



WITH HIWU-COMMISSIONED STUDY SHOWING METFORMIN POSITIVES CAN BE RESULT OF CONTAMINATION, WONG'S TEAM WEIGHING OPTIONS



Jonathan Wong | Benoit

by Bill Finley

A study done by the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of California-Davis has revealed that a racehorse is likely to show a positive test result for metformin if its groom is taking the diabetes medication and urinates in the horse's stall.

After a rash of metformin positives in 2024, anecdotal information surfaced that in many of these cases their grooms handling the horses had been on the drug. Metformin is used to manage blood sugar levels in people with type 2 diabetes.

With the uncertainty over the metformin cases rising, HIWU put a stay on any enforcement until further scientific review could be conducted. HIWU has nine cases pending from 2024-25.

Not one trainer was hit harder for a metformin positive than Jonathan Wong. Wong was provisionally suspended in August, 2023 after being alerted that the B Sample confirmed the presence of metformin in a post-race test taken from his trainee, Heaven and Earth (Gormley). Wong, who denied all wrongdoing, was given a two-year suspension that began on July 1, 2023, and a \$25,000 fine, along with having to pay back \$8,000 in arbitration costs. **Cont. p3**

CHARGES AGAINST TRAINER DUNN DROPPED AFTER PA. INVESTIGATORS PROVIDE CONTRADICTIONARY STATEMENTS

by Sue Finley


The charges against Parx trainer Felissa Dunn brought when Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission investigators claimed to have found syringes in her barn has been dropped after an internal investigation revealed that one or more of the investigators made material misstatements of fact, according to a ruling posted on the HIWU website.

"While obviously we are pleased that these ill-founded charges were dropped, the chain of custody was always in question and even without this discovery on the eve of the hearing, the fact that Miss Dunn was ever charged is beyond belief," said Dunn's attorney, Drew Mollica. **Cont. p4**

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Wong's Team Weighing Legal Options cont. from p1

Wong resurfaced on Feb. 13, 2024 at the Fair Grounds, taking advantage of the fact that HISA and HIWU have no jurisdiction over Louisiana. He has not run a horse outside the state since.

Though his HIWU suspension ended last summer and there are no longer any charges pending against him, Wong has been marooned in Louisiana. His attorney, Brad Beilly, said part of the reason he has not sought to race outside of Louisiana is that he is struggling financially and is having a hard time coming up with the \$33,000 he must pay to be reinstated by HISA.

In 2022, the last full year of training before he was suspended, Wong's stable earned \$5,391,479. His total earnings in 2025 were \$1,615,070.

Wong said that he has been through so much since he was first hit with the positive that he will take a wait-and-see attitude.

“For me, this study is, I think, great news,” he said. “With the study that they did from UC Davis, they showed how it would take such a high level to make any effect on a horse and my level is still way, way, way below it. Yet, there was still no taking back of my suspension, nothing, no waving of my fine. For me, it's tough to get optimistic at this point because everything that we've said...starting with the chain of custody, which there were important issues over. We brought in the question of chain of custody and laboratory testing and we proved all of it and none of it was to our benefit. They had zero intention to even really care. That's why I have a hard time getting optimistic.”

Owner Brent Malmstrom, who has been a big supporter of Wong throughout his ordeal, maintains that had the information on metformin that is now available been made public when Wong first came onto HIWU's radar, things would have been handled far differently.

“Jonathan Wong would not have been suspended,” Malmstrom said. “None of the things would've happened. And in fact, none of the cases that led to penalties or the positives as they relate to metformin would've even been charged. There are a lot of trainers out there who were wrongly charged.”

According to Malmstrom, HIWU has been in contact with the Wong legal team but has made offers that have been rejected.

“At the end of the day, they've offered to settle his case and we've rejected their offers because part of their consideration for settlement is that we have to agree to drop any and all lawsuits,” he said. “I don't believe that what they've offered is enough restitution to make him whole.”

The next steps will be left up to Wong, Malmstrom and Beilly. They appear ready to take on HIWU and see where things lead in court. Beilly said seeking punitive damages is a possibility and a civil suit is likely.

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science and they were going to undertake these studies to get some answers, we specifically asked both HISA and HIWU to take Wong off of suspension and if they didn't change the thresholds to put them back on when the studies were over and they refused," Beilly said. "So Wong was the only person to be found liable under bad science. So the question now is what's going to happen because HISA has acknowledged on the record in another case that they are not immune from a damages suit."

"We've talked about (a lawsuit)," Malmstrom said. "The Federal Magistrate in the Phil Serpe case has had HIWU acknowledge and HISA acknowledge that they can be sued. They're not immune from responsibility. Even though they've hidden behind this, 'we're private entity, we're a federal entity'-- and have done so depending on which facts and circumstances suit their cause. So we will look at it. We'll think which claims are the most appropriate and which jurisdiction is the most appropriate to file and go forward."

Attorney Drew Mollica, who represented George Weaver in a metformin case, applauded HIWU for using science to get more definitive answers when it comes to metformin, but said it was too little too late.

"The regulations are written that you can't challenge the validity of their science, which is completely counter to due process because the science is the only thing they have," Mollica

said. "Once they find a positive, they throw it back at the poor trainer and say, 'Trainer responsibility, it's completely your problem ... Unless you can show us where.' Well, sometimes you can't show where something came from because it's unfindable. So the science has to be able to be questioned. And without questioning the science, you're just walking these people down a plank.

"The truth of the matter is HISA and HIWU have shown that they're trying to move forward. But the truth is how do we put the broken eggs back together from the mistakes? How do we put these people back together?"

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Charges Against Trainer Dunn cont. from p1

Mollica continued, "Miss Dunn was facing a career-ending life sentence and the fact that she never had a positive test in her entire career did not play into HIWU's charging calculus."

The syringes were allegedly in her tack room and on the barn window sill, and were not fitted with needles. Testing later allegedly found traces of two banned substances.

The statement from the Horse Racing Integrity and Welfare Unit reads, "As part of its case, HIWU obtained signed witness statements from two of the investigators working on behalf of the PSHRC, who both stated that only one investigator

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"On May 6, 2026, HIWU learned for the first time that one of the investigators who provided a written statement intended to testify at the hearing--contrary to the written statements that were previously provided--that two investigators (not one) were involved in the search and seizure of the syringes.

"The new and contradictory evidence discovered on May 6, 2026 was materially at odds with the chain of custody evidence initially provided by the PSHRC witnesses, which HIWU had

relied on in charging Trainer Dunn. Specifically, HIWU had relied on an understanding that all of the syringes were seized by a single investigator who photographed the items as he had found them, and then took the syringes to another investigator who placed the items in evidence bags, sealed the bags, filled out all information on the bags (including the Chain of Custody section), and logged them on a HIWU Evidence Report/Receipt. As a result, HIWU could not rely on an unbroken chain of custody or the earlier statements of these witnesses."

In light of the evidence, HIWU filed a Notice of Withdrawal of Charge the day the new evidence came to light.

The case began when Dunn's barn 33 was searched at Parx. Investigators from the PSHRC said that they had found nine syringes "capable of accepting needles," in the barn. Testing on the syringes at the Equine Integrity and Anti-Doping Sciences Laboratory in Lexington, Kentucky reported that the substances in two syringes contained the banned substances Chlorpromazine and Propionylpromazine.

Chlorpromazine is an anti-psychotic medication which helps reduce hallucinations and delusions. Propionylpromazine was developed from an anti-psychotic human medication, now used primarily in dogs for a sedative affect.

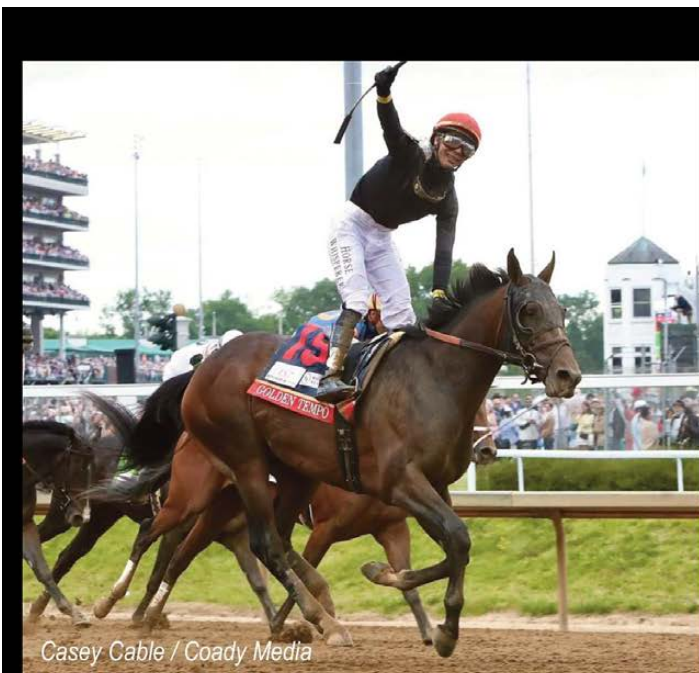
Dunn was formally charged with Anti-Doping Rule Violations pursuant to ADMC Program Rule 3214(a) based on the identified contents of two of the nine syringes. A hearing was held in November, 2025 and an arbitrator appointed. That arbitrator issued an order closing the case on Wednesday.

The Horse Racing Integrity and Safety Authority released a statement Wednesday.

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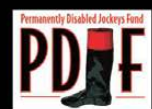
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public its decision to formally withdraw an Equine Anti-Doping charge against a Pennsylvania trainer on the grounds that the investigators working on behalf of the Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission, erred in their documentation of the chain of custody related to the seized Banned Substances.

"After a review of the circumstances surrounding this case, the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) has determined that both investigators engaged in conduct that compromised the integrity of the investigative process and violated the standards expected of those entrusted with supporting HISA's mission. Given HISA's unwavering commitment to integrity, HISA and HIWU will no longer accept the participation of these investigators in HISA or HIWU-related cases.

"Integrity is one of the foundational pillars of HISA's mission and we have no tolerance for even the slightest deviation from the highest standards of professionalism," said HISA CEO Lisa Lazarus. "The integrity of our sport depends on accountability at every level, and HISA will continue to take all necessary steps to identify and sanction those whose misconduct threatens the trust placed in HISA's programs. And it will do so in a transparent manner, acting in the best interests of the industry."

The statement concluded, "HISA remains committed to protecting the integrity of Thoroughbred racing through rigorous oversight, thorough investigations, transparent enforcement and accountability across all aspects of its Racetrack Safety Program and Anti-Doping and Medication Control Program."

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CHUCKAS, SALERNO AND KLOUSER "NO LONGER EMPLOYED" BY PENNSYLVANIA STATE RACING, HARNESS DEPARTMENTS

by Dan Ross

Tom Chuckas, Tony Salerno and Jason Klouser "are no longer employed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania" in their positions under the state Department of Agriculture, according to a brief email from an agency spokesperson.

When asked about the reasons for the terminations, the spokesperson wrote that "we do not comment on personnel matters."

Chuckas was the ag' department's director of Thoroughbred Horse Racing. He took that position in 2016. Before that role, he was formerly the president of the Maryland Jockey Club.

Chuckas attended Tuesday's Pennsylvania horse racing commission meeting. He actively participated in his usual speaking role, making several presentations, with no hint of the firing.

Tony Salerno was the director of Harness Racing. Jason Klouser

was an investigator for the Bureau of Thoroughbred Horse Racing.

According to a ruling posted on the Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit's (HIWU) website last week and **reported in the TDN Wednesday**, charges against Parx trainer Felissa Dunn (brought when Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission investigators claimed to have found syringes in her barn) have been dropped after an internal investigation revealed that one or more of the investigators made material misstatements of fact.

Nine trainers at Parx Racing **were told last month** by track management they would be denied stalls at the track but were given no reasons. More recently, some of those trainers who have remained at Parx said they were told by track management **to move their horses** to other trainers.

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FACING \$200K SHORTFALL, NJ BREEDERS' ASSN. FAILS TO GAIN COMMISSION APPROVAL TO CUT INCENTIVES

by T.D. Thornton

A proposal floated by the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New Jersey (TBA) that would have significantly cut the cash



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awards the organization pays to the state's horse breeders and owners failed to gain approval at Wednesday's New Jersey Racing Commission (NJRC) meeting.

The measure, which was accompanied by the disclosure that the TBA has been unable to pay out \$200,000 that is still due to breeders and owners who earned incentives at the 2025 Monmouth Park meet, got tabled until the July NJRC meeting by a 3-0 vote.

The money that pays for the incentives is generated by a percentage of handle.

Michael Campbell, the TBA's executive director, said the organization is currently short of funding to the point where it was only able to make good on 88% of its incentives from last year's meet.

"Coming into [2025] we had a little bit of a surplus from the prior year," Campbell said at the May 27 meeting. "Our revenue since 2023 has decreased about \$115,000. Our awards, our obligations, last year were about \$1.6 million. That's really where the shortfall was. And obviously, we had to take our [operating] budget out of that as well."

Sara Ben-David, the NJRC's acting executive director, read into the record an outline of the proposed changes the TBA wanted to make. The items that stood out were:

1) Dropping the awards to breeders from the 2025 levels (either 25% or 35% of the purse depending on whether the sire was a New Jersey stallion) to a flat 20%, regardless of the stallion's state status;

2) Lowering the horse owners' and stallion owners' awards from 10% of the purse to 5%;

3) Capping maximum awards at \$10,000.

The TBA was additionally requesting that the changes be made retroactive to the start of the 2026 Monmouth meet.

When asked by several commissioners if the proposed reductions would enable the TBA to make good on the outstanding 2025 payments by the end of 2026, Campbell said that was unlikely.

"That's the difficult part. If we had additional revenue at the end of this year, which I'm not sure we're going to have, the board would decide that at the time," Campbell said. "But we'll just keep it as a payable until we have it. If we have some, we'll just chip away at it. But I don't foresee us paying the additional \$200,000 at the end of this year."

Two of the three commissioners—they did not identify themselves when speaking—chimed in with concerns that by making the proposed reductions retroactive, the TBA would be breaking a promise to people who made breeding and ownership decisions as far back as several years ago on the on the current crop of racing-age horses.

"There is an obligation to satisfy them. I mean, that's why they bred [in New Jersey]," one commissioner said.

"I still think those folks need to be made whole for the investment that they made," said another commissioner.

Campbell admitted that "we probably should have lowered the caps last year." He suggested that if an \$8,000 limit had been implemented for 2025, "the obligation would have been fulfilled."

Dennis Drazin, the chairman and chief executive officer of Darby Development LLC, which operates Monmouth, was one of several Jersey-based horsepeople to voice concerns about the

cuts. Although Drazin at first said he was speaking as a longtime in-state horse breeder and not as a track executive, his comments eventually blended those two roles.

"This is not a new problem. This is a problem that has existed for a long time. There was a point in time in the past where the [TBA] owed [incentives of] several million dollars, because we got into this 'couple hundred thousand every year' and they never paid it, and the backlog got to an unreasonable number," Drazin said.

"Fortunately, the [New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association] had funds at that point in time [that] enabled us to lend [\$4 million] to the breeders, so they could pay all their awards, and they did pay us back over a period of time," Drazin said.

"We have a lot of breeders who were not consulted about these changes," Drazin said. "There was no general membership meeting. There was no information passed on. I know about the change because I requested a copy of what they submitted to the commission by way of the new program. But there are a lot of breeders that don't even know that these requests are being made."

Campbell admitted that the TBA's board had come up with the plan on its own, adding that the topic would be addressed at a general membership meeting June 24.

Drazin pointed out other issues related to the TBA, its shortfall, and how participants might be affected in the coming season and beyond.

Drazin said one problem is that Monmouth is required by statute to card at one New Jersey-bred race per day. But the racing office is continually asked by owners and trainers to offer additional restricted opportunities, so in recent seasons, more state-bred races have ended up on the overnight.

"This year, we're trying to keep a tight limit on this, given that they haven't able to pay [awards dating back to] last year, and only write one a day," Drazin said. "The breeders aren't really happy about that [because] they'd rather run in Jersey-bred company than open company."

Another issue, Drazin said, has to do with the bonuses paid to Jersey-breds who do race successfully in open company.

"If they're requesting that the component of the owner award goes down from 10% to 5%, we pay—Monmouth Park pays—40% in open company," Drazin said. "And we're not obligated to do that. We need revenues too."

"The agreement with the breeders in the past has been, 'We want to see the breeders encouraged to breed in New Jersey, so we're going to make sure collectively we get them 50% to run in open company,'" Drazin said.

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encourages you to go in that spot," Drazin said.

"But if the breeders now want to change their program to reduce the owner component, Monmouth Park may not give them the 40% in open company. We may look at whether or not we should save money."

Drazin also questioned aspects of the TBA budget, specifically the recent hiring of a lobbyist for \$60,000, which he said was not something that has been a traditional expense for the organization.

"They're taking that out of money that would otherwise be paid to the breeders," Drazin said.

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MONMOUTH PARK GM JOHN HEIMS JOINS THE TDN WRITERS' ROOM PODCAST PRESENTED BY KEENELAND

These are uncertain times for Monmouth Park. The foal crop is down, their horse population is way down, and they're having



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trouble filling fields. That's what happens when you are one of many players in an overloaded Mid-Atlantic region and you are the only track that does not get revenue from casinos. (Monmouth does get a \$10 million subsidy from the state to prop up purses, but that could be reduced to \$2.5 million in 2027).

Yet, better news may be around the corner. Bills have been introduced to have casinos at Monmouth and the Meadowlands, but it appears there will be no movement on them until 2027. If the bills pass the legislature, casino expansion will go on the ballot. Nothing will be easy about this because the Atlantic City casinos are powerful politically and have always found a way to keep New Jersey's tracks from having casinos. But with casinos

having proliferated in Pennsylvania, Delaware and New York, there are plenty of New Jersey residents who are leaving the state to play casino games, leaving their dollars elsewhere.

To talk about Monmouth's situation, the track's general manager John Heims joined the team this week on the Thoroughbred Daily News Writers' Room podcast presented by Keeneland. He was the Gainesway Guest of the Week.

"We anticipate at some point that there will be a ballot measure and at some point they will let the voters decide whether or not they're going to no longer allow money from the state of New Jersey to cross the borders into Pennsylvania, into Delaware, into New York City," Heims said. "We're completely surrounded in Atlantic City. When it was just Atlantic City and Vegas, you had a different animal. Casinos have proliferated throughout the entire country now and we're just watching our dollars cross over state borders rather than keep here. It's time to stop letting our money leave the state. Let's keep it here."

What will happen if they do not get a casino? Many fear the worst.

"We'll still be here," Heims said. "That's not a question. It just might be a different animal at that point. I mean, Dennis (Drazin) and the whole team look for alternative revenue sources at all times. That includes the new sportsbook that opened. And that generates money. The gains from the sports betting have covered the losses in horse racing.

"A housing project across the street is going to move forward. That's a long-term project that eventually will generate income that's going to go to the horsemen. There are always projects in the works and things of that nature, including when we did fixed odds. Any other alternative revenue source that we can come up with, we're going to utilize it and, as always, we've given it right back to the horsemen. And I'm assuming that's going to be the case moving forward as well."

With or without a casino, Monmouth still needs to try to fix a difficult situation. With fewer horses available and with Mid-Atlantic trainers having the options of running at Parx, Laurel, Delaware Park and Colonial Downs, Monmouth is often the odd track out because it runs for only 50 days and, in this modern era, its purses are modest.

Heims would like to see tracks in the area cooperate more and work out circuits, like Laurel and Colonial have done.

"If you look at it from a cooperation standpoint, it would have to be Monmouth coming together with racetracks in the Mid-Atlantic region and simply saying, 'We are running too much to support what we have right now.' And I don't think this is a surprise to anybody. This year in particular, we were hit very hard. In previous years we had done quite well in terms of field size and horses on our backstretch versus some other places that weren't as lucky as we had been. We have less than 800

horses on our backstretch right now, which is the lowest number I can ever recall being here.”

The good news is that on-track attendance at Monmouth is among the best in the country. On nice weekend afternoons, crowds can easily top 10,000. But many come out for family activities and promotions that include food trucks and Irish music festivals. How do you get those people to start wagering?

“You'll see a large attendance and a per capita of about \$40 per head,” Heims said. “Betting, that's not what they're here for yet. And so you're just building that fan base into the future. And that's the attempt we've always done here.”

The “Fastest Horse of the Week” was Thermal (*Nyquist*), who earned a 106 Beyer when winning the Memorial Day Sprint Stakes at Lone Star. The Fastest Horse of the Week segment is sponsored by **WinStar, which stands the sire Life is Good.**

Elsewhere on the podcast, which is also sponsored by the **PHBA, 1/ST TV,** and **West Point Thoroughbreds,** Randy Moss, Bill Finley, and Zoe Cadman talked about why there were so few major races over the Memorial Day weekend, with Finley advocating for the GI Metropolitan Handicap to return to what was its traditional spot on Memorial Day. They also reviewed what will no doubt be a huge event, the GI Stephen Foster S. Expecting a stellar field, Churchill has raised the purse for the race from \$1 million to \$2 million. They also talked about PETA's effort to get Paco Lopez suspended from his winning ride in the GI Preakness Stakes for misuse of the whip. All three agreed that Lopez did not deserve to be suspended. Cadman opined that Lopez had better watch himself because, she believes, PETA is out to get him.

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BREEDING DIGEST: A FORMIDABLE LEGACY

by *Chris McGrath*

She was claimed for \$5,000 out of a race in which she bled badly. Yet here we are, 75 years later, celebrating *Iltis* (War Relic) as founder of a dynasty freshly decorated, coast to coast, on consecutive weekends.

The moment of alchemy for *Iltis* was the transfer early in her breeding career to Ocala Stud, where a remarkable stallion, *Rough'n Tumble*, and the still more remarkable O'Farrell family were together putting Florida in the Thoroughbred map. A first date between *Iltis* and *Rough'n Tumble* produced *My Dear Girl*, as leading juvenile filly of 1959 the state's second national champion after *Needles*. Their next foal, the unraced *Me Next*, became granddam of GI Preakness Stakes Tank's Prospect (Mr. Prospector). After a colt of modest accomplishment, *Iltis* delivered *Rough'n Tumble* one last



Formidable Man winning the Shoemaker Mile | Benoit

daughter, *Treasure Chest*, who broke the Arlington mile record on turf.

It is through *Treasure Chest* that *My Miss Mo* (*Uncle Mo*), winner of the GII Black-Eyed Susan Stakes on Preakness eve, traces to *Iltis*. Her dam—a half-sister to GIII *Pimlico Special* winner *Harpers First Ride* (*Paynter*)—is a granddaughter of *Treasure Chest*'s stakes-winning daughter by *Northern Dancer*, *Gold Treasure*.

In the main, however, *Treasure Chest* is known as bedrock of a famous family in Europe: notably as granddam of those marvelous brothers *Glint of Gold* (GB) and *Diamond Shoal* (GB), who both collected top prizes in four different countries. To that extent, you could hardly seek a greater contrast in the legacy of *Treasure Chest*'s sister *My Dear Girl*, whose second foal dramatically assisted the work of *Intentionally*, standing up the road at *Tartan Farms*, in giving Florida a key role in the modern American Thoroughbred.

His name, of course, was *In Reality*: a lifeline to *Man o' War*, and probably as influential on the modern breed as the two champions from the same crop that eclipsed him on the racetrack, *Dr. Fager* (another by *Rough'n Tumble*) and *Damascus*.

Ultimately *My Dear Girl* produced 13 winners from 14 starters and 15 named foals. She delivered GI Flamingo Stakes winner *Superbity* (*Groshawk*) when she was 20; and a final foal aged 23 in 1980, a filly by Mr. Prospector. She was retained by breeder *Frances Genter* and, as *My Dear Lady*, became a minor stakes winner before going on to produce a Group 2 winner in France, *Albarahin* (*Silver Hawk*). *My Dear Lady*'s daughter by *Caro* (Ire), *My Dear Frances*, had meanwhile been exported to Japan—but left behind a filly by *Irish River*, bought by *Edward P. Evans* as a weanling.

Irish Dear finished tailed off on her only start but *Evans* kept

faith in her genes, keeping her to breed. Unfortunately her second career was also quickly curtailed, albeit two of her three foals did muster minor black type for their respective purchasers. One was a filly named Catalina Cat (Tabasco Cat), yet she brought just \$13,000 when sold as a 7-year-old; and her own breeding career would also end prematurely, after just five foals.

Four were mediocre males, but the solitary filly by Silent Name (Jpn) was another story. Sold privately, Fanticola started as she would continue, giving her best against some of the best: second to none other than Beholder (Henny Hughes) on debut, and later beaten a neck in the GI Gamely Stakes but getting her day in the sun in the GII Royal Heroine Stakes.

Fairly remarkable, then, that Clear Creek Stud could recruit Fanticola as an 11-year-old for just \$60,000-in foal to Flatter-at Keeneland November in 2021. Sure, initial foals by Medaglia d'Oro and Into Mischief were on their way to proving disappointing, but her latest colt by **City of Light** must have been shaping pretty well if able to realize \$375,000 in the same ring the following September.

Formidable Man, 2021		
City of Light	Quality Road	Gone West
		Elusive Quality
	Paris Notion	Touch of Greatness
		Kobla
Fanticola	Silent Name (Jpn)	Strawbry Rd (Aus)
		Wiglet
	Catalina Cat	Deputy Minister
		Dehere
Tabasco Cat	Irish Dear	Sister Dot
		Fabulous Notion
	Danzigaway	Somethingfabulous
		Sunday Silence
Barbicue	Sauce	Careless
		Notion
	My Dear	Halo
		Wishing Well
Frances	Blushing Away	Danehill
		Storm Cat

He has meanwhile become familiar as Formidable Man, who last weekend won his third Grade I prize in the Shoemaker Mile. In the past year he has only been beaten by an outstanding European miler, duly emulating his sire by thriving with maturity. He belongs to the same 2021 crop, his second, as **City of Light**'s other standout **Fierceness**. So while he has otherwise

only mustered four Grade III winners, he retains every right to come up with others who may now progress to new heights. After all, he has maintained full subscription bar a single crop of 64 live foals-his incoming juveniles-after which his fee was sensibly cut to \$35,000 from \$60,000. While his overall ratios remain only respectable, his ability to pull a top-class one out of his hat, plus solid performance at the sales, are together consolidating a nice middle-market niche.

In this instance, as we've seen, he has had something to work with. On the face of it, Formidable Man's dam had revived a branch of the Iltis dynasty that had fallen rather fallow. But her first and second dams had very limited opportunity, between their own misfortune (eight foals between them) and the mediocre caliber of their covers. With that compression in mind, Formidable Man is a legitimate echo of the days when Florida created a powderkeg for the modern American Thoroughbred.

Laying down the Law

That big bang continues to spread. Take GIII Winning Colors Stakes winner Usha (**Tiz the Law**) as a random example. Her granddam's sire Valid Appeal is by In Reality. **Tiz the Law's**



Tiz the Law's Usha (center) taking the Winning Colors Stakes
Coady Media

damsire Tiznow extends another branch, through Relaunch; while his grandsire **Tapit's** dam Tap Your Heels is out of a mare doubly indebted to In Reality: not just for her own granddam, Moon Glitter, but also for the granddam of her sire Unbridled. Usha has already been a breakout performer for her sire, with that GI La Brea success last winter. As the busiest stallion in the land last year, with 274 mares, **Tiz the Law** obviously has overwhelming reinforcements coming down the line. With a third crop of juveniles coming into play, he's closing the gap on overall class leader Vekoma.

The latter has 23 stakes winners from 229 starters to date (6.3 percent) now including a ninth at graded level (2.5); **Tiz the Law** also has nine of those (3 percent), among 15 stakes winners (5.1), from 194 starters. But it's neck and neck between the pair in 2026. Each has seven stakes winners, but **Tiz the Law** has three at graded level, and eight graded stakes performers overall from 142 starters; compared with two and five respectively for Vekoma, from 162.

These two are making their numbers count, but there remain plenty of interesting stallions in this group: **Volatile** has a monster talent in T O Elvis, for a \$10,000 cover; **Complexity** punches way above weight, in his cumulative stakes action; and **Honor A.P.** is valiantly confirming his class with a very restricted hand. Mind you, there are also one or two among their peers in fairly urgent need of a big summer...

The Hollywood Steel Cup



Forged Steel taking the GII Hollywood Gold Cup | Benoit

Of course, Vekoma also has momentum for the medium term, through a steep upgrading of his mares. His ninth graded stakes winner came in one of America's most storied races, and by almost 10 lengths. Unfortunately the familiar travails of the Californian industry confined Forged Steel to no more than \$120,000 for winning the GII Hollywood Gold Cup, but thankfully Saffie Joseph and his clients still treasure the heritage of a race inaugurated by Seabiscuit himself sufficiently to fly back across the nation and claim it again.

Forged Steel's fourth dam is Hangin Around (Stage Door Johnny), Canadian Broodmare of the Year in 1980-when her daughter Rainbow Connection (Halo) won the first of consecutive Sovereign Awards as leading Canadian filly of her crop. Rainbow Connection herself proceeded to the same distinction as a broodmare in 1994, as dam of multiple Canadian champion Rainbows for Life (Lyphard) besides also French Group

2 winner Colour Chart (Mr. Prospector), while later becoming second dam of champion Tempera (A.P. Indy).

This colt instead traces to Hangin Around through Rainbow Connection's half-sister Hangin on a Star (Vice Regent), winner of the final leg of the Canadian Triple Crown. The Breeders' Stakes is run over 12 furlongs on turf, and was also won by Hangin on a Star's granddaughter Irish Mission (Giant's Causeway). The interventions of Unbridled's Song and Tale of the Cat did not especially dilute these chlorophyll flavors in Forged Steel's dam and granddam, who respectively won on synthetics and turf. Joseph was duly entitled to campaign Forged Steel on grass, but Vekoma has certainly vindicated the switch to dirt.

Whatever the clouds over California, the arrival from Kentucky of Collected must be counted the brightest of silver linings. The GI Gamely Stakes success of his prolific daughter Thought Process puts a seal on his consistent output, his cumulative 23 stakes winners at 6.4 percent of named foals putting him precisely in step with Vekoma himself.

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SIX SPEEDY FILLIES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY

18-25 by Randy Moss



Thought Process winning the GI Gamely | Benoit

Thermal's list-topping 106 Beyer Speed Figure is tied with Mashallah for third-fastest of the year by a female, behind only Madison Stakes one-two finishers Eclatant (109) and Grand Job (108)

**6 - GIGABIT, IND-6, May 21, Allowance, 5 furlongs
Beyer Speed Figure- 92**

(f, 3, by Dialed In--Adventurous Lady, by Kantharos)
O-Lantern Hill Farm. B-Pursuit of Success (Ky). T-Rey Hernandez. J-Marcelino Pedroza Jr.

Her half-sister Twirling Queen (**Twirling Candy**) improved markedly when switched from dirt to turf and Tapeta, but Gigabit seemed to go the other direction: her numbers took a giant positive step when she returned to dirt for this frontrunning romp. Digging deeper, however, a smoother start and blinkers may have played a big role, too.

LANTERN HILL FARM GRAD

5 - FOIE GRAS, CD-8, May 25, Winning Colors Stakes, 6 furlongs (video)

Beyer Speed Figure- 91 (3rd)

(f, 4, by Volatile--Table Manners, by Algorithms)

O-Paradise Farms Corp, P Shooter Stable and Emcee Stable. B-E. H. Beau Lane (Ky). T-Mike Maker. J-Ricardo Santana Jr.

Peter Proscia and partners bid \$100,000 to acquire Foie Gras from Three Chimneys via a Fasig-Tipton digital sale in December. She had just made it out of first-level allowances with a 75 Beyer in her 10th start, her four siblings were a combined 0-for-25, her dam never raced and her second dam was terrible when she did race. But in four outings since the sale, Foie Gras has two stakes wins and \$217,125 in earnings. She set the pace in the Winning Colors and fought back when Usha moved alongside, ultimately settling for 3rd in a three-way photo.

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4 - ZEITLOS, CD-8, May 25, Winning Colors Stakes, 6 furlongs Beyer Speed Figure- 92 (2nd) (video)

(m, 6, by Curlin--Thyme for Roses {Aus}, by Redoute's Choice {Aus})

O-Peter Leidel. B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings (Ky). T-Steve Asmussen. J-Brian Hernandez Jr.

One of Asmussen's many training strengths is the realistic placing of his runners. Now 6, the late-running Zeitlos probably isn't as fast as when she won 7 of 9 starts during her 3- and 4-year-old campaigns. But when the spots and setups are right, she can still ring the cash register. Her rally came up just short vs. Usha (below), but she has now bankrolled right at \$1.4 million.

TAYLOR MADE FOR YOU!

3 - USHA, CD-8, May 25, Winning Colors Stakes, 6 furlongs Beyer Speed Figure- 92 (video)

(f, 4, by Tiz the Law--Animal Appeal, by Leroidesanimaux {Brz})

O-Mike Pegram, Karl Watson and Paul Weitman. B-Esler & Raine (NY). T-Bob Baffert. J-Florent Geroux.

She ran a giant race despite a suboptimal trip to win the GI La Brea just after Christmas, then was outgunned when she



Usha defeating Zeitlos in the Winning Colors | Coady Media

returned in the all-star GI Derby City Distaff. Remaining in Kentucky with Baffert's new Churchill Downs division, she worked hard Monday to put away pacesetter Foie Gras then just held off the late charge of Zeitlos – spotting 5 pounds to both.

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2 - THOUGHT PROCESS, SA-6, May 25, GI Gamely Stakes, 1 1/8 miles (turf) (video)

Beyer Speed Figure- 95

(f, 4, by Collected--Creative Thinking, by Creative Cause)

O-Estate of Brereton Jones, Little Red Feather Racing and Madaket Stables. B-Brereton Jones (Ky). T-Phil D'Amato. J-Hector Berrios.

Thought Process is now 7-for-9 on grass; one loss came in the 2024 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies turf and the other in last August's GI Del Mar Oaks, her only previous try at a distance longer than a mile. She was 3rd that day, but came out of that race with a significant sickness. "To run her back in a race like this, it was pretty incredible," said co-owner Billy Koch of Little Red Feather. It's probably an overreach to say Thought Process was a filly no one wanted, but she RNAed for \$120,000 just before Jones' death in September 2023, then six weeks later RNAed again for \$57,000 – then son Bret Jones brought in Little Red Feather and Sol Kumin as ownership partners to race her.

1 - THERMAL, LS-4, May 25, Memorial Day Sprint, 6 furlongs (video)

Beyer Speed Figure- 106

(m, 5, by Nyquist--Full Tap, by Tapit)

O-By Talla Racing and John Sadler Racing. B-Anderson Farms Ontario (Ont-C). T-John Sadler. J-Luis Saez.

Co-owners Michael Talla and Sadler originally had the \$625,000 Saratoga yearling purchase entered in Keeneland's All

Ages Sale in January, but she was withdrawn – perhaps wisely. Two months later she romped in a Santa Anita allowance and Monday became a stakes winner at Lone Star. It wasn't a graded stakes, but her frontrunning 106 Beyer was 100% graded-stakes caliber.

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CHIP HONCHO AND POTENTE WILL SKIP

BELMONT by Bill Finley



Potente | Horsephotos

The June 6 GI Belmont Stakes has lost two potential starters as the trainers of **Potente** (Into Mischief) and **Chip Honcho** (**Connect**) have declared their horses out of the race.

The news was first reported by the *Daily Racing Form's* David Grening.

Trainer Steve Asmussen told Grening he is not sure where Chip Honcho will run next. Trained by Bob Baffert, Potente will run next in the GIII Matt Winn Stakes at Churchill Downs on June 7.

Potente, winner of the GII San Felipe earlier this season, was last seen finishing 12th in the Kentucky Derby.

Gun Runner Stakes victor Chip Honcho bypassed Derby and finished third behind Napoleon Solo (**Liam's Map**) in his latest start in the May 16 GI Preakness.

With the latest defections, it appears that there will be a field of eight or nine horses in the final leg of the Triple Crown.

Renegade (Into Mischief) will likely be favored, but will have his hands full against GI Kentucky Derby winner Golden Tempo (**Curlin**) and Chief Wallabee (**Constitution**), who was fourth in the Derby. Ocelli (**Connect**), who was third in the Derby and fourth in the GI Preakness Stakes, remains a possible starter.

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DIGITAL SALES COMPANY SALERING.NET TO RELAUNCH THIS SUMMER

SaleRing.net, the Thoroughbred industry's first digital sales company, has undergone a "strategic restructuring and recapitalization aimed at expanding participation, improving market efficiency, and advancing a hybrid model that integrates digital and live sales across key racing regions," according to a press release from the company.

"The recapitalization, led by a Texas-based capital group, positions the company to scale its platform while re-engaging core industry markets that have seen reduced liquidity and participation in recent years," the release says.

Founded in 2002 by Jamie LaMonica as Starquine, SaleRing.net played an early role in digital Thoroughbred commerce, and has recently powered the Thoroughbred Charities of America Stallion Season Auction and supported major international sales infrastructure. The release says that the company's next phase "will build on that history with a more integrated and market-responsive approach."

"Central to the relaunch is the transition to a co-op style economic model, designed to better align consignors, breeders, trainers, and owners with the platform's long-term success," the release says. "Participants will have the opportunity to benefit directly through rebates and shared upside, creating a structure intended to drive both engagement and retention. The company is also investing in a full technology rebuild, incorporating artificial intelligence and advanced data capabilities to improve catalog visibility, seller/buyer targeting, and overall transaction efficiency--areas that have become increasingly important as the sales landscape continues to evolve."

"SaleRing has always challenged how this industry thinks about selling horses," said founder Jamie LaMonica. "This is about bringing better alignment, better timing, and better access back into the marketplace."

As part of its relaunch, SaleRing.net will maintain an operational base in Kentucky while reintroducing physical sales in major markets outside the state, supported by its digital platform. The company plans to conduct live sales in 2026—two in the fall for both yearlings and Horses of Racing Age. "These markets have historically been critical to the industry but have been challenged in recent cycles by unfavorable sales timing, reduced opportunities, and shifting capital flows. In many cases,

that has led to decreased participation and the perception of contraction at the regional level," the release says.

"By placing well-timed, targeted sales back into these regions, the company aims to restore consistent market access for local horsemen while reconnecting those circuits to a broader national buyer base," the release says. "The hybrid model—pairing physical presence with digital reach—is designed to increase competition in the ring, expand buyer pools, and improve price discovery across all tiers of the market."

The relaunch is expected to debut this summer, and is also built in Spanish, French, and Japanese.

"California, New York, Florida, and Kentucky continue to represent the industry's deepest ownership bases domestically and greatest concentrations of deployable capital," the release says. "Re-engaging those regions in a coordinated way is viewed as essential to overall market health. There will also be an international focus starting in South America by having digital sales be an outlet to the U.S. buyers as well.

The company said that it was in the process of adding executive leadership to their team, with an emphasis on national market development, strategic partnerships, and adoption across both commercial and regional sales segments.

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ENROLLMENT FOR NY-BREDS OPEN FOR EMPIRE-TRILLIUM SERIES

Enrollment for the 2024 New York-bred foal crop (2-year-olds in 2026) is now open at a one-time lifetime payment of \$600 and must be completed by June 19.

Enrollment makes horses eligible for both the Belmont Park and Woodbine legs of the Empire-Trillium Series. There are no nomination fees to the individual races, this is covered by the \$600 payment.

- Enrollment for older New York-bred crops wishing to compete only in the Woodbine portion of the series is available for \$350 and must be completed by November 20, 2026.

- Horses not previously enrolled may supplement to a single race for \$2,500 or to the full series for \$7,500.

Enrollments for New York-breds can be made by contacting the NYRA Racing Office at (718) 859-2235, or by Racing Secretary Rob MacLennan at rmaclennan@nyrainc.com (718) 673 - 1872

The Empire-Trillium Series will feature 14 stakes races with a total purse of \$3.2 million and is restricted to horses foaled and registered in New York or Canada. The series presents a tremendous opportunity for New York-bred owners and breeders to compete for significant purses while also earning breeder awards for New York-breds on eligible horses they have bred, sold or continue to own.

For the complete 2026-27 Series schedule, [click here.](#)

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THOROUGHBRED AFTERCARE ALLIANCE JOINS EMPIRE OF HOPE DAY CELEBRATION AT HORSESHOE INDIANAPOLIS *Edited Press Release*

Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance will be on-site at Horseshoe Indianapolis on Saturday, June 6 for Empire of Hope, an annual Caesars Entertainment Racing initiative supporting aftercare.

Launched in 2019, Empire of Hope brings together racetracks across the Caesars Entertainment Racing portfolio to raise awareness of and support Thoroughbred and Standardbred aftercare organizations supporting racehorses following their racing careers. During the event, Horseshoe Indianapolis will feature organizations including Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance, New Vocations Racehorse Adoption, Race for Aftercare, Horse-Angels, Inc., Friends of Ferdinand, Second Stride, Tri State Thoroughbred, and Rehab and Rehome.

As part of the day’s activities, Horseshoe Indianapolis will

honor Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance with a named race. A winner’s circle presentation will follow, featuring a Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance blanket and gift bag presented to the winning connections. A check presentation will be made following the race in support of accredited aftercare.

“Empire of Hope is an initiative started by all racetracks under the Caesars Entertainment umbrella and we are now in our ninth year hosting the annual event,” said Eric Halstrom, Vice President and General Manager of Racing. “We are proud to partner with so many great organizations that place horses after their racing careers are completed. We really enjoy bringing these groups out for Empire of Hope each year to help elevate awareness and support from our local racing community.”

In addition, Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance will host an on-site booth alongside other participating organizations, offering fans an opportunity to learn more about accredited aftercare.

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Friday, 5/29, Penn National #6, post time: 7:51 p.m. EDT

PENN MILE S.-GIII, \$400,000, 3yo, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Bonsai Warrior	Yaupon	Premier Stable	Synnefias	Rivera, Jr.	116
2	Baytown Dreamer 🍀	Mendelssohn	Baytown Partnership and Win The Day Racing, LLC	McEntee	Elliott	116
3	Classic Nofty	Classic Empire	HnR Nothhaft Horse Racing LLC	Schoenthal	Cruz	116
4	Teddy's Rocket 🍀	Liam's Map	Duncker, C. Steven, St. Elias Stable, Karches, Susan and Vicarage Stable	Clement	Franco	116
5	Immortalised (Fr)	Romanised (Ire)	Feld Family Racing and Starry Night Racing	Walsh	Velazquez	116
6	Honey Dutch 🍀	Knicks Go	Legion Racing and Awestrike Racing	Beckman	Gaffalione	116
7	Alpyland 🍀	Vekoma	D. J. Stable LLC	Casse	Castellano	122

Breeders: 1-Stoneview Farm Inc., 2-Brookstone Farm, Lee Mauberret, & JamesBlazek, 3-HnR Nothhaft Horseracing LLC, 4-Stoneriggs F Farm, 5-Elevage Haras de Bourgeauville, 6-Matt Montgomery, 7-Denis L. Villella

Saturday, 5/30, Churchill Downs #6, post time: 3:19 p.m. EDT

SHAWNEE S.-GII, \$300,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Gin Gin	Hightail	Calumet Farm	Walsh	Saez	120
2	Take Charge Omaha	Omaha Beach	Hard Knocks Racing Partners LLC	Sims	Gutierrez	118
3	Miss Justify 🍀	Justify	Twin Oaks Bloodstock LLC	Walsh	Gaffalione	118
4	Majestic Oops	Majestic Harbor	Medallion Racing, Trommer, Evan, Regan, Sheila, Agave Racing Stable and Sublime Racing	D'Amato	Arrieta	120
5	Splendor	Audible	Boyd Racing, LLC and By Talla Racing, LLC	Baffert	Prat	123
6	Too Much Kiki	Too Much Bling	Mansfield Racing	Calhoun	Ortiz	118
7	Immersive	Nyquist	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Ortiz, Jr.	118

Breeders: 1-Calumet Farm, 2-Haymarket Farm, 3-Killora Stud, LLC, 4-William Dory, Sandy Dory, Gary Kropp & Janet Kropp, 5-The Elkstone Group LLC, 6-Danele Durham, 7-Godolphin

Saturday, 5/30, Santa Anita #8, post time: 7:37 p.m. EDT

SANTA MARGARITA S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Om N Joy	Om Baker Stables, LLC, Golovko, Michael and Scanlan, Terrence J.		Ordonez	Desormeaux	124
2	Lemon Muffin 🍀	Collected	Gilbert, Julie, Sones, Aaron and Sones, Harrison	Gallagher	Kimura	122
3	Seismic Beauty 🍀	Uncle Mo	Boyd Racing, LLC	Baffert	Hernandez	124
4	Simply Joking 🍀	Practical Joke	Berkels0813 LLC, CMNWLTH, LLC, Grantley Acres and Conner, Ryan	McCarthy	Jaramillo	124
5	Lavender Love	Grazen	Nguyen, Calvin and Tran, Joey C.	Baltas	Ayuso	122

Breeders: 1-Jerry Baker & Connie Baker, 2-Mr. & Mrs. Theodore R. Kuster & Collected Syndicate, 3-2500 Determined Stud, 4-Barlar, LLC, 5-Gilman Racing & Nat Rubinfeld

Saturday, 5/30, Churchill Downs #7, post time: 3:53 p.m. EDT**OLD FORESTER MINT JULEP S.-GIII, \$275,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Charlene's Dream 🦟	Qurbaan	Domeyko Taylor LP and Moger, Steve	Moger, Jr.	Geroux	118
2	Favorite Memory (GB) 🦟	Frankel (GB)	John D. Gunther	DeVaux	Velazquez	118
3	Pin Up Betty	Constitution	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Prat	118
4	Medoro	Honor Code	C R K Stable LLC	Eurton	Ortiz	118
5	Proctor Street	Street Sense	Patricia L. Moseley	Walsh	Gaffalione	118
6	Vina Arana (Ire)	Make Believe (GB)	Sterling Stables LLC and MHM Stables LLC	Sisterson	Beschizza	118
7	In the Stars 🦟	Into Mischief	G. Watts Humphrey, Jr.	Arnold II	Saez	118
8	Sweet Treasure	Twirling Candy	Full of Run Racing II LLC and Silva, Frank	Cox	Ortiz, Jr.	118
9	Stylish Sue 🦟	Nyquist	Highlander Training Center	Sharp	Torres	118

Breeders: 1-Eric Moreau-Sipiere & RandiMoreau-Sipiere, 2-Mr John Gunther, 3-Three Diamonds Farm, 4-Parks Investment Group, LLC, 5-Patricia L. Moseley, 6-Funcheon Bloodstock Ltd, 7-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt, 8-Don Alberto Corporation, 9-Curtis C. Green

Saturday, 5/30, Churchill Downs #8, post time: 4:25 p.m. EDT**ARISTIDES S.-GIII, \$275,000, 4yo/up, 6f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Mad House	Vekoma	James Thares	VanWinkle	Lopez	120
2	Cornucopian 🦟	Into Mischief	SF Racing, LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, LLC, Stonestreet Stables, LLC, Bashor Racing, LLC, Determined Stables, Masterson, Robert E., Ryan, Tom J., Waves Edge Capital, LLC, Donovan, Catherine & Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings-Lessee	Baffert	Prat	120
3	Roll On Big Joe	Prospective	Rancho Temescal LLC, Rancho Temescal Thoroughbred Partners, White Fence LLC and Hale, Jr., Richard	Hess, Jr.	Leparoux	120
4	Durante	Distorted Humor	David Jacobson	Jacobson	Gaffalione	120
5	Tejano Twist	Practical Joke	JD Thoroughbreds LLC and Davis, Joey Keith	Hartman	Arrieta	120
6	Madaket Road	Quality Road	SF Racing, LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, LLC, Bashor Racing, LLC, Determined Stables, Masterson, Robert E., Ryan, Tom J., Waves Edge Capital, LLC & Donovan, Catherine	Baffert	Ortiz, Jr.	118
7	Gold Sweep	Speightstown	Haran Thoroughbreds LLC	Haran	Ortiz	120

Breeders: 1-Jean White, Wavertree Farm & SGVThoroughbreds, LLC, 2-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC & Whisper HillFarm, LLC, 3-Max Ubide, 4-William Humphries & Altair Farms, LLC, 5-Tom Durant, 6-SF Bloodstock LLC, 7-Joe Anzalone

Saturday, 5/30, Churchill Downs #9, post time: 4:56 p.m. EDT**REGRET S.-GIII, \$275,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Indigo Woods (Ire)	Blue Point (Ire)	Rodgers, Larry R. and Coast Racing	Walsh	Gaffalione	118
2	Surprise Ending	Bolt d'Oro	Clarendon Stable, LLC	Walsh	Curtis	118
3	Trust Account 🦟	Into Mischief	Heider Family Stables LLC	Walsh	Prat	118
4	Lilo Lil	Caravaggio	Charles Fox	McCarthy	Velazquez	118
5	Faithful Departed	Yoshida (Jpn)	F Ferrogine, R Rendina, N Coniglio & Greywood Farms, LLC	Forster	Ortiz	118
6	Dandona	Tiz the Law	Tagermeen Racing	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz, Jr.	120
7	Call On Me 🦟	Twirling Candy	Glenn and Sandra Bromagen, H Boone, P Lewis & J Wilmot	Arnold II	Concepcion	118
8	Storm's Wake	Oscar Performance	William K. Werner	Lynch	Saez	120
9	Tam Tam	Medaglia d'Oro	Rigney Racing LLC	Bauer	Alvarado	118

Breeders: 1-Tinnakill Bloodstock, 2-P. Lindsay Bohannon, 3-Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD., 4-Charles Fox, 5-Robert K. Johnson, 6-Spotted Pony Stables LLC, 7-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 8-William Werner, 9-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC

Saturday, 5/30, Churchill Downs #10, post time: 5:28 p.m. EDT**BLAME S.-GIII, \$300,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Rattle N Roll 🐾	Connect	Sharaf Mohammed Al Hariri and Lucky Seven Stable	McPeck	Prat	118
2	Hall of Fame	Gun Runner	Claiborne Farm	Asmussen	Ortiz	118
3	Hit Show	Candy Ride (Arg)	Wathnan Racing	Cox	Ortiz, Jr.	120
4	Capital Idea 🐾	Classic Empire	Paul Woosley	Mott	Alvarado	118
5	Who Dey	Liam's Map	Maccabee Farm LLC	Drury, Jr.	Hernandez, Jr.	118
6	Original Sin	Curlin	Calumet Farm	Walsh	Gaffalione	118
7	Liberal Arts	Arrogate	Osmel Nunez	Irion	Arrieta	118
8	Vibe 🐾	Into Mischief	Repole Stable, West Point Thoroughbreds, CJ Stables, Woodford Racing, Lane's End, LLC and McGee, Patrick K.	Pletcher	Saez	118

Breeders: 1-St. Simon Place, 2-Earle I. Mack LLC, 3-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc., 4-Steven Nicholson & Brandi Nicholson, 5-Maccabee Farm, 6-Calumet Farm, 7-Stephen Ferraro & Evan Ferraro, 8-Repole Stable, Inc.

Saturday, 5/30, Churchill Downs #11, post time: 5:59 p.m. EDT**ARLINGTON S.-GIII, \$275,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	West Hollywood 🐾	Uncle Mo	Qatar Racing LLC	Cox	Ortiz, Jr.	118
2	Anglophile	English Channel	LFG Racing LLC	Lynch	Cannon	118
3	Lagynos 🐾	Kantharos	HRH Prince Sultan Bin Mishal Al Saud	Asmussen	Ortiz	120
4	Beach Gold 🐾	Omaha Beach	JSM Equine LLC	Biancone	Asmussen	118
5	Giocoso 🐾	Not This Time	Rocker O Ranch LLC	Desormeaux	Saez	120
6	Minaret Station	Instilled Regard	OXO Equine LLC	Walden	Torres	118
7	Mercante	Gun Runner	Carl F. Pollard	Knippenberg	Ramos	118
8	Mesero 🐾	Not This Time	CJ Thoroughbreds and Nash, Delia	Romans	Prat	118
9	Quattrocento	War Front	Saint George	Gutierrez	Leparoux	120
10	Brilliant Berti	Noble Mission (GB)	Klein Racing	DeVaux	Hernandez, Jr.	118
11	Coal Battle	Coal Front	Norman Stables LLC	Briley	Lanerie	118

Breeders: 1-B. Flay Thoroughbreds, 2-Upson Downs Farm & Louie W. Wright, 3-Robert Spiegel, 4-JSM Equine, LLC, 5-Breed First, LLC, 6-OXO Equine, LLC, 7-CFP Thoroughbreds LLC, 8-Delia Nash, 9-St. George Stables, LLC, 10-Klein Racing, 11-Hume Wornall & Jay Adcock

Sunday, 5/31, Santa Anita #8, post time: 7:30 p.m. EDT**TRIPLE BEND S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	The Last Straw 🐾	Into Mischief	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Mandella	Smith	122
2	Bartholdy	Mendelssohn	Haagsma, John R., Knapp, Steve R. and Vanderdussen, Robert John	Knapp	Baze	122
3	The Goat (Chi)	Midshipman	Don Alberto Stable and Paola Stable	Sadler	Jaramillo	126
4	Simple Song 🐾	Munnings	Muir Hut Stables LLC	Glatt	Kimura	122
5	Stronghold	Ghostzapper	Waller, Eric M. and Waller, Sharon	D'Amato	Fresu	126

Breeders: 1-Spendthrift Farm, LLC, 2-Robert Slack & Dan Walters, 3-Haras Don Alberto, 4-Lewis Thoroughbred Breeding, 5-Eric Waller & Sharon Waller

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-Parx Racing, \$66,410, Alw, 5-27, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.17, gd, 3 1/2 lengths.

ICONA MAMA (f, 4, Maximus Mischief--Classe Signora, by Bernstein) has plenty of success as a juvenile, placing in the GIII Pocahontas Stakes at Saratoga and finishing fifth in the GI Frizette Stakes before capping her year with a win in the restricted Shamrock Rose Stakes. Looking for her first win since despite several in-the-money finishes, Wednesday's 7-2 shot was making just her second start off a significant layoff where she went unraced from July of last year through May 2. Away in good order from the outside stall, Icona Mama let a loose leader go ahead of her into the turn but reeled Little Cocoa Bean (Poseidon's Warrior) back in and drew clear down the stretch to win by 3 1/2 lengths. Classe Signora has a 2-year-old Temple City colt and produced a colt by **Essential Quality** this year. Sales History: \$75,000 2yo '24 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: SW & GSP, 13-3-2-5, \$243,543. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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5th-Presque Isle Downs, \$29,450, Msw, 5-27, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:37.61, ft, 8 3/4 lengths.

ALLURING BEAUTY (f, 3, Medaglia d'Oro--Orabella, by More Than Ready), the most experienced runner in the field with four prior starts, exited a one-mile spot at Keeneland where she came home seventh on the grass Apr. 12. Back on the Tapeta for the first time since earlier this year, the 3-5 favorite was content to let Lady Lydia (**Quality Road**) rocket out to a loose lead through the half in :47.36. Patiently handled into the turn as that rival began to come back to the field, Alluring Beauty made easy work of assuming the lead and opened up at will down the stretch to graduate by 8 3/4 lengths over More Than Hope (More Than Ready). Orabella is already the dam of both Louder Than Bombs (**Violence**), SW & MGSP, \$264,554 and Neat (**Constitution**), MGSW, \$939,110. This is also the family of GI Spinaway Stakes winner and \$1.3-million Stonestreet broodmare purchase R Heat Lightning (Trippi). Alluring Beauty has a yearling half-brother by **Practical Joke** and a foal half-brother by **Gun Runner**. Sales History: \$575,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$38,535. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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Epicenter (Not This Time), Coolmore Ashford, \$25,000
206 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Churchill Downs, 5:58 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Epic Reign, 6-1
3-Churchill Downs, 5:58 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Exile, 7-2
\$45,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$250,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Golden Pal (Uncle Mo), Coolmore Ashford, \$25,000
 203 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
 1-Churchill Downs, 5:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Baytown Da Vinci,
 10-1 \$7,000 KEE SEP yrl

Jack Christopher (Munnings), Coolmore Ashford, \$15,000
 187 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 3-Churchill Downs, 5:58 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Pacemaker, 10-1
 \$75,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$135,000 KEE SEP yrl

Jackie's Warrior (Maclean's Music), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000
 136 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 3-Churchill Downs, 5:58 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Lead by Example, 5-1

Speaker's Corner (Street Sense), Darley, \$10,000
 111 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 3-Churchill Downs, 5:58 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Ez Miss Sassy,
 5-2 \$210,000 KEE SEP yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, MAY 28

2026 Stud Fees Listed

Basin (Liam's Map), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
 95 foals of racing age/20 winners/3 black-type winners
 6-Churchill Downs, 7:25 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6f, If If If, 15-1
 \$50,000 FTK OCT yrl
 5-Thistledown, 2:50 p.m. EDT, Alw 1m, Sun of War, 2-1

Beau Liam (Liam's Map), Airdrie Stud, \$7,500
 144 foals of racing age/33 winners/4 black-type winners
 3-Thistledown, 1:50 p.m. EDT, Alw 5 1/2f, 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/23 winners/0 black-type winners
 7-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5:16 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Gonna Be
 Golden, 4-1

Charlatan (Speightstown), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$25,000
 321 foals of racing age/39 winners/7 black-type winners
 5-Hawthorne, 5:40 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Plume, 5-1
 \$170,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$525,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Independence Hall (Constitution), WinStar Farm, \$10,000
 195 foals of racing age/37 winners/2 black-type winners
 7-Evangeline Downs, 8:57 p.m. EDT, Aoc 5f, Dynamite Tonight,
 12-1
 \$43,000 TTA YRL yrl; \$65,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo; \$127,000 OBS
 OPN 2yo

Raging Bull (Fr) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Gainesway Farm, \$7,500
 127 foals of racing age/17 winners/0 black-type winners
 1-Churchill Downs, 5:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Zee R One, 20-1
 \$17,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

Shogood (Nobiz Like Shobiz), McCrosky Farm, \$3,000
 16 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
 2-Hawthorne, 4:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Chief Gross, 8-1

Tacitus (Tapit), Taylor Made Farm, \$5,000
 198 foals of racing age/29 winners/1 black-type winner
 1-Churchill Downs, 5:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, La Belle Vie, 8-5
 \$65,000 KEE NOV wnl
 1-Del Turf Pick 3, 1:56 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Slobberknocker, 4-1
 \$110,000 KEE SEP yrl

Yaupon (Uncle Mo), Spendthrift Farm, \$60,000
 324 foals of racing age/49 winners/10 black-type winners
 6-Churchill Downs, 7:25 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6f, Woodstock, 8-1
 \$35,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$100,000 OBS MAR 2yo



ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-Delaware, \$53,375, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 5-27, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.34, sy, head.

PINK RUBY (f, 4, ~~Connect~~--Gemini R N, by Mineshaft) Lifetime Record: 11-4-0-2, \$164,113. O-Larry Nafe; B-Knockgriffin Farm (VA); T-Lindsay Schultz. *\$75,000 Ylg '23 KESEP.

3rd-Presque Isle Downs, \$34,200, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 5-27, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:10.68, ft, 3/4 length.

THANK YOU AMY (f, 3, ~~Street Boss~~--Amy Farah Fowler {SW, \$157,150}, by Astrology) Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-0, \$112,753. O/B/T-Ron G. Potts (PA). *1/2 to Shadow Factor (**The Factor**), SP-Can, SP-USA, \$165,160.

7th-Presque Isle Downs, \$32,970, 5-26, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:09.47, ft, 3/4 length.

PRINCESS VERA (f, 4, Gunnevera--Charity Ball, by Indian Charlie) Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-0, \$61,023. O-Six Pack Summer Stables; B-Tom McCrocklin & Bloom Racing (FL); T-D. Rodriguez.

7th-Thistledown, \$28,000, 5-27, (NW16M), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.98, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

CAPO LUCA (c, 4, Laoban--Better Not Cry, by Street Cry {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 23-6-3-2, \$177,170. O/T-Kim A. Puhl; B-Cypress Creek Equine, LLC (KY).

7th-Finger Lakes, \$26,390, 5-27, (C), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.16, ft, 1 length.

THIS TIME YES (g, 5, Not This Time--Citrus Bloom, by Lemon Drop Kid) Lifetime Record: 24-4-3-3, \$77,816. O-Paul W. Barrow; B-3C Stables, LLC (NY); T-Paul W. Barrow. *\$80,000 Ylg '22 SARAUG; \$60,000 2yo '23 EASMAY.

3rd-Finger Lakes, \$26,325, 5-27, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.68, ft, 5 3/4 lengths.

LORD KING (g, 3, King for a Day--Higher Incentive {MSP, \$339,863}, by Freud) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-2, \$74,760. O-Peter Colon and Oh Happy Days Stable; B-Peter J. Colon (NY); T-Luis Gutierrez. *\$1,000 RNA Wlg '23 FTNMIX.

1st-Finger Lakes, \$26,150, 5-27, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41.13, ft, nose.

INSTANT SUCCESS (g, 3, Instagrاند--Lot of Honey, by Central Banker) Lifetime Record: 11-2-2-0, \$52,769. O-Joseph & Anne McMahan & Ralph D'Alessandro; B-McMahan of Saratoga Thoroughbreds (NY); T-Ralph D'Alessandro. *\$19,000 RNA Ylg '24 OBSWIN.

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8th-Finger Lakes, \$26,025, 5-27, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39.86, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

SEAMS LIKE DESTINY (g, 5, Destin--Bustinattheseams, by Bustin Stones) Lifetime Record: 18-3-3-3, \$81,508. O-Bradley Dufrane & Troy Smith; B-Eaton & Thorne (NY); T-Troy Smith. *\$9,000 Ylg '22 KEEJAN; \$21,000 Ylg '22 OBSOCT; \$58,000 2yo '23 OBSOPN. **1/2 to Stone Smuggler (**Honest Mischief**), MSW, \$377,847.

7th-Louisiana Downs, \$24,330, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$15,000), 5-26, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:36.88, fm, neck.

AMBRIDGE (g, 4, Omaha Beach--Screwgie, by Smart Strike) Lifetime Record: 13-3-1-0, \$86,828. O-Gulliver Racing LLC; B-John Ropes (KY); T-Jonathan Wong. *\$110,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT; \$90,000 2yo '24 OBSOPN. **1/2 to Spungie (**Hard Spun**), MSP, \$275,550 and Ambivalent (**Constitution**), GSP, \$352,506.

5th-Belterra, \$21,300, (S), 5-27, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.65, gd, 10 1/2 lengths.

KERKYRA (f, 3, Corfu--Sheltowee's Gal, by Paynter) Lifetime Record: 12-2-5-1, \$61,461. O/B-Sheltowee Farm (Michael E. Evans) (OH); T-Michael Evans II.



Omaha Beach at Spendthrift Farm | Sarah Andrew

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Misspennymischief, f, 3, **Honest Mischief**--Olga Payne (SP), by E Dubai. Assiniboia Downs, 5-26, 5 1/2f, 1:08.61. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$9,346. B-Dorothy A. Bailin (NY). *\$9,500 RNA Wlg '23 FTNMIX; \$2,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

Intrepids Fantasy, f, 3, **Jess's Dream**--Intrepid Tour, by Jump Start. Delaware, 5-27, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:45.91. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$33,750. B-Paul L. Fowler, Jr. (MD). *Full to Intrepid Dream, SW, \$240,415 and Intrepid Daydream, MSW & GSP, \$408,100. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

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Clippity Cop, f, 3, **Vengeful Wildcat**--Agolo Bynoe, by Successful Appeal. Assiniboia Downs, 5-26, (S), 5f, 1:01.91. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$9,346. B-Betty Hughes (MB). *C\$15,250 Ylg '24 CTHMAN. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

Beach Invasion, g, 4, **Omaha Beach**--Goodnight Moon, by Malibu Moon. Finger Lakes, 5-27, 1m, 1:43.46. Lifetime Record: 9-1-3-1, \$48,000. B-The New Hill Farm (NY). *\$40,000 Ylg '23 SARAUG; \$60,000 RNA 2yo '24 OBSAPR.

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- Destin**, Seams Like Destiny, g, 5, o/o Bustinattheseams, by Bustin Stones. ALW, 5-27, Finger Lakes
- Gunnevera**, Princess Vera, f, 4, o/o Charity Ball, by Indian Charlie. ALW, 5-26, Presque Isle Downs
- Honest Mischief**, Misspennymischief, f, 3, o/o Olga Payne, by E Dubai. MSW, 5-26, Assiniboia
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- Laoban**, Capo Luca, c, 4, o/o Better Not Cry, by Street Cry (Ire). ALW, 5-27, Thistledown
- Maximus Mischief**, Icona Mama, f, 4, o/o Classe Signora, by Bernstein. ALW, 5-27, Parx Racing
- Medaglia d'Oro**, Alluring Beauty, f, 3, o/o Orabella, by More Than Ready. MSW, 5-27, Presque Isle Downs
- Not This Time**, This Time Yes, g, 5, o/o Citrus Bloom, by Lemon Drop Kid. ALW, 5-27, Finger Lakes
- Omaha Beach**, Ambridge, g, 4, o/o Screwgie, by Smart Strike. AOC, 5-26, Louisiana Downs
- Omaha Beach**, Beach Invasion, g, 4, o/o Goodnight Moon, by Malibu Moon. MSW, 5-27, Finger Lakes
- Street Boss**, Thank You Amy, f, 3, o/o Amy Farah Fowler, by Astrology. AOC, 5-27, Presque Isle Downs
- Vengeful Wildcat**, Clippity Cop, f, 3, o/o Agolo Bynoe, by Successful Appeal. MSW, 5-26, Assiniboia

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'The Home of the Original' is the Jockey Club's tagline for Epsom, and that original is of course the Derby, which for almost 250 years has inspired the hopes and dreams of owners and breeders across England and beyond.

To a degree, the race has become the preserve of the major owner-breeder operations: nine of the last ten runnings of the Derby have gone to horses owned by Coolmore, Godolphin or the Aga Khan Studs. Gary Robinson of Strawberry Fields Stud struck a blow for smaller breeders when producing the 2022 winner Desert Crown (Nathaniel), whom he sold to Saeed Suhail as a yearling, and one needs to go back 20 years to find small owners Victoria and Anthony Pakenham on the role of honour with Sir Percy (Mark Of Esteem), who was bought by his trainer Marcus Tregoning for 16,000gns.

This year's field for the Betfred Derby will contain Rebel Rocker (Cityscape), who will carry the colours of his Devon-based breeder Jennifer Dorey. The colt's dam Miss Minuty is Dorey's sole broodmare and she has thus far raced all of the progeny of the daughter of Verglas, two of whom are in training with Faye Bramley, who, in her short tenure as a licensed trainer, has proved adept with both Flat and National Hunt horses. **Cont. p3**

MISS HELLFIRE TOPS DAY TWO OF NATIONAL BROODMARE SALE AT MAGIC MILLIONS by TTR AusNZ/Kit Gow/Dane McLeod

Stiff competition at all levels resulted in lifts to both the median and the clearance rate at the end of the second day of the 2026 Magic Millions Gold Coast National Broodmare Sale. Valuable pregnancies to Extreme Choice were the stars of the show, with Yulong going to A\$2.05 million to secure young Hellbent mare **Miss Hellfire** in foal to him on her maiden cover.

At A Glance

- Clearance across both days of the Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale improved to 81% (77%), while the aggregate decreased to A\$67,009,500, below 2025 (A\$88.3 million) and 2024 (A\$97.6 million). Across both days, 308 horses were traded, down from 356 in 2025 and 472 in 2024.
- The average was down to A\$217,563 (A\$248,088), while the median lifted in 2026 to A\$105,000 (A\$90,000). **Cont. p8**



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Water To Wine (Kingman) storms home an 11-length winner at Kempton on Wednesday evening. He is pointing to Royal Ascot's G2 King Edward VII Stakes.

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In the latest Making Waves, Siyouincanada wowed at Churchill Downs earlier this month.

5 | GOSDENS ENTER OXAGON IN THE FRENCH DERBY

The father-son training duo supplemented the son of **Frankel** to the G1 Prix du Jockey Club for €72,000.

6 | JENNIFER JANE BOUND FOR ITALIAN OAKS INSTEAD OF OAKS

The daughter of New Bay will skip the G1 Betfred Oaks in favour of the G2 Oaks d'Italia.

Jennifer Dorey/Rebel Rocker Cont. from p1

For both women, Rebel Rocker is an exciting first runner in the Derby, and close inspection of his runner-up finish to Saxon Street (*Saxon Warrior*) in the Blue Riband Trial at Epsom last month proves that he has every right to take his place in the line-up a week on Saturday.

He was the outsider of the field at 33/1 for that challenge – which was only the second run of his life – but having been dropped out in the early stages by Rob Hornby, Rebel Rocker appeared to handle the hill and Tattenham Corner with aplomb. There were a few forgivable signs of greenness in the straight as Hornby gathered the colt to make his challenge but he stuck to his task with the professionalism of a much more seasoned campaigner and looked as though the extra two furlongs of the Derby itself would be within his grasp.

"He's 100/1 in the betting for the Derby but I think that he will do better than 100/1 because I don't think they'll all enjoy Epsom," says Dorey, who rightly retains her faith in the colt who ran just once last year, winning a Class 2 maiden on debut at Kempton last November.

"I just hope that he can do well – obviously I'm against the billionaires in this, but really you only get one chance to run in the Derby. After he won his Class 2 he'd nearly won enough for his entry fee by then, and then when he was second in the Blue Riband Trial there was a bit more [prize-money] coming in so I

thought 'Why not have a go?'"

That eye-catching run at Epsom in April naturally did not go unnoticed.

Dorey adds, "I didn't know there were so many bloodstock agents. They were all ringing me. I had one after the first race and then after the Blue Riband I had a lot of them ringing, but I don't want to send him abroad. [The offers] were well into six figures but I don't really want to sell him because he's so lovely."

Dorey regrets that his sire Cityscape is now based permanently in South America, as the mating has certainly worked well for Miss Minuty, who hails from a family named with a Provencale theme and cultivated by her breeder, the late John Pearce. The clan includes Miss Minuty's Group-placed half-brother, the stayer St Michel (*Sea The Stars*), and the wider family includes recent Group 3 winner Havana Anna (Havana Grey), whose dam Miss Villefranche is out of a half-sister to the dam of Miss Minuty.

"I started with a horse called Devon Diva who we've still got out the back here, and I did have two foals from her that were bred here," says Dorey, who is based in Barnstaple.

"I claimed Miss Minuty for about £10,000 as she had better breeding and when she came to the end of the racing career I thought that maybe it was better for me not to have her on this ground as we're on clay here. I thought that she was the right horse to carry on with." [Cont. p4](#)

GROUP 1 PROSPECTS

SUN GODDESS breaks her maiden in impressive fashion, drawing off by five lengths and earning TDN Rising Star honours.

CITY OF MEMPHIS secures the Group 2 Lanwades Stud Stakes, her second Group victory in as many weeks!

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Jennifer Dorey and Miss Minuty, dam of Rebel Rocker

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Jennifer Dorey/Rebel Rocker Cont.

This has proved to be correct. Miss Minuty was a six-time winner herself over a mile and up to 10 furlongs, and her sire Verglas won the Coventry Stakes and was runner-up in the Irish 2,000 Guineas. Her broodmare sire Hernando lends some extra stamina as a Prix du Jockey Club winner over the 'proper' distance of 2,400 metres. The mare's first mating, which resulted in the dual winner Silverscape, was with Cityscape, whose sire Selkirk had been responsible for Miss Minuty's treble-winning half-sister Miss Aix.

If you're noticing a Lanwades theme here, it is because John Pearce was a long-term boarding client of Kirsten Rausing's stud. Dorey has been similarly loyal to Overbury Stud, the former home of Cityscape which also stands Frontiersman, the Dubawi half-brother to Australia. In fact, Miss Minuty's second foal Miss Dolly Rocker, became Frontiersman's first runner and first winner, and, now rated 92, she has won five races in total. Her third foal Versailles Prince is also by the sire, as is the mare's current two-year-old filly.

"She's in foal again to Frontiersman because I just find it hard to get away from Frontiersman. It's a bit sad that Cityscape is off in Argentina as I would definitely go back to him. He's a big horse and I think he certainly helped Rebel Rocker to be 16.2 [hands] as Miss Minuty is only about 15.1," says Dorey, who boards the mare at Park Wood Stud in the Cotswolds, not far from Overbury.

"I am going to breed from Miss Dolly Rocker next year but I'd still like to try and get her listed [black type] if I can."

Miss Dolly Rocker is also with Bramley, who trains in Lambourn from the stable owned by legendary jump jockey AP McCoy. Rebel Rocker joined Bramley's stable after his initial trainers Daniel and Claire Kubler announced their move to Bahrain.

"Daniel did stop me from racing him too early, which was a good thing because he wasn't ready when I wanted him to go for the [BEBF] £100,000 two-year-old final, but he didn't get in a qualifier in time," she says.

Patience has indeed paid off and with Bramley, whose first major breakthrough came in the December Gold Cup at Cheltenham with Glengouly, Rebel Rocker has continued to thrive.

"Now I just need to keep my fingers crossed," said Dorey, who sounds remarkably calm given the magnitude of the week ahead. "I'd like the ground to be just slightly easier than good but we'll see what the weather brings us. I'll be doing a little thunderstorm dance to try to get it to go to Epsom."

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SIYOUINI COLT STARS BENEATH TWIN SPIRES

In this series, the TDN takes a look at notable successes of European-based sires in North America. This week's column is highlighted by the victory of SiyouinCanada at Churchill Downs.

Oh, Canada!

Making his first start in the colours of breeder LNJ Foxwoods, **SiyouinCanada** took charge from the bell and stormed home to win by 2 1/2 lengths at Churchill Downs ([video](#)). Trained by Joe Sharp, the son of **Siyouini** is out of the winner Polished (Kitten's Joy).

SiyouinCanada is the second runner and first winner for his dam, herself a half-sister to stakes multiple stakes victress and GI Rodeo Drive Stakes third Dogtag ([War Front](#)). The latest progeny of Polished is the juvenile Mehmas colt Thieve who has yet to race. Another half-sister to Polished, the Giant's Causeway mare Belatrix, is the dam of Canadian champion and multiple graded winner Caitlinhergrtness (Omaha Beach). Influential sires Street Cry and Shamardal are also members of this family.

The Aga Khan Stud's **Siyouini** commands €150,000 at Haras de Bonneval in France this year. His record in the U.S. stands at 29 winners from 59 runners (49%). His seven stakes winners there feature five at graded level anchored by GII Flower Bowl Stakes heroine Bellezza. [Cont. p5](#)



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No Nay Never Filly Makes Time In New York

Wesley Ward saddled **Through The Years** (**No Nay Never**) to win at second asking during the Belmont at the Big A meeting on May 14 ([video](#)).

Racing in the silks of Mrs. John Magnier, Mrs. MV Magnier and Linda Shanahan, the two-year-old filly is out of Spirit Queen (Invincible Spirit). Bred by Lynch Bages & Rhinestone Bloodstock, the bay ran second in her Keeneland debut. One of three to win for her dam, Through The Years has a yearling full-brother to come.

Spirit Queen is a half-sister to the multiple stakes-placed Marshall Jennings (Lawman), with the G3 Prix du Calvados heroine Zolinana (Sallust) the fourth dam of the winner.

Coolmore's **No Nay Never** is responsible for 76 winners from 127 runners in North America (60%). Of his 11 stakes winners there, his quartet of graded scorers are led by GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf heroine Meditate. The son of Scat Daddy stands for €100,000 this season.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

JOHN AND THADY GOSDEN SUPPLEMENT OXAGON FOR THE FRENCH DERBY

John and Thady Gosden have shaken up the Qatar Prix du Jockey Club by supplementing Craven Stakes winner **Oxagon** (**Frankel**) at a cost of €72,000 on Wednesday morning.

Owned by owner-breeder Prince Faisal, whose Mishriff won

the race for the Gosden team in 2020, Oxagon was last seen finishing sixth in the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket.

Only the Aidan O'Brien-trained **Flushing Meadows** (Wootton Bassett) defected from Sunday's race at the forfeit stage on Wednesday. His Ballydoyle-trained stablemate **Constitution River** (Wootton Bassett), who also has the option of going to Epsom, for which he is as short as 3-1 for Derby glory, has been left in the French Classic.

"Winning the French Derby is always a difficult feat to do but if you aren't in the race you can't win," said Prince Faisal's racing adviser Ted Voute.

"In fairness to John Gosden, straight after the Dewhurst, he said this is our French Derby horse. Then we went through a confusing patch at the beginning of the year when we didn't put him in. John said again after the Guineas that this is our French Derby horse even though he isn't in it.

"The horse was giving us different messages at the beginning of the year and I think that is why he wasn't in. Fair dues to Prince Faisal for supplementing him as he could still get a bad draw and it could still prove a fruitless exercise that doesn't prove much, which is the risk you run at Chantilly."

He added, "I think he deserves to be there and he is probably going to be the third or fourth favourite depending on what Aidan O'Brien runs. He's still got plenty in there and quite what he does with **Constitution River** could determine everyone else's fate given that was a mighty impressive run [at Cheste]."

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JENNIFER JANE TO SKIP OAKS AND HEAD TO ITALY

Listed heroine **Jennifer Jane** (New Bay) will not contest the G1 Betfred Oaks on June 5, and instead be pointed toward the Italian version later that month, according to Charlie Johnston.

The Russell Trew and Towbraccan runner won at Wetherby last June before running second in the Listed Star Stakes in July. After a fruitless run in the G3 Prestige Fillies' Stakes in August, she was given a break. Making her three-year-old bow in the Listed Pretty Polly Stakes at Newmarket earlier this month, she made all the running to win by six lengths.

Johnston said, "Plan A is she will go to the Italian Oaks and we thought long and hard about supplementing her for Epsom but £35,000 is a lot of money, particularly with us not certain she will stay.

"We went to Newmarket not sure she would stay 10 furlongs and 12 would be a real step into the unknown.

"It might not be as sexy an option, but it's still a Group 2 and worth €400,000 and will be a lot easier to win than the Oaks, so that's where she will go next hopefully."

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FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

Thursday, May 28, 2026:

UNITED KINGDOM

Baaeed (GB) (*Sea The Stars {Ire}*), Beech House Stud
118 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
15:23-YARMOUTH, 7f, **Shiyam (GB)**
200,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025

Minzaal (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Derrinstown Stud
115 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
14:05-RIPON, 6f, **Bladey Lady (Ire)**
6,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2024; £20,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025

Naval Crown (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Kildangan Stud
71 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
14:05-RIPON, 6f, **Aura of Melania (GB)**
£12,600 Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2026
17:42-SANDOWN PARK, 45K The Star Sports National Stakes (Class 1) (Listed Race)5f, **Napa (Ire)**
42,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2024; 68,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025

IRELAND

Olympiad (Speightstown), Gainesway Farm
149 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
3-FAIRYHOUSE, 6f, **Citrus Springs**
\$75,000 RNA Keeneland Association September Yearling Sale 2025; \$65,000 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall Yearling Sale 2025; \$300,000 Ocala Breeders' Sales March Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training 2026



Olympiad has a runner in Ireland | Sarah Andrew

OBSERVATIONS on the European racing scene

HOW THEY FARED

7.00 Kempton, Novice, 3yo/up, 7f (AWT)
Conspiracist (Fr) (*Dark Angel {Ire}*), the half-brother to last year's Prix Maurice de Gheest hero Sajir (Make Believe), raced near the pace before fading out of it in the straight to be sixth.

BRITAIN

Wednesday's Results:

5th-Kempton, £12,000, Novice, 5-27, 3yo/up, 10f 219y (AWT), 2:20.83, st/sl.

WATER TO WINE (FR) (c, 3, **Kingman {GB}**--**Listen In {Ire}** **{GSW-Fr}**, by **Sea The Stars {Ire}**), who had impressed on debut at Newbury last month, sauntered along on the front end under Ryan Moore. Wound up in the straight, the imposing homebred opened up to score by 11 lengths in the style of a 1-12 favourite.

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5th-Kempton Cont.

Connections had stated beforehand that the winner would likely tackle the G2 King Edward VII Stakes next month. “He’s a very big horse and it may be the best thing that he didn’t go to Chester,” John Gosden said. “Ryan was very happy with him and this was a good learning curve for him. We can look towards Ascot with him, which was Plan A.”

The dam, who captured the G2 Prix du Conseil de Paris, is a half to the Hong Kong Vase-winning champion Dominant (Cacique) and the G2 Lennox Stakes-winning sire Es Que Love (Clodovil). From the family of the Prix Jean Romanet heroine Aristia (**Starspangledbanner**) and the fellow Group 1 winners With You and We Are by Dansili and Call The Wind, her two-year-old colt African Storm is by the latter’s sire **Frankel** while her yearling filly is by **Frankel**’s son **Chaldean**. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$37,914.

O/B-George Strawbridge; T-John & Thady Gosden.

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2nd-Kempton, £10,000, Novice, 5-27, 2yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:14.14, st/sl.

MOONRISE (IRE) (f, 2, Churchill {Ire}--Queen of Silca {GB}, by Kingman {GB}), sent off at 5-1, was quickest into stride to lead from the outset. Staying on strongly up the straight, the newcomer hit the line with 2 1/4 lengths to spare over Esha’a (Minzaal).

The dam, whose yearling colt is by Ghaiyyath, is a daughter of the Cheveley Park Stakes and Moyglare Stud Stakes-placed Silca Chiave (Pivotal) who is in turn a half to Inchinor’s multiple Stakes winner and multiple Group 1-placed Golden Silca and Prix Morny heroine Silca’s Sister. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,261. O/B-Ahmad Alkhalafi; T-Andrew Balding.

2nd-Beverley, £10,000, Nov, 5-27, 2yo, 7f 96yT, 1:34.46, g/f.

OUT OF THIS WORLD (GB) (c, 2, Space Blues {Ire}--Gallifrey {GB}, by Sir Percy {GB}) raced off the pace towards the rear after a hesitant getaway in this debut. Bustled along when tapped for toe with three furlongs remaining, the 2-1 pick made headway to challenge down the centre of the track entering the final furlong and was ridden out to prevail by 1 1/2 lengths from Dei Gratia Regina (Ten Sovereigns).

“He was very babyish and very green and I was sort of relieved he missed the break,” admitted Clifford Lee. “He was in behind horses, he had to come through them and then we were on the wing. He’ll learn from today and I think he’ll improve a hell of a lot.”

Out Of This World, kin to a weanling filly by Mohaather, is the third of four foals and second scorer out of a dual-winning full-

sister to Listed Chalice Stakes third Galmarley (Sir Percy).

His Group 3-placed second dam Crystal Gal (Galileo) is a granddaughter of G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Classic Park (Robellino), herself the dam of the dual Group 1-placed sire Walk In The Park (Montjeu) and the dual Group 3-placed Listed Ruby Stakes victrix Soon (Galileo). Sales history: 38,000gns Wlg ‘24 TADEWE; 32,000gns Ylg ‘25 TATOCT; 15,000gns RNA 2yo ‘26 TATGBU. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,261.

O-James Tate Racing Ltd; B-Chasemore Farm; T-James Tate.

1st-Hamilton, £11,500, Mdn, 5-27, 2yo, 5f 7yT, :58.11, g/f.

SALE SHARK (IRE) (c, 2, Bayside Boy {Ire}--Bayja {Ire}, by Giant’s Causeway) chased solid early fractions in fourth from the outset of this debut. Easing closer once past halfway, the 13-8 favourite quickened to the fore approaching the furlong pole and was ridden clear to defeat Jaijai (Hello Youmzain) by an impressive 2 3/4 lengths, becoming the seventh winner for his freshman sire (by New Bay).

“He’s a really strong, muscular horse and we like him, but he struggled with sore shins through half of April and half of May,” commented Hugo Palmer. “Where next is the middle week in June in Berkshire. He qualifies for the [Listed] Windsor Castle, so that is an option, as is the [G2] Norfolk. We’ll be entering one and if we don’t like the look of it we’ll be running in the other.”

“Bayside Boy, goodness me,” the trainer continued. “Many of us thought he’d be a good stallion, but they’re absolutely flying. I’m not sure anybody expected them to be as precocious and early as they are and they are doing remarkably well.”

Sale Shark is the 10th of 11 foals and eighth scorer produced by a granddaughter of Group 3-winning G1 Prix de Diane runner-up Baya (Nureyev).

He is a half-brother to dual Group 3 scorer New Providence (Bahamian Bounty), dual G3 Nad Al Sheba Turf Sprint runner-up Ekhtiyar (**Bated Breath**) and a yearling colt by Shaquille. Sales history: €52,000 Ylg ‘25 TATIRY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$8,351.

O-Orange & Owen; B-Ballylinch Stud; T-Hugo Palmer.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Erudition (GB), g, 3, **Mehmas (Ire)**--Straight Thinking (MGSP-Fr), by Mizzen Mast. Kempton, 5-27, 7f (AWT), 1:26.26. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$13,039. B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd. *£27,300 HRA ‘26 TATFEB. **1/2 to Straight Answer (GB) (Kodiac {GB}), SW & GSP-Ire.

Masked Warrior (GB), g, 3, **New Bay (GB)**--Domino Darling (GB) (MSP-Eng), by Golden Horn (GB). Kempton, 5-27, 7f (AWT), 1:26.18. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$14,171. B-Hascombe & Valiant Stud Ltd.

Sogniamo (GB), f, 3, **Oasis Dream (GB)**--Grace And Favour (GB), by Montjeu (Ire). Hamilton, 5-27, 9f 35yT, 1:54.81. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$8,351. B-Coln Valley Stud. *14,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT.

IRELAND

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Kilcrea Rock (Ire), g, 4, **Wootton Bassett (GB)**--Loved (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). Dundalk, 5-26, 10f 150y (AWT), 2:17.24. Lifetime Record: 10-1-2-1, \$21,483. B-Rockfield Farm. *€220,000 Wlg '22 GOFNO1. **1/2 to Point King (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}), GSW-Aus, SW & GSP-Ire.

FRANCE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

1st-Strasbourg, €20,100, Cond, 5-27, 3yo, 10fT, 2:14.82, g/s.

ANNO SOLERO (GER) (g, 3, **Best Solution {Ire}**--**Anna Magnolia {Fr}** {SW & GSP-Ger}, by **Makfi {GB}**) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, €19,087. O-Markus Graff; B-Gestut Brummerhof; T-Carmen Bocskai. *€49,000 Ylg '24 BBAGS.

5th-Strasbourg, €20,100, Cond, 5-27, 4yo/up, 10fT, 2:10.95, g/s.

SERIE (FR) (m, 6, **Recoletos {Fr}**--**Smyrnes {Fr}**, by **Anabaa**) Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-0, €44,450. O-Dr Gerhard Moser, Mme Yvonne Vollmer & Mme Annette Moser-Rapp; B-Haras du Quesnay; T-Yvonne Vollmer. *€29,000 RNA HRA '24 ARQDEC.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Rosa Gallica (Fr), f, 4, **Telecaster (GB)**--Villa Rosa (Fr) (GSW-Fr), by Doctor Dino (Fr). Strasbourg, 5-27, 10fT, 2:13.92. B-Mme Antonia Devin.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale Cont. from p1

- In 2026, 10 lots sold for A\$1 million or more, down from 24 last year and from 15 in 2024.
- The top lot on day 2 was Miss Hellfire (Hellbent), in foal to Extreme Choice, who sold for A\$2.05 million and was bought by Sheng Geng of China.

- Top Buyers: Sheng Geng was the sale's top buyer by gross, spending A\$7.285 million on seven lots across the two day sale. Katsumi Yoshida was the leading buyer by average with the three mares at an average of A\$1.33 million.
- Top Vendors: **Newgate** Consignment headed the vendors by aggregate, selling 44 lots for A\$18.275 million. By average (two or more sold), Attunga Stud finished the sale with 11 lots sold for an average of A\$487,955.
- Top Sires: Snitzel led the stallions by gross with A\$6 million from 24 lots. Proisir topped the averages chart with two sold at an average of A\$1.43 million. Mares in foal to Anamoe topped the covering sires by gross tally with six mares making A\$3.365 million. By average (2 or more sold), mares in foal to Extreme Choice led at an average of A\$1.675 million for two lots.

Lot 607 - Miss Hellfire (Hellbent x Peace Time {War Front}) - A\$2,050,000 to Sheng Geng



Jim Carey | Magic Millions

Mares in foal to Extreme Choice always attract enormous interest, but when paired when the mare is by an exciting young sire in Hellbent, a pedigree already featuring an Extreme Choice 2-year-old stakes winner and a mare with black-type credentials of her own, demand naturally intensifies.

That proved the case for the **Newgate**-consigned **Miss Hellfire** (Hellbent), with Yulong, under the Sheng Geng banner, going to A\$2,050,000 to secure the exciting young mare in foal to **Newgate** Farm's star stallion.



Antony Thompson | *Magic Millions*

Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale Cont.

Miss Hellfire showed plenty of talent on the track, winning three races and placing in both the Listed Wyong Magic Millions 2YO and the G2 Sapphire Stakes. Her pedigree further added to her appeal, being a half-sister to Listed winner Xtremetime (Extreme Choice), Group 1-placed sire Caracaro and Group 3-placed August Bloom (More Than Ready).

Newgate Farm's Jim Carey said the mare had always been highly regarded by the farm and while sad to see her go, they were delighted with the result.

"She's a special mare for us. We bred her - she had the 'N' (**Newgate**) on her shoulder, and we bought her back last year.

"She was a hugely talented mare, she was a beautiful yearling, we know the family well and her sister's in-foal to Extreme Choice.

"She hasn't turned a hair, she's very straight-forward. She was an elite offering. The sire's a freak, so if she throws one that looks like herself, she's a winner."

Carey admitted the result represented a strong commercial outcome after **Newgate** purchased the mare for A\$640,000 only 12 months ago.

"We are a commercial farm, we have to pay the bills, so it was a great result for the lads on the farm."

Lot 676 - Startantes (Star Turn x Funtantes {Easy Rocking}) - A\$1,400,000 to David Redvers Bloodstock and Widden Stud

Group 1 Tattersall's Tiara winner **Startantes** (Star Turn) will remain at Widden Stud after David Redvers Bloodstock and Widden Stud combined to purchase the mare for A\$1,400,000.

A high-class racemare, **Startantes** captured the Group 1 Tattersall's Tiara and also placed at the elite level in both the G1 Flight Stakes and G1 Surround Stakes. She missed to Zoustar in 2024 but is now safely in foal to the Champion Anamoe.

The mare is out of the 10-time winner **Funtantes** (Easy Rocking), who herself won at both Group 2 and Listed level. **Funtantes** has proven an outstanding producer, with **Startantes** among her six winners, alongside the five-time winner and Group 3-placed **Fabulantes** (Easy Rocking).

Widden Stud's Antony Thompson said the operation was eager to retain the mare that they also offered.

"She's a mare we know very well, obviously we've had her at the farm. We did own a little bit of her, but there's a few of the clients that were looking to trade out, so we're happy to increase our stake and take her home.

"Obviously it's hard to buy Group 1 winners as a joint champion filly. They're the type of mares you want to have in your paddock and in-foal to Anamoe, who we had a bit luck with this year - we sold an Anamoe here in January for A\$1.1 million and this is the sort of mare who will suit him down to the ground."

Thompson also pointed to the mare's long-term broodmare potential. "She's carrying just her first foal, I think she's a perfect mare for Anamoe and she'll suit Zoustar, so we've got lots of options for her.

"I'm sure you'll see lots of lovely mares out of **Startantes** coming back through the sales up here in the near future."

As for the final price, Thompson felt the market valued the mare as expected.

"We thought she'd make around that one-and-a-half (million dollars) to two, that's what Group 1 winners make, so anytime you get a chance to buy a Group 1 winner you're happy to take it."

Lot 722 - Amen Corner (I Am Invincible x Augusta Proud {More Than Ready}) - A\$1,300,000 to Sheng Geng

Sheng Geng struck again later in the sale for Yulong, going to A\$1,300,000 to secure the well-related **Amen Corner** (I Am Invincible) from the **Newgate** consignment. The mare was offered in foal to the elite Extreme Choice.

Amen Corner was metropolitan placed in Sydney and is by Yarraman Park Stud's Champion sire I Am Invincible. Her female family also carried significant appeal, being out of the Listed Magic Millions 2YO winner **Augusta Proud** (More Than Ready), who was also successful in two Group 3 contests and a pair of Listed sprints.

Augusta Proud has already produced Group 3 winner **Thyme For Roses** (Redoute's Choice), who in turn left American Grade II winner and four-time Listed winner **Zeitlos** (**Curlin**).

"She's a good, strong mare and if she leaves one similar to herself it will be a very popular yearling," Yulong Stud's Sam Fairgray commented about the style of mare **Amen Corner** is.

Julie Ritchie | *Magic Millions*

Lot 687 – Thalassophile (Not A Single Doubt x Spanish Lake {Encosta De Lago}) – A\$850,000 to Bangaloe Stud

Julia Ritchie of Bangaloe Stud took a liking to the classy Group 3 and Listed winner **Thalassophile** (Not A Single Doubt) paying A\$850,000 for the mare out of the **Newgate** Consignment, who had the added bonus of being in foal to Ole Kirk.

The 7-year-old mare has a strong pedigree being a half-sister to the G3 Adrian Knox Stakes placegetter Maracaibo (Redoute's Choice) and out of the unraced Encosta De Lago mare Spanish Lake.

Spanish Lake is closely related to the Group 1 winner Calveen (Canny Lad) and the Group winners Pareanui Bay (Lonhro), Kosi Bay (Spinning World), Striker (Van Nistelrooy), Fireworks (Snitzel) and Okahu Bay (Flying Spur).

Speaking after the purchase, Ritchie said the mare's racetrack performance and pedigree made her an appealing prospect.

"Her form is strong. You still like to see a mare that's got good black type somewhere in her form.

"I think, as a type, she'll let down into a nice mare, she's still in the early stages, but she has a lot of upside and the family was great as well."

The mare's pregnancy to Ole Kirk also added further appeal.

Lot 700 – Viviane (Written Tycoon x Curtana {Exceed And Excel}) – A\$825,000 to Newgate Bloodstock

The well-related **Viviane** (Written Tycoon) is set to join the **Newgate** Farm broodmare band after Henry Field, under his **Newgate** Bloodstock banner, secured the eight-time winning sprinter for A\$825,000.

Viviane was also placed in the Listed Alinghi Stakes and boasts a pedigree loaded with black type. She is out of the dual Listed winner and Group 1-placed Curtana (Exceed And Excel), while also being a half-sister to six-time winner and stakes performer Sword Of Mercy (Sebring).

Further depth within the family includes G1 Goodwood Handicap and G1 Oakleigh Plate winner Flamberge (Exceed And Excel), along with Group winners Durendal (Medaglia d'Oro) and Sunburnt Land (Scenic).

Newgate purchased the mare with a clear breeding plan in mind, intending to send her to Extreme Choice once she foals down to Anamoe.

Field said the mare had been identified as an ideal match for their sire.

"Beautiful mare. We work very closely with Daniel O'Sullivan and he had a massive speed rating on her. We think she is a mare that will really suit Extreme Choice.

"Adding those factors up, she was a pretty obvious choice for us. She is a great mating for Anamoe but I just love her for Extreme Choice. We bought her to go to him and I think she's going to be a belting mum.

"Physically, she is the perfect mate for him. She was bought for that job and hopefully she goes in foal and if she does I'm sure she'll do really well."

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Thursday, Sandown, post time: 19:12

THE STAR SPORTS BRIGADIER GERARD STAKES-G3, £95,000, 4yo/up, 9f 209yT

SC HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1 Ombudsman (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Godolphin	John & Thady Gosden	William Buick	135
2 Almeric (GB)	Study Of Man (Ire)	Miss K. Rausing	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	128
3 Arabian Light (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	Ryan Moore	128
4 Bedouin Prince (Ire)	Ghaiyyath (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	Connor Planas	128
5 Gethin (Ire)	Ghaiyyath (Ire)	Wathnan Racing	Owen Burrows	James Doyle	128
6 Wimbledon Hawkeye (GB)	Kameko	The Gredley Family	James Owen	Cieren Fallon	128

Breeders: 1-J. Hanly, 2-Miss K. Rausing, 3-Godolphin, 4-Godolphin, 5-Elysian Bloodstock Ltd, 6-Stetchworth & Middle Park Studs Ltd.

Not razor-sharp and burdened with a seven-pound penalty, **Ombudsman** could be vulnerable again here as he was 12 months ago, but there is no Almaqam in the line-up so he might just get away with it. **Almeric's** progression seems to have halted and he might need much easier ground than this, so **Gethin** could be the one to give the three-times Group 1 winner most to think about. His latest win in the Magnolia stamps him as still every bit as exciting as he looked at this time last year and he could be about to show the benefit of the time he has been afforded. [Tom Frary].

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THE STAR SPORTS HENRY II STAKES-G3, £95,000, 4yo/up, 16f 50yT

SC HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1 Sweet William (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Normandie Stud Ltd	John & Thady Gosden	Robert Havlin	135
2 Beylerbeyi (GB)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Midtech 2	SCR	SCR	SCR
3 Dubai Future (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Godolphin	Saeed bin Suroor	David Probert	130
4 Duke Of Oxford (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Mr A Cope, Mr B Roberts and Mr J Biggane	Michael Bell	David Egan	130
5 Epic Poet (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Akela Thoroughbreds Limited	David O'Meara	Daniel Tudhope	130
6 Paradias (Ger)	Kodiac (GB)	Dodds-Smith, Hodgson & Coupland	Alan King	Rossa Ryan	130
7 Furthur (Ire)	Waldgeist (GB)	Merry Pranksters/Lizzie Jelfs/R Gorell	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	129
8 Lazy Griff (Ger)	Protectionist (Ger)	Middleham Park Racing & Mr G Griffiths	Charlie Johnston	William Buick	129

Breeders: 1-Normandie Stud Ltd, 2-AI Shaqab Racing, 3-Godolphin, 4-Ed's Stud Ltd/A Swinburn, 5-George Kent, 6-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof, 7-Max Morris, 8-Gestut Westerberg.

With Scandinavia unproven at the Gold Cup trip and his stablemate Trawlerman out of the picture, **Sweet William** could be about to provide his owner-breeder with a dream scenario at Royal Ascot next month. First, he has to navigate this assignment as he did in 2024 which is no given under a penalty but obviously his defeat of Caballo De Mar and Miss Alpillis in the Sagaro looks pretty good now. Last year's Derby runner-up **Lazy Griff** hasn't been seen since finishing third in the Irish Derby and if he takes to marathon trips is a fascinating prospect on the scene. [Tom Frary].

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Thursday, Sandown, post time: 18:42**THE STAR SPORTS HERON STAKES-Listed**, £60,000, 3yo, 8fT

SC HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1 Time To Turn (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	James Doyle	133
2 Andab (Ire)	Saxon Warrior (Jpn)	Al Shaqab Racing/Trevor Stewart	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	Oisin Murphy	131
3 Golden Knight (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Mr David Stewart & Mr Hugh Sloane	Ed Walker	Kieran Shoemark	128
4 Maximized (GB)	Mehmas (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	Connor Planas	128
5 Nation's Hope (Ire)	Ghaiyyath (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	Rossa Ryan	128
6 Padraig Dawn (Ire)	Saxon Warrior (Jpn)	Niall Keating & Gary Gillies	SCR	SCR	SCR
7 Talk Of New York (GB)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	128
8 Wise Prince (Ire)	Ghaiyyath (Ire)	Hood, Philipps & Wrigley	John & Thady Gosden	Robert Havlin	128
9 Yazin (GB)	New Bay (GB)	Shadwell Estate Company Ltd	John & Thady Gosden	Ryan Moore	128

Breeders: 1-Godolphin, 2-T. Stewart, 3-Coolmore, 4-Cheveley Park Stud Limited, 5-Godolphin, 6-Kenilworth House Stud, 7-Godolphin, 8-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited, 9-Shadwell Estate Company Limited.

This is an intriguing renewal of an always-fascinating St James's Palace trial, with Shadwell's progressive **Yazin** taking on four from Godolphin including the Horris Hill winner **Time To Turn** and pair of TDN Rising Stars **Talk Of New York** and **Nation's Hope**. Buick has picked the Newmarket conditions winner Talk Of New York, but Nation's Hope has yet to taste defeat and could be anything.[*Tom Frary*].

Thursday, Sandown, post time: 17:42**THE STAR SPORTS NATIONAL STAKES-Listed**, £45,000, 2yo, 5f 10yT

SC HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1 A Bear Affair (Ire)	Kodi Bear (Ire)	A Bit On The Side & Partner	Richard Hannon	Sean Levey	128
2 Aday Of Scarlett (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	SVG, Exact Lifestyle Ltd & Owen	Hugo Palmer	Oisin Murphy	128
3 Bill The Bull (Ire)	Coulsty (Ire)	Vicarage Dreamers	Adam Kirby	Charles Bishop	128
4 Dandyman Dan (Ire)	Dandy Man (Ire)	Eric Griffiths, Mrs T Burns & Partner	David Evans	Saffie Osborne	128
5 Mr Macartney (GB)	Ubettabelieveit (Ire)	Barham Masterton Sweeting Severn Eddis	Oli Rix	Ray Dawson	128
6 Napa (Ire)	Naval Crown (GB)	Amo Racing Limited	Kevin Philippart de Foy	David Egan	128
7 Where Love Lives (Ire)	Cotai Glory (GB)	J Blackburn & Partner 1	Kevin Ryan	Kevin Stott	128
8 Princesse D'Orange (GB)	Ardad (Ire)	Cheveley Park Stud	David O'Meara	Rossa Ryan	123

Breeders: 1-Rathbarry Stud, 2-Tally-Ho Stud, 3-Rathasker Stud, 4-Rathasker Stud, 5-Mickley Stud & Mr Tony Jones, 6-Ringfort Stud Ltd, 7-Tally-Ho Stud, 8-Cheveley Park Stud Limited.

Amo's Newmarket novice winner **Napa** is trading as favourite over the unbeaten pair **Aday Of Scarlett** and **Where Love Lives**, but Aday Of Scarlett has been in a battle when prevailing in the Royal Ascot Two-Year-Old Trial EBF Conditions Stakes and that may edge it in his favour up Sandown's hill. Napa produced a smart time performance when off the mark and three beaten horses have since won to lend the form some credence. [*Tom Frary*].

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