), Thunderstruck (Jpn), Anduril (Jpn), Ecoro Alba (Jpn), Valsecito (Jpn), Ghillies' Ball (Jpn), Cavallerizzo (Jpn), Hornero (Jpn), Fukuchan Sho (Jpn), Gene King (Jpn), Resort Island (Jpn), Yu Pharoah, Happy Angel (Jpn). **Click for the JRA chart & video.**