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ENGLISHMAN DOESN'T HAVE TO TAKE BACKSEAT TO ANYONE

Saratoga Notebook, Presented by NYRA Bets



Englishman | *Sarah Andrew*

by Tim Wilkin

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. – The headliner, and rightfully so, from trainer Cherie DeVaux is **Golden Tempo** (Curlin). Winning the GI Kentucky Derby and GI Belmont Stakes will give you top billing on the marquee.

He'll come into Saturday as the 5-2 morning-line favorite in the 157th running of the $1.25-million GI Travers Stakes, the centerpiece of the 46-day summer meet at Saratoga.

As good as Golden Tempo, a 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard', has been, don't sleep on the other megastar taking up residence in DeVaux's barn. That would be fellow 'TDN Rising Star' **Englishman** (Maxfield) and he looks to be a handful in the $500,000 GI H. Allen Jerkens Memorial.

The super-fast colt, owned by C R K Stable, Inc., is the 3-5 morning-line favorite, the shortest-priced horse in any of the 14 races on the Saturday card.

For good reason, too. Englishman has steamrolled his competition in three of his four career starts, winning by a combined 20 1/2 lengths. The lone loss came in the GII Pat Day Mile at Churchill Downs on Kentucky Derby Day when he was defeated by Crude Velocity (Beau Liam), another 'TDN Rising Star', by 3 3/4 lengths.

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BREEDING DIGEST: ROUND THE POND OR OVER THE BRIDGE *by Chris McGrath*

Agreeing to differ is good. But how much better to discover that you differ only to agree.

The other day I enjoyed a cheerful argument with a stud manager over what I considered his credulity regarding nicks. How could he encourage all these Wall Street types, accustomed to predicting other complex environments with software, who reduce the myriad flesh-and-blood variables of the Thoroughbred to a formula? Shouldn't we stick to the old lore, starting with the mare as a physical specimen and finding the stallion best adapted to her strengths/weaknesses?

But then another friend present remarked that we were really proposing the exact same thing. If sire and damsire consistently work together, that's probably because each stamps his stock in such a way that he complements the other. After all, somebody will generally have relied on old-fashioned matchmaking for any coherent nick to evolve in the first place.

The continued flowering of GI Pacific Classic winner and 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Knightsbridge** (Nyquist) will presumably be nailing down the Nyquist-Bernardini cross that also brands Nysos and Immersive.

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NIGHT OF THUNDER COLT STARS AT GOFFS

A Night Of Thunder colt headlined Wednesday's concluding session of the Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale when bought by Bond Thoroughbred Ltd for £210,000. Brian Sheerin reports.



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Javier Castellano celebrates 6,000 career wins under the Saratoga spires Wednesday evening. See story page 14. | *Sarah Andrew*

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In this Keeneland Case Study, Mark Martinez shares the ride Gold Phoenix (Ire) (Belardo {Ire}) has taken him on since he bought a 25% interest in the four-time GII Del Mar Handicap winner at the 2024 Keeneland Championship Sale.





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Englishman avenged that defeat in a big way when he squashed Crude Velocity in the GI Woody Stephens Stakes a month later at Saratoga. He won by 5 3/4 lengths and equaled the seven-furlong record at the Spa--1:20.40--which was set in 1978 by Darby Creek Road.

In that race, Englishman was awarded a 115 Beyer Speed figure, the highest of any 3-year-old this year.

Yes. Englishman is fast. Very fast.

"He's so fast and I don't know if I've ever been around a horse that fast," DeVaux said at her barn at the Oklahoma Training Track.

Only four other 3-year-olds will attempt to run with Englishman in the Jerkens. Solitude Dude (Yaupon), who was second in the GII Amsterdam here last month and beaten 20 1/2 lengths by Englishman in the Woody Stephens, was entered in the Jerkens but will instead head to Charles Town for the Robert Hilton Memorial Stakes on Friday night.

DeVaux understands why Golden Tempo gets most of the flowers but certainly believes Englishman deserves some of the bouquet, too.

"I think he deserves to be in the same conversation," she said. ***Cont.***



Englishman trains this week at Saratoga | *Sarah Andrew*



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"It's natural when you have a horse than runs the Classic distance that they are going to be the one that's always talked about. But Englishman, he's right up there with the top 3-year-olds and may be the top horse in the country."

Moquett Looking for a Sweet Hymn in Forego

The horse to beat in Saturday's $500,000 GI Forego Stakes at Saratoga? That's easy.

Book'em Danno (Bucchero), winner of five of his last six--the one loss came by a neck--is the even-money morning-line favorite and no one is arguing that. Want more?

He has raced six times at Saratoga and the 5-year-old has won five of them, including his last four. The reigning Eclipse Award winner for champion male sprinter will be tough to beat in the Forego.

There are those that will try. One of the six (the seventh horse entered in the Forego--Banishing {Ghostzapper}--will run in the GII Charles Town Classic Stakes Friday night)--is the sweet-sounding **Hymn** (McKinzie), who carries 12-1 morning-line odds into the Forego.

"This place has beaten favorites before," Hymn's trainer Ron Moquett said outside the gelding's stall at the Stakes Barn Wednesday morning. "Until you beat the champ [Book'em Danno], he is the champ. He is very much deserving of the favoritism."



Hymn enjoys a treat from his stall | *Sarah Andrew*

Hymn has been at Saratoga for a while. He finished second, beaten by 2 1/2 lengths to Built (Hard Spun) in the GII Alfred G. Vanderbilt Stakes on July 25. But he fought for that place spot as he caught Damon's Mound (Girvin) and took that spot by a neck.

Hymn has raced 14 times in his career and has four wins and three seconds. ***Cont.***

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The best part of his resume has been since April, after he became a gelding. Since then, he has three wins and the Vanderbilt second. That was his first graded stakes race.

Before he became a gelding, Hymn had a reputation as a bully. That came to a head when he finished fourth in an allowance at Oaklawn Park on April 10. Hall of Fame jockey Johnny Velazquez, who was on board that day, suggested that gelding Hymn might prove advantageous.

"Johnny said the horse did not put out any effort," Moquett said. "He said he was too busy worried about all the other horses, wanting to beat them up and run them over. When Johnny V tells my owners it's time to geld him, it's time to geld him."

The results don't lie. After the procedure, Hymn, owned and bred by Fleur de Lis Stables and co-owned by William S. Sparks and Bret Jones, became a more focused, determined horse. Oh, he still has his toughness--you don't want to get too close to him in his stall--but he concentrates more in his races.

He'll have to in the Forego.

Ricardo Santana, Jr., who rode him in the Vanderbilt, will ride again on Saturday.

"Now that he has been gelded, he is starting to be a little more, I guess, ridable," Moquett said. "He is now channeling his energy towards beating them to the finish line instead of fighting the rider and fighting the other horses and trying to bite them and run into them. He needs to keep stepping forward and he will have to run the race of his life to be competitive in this race."

Ocelli Giving it Another Shot

The law of averages suggest that this can't go on forever.

Ocelli (Connect) has an impressive bankroll as he has earned $842,300 in his 10-race career. ***Cont.***



Ocelli works last week at the Spa | *Sarah Andrew*



Saratoga Notebook, cont.

He has more money in the bank than five of the horses he will face in the 10-horse field in Saturday's $1.25-million GI Travers Stakes.

But all the horses in the Travers have one thing, or more, than Ocelli has. They have all visited the winner's circle at least once in their careers.

Ocelli, though, he has battled the best of the division all year long and he'll do it again when he runs in the Midsummer Derby and attempts to become the first maiden since 1875 to win the biggest race of the summer.

Ocelli has two seconds and four thirds in his 10 starts. But no wins.



Ocelli | *Sarah Andrew*

In his last five starts--all graded stakes--he has shown up. Third in the GII Wood Memorial (at 28-1 odds), third in the GI Kentucky Derby (at 70-1!) and he was only beaten a length. Throw in a fourth in the GI Preakness Stakes and a second in the GIII Ohio Derby and you have the makings of a real hard-luck loser.

In his last start, the GI Haskell Stakes, he finished last, but trainer Whit Beckman is going to excuse him for that as the sloppy track was his likely undoing.

Ocelli will wear the longshot hood on Saturday as he is 20-1 on the Travers morning line, the longest price in the race.

"I have been trying to win with this horse since day one, believe it or not," Beckman said, sitting in his office at his barn at the Oklahoma Training Track Wednesday morning. "I have not designed this program to keep him a non-winner with a lot of money."

Beckman could have sent Ocelli to the $1-million GI Pennsylvania Derby next month but decided to stay here. No ship, walk out of his stall, run his race.

He has optimism because Ocelli has flourished, Beckman said, since he came to Saratoga after the July 18 Haskell. ***Cont.***



Saratoga Notebook, cont.

"He has had a good month, a real good month," Beckman said. "His coat, his appetite; everything we look at on the surface level is great. Could he be doing any better? Maybe, but he is doing as good as I could hope. If a horse doesn't thrive up here, something is not right. Saratoga is a wonderful place for a horse and for us as well."

Ocelli will have a new rider in the Travers in Edgard Zayas, who replaces Tyler Gaffalione. Gaffalione will ride **Renegade** (Into Mischief), the 3-1 morning-line second choice. He replaces Irad Ortiz, Jr., who is out for the rest of the meet with a foot injury.

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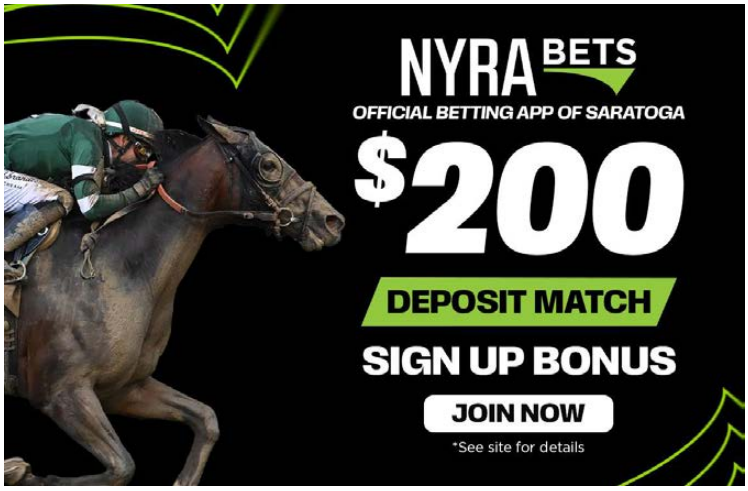

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Unquestionably, three of the very best performers by Nyquist, and each out of a Bernardini mare. Moreover, the dams of Knightsbridge and Immersive are both out of daughters of Awesome Again. And while the granddam of Nysos breaks that pattern, being by Rahy, the "system" is only mildly kinked: Rahy's sire Blushing Groom (Fr) is also damsire of Awesome Again. Simple!

Well, however much genetic material these horses happen to share, we can't even guarantee that even two full-siblings will have the same coat color, never mind the same ability. Surely it remains wise to apply time-honored precepts of stockmanship, then, until outcomes become consistent enough for those basing their decisions on data.

These things are often as much about opportunity as anything. Bernardini's emergence as a broodmare sire has been similarly served, for instance, by another neighbor, Street Sense, who gave two of his daughters Maxfield and Speaker's Corner. (The latter, indeed, out of the same mare as Knightsbridge himself). ***Cont.***



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Presumably the experts at Darley, knowing the models in front of them, were literally "sizing" up matings when pairing Nyquist with Bernardini mares in 2020 and 2021, to come up with Knightsbridge and Immersive, respectively. (Nyquist's first crop only reached the gate in 2020).

Opportunity arising from proximity can be compounded by something even simpler: class. People in Europe whisper of Galileo (Ire)-plus-Danehill as some occult formula. But you would like to think that one champion stallion might do pretty well with mares by another, whose top-class daughters happen to be strewn across his home paddocks.

Bernardini has proved too potent a broodmare sire to fuss over his daughters' suitors. Of their current parade, Sovereignty is by Into Mischief; Golden Tempo, by Curlin; Magnitude, by Not This Time. And, as noted, the same mare has now come up with exceptional talents by different stallions in the same shed.

Knightsbridge, 2021 equineline

Nyquist	Uncle Mo	Indian Charlie	In Excess (Ire)
			Soviet Sojourn
		Playa Maya	Arch
			Dixie Slippers
	Seeking Gabrielle	Forestry	Storm Cat
			Shared Interest
		Seeking Regina	Seeking the Gold
			Fulbright Scholar
Tyburn Brook	Bernardini	A.P. Indy	Seattle Slew
			Weekend Surprise
		Cara Rafaela	Quiet America
			Oil Fable
	Round Pond	Awesome Again	Deputy Minister
			Primal Force
		Gift of Dance	Trempolino
			Coral Dance (Fr)

So it's only fair to credit the unraced Tyburn Brook for much of the quality in Knightsbridge and Speaker's Corner. And that's easily done, given her family tree.

For it certainly doesn't suffice to reduce her own dam, as we did above, to “an Awesome Again mare.” Tyburn Brook is out of GI Breeders' Cup Distaff winner Round Pond, who was purchased on retirement in 2007 by Sheikh Mohammed for $5.75 million--partly, no doubt, because she was out of a half-sister to Pennekamp (Bering {GB}), one of the most flamboyant talents to have carried his old maroon-and-white colors. A brilliant juvenile in 1994, Pennekamp then won the G1 2,000 Guineas and duly started favorite for the G1 Derby. Unfortunately, he flopped at Epsom and was not seen again, before proving an equal anti-climax at stud.



Knightsbrdige | *Sarah Andrew*

In fact, he ended up covering jumping mares at €3,000. At that stage, this family looked in danger of petering out. Pennekamp was one of three elite scorers out of Group 1-placed Coral Dance (Fr) (Green Dancer), but the others made no greater impression at stud. Four-time Grade I winner Nasr El Arab (Al Nasr {Fr}) proved anonymous in Japan; while Black Minnaloushe (Storm Cat), a Classic miler for Ballydoyle, was quickly discarded to South Africa.

You would never have identified Round Pond's dam Gift of Dance (Trempolino) as the one to keep the dynasty alive, after she failed to break her maiden in 10 attempts. She was sold for $20,000 at the 2004 Keeneland November Sale, carrying her last foal, just weeks before Round Pond began a track career that would transform her from $105,000 yearling to Sheikh Mohammed's top target.

Round Pond's seven foals eventually repaid that investment, albeit patience was required. Long River (A.P. Indy) won a Group 1 in the Sheikh's homeland, aged seven; Lake Lucerne (Dubawi {Ire}) rounded off her career with a first stakes success at six; while Highland Falls (Curlin) won the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup at four and has meanwhile joined his half-sister's son at Jonabell.

Speaker's Corner, himself winner of the GI Carter Handicap at four, has hitherto mustered just three winners from his first crop, but they do include Schuylerville Stakes winner Harper's Corner. That's auspicious, in a family that has tended to thrive with maturity--a trait underlined by Knightsbridge's full bloom in his fourth season.

Not sure that anyone would have predicted that, off the nick that made Immersive a champion juvenile! But that's why dredging the bottom line of a pedigree will always tell you more than any superficial patterns on top. ***Cont.***

A Reward for Striving

I'll certainly always have time, however, for a broodmare sire on his own account--regardless of any alleged synergy with a particular sire or, even more vaguely, sire-line.

Not that anyone has ever really explained the phenomenon, for all that I'm always asking people far better qualified to speculate. How was it, for instance, that Quiet American's debut crop of 32 should include, not just the dam of Bernardini, but also Quiet Dance, dam of Saint Liam and granddam of Gun Runner?

That gives Quiet American a tenuous presence behind another of the weekend's big winners, Gun Runner having notched his third elite score of 2026 through My Gun's Loaded in the GI Alabama Stakes.



My Gun's Loaded | *Sarah Andrew*

Speaking of broodmare sires, this filly's dam Strive shares a sire--Congrats--with those of Japanese stars Forever Young (Jpn) (Real Steel {Jpn}) and Danon Decile (Jpn) (Epiphaneia {Jpn}). Strive herself was runner-up in a minor stakes and her Speightstown half-sister went one better, both on turf. There's solid stuff behind, too. The next two dams, winners at graded and stakes level, respectively, were coincidentally both half-sisters to a winner of the Ladies' Handicap in its better days: already down to Grade II status when Transient Trend (Time for a Change) broke the track record, but Nastique (Naskra) numbered it among her four Grade Is. Her own dam had an illustrious half-sister, too, in champion sprinter Chou Croute (Lt. Stevens).

Having mildly stoked those embers, Strive was purchased by Corser Thoroughbreds for $220,000 at KeeNov 2019, carrying a first foal by City of Light, and has since been given every opportunity to kick-start her second career, sent to Curlin between two visits to Gun Runner.

The latter assignations certainly paid off at ringside, a weanling colt (unraced) making $380,000 and the filly we now know as My Gun's Loaded fully vindicating Douglas Scharbauer's $650,000 investment as a Keeneland September yearling.

Her blossoming duly rewards purposeful work by purchaser and breeder alike. And it's nice, incidentally, to see a second dam reviving the name of D'Accord, Fanfreluche's son by that notable broodmare sire...Secretariat!

Versatility Cuts Both Ways

You surely didn't expect me to neglect a footnote about Europe's fastest sprinter? By Maclean's Music, out of a Kantharos mare; next two dams by Boston Harbor and Saratoga Six.

The way you turn a “dirt-bred” horse into a turf horse is... to run him on turf. Sadly, the lesson of Bacio's G1 Nunthorpe Stakes will be lost on the locals. Having seen him burn them off over five, they will persist in their cherished misapprehensions about one-dimensional dirt speed. Well, yes, they're fast. But they keep going.

It's a two-way street, mind, as Medaglia d'Oro has shown, making a great career through the versatility latent in his physical beauty. It was on turf that the pensioned Darley stallion reached a landmark through Tam Tam, apparently his 100th graded stakes winner, in the GI Del Mar Oaks. Medaglia d'Oro's own dirt prowess was a famous aberration for a son of El Prado (Ire), but his flexibility made him a priceless crossover influence during a culpably insular era. (Nitrogen herself, remember, has been straddling surfaces).

Medaglia d'Oro conjured his latest grass star from the Basie/Stolen Base branch of the Striking (War Admiral) dynasty, much in vogue since a half-sister to Tam Tam's champion granddam Folklore (Tiznow) produced Essential Quality. Tam Tam is out of Folklore's daughter by Distorted Humor, Princess Julia, who showed good ability in a light career for Stonestreet. Her daughter proved such a princess herself that she cost Rigney Racing $975,000 as a Saratoga yearling. That's plainly now money well spent. How lucky that Princess Julia fell short of her reserve (at $235,000) when offered, carrying Tam Tam, at Keeneland in 2022!

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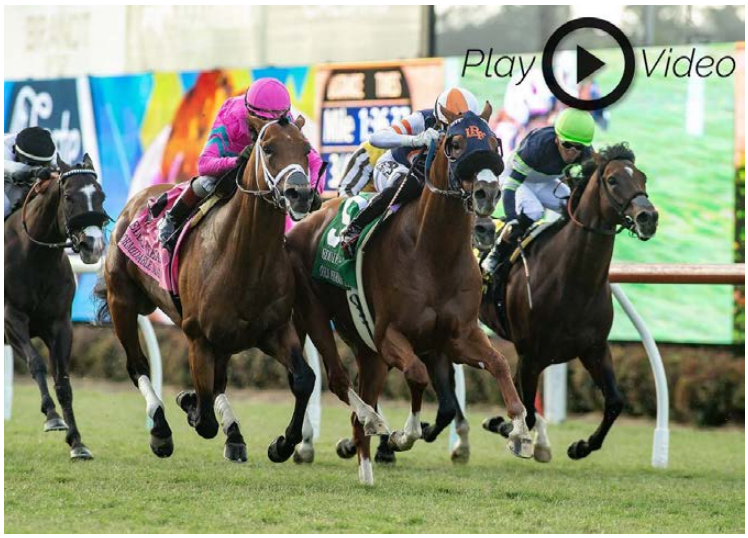
MARK MARTINEZ SAYS HE'S 'JUST FORTUNATE TO BE HERE' WITH GOLD PHOENIX *by Katie Petrunyak*

When Agave Racing Stable's Mark Martinez bought a 25% interest in Gold Phoenix (Ire) (Belardo {Ire}) at the 2024 Keeneland Championship Sale, he figured his realistic, best-case scenario was a fun run in the Breeders' Cup Turf and, if the racing gods were feeling generous, a couple more starts for the trusty veteran at age seven.

Turns out, the star gelding wasn't going anywhere.

Since Martinez joined the partnership, the now 8-year-old turf router has captured five graded stakes, etched his name in the record books as the first horse in Del Mar's history to win six stakes there, and now, enters the weekend eyeing a fifth consecutive victory in the GII Del Mar Handicap.



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"I don't know about anybody else, but my crystal ball doesn't have that kind of clarity," Martinez said with a laugh. "So yeah, I'm just fortunate to be here."

A maiden winner at Dundalk back in February of 2021, Gold Phoenix was brought over to California a year later by the partnership of Little Red Feather Racing, Sterling Stables LLC and Marsha Naify. Under the tutelage of Phil d'Amato, the chestnut raced to his first graded win that summer in the 2022 Del Mar Handicap and then scored his first--and so far, only--Grade I victory in the Frank E. Kilroe Mile Stakes the following spring.

By the time the 2024 Breeders' Cup rolled around, Gold Phoenix's resume boasted six graded stakes wins and 14 placings from 22 starts. Ahead of the world championship meet, the connections decided to offer a 25% share of the horse at the inaugural Keeneland Championship Sale at Del Mar.

"I had talked to a bunch of people and tried to say, 'Hey, this horse isn't slowing down,' but it's kind of tough to sell a 6-year-old gelding," said Billy Koch, the founder and managing partner of Little Red Feather. "When I learned they were putting on this first-ever, pre-Breeders' Cup sale, we said we'd take a shot."

Martinez was immediately intrigued. Having partnered with Little Red Feather before and already keeping a string with D'Amato, he'd been admiring the horse from afar for years.

"I thought it was a great opportunity," he recalled. "Now, some people probably saw it differently because he was a 6-year-old gelding at the time and obviously there's not a residual play here, so you've got to run it out on the track. Keeneland did a wonderful job. I didn't know that I would get him, but I knew it would take the right kind of buyer."

Three days after securing the share for $125,000, Martinez was cheering his new acquisition home to a fourth-place finish in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf. Crossing the wire behind superstar Rebel's Romance (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) and two Japanese contenders, Gold Phoenix finished best of the American contingent.

From there, the gelding's love affair with Del Mar only deepened. Last summer, he scored an unprecedented fourth straight win in the GII Del Mar Handicap before putting in another honest fifth-place effort in his fourth consecutive Breeders' Cup appearance. In his most recent start this year, after collecting a pair of graded wins at Santa Anita, he returned to Del Mar for the GII Eddie Read Stakes.

An enthusiastic crowd of partners packed the winner's circle after Gold Phoenix rallied from the back of the field to nail front-running Cabo Spirit (Pioneerof the Nile) and odds-on favorite Formidable Man (City of Light) by a nose in a dramatic photo finish.

"I'm a handicapper and I didn't think he had a shot at beating Formidable Man," Koch admitted. "I thought we could if everything worked out perfectly, and it kind of did. We have a lot of respect for everybody in that division. We've run against them all and they've beaten us and we've beaten them. But this old warrior knows where the finish line is. If you really watch closely at the last 200 yards of the race and watch Gold Phoenix's head, he's reaching for the wire. It was incredible. It's something you just don't see."

The victory also secured Gold Phoenix's place in history in becoming the first horse to win six stakes races at the seaside oval. ***Cont.***

Mark Martinez, cont.



Mark Martinez at the 2024 Keeneland Championship Sale
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"That's obviously a big record, but the one I just can't get over is that he's won four straight Del Mar Handicaps," said Martinez. "I don't know how that record ever gets beaten. I mean, who's going to win five? Other than maybe him, if we're so fortunate this year."

As Gold Phoenix prepares for his next Del Mar Handicap appearance this weekend, his connections believe he is primed for another strong showing. Hector Berrios, his regular rider this year, retains the mount and Gold Phoenix has drawn post position four in the 11-horse field.

"He's obviously running well," said Martinez. "The only blemish on his record this year was the race on Derby day, the GI Turf Classic Stakes. He was loaded and you can see Hector had a ton of horse. He had an awful trip."



Gold Phoenix gets up to win last year's GII Del Mar Handicap | *Benoit*

He continued: "Then in the GIII San Juan Capistrano, I don't think he could have won any more visibly impressive."

Gold Phoenix will likely follow the same path he has in past years of going from Del Mar to the GII John Henry Turf Championship Stakes before making his fifth Breeders' Cup bid. The multi-millionaire has raced only once at Keeneland, finishing 10th at the 2022 Breeders' Cup, but as Koch says, "he might be better at eight than he was at four."

Ahead of this year's Breeders' Cup, Martinez said he will have his eye on the Keeneland Championship Sale, hoping lightning might just strike twice.

"I'm a big proponent of this sale," he explained. "Stories like this show, 'Well here's a guy that bought 25% in a 6-year-old gelding. He's won five graded stakes with him. He's long out financially and way in from the fun and pleasure perspective.'"

"When Keeneland does something, it's first class," added Koch.

"And they've got a success story here. The timing was right and we appreciate Keeneland for bringing buyers to the table."

Under California rules, Thoroughbreds can compete until age 10. Koch isn't promising Gold Phoenix's return next year, but as long as the gelding is still loving his job, they'll keep letting their turf warrior dictate the terms.

"It's pretty wild to be associated with a horse like this," said Koch. "You think of the great geldings of all time, the John Henrys and Funny Cides of the world. Just to be mentioned with some of those horses is something really special."

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SEA STRIKE'S OWNERS RELISH SPECIAL SARATOGA-TRAVERS CONNECTION

by Mike Kane



Sea Strike wins the Curlin Stakes | *Sarah Andrew*

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. - It would not be a shock if Karen and Sean Flanagan completed an oh-so-distinctive double at Saratoga Race Course Saturday that may never be equaled: winning the GI Travers where they were married.

The Flanagans, both 60, own 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Sea Strike** (Midshipman), who is making his graded stakes debut in the $1.25-million Travers, the oldest and highest-profile race at Saratoga. The winner of two of his three career starts this year for trainer Chad Brown, Sea Strike made it clear that he deserved a shot against the stars of the 3-year-old division with an 8 1/4-length victory in the listed Curlin Stakes Aug. 2.

In the 10-horse Travers he will be facing the Triple Crown series stars GI Kentucky Derby and GI Belmont Stakes winner Golden Tempo (Curlin) and GI Preakness winner Napoleon Solo (Liam's Map). Also in the mix of top contenders is Renegade (Into Mischief), who followed his second in the Derby and third in the Belmont with a solid win in the GII Jim Dandy. Despite his lack of big-race experience, Sea Strike is the 5-1 third choice on the morning line.

Sea Strike is the Flanagans' first Travers runner and the race comes 35 years, one month and two days since they were married July 27, 1991 in the Saratoga backyard. There was a deep connection to that location: Sean Flanagan grew up in Lowell, Mass and visited Saratoga with his family for the races every summer.

"When I was a little kid, we used to just drive up," he said. "I've seen them all. The Affirmed-Alydar battles. I saw Secretariat lose to Onion. I saw Secretariat win the Hopeful in '72. I actually remember these things.

"Some of my earliest memories in life actually were here at Saratoga."

Not surprisingly, he thought a racetrack wedding about three months after their engagement made sense.

"It was definitely Sean's idea. Saratoga, especially the racetrack, is a very, very special place for Sean's family," Karen Flanagan said. "They've been coming, oh, for years and years. We met about three years before our wedding, I had been to the track before, so it wasn't the hard sell that you might think it was for me. Saratoga is just such a special, beautiful place, and it turned out to be the perfect destination wedding for both of our families."

However, she acknowledged that not everyone was on board when the track was proposed as the site for the wedding.

"My family was incredulous at first," Karen Flanagan said. "They had never been to Saratoga, and I think they had a much different image, probably from movies or what have you, of smoky, airless locations. But it wound up being a ton of fun and a really special event for everyone."

In 1991, the New York Racing Association (NYRA) started to expand the increasingly popular Saratoga meeting. The initial move added another six days to what had been, with a single exception, a 24-day season since racing resumed in 1946 after being closed during World War II. The Flanagan wedding was held at the Big Red Spring. Sean Flanagan said the ceremony took place around 9:30 a.m. The couple and their guests had to leave the grounds before it was opened to racing fans a little later that morning on that first Saturday of the meet.

"I don't know what we would have done if it rained," Karen Flanagan said. "We probably would have had the ceremony at like the Nathan's hot dog stand. But it was a beautiful day and a lot of fun."

All these years later, Sean Flanagan laughs as he tells a story about that day. ***Cont.***



Sean Flanagan | *Sarah Andrew*

Sea Strike, cont.

"My father wasn't in any of the pictures," he said. "When you were first married, people went through the wedding album, and they said, 'Geez, I noticed your dad isn't in any of the pictures. Is he still with us? Is he okay?' I said, 'No, no, no. He just went to the track.' He had to go to make the double that day, so he wasn't in any of the photos."



The Flanagans on their wedding day (left) and visiting the Big Red Spring in 2026 | *Flanagan family photo (left), Sarah Andrew (right)*

The Flanagans launched their company, CyberGrants, in 1999. Sean Flanagan described it as a software that was a service platform for Fortune 500 companies to manage all of their grantmaking workplace giving and volunteer efforts in the U.S. and overseas. They worked with about 60 percent of the Fortune 100 companies and nearly a half-million non-profits. It was a team effort by the couple based in northeastern Massachusetts.

"I used to say he made the promises and I kept them," Karen Flanagan said with a chuckle, "because he's the consummate salesman and I did more of the backend programming, client management, that kind of stuff."

The Flanagans sold the company in 2015. Four years later, Sean Flanagan was diagnosed with cancer in his abdomen and told he had two years to live. However, the tumor was successfully removed and his health was restored.

At that point, the Flanagans moved away from owning horses in partnerships to forming their own stable, Flanagan Racing, which now has 16 runners. Their first trainer was John Kimmel who has remained a key bloodstock advisor. In 2024, Kimmel and his partner Nick Sallusto picked out the 2-year-old colt that was named Chancer McPatrick (McKinzie) at the OBS April sale. Also a 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard', he broke his maiden at Saratoga and a few weeks later gave the Flanagans their first GI victory in the Hopeful. He then won the GI Champagne. Chancer McPatrick was tested on the Triple Crown trail in 2025, but was moved back into sprint and middle-distance races. After finishing third in the GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile, he was retired to Spendthrift Farm, where he had a full book of mares to cover this year.

On the recommendation of Kimmel and Sallusto, Flanagan Racing paid $650,000 for Sea Strike as a 2-year-old last year and sent him to Brown.

"Chad absolutely loved this horse from Day One," Sean Flanagan said. "He was training really well, he would just be off a touch for like a day or two after each breeze. This went on for about three weeks and Chad called me up and said 'Listen, I hate to say this but I want to back off this horse for about a month and a half.' He said, 'I promise you, I will get this horse through this. Unfortunately, we're going to miss the Triple Crown.'"

Flanagan said that Brown followed up with a comment that considerably softened the blow.

"It was a little disappointing, but Chad said, 'You know what? Let's make this horse a star in the summertime.' And I said, 'Good enough for me because I'm a Saratoga guy.'"

Sea Strike had a poor start in his debut Apr. 25 at Aqueduct but was talented enough to overtake and run past the maiden field. He wasn't so fortunate in an allowance at the Spa on June 6, did not like the kickback, Brown said, and ended up fifth. In the 1 1/8 mile-Curlin, he was prominent from the start, stalked fellow 'TDN Rising Star' Chief Wallabee (Constitution) and ran away to an impressive victory that made him one of the favorites in the Travers.

In separate conversations, the Flanagans used the word "surreal" to describe having a contender in the historic Travers, a few blocks from the home they own in Saratoga.

"Just to even be in the conversation is kind of like an out-of-body experience, but I'm very thankful for it," Sean Flanagan said. ***Cont.***



Sea Strike works at the Spa | *Sarah Andrew*

Sea Strike, cont.

"I'm going to appreciate every moment. I'm not nervous at all about it because everything that this horse does is just gravy. I think the horse is peaking at the right time. Chad just loved his breezes.

"We're in there with a shot. It's not like one of these horses where I begged the trainer to put him in the Travers just for the sake of having an entry in the Travers. I don't know what kind of odds we're going to get on the horse on Travers Day, but I think honestly we're in there with a real shot."

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6,000 WINS IN NORTH AMERICA FOR HALL OF FAMER JAVIER CASTELLANO



Javier Castellano wins his 6,000th race in North America
Sarah Andrew

Rider Javier Castellano, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2017, secured his 6,000th North American win Wednesday at Saratoga Race Course aboard Starship Lizzy (Central Banker) in Race 8, a New York-bred maiden claimer. The 3-year-old filly is trained by Michelle Nevin and owned by Starship Stables. After some bumping in the stretch, Castellano had to wait out a stewards' inquiry to find out if he'd reached win 6,000.

"6,000 [wins] and I still have to sweat out my result! Nothing's easy in this game, for sure," said Castellano with a laugh. "...I knew it wasn't my fault, and that's why I felt comfortable. But you never know, you have to see the 'official' first to count 6,000 races."

Castellano continued: "Thank God I've been blessed. Like I always say, thank you Lord, God, Jesus Christ for giving me the amazing skill of being a jockey and participating in the high level in my career with the best jockeys in the world. Especially doing it at Saratoga, the biggest stage in the world... so many great jockeys went through here, and to be my age competing with this generation to keep delivering and winning races and people supporting me is amazing. I'm very grateful and blessed to be around them."

Castellano, 48, began riding in his native Venezuela before his first mount in the U.S. in 1997 at Calder Race Course. He has since won Eclipse Awards for Outstanding Jockey four times, from 2013 to 2016. He captured the Kentucky Derby in 2023 aboard Mage (Good Magic) and has won all three Classics, as well as 12 Breeders' Cup races. He was the leading rider at Saratoga in 2013 and 2014, and received the 2019 Mike Venezia Memorial Award and the 2023 George Woolf Memorial Jockey Award. He's also won the GI Travers Stakes seven times, more than any other jockey. He'll ride The Puma (Essential Quality) in Saturday's edition.

"Mentally, it's really, really tough. It looks easy, 6,000 races, but you've got to go through almost 40,000 races to win 6,000," said Castellano. "Can you imagine how many losses you have to go through to win 6,000? There's a lot of disappointment, and I thought about it for a moment to quit being a jockey, because you go through those slumps and you don't think [it will get better]. Thank God I've been very lucky and fortunate to be strong, disciplined, dedicated, hard-working, and it paid off."

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MACHOWSKY: FASIG-TIPTON SEPTEMBER YEARLING SALE "STRONGEST ONE SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE" *by Dan Ross*

The catalogue for Fasig-Tipton's September Yearling Sale at Pomona was made available last week, and in Mike Machowsky's telling, it constitutes the best book of yearlings he's been involved with since picking up the mantle of Fasig-Tipton's California representative.

"It's a pretty big, diverse-type of catalogue," he said, highlighting representation from strong Kentucky sires like Nashville, Maxfield and Hard Spun.

"We've never had an Uncle Mo in here--we have an Uncle Mo filly," he said, of a filly out of the stakes-winning Tomlin. "We've just got a lot of really strong Kentucky-sired Cal-breds."

This, said Machowsky, is representative of shifting tides in California breeding, where volume is being replaced by a greater emphasis in quality.

"I credit these breeders in California. They've stepped up over the last several years, sending their mares to Kentucky or buying mares from Kentucky, just giving us a bigger pool of quality to choose from," said Machowsky, ***Cont.***

Fasig-Tipton California, cont.



Boyd Browning and Mike Machowsky | *Fasig-Tipton*

All of the eligible yearlings in the book who were foaled in California are or will be registered for Cal-bred premiums and will be updated on the Fasig-Tipton website, said Machowsky.

What will be crucial for this 293-strong book (the largest sale for quite some time, with additional supplements likely, said Machowsky) is participation.

In other words, the sale's only as strong as the interest in it.

"We have it on a Wednesday this year. We've usually had the sale on a Tuesday. This'll give the guys, whether it's trainers or agents, an extra day. With no racing at Santa Anita on Monday, Tuesday, there's no excuse not to get through all these horses," said Machowsky.

"So, don't let any grass grow under your feet here," he added. "We need to get you, get everybody motivated."

Which is why Machowsky's keen to hammer home some of the added incentives this year.



California Yearling Sale | *Fasig-Tipton*

The first is the $500,000 bonus offered to the first sale graduate from this year's auction that wins a U.S. Grade I at age two or three.

If won, the half-million pot of money will be divided between the owner at the time of the Grade I win and the owner at the time it went through the auction. Horses RNA'd also qualify.

"We just thought it was a great idea, a way to draw more eyes onto our sale and make sure everybody kind of sifts through their sales so they're not missing out on anything. So hopefully, it'll generate a lot more foot traffic and a lot more interest and a lot more dedicated shopping," said Machowsky.

"It's hard for any type of horse to win a Grade I. But it's very possible if you look at the book and the horses out there running right now, the good Cal-breds that we have," said Machowsky.

Then there's the raft of enhanced breeders' incentives that have been unfurled this year, in additional to the strong Cal-bred program already in place.

Cal-breds (already entitled to two first-level allowance condition wins if they're recorded separately on dirt and turf) are now permitted two wins on the same surface at two separate distances: one win at seven furlongs or less, and one at one mile or more.

The $100 registration fee is waived for Cal-bred registered foals born in 2025, 2026 and 2027. Starting with foals born next year, the California Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (CTBA) will award $1,000 for each Cal-Bred registered foal (maxing out at 25 foals per breeder).

Furthermore, breeders will receive a $3,000 transport reimbursement for certain eligible mares purchased at out-of-state auctions who are subsequently bred back to a registered California stallion.

"The Cal-bred program has got so many lucrative pieces to it. You know, this sale is the strongest one since I've been here on paper and looking at some of the individuals. So, that's exciting. Add to that the financial incentives for these Cal-breds, they're huge. I mean, a Cal-bred isn't just a horse, it's an active revenue multiplier," said Machowsky.

"That's why it's just so important for the industry and for racing in California that we support our breeders who have put the effort and time and money breeding these horses, raising them, and getting them to the sale. We need the support of the buyers and the trainers and everybody else involved to make it a successful venture," he added.

"So, if you want to race here and you want to win races at Santa Anita, Del Mar, this is where you've got to start."

The California Yearling Sale, presented by Fasig-Tipton, will be held Sept. 30 at Fairplex Park, starting at 11:00 a.m. PT.

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SECOND CHANCES: A RUNNER-UP DEBUT WORTH WRITING ABOUT FOR DEAR DIARY

by Steve Sherack



Dear Diary rallies to complete the Exacta on debut | *Benoit*

In this continuing series, TDN's Senior Racing Editor Steve Sherack catches up with the connections of promising maidens to keep on your radar.

If her runner-up finish on Pacific Classic Day at Del Mar was any indication, you're gonna be reading more in the future about **Dear Diary** (f, 2, Into Mischief--Bound, by Jump Start).

The Spendthrift Farm homebred was off to a slow start in her 5 1/2-furlong unveiling for Richard Mandella and was outfooted in eighth as third-time starter **Girls Wear Pearls** (Hard Spun) dueled through a sharp opening quarter in :21.59.

Dear Diary began to catch the eye on the far turn, but was forced to steady in some traffic beneath Mike Smith approaching the quarter pole. The 10-1 chance was steered into the clear with 7 1/2 lengths to make up at the stretch call and came rocketing home to finish within a length of the aforementioned Jena Antonucci-trained Saratoga invader.

Dear Diary earned a 55 Beyer Speed Figure for the effort.

"Really excited about her going forward," Spendthrift Farm Chief Operating Officer & General Manager Ned Toffey said.

"I didn't realize it until Richard let us know afterwards that she actually hit the gate coming out. Watching, I just thought it was a typical first start and she was a little slow getting away. But that gives her that much more of an excuse."

Toffey continued, "Over the winter down at King's Equine in Ocala, the main thing that we saw was that she was a pretty mover and seemed to do things well. We thought fairly highly of her, but it's just always hard to know very much until you put them in the starting gate and let them run. For me, I think in a first start if nothing else, I just want to see them finish up well and she certainly did that. Whatever she was, 10-1 or 11-1, I don't think she'll be that next time out."

Dear Diary, a daughter of Spendthrift Farm's seven-time reigning champion general sire Into Mischief, RNA'd for $475,000 as a Keeneland September yearling. Her multiple stakes-winning dam Bound, also responsible for stakes winner and 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' Almostgone Rocket (Into Mischief), brought $75,000 from SF Bloodstock at the 2024 Keeneland November sale.

"We did offer her (Dear Diary), but our feeling was that we were gonna make sure that we got fair market value," Toffey said.

"We had always liked her pretty well. We had sold the mare and we bred Almostgone Rocket, so we were gonna have to get paid to let her sell. We were happy to keep her."

As for what's next for Dear Diary, Toffey said, "If the timing is right on a stakes race, I don't think we'd be afraid to make that jump at this stage in the year. We'll keep those options open. We're in good hands with Richard and we'll go from there."

Since launching 'Second Chances' in 2017, 78 maidens have been featured in these pages (through 2025), producing 26% graded stakes winners, 36% stakes winners and 49% stakes horses. The series has introduced 10 future winners at the top level, led by 2025 Horse of the Year and dual Classic winner ***Sovereignty*** *(Into Mischief), 2023 Horse of the Year* ***Cody's Wish*** *(Curlin) and fellow two-time Breeders' Cup winner* ***Golden Pal*** *(Uncle Mo).*

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SECOND CHANCES HONOR ROLL

- **Sovereignty** (Into Mischief), MGISW, $6,876,550. *2025 Horse of the Year & Ch. 3yo Colt.
- **Cody's Wish** (Curlin), Horse of the Year & Ch. Older Dirt Male, 2x GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile winner, MGISW, $3,106,030. *Standing at Darley's Jonabell Farm.
- **Golden Pal** (Uncle Mo), 2x Breeders' Cup winner, GISW, $1,825,131. *Standing at Ashford Stud.
- **Locked** (Gun Runner), MGISW, $1,911,825. *Standing at Gainesway.
- **Commandment** (Into Mischief), GISW, $1,477,339.
- **Honor A. P.** (Honor Code), GISW, $532,200. *Standing at Lane's End.
- **Speaker's Corner** (Street Sense), GISW, $739,963. *Standing at Darley's Jonabell Farm.
- **Paradise Woods** (Union Rags), MGISW, $1,123,890.
- **A Mo Reay** (Uncle Mo), GISW, $862,775.
- **Tam Tam** (Medaglia d'Oro), GISW, $648,800.

SIX SPEEDY FILLIES FOR THE WEEK OF AUG. 17-23 *by Randy Moss*



And One More Time in the Ballston Spa | *Sarah Andrew*

It wasn't a stellar week for speed or diversity among the fastest females. None ran faster than a 95 Beyer, all ran on turf, and five of the six came from Saratoga's GII Ballston Spa Stakes.

6. SEGESTA, SAR, 8/22, GII Ballston Spa, 1 1/16 miles (turf) (VIDEO)
Beyer Speed Figure-92 (5th)
(m, 5, by Ghostzapper--Antonoe, by First Defence)
O/B-Juddmonte (Ky). T-Chad Brown. J-Flavien Prat.

On the numbers, she ran two to three lengths slower than her typical "A" performance as the 4-5 favorite and finished off the board for the first time in more than a year. She didn't have a smooth opening furlong, but still made her presence felt with a strong turn of foot at the top of the stretch to briefly appear a threat before hanging slightly while being herded out late in a chain reaction caused by the winner. She's already taken a pair of Grade II races, thus anything else is a cherry on the sundae--but she has also lost five times by a half-length or less.

5. TAM TAM, DMR, 8/22, GI Del Mar Oaks, 1 1/8 miles (turf) (VIDEO)
Beyer Speed Figure-92
(f, 3, by Medaglia d'Oro--Princess Julia, by Distorted Humor)
O-Rigney Racing. B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings (Ky). T-Phil Bauer. J-Junior Alvarado.

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Not that anyone thought her 5 3/4-length victory in the Tepin Stakes was a fluke, but she reinforced her 3-year-old improvement pattern by following up that 93 Beyer with a 92 here--and more importantly earning a Grade I next to her name (she previously had lost the GII Edgewood Stakes by a head).

Stonestreet bought her dam--out of GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies winner Folklore (Tiznow)--for $400,000 as a yearling, and while she never actually won a race, she now becomes an astute purchase financially and as a Grade I producer. Richard Rigney paid $975,000 for Tam Tam as a Saratoga yearling.



Tam Tam | *Benoit*

4. GRAYOSH, SAR, 8/22, GII Ballston Spa, 1 1/16 miles (turf) (VIDEO)
Beyer Speed Figure-93 (4th)
(m, 5, by Yoshida {Jpn}--Rosie O'Prado, by Paddy O'Prado)
O-Flanagan Racing. B-Susan Bedwell (Ky). T-Chad Brown. J-Tyler Gaffalione.

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At 8/1 on the board, the MGSW was considered a slight cut below these but was beaten only one length--and according to Equibase's GPS charts she, Deep Satin and Segesta all traveled exactly the same distance during the race, which was 16 feet farther than And One More Time and 7 feet farther than runner-up Sunlit Uplands.

3. DEEP SATIN, SAR, 8/22, GII Ballston Spa, 1 1/16 miles (turf) (VIDEO)
Beyer Speed Figure-94 (4th)
(m, 5, by American Pharoah--Take the Ribbon, by Chester House)
O-John Gunther and Eurowest Bloodstock. B-Eurowest Bloodstock Services (Ky). T-Cherie DeVaux. J-Jose Ortiz.

The best runner yet out of prolific Tanya Gunther mare and GIII Churchill Distaff Turf Mile winner Take the Ribbon (Chester House), SW Deep Satin has twice been beaten only a half-length in Grade I and now Grade II company. ***Cont.***

Six Speedy Fillies, cont.

In this race, she followed Segesta to the stretch then was adeptly angled inside drifting And One More Time to be beaten by only two necks.

2. SUNLIT UPLANDS (IRE), SAR, 8/22, GII Ballston Spa, 1 1/16 miles (turf) (VIDEO)
Beyer Speed Figure-95 (2nd)
(f, 4, by Sands of Mali {Fr}--Illico {GB}, by Dansili {GB})
O-Rachel Flynn and Rae Guest. B-Prospect Stables (Ire). T-Stuart Williams. J-John Velazquez.

It's becoming a trend: Saratoga bettors underestimating European shippers. Despite victories by Kensington Lane (Ire) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}) ($48.66), Glacius (GB) (Too Darn Hot {GB}) ($21.24) and Survie (Ire) (Churchill {Ire}) ($10.96 and $6.88), Sunlit Uplands was sent off at nearly 10-1 despite a last-out Group 3 score in Germany. After breaking unusually well for a Euro, she was given a perfect covered-up rail pocket trip by Velazquez and charged up to And One More Time (below) with intent, but couldn't quite get past while being carried out late--which led to a stewards' inquiry and disallowed foul claim.



And One More Time | *Sarah Andrew*

1. AND ONE MORE TIME, SAR, 8/22, GII Ballston Spa, 1 1/16 miles (turf) (VIDEO)
Beyer Speed Figure-95
(f, 4, by Omaha Beach--Complicated, by Blame)
O-Live Oak Plantation. B-William Harrigan and Mike Pietrangelo (Ky). T-Mark Casse. J-Javier Castellano.

And One More Time is usually fighting for the lead at the eighth pole, and one more time Saturday she doggedly prevailed. Sunlit Uplands and Segesta alternately appeared poised to run past her, but it's no coincidence that four of her six victories have been by less than a length. Determination is in her gene pool: the offspring of Phipps-bred dam Complicated (Blame) have finished first or second in 37 of 68 starts, and included on that list are GISW Simply In Front (Summer Front), GSW Honor D Lady (Honor Code) and SW Churchtown (Air Force Blue). Meanwhile, her unraced 2-year-old Roosevelt (Golden Pal) is scheduled to make his debut Sunday at Kentucky Downs.

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FOR BEYER ON DEMAND, LIFETIME BEYERS AND OTHER PRODUCTS FOR HORSEMEN

MIKE REPOLE JOINS TDN WRITERS' ROOM PODCAST

It will be a big week for Mike Repole, who will be trying to win the GI Travers Stakes for the third time, with Renegade (Into Mischief), a horse he co-owns with Robert and Lawana Low. The Travers has been on his mind, but so have the many problems the sport has--issues that Repole will never stop speaking up about.

The controversial but always entertaining owner joined this week's TDN Writers' Room Podcast presented by Keeneland to discuss the Travers and his beefs with the sport and its leaders. Repole was the Gainesway Guest of the Week.

A favorite target of his has been HISA, and he's not happy about what he sees as an inadequate job when it comes to investigating the Marshall Gramm scandal.

"One of the things (HISA CEO) Lisa Lazarus has said is that Marshall has to repay the cost of the investigation," Repole said. "I guessed that the cost was going to be a couple million dollars. It was $80,000. How deep can they really go for $80,000? I spent $80,000 to have someone find two emails for me. So $80,000, that's not going to tell us what happened. Do we really think Marshall was the only one that had access to that vet information? Marshall's an idiot. Marshall did a bad thing. Before that, he was a well-respected Jockey Club member."

Repole has also been a vocal critic of The Jockey Club and its former chairman Stuart Janney. In 2024, Janney was honored with the Eclipse Award of Merit. Repole called on Janney to give back his Eclipse Award.

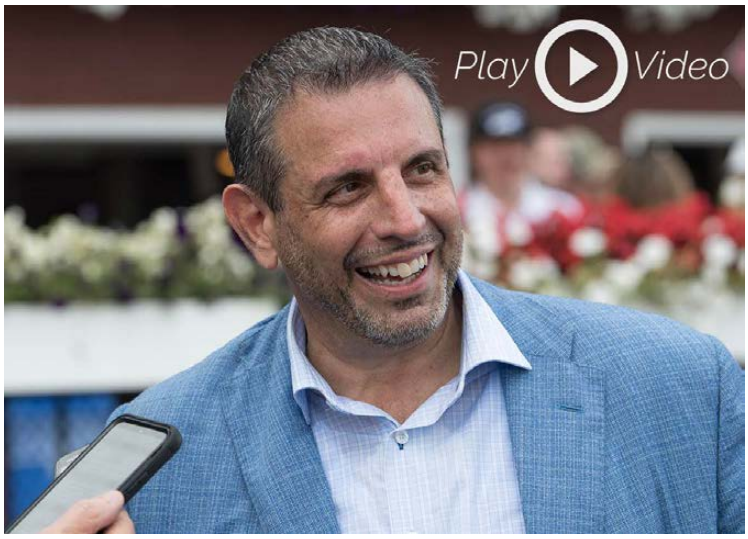
"The Jockey Club forced HISA upon us," Repole said. "In typical Jockey Club fashion, they forced it upon us. They did a victory lap and they gave Stuart Janney an Eclipse Award. Can we get that back, by the way? Can we get that back? Just give it back."

Repole is a billionaire but he comes from a modest background and was raised in Queens by a mother and father who were both blue-collar workers. ***Cont.***

Mike Repole on TDN Writers' Room, cont.

He says that despite his wealth and because of his background, he still identifies with the “little guy” in racing and worries how hard it has become for that faction of racing to survive economically.

“My dad was a waiter born in France and my mom was a seamstress,” he said. “I didn't come over here on the Mayflower. I know that I've had tremendous success and people say, 'He's a billionaire, what does he have to worry about?' I've got a heart, man, and I really care. People come up to me, young fans, young trainers, gamblers, old timers. They say, 'Mike, you're the only one fighting for the little guy.' And you know what? I'm still always going to be Mike from Queens. But I really need the journalists in this game and other trainers and bigger entities to stand up and help me.”



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And, yes, he did have a few things to say about Renegade.

“He may be the favorite at post time or the co-favorite,” Repole said. “It's going to be a great rematch between Golden Tempo and Renegade. There are eight other good horses that can win the race. We all know that. It's just that with the news over the last two or three weeks, I'm not as excited as I'd usually be. I hope the fans don't feel that way.”

The “Fastest Horse of the Week” was GI Pacific Classic winner and 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' Knightsbridge (Nyquist), who earned a 104 Beyer figure. The Fastest Horse of the Week is sponsored by WinStar Farm, the home of the outstanding stallion Life Is Good.

Elsewhere on the podcast, which is also sponsored by the PHBA, 1/ST TV, the KTOB and West Point Thoroughbreds, the team of Randy Moss, Bill Finley, and Zoe Cadman discussed the scintillating performance by Knightsbridge in the Pacific Classic, which led to an interesting debate: which Breeders' Cup race will he run in? Cadman and Finley predicted he would go in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic, while Moss thought the choice would be the GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile. They also dissected the news that Marshall Gramm had accepted a provisional suspension from HISA and gave their picks for the Travers Stakes, the GI H. Allen Jerkens Stakes and the GI Forego Stakes.

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CITING 'GROSS MISMANAGEMENT' AND 'HUMAN COST,' U.S. TRUSTEE SEEKS TO FORCE HAWTHORNE'S BANKRUPTCY TO CHAPTER 7 *by T.D. Thornton*

Six days before Hawthorne Race Course is scheduled to be sold in a $90-million liquidation as part of a restructuring of between $100 and $500 million in debt, the Office of the United States Trustee has stepped in to tell the judge in charge of the case that the owners of the defunct Chicago-area track are not going to be able to orchestrate a reorganization. The U.S. Trustee wrote that the debtors' repeated botching of the process has resulted in both financial harm to horsemen and a "human cost" for backstretch residents.

In a Wednesday filing, acting U.S. Trustee Adam Brief wrote that Hawthorne's owners, the Carey family and their related companies, should be stripped of their status of "debtors in possession" by either dismissing the Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings or converting them to a Chapter 7 designation.

That would mean the Careys no longer have control over sale proceeds from the track or other remaining assets that might get liquidated to pay off creditors under the auspices of an independent trustee.

"The record demonstrates that there are continuing losses, there is no likelihood of rehabilitation, and there continues to be gross mismanagement of the estates, all of which militate in favor of dismissal or conversion," stated the U.S. Trustee's motion to dismiss or convert that was filed Aug. 26 in United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

"For example, the Debtors, among other things, have (i) repeatedly 'borrowed from Peter to pay Paul,' (ii) spiraled these cases toward administrative insolvency and ceased almost all operations while taking extraordinary steps to protect professional fees at the expense of other creditors; (iii) conducted a largely unsuccessful sale process; (iv) upended the lives of the horsemen, their families and horses, and (v) applied for a racing license at an unknown cost for the 2027 season."

In Hawthorne's case, the Careys have remained debtors in possession since they filed for bankruptcy protection six months ago. At that time, no trustee was appointed to the case, which is routine in Chapter 11 bankruptcies that are attempting a reorganization. ***Cont.***

Hawthorne, cont.

But the U.S. Trustee's office still monitors such federal court cases, and can ask a court to take action if it believes Chapter 11 is no longer viable.

A conversion to Chapter 7, if approved, doesn't necessarily mean the $90 million sale to a Delaware shell company is in jeopardy, because the judge has already approved that sale.

But a newly assigned Chapter 7 trustee could end up dealing with the remaining assets, claims and disputes, subject to the rights of secured creditors.



Hawthorne | *Four Footed Fotos*

On July 29, the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (ITHA) filed a motion seeking payment of more than $1.3 million in unpaid purse money from Hawthorne.

"Contrary to the Debtors' promises and rhetoric since the petition date, the sale process has been highly disorganized, ill-conceived, and largely ineffective, as the sale price for the estates' principal asset is significantly less than Debtors and their professionals estimated," the filing stated.

"And despite the Debtors' repeated assurances that there was interest from going-concern bidders and that their assets would be sold on a going-concern basis, no such interest or sale materialized.

"The highest and best offer approved by the Court is millions of dollars shy of the amount required to satisfy liens against the Debtors' property, and most of the Debtors' operations have ceased in the absence of a going-concern sale.

"Consequently, hundreds of jobs have been lost, and hundreds of people, children, and horses have been displaced from their homes on the backstretch with little meaningful notice or means to relocate.

"Amid the chaos of these cases, the Debtors' principals caused the Debtors to apply for a racing license for the 2027 season and may seek to race at a yet-to-be-identified track.

"While contemplating their own future, the Debtors' principals have largely abandoned the backstretch community and required the ITHA to step into the Debtors' shoes to fulfill the Debtors' obligations," the filing stated.

The U.S. Trustee identified two specific examples of Hawthorne's "gross mismanagement" that are central to the argument that the bankruptcy should be converted to Chapter 7.

"First, by failing to segregate funds necessary to pay the horsemen their post-petition purse obligations as required by their agreement with ITHA, and second, by failing to properly plan for the relocation of hundreds of individuals and horses within a relatively short amount of time and with little financial means."

The filing continued: "The Debtors have not explained why they failed to segregate the purse money due to the horsemen, or how the funds that were budgeted to pay the horsemen were spent.

"The Debtors' own DIP budget included $3,620,000 for 'Purse Accrual' so the Debtors were aware of the need to make payment to the horsemen and should have immediately funded the Horsemen's Purse Account after each race since it had already budgeted the expenditure.

"[And] even assuming Debtors are correct in their true-up, it still does not explain where the additional $600,000 went that should have been segregated for payment to the horsemen....

"The Debtors' failure to fund the Horsemen's Purse Account is not the first time the Debtors have been accused of failing to properly segregate funds.

"Both Churchill Downs and Saratoga alleged that the Debtors failed to properly segregate and maintain funds from pari-mutuel wagering prior to the Petition Date, and both have filed adversary proceedings alleging that the funds that the Debtors were required to segregate are not property of the bankruptcy estate.

"In short, the Debtors have demonstrated their inability and/or refusal to properly handle, segregate and track funds that others may claim an interest in, and that conduct from a debtor in possession should not be tolerated.

"The record is clear that the Debtors' gross mismanagement resulted in harm to the horsemen and to contractual counterparties, both of whom the Debtors relied on for their operations and revenue.

"Rather than protecting those necessary relationships, the Debtors squandered them [and] have attempted to lay the blame for the chaos they created at the doorstep of others and have relied on third parties, specifically the ITHA, to assist with the relocation of the backstretch community," the filing stated.

Hawthorne executives could not be reached for comment prior to deadline for this story.

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JOCKEY CLUB: 'NO IMPACT OR INFLUENCE ON HISA DAILY OPERATIONS'

The Jockey Club of America said in a statement that they have no role when it comes to HISA's data security, the organization said via a press release on Wednesday.

The statement read as follows:

"While The Jockey Club is a strong supporter of the institutional necessity of HISA, we want to be clear that we have no impact or influence on HISA's daily operations or any facet of their software development. That's intentional. In order for HISA to be successful, it must operate with independence and without interference from any outside organization, including ours.

For further clarity, The Jockey Club provides HISA with a range of data as outlined below:

- Racing: Information on entries, results, and workouts;
- Covered Horses: Information such as name, reference number, sex, color, year of birth, dam, claims information, state veterinarian's list details, veterinary treatment and procedure records, and specific health information (e.g., vaccinations, Coggins, and health certificates);
- Connections: Information on jockey, trainer, and owner name.

The Jockey Club receives the following information from HISA (subject to role-based security controls), which is used by racetrack racing offices during the entry process to determine eligibility of participants and by regulatory veterinarians to ensure the welfare and safety of horses competing in races:

- Covered Horses: HISA number, veterinarian's list information, location, time-limited treatment records (temporarily available to regulatory veterinarians, information not stored), and race eligibility (temporarily available, information not stored);
- Connections: jockey, trainer, and owner HISA number.

As stated previously, The Jockey Club members do not have special access to the HISA portal as a result of their membership.

We understand the stakes. We hear the concerns of horse owners, trainers, horseplayers and participants in every corner of the sport. Data on industry-regulated systems must be accurate, secure, and easy to navigate in order to succeed."

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Mike Repole discusses the state of the industry, including the response to the Marshall Gramm situation

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RACING FOR THE CHILDREN DINNER AT AUCTION THURSDAY NIGHT

The Belmont Child Care Association (BCCA) will be hosting the Racing for the Children Dinner and Auction Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. in Saratoga Springs, New York. The event begins with cocktails and a silent auction at the Adelphi Hotel, with a dinner and live auction to follow at the Universal Preservation Hall around the corner from the Adelphi at 25 Washington Street.

The evening honors the work of the NYRA's Executive Vice President of Operations and Capital Projects Glen Kozak, and Fasig-Tipton's Director of Client Relations Anna Seitz Ciannello, who earned this year's BCCA Humanitarian Award.

Those interested in purchasing tickets should call 516-455-4087. To make a donation in Ciannello or Kozak's honor, or to learn more, visit belmontchildcare.org.

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NOT THIS TIME'S CHASING TIME TO STAND IN ARKANSAS

Chasing Time (by Not This Time), owned and raced by Holly Ramsey, will begin his stud career at McDowell Farm in Sparkman, Arkansas, where he will stand the 2027 breeding season for an introductory fee of $2,500 LFSN.

A graduate of Keeneland September and OBS April, Chasing Time was a winner at two and three. Over 36 starts, the son of red-hot sire Not This Time finished third in the GIII Chick Lang Stakes at Pimlico and his career earnings topped over $552,000. ***Cont.***



Chasing Time | *Coady Media*

Chasing Time, cont.

"Chasing Time has taken me on an unforgettable journey, competing at some of the nation's most respected racetracks, " said Ramsey. "He offers Arkansas breeders an extraordinary and affordable opportunity to access one of the most influential sire lines in the industry."

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SOVEREIGNTY NAMED FAVORITE IN LONGINES BREEDERS' CUP CLASSIC FUTURE WAGER



Sovereignty | *Sarah Andrew*

Reigning Horse of the Year Sovereignty (Into Mischief) has been installed as the 4-1 favorite in the first of two future wagers on this year's $7-million GI Longines Breeders' Cup Classic, according to a Wednesday release from the Breeders' Cup.

Last year's Classic winner Forever Young (Jpn) (Real Steel {Jpn}) was tabbed as the second choice at 5-1 and recent GI Pacific Classic Stakes hero and 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' Knightsbridge (Nyquist) was named the third choice at 6-1.

The $2 minimum future win wager will open on Friday, Aug. 28, at Noon and will close on Sunday, Aug. 30, at 6 p.m. ET. The second opportunity will be offered starting on Friday, Sept. 25, at Noon and will end at 6 p.m. ET on Sunday, Sept. 27.

Both future bet pools will consist of a maximum of 23 unique wagering interests and one "All Other Starters" wager. "All Other Starters" includes any Thoroughbreds entered in the Longines Breeders' Cup Classic other than the pool's individual horses.

Betting on all Breeders' Cup future wagers will be offered via Breeders' Cup partner FanDuel and other advanced-deposit wagering ("ADW") sites, racetracks, casinos, simulcast centers, and off-track betting sites.

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DIERKS BENTLEY TO PERFORM LIVE AT THE NEW BELMONT PARK SEPT. 18



Dierks Bentley | *courtesy of NYRA*

To celebrate the beginning of a new era for Thoroughbred racing in New York with the re-opening of Belmont Park on Friday, Sept. 18, multi-Platinum entertainer Dierks Bentley will perform live and be featured during the Belmont Park: Return to Racing telecast airing on FOX from 3-4:30 p.m. ET., officials at the racetrack said in a press release on Wednesday.

Due to ongoing construction and current facility constraints, Belmont Park will operate with a capacity of 6,000 during Opening Weekend (Sept. 18-20) and 4,000 beginning Sept. 24. Facility capacity will be increased as additional portions of the building open.

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TDN GRADED STAKES ENTRIES

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Friday, 8/28, Charles Town #11, post time: 10:25 p.m. EDT

CHARLES TOWN CLASSIC S.-GII, $1,000,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Gigante	Not This Time	L and N Racing LLC and Brewster, Clark O.	Asmussen	Saez	122
2	Willy D's	Lookin At Lucky	Paradise Farms Corp. and Chambers, Case	Maker	Santana, Jr.	124
3	Xcellent Start	Upstart	Regulator Racing Stable	Sanderson	Peltroche	122
4	Full Screen	Big Screen	Big Toe Stables LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Lopez	122
5	Prince of Power	Runhappy	David Jacobson	Jacobson	Davis	122
6	Bullard	Gun Runner	By Talla Racing LLC, St. Elias Stables LLC, Three Chimneys Farm and West Point Thoroughbreds	McCarthy	Kimura	122
7	Dragoon Guard	Arrogate	Juddmonte	Cox	Franco	122
8	Banishing	Ghostzapper	Roman, Lawrence P. and Al Hariri, Sharaf Mohammed	Jacobson	Arrieta	124
9	Barbadian Runner	Barbados	AJ Will Win Stables LLC	Walters	Boyce	122
10	Skippylongstocking	Exaggerator	Daniel Alonso	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	124

Breeders: 1-Ann Mudge Backer & Smitten Farm, 2-Beau Lane, 3-Williams Racing Corp, 4-Spring Farm, 5-Bryan M. Carney, 6-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 7-Juddmonte, 8-Godolphin, 9-Shamrock Farm, 10-Brushy Hill, LLC

Trainer David Jacobson is employing the same pattern he used last year with **Banishing** (Ghostzapper) when he won this race after a win in the Jeff Hall Memorial, a prep for this spot. He doesn't always show up, but when he does, he is formidable. Is the winner of the rich G2 Godolphin Mile. **Willy D's** (Lookin At Lucky) was second in this race last year and can be excused for getting trounced against better in the GI Stephen Foster. **Barbadian Runner** (Barbados) may come up a little short in the class department, but is a tough Mid-Atlantic runner who always shows up. Which **Skippylongstocking** (Exaggerator) shows up, the one who won this race in '23 and '24 or the one who lost by 39 1/4 lengths in '25? Yes, he was beaten by 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Haygard' Knightsbridge (Nyquist) in his last, but he was beaten a sixteenth of a mile and earned a lousy Beyer number. --*Bill Finley*

Friday, 8/28, Charles Town #10, post time: 9:44 p.m. EDT

CHARLES TOWN OAKS-GII, $750,000, 3yo, f, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Tessellate	McKinzie	Magic Cap Stables, Braverman, Paul, Pinch, Timothy, Castle Gate Farm LLC, BAG Racing Stables, Reinhardt, Jonathan and Thoroughbred Acquisition Group LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Lopez	119
2	Tahlequah	Authentic	Mathis Stable LLC, Braverman, Paul, Pinch, Timothy, Shining Stables LLC, Turf Express Racing, Inc. and BAG Racing Stables LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	117
3	Niche	Yaupon	Red White and Blue Racing LLC	Atras	Davis	117
4	Irish Jig	Irish War Cry	Denelsbeck, Cathy and Deiter, Kelly Lynn	Deiter	Leon	119
5	Luv Your Neighbor	Constitution	Lael Stables	Stidham	Saez	122
6	Pearl of Pearl	Vino Rosso	Sodbileg Orgiltuya	Gur	Peltroche	117
7	Little Miss Curlin	Charlatan	Coteau Grove Farms LLC	Devereux, Jr.	Loveberry	119
8	Now Or Nevermore	Honest Mischief	Banks, Chris and Larner, Kyle	Banks	Murrill	117
9	At a Premium	Great Notion	Daniel, Jill and Miller, Michael J.	Walters	Barbosa	119

Breeders: 1-Castle Gate Farm LLC, 2-St. Elias Stables, LLC, 3-Summerfield Sales Agency, Inc. & EtaripStables, 4-Bell Gable Stable, 5-Anderson Farms Ont. Inc. & Ontario LTD., 6-Calumet Farm, 7-Coteau Grove Farms, LLC, 8-Burleson Farms & Sequel Thoroughbreds, 9-Jill N. Daniel

Charles Town Oaks cont.

Can the West Virginia-bred sensation **At a Premium** (Great Notion) step up and win at this level? Yes. The filly is 4-for-4 over this track, winning those races by a combined margin of 41 1/4 lengths. Yes, she'll be facing much tougher foes in her first try against open company, but she's the only winner in the field that has won over the Charles Town bull ring and the Beyer numbers suggest she's as fast as anyone. And how about that :45 4/5 workout preparing for this? Only worry is that she could get caught up in a speed duel. The horse she has to fear is **Luv Your Neighbor** (Constitution), a classy filly from the Michael Stidham barn. She's run well all year in tough graded races and is the only graded stakes winner in the field. **Tahlequah** (Authentic) will try again after a horrible effort in June at Delaware. She's better than that and maybe the freshening will do her some good. --*Bill Finley*

Friday, 8/28, Saratoga #8, post time: 5:07 p.m. EDT

WAYA S.-GIII, $225,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 3/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Evershed (Ire)	Churchill (Ire)	Mark B. Grier	Delacour	Prat	124
2	Snipsnippitysnip	Girvin	America's Pastime Stables, LLC & Bloom Racing Stable, LLC	Walsh	Zayas	124
3	Whitethorn	Not This Time	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Saez	124
4	Massarat	Curlin	Shadwell Stable	Walsh	Carmouche	124
5	Venencia (Fr)	Recoletos (Fr)	Miller Racing LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Husbands	126
6	Storm Miami (Ire)	Blue Point (Ire)	EGL-One Racing	Green	Velazquez	124
7	Awesomesauce	Union Rags	Joseph M. Engelhart	Sharp	Ortiz	124
8	Silvology	Blame	Stuart S. Janney III	McGaughey III	Castellano	124
9	Unmerited Favor	Summer Front	Shamrock Stables, Mackin, Michael J. and Pollard, Kevin J.	McPeek	Alvarado	124

Breeders: 1-Lynch Bages & Camas Park Stud, 2-Brereton C. Jones, 3-Juddmonte, 4-Shadwell Farm, LLC, 5-Patricia Laffon Lomba, Ines Laffon Lomba& Fernando Laffon Lomba, 6-Jc Bloodstock & Goodwill Bloodstock, 7-Joseph M. Engelhart, 8-Stuart S. Janney, III LLC, 9-Waterford Stables, Inc.

Storm Miami (Ire) (Blue Point {Ire}) looks like a great bet here at morning line odds of 4-1. The 5-year-old mare is coming off a second-place finish behind **Survie (Ire)** (Churchill {Ire}), who came back 13 days later to mow down the boys in the GI Christophe Clement Turf Stakes. She's also the main speed in the race, which is often the key to success in these turf marathons in New York. **Unmerited Favor** (Summer Front) is 2-for-3 at this tricky distance and should improve off a fair try at a mile-and-an-eighth in the Anchorage Stakes. **Silvology** (Blame) is another who loves this distance and may be ready for a peak performance in her third start off a layoff. --*Bill Finley*

Saturday, 8/29, Saratoga #13, post time: 6:35 p.m. EDT

DRAFTKINGS TRAVERS S.-GI, $1,250,000, 3yo, 1 1/4m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Emerging Market	Candy Ride (Arg)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Santana, Jr.	126
2	Leading Change	Gun Runner	Wathnan Racing	Cox	Franco	126
3	Napoleon Solo	Liam's Map	Espoir USA, Inc.	Summers	Velazquez	126
4	The Puma	Essential Quality	OGMA Investments LLC, High Step Racing, TCC Stables LLC YNG Stables LLC and JR Ranch	Delgado	Castellano	126
5	Renegade	Into Mischief	Low, Robert, Low, Lawana L. and Repole Stable	Pletcher	Gaffalione	126
6	Ocelli	Connect	A Durr, A Tate, Ribble Farms, Hoolie Racing Stable LLC and Kamp Racing Stables	Beckman	Zayas	126
7	Sea Strike	Midshipman	Flanagan Racing	Brown	Prat	126
8	Baby Vino	Vino Rosso	Delta Squad Racing LLC HRH Prince Faisal bin Khaled bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud and Cosmo Stables	Schultz	Lopez	126
9	Golden Tempo	Curlin	Phipps Stable and St. Elias Stable	DeVaux	Ortiz	126
10	Silent Tactic	Tacitus	Oxley, John C. and Victoriam Farm	Casse	Saez	126

Breeders: 1-Stoneriggs Farm, 2-WinStar Farm, 3-John Gunther & Eurowest Bloodstock, 4-Hidden Brook Farm & Brian Kahn, 5-Robert Low & Lawana Low, 6-Rosedown Racing Stables, LLC, 7-Lesley Campion & River Oak Farm, 8-Lisa Parks, 9-Phipps Stable & St. Elias Stables, LLC, 10-Don Alberto Corporation

'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Sea Strike** (Midshipman) figures to be the wise guy horse in the race and figures to get overbet. That said, he has a strong chance of winning this race. He improved a ton in the Curlin Stakes when going a distance for the first time. The 102 Beyer he got in that race is the best among anyone in this field. He also romped by 8 1/4 lengths over a pretty good horse in fellow 'Rising Star' **Chief Wallabee** (Constitution). **Golden Tempo** (Curlin), yet another 'Rising Star' has had Renegade's number, but things may change Saturday. **Renegade** (Into Mischief) is coming off a strong performance in the GII Jim Dandy Stakes and may be sitting on top of a big race. It's impossible to knock Golden Tempo. He's the leader of the division and won two-thirds of the Triple Crown. That he won the GI Belmont Stakes without the benefit of a huge speed duel in front of him showed that he's for real. --*Bill Finley*

Saturday, 8/29, Saratoga #12, post time: 5:49 p.m. EDT
RESORTS WORLD CASINO BALLERINA S.-GI, $500,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f

BREEDERS' CUP CHALLENGE SERIES WIN AND YOU'RE IN.™

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Echo Sound	Echo Town	Gabriel Duignan	Arnold II	Saez	124
2	Kilwin	Twirling Candy	BBN Racing, LLC and Howard, Rick	Arnold II	Ortiz	126
3	Munnings Express	Munnings	Team Spoor	Rice	Lezcano	124
4	Usha	Tiz the Law	Pegram, Michael E., Watson, Karl and Weitman, Paul	Baffert	Velazquez	126
5	Grammy Girl	Mastery	Red Storm Stable, Miller Racing LLC and Flower Power Stables	Joseph, Jr.	Castellano	124
6	Kappa Kappa	Omaha Beach	LC Racing LLC and Reid, Jr., Robert E.	Reid, Jr.	Lopez	124
7	Ways and Means	Practical Joke	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Prat	124
8	Maida	Improbable	G. Harry Papaleo	Russell	Russell	124
9	Paradise City	McKinzie	C Two Racing Stable, Shining Stables LLC, P Braverman Pinch, Timothy and BAG Racing Stables	Joseph, Jr.	Zayas	124
10	R Disaster	Awesome Slew	Averill Racing LLC and Mattera, Anthony	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	126
11	Beauty Reigns	Into Mischief	Tranquility Lake Farms LLC	Mott	Alvarado	124
12	Eclatant	Into Mischief	Stonestreet Stables LLC	Cox	Franco	126

Breeders: 1-Springhouse Farm, Vision TBs, BrucePieratt & Patricia Pieratt, 2-Gilder-Schwarz Farms LLC, 3-Fergus Galvin, Marc Detampel, JayneJohnson & Adrian Wallace, 4-Esler & Raine, 5-Steven Nicholson & Brandi Nicholson, 6-Stone Jug Ranch LLC, 7-Klaravich Stables, 8-Harry Papaleo, 9-Don Alberto Corporation, 10-Ocala Stud & J. Michael O'Farrell Jr., 11-Wygod Equine, LLC, 12-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC

Have to go with what is the very obvious pick here, 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Ways and Means** (Practical Joke). She towers over this field on the Beyer numbers and is 5-for-6 at Saratoga. **Maida** (Improbable) has been in great form this year for the potent Brittany Russell stable. **Eclatant** (Into Mischief) is another who has posted some big Beyer numbers. Should get a good trip sitting just off what figures to be a fast pace. **R Disaster** (Awesome Slew) has strong credentials and is a Grade I winner, but we're going to stay away from any horses from the barn of Saffie Joseph, Jr., who is ice cold at Saratoga. --*Bill Finley*

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Saturday, 8/29, Saratoga #8, post time: 3:19 p.m. EDT

H. ALLEN JERKENS MEMORIAL S.-GI, $500,000, 3yo, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Stickupwithoutagun	McKinzie	S Goldfarb, I Kantarmaci & Koshanostra Stables	Kantarmaci	Franco	124
2	Deep Flame	Into Mischief	Juddmonte	Cox	Prat	124
3	Solitude Dude	Yaupon	Chris Fountoukis	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	124
4	Englishman	Maxfield	C R K Stable LLC	DeVaux	Ortiz	124
5	Local Knowledge	Yaupon	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Pletcher	Velazquez	124
6	Amberjack	Complexity	Amo Racing USA LLC	Delgado	Castellano	124

Breeders: 1-Sequel Thoroughbreds, LLC & Lakland Farm, 2-Juddmonte, 3-Martha Buckner & Matthew Ernst, 4-Fifth Avenue Bloodstock, 5-Stoneriggs Farm, 6-Brereton C. Jones

Let's try to beat the favorite. 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Local Knowledge** (Yaupon) has the credentials to beat fellow 'Rising Star' **Englishman** (Maxfield) if that one doesn't fire his best shot. He ran a strong and improved race when winning the GII Amsterdam Stakes, holding on to win by a head after dueling through some very fast fractions. We might not have seen his best yet. Englishman may just be a freak, but does he have to win at what will be a short price? Before his sensational win in the GI Woody Stephens Stakes, his Beyer numbers weren't sensational. And even with 2 1/2 months of rest, he very well could be a bounce candidate. **Deep Flame** (Into Mischief) is also fast, having run a 103 Beyer when blowing out the field in the GIII Maxfield Stakes. If Englishman doesn't bring his A game, he's another who could spring what would be a mild upset. --*Bill Finley*

Saturday, 8/29, Saratoga #9, post time: 3:55 p.m. EDT

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PERSONAL ENSIGN S.-GI, $500,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Margie's Intention	Honor A. P.	Delta Squad Racing LLC, Dubb, Michael Madaket Stables LLC and Caruso, Michael J.	Cox	Franco	124
2	Fully Subscribed	Tiz the Law	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Prat	124
3	Nerazurri	Protonico	Michael H. Eiserman	Casse	Saez	124
4	Scottish Lassie	McKinzie	Sportsmen Stable, Parkland Tbreds, Photos Finish LLC Corms Racing Stable and Abreu, Jorge R.	Abreu	Ortiz	126
5	Speed Shopper	Quality Road	Barber, Gary, Bridlewood Farm and Eclipse Tbred Partners	Walden	Velazquez	124
6	Snowyte	Good Magic	Don Alberto Stable	Gargan	Alvarado	124

Breeders: 1-Coteau Grove Farms, LLC, 2-Payson Stud, Inc, 3-Porta Pia Stables LLC, 4-Winchester Farm, 5-AR Enterprises, LLC & Edward Easton, 6-Don Alberto Corporation

Will **Scottish Lassie** (McKinzie) ever run back to her 15 1/2-length win in last year's Coaching Club American Oaks? Maybe Saturday will be the day. She squandered a three-length lead in the stretch in the GII Shuvee Stakes to lose to **Fully Subscribed** (Tiz the Law), but, on the numbers, it was her best race since the CCA Oaks. This will be her third start off a layoff and she is on a form cycle that suggests further improvement. Fully Subscribed will be a deserving favorite for the Brown-Prat team. No knocks on her. Am just trying to get a little value with the top pick. **Snowyte** (Good Magic) could set the pace and ran creditably when third in the Shuvee. --*Bill Finley*

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Saturday, 8/29, Saratoga #11, post time: 5:11 p.m. EDT

FOREGO S.-GI, $500,000, 3yo/up, 7f

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Tip Top Thomas	Volatile	Bakke, James J. and Isbister, Gerald	Pletcher	Prat	124
2	Hymn	McKinzie	Fleur De Lis Stables, Sparks, William S. and Jones, Bret	Moquett	Santana, Jr.	124
3	T Kraft	Connect	LRE Racing LLC	Mott	Alvarado	124
4	Crazy Mason	Coal Front	Wright, Donna and Reeves Thoroughbred Racing	Sacco	Franco	124
5	Book'em Danno	Bucchero	Atlantic Six Racing LLC	Ryan	Lopez	126
6	Senior Officer	Into Mischief	Qatar Racing	Cox	Saez	124
7	Banishing	Ghostzapper	Roman, Lawrence P., Jacobson Racing and Al Hariri, Sharaf Mohammed	Jacobson	Gaffalione	124
8	Bring the Smoke	Preservationist	Awestrike Racing, Berry Family Racing, LLC, Legion Racing GLAM Racing and Ohrstrom, Clarke	Beckman	Ortiz	124

Breeders: 1-Wynnstay Inc., Donna Moore and JimRichardson, 2-Fleur de Lis Stables, 3-Dr. John Eaton & Dr. Steve Laymon, 4-Gmbracstables LLC, Mr. & Mrs. RamonRangel & Mr. & Mrs. Zachary Madden, 5-Gregory J. Kilka & Bright View Farm, 6-2500 Determined Stud, 7-Godolphin, 8-Brereton C. Jones

As the President of the Book'em Danno Fan Club, I am obligated to pick the son of Bucchero to repeat in the GI Forego Stakes. Last year's sprint champ has been pointing for this race since he began his 5-year-old year season. With the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint in mind, he's been carefully managed this year and will no doubt bring his A game back to Saratoga, where he sports a record of five wins from six starts. Does not face a particularly strong field. **Senior Officer** (Into Mischief) has never been worse than second in a six-race career and has won two straight at Saratoga. Steps way up in class, but looks like a horse who could finish second behind Danno. 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Tip Top Thomas** (Volatile) missed by just a neck when facing Senior Officer last time out in his first start off a 7 1/2-month layoff. --*Bill Finley*

Saturday, 8/29, Kentucky Downs #7, post time: 5:40 p.m. EDT

KENTUCKY DOWNS LADIES TURF SPRINT S.-GI, $1,750,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Movin' On Up	Accelerate	Kenneth L. Ramsey	Joseph, Jr.	Torres	123
2	Love Cervere	Into Mischief	Seltzer, E, Anderson, B & Reeves Thoroughbred Racing	Clement	Machado	123
3	Zeitlos	Curlin	Peter Leidel	Asmussen	Leparoux	121
4	Ag Bullet	Twirling Candy	Nguyen, Calvin and Tran, Joey C.	Baltas	Geroux	125
5	Time to Dazzle	Not This Time	Tracy Farmer	Casse	Davis	123
6	Jody's Pride	American Pharoah	Parkland Thoroughbreds, Sportsmen Stable and Avanti Stable	Abreu	Arrieta	123
7	Cloe	Tiz the Law	Lugamo Racing Stable LLC	Maker	Curtis	121
8	Sayidah Dariyan (Ire)	Dariyan (Fr)	Rabbah Racing	Hughes	Hernandez, Jr.	123
9	In Our Time	Not This Time	Resolute Racing and Miller Racing LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Husbands	123
10	Spirited Boss	Street Boss	Tag Stables LLC	D'Angelo	Smith	123
11	Vina Arana (Ire)	Make Believe (GB)	Sterling Stables LLC and MHM Stables LLC	Sisterson	Beschizza	123
12	Buttercream Babe	Twirling Candy	Three Diamonds Farm	Arnold II	Concepcion	121

Breeders: 1-Estate Of Harvey A. Clarke, 2-Edward Seltzer & Beverly Seltzer, 3-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 4-H & E Ranch, 5-Dr. Rodney Orr, 6-Mr. Steve Weston, 7-Crosshaven Bloodstock, 8-Yeomanstown Stud, 9-Brian Kahn, 10-TAG Stables, 11-Funcheon Bloodstock Ltd, 12-Repole Stable, Inc

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Picking a classy European shipper in an American turf stakes is never a bad idea. **Sayidah Dariyan** (Ire) (Dariyan {Fr}) fits that pattern. This filly has held her own in Group I company and is coming off a good effort in a Group 3 at Goodwood. This will be the first-ever start in the U.S. for trainer Richard Hughes. Can you beat **Ag Bullet** (Twirling Candy)? She will be looking for her third straight win in this race and Kentucky Downs obviously brings out the best in her. But she's had a 2026 campaign that raises some questions because she has raced just once. She is coming off a strong effort in the GI Jaipur Stakes, where she finished second behind males. She's going to be tough to beat. **Cloe** (Tiz the Law) ran well here last year when second in the GII Music City Stakes. Goes for Mike Maker, who has won 90 races at Kentucky Downs during his career. --*Bill Finley*

Saturday, 8/29, Saratoga #10, post time: 4:33 p.m. EDT

LAKE PLACID S.-GII, $400,000, 3yo, f, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Queen of Hawaii (Ire)	Kingman (GB)	Lindy Farms	Antonacci	Ortiz	120
2	Kokomotion	Quality Road	Icon Racing Stable	Beckman	Zayas	120
3	Flowerhead (Ire)	Starman (GB)	Amo Racing USA LLC	Clover	Santana, Jr.	120
4	Deep Learning	Cairo Prince	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Franco	120
5	Naomis (Fr)	City Light (Fr)	Madaket Stables, Dubb, M, Thirty Year Racing & Caruso, M	Brown	Prat	124
6	Oscar Bound	Lexitonian	Melanie Giddings	Giddings	Bridgmohan	120
7	Nonconsecutivetrms	Not This Time	Harvey A. Clarke Racing Stables, LLC	Walsh	Velazquez	120
8	Ultimate Love	Curlin	Live Oak Plantation	Trombetta	Lopez	120
9	East Jabip (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Blue Bird Stables, Eclipse Tbred Partners and Reimer, Ken	Pletcher	Gaffalione	120

Breeders: 1-Mrs Susan Roy & Mr Nicolas Wrigley, 2-Gage Hill Stable II, LLC, W. S. Farish& Ken Langone, 3-Tally-Ho Stud, 4-Tony Dardis, Dell Ridge Farm, KenDonworth & Desmond Ryan, 5-Mme Yvette Pantall & S.A.S. EcuriePantall, 6-Andria Mengucci and Nirvana Farm LLC, 7-Harvey A. Clarke Racing Stable LLC, 8-Live Oak Stud, 9-J. S. Bolger

Not going to try to get cute here. **Naomis** (Fr) (City Light {Fr}) is a Group 2 winner in France who will be making her debut for Chad Brown, who has won this race six times. Before the stakes win, she beat the boys. Based on how well European imports have fared at this meet, she should be better than the competition. **Queen of Hawaii** (Ire) (Kingman {GB}) won in her first start for trainer Phil Antonacci, who is batting 29 percent. Another who showed strong European form before coming to the U.S. Brown will also send out 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Deep Learning** (Cairo Prince), who ran a career best race when second after a wide trip in the GIII Lake George Stakes. No shock if she were to win. --*Bill Finley*





Saturday, 8/29, Del Mar #10, post time: 9:30 p.m. EDT
DEL MAR H. PRESENTED BY THE JAPAN RACING ASSOCIATION-GII, $300,000, 3yo/up, 1 3/8mT

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Santa Barbarian	Bodexpress	Richard Barton	Hanson	Pereira	116
2	Test Score	Lookin At Lucky	Amerman Racing, LLC	Motion	Hernandez	124
3	Nitti (Ire)	Make Believe (GB)	Innergy Racing Corp, Zephyr Racing LLC and Pais, Sonny	Garcia	Espinoza	119
4	Gold Phoenix (Ire)	Belardo (Ire)	Agave Racing Stable, Little Red Feather Racing Sterling Stables, LLC and Naify, Marsha	D'Amato	Berrios	124
5	Atomic Age	Justify	James E. Downey	D'Amato	Kimura	117
6	Maaz (Fr)	Galiway (GB)	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Madaket Stables LLC Sabby Racing LLC and House, Michael	McCarthy	Gonzalez	118
7	Atitlan	The Factor	John M. B. O'Connor	Mandella	Rispoli	122
8	Mondego (GB)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Cheyenne Stables LLC	McCarthy	Fresu	122
9	Old Pal	Grazen	Blinkers On Racing Stable, Corbett, Carolyn, Desai, Jai H., F Dizonno, C Harris, C Hocevar, T Lewis, G Pate, J Titus & L Wagner	Glatt	Rosario	118
10	Flashiest	Mizzen Mast	Wachtel Stable, G Barber, N Drion & Powell, Mathilde	Powell	Ayuso	121
11	Packs a Wahlop	Creative Cause	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Jaramillo	118

Breeders: 1-Richard Barton Enterprises, 2-Mrs. Jerry Amerman, 3-Johnwalsh/Jerryobrien/Makebelievesyn, 4-Mighty Universe, 5-White Birch F arm, 6-S.C.E.A. Du Domaine de Malerai, 7-Anastasie Christiansen-Croy, 8-Car Colston Hall Stud, 9-Ken Miles & Sheridan Jones, 10-Indian Creek & Nicky Drion, 11-Oak Ridge Farm

Gold Phoenix (Ire) (Belardo {Ire}) is going for what would be a remarkable feat, a fifth straight win in this race. The 8-year-old will be super tough to beat. **Test Score** (Lookin at Lucky) is the main threat. He's run against the two best turf horses in the country in his last two starts in Deterministic (Liam's Map) and Burnham Square (Liam's Map) and has held his own. Graham Motion is 2-for-2 at the meet with his shippers. **Atitlan** (The Factor) was third in this race last year and should improve off a solid effort in a one-mile race, a distance that is not a good fit for him. --*Bill Finley*

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Saturday, 8/29, Del Mar #9, post time: 9:00 p.m. EDT

PAT O'BRIEN S.-GII, $250,000, 3yo/up, 7f

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER			
	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT			
1	Stronghold	Ghostzapper	Waller, Eric M. and Waller, Sharon	D'Amato	Fresu	121
2	Dr. Venkman	Ghostzapper	Alipony Racing, Agnew, Dan J., Bunch, Clint & J Hailey	Glatt	Rispoli	121
3	Vodka Vodka	Stay Thirsty	Baker Stables, LLC, McLean Racing Stables, W Gorman A Ordonez, A and R Parsons & D Williams	Ordonez	Desormeaux	121
4	Gold Sweep	Speightstown	Haran Thoroughbreds LLC and Brittingham, Carl	Haran	Gonzalez	121
5	Bartholdy	Mendelssohn	David A. Bernsen LLC, TCC Stables LLC and J Lambert	D'Angelo	Baze	121
6	Iron Man Cal	Collected	Little Red Feather Racing and Madaket Stables LLC	D'Amato	Rosario	121
7	Moonlight	Audible	Tom Kagele	Miller	Espinoza	121
8	Big City Lights	Mr. Big	William R. Peeples	Mandella	Kimura	121
9	March of Time	Justify	Bregman Family Racing, LLC, Buehler Family & N Baffert.	Baffert	Hernandez	121
10	Jimmy's Dailys	Vekoma	Donald R. Dizney LLC	D'Angelo	Jaramillo	121

Breeders: 1-Eric & Sharon Waller, 2-Ghostzapper Syndicate &Hidden Brook Farm, 3-Jerry Baker & Connie Baker, 4-Joe Anzalone, 5-Robert Slack & Dan Walters, 6-Brereton C. Jones, 7-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC, 8-Bar C Racing Stables, Inc., 9-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt, 10-Donald R. Dizney, LLC

Let's go with the Cal-bred star **Big City Lights** (Mr. Big). There's no real speed in this race, but he's faster early than anyone else in the field. Hasn't run since May 23, but has a history of running well off the layoff and shows a pair of bullet workouts while getting ready for this for Hall of Famer Richard Mandella. **March of Time** (Vekoma) is five and has raced just five times, which is a red flag. But this is not a stellar field and he's run well this year for Bob Baffert. **Dr. Venkman** (Ghostzapper) isn't in great form, but he won this race last year and is 4-for-8 at Del Mar. --*Bill Finley*

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TDN THOROUGHBRED DAILY NEWS LISTED STAKES ENTRIES

Thursday, 8/27, Saratoga, post time: 5:14 p.m. EDT

SKIDMORE S., $200,000, 2yo, 5 1/2f T

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	So Angelina	Enticed	Next Level Stables	Arriaga	Rivera	117
2	American Pope	American Pharoah	Hall Stables LLC	McEntee	Velazquez	122
3	Johnny Hockey	Omaha Beach	Next Level Stables	Arriaga	Elliott	122
4	Bettabe Tough	Nashville	CaSal Stables LLC	O'Connell	Davis	122
5	River of Deceit	Hard Spun	Titletown Racing Stables	Morley	Alvarado	120
6	Titan Ready	Title Ready	Qatar Racing and Galvin, Fergus	Cox	Franco	120
7	Legacy Lady	Highly Motivated	Lea Farms LLC	Delgado	Castellano	119
8	Wood Island	Jackie's Warrior	Smart Choice Stable	Weaver	Prat	122
9	Arsenal Star	Munnings	Dixiana Farms LLC, Ice Wine Stable, Royer, Richard, Foster, Barton S. and Shockley, Jacob	Ward	Zayas	120

Breeders: 1-Crystal Lanum, 2-Hall Stables LLC, 3-Charles F. Engel, 4-Sequel Thoroughbreds LLC & MagnoliaMares LLC, 5-Titletown Racing Stables (Paul Farr), 6-Charles Fipke, 7-Stepanie Baltzan, 8-Machmer Hall, 9-Dixiana Farms LLC



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THURSDAY'S INSIGHTS: WELL-BRED FLIGHTLINE FILLY FOLLOW YOUR HEART DEBUTS ON THE LAWN AT THE SPA

by Steve Sherack



Follow Your Heart's dam Key To My Heart (Ire) brings $1.75 million at the 2018 Keeneland November sale | *Keeneland*

5th, SAR, $115k, Msw, 2yo, f, 5 1/2fT, 3:29 p.m. ET

Summer Wind Equine homebred **Follow Your Heart** (Flightline) gets her career started for trainer Rusty Arnold sprinting on the Saratoga lawn. The bay fired a four-furlong bullet from the gate in :46 3/5 (1/38) at Keeneland Aug. 15. Drawn widest of all in post eight with Luis Saez aboard, she is listed at 9-2 on the morning line.

"She came into me probably in mid-April and she's not missed a beat," Arnold said while watching the bay school in the Saratoga paddock Wednesday morning.

"She's done very very well and got ready to run. We didn't want to wait all the way to Keeneland and this spot came up. She probably is gonna want to go a little farther than this, but we thought it was time to get her going."

As for her bullet drill in Lexington before shipping to the Spa, Arnold said, "Touch faster than I usually work 'em. But she got competitive out of the gate with another filly and they just got to running at each other. She did it easy. Probably was a little worried it was too fast, but she came out of it good and everything is excellent with her."

Jane Lyon's operation acquired her dam Irish stakes winner Key To My Heart (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})--a daughter of GISW A Z Warrior (Bernardini)--for $1.75 million at the 2018 Keeneland November sale. The once-in-a-lifetime Flightline is responsible for five winners from his first crop and was represented by his first stakes winner on Wednesday's program at Saratoga.

"That's my only one," Arnold said of progeny by the 2022 Horse of the Year. "Hopefully, I have the right one."

The field also includes $600,000 OBS April breezer **Brickyard Belle** (Yaupon), who debuts for Brickyard Belle Racing, Beggs and Flowers and Briles Family Stable and trainer Miguel Clement. **TJCIS PPs**

2nd, DMR, $100k, Msw, 2yo, f, 1m, 5:30 p.m. ET

Sudden Impact (Not This Time), a $950,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling purchase by bloodstock agent Kerri Radcliffe on behalf of owner Peter Leidel, debuts around a two-turn mile for trainer Michael McCarthy at Del Mar. The 7-5 morning-line favorite in the field of five was produced by GSW Just Louise (Five Star Day), who is also responsible for MGSW & GISP Forbidden Kingdom (American Pharoah). Umberto Rispoli has the mount. **TJCIS PPs**

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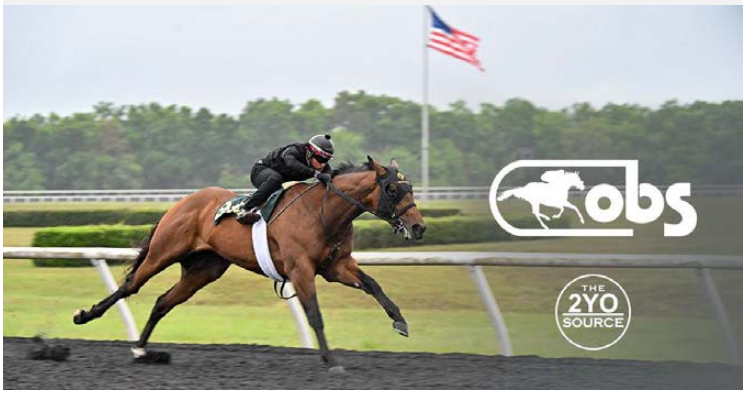
SUMMER BREEZES:

Expensive Yaupon Filly Unveiled In Turf Sprint



Some of the most highly anticipated races during the summer season are the 'baby' races during the boutique meetings. Summer Breezes, sponsored by OBS Sales, highlights debuting and stakes-entered 2-year-olds at those meetings that have been sourced at the breeze-up sales earlier in the year, including links to their under-tack previews. Here are the entries for Thursday at Saratoga and Del Mar. Information gathered by Alan Carasso.

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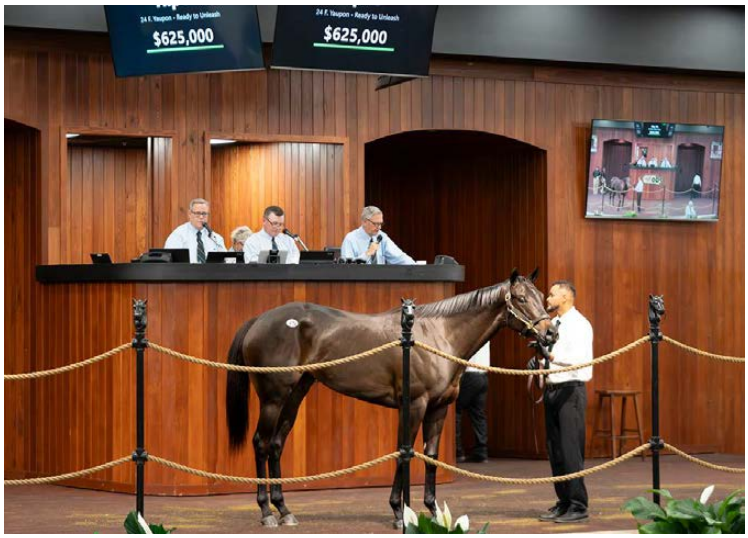

Brickyard Belle at OBS this past spring | *OBS VidHorse*

Thursday, August 27, 2026

Saratoga 5, Msw, $115k, 2yo, f, 5 1/2fT, 3:29 p.m.

Horse (Sire)	Sale	Price ($)	Breeze
Brickyard Belle (Yaupon)	**OBSAPR**	**600,000 PS**	**:9 4/5**
C-Julie Davies LLC, agent; B-Case Clay Thoroughbred Management			
Call Me (Uncle Mo)-MTO	**FTMMAY**	**140,000**	**G**
C-Pick View LLC, agent; B-Clark O Brewster			
Coastal Beauty (Corniche)	**OBSASC**	**80,000**	**:10 1/5**
C-Limitless Thoroughbred LLC, agent; B-Steven Rocco			
Mirren (Maclean's Music)	**OBSMAR**	**(110,000)**	**:10**
C-de Meric Sales, agent; B-RNA			

Sar 8, Skidmore S.-L, $200k, 2yo, f, 5 1/2fT, 5:14 p.m.

Bettabe Tough (Nashville)	**OBSMAR**	**(65,000)**	**:10 1/5**
C-Flynt Fesmire, agent; B-RNA			
Legacy Lady (Highly Motivated)	**OBSMAR**	**135,000**	**:9 4/5**
C-Navas Equine; B-Lea Farms LLC			
Wood Island (Jackie's Warrior)	**FTMMAY**	**250,000**	**G**
C-Wavertree Stables Inc (C Dunne), agt; B-S G V, agent			

Del Mar 3, Msw, $80k, 2yo, 5fT, 6:01 p.m.

Hoaxer (Charlatan)	**OBSMAR**	**250,000**	**:10 1/5**
C-Caliente Thoroughbreds, agent; B-Three Amigos			
King Anunoby (Mendelssohn)	**OBSMAR**	**130,000**	**:9 4/5**
C-Dark Star TBs (S Atchison), agent; B-Madaket Stables LLC			
Repo Man (Golden Pal)	**FTMMAY**	**235,000**	**G**
C-Arroyo Bloodstock, agent; B-Amerman Racing LLC			
Sir Rockatan (Early Voting)	**OBSAPR**	**450,000**	**:10**
C-de Meric Sales, agent; B-Dutch Girl Holdings & Irving Ventures			

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GO FOR LAUNCH BECOMES FIRST STAKES WINNER FOR FLIGHTLINE

Blue Heaven Farm homebred **Go for Launch** (f, 2, Flightline--Starship Jubilee, by Indy Wind) became the first stakes winner for the all-conquering 2022 Horse of the Year



Go for Launch | *Sarah Andrew*

Flightline with a 10-1 upset in Wednesday's Bolton Landing S. at the Spa. **Allura** (Mind Control) held on for second after setting the pace.

Go for Launch chased in an inside third beneath Pietro Moran, split horses at the top of the stretch and kicked on nicely to win going away by 2 1/4 lengths. She was previously a front-running debut winner for trainer Kevin Attard sprinting over the Woodbine lawn July 25.

Go for Launch's dam Starship Jubilee, also owned by Blue Heaven Farm and trained by Attard, was a three-time champion in Canada and also Canada's Horse of the Year in 2019. The 2019 GI E. P. Taylor S. winner and 2020 GI Ricoh Woodbine Mile S. winner is also represented by a yearling filly by Gun Runner. She was bred to Maxfield and Curlin for 2027.

"It's very special," said Joshua Attard, son of and assistant to winning trainer Kevin Attard. "We trained the mother, who was very nice. Go for Launch showed talent from the get-go. I think she'll get better with more distance as well. It's special to have a foal out of Starship Jubilee, especially by the great Flightline."

He continued, "She's bred to run longer. Even the way she trains in the morning, she just keeps going and going. Today, I liked that she settled nicely and made a nice run and it's always good that she's not a one-dimensional horse, she can come from off the pace."

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BOLTON LANDING S., $200,000, Saratoga, 8-26, 2yo, f, 5 1/2fT, 1:02.45, fm.

1--**GO FOR LAUNCH, 122, f, 2, by Flightline**

1st Dam: Starship Jubilee (Horse Of The Year-Can & 3x Ch. Turf Female-Can, MGISW-Can, MGSW-USA, $2,093,069), by Indy Wind

2nd Dam: Perfectly Wild, by Forest Wildcat

3rd Dam: Perfect Arc, by Brown Arc

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O/B-Blue Heaven Farm (Bonnie Baskin & Adam Corndorf) (KY); T-Kevin Attard; J-Pietro Moran. $110,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $141,631. *First Stakes Winner for freshman sire (by Tapit).

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2--**Allura**, 122, f, 2, Mind Control--Alluring Miss, by Shamardal. ($72,000 Ylg '25 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Robert M. Evans; B-Emcee Stable & Fortune Farm & Portapia Stables LLC (KY); T-Kelsey Danner. $40,000.

3--**Extravaganzoo**, 122, f, 2, Golden Pal--Prisoner's Dilemma, by Blame. ($375,000 Ylg '25 FTSAUG). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-e Five Racing Thoroughbreds; B-Fred W. Hertrich III & Robert L. Tribbett (NY); T-George Weaver. $24,000.

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4th-Saratoga, $115,000, Msw, 8-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:02.50, fm, 3 lengths.

VAJRA (f, 3, Vekoma--Lady Hansen {SP}, by Hansen) raced against the likes of 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' and MGISW Tommy Jo (Into Mischief) as a juvenile last summer at Saratoga, but swapped to the turf one year ago and was just outfinished by three-quarters of a length in that grass debut by subsequent MSW/MGSP Cadenza (Charlatan). After nearly a 12-month gap, she returned to the track at Ellis Park when third as the favorite going this distance July 31. Favored again at 9-5 Wednesday back in New York, she showed the way along the rail narrowly ahead of Collective Bargain (Maxfield). Still in front through the half in :45.35, she went clear into the final furlong and was ridden out to a three-length win over My Divine Spirit (GB) (Bated Breath {GB}). A $150,000 Keeneland September grad for GVG Geneties, Vajra has a 2-year-old half-sister by Mr. Speaker and a weanling half-brother by War Front while her dam went to City of Light for 2027. Sales History; $80,000 Wlg '23 KEENOV; $150,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, $100,430. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV**.



Vajra | *Sarah Andrew*

O-GVG Genetics; B-Kendall E. Hansen, M.D. Racing, LLC (KY); T-Rodolphe Brisset.

- Joe Migliore Bloodstock Purchase -
SILVER OAKS FARM BROKEN AND TRAINED BY DANIELLE LOYA
Consigned by GAINESWAY

5th-Saratoga, $115,000, (S), Msw, 8-26, 2yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.22, fm, 1 length.

HOUSE OF WAR (c, 2, War Dancer--Diamond Princess, by Gemologist) was given a chilly 11-1 chance against two heavy and more-experienced favorites. Tucking in from his rail draw and able to sit back enough to stay out of traffic trouble into the first turn. Patiently handled through the half in :48.11, he began to pick up the bridle when tipped outside nearing the quarter pole and came charging down the lane to inhale the dueling frontrunners in the final sixteenth, breezing past Calling Mr. Mo (Mo Donegal) to win by a length. House of War has a yearling full-brother and a weanling half-sister by Central Banker with Diamond Princess due back to Central Banker next year. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $63,250. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV**.

O/B-Joseph Hinkhouse & The Warnick Stable (NY); T-Jorge Abreu.

Paul Sharp Training Graduate

1st-Saratoga, $90,000, Msw, 8-26, (R), 2yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:18.15, ft, 4 lengths.
DOTSY (f, 2, Tacitus--Coqui, by Fusaichi Pegasus) was one of the more-popular first-time starters in the wagering at 5-1 in this



Dotsy | *Sarah Andrew*



Winning trainer John Grabowski celebrates | *Sarah Andrew*

auction price-restricted spot, but lacked early speed and sat fifth of the seven-horse field in the early stages. Back in touch with the main flight at the half-mile pole, she rallied outside, circled her rivals into the top of the stretch and put away Atlas a Eye (Highly Motivated) to her inside en route to a four-length winning debut. Coqui, already responsible for Dirt Monster (Line of David), MSW, $289,088, has seven winners from nine to the track and is a half-sister to GSW/MGISP Voodoo (Petionville). Dotsy's only younger sibling is a yearling half-brother by Early Voting named White Elephant. Sales History; $10,000 Wlg '24 KEENOV; $37,000 Ylg '25 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $49,500. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV**.

Dotsy cont.
O-TSP Enterprises; B-Scott & Debbie Pierce (KY); T-John A. Grabowski.

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3rd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, $32,000, Msw, 8-26, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.79, ft, 3 lengths.
LAY DOWN THE LAW (c, 3, Tiz the Law--Janis's Joy {SP, $128,989}, by Broken Vow) made his 3-year-old debut Wednesday after racing just once as a juvenile when well-beaten over a sloppy six furlongs behind MGSP Our Moneyman (Mr. Money) at Keeneland in October. Racing with Lasix and without blinkers, the 2-1 second choice got his feet under him quickly enough to engage pacesetter Act of Parliament (Quality Road) in a duel through the opening half in :47.83. Overtaking that rival off the turn, he opened up down the stretch for a three-length win over Noble Anthem (Essential Quality). A $775,000 2-year-old purchase for Mayberry Farm, Lay Down the Law has a yearling half-brother by Maximus Mischief while Jani's Joy went to Kingsbarns for next season. Sales History: $60,000 RNA Wlg '23 FTKNOV; $95,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP; $775,000 2yo '25 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $20,575. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**
O-C R K Stable LLC; B-Frankfort Park Farm (KY); T-Peter Eurton.

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FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, AUGUST 27
2026 Stud Fees Listed

Corniche (Quality Road), Coolmore Ashford, $15,000
109 foals of racing age/6 winners/2 black-type winners
5-Saratoga, 3:29 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Coastal Beauty, 6-1
$35,000 FTK NOV wnl; $72,000 FTK JUL yrl; $145,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo; $80,000 OBS OAP 2yo
5-Saratoga, 3:29 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Do Wah Diddy, 4-1
$170,000 KEE SEP yrl; $170,000 RNA EAS MAY 2yo



Go for Launch becomes the first stakes winner for Flightline in the Bolton Landing S. at Saratoga | *Sarah Andrew*

Cyberknife (Gun Runner), Spendthrift Farm, $15,000
167 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Saratoga, 4:39 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Cybertapping, 10-1
$50,000 FTK JUL yrl

Early Voting (Gun Runner), Taylor Made Farm, $12,500
116 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Del Mar All Turf Pick 3, 6:01 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Sir Rockatan, 8-1
$450,000 OBS APR 2yo

Flightline (Tapit), Lane's End Farm, $125,000
124 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winners
5-Saratoga, 3:29 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Follow Your Heart, 9-2
$750,000 FTS AUG yrl
5-Saratoga, 3:29 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Rockabye, 2-1

Golden Pal (Uncle Mo), Coolmore Ashford, $25,000
204 foals of racing age/17 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Saratoga, 3:29 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Quartz Mountain, 4-1
$450,000 KEE SEP yrl
1-Del Mar All Turf Pick 3, 6:01 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Repo Man, 3-1
$80,000 RNA KEE JAN wnl; $200,000 KEE SEP yrl; $235,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Greatest Honour (Tapit), Spendthrift Farm, $7,500
117 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Del Mar, 5:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Ms Liu, 3-1
1-Del Mar All Turf Pick 3, 6:01 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Nichols, 20-1
$14,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl; $7,500 FTD AUG yrl
1-Del Mar All Turf Pick 3, 6:01 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Summer Mischief, 12-1

Highly Motivated (Into Mischief), Airdrie Stud, $7,500
98 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Saratoga, 5:14 p.m. EDT, $200K Skidmore S., 5 1/2fT, Legacy Lady, 8-1
$30,000 FTN MIX wnl; $18,000 SAR AUG yrl; $135,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Jack Christopher (Munnings), Coolmore Ashford, $15,000
187 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Del Mar All Turf Pick 3, 6:01 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Jack Em Up, 20-1
$40,000 KEE SEP yrl; $110,000 OBS APR 2yo

Jackie's Warrior (Maclean's Music), Spendthrift Farm, $25,000
136 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Saratoga, 5:14 p.m. EDT, $200K Skidmore S., 5 1/2fT, Wood Island, 7-2
$220,000 KEE SEP yrl; $250,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Mandaloun (Into Mischief), Juddmonte Farms, $10,000
100 foals of racing age/7 winners/1 black-type winner
2-Colonial Downs, 1:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Glamour N Glitz, 12-1
$120,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl
5-Saratoga, 3:29 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Hormesis, 10-1
$210,000 KEE SEP yrl
7-Saratoga, 4:39 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Its Saturday Night, 4-1
$27,000 EAS OCT yrl

Nashville (Speightstown), WinStar Farm, $12,500
140 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Saratoga, 5:14 p.m. EDT, $200K Skidmore S., 5 1/2fT, Bettabe Tough, 10-1
$50,000 KEE SEP yrl; $65,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo

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Olympiad (Speightstown), Gainesway Farm, $20,000
149 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Thistledown, 3:20 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Milas Temper, 5-1
$9,000 KEE SEP yrl

Title Ready (More Than Ready), Breakway Farm, $2,000
13 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
8-Saratoga, 5:14 p.m. EDT, $200K Skidmore S., 5 1/2fT, Titan Ready, 8-5
$12,000 FTK OCT yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, AUGUST 27
2026 Stud Fees Listed

Beau Liam (Liam's Map), Airdrie Stud, $7,500
144 foals of racing age/39 winners/4 black-type winners
2-Horseshoe Turf Pick 3, 4:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Cherry Springs, 8-1
$4,500 KEE NOV wnl; $35,000 OBS OCT yrl; $170,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Charlatan (Speightstown), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, $25,000
323 foals of racing age/52 winners/7 black-type winners
1-Del Mar All Turf Pick 3, 6:01 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Hoaxer, 4-1
$110,000 KEE SEP yrl; $250,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Yaupon (Uncle Mo), Spendthrift Farm, $60,000
325 foals of racing age/78 winners/15 black-type winners
5-Saratoga, 3:29 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Brickyard Belle, 8-1
$160,000 KEE NOV wnl; $200,000 KEE SEP yrl; $600,000 OBS APR 2yo



STARTER RESULTS:
3rd-Saratoga, $70,000, (S), 8-26, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:24.83, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.
KAZ FARM GIRL (f, 3, Name Changer--Farmavet, by Orb) Lifetime Record: 9-2-0-2, $95,300. O-Peter Kazamias; B-Kaz Hill Farm (NY); T-Dimitrios K. Synnefias.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
8th-Parx Racing, $52,820, (C)/Opt. Clm ($50,000), 8-26, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38.61, ft, 4 3/4 lengths.
DREAMBUILDER (r, 4, Global Campaign--Usually Super, by Unusual Heat) Lifetime Record: 15-3-2-1, $119,590. O-Silver Trail Stables LLC; B-Stephen Upchurch (KY); T-Guadalupe Preciado. *$23,000 Wlg '22 KEENOV; $10,000 Ylg '23 OBSOCT; $45,000 2yo '24 OBSMAR.

LEGACY Bloodstock SALES GRAD

8th-Fairmount, $41,000, (S), (NW2L)/Opt. Clm ($20,000), 8-25, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:41.31, ft, 9 lengths.
RICHIESGOLDENGIRL (f, 4, Goldencents--Ournaughtyescapade, by Unbridled's Song) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, $47,570. O-Patricia's Hope LLC & Ravin, Richard; B-Richard Ravin (IL); T-Larry Rivelli.

8th-Thistledown, $35,800, (S), 8-26, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.94, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.
COME ON ARLENE (f, 4, National Flag--Cruise Liner {SP}, by Salt Lake) Lifetime Record: 23-5-0-4, $93,021. O-Cline, Robert C. and Gomez Mann Racing LLC; B-Blazing Meadows Farm LLC (OH); T-Robert C. Cline. *1/2 to Blazing Bling (Too Much Bling), MSW, $383,535.

3rd-Thistledown, $31,700, 8-26, (NW2X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.50, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.
AUNT MO (f, 4, Uncle Mo--Kallio {GSW, $336,095}, by Scat Daddy) Lifetime Record: 17-3-1-2, $125,151. O-Jack Cannon; B-Newstead Corp (KY); T-Dale Carrington. *$70,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP; $160,000 2yo '24 OBSMAR.

6th-Louisiana Downs, $27,000, (S), 8-26, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:26.17, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.
REGATTA BAY (g, 5, Daaher--Little Buttercup {MSP, $190,444}, by Labeeb {GB}) Lifetime Record: 35-6-6-7, $105,040. O-M and M Racing (Mike Sisk); B-Glenn Bernard (LA); T-Jonathan Wong. *1/2 to Mr. Gary D (Cyclone), SP, $274,523; Rumble Doll (Street Boss), MSP, $433,769.

4th-Belterra, $21,300, (S), 8-26, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.11, ft, 10 lengths.
EXPONENTIALLY (m, 5, The Factor--Adjulate, by Flatter) Lifetime Record: 9-2-3-2, $51,655. O/B-James A. & Jane N. Fraser (OH); T-Michael J. Maker. *$29,000 RNA Ylg '22 OTBOMX.

SIX K's TRAINING & SALES GRADUATE

3rd-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, $20,900, 8-25, (C), 3yo/up, 6f (off turf), 1:12.83, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.
MISTERCHILLIWILLI (g, 6, Uncaptured--Precious Lady, by Songandaprayer) Lifetime Record: 31-10-9-4, $147,831. O-Jeff Fletcher; B-Julie Ann Jackson (FL); T-Jeff Fletcher. *$45,000 2yo '22 OBSMAR. **1/2 to Most Handsome (Neolithic), MSW, $190,910.

5th-Assiniboia Downs, C$20,803, (C)/Opt. Clm ($16,252), 8-25, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.65, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.
WELCOMETOHOLLYWOOD (f, 4, Omaha Beach--Arch of Troy, by Archarcharch) Lifetime Record: MSW, 22-7-5-4, $190,353. O-Brown, Jared & Ganas, John; B-Endeavor Farm (KY); T-Jared Brown. *$45,000 RNA Wlg '22 KEENOV; $7,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

True Silver J P, f, 2, **Rock Your World**--Lorelei True, by Unbridled's Song. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 8-26, (C), 5f, 1:00.48. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $23,200. B-Machmer Hall (KY). *$22,000 RNA 2yo '26 OBSAPR.

Isadora Duncan (Ire), f, 3, **Dubawi (Ire)**--Significant Form (MGSW, $817,216), by Creative Cause. Presque Isle Downs, 8-26, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:43.34. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-0, $54,211. B-White Birch Farm SC (IRE). *Full to Opulent Restraint (Ire), SW & MGISP, $378,762.

Bree Ritt, f, 3, **Game Winner**--Foolery, by Distorted Humor. Parx Racing, 8-26, 6f, 1:12.83. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $50,000. B-Westerly Farm (PA).

Most Amazing, g, 3, **Jack Milton**--Miracles Take Time, by Paddy O'Prado. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 8-25, (S), 1mT, 1:40.24. Lifetime Record: 10-1-0-2, $34,687. B-Michael E. & Penny S. Lauer (IN).

Monster Max, g, 3, **Maximus Mischief**--Prove Em Wrong, by Vancouver (Aus). Parx Racing, 8-26, 6f, 1:10.54. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-2, $51,000. B-Wolf Creek Farms, Inc. (KY). *$30,000 Ylg '24 FTKFEB; $50,000 2yo '25 EASMAY.

Sealand, g, 3, **Omaha Beach**--Tapitbythesea, by Tapit. Presque Isle Downs, 8-26, (S), 6f (AWT), 1:10.15. Lifetime Record: 7-1-0-3, $31,050. B-Tammy & Robert Klimasewski (PA). *1/2 to Behind the Couch (Awesome Again), SP, $341,326.

Unbridled Valor, g, 3, **Unbridled Express**--Runaway Dream, by Jimmy Creed. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 8-26, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.79. Lifetime Record: 10-1-2-1, $43,707. B-L.T.B. Racing (IN).

Romantic Charmer, g, 5, **Mendelssohn**--True Charm, by Langfuhr. Finger Lakes, 8-26, 5 1/2f, 1:05.56. Lifetime Record: 9-1-0-2, $48,080. B-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, LLC (NY).

ALL TDN WINNERS BY SIRE

Daaher, Regatta Bay, g, 5, o/o Little Buttercup, by Labeeb (GB). ALW, 8-26, Louisiana Downs
Dubawi (Ire), Isadora Duncan (Ire), f, 3, o/o Significant Form, by Creative Cause. MSW, 8-26, Presque Isle Downs
Flightline, Go for Launch, f, 2, o/o Starship Jubilee, by Indy Wind. Bolton Landing S., 8-26, Saratoga



Flightline's Go for Launch | *Sarah Andrew*

Game Winner, Bree Ritt, f, 3, o/o Foolery, by Distorted Humor. MSW, 8-26, Parx Racing
Global Campaign, Dreambuilder, r, 4, o/o Usually Super, by Unusual Heat. AOC, 8-26, Parx Racing
Goldencents, Richiesgoldengirl, f, 4, o/o Ournaughtyescapade, by Unbridled's Song. AOC, 8-25, Fairmount
Jack Milton, Most Amazing, g, 3, o/o Miracles Take Time, by Paddy O'Prado. MSW, 8-25, Horseshoe Indianapolis
Maximus Mischief, Monster Max, g, 3, o/o Prove Em Wrong, by Vancouver (Aus). MSW, 8-26, Parx Racing
Mendelssohn, Romantic Charmer, g, 5, o/o True Charm, by Langfuhr. MSW, 8-26, Finger Lakes
Name Changer, Kaz Farm Girl, f, 3, o/o Farmavet, by Orb. STR, 8-26, Saratoga
National Flag, Come On Arlene, f, 4, o/o Cruise Liner, by Salt Lake. ALW, 8-26, Thistledown
Omaha Beach, Sealand, g, 3, o/o Tapitbythesea, by Tapit. MSW, 8-26, Presque Isle Downs
Omaha Beach, Welcometohollywood, f, 4, o/o Arch of Troy, by Archarcharch. AOC, 8-25, Assiniboia
Rock Your World, True Silver J P, f, 2, o/o Lorelei True, by

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Unbridled's Song. MCL, 8-26, Horseshoe Indianapolis
Tacitus, Dotsy, f, 2, o/o Coqui, by Fusaichi Pegasus. MSW, 8-26, Saratoga
The Factor, Exponentially, m, 5, o/o Adjulate, by Flatter. ALW, 8-26, Belterra
Tiz the Law, Lay Down the Law, c, 3, o/o Janis's Joy, by Broken Vow. MSW, 8-26, Horseshoe Indianapolis
Unbridled Express, Unbridled Valor, g, 3, o/o Runaway Dream, by Jimmy Creed. MSW, 8-26, Horseshoe Indianapolis
Uncaptured, Misterchilliwilli, g, 6, o/o Precious Lady, by Songandaprayer. ALW, 8-25, Mountaineer
Uncle Mo, Aunt Mo, f, 4, o/o Kallio, by Scat Daddy. ALW, 8-26, Thistledown
Vekoma, Vajra, f, 3, o/o Lady Hansen, by Hansen. MSW, 8-26, Saratoga
War Dancer, House of War, c, 2, o/o Diamond Princess, by Gemologist. MSW, 8-26, Saratoga

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TOP END HOLDS FIRM AS BOND LANDS £210,000 NIGHT OF THUNDER COLT AT GOFFS



A colt by Night Of Thunder led the way on day two of the Premier Yearling Sale | *Goffs/Sarah Farnsworth*

By Brian Sheerin

Leading owner Charlie Bond admitted to already be dreaming of pitching up in next year's £500,000 Harry's Half Million race with his £210,000 Night Of Thunder colt purchase that led the way on the second and final day of a solid--if not spectacular--Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale on Wednesday.

The Night Of Thunder colt was sourced from Eugene Daly's Longview Stud and was one of the most expensive lots sold at a sale that grossed £14,247,000. That was down 1% despite the fact there were 36 more horses catalogued at this year's sale. The average was down 7% to £40,022, while the median was down by 14% to £30,000.

On Wednesday's top lot, Bond said, "He's been bought for Bond Thoroughbred and Geoff Oldroyd will train him. Being by Night Of Thunder, who's on fire, he obviously stood out in the catalogue, and when Geoff and PJ [McDonald] came up the other day to look at the horses, he was their star pick. After Geoff trained another winner [Air Force One] for us at York last week, we decided we'd buy the colt for him."

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BROWNE MCMONAGLE 'DOING REMARKABLY WELL' FOLLOWING BELLEWSTOWN FALL

Dylan Browne McMonagle was reported to be in good spirits on Wednesday after his heavy fall at Bellewstown the previous evening that saw him taken to hospital.

The Irish champion jockey was thrown from the fatally-injured Mosel in the opening contest, with the meeting subsequently being abandoned after an unrelated incident in the second race saw two further fallers.

Speaking on the *Nick Luck Daily Podcast*, Dr Jennifer Pugh, chief medical officer for the Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board (IHRB), said, "Dylan had a good night. Obviously, it was a significant fall, but he's in a really good position and very stable overnight. He's doing remarkably well given the seriousness of the fall.

"He'll be out for a number of weeks, but we're in a very positive place compared to where we were yesterday. A huge thanks to everybody on the day who took such good care of him." **Cont. p6**

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SARATOGA NOTEBOOK, PRESENTED BY NYRA BETS

Kentucky Derby-winning trainer Cherie DeVaux says that 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' Englishman (Maxfield) "may be the top horse in the country". Tim Wilkin has the story.



Dylan Browne McMonagle | *Getty Images*

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Karl Burke's Shayem (King Of Change), last seen winning the G3 Thoroughbred Stakes at Goodwood, has been sold to continue his career in Hong Kong, The Sun reported on Wednesday. | *Racingfotos.com*

7 | FLYING FIVE OPTION FOR RUMSTAR

The Flying Five Stakes at the Curragh could be the next port of call for Rumstar (Havana Grey) after his excellent third in the Nunthorpe.

7 | CHAMPIONS DAY DATE FOR DAIQUIRI BAY

Last week's Ebor winner is set to target the Qatar Racing British Champions Long Distance Cup at Ascot in October.

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He added, "We've invested a lot in the facilities at Geoff's, so we need the horses to back the team up. Hopefully, the colt will turn up in the sales race at York next year."

Bond managed to secure the colt with one bid and simply said, "It was always the plan to play late."

He concluded, "I was there myself yesterday and didn't manage to get a bid in on one. The good horses are making really good money, the market for those seems quite strong."

Goffs UK managing director Tim Kent said at the conclusion of the sale, "Today wraps up another year for the Doncaster Premier Yearling Sale which has produced strong trade over the two days and it enjoyed a great advert leading into the sale with 2YO Sun Goddess showcasing the calibre of horse this sale repeatedly produces and what it stands for.

"With hotel space in Doncaster stretched to the limit, we have delivered another huge buying bench and the 85% clearance rate shows demand has been robust with buyers from around the world in attendance. Buyers have always shown a strong appetite for Donny yearlings and the sale's identity is alive and well which is fantastic--but there has been a call for more higher end horses at this sale from buyers, and some vendors, over the last 12 months.



Tim Kent (centre) | *Goffs/Sarah Farnsworth*

"Ultimately it is for the market to decide what it needs and wants Premier to be and our message to the market is this; we remain ambitious and hungry to grow this sale. We want to offer a higher quality catalogue to buyers who walk in our gates wanting and expecting to see real quality, and we want to continue to surpass the high expectations of vendors when we are given the opportunity to offer something special." **Cont. p4**



Goffs report cont.

He continued, "We exist to offer vibrant competition to the market and with prices of up to £1,000,000 achieved in the Doncaster ring at our Breeze-up Sale, we have proven our venue can produce world-class results. And with another huge crowd of owners, trainers and agents on site this week, the ingredients are here, but we need the horses.

"All that said, we would like to thank our vendors who have brought some lovely types to Doncaster--headlined by 20 lots making six-figures. We have welcomed new vendors and welcomed back some who have returned to Premier which is wonderful to see. To our buyers, we wish you all the very best with your purchases and we look forward to awarding £250,000 in new bonuses next season."



David Mullins | *Goffs/Sarah Farnsworth*

Tally-Ho Stud Strikes It Lucky With Bayside Boy Colt

Roger and Tony O'Callaghan are just about the last people on earth who need a slice of luck, but the pair got the rub of the green in the case of lot 295, a homebred Bayside Boy colt that sold to the now retired Grand National-winning jockey David Mullins.

The Bayside Boy was sourced by Mullins to join his small but select band of breeze-up horses for the forthcoming season.

Meanwhile, Roger explained that visiting the Ballylinch Stud-based stallion only came about after John O'Connor suggested a swap. He sent a mare to Cotai Glory, while Tony sent Pooky (Twilight Son) to Kilkenny. The rest is history.

"We got lucky," Roger explained. "John sent a mare to Cotai Glory and we sent a mare to Bayside Boy, so basically we did a swap and it's after working out great. Very nice horse." **Cont. p5**



Goffs report cont.

A nephew of the dominant National Hunt trainer Willie Mullins, David retired aged just 24 in 2021. He has mostly been plying his trade in the point-to-point sphere over the past five years but, in a bid to keep his finger "in as many pies as possible", is bidding to build the breeze-up arm of his operation.

He explained, "I breezed horses for the first time this year. It was obviously a very tough year to be in it, but it is a much shorter turnaround than the point-to-pointers. I will continue to do both--I am trying to broaden it a bit."

A lot has been spoken--mostly by Goffs themselves--about O'Callaghan's quote from this sale 12 months ago. Walking out the gate after once again dominating the consigning ranks, O'Callaghan simply said that vendors could do with backing the sale a bit better. A year on, what does he think now?

"I think it has been a good sale here this week," O'Callaghan said. "The sales race proved there were good horses here last year, so why wouldn't there be good horses here this year? The appetite for good horses is huge --as good as always."

He added, "I still see a few vendors missing and I feel it is bad form. Fellas that nearly always came to Donny. There are buyers missing as well, but the place has survived without them."

Progeny by one of the stud's younger guns, Good Guess, sold particularly well this week. For the 21 Good Guess yearlings offered, all bar three were sold for a combined sum of £1,061,000.

O'Callaghan commented, "It's been a good sale for him as well, thankfully. Hopefully, there will be more to come."

Tally-Ho Stud ended the sale as the leading vendor with 24 horses sold for a combined sum of £1,437,000



The Kingman colt from the Tweenhills draft | *Goffs/Sarah Farnsworth*

Kingman Colt Joins Kavanagh's Breeze-Up Team At £145,000

Bidding on behalf of leading breeze-up consignor Roderic Kavanagh, young French bloodstock agent Louis Dubois landed a Kingman colt from Tweenhills Stud for £145,000.

"He will go to Roderic Kavanagh in Ireland and will be aiming for the breeze-ups," the agent said. "Beautiful horse with a lot of substance and a beautiful walk--a big horse for a Kingman. He stood out and it's a beautiful page. He caught the eye of a good few people and we will try our luck at the breeze-ups. I will jump in myself--Roderic is a good man and he knows what he is doing, so we will follow his lead."

Tweenhills boss David Redvers was one of many people in attendance at Doncaster who had been in action at Arqana. While he acknowledged that the two sales are worlds apart, he agreed that the market shares the same common trend in that the market for the good horses is as strong as ever.

He said, "It's a very different marketplace and very different type of horse here at Doncaster, but it seems to be pretty healthy and horses seem to be changing hands. As usual, it's difficult to buy the nice horses and difficult to sell the ones who don't quite hit the mark. It's the start of a long sale season and, hopefully, we are still standing at the end of it."

Breeze-up buyers played an important role on the day, with Paddy Vaughan also accounting for a six-figure lot on Wednesday when going to £110,000 for a Havana Grey filly from WH Bloodstock. Vaughan revealed that the filly had been purchased in partnership with Kilminfoyle House Stud's Mick Fitzpatrick.

Buy of the Day

George Boughey and Henry Morshead were quite active on Wednesday and the £42,000 they parted with to secure Pa Doyle's Harry Angel filly looks money well spent. A fast-looking filly, she is out of a sister to the Windsor Castle Stakes runner-up Savannah's Dream and looks as though she will be out early. Elsewhere, the £30,000 that Sean Grassick spent on Herberstown House Stud's Blackbeard filly also looked quite smart. It is fair to say that none of the first-season sires have put their head above the parapet at this point, which might explain why this quality filly, hailing from one of the most respected outfits, didn't make more.

Golden Touch

It was largely a tricky sale for pinhookers, but Conor Walsh of Beechlane Stables enjoyed a right touch when his Calyx filly, sourced for just €8,000 at Goffs last November, rocked into £65,000 to Tom Biggs and Archie Watson.

Walsh said, "A great touch. She was an eight grand foal--my sister Ciara owned her with a friend of hers. She's a big, powerful and straightforward filly. We're only a small operation, so it's great to get a result like that."

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WEDNESDAY'S TOP COLTS

Lot	Sire|Dam	Price (£)
362	**Night Of Thunder (Ire)--Snow Empress (GB)**	**210,000**
	Bred by Ed's Stud Ltd (GB)	
	Consigned by Longview Stud	
	Purchased by Bond Thoroughbreds/Geoff Oldroyd	
324	**Kingman (GB)--Roman Mist (Ire)**	**145,000**
	Bred by Mr & Mrs D Howden (GB)	
	Consigned by Tweenhills	
	Purchased by Glending Stable/Louis Dubois Agent	
295	**Bayside Boy (Ire)--Pooky (GB)**	**130,000**
	Bred by Tally-Ho Stud (Ire)	
	Consigned by Tally-Ho Stud	
	Purchased by Barrow Bloodstock	
402	**Ubettabelieveit (Ire)--Ubettabequick (Ire)**	**95,000**
	Bred by Mr M Webb (GB)	
	Consigned by Mickley Stud	
	Purchased by Kevin Ross Bloodstock	

WEDNESDAY'S TOP FILLIES

Lot	Sire|Dam	Price (£)
322	**Havana Grey (GB)--Rock On Baileys (GB)**	**110,000**
	Bred by Haras des Trois Chapelles (GB)	
	Consigned by WH Bloodstock	
	Purchased by JC Bloodstock	
378	**Kodiac (GB)--Stunner (GB)**	**110,000**
	Bred by Tally-Ho Stud (Ire)	
	Consigned by Tally-Ho Stud	
	Purchased by Dan Astbury/Adrian Keatley Racing	
277	**Good Guess (GB)--Newtown Pippin (GB)**	**90,000**
	(€70,000 Wlg '25 GOFNOV)	
	Bred by Killowen Farm Stud Limited (Ire)	
	Consigned by Baroda Stud	
	Purchased by Peter & Ross Doyle/MPR	

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SESSION TOTALS	2026	2025
• Catalogued	213	201
• Number Offered	198	185
• Number Sold	168	159
• Not Sold	30	26
• Clearance Rate	85%	86%
• No. £150K+	1	1
• High Price (£)	210,000	150,000
• Gross (£)	6,228,000 (-4%)	6,496,000
• Average (£)	37,072 (-9%)	40,856
• Median (£)	30,000 (-14%)	35,000

CUMULATIVE	2026	2025
• Catalogued	445	411
• Number Offered	419	383
• Number Sold	356	333
• Not Sold	63	50
• Clearance Rate	85%	87%
• No. £150K+	8	6
• High Price (£)	250,000	190,000
• Gross (£)	14,247,000 (-1%)	14,327,000
• Average (£)	40,022 (-7%)	43,025
• Median (£)	30,000 (-14%)	35,000

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Dylan Browne McMonagle cont. from p1

Pugh added of Browne McMongagle's rehabilitation, "There are the standard return to ride protocols. It's different for every jockey and it's all very individualised. We will know more over the next few days with regards to Dylan.

"He's a remarkable young man. Even in the throes of everything that happened yesterday evening, he maintained all his manners. He's a pleasure to deal with."

Meanwhile, Wednesday's National Hunt meeting at Bellewstown was initially given the go-ahead after the IHRB carried out a preliminary review of Tuesday's incidents, but that too was later abandoned.

Whilst the first five races on the card were completed without incident, safety concerns were soon raised after a horse contesting the sixth race slipped on the bend, causing the last two races to be called off. **Cont. p7**

Bellewstown cont.

A statement from the IHRB on X said, "The Raceday Stewards reviewed an incident in Race 6 involving Garrick Painter, ridden by Simon Torrens, where Garrick Painter slipped up.

"The Raceday Stewards met with a delegation of riders, the IHRB clerk of the course, representatives of the Irish Racehorse Trainers Association and the racecourse manager.

"Having reviewed the footage and considered the observations, the Raceday Stewards determined that in circumstances where they cannot be satisfied that racing should continue due to safety concerns, it is with deep reluctance, they decided that there was no option but to abandon the remainder of the fixture under the provisions of Rule 10."

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PORTMAN KEEN ON FLYING FIVE BID WITH THRIVING RUMSTAR



Rumstar | *Getty Images*

The Flying Five Stakes at the Curragh could be the next port of call for **Rumstar**, with trainer Jonathan Portman revealing that he is "trying to persuade the owner" that heading to Ireland is the best course of action for the thriving son of Havana Grey.

Rumstar, who sports the colours of Vincent and Russell Ward, continued his fine run of form at York last week when finishing a running-on third in the Nunthorpe Stakes, ultimately passing the post a little over a length behind the trailblazing Bacio (Maclean's Music).

The five-year-old would need to be supplemented at a cost of €40,000 in order to take his chance in the Flying Five, but Portman is hopeful that the money can be found as the trainer continues his search for a first top-level success in a career spanning nearly three decades.

"I'm trying to persuade the owner at the moment to make sure he is in the Flying Five," said Portman.

"We've got another week for him to see what is in his piggy bank. That is something we'd like to do, if the owner is up for it.

"There are so few options for these sprinters. We didn't overlook it at the entry stage, we just took a view that the programme we'd mapped out for him is what we wanted. We didn't have Ireland as part of that but, seeing him run so well at York, that was probably a mistake, hence we're thinking of doing a plan B.

"He's in the Abbaye. The ground tends to go for that, but he is in the Abbaye, so we'll still keep that in mind."

A four-time winner at Group 3 level, notably having won July's Coral Charge at Sandown for the second year in succession, Rumstar has finished outside of the first three places just once in five starts this season, with his other creditable efforts including a runner-up finish in Goodwood's G2 King George Stakes.

Portman, however, is mindful of just how quickly sprinters can go off the boil, hence his desire to strike while the iron is hot with his stable star.

The trainer added, "He's in a good place, mentally and physically, at the moment. We just hope that lasts for a bit longer, but he's come out of it [the Nunthorpe] really well, thank goodness.

"It would have been lovely to have been second, having run that well. The American was probably too good for us all, but we were delighted with the run. You can run well in those races and still only finish 10th, so we were very happy with what we could get."

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CHAMPIONS DAY BECKONS FOR EBOR WINNER DAIQUIRI BAY

Daiquiri Bay (New Bay) will bid to follow in the footsteps of former stablemate Trueshan after Alan King confirmed that last week's Ebor winner is set to target the G1 Qatar Racing British Champions Long Distance Cup at Ascot in October.

Trueshan won three consecutive editions of the Long Distance Cup between 2020 and 2022, with his first success in the race coming as a four-year-old after he'd finished eighth in the Ebor from a BHA mark of 109 earlier that season.

Daiquiri Bay, meanwhile, started the current campaign on a rating of 96 but now finds himself rated 110 following a hat-trick of handicap victories, with his narrow win at York being preceded by a similarly hard-fought triumph in the Copper Horse Stakes at Royal Ascot.

Clearly, the son of New Bay still has a long way to go to match the outstanding achievements of Trueshan, who reached a peak rating of 124, but King is nonetheless taking encouragement from the progress made by the promising young stayer in a relatively short space of time. **Cont. p8**



Daiquiri Bay (left) winning the Ebor | *Getty Images*

Daiquiri Bay cont.

"He's come out of York well," said the Barbury Castle trainer. "I haven't done much with him, but he's bright and well in his paddock. I'm very happy with him.

"He'll probably go to Ascot and he'll probably get an entry in the Prix Royal-Oak, I would have thought. He's rated 110 now, so he's rated higher than Trueshan was at a similar stage. Trueshan was 109 when he got beat in the Ebor and he went and won at Ascot for the first time after that.

"I'm not saying he's as good as Trueshan, don't get me wrong, but he's only a four-year-old and he could improve again."

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Thursday, August 27, 2026:

UNITED KINGDOM

Bayside Boy (Ire) (New Bay {GB}), Ballylinch Stud
85 foals of racing age/14 winners/3 black-type winners
14:22-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, **Bollengo Boy (Ire)**
58,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2025
15:00-CARLISLE, 7.75f, **Emerald Bay (Ire)**
€42,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2025

Caturra (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Overbury Stud
68 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
19:30-SOUTHWELL, 7f, **Neverbeatdeswalker (GB)**
20,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2024; £27,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025
20:00-SOUTHWELL, 6f, **Furturra (GB)**
€42,000 Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2024; 7,000gns Tattersalls February Mixed Sale 2025; £15,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025

Minzaal (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Derrinstown Stud
115 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner
14:37-FFOS LAS, 6f, **Minzaal Time (Ire)**
€55,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; £135,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025
14:37-FFOS LAS, 6f, **Rhodes Runner (Ire)**
75,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025
15:07-FFOS LAS, 6f, **Channel Islands (Ire)**
30,000gns Tattersalls December Yearling Sale 2025
19:30-SOUTHWELL, 7f, **Alfa Hoodini (Ire)**
45,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2024; 80,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025
19:30-SOUTHWELL, 7f, **Icy Moon (Ire)**
75,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2024; 55,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025

Persian Force (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
99 foals of racing age/18 winners/1 black-type winner
14:30-CARLISLE, 5.75f, **Striking Force (Ire)**
52,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025
20:00-SOUTHWELL, 6f, **Persian Land (Ire)**
€20,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; £32,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025

Space Traveller (GB) (Bated Breath {GB}), Starfield Stud
122 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
14:30-CARLISLE, 5.75f, **Benbecula (Ire)**
82,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2024; 240,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2025



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IRELAND

Blackbeard (Ire) (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud
116 foals of racing age/13 winners/0 black-type winners
4-NAVAN, 8f, **Equus Victor (Ire)**
90,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025

Dubawi Legend (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), Starfield Stud
42 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
3-NAVAN, 5f, **Atlantic Bridge (Ire)**
€10,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; €23,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2025; €300,000 Tattersalls Ireland Breeze Up 2026

Persian Force (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
99 foals of racing age/18 winners/1 black-type winner
1-NAVAN, 5.75f, **Someday Somewhere (Ire)**
€12,000 RNA Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; €16,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025; £45,000 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2026

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HOW THEY FARED

4.20 La Teste-Bassin Arcachon, Mdn, 2yo, f, 8fT
Blue Blossom Cen (Ire) (Frankel {GB}), the half-sister to Blue Rose Cen (Churchill), got going too late and despite finishing with a flourish was a neck second.

BRITAIN

Wednesday's Results:

1st-Kempton, £13,000, Novice, 8-26, 2yo, 8f (AWT), 1:39.57, st/sl.
AL WATHBA (FR) (c, 2, Wootton Bassett {GB}--Hidden Breeze {GB}, by Dark Angel {Ire}), runner-up on debut to Haffner at Newmarket's July Festival and again at Leicester when the 2-11 favourite earlier this month, was 4-7 this time and started out in front. Kicking at the top of the straight, the graduate had a length to spare at the line from Pure Concept (Lucky Vega).

The dam is a full-sister to the Group 3 winner and Matron Stakes runner-up Lily's Angel and a half to the Japanese Group 1 performer Labeling (Frankel) and dual Group 2-placed Zurigha (Cape Cross). The latter produced the dual stakes winner and dual graded stakes-placed Oversubscribed (Too Darn Hot). From the esteemed family of George Strawbridge's Group 1 winners Friendly Soul (Kingman), Call The Wind (Frankel), With You (Dansili) and We Are (Dansili), Hidden Breeze's yearling son of Persian King was bought by Carlos and Yann Lerner for €180,000 at Arqana Deauville August.
Sales history: €900,000 Ylg '25 ARAUG. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, $20,692.
O-Godolphin; B-SARL de Chambure Haras d'Etreham & Eric de Chambure; T-Charlie Appleby.

2nd-Newbury, £12,000, Mdn, 8-26, 2yo, 6f 110yT, 1:17.63, g/f.
CRUSHERMAN (IRE) (c, 2, Acclamation {GB}--Dialina {Ger}, by Lord Of England {Ger}), fifth on debut over five furlongs here in April, tanked his way to the front from the break. Errant on the lead, the 11-4 joint-favourite had enough in reserve to score by 3/4-of-a-length from Kicking Bear (Sioux Nation).

The dam is a daughter of the German 1,000 Guineas winner Diacada (Cadeaux Genereux), whose multiple Listed-winning daughter Diatribe (Tertullian) proved a smart producer in her own right, with the dual Group scorer Degas (Exceed And Excel) the best of her progeny.

Also responsible for a 2025 colt and 2026 filly by Lucky Vega, the former was a £75,000 purchase by Sam Sangster Bloodstock at the Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale.
Sales history: €52,000 Ylg '25 GOFORY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $8,844.
O-McGoff, Fowles, Meehan, Herity; B-Kildaragh Stud; T-Brian Meehan.

3rd-Newbury, £12,000, Mdn, 8-26, 2yo, 6f 110yT, 1:17.88, g/f.
SCYTHE (IRE) (g, 2, Victor Ludorum {GB}--Melancholy {Ire}, by Acclamation {GB}), sent off at 7-1, enjoyed a lead racing on the wing. In control passing two out, the newcomer was soon in the clear and hit the line with 2 3/4 lengths to spare over Kingdom Of Kush (Sioux Nation).

The winner is the sole foal so far out of the dam, a granddaughter of the Group 3 winner and Group 1-placed Catch The Blues (Bluebird), whose descendants include Scat Daddy's Phoenix Stakes-winning sire Sioux Nation and the Middle Park third Dash Dizzy (Wootton Bassett).
Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $8,844.
O-Colin Day & Sam Sangster; B-Sam Sangster Bloodstock; T-Brian Meehan.

4th-Newbury, £12,000, Mdn, 8-26, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:11.67, g/f.
STARBURSTER (IRE) (f, 2, Starman {GB}--Energetic Company {Ire}, by Fast Company {Ire}), fourth on debut at Windsor in June, raced prominently among the group racing towards the stands' rail. Edging ahead with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining, the 5-1 shot held on to score by a head from Bidsta (Mehmas).

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4th-Newbury cont.

The winner is the first foal out of the unraced dam, a half to the Cornwallis Stakes scorer Electric Waves (Exceed And Excel) and the Yellow Ribbon Handicap runner-up Appealing (Bertolini). Also a half to the dam of the Listed scorer and Group-placed Zodiac Bear (Kodi Bear), her yearling filly is by Cotai Glory, while she also has a colt foal by Sands Of Mali. Sales history: €30,000 Wlg '24 GOFNOF; £125,000 Ylg '25 GOFFUK. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $9,418.
O-Phil Cunningham; B-Ms Michelle Lyons; T-Richard Spencer.

1st-Catterick Bridge, £10,000, Mdn, 8-26, 2yo, 5fT, :59.12, gd. **MUGHEER (IRE) (g, 2, Soldier's Call {GB}--Sounds Of April {Ire}, by Exceed And Excel {Aus})**, a half-brother to the recent Thoroughbred Stakes winner Shayem (King Of Change), started off in front. Alone in the centre of the track in the straight, the even-money favourite did enough to hold on and prevail by a short head from Shaniko (Hello Youmzain), with the pair several horse-widths apart at the line.

The unraced dam also has a yearling full-sister to the aforementioned Shayem, who was also successful in the Sir Henry Cecil Stakes and runner-up in the German 2,000 Guineas this term, and she is catalogued in the upcoming Tattersalls October Book 3. The second dam is the Italian Group 3 winner Wickwing (In The Wings), with this being the family of Galileo's Irish 2,000 Guineas-winning sire Roderic O'Connor and the high-class Lake Forest (No Nay Never).
Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $7,370.
O/B-Abdul Razaq Mohamdi; T-Karl Burke.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

My Maria (Ire), f, 2, **Persian Force (Ire)**--Hello Brigette (Ire), by Kodiac (GB). Wolverhampton, 8-26, 6f 20y (AWT), 1:14.44. Lifetime Record: 6-1-3-1, $16,789. B-Tally Ho Stud. *£52,500 2yo '26 TATGBU.

Lady Gormire (Ire), f, 3, **Lope De Vega (Ire)**--Lady Of Dubai (GB) (SW & G1SP-Eng), by Dubawi (Ire). Catterick Bridge, 8-26, 7f 6yT, 1:24.54. Lifetime Record: 7-1-3-1, $19,574. B-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum. *12,000gns 2yo '25 TATAHI. **Full to Involvement (GB), SP-Eng, SP-Fr.

Kaindy (Ire), g, 3, **Pinatubo (Ire)**--Dibajj (Fr) (GSW-Fr), by Iffraaj (GB). Kempton, 8-26, 7f (AWT), 1:27.29. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, $11,174. B-Deerfield Farm. *375,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT. **1/2 to Embesto (GB) (Roaring Lion), GSW-Eng.

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FRANCE

Wednesday's Results:

PRIX MILLKOM - ARQANA-Listed, €50,300, La Teste, 8-26, 3yo, 8fT, 1:39.85, g/s.

1--**NEW CONNECTION (IRE), 129, g, 3, by New Bay (GB)**
1st Dam: Siamsaiocht (Ire) (SP-Ire), by Teofilo (Ire)
2nd Dam: Halla Siamsa (Ire), by Montjeu (Ire)
3rd Dam: Siamsa, by Quest For Fame (GB)
1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. (320,000gns Ylg '24 ARQOCT). O-Wathnan Racing; B-China Horse Club International Ltd; T-Francis Graffard; J-James Doyle. €25,150. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-0, €52,077.

2--**Siciliano (Fr)**, 129, g, 3, Time Test (GB)--Senita (GB), by Frankel (GB). (€98,000 RNA Ylg '24 ARQAUG; €250,000 HRA '25 AUCTAV). O-Dream With Me Stable Inc; B-J P J Dubois; T-Patrice Cottier. €10,060.

3--**Pitch Perfect (Fr)**, 129, g, 3, Romanised (Ire)--Hopeful Melody (GB), by Havana Gold (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O/B-R Ng; T-Mikel Delzangles. €7,545.

Margins: 1 1/4, HD, 3/4. Odds: 2.60, 26.00, 33.00.
Also Ran: Go Man (Fr), Cielo Di Roma (Fr), Imagine (Spa), Zaraxia (Fr), Persis (Fr), Plutarque (Fr), Baklawa (Fr), Kozlovskha (Ire), Canalejas (Fr).

Putting a no-show in Royal Ascot's Britannia Handicap behind him with an authoritative conditions win over this course and distance three weeks ago, New Connection built on that effort to open his black-type account at the first time of asking. Tracking the early pace under James Doyle, he was committed approaching the furlong pole and asserted for the breakthrough success.

The Listed-placed dam, whose yearling full-sister to the winner sells at the upcoming Tattersalls October Book 2, is a full-sister to the Dewhurst-winning sire Parish Hall and the Group 2-placed Hall Of Fame. This is also the family of New Approach's Irish 2,000 Guineas and Futurity Trophy hero Mac Swiney and another Teofilo star in the Group 2 winner and Irish Derby third Light Heavy. Her colt foal is also by New Bay.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Frissonante (Ire), f, 2, **Cracksman (GB)**--Pretty One (Ire), by Dark Angel (Ire). La Teste, 8-26, 8fT, 1:42.68. B-Cotton House Bloodstock.

Sarmad (Fr), c, 2, **Wooded (Ire)**--January (Fr), by Siyouni (Fr). La Teste, 8-26, 8fT, 1:42.10. B-Al Shaqab Racing. *€11,000 Ylg '25 ARQOCT.