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Q AND A: THE CHAMPIONSHIP SALE, 'ADDITIVE FOR BUYERS AND SELLERS'



Photo Courtesy Keeneland

by Sue Finley

On October 28, Keeneland will stage a unique event, the third iteration of the Championship Sale, which takes advantage of timing to bring buyers and sellers an opportunity to buy into the Breeders' Cup experience through a sale of fractional ownerships, horses related to Breeders' Cup entrants, stallion shares, and more. This year, they're throwing a unique item into the mix: the historic and beautiful Castleton, valued at around $57 million. The *TDN*'s Sue Finley sat down with Keeneland's Shannon Arvin and Tony Lacy to discuss the sale.

SF: Let's start with the genesis of this sale. Where did the idea come from?

SA: About four years ago, we were inspired by the Goffs London Sale before Royal Ascot and Arqana's sale before the Arc. We were trying to brainstorm about the fun, excitement, and magic that happens when you bring people together, honestly. And we wanted to do something that was additive to the markets, to grow the pie and to offer some really unique offerings that you might not see as frequently at a standard sale. ***Cont. p16***

BREEDERS' CUP MAY BE IN DOUBT FOR BOOK'EM DANNO *by Tim Wilkin*

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. – If **Book'em Danno** (Bucchero) doesn't get a prep race before the Breeders' Cup, you won't see him in the $2-million GI Sprint on Oct. 31 at Keeneland.

And, right now, trainer Derek Ryan really doesn't know if the 5-year-old gelding will have time to make a race before then.

Book'em Danno, the even-money morning-line favorite, was scratched from last Saturday's GI Forego Stakes at Saratoga after getting cast in his stall. Because he was showing slight lameness and was not 100% right on Saturday morning, the track's regulatory vet scratched him for safety and Book'em Danno was placed on the vets' list.

After getting Book'em Danno back to his base at Monmouth Park, Ryan was making plans for last year's champion sprinter to run in the GIII Vosburgh at Belmont Park on Sept. 26.

The Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) rules state that if a horse is on the vets' list, it faces a mandatory stay of 14 days before being able to have a supervised workout or removal.

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IN TDN EUROPE TODAY

BLUE POINT FILLY LEADS THE WAY AT TATTERSALLS SOMERVILLE SALE

Kerri Radcliffe purchased a Blue Point filly for 190,000gns to top the Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale on Wednesday.



Book'em Danno wins the 2025 Forego | *Sarah Andrew*

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Three years ago, Arcangelo replicated his late sire Arrogate in winning the GI Travers Stakes. This year, the dual Grade I winner will be represented by his first crop of yearlings. Click here to watch our latest episode of Stallion Insights, featuring Lane's End sire Arcangelo. | *Sarah Andrew*

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Schuylerville Stakes winner Harper's Corner (Speaker's Corner) heads to the GI Spinaway Stakes at Saratoga Saturday. Sean Perl bought her in utero for just $23,000 at the 2023 Keeneland November Sale. Chris McGrath has more.

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Three of this week's six fastest females wore the red-and-white silks of Klaravich Stable owner Seth Klarman. Which of his winners led the way with a 106 Beyer?



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Ryan is concerned he might not be able to make the Vosburgh and if he can't make that--or the GII Phoenix Stakes at Keeneland on Oct 2--he won't take on the imposing Englishman (Maxfield) in the Breeders' Cup.

"If he doesn't get a run before the Breeders' Cup, we are not going to run," Ryan said by phone from New Jersey.



Derek Ryan with his stable star last Friday | *Sarah Andrew*

"Englishman, to me, is the best 3-year-old in the country. He is a serious, serious horse. I don't want to take that sucker on if we're not 110 percent because he is a beast. He is the best horse I have seen in a long time."

Englishman, a 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' trained by Cherie DeVaux and owned by C R K Stable, has won three of four starts this year by a combined 17 lengths. He won the GI H. Allen Jerkens Memorial by 3 3/4 lengths on Travers Day.

Book'em Danno's schedule this year was made for him to get to the Breeders' Cup Sprint, a race Ryan skipped last year. He has run three times this year and has two wins and a second.

Last year, Book'em Danno raced five times and won four of them. For his career, Book'em Danno, owned by Atlantic Six Racing LLC, has 12 wins, four seconds and a third in 19 starts.

"We've never had any issues with him," said Ryan, who plans to jog Book'em Danno on Thursday. "Never had any issues with him. He was doing better than ever; his last two works were the best I have ever seen him breeze. We campaigned him lightly because we wanted to go to the Breeders' Cup and then to Saudi next year. If we run out of time, we run out of time. There is always next year."

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HARPER'S CORNER RAISES CEILING FOR PERL *by Chris McGrath*

"Anyone can play our game," says Sean Perl with a shrug. "So walk outside and raise your hand."

We're talking during the recent Fasig-Tipton July Sale: a recalibration, start of a new yearling cycle, but essentially just another variation of an infinitely repeating challenge, with Thoroughbreds of every kind, to come out the right side of value.

"Which is why I'm usually involved in the marketplace from sun-up to sundown," Perl continues. "Because you never know when the next one's going to come through the ring. That might be the one for you."



Sean Perl | *Courtesy Sean Perl*

That diligence certainly paid off, at the 2023 Keeneland November Sale, when the local bloodstock agent gave $23,000 for a 7-year-old Speightstown mare. Stonestreet had paid $390,000 for Toscana as a weanling, but she disappointed in three starts and was duly culled, for $70,000 in 2020, with a maiden cover by Kantharos.

Curiously her value now slumped again, even though her granddam's Grade I-placed half-sister had meanwhile put Life Is Good on the page as grandson.

True, that would become a pretty remote distinction by the time Toscana's foals were catalogued. But she was always guaranteed Perl's attention. For one thing, she was in foal to Speaker's Corner, a horse so admired by his client that they had sent him six mares.

"And then I'm a huge fan of Speightstown, as broodmare sire," Perl explains. "I bought four Speightstown mares that year: I knew they weren't going to make them anymore; and also that they come in all shapes and sizes. Some are big and tall, some small and sprint-looking, but they can all work.

"Basically, my business model is to find value. ***Cont.***



Sean Perl, cont.

At that sale, I'll look for horses that maybe need a different environment; or for the combination, a mating that works for us. For this client, they have to pass my physical--and she was good-sized, very correct--and then he has to like the baby that'll be coming out of her."

In this case, a filly. Straightforward, correct, just medium-sized but they gave her until Fasig-Tipton October to mature. She still realized no more than $30,000, but even that cleared the cost of the mare--who remained young enough to benefit from anything her daughter might do. Pinhooked for $70,000 at OBS, the filly joined Cathal Lynch and on debut pulverized her pursuers round Laurel by eight lengths. Sent to Saratoga for the Schuylerville Stakes, she again burned them off by five. For this is Harper's Corner--and suddenly that $23,000 Speightstown mare is hot property.



Harper's Corner | *Sarah Andrew*

She already compressed the usual ups-and-downs into her record. The Kantharos is now stakes-placed in Italy, while her son by More Than Ready was last seen breaking his maiden at Aqueduct; on the other hand, she had bad luck breeding the past two years. She is currently in New York, in foal to Mo Donegal, but playing the state-bred market may no longer suffice. They considered putting Toscana in a digital sale, and have weighed private approaches, but for now Perl's client is biding his time.

Regardless, Toscana is no flash in the pan. At the very sale where he found her, Perl also paid $11,000 for a Giant's Causeway mare. The following summer, her daughter Caitlinhergrtness (Omaha Beach) won the King's Plate. Just two days after the Schuylerville, moreover, Mi Bago (Vekoma) dead-headed for the GIII Kelso Stakes--so upgrading his dam Wabanaki (Indian Charlie), picked up in a digital sale in December 2024 for $45,000. ***Cont.***

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Sean Perl, cont.

Already that year Perl had turned round a young Curlin mare, culled by Godolphin in February for only $20,000. Her Nyquist half-sister promptly emerged as champion Immersive and Perl cashed her out in November for $325,000. Godolphin again proved a fertile draft, just weeks later, when he gave $9,000 for Dowager (A.P. Indy), meanwhile dam of multiple graded scorer Banishing (Ghostzapper).

"Obviously I can't control what's going to happen afterwards," Perl acknowledges. "I just kind of look for 'running' pedigrees and hope to get lucky, which you always need in this business. In my opinion, there's a thousand ways to lose, only one way to win. Everyone has their own ideas, their own ways of going about things. Speaking for myself, if something's worked for me, I go back to the well. If I've had success doing something, why switch it up? Sticking to what I know works, I feel comfortable putting skin in the game, whether for my own company or my clients."

But if that self-belief has been earned, plenty was required even to get started. Perl had to open every door himself. Growing up in South Florida, he took the industry program at the University of Arizona, meanwhile working Saratoga summers for Todd Pletcher plus Lexington and Florida sales with leading consignors. Though he initially took a white-collar path, reaching assistant racing secretary at NYRA, in 2017 Perl cut the chain to the desk.

"No one ever took me under their wing and said, 'Here's how you do this, how you do that,'" he says. "I had to take a little piece of everything and then do it my way, taking chances and swinging the bat. I left a six-figure salary, took 95 South from New York and said, 'Here I am.' Either I was going to make it, or I wasn't, but I didn't want to look up and see a ceiling over my head, in an office. I wanted to be where the sky's the limit."

He gratefully recognizes a debt to many people--starting with an acquaintance made in his previous job, who rang Perl on his way to OBS to say that he had just signed a $25,000 credit authorization. (The horse he was able to buy was aptly named First Opportunity.)

Thereafter collaborators like Barry Eisaman, Nick and Tristan de Meric, and Mike Maker all proved instrumental in Perl's initial success, their early belief enabling him to establish a platform to build towards the next level. Examples of his work with the de Merics include a $350,000 Bolt d'Oro filly found at Saratoga in 2022, sold on for $850,000 at OBS the following spring. More recently a $30,000 Constitution filly, at Fasig-Tipton last October, hoisted her Timonium value to $575,000.

"I needed to prove that I could do it: first to myself, and then everybody else," he says.



"There's obviously been speedbumps along the way. But I did know that if I wanted to play the major leagues, I had to be where it's all happening. Kentucky is horse capital of the world and, moving here, I wanted the clients supporting me to know that I was in the thick of it, looking after their investments."

Perl emphasizes that he relies entirely on referrals. "That means my business basically comes from success on the racetrack," he says. "Yes, it's tough without the Book 1 budget. But I'm not afraid to stand behind a horse out of those later books. It's more gratifying, if you can see something where somebody else might not. I used to be concerned about not having the support to buy what I liked. Fast forward to today, I don't have that pressure. Everybody wants to be part of success and, knock on wood, we've shown we can hit the ball.

"I don't depend on anybody. I don't have a staff of 20, or interns doing research. I seek out the pedigrees myself, at night, and next day go see whether the physical matches up. And then you say, 'Hey, for a certain price, this can make sense.'"

The portfolio has evolved. Starting in Florida, broodmares were hardly his launchpad. "But now it's all year, always a different facet," he says. "Now it's mares and weanlings, as well as racehorses and yearlings, it's matings, seasons, partnerships, everything. It doesn't stop. But it's just got better and better. I don't look back." ***Cont.***

Sean Perl, cont.

He continued: "I know there's always another day, another sale, another horse out there. And it's my job to find it.

"The way I look at it, I don't work a day in my life," he says. "As long as I can pay my bills, I'm happy to be here. I don't put pressure on myself. I love the game and I'm just glad to be part of it."

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NITROGEN, SANDMAN GET ONE MORE WORK IN *by Tim Wilkin*

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. – On his final day at Saratoga Race Course, Hall of Fame trainer Mark Casse had a little bit of business before closing out shop for the summer.

Casse leaves Saratoga on Thursday, bound for Kentucky Downs. On a raw, overcast Wednesday morning at the Spa, Casse sent two horses with fall goals out for their final Saratoga workouts.

One of them, **Nitrogen** (Medgalia d'Oro) has a lofty target as she is set to return to the Breeders' Cup. The other, **Sandman** (Tapit), continues on the comeback trail.

Both horses hit the main track just before 9 a.m. although they did not work together. ***Cont.***



Nitrogen works Wednesday | *Sarah Andrew*



Saratoga Notebook, cont.

Nitrogen, with Edwin Soto aboard, worked five furlongs in 1:00.46 (2/3) while Sandman and Reynaldo Dumont went the same distance in :59.88 (1/3).

Nitrogen, who departs this weekend for Kentucky, is being pointed to the GII Locust Grove Stakes at Churchill Downs on Sept. 12. Sandman will be headed for Belmont Park after the meet ends on Monday and will be pointed to an allowance race.



Sandman in his Wednesday work | *Sarah Andrew*

This was Nitrogen's second work since finishing second to Sovereignty (Into Mischief) in the GI Whitney Stakes on Aug. 8.

"She has been great," Casse said of last year's 3-year-old filly champ. "Obviously, from the beginning of the year, our goal has always been the Breeders' Cup. We are getting closer."

In all likelihood, Nitrogen will be running against her own gender in the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff, a race she finished second in last year. Casse does not think there will be much discussion of putting Nitrogen, owned by D J Stable LLC, in the GI Classic against the boys.

"The older boys are pretty good; they are tough," Casse said. "I am a Sovereignty believer. I would never say never but we would not have that discussion until after the next race."

The popular Sandman hasn't run since finishing third in the GIII Razorback Handicap at Oaklawn Park on March 28. He hasn't won a race since the 2025 GI Arkansas Derby. Wednesday was his second work at Saratoga after six works at Casse's training center in Ocala, Fla.

Owned by D J Stable LLC, St. Elias Stable, West Point Thoroughbreds and CJ Stables, the grey has three wins in 14 career starts.

"Today's breeze was the best I've ever seen him," Casse said. "I hope it tells me he is back to himself." ***Cont.***



Saratoga Notebook, cont.

"Breezing is one thing and running is another. I want to find a spot where, hopefully, he can win. He doesn't have a whole lot to prove. He is already a Grade I winner, and he has won $1 million."

Stat Wise, Cox Has Had Best Saratoga Meet of His Career

Trainer Brad Cox has had himself a summer at Saratoga Race Course. And not just because he won the GI Travers Stakes with 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' Leading Change (Gun Runner).

After Wednesday, the 46-year-old from Louisville comes into the final five days of the record 46-day Spa meet with the best numbers he has ever had. Cox has 21 wins, good for third place in the training standings behind Chad Brown (36) and Linda Rice (30).

Before this year, the most wins Cox had ever had during one Saratoga meet was 14. He did that in both 2023 and 2024.

"It's been a big, big meet," Cox said at his barn at the Oklahoma Training Track. "You never really know how it's going to go up here. I would not say we really target this meet, but we definitely paid more attention to it (this year)."



Brad Cox (left) in the Travers winner's circle | *Tod Marks*

Cox won the biggest race of the meet when Leading Change won the Travers at odds of 10-1. He also saddled Kentucky Belle (Justify) to win the GII Saratoga Oaks and Amberglen (Ire) (Night of Thunder {Ire}) to win the GIII Lake George.

He has had plenty of success with his 2-year-olds this summer. He has started 26 youngsters and has seven wins, five seconds and four thirds according to Equibase. ***Cont.***

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Saratoga Notebook, cont.

Two of his juveniles have dates in the final weekend. Angel of Kirk (Yaupon), who won her debut on July 11 by 4 3/4 lengths, runs in the GI Spinaway on Saturday. The Good Life (Life Is Good), a 3 1/2 length winner on July 18 when named a 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' is targeting the GI Hopeful Stakes on Sunday.

"I thought it was a good maiden," Cox said of The Good Life, who shipped back to Saratoga this week after working four times at Churchill Downs. "He gave us the confidence early on that he could be a Saratoga horse, and he was."

Of course, the biggest prize of the meet was the lightly raced Leading Change, who won the Travers in just his third career start. Cox had more established sophomores in fellow 'TDN Rising Star' Further Ado (Gun Runner), winner of the GI Blue Grass and GI Florida Derby champ Commandment (Into Mischief), but it was the rookie in the group that proved to be the star of the summer for Cox.

"I always felt this was the most talented horse of the group," Cox said. "They are all very good horses."

Moquett Won't Apologize for Hymn's Forego Win

Wednesday was getaway day for trainer Ron Moquett, who packed up his truck and pointed it towards Kentucky.

The horse that gave him his one shining moment at Saratoga this summer--Hymn (McKinzie)--was not going to be too far behind.

The 4-year-old Hymn, who has won four of his last five starts since being gelded, gave Moquett his first Saratoga win since 2018 when he won the GI Forego. Moquett's last Spa win also was in the Forego when Whitmore (Pleasantly Perfect) did it eight years ago. ***Cont.***



Hymn | *Sarah Andrew*



Saratoga Notebook, cont.

Hymn's win by three-quarters of a length brought joy to Moquett and jockey Ricardo Santana, Jr and the ownership group of Fleur De Lis Stables, William Sparks and Bret Jones, but it also came after the even-money favorite, Book'em Danno (Bucchero), did not run after being scratched.

"You've got to take that into consideration," Moquett said of the absence of last year's champion sprinter. "Book'em Danno is the champ until he is not the champ, that's the way I look at it. I hope Book'em Danno gets back healthy because racing is better when we have those horses around. Get well soon."

Moquett will not apologize for winning the Forego.

"We planned on running in that race and we did," he said. "We showed up against everybody who walked through the gates. We were not the favorite (third choice) but it worked out the way we all thought it would."

After getting his first graded stakes win in the Forego, Hymn could be seen next in the GII Phoenix Stakes at Keeneland on Oct. 2. The Forego was a 'Win and You're In' to the GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile at Keeneland on Oct. 31; the Phoenix is a 'Win and You're In' to the GI Breeders Cup Sprint the same day.

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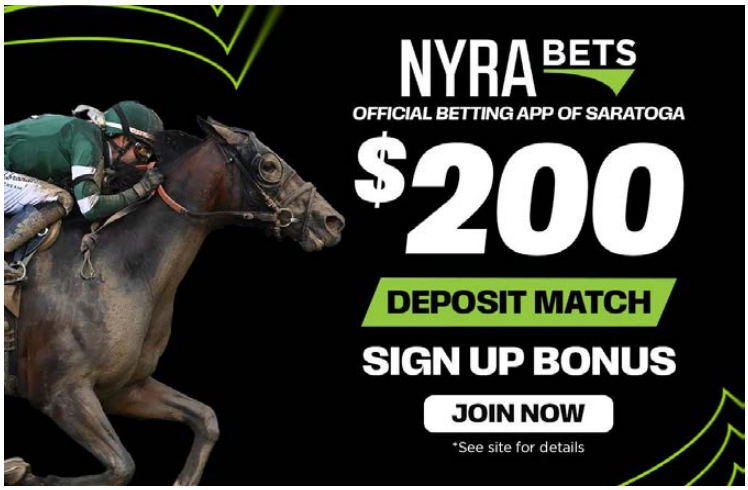

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SIX SPEEDY FILLIES FROM AUGUST 24-30

by Randy Moss

Three of this week's six fastest females wore the red-and-white silks of Klaravich Stable owner Seth Klarman, who invested in them wisely.

6. DONOR ADVISED, SAR, 8/30-4th, Allowance,
Beyer Speed Figure-92 (video)
(f, 4, Gun Runner--Toy Moon, by Malibu Moon)
O-Klaravich Stable. B-Chancey Mill Farm. T-Chad Brown. J-Manny Franco.

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Klarman and Brown capped their sensational weekend with this 8-1 score on Sunday, as Donor Advised made a strong return from a 13-month layoff. Gun Runner clearly had a major influence on her $350,000 yearling pricetag: her dam retired a seven-race maiden with a top Beyer of 67 and her three other foals to race have made $121,000 in 22 starts. But based on this 92 Beyer, she could be a great buy.

5. FOIE GRAS, CT, 8/28-8th, Pink Ribbon Stakes, 7 furlongs
Beyer Speed Figure--92 (video)
(f, 4, Volatile--Table Manners, by Algorithms)
O-Paradise Farm, P Shooter Stable and Emcee Stable. B-E H Beau Lane (Ky) . T-Mike Maker. J-Ricardo Santana, Jr.

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The $300,000 Pink Ribbon purse Friday night turned out to be easy pickings for 13-10 chalk Foie Gras, especially after graded photo finish losses at Churchill Downs to Eclatant (Into Mischief) and before that Usha (Tiz the Law) and Zeitlos (Curlin). This 7 1/2-length victory now gives her three wins, two seconds and a third in six starts for earnings of $375,000 since being acquired in December for $100,000 via the Fasig-Tipton December Digital sale.

4. KILWIN, SAR, 8/29-12th, GI Ballerina Stakes, 7 furlongs
Beyer Speed Figure--93 (2nd) (video)
(f, 4, Twirling Candy--Spanish Star, by Blame)
O-BBN Racing and Rick Howard. B-Gilder-Schwarz Farms (Ky). T-Rusty Arnold. J-Jose Ortiz.

Dam a Robert S. Keck Auction Recommendation/Purchase

Over the same track where she took the GI Test Stakes last summer despite a terrible stumble at the start, Kilwin again rallied from last to chase home Ways and Means (below) in her second start following a 10 1/2-month layoff due to persistent hind-end issues. ***Cont.***

Six Speedy Fillies, cont.

BBN Racing originally bought her as a yearling for $225,000 and supplemented her last fall into Keeneland November, coming up with a late plan to maintain a part ownership with Rick Howard, who signed the $3-million sales slip.

3. IN OUR TIME, KD, 8/29-7th, GI Kentucky Downs Ladies Turf Sprint, 6 1/2 furlongs (turf)
Beyer Speed Figure-98 (video)
(m, 5, Not This Time--Laura's Pleasure, by Cactus Ridge)
O-Resolute Racing and Miller Racing. B-Brian Kahn (Ky). T-Saffie Joseph, Jr. J-Micah Husbands.

A year ago at Kentucky Downs, In Our Time set the pace in the $2-million GIII Ladies Turf at a mile but couldn't finish with Special Wan (Ire) (Belardo {Ire}) and Segesta (Ghostzapper). Now retooled as a sprinter, she became a Grade I winner Saturday with a front-running 3 1/2-length score that left defending champ and even-money favorite Ag Bullet (Twirling Candy) among those in her wake. She had tipped her hand as to her current sharpness in Saratoga's GII Caress, where she dueled in ultra-hot fractions and still held gamely for third.



Ways and Means | *Sarah Andrew*

2. WAYS AND MEANS, SAR, 8/29-12th, GI Ballerina Stakes, 7 furlongs
Beyer Speed Figure--104 (video)
(m, 5, Practical Joke--Strong Incentive, by Warrior's Reward)
O/B-Klaravich Stable (Ky). T-Chad Brown. J-Flavien Prat.

This 'TDN Rising Star' presented by Hagyard has been virtually untouchable in New York, and Klarman's current plan is to give her one last attempt at a road victory in the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint at Keeneland and then auction her. She is a typically sensational 7-for-8 in New York but 0-for-5 elsewhere.

"She's a Saratoga specialist, so can she take her race over to Keeneland?" Brown mused. "She's never run there, so I can't promise you she will. That track has some similarities to Saratoga. At least she hasn't proven that she can't run a top one there."



Fully Subscribed | *Sarah Andrew*

1. FULLY SUBSCRIBED, SAR, 8/29-9th, GI Personal Ensign Stakes, 1 1/8 miles
Beyer Speed Figure--106 (video)
(f, 4, Tiz the Law--Sweetbaby, by Candy Ride (Arg))
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EASTHAM: FASIG-TIPTON DIGITAL PLATFORM 'THE PLACE TO MEET REGIONAL BREEDERS' *by J.N. Campbell*

In-person Thoroughbred sales are like a small town in that it's normal to run into the same individuals around the show ring. On a digital platform though the scope of interactions can multiply quickly, sometimes tenfold.

According to Tommy Eastham of Legacy Bloodstock, who regularly uses Fasig-Tipton's digital auctions and consigned the topper--**Little Miss Vivi** (Uncle Mo)--at the conclusion of Tuesday's August sale, establishing new relationships has become a welcome byproduct of the online process.

“I think Fasig-Tipton makes it a kinder and more flexible cash flow plan for farms and investors,” said Eastham. “If you have something that's got value or has a new update, you can liquidate horses in 30 days and get cash for them. That can help you recapitalize into things that better fit your program.”

Eastham said he has sold some 300 horses digitally and estimates that he doesn't know the names of probably 70% of those buyers.

“It's the first time that I've ever made contact with this person,” he said. “I might be selling a mare for a Kentucky client that is going to a regional home, but I've never met them as long as I've been doing this. The platform is the place to meet regional breeders. So, I think it's opened us up to a whole different population of buyers.”

The accurate flow of information has helped put trust into the model, but the logistics have also eased, said Eastham.

“Mares are the beast of burden in our game and anything we can do to make life better for them is a good thing,” he said. “Horses need routines and the digital sales help them stay put.”



Tommy and Wyndee Eastham of Legacy Bloodstock | *Sue Finley*

Little Miss Vivi (hip 42) is a case in point. The 8-year-old mare is in foal to Gunite and is based at Tommy Town Thoroughbreds in Versailles. She hit $280,000 and went to buyer Sobhy Sonbol.

“She's a beautiful mare and she was a unique opportunity,” said Eastham. “With her connection to Lovcen, who has won the first two legs of the Japanese Triple Crown, there were so many different international buyers that we were able to connect with recently. I haven't seen Sobhy [Sonbol] in about four or five years, but he's based in Egypt. It just goes to show the number of interests and people watching.”



What a Feeling (hip 41) | *Fasig-Tipton*

Legacy Bloodstock also sent five other horses through the August digital sale. Among them was 8-year-old broodmare **What a Feeling** (Yaupon). Taken home by Clancy Farms for $95,000, the dark bay (hip 41) is a half-sister to MGSW Imagination (Into Mischief), who is headed to stud at Mountain View Farm in New York for 2027.

“When Imagination hits New York, it's going to create excitement for sure,” said Eastham. “And that's an example of how regional breeders impact the market through these sales.”

The Legacy Bloodstock owner said he is an eternal optimist when it comes to the industry, but he added that the next couple of years will be extremely telling.

“I'd say that you are starting to see supply and demand shift back towards the breeder,” Eastham said. “There are more people getting into breeding and I'd say that it's going to have the potential for a successful year. We are starting to see more mares go back into production and that's good news for sure.”

What is also apparent is that another Fasig-Tipton digital sale continues to grow Thoroughbred sales in the 'small town'--both regionally and beyond.

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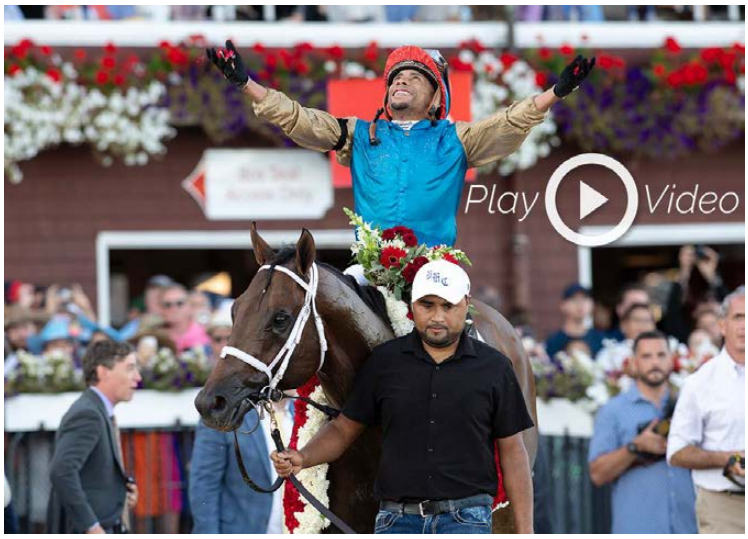
WATHNAN'S U.S. RACING MANAGER CASE CLAY JOINS TDN WRITERS' ROOM PODCAST

It's been a big year for Wathnan Racing, the racing operation founded in 2022 by Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al Thani, the Emir of Qatar, and it got even bigger last Saturday at Saratoga. Wathnan scored another major victory when the lightly raced 'TDN Rising Star' presented by Hagyard **Leading Change** (Gun Runner) won the GI DraftKings Travers Stakes. That no doubt put a smile on the face of the stable's U.S. Racing Manager Case Clay, who was this week's Gainesway Guest of the Week on the TDN Writers' Room Podcast, presented by Keeneland. During his segment, Clay talked not only about Wathnan's success but also his background, which included time spent as a standup comic.

To run Leading Change, also the winner of the GIII Indiana Derby, in such a tough race in just his third start signaled to some that the horse might not be ready for the assignment. But the Wathnan team was confident that their $800,000 Keeneland September purchase had the talent to make it to the winner's circle.

"It started with the confidence that Brad Cox had in Leading Change after the Indiana Derby," Clay said. "I was standing pretty near him when he was being interviewed after Leading Change won the Indiana Derby and the person interviewing asked, 'Are you thinking maybe Pennsylvania Derby?' And he said, 'or the Travers.' That made me turn my head a little bit and I thought 'that's a fun thing to think about.' If it weren't for Brad and his confidence in Leading Change, he might not have even been in the Travers. It was an unconventional idea but showed the confidence we had in the horse. Brad said, and quite rightly, that if he wins the race, he's going to have to win on talent and not seasoning. Fortunately, that's what he did."

After the victory, Cox surprised some when he said that the 2026 GI Breeders' Cup Classic may not be in the plans for Leading Change.



Sarah Andrew



Case Clay | *Sarah Andrew*

Clay said running in the Classic is not out of the question, but that they would likely go in another direction.

"I know it's a boring answer, but were not quite sure yet when it comes to the Breeders' Cup," Clay said. "I would say we are leaning away from the Classic this year, but nothing is set in stone. Things could change. Maybe he comes out of the race and the dust settles and he's just knocking down the doors. But looking at his 4-year-old year and all the important races that are out there for 4-year-olds, perhaps not butting heads with these really nice older horses this year is the best way to go. Maybe we will all get excited in a couple of weeks and decide to go for it. Who knows?"

The son of Robert Clay, the founder of Three Chimneys Farm, Case seemed destined to follow in his father's footsteps. And he did become the president and COO of Three Chimneys, but only after he chased his dream. Clay wanted to be a standup comic. He spent six years with iO Theater, an improv theater and training center in Chicago, and also had a stint at Second City. His goal was to make it onto the cast of Saturday Night Live. That didn't happen, but during his journey he made several lifelong friends, including Seth Meyers and Jason Sudeikis. He remains in touch with both.

"They're great friends," Clay said. "A lot of us who started out in Chicago are still very good friends. I can live vicariously through Seth and Jason. Each year for the Derby, I will get a a text from Seth. NBC asks some of these talk show hosts to make a Derby pick. Every year Seth asks me, 'Who should I pick?' This year it was (the Wathnan-owned) Commandment. That had to be my pick."

The "Fastest Horse of the Week" was the brilliant Englishman (Maxfield), the winner of the GI H. Allen Jerkens Memorial Stakes. The 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' earned a 117 Beyer Speed Figure. The Fastest Horse of the Week is sponsored by WinStar Farm. ***Cont.***

Case Clay on TDN Writers' Room, cont.



A Travers win gives everyone something to smile about
Sarah Andrew

Elsewhere on the podcast, which is also sponsored by the PHBA, 1/ST TV and West Point Thoroughbreds, the team of Randy Moss, Bill Finley, and Zoe Cadman reviewed the Travers day card and sung the praises of Leading Change and Englishman. They also talked about the letter sent by Churchill Downs to the FTC asking it to conduct an independent review of HISA and previewed this weekend's major races at Saratoga, Kentucky Downs and Del Mar.

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WEEKLY RULINGS

NATIONAL WEEKLY RULINGS AUG. 28 – SEPT. 2

Every week, the *TDN* posts a roundup of the relevant Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA)-related rulings from around the country.

The following rulings were reported on HISA's "rulings" portal and through the Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU)'s "pending" and "resolved" cases portals.

Resolved ADMC Violations

Dates: 09/01/2026
Licensee: Ricardo A. Murillo, trainer
Penalty: Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of $500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. Final decision of internal adjudication panel.
Explainer: Medication violation for the presence of Flunixin--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Byk, who won at Penn National on 4/16/26.

Dates: 08/28/2026
Licensee: Frank Lucarelli, trainer
Penalty: A written Reprimand (per 9/26/23 HISA Guidance).
Explainer: Vets' list medication violation for the presence of Omeprazole--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Mocktails Anyone on 7/20/26.

Dates: 08/28/2026
Licensee: Alfred Michael Vucolo, trainer
Penalty: A fine of $500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. Final decision of HIWU.
Explainer: Vets' list medication violations for the presence of Flunixin--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Joe Vittori on 7/3/26.

Dates: 08/27/2026
Licensee: Jose Camejo, trainer
Penalty: Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of $500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. Final decision of HIWU.
Explainer: Medication violation for the presence of Dexamethasone--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Glacial Power, who won at Belterra Park on 7/19/26.

Dates: 08/27/2026
Licensee: Ruben Fuentes, trainer
Penalty: Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of $500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. Final decision of HIWU.
Explainer: Medication violation for the presence of Phenylbutazone--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Facenda, who finished second at Canterbury Park on 7/4/26. ***Cont.***

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Weekly rulings, cont.

Pending ADMC Violations

09/01/2026, Angel A. Quiroz, trainer: Provisional suspension for pending out-of-competition medication violations for the presence of non-inhalation Albuterol--a banned substance--in samples taken from Scootaloo and Tepeyac on 8/10/26 and 8/13/26 respectively. Quiroz is also charged with allegedly violating two HISA racetrack safety program rules.

Read more about the story here.
Read more about Albuterol here.

09/01/2026, Norm Casse, trainer: Pending vets' list medication violation for the presence of Omeprazole--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Proctor Phantom on 8/5/26.

08/28/2026, Carla Gaines, trainer: Pending medication violation for the presence of Acepromazine--a class B controlled substance--in a sample taken from Can't Sleep, who finished second at Del Mar on 7/25/26.

Crop Violations

Colonial Downs
Sheldon Russell – reporting date August 29; $500 fine, one-day suspension

Delaware Park
Jesus M. Suarez – reporting date September 2; $500 fine, three-day suspension
Jorge F. Hernandez – reporting date September 1; $250 fine, one-day suspension
Barrington Bell – reporting date August 28; $250 fine, one-day suspension

Del Mar
Tyler Baze – reporting date August 29; $1,500 fine, three-day suspension, on appeal stay requested
Tyler Baze – reporting date August 28; $500 fine, two-day suspension, on appeal stay requested

Fairmount Park
Emmanuel Giles – reporting date August 28; three-day suspension

Thistledown
Brandon Tapara – reporting date August 31; $250 fine

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Keeneland Champion Sale Q&A, cont. from p1

SA: I don't think you'll ever see us having 50 entries at this sale. The idea is that it's a big celebration, it's a party, and we're going to sell some really unique items on the night of the party.

TL: It's a natural; we're a sales company, we're the host track, and we hold the largest breeding stock sale in the world here a few days after the Breeders' Cup. Internally, we've always tried to look at what we have done historically, at how we need to push the boundaries, and ask, `what's going to add to the market? What's going to add to the experience?' Because rather than just being transactional, we're looking at more experiential. It's giving people a pathway into potential ownership of a Breeders' Cup participant. Last year, Bentornato was a great example where Michael Iavarone bought a quarter-share for a million dollars and three days later he's picking up a trophy in the Breeders' Cup Sprint.



Bentornato winning the Breeders' Cup | *Horsephotos*

SF: How important is that spectacle to the whole process?

SA: The experience is what is the most important. The people want to be part of it. We want them to feel special and we want the opportunity to extend to them that hospitality that we've worked so hard on at Keeneland, making it a fun experience for them. There are a lot of people in our business who have really difficult, challenging jobs outside of this industry. They come to Keeneland to go to the races and to go to the sales as part of a way to enjoy themselves. And we really want to give them an experience they can't get anywhere else.

TL: As we built up the team and focused on customer service and that experiential piece, we saw this as a natural progression. I think it adds to the Breeders' Cup week with something new for the participants; there is an additive activity and it's proven to be really successful. ***Cont.***

Keeneland Champion Sale Q&A, cont.

TL: I think we all had that attitude of, all right, let's see where this takes us. So, it was a little bit of a leap of faith at the beginning but taking from experiences and other sales around the world that do something similar.

SA: And that allowed us to grab the bull by the horns and see where it went and it's going quicker than we expected. We're really excited about this year.

SF: Would you ever consider doing a Derby Week Championship Sale?

SA: Nothing's out of the question.



Courtesy Keeneland

SF: The first two years were at Del Mar, and now you're bringing it home to Lexington. I'm not going to ask you what's going to be different because obviously it's going to be very different being at Castleton, but what does it mean to you all to have it in Lexington?

SA: We're so excited to have it in Lexington. And I think our whole team assumed that when we came back to host the Breeders' Cup here at Keeneland, that we would also host the Championship Sale here at Keeneland. But as this opportunity presented itself to actually sell Castleton at the end of the night, we were really excited by the prospect after talking with Shane Ryan, because Castleton is one of the most iconic, beautiful farms I've ever set foot on. It's immaculately maintained. The landscaping is incredible. And we got more and more excited about opening it up to share that with more people, and Shane did as well.

TL: It is an incredible farm, but the historical piece of that and how it's been iconic, not just in Thoroughbred racing, but actually in Standardbreds and Saddlebreds is important, too. It's transcended these different disciplines seamlessly. John Breckinridge didn't set up a farm there to breed Thoroughbreds out of circumstance. They knew that was some of the best land in the world to raise a horse and it continues to be so. That belt of land in that area is the highest level of horse land in the world.

SF: How did the opportunity come about? What was the story behind that?

SA: We'd been talking to Shane (Ryan) about unique opportunities and history. It arose as a potential and we really were honored, first of all, that Shane would want us to be involved in the sale. Secondly, it's really exciting to be partnering with Bluegrass Sotheby's International Realty. Sotheby's sells real estate all over the world at the highest level. And being able to combine both of our brands, both of our resources, both of our networks, marketing possibilities and the contacts that we get to associate with as a result of this listing is fabulous.

TL: It has proven to be a very natural partnership. The teams work extremely well together. We stand for the highest of principles when it comes to auctioneering and the offering of high-end lots, whether that be equine or property or whatever. It has been a really exciting venture for all of us.

SF: It's such a unique listing, and there is a reserve set on it. How exactly will it work on the night of the auction?

SA: It will be the last lot to be offered and Ryan Mahan will conduct the auction. Everything up until that point, Sotheby's and Ken Donworth take care of. They are fielding all of the inquiries about the land, and they're showing the land. As you know, when you enter a real estate transaction, especially one of that size, there's a lot of due diligence that goes into the process before that sale actually happens. So I would not anticipate that the buyer of this farm will be raising their hand and showing interest for the first time on the night of the sale, but we do plan to auction it on the night of the sale and anticipate there will be a couple of interested parties at least there raising their hand.

SF: What have you learned from your past two years in doing this sale?

TL: I think it shows you what's possible once you push the boundaries from the norm. It takes a very skilled group of individuals to come together to be able to pull it off. From my perspective, we need to be seen to be more national if not international in the way we approach our business. ***Cont.***

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Keeneland Champion Sale Q&A, cont.

TL: Allowing us to be able to lift up what we do on a day-to-day basis here during a brick-and-mortar auction in the sales pavilion, to be able to do it on the Wednesday night before the Breeders' Cup, just before we start setting up, to bring the skill set and the technology and everything with us and being able to pull off probably one of the more exclusive events around the Breeders' Cup itself, I think is a testament to what is possible from this team.

SA: It has been fascinating to see which lots have been the most successful. Two years ago, we sold Pandora's Gift for $850,000. It was really fun to bring the international runner in and we will continue to look for more opportunities to do that. And having the stallion shares be offered, that's been really unique. The timing is different than it often is for that kind of offering, but it's been really popular and well received.



Tony Lacy and Shannon Arvin | *Keeneland*

TL: Selling the fractional interest in Flightline before the November sale in 2022, was something that was extraordinary.

SA: And enter Travis Boersma.

TL: It brought a new player to the table who wanted that experience. That example was something that fueled the creative juices, not only with us, but also Shane. That combined imagination led to this. And that's just one of the iterations I think might be possible as we go forward.

SF: It's too early to ask specifically what you're targeting for this year, but in general, what are you looking for?

SA: The most interesting ones to us are the ones that have Breeders' Cup connections where a lot can change with respect to their value in the four days after they're sold. And then also relations of those as well. We're just looking for something that might not otherwise be brought to the market at this time of year in particular.

TL: For a lot of people who spend a lot of money on horses, experiences like the Breeders' Cup are the events they want to be a part of. You could be fortunate or unfortunate enough not to have a horse running in one of the races. So having a pathway to where you're allowing somebody to invest in a participant opens up a whole new partnership potentially between a current owner of a horse and the bidder. I think it not only connects new people together, but also gives people the opportunity to be able to experience the Breeders' Cup itself. Because last year, we had Ted and Mary Nixon from Storyteller Racing, they bought a quarter of Mullikin and invested in the race participation and his future as a stallion. It allowed the new the partners to be able to dabble into the breeding side of things as well.

SF: In this sale, it's all kind of last minute because you don't know who's going to run in the Breeders' Cup or you don't know what stallion season is going to be really hot. How much stress does that add to the process? It all comes together in the last couple of weeks.

TL: It's going to come together in the end. And I talked to some of the people that are involved with other international sales that are similar, and to my surprise, actually they're like, `We didn't have any entries until two weeks before the sale.'

SA: We always know it will come together, but you're right, it's not something that you can plan months out.

TL: Again, you go back to the experiential and if we don't have the experience, a fun experience, it's only transactional. It's writing checks. That's not fun for anybody. We have to make sure that we understand what people want out of life. And I think as we've seen after COVID, more people are wanting that collective experience with their friends and family, and to do things that they probably were not doing before. It might have previously been aspirational, a bucket list thing, but now they're getting on with it.

SA: I think every industry is seeing that. That experiential piece has become so critically important and the way people want to spend their money. We saw Russell Wilson and Ciara win the maiden at Saratoga on Saturday with his family and that was amazing. He and his wife and kids, and they had just the most magical day. You can't pay for that. It's that magical. It's priceless. We want to provide those opportunities and experiences. ***Cont.***

Keeneland Champion Sale Q&A, cont.

TL: We've all felt the highs, but sometimes we've got to give people a taste of it before they understand what it's about. It's not just a sport, it's a social activity and it's a way to connect people of common interests. And sometimes, it brings families together. It's a way of celebrating something together. That's why partnerships and syndicates are so successful, because you find new friends; you get to enjoy an activity with common-minded people.

SF: You have mentioned some of the biggest successes, but what others have there been?

SA: John Sikura was able to buy a 20 percent interest in Thorpedo Anna for a million dollars.



Thorpedo Anna | *Horsephotos*

TL: A share in Cogburn brought $475,000 and brought Connie and Richard Snyder and their partners into a young stallion that they were very enthusiastic about. Larry Sarf bought into Pandora's Gift. It was great for the sellers because that was probably more than they could have expected and it allowed Mr. Sarf to be able to invest. He's had a lot of fun with her since. Gold Phoenix is a great one because for $125,000, Mark Martinez was able to buy in and he's been along a fun ride here the last couple of years. And again, it allowed Mark to become involved with Little Red Feather and you see his name popping up a little more often now. It's not just additive for us, but I think it's additive for the buyers and the sellers.

SF: Is there anything I haven't asked you that you'd like to say?

SA: I can't emphasize enough how excited we are to be a part of offering Castleton for sale. It's such an iconic, beautiful farm. For as long as it has been in existence, the Ryans are only the sixth owners. I know in talking to Shane how important the stewardship of that land is, how connected he is to it. And I know he's really hopeful of finding that next steward who will see over the next phase of that important land, that beautiful farmland in Lexington, Kentucky.

TL: I think it's important to recognize his father, because when Tony Ryan bought Castleton, it needed renovation. It needed some love, somebody to be able to bring it to the next level and give it a new character, a new life and new passion. Shane is based in Europe and he doesn't get here as often as he probably would like, and his family are not as engaged with the sport as he is or his father was. I think you have to give a lot of credit to Tony Ryan for investing in so much into bringing the farm to the current glory but also respecting the past and allowing it to shine as it was back through the generations.

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RANDY BOYD TO DELIVER KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT 2026 GLOBAL SYMPOSIUM ON RACING



Randy Boyd | *Univ. Of Arizona*

Randy Boyd, president of the University of Tennessee System and co-owner of Boyd Racing, will serve as the keynote speaker at the 2026 Global Symposium on Racing, Dec. 7–9 at Loews Ventana Canyon Resort in Tucson, according to a University of Arizona Race Track Industry Program (RTIP) release on Wednesday.

Boyd, an entrepreneur, sports owner and racing investor, is the founder of Boyd Racing, which he oversees with wife Jenny.

Randy Boyd at the Global Symposium, cont.

Boyd founded Knoxville-based Radio Systems Corporation in 1991 before founding Boyd Sports, which owns six Minor League Baseball teams, including the Knoxville Smokies.

Boyd, who has served as president of the University of Tennessee System since 2018, previously served as Tennessee commissioner of economic and community development.

Boyd is founder and chairman of tnAchieves, a nonprofit organization that has helped more than 200,000 students attend community college free of tuition and fees. The Boyds also established the Boyd Foundation in 2018 to support youth education, mental health, the arts and animal welfare.

"Randy Boyd brings a perspective that is particularly valuable to racing right now," said Robert Hartman, chair of the University of Arizona Race Track Industry Program. "He has built successful businesses, invested in sports and education, and is now investing in and building within Thoroughbred racing. That breadth of experience gives him a unique perspective that can challenge the industry to think differently."

The Global Symposium on Racing, hosted annually by the University of Arizona Race Track Industry Program, brings together hundreds of leaders from across the horse racing industry for three days of education, networking and discussion about the future of the sport. For registration and additional information, visit racingSymposium.com.

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MULTIPLE GRADED STAKES WINNER THOUSAND WORDS TO STAND IN OHIO

Multiple graded stakes winner **Thousand Words** (Pioneerof the Nile--Pomeroys Pistol, by Pomeroy) has been relocated from Spendthrift Farm to Duncan Farms in Warsaw, Ohio, according to a farm release on Wednesday.



Sally, Daryl and Rachel Duncan | *Courtesy Duncan Farms*

Thousand Words's stud fee for 2027 will be set at $3,000 live foal.

Purchased for $1 million at the 2018 Keeneland September Sale as a yearling, the Bob Baffert trainee won his first three career starts, including the GII Los Alamitos Futurity at two followed by his sophomore opener in the GIII Robert B. Lewis Stakes at Santa Anita. In 2020, he also won Del Mar's Shared Belief Stakes and finished runner-up in the GIII Los Alamitos Derby.

He retired with four wins from nine career starts and earnings of $327,500.

"After researching Thousand Words career and some of his roughish behavior, it doesn't sound like the horse we have here. The good ones grow out of that type of behavior," stated Daryl Duncan, who operates the 200-acre farm with his wife Sally. "From the moment the stallion groom led him out at Spendthrift to settling in down in Dominus' old stall, he has been nothing but a sweetheart. He loves being brushed and made over."

What struck Duncan about the pricey yearling when first laying eyes on him?

"Just his mass," he said. "He has a beautiful shoulder, wide front and he's big boned--for a big horse he's so well balanced."

Thousand Words entered stud in 2021 at Spendthrift Farm in Lexington, Kentucky. Through three crops of racing age, the third-crop sire ranks #16 with 110 runners, 50 winners and $1.74 million in earnings through mid-August 2026.

Ranked as a *TDN* 2026 Value Sire, Duncan believes that Thousand Words will have an early impact on the Ohio program.

"His first crop produced 21 juvenile winners and five of his eighth black-type runners are 2-year-olds," he said. "He has shown a mark of consistency."

He continued, "We'll be supporting him and already have purchased two mares in foal to him and have a good-looking weanling, and we are looking for others that will fit. We recently purchased mares by Congrats and Union Rags to breed to him and intend to be active at the upcoming sales in Kentucky. We've already had interest from several top Ohio breeders and a woman from Florida is sending up an Into Mischief mare."

In addition to three-time Ohio Champion stallion Dominus, Duncan Farms has been home to two other state champion sires Mobil and Cowtown Cat. The operation also stands Corfu and Air Strike.

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ANDY PINTO NAMED TRF CFO, PAT STICKNEY-COMPAGNA RETIRES



Andy Pinto | *Courtesy of TRF*

The Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation (TRF) has named Andy Pinto as the TRF's new Chief Financial Officer, the aftercare organization announced in a release Wednesday. Pinto will be moved into the position with the retirement of long-time CFO Pat Stickney-Compagna.

"Pat has been an invaluable part of the TRF team, and we are incredibly grateful for her dedication to this organization and to the horses and people we serve," said TRF Executive Director Maggie Sweet. "Her thoughtful leadership and commitment to sound financial management have helped strengthen the foundation from which the TRF continues to grow. We wish Pat all the very best as she begins this next chapter."

Pinto has a background in accounting, finance, strategic risk management, operational improvement, and organizational leadership.

"Andy brings extensive financial experience and a thoughtful strategic perspective to the TRF," continued Sweet.

"We are excited to welcome him to the organization and look forward to the leadership he will bring as we continue building a strong future for the TRF."

Pinto added: "I am honored to join the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation and excited to be part of a team with such a strong history and dedicated staff. I look forward to getting to know the people who make the TRF so special and working alongside the board and staff to strengthen the organization's financial foundation. I am grateful for the opportunity to bring my experience in finance, strategic planning, and organizational leadership to help position the TRF for continued growth and long-term success."

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TDN THOROUGHBRED DAILY NEWS GRADED STAKES ENTRIES

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Saturday, 9/5, Saratoga #11, post time: 5:45 p.m. EDT

SPINAWAY S.-GI, $300,000, 2yo, f, 7f

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

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Bandmaster	Enticed	Nova Stables and Anderson II, William A.	Barrera III	Lezcano	122
2	Summer Starlet	City of Light	BC Stables, Wattswood Stables, Albritton, Bob, Graham, Jay and Baggett, David	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	122
3	Cha Cha Baby	Highly Motivated	LC Racing, LLC	Reid, Jr.	Sanchez	122
4	Stress Relief	Not This Time	Joel Politi	LaRose	Alvarado	122
5	Girvy Girl	Girvin	Schurman, James, Braverman, Paul, Corrado, Mark and Ciuffetelli, Albert	Joseph, Jr.	Husbands	122
6	Harper's Corner	Speaker's Corner	Charles L. Biggs	Lynch	Lopez	122
7	Angel of Kirk	Yaupon	Greenwell Thoroughbreds	Cox	Franco	122
8	Life Changing	Life Is Good	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Prat	122

Breeders: 1-Bob Novak Nova Stables & WilliamAnderson Clearbrook Farm LLC, 2-Newstead Corp, 3-Rusty Roberts, 4-Joel Roger Politi, 5-Brunacini Stables Inc., 6-Bishop Racing, Inc., 7-BWB Bloodstock, LLC, 8-Jamm, LTD.

This race has attracted a quality group and it's very hard to separate the top contenders. Considering that the betting public is likely to jump on a pair of 'TDN Rising Stars, presented by Hagyard' in **Summer Starlet** (City of Light) and **Life Changing** (Life Is Good), you might get a little bit of value on **Harper's Corner** (Speaker's Corner), who romped in the Schuylerville Stakes. That she hails from a lesser-known barn will help with the price and she looks, on paper, to be every bit as good as anyone in this field. Impossible to knock the Todd Pletcher-trained Life Changing, who could not have looked better in her debut when winning by seven lengths in a fast time. Trained by Steve Asmussen, Summer Starlet was also a flashy winner in her debut. But why was she dismissed at 15-1?
--Bill Finley

Saturday, 9/5, Del Mar #10, post time: 9:00 p.m. EDT

DEL MAR DEBUTANTE S.-GI, $300,000, 2yo, f, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Panda Listen	Tiz the Law	Emcee Stable LLC	Walsh	Kimura	124
2	Dear Diary	Into Mischief	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Mandella	Smith	120
3	Avalon Rose	Rock Your World	T and A Racing, White Fence, Avansino, James, Buckendorf, Larry, Harringer, Tyler, McCarty, Richard, Stephen, Robert and Underhill, Peter G.	Hess, Jr.	Leparoux	120
4	Crazy Hot Mess	Pinehurst	McMillan, Michael and Bryner, Raymond C.	Miller	Rosario	124
5	Free Closer	Pavel	Reddam Racing LLC	McCarthy	Rispoli	124
6	For the Win	Drain the Clock	Black Type Thoroughbreds, Brunetti Dugan Stables, Swinbank Stables LLC, Adkisson, Steve & Andrew	Weaver	Jaramillo	122
7	Well Versed	Into Mischief	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Mandella	Baze	120
8	Holmby	Corniche	By Talla Racing LLC	Baffert	Gonzalez	124
9	Miss Monica	Early Voting	Pegram, Michael, Watson, Karl and Weitman, Paul	Baffert	Hernandez	124
10	Fast Amy	Jackie's Warrior	King, Brad, Cone, Jim, Andrews, Randy, B4 Farms, & Lewis, R. Lee	Walsh	Berrios	124

Breeders: 1-Smokin C LLC, 2-Spendthrift Farm, LLC, 3-Mamakos Thoroughbred LLC, 4-Erick Alexander Torres, 5-Reddam Racing, LLC, 6-Steve Long Thoroughbreds, 7-Spendthrift Farm, LLC, 8-40 Acre Farm LLC, 9-Doug Branham & Felicia Branham &Pippa's Hurricane LLC, 10-Tall Oaks Farm

As one might expect, Bob Baffert has dominated this race, winning it 12 times. Baffert sends out two and the better of the pair appears to be 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Miss Monica** (Early Voting). She ran off the screen in her well-bet debut and J.J. Hernandez has chosen her over stablemate **Holmby** (Cornice). **Panda Listen** (Tiz the Law) no doubt faced soft competition when winning a race for Ohio-breds last out at Thistledown, but she was impressive, was a $200,000 OBS purchase and her Beyer figure from that race suggest that she won't be in over her head in this spot. You might want to take a second look ar **Dear Diary** (Into Mischief). A maiden, on paper, it appears that she has no chance, but why has Mike Smith chosen to ride her over **Well Versed** (Into Mischief), who appears to be the faster, better filly? --*Bill Finley*

Saturday, 9/5, Kentucky Downs #8, post time: 5:36 p.m. EDT
NASHVILLE DERBY INVITATIONAL S.-GII, $3,000,000, 3yo, 1 5/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Royal Causeway	Not This Time	Gervais Racing LLC	Stewart	Torres	120
2	Royal Guard	Essential Quality	FMQ Stables, Inc.	Cox	Geroux	120
3	Glacius (GB)	Too Darn Hot (GB)	V. I. Araci	Palmer	Saez	124
4	Caroline St. Beat	Tiz the Law	Madaket Stables LLC and Bouchey, Steven	Clement	Gaffalione	120
5	Versailles Road	Quality Road	Bridlewood Farm, Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and LaPenta, Robert V.	Pletcher	Velazquez	120
6	Causeway (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Tabor, Michael B., Smith, Derrick & Magnier, Mrs. John	O'Brien	Moore	122
7	Fuzzbuster	Tiz the Law	BBN Racing, LLC	Oliver	Gutierrez	120
8	Fancy Sailor	Justify	Raroma Stable LLC	Lynch	Hernandez, Jr.	120
9	Gostam (Ger)	Saxon Warrior (Jpn)	Darius Racing and Motschmann, Michael	Wohler	Fresu	122
10	Go Grey	Knicks Go	David Staudacher	Maker	Ortiz	120
11	Nil Bua Gan Dua	American Pharoah	A K Whelan/Reeves Thoroughbred Racing	O'Brien	Curtis	120
12	Blackmail	Not This Time	Gary Barber	Casse	Castellano	120

Breeders: 1-Swifty Farms, Inc., 2-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding, 3-V. I. Araci, 4-Lawrence Goichman, 5-Bonne Chance Farm LLC, 6-Coolmore, 7-Cobra B'stock/Lynch Bages LTD, 8-Raroma Stable LLC, 9-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof, 10-Frankfort Park Farm, 11-Thor-Bred Stables, LLC, 12-Don Alberto Corporation

Even though those bred outside of Kentucky race for less money than their rivals from the Bluegrass State, the Europeans look like they might dominate this race. The pick is **Causeway (Ire)** (Wootten Bassett {GB}), based primarily on the notion that Aidan O'Brien must be coming here for a reason. He has made just one prior start at Kentucky Downs, but now shows up with a quality horse who is a Group 2 winner and is 5-for-7 lifetime. It is a bit of a concern that he didn't lift his feet when last in the G1 Grand Prix de Paris, but the superstar trainer wouldn't be coming here if he didn't think this colt was going to rebound. The horse he has to beat is the U.K.-based **Glacius (GB)** (Too Darn Hot {GB}), who is coming off a wire-to-wire win in the GI Saratoga Derby. It's worth noting that Luis Saez took off 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' Life Changing (Life Is Good), the likely favorite in the GI Spinaway Stakes, to stick with this colt. **Go Grey** (Knicks Go) needs to step it up to have any chance here, but Mike Maker has proven time and time again that he can move mountains when it comes to these horses he claims at the $50,000 to $100,000 level. --*Bill Finley*

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Saturday, 9/5, Kentucky Downs #7, post time: 4:56 p.m. EDT

KENTUCKY TURF CUP INV S.-GII, $2,000,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Tiffany (Ire)	Farhh (GB)	Elite Racing 004	Prescott	Morris	123
2	Desvio	Yoshida (Jpn)	Stonelea Stable LLC and Bonnie Rye Stable	Meyers	Velazquez	124
3	Dresden Row	Lord Nelson	Twin Oaks Bloodstock LLC	Pletcher	Gaffalione	124
4	Eff Thirty Five	Yoshida (Jpn)	The Elkstone Gro up LLC	Maker	Fresu	122
5	Layabout	Laoban	Kevin M. Doyle	Biancone	Asmussen	124
6	Ethical Diamond (Ire)	Awtaad (Ire)	H O S Syndicate	Mullins	Moore	126
7	Burnham Square	Liam's Map	Whitham Thoroughbreds LLC	Wilkes	Hernandez, Jr.	126
8	Ole Crazy Bone	Ghostzapper	Flying P Stable	Maker	Ortiz	124
9	Echo Lane	Treasure Beach (GB)	Anthony Rogers	Crichton	Saez	122
10	Fort George (GB)	Territories (Ire)	Mrs. Fitriani Hay	Walker	Spencer	124

Breeders: 1-Elite Racing Club, 2-Eliza St George & Lee Mauberret, 3-TCR Ranch, 4-Equivine Farm, LLC, 5-Newbyth Stud, 6-Mr W. J. Kennedy, 7-Whitham Thoroughbreds, LLC, 8-Adena Springs, 9-Echo Lane Of Ocala, LLC, 10-K. A. Bartlett & J. M. Beever

The former jumper **Ethical Diamond (Ire)** (Atwaad {Ire}) returns to the U.S. for the first time since his scintillating win in last year's GI Breeders' Cup Turf. He hasn't done much since, but did show some life when grinding out a narrow win last time out in a Group 3 race in Ireland. Maybe he just likes it better on this side of the Atlantic. **Burnham Square** (Liam's Map) has been one of the best turf horses in the U.S. this year and is riding a four-race win streak that includes the GI Arlington Million. But he hasn't been nearly as overpowering in his last two starts as he was in the GII Elkhorn Stakes and the GIII Louisville Stakes. **Tiffany (Ire)** (Farhh {GB}) beat the boys last out in a Group 1 event in Germany. She's been either first or second in 15 of her 18 career starts. --*Bill Finley*

Saturday, 9/5, Kentucky Downs #6, post time: 4:21 p.m. EDT

KENTUCKY DOWNS TURF SPRINT S.-GII, $1,750,000, 3yo/up, 6fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Troubleshooting	Not This Time	Donamire Farm	Foley	Gaffalione	125
2	We're in Trouble	World of Trouble	Colbart Stables and Colvin, Richard A.	McCarthy	Hazlewood	121
3	Mondogetsbuckets	Omaha Beach	Town and Country Racing LLC	Block	Geroux	121
4	Beach Gold	Omaha Beach	JSM Equine LLC	Biancone	Asmussen	121
5	Quereme Pass (Arg)	Distinctiv Passion	Lugamo Racing Stable LLC and Iavarone, Michael	D'Angelo	Saez	121
6	Possiblemente	Tale of Ekati	T and E Racing	Sharp	Ortiz	123
7	Usually Wrong	Lookin At Lucky	Selman Shaby	Diodoro	Franco	121
8	Okiro	Yoshida (Jpn)	Yutaka Enterprises Corp.	Garoffalo	Bravo	121
9	Golden Afternoon	Goldencents	Greco, Eddie, Greco, Pat, Jaffe, Scott, Cloonan, Michael P. and Vaccarezza Racing LLC	Vaccarezza	Torres	121
10	My Boy Prince	Cairo Prince	Gary Barber	Casse	Velazquez	123
11	John the Beer Man	More Than Ready	Caruso, Michael J. and Dubb, Michael	Atras	Carmouche	123
12	Durante	Distorted Humor	David Jacobson	Jacobson	Castellano	123
Also Eligible						
13	Let My People Go	Pioneerof the Nile	David Staudacher	Maker	Fresu	121
14	Anmer Hall	Palace Malice	MM Wilkes Racing LLC	Eurton	Fresu	121

Breeders: 1-Donamire Farm, 2-Hedberg Hall, Inc, 3-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC, 4-JSM Equine, LLC, 5-El Alfalfar, 6-Charles Fipke, 7-BG Stables & Selman Shaby, 8-Burleson Farm & McKenzie Bloodstock, 9-Alexander-Groves Thoroughbreds, 10-Murray Graham Smith, 11-Phipps Stable, 12-William Humphries & Altair Farms, LLC, 13-Merriebelle Stable, LLC &Pioneerof the Nile Syndicate, 14-Schiano Racing Inc.

John the Beer Man (More Than Ready) set sizzling fractions in the GII Troy Stakes at Saratoga, but still held on gamely for the win. Has thrived since arriving in the Rob Atras barn. Must avoid a speed duel with **Quereme Pass (Arg)** (Distinctiv Passion). **Usually Wrong** (Lookin At Lucky) has never proven that he can win in graded company, but it's hard to ignore a horse that is 10-for-15 lifetime and has run some huge Beyer figures. Finding horses that have proven they can handle the quirky course at Kentucky Downs is never a bad thing, and **Troubleshooting** (Not This Time) won last year's GI Franklin Simpson Stakes here. The knock is that has not won since. --*Bill Finley*

Saturday, 9/5, Kentucky Downs #9, post time: 6:11 p.m. EDT
KENTUCKY DOWNS LADIES TURF S.-GII, $1,500,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Bless the Broken	Laoban	Qatar Racing LLC, Mountmellick Farm and Hunter Valley Farm	Cox	Geroux	122
2	Classic Q	Classic Empire	Barber, Gary, Blue Crevalle Racing and Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Casse	Velazquez	126
3	Vive Veuve	Collected	Carl R. Moore Management, LLC	Sharp	Ortiz	122
4	Hang the Moon	Uncle Mo	Twin Oaks Bloodstock	Joseph, Jr.	Husbands	122
5	Fast Market	Volatile	Hit The Bid Racing Stable	Terranova II	Gaffalione	124
6	Princesa Moche (Per)	Muwaary (GB)	Rancho San Roberto, Inc.	O'Neill	Bravo	124
7	Rashmi	Oscar Performance	Augustin Stables	Thomas	Saez	124
8	Buttercream Babe	Twirling Candy	Three Diamonds Farm	Arnold II	Concepcion	122

Breeders: 1-Cypress Creek Equine, LLC, 2-Winning Bloodstock, 3-Speedway Stables LLC, 4-Repole Stable Inc, 5-Breed First LLC, 6-Haras Los Azahares, 7-George Strawbridge Jr., 8-Repole Stable, Inc

Brad Cox knows what he's doing and, besides the huge purse, he must have his reasons for running **Bless the Broken** (Laoboan) here despite the fact she's never run on the grass. He must have seen something he liked in those three turf works at Saratoga. **Classic Q** (Classic Empire) has been a much better horse since Team Casse changed gears and decided to let her flaunt her speed again. She's a classy filly who is coming off a win in the GI Just A Game Stakes. Will need to work out a trip as there is other speed in here. **Hang the Moon** (Uncle Mo) ran the best race she has turned in in a while when running second in the restricted De La Rose Stakes behind a repeat winner. --*Bill Finley*

Saturday, 9/5, Kentucky Downs #10, post time: 6:49 p.m. EDT
MUSIC CITY S.-GII, $1,500,000, 3yo, f, 6 1/2fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Cy Fair	Not This Time	Medallion Racing, Swinbank Stables, Platts, Joey and Stanton, Mark	Weaver	Velazquez	124
2	Quiet Street	Street Boss	Godolphin, LLC	Mott	Kingsley	120
3	Ground Support	Army Mule	NBS Stable	Danner	Beschizza	122
4	Green Sense (Ire)	Starman (GB)	Boyd Racing LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Husbands	122
5	Light Won Up	City of Light	Purple Rein Racing and Davis, Mark D.	O'Neill	Fresu	120
6	Lion Lake (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Emcee Stable LLC	Walsh	Gaffalione	122
7	Somerset West	Kantharos	Keith Abrahams	Sadler	Saez	122
8	Percy's Bar	Upstart	Hat Creek Racing	Colebrook	Machado	124
9	Final Accord	War of Will	Barber, Gary and Deutsch, Peter	Casse	Concepcion	122
10	Sapphire Beach (Ire)	No Nay Never	Three Diamonds Farm	Arnold II	Ortiz	120
11	Coco Connect	Connect	BSF Equine Athlete, LLC	Ennis	Morales	120
12	Cadenza	Charlatan	Stonestreet Stables LLC	Cox	Geroux	120

Also Eligible

13	French Friction	City of Light	D. J. Stable LLC	Casse	Torres	120
14	Essential Lady	Essential Quality	Ranlo Investments LLC	Thomas	Velazquez	120
15	Triskelion	Leinster	Amy E. Dunne	Arnold II	Saez	120
16	Just a Minute	Not This Time	G. Watts Humphrey, Jr.	Oliver	Gutierrez	120

Breeders: 1-Marc Keller, 2-Godolphin, 3-Champion Equine, LLC, 4-N. Hartery, 5-Betz Thoroughbreds/J.Betz/DJStables/Epona/Lamantia, 6-Camas Park, Lynch Bages & Summerhill, 7-Keith Abrahams, 8-Brereton C. Jones, 9-Robert Hoeweler, 10-Mr Charlie Brooks, 11-Woods Edge Farm, LLC, 12-KMN Racing, LLC, 13-Siena Farms LLC, 14-Randall E. Lowe, 15-Ashbrook Farm, Amy E. Dunne & Ciaran G.Dunne, 16-Camas Park Stud

'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Cy Fair** (Not This Time) has something to prove here since she's untested at this distance, but she's a terrific filly who is in great form. Hard to take a stand against her. **Cadenza** (Charlatan) was no match for Cy Fair in the GIII Coronation Cup, but you can make a case that she is better suited to this distance than her rival. **Green Sense (Ire)** (Starman {GB}), who has been campaigning in Europe, hasn't been in great form of late, but she wouldn't be the first horse to show new life in their first start for Saffie Joseph, Jr. --*Bill Finley*

Saturday, 9/5, Saratoga #2, post time: 12:38 p.m. EDT

WITH ANTICIPATION S.-GIII, $225,000, 2yo, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Howard's Hope	Karakontie (Jpn)	Barry K. Schwartz	De Paz	Lezcano	122
2	Liam's Law	Colonel Liam	Low, Lawana L. and Robert E.	Pletcher	Santana, Jr.	122
3	High Official	Not This Time	Low, Lawana L. and Robert E.	Pletcher	Prat	122
4	Bold Leadership	Not This Time	Repole Stable and St. Elias Stables LLC	Pletcher	Franco	120
5	Perfect Dream	Corniche	Anthony Fontana	Delgado	Sutherland	122

Breeders: 1-Stonewall Farm, 2-Ocala Stud, 3-Robert E. Low & Lawana L. Low, 4-Summer Wind Equine LLC, 5-Andrew N. Warren

Disappointing that a stakes race for 2-year-olds on the grass would draw a field of just five. Todd Pletcher will send out three of the five starters and there's reason to believe that the stable feels that **High Official** (Not This Time) is the best of the three. Flavien Prat likely could have ridden any of the three and chose this one. The colt is out of Sweet Melania (American Pharoah), who won three graded stakes on the grass. Pletcher's trio could easily run one-two-three as **Bold Leadership** (Not This Time) and **Liam's Law** (Colonel Liam) both have strong credentials. The knock on Liam's Law is not just that Prat hops off, but that he stole the race last time out, getting away with slow fractions while leading throughout. --*Bill Finley*





Saturday, 9/5, Woodbine #8, post time: 4:48 p.m. EDT

HPIBET SINGSPIEL S.-GIII, C$175,000, 3yo/up, 1 3/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Jokestar	Practical Joke	Al and Bill Ulwelling	Attard	Flores	124
2	Mesero	Not This Time	CJ Thoroughbreds and Delia Nash	Romans	Hernandez	122
3	Junipero Serra	Noble Mission (GB)	Bruno Schickedanz	Cheung	Samuel	122
4	Tomasello 122	Authentic	Ironhorse Racing Stable LLC & T-N-T Equine Holdings LLC		Casse	Wilson
5	Magna Time	Not This Time	Al and Bill Ulwelling	Attard	Reyes	121
6	Side Street	Kitten's Joy	Chiefswood Stables Limited	Halden	Campos	122
7	Swift Delivery 121	Not This Time	Gary Barber, Team Valor International, LLC, Travis Kelce, Bruce Zoldan, and Steven Rocco		Casse	Maragh
8	Dancin in Da'nile 121	Pioneerof the Nile	Ralph R. Murray, John Menar,, Gail Cox, & Michael Balaz		Cox	Moran
9	English Actor	English Channel	Chiefswood Stables Limited	Halden	Aebly	124
10	Coburg	Uncle Mo	Chiefswood Stables Limited	Smullen	Munger	119

Breeders: 1-Al Ulwelling & Bill Ulwelling, 2-Delia Nash, 3-Team Valor International & Gary Barber, 4-Barry Becker & Judith Becker, 5-Al Ulwelling & Bill Ulwelling, 6-Chiefswood Stables Limited, 7-Hunt-Steeple Hill, 8-Sam-Son Farm, 9-Chiefswood Stables Limited, 10-Rigney Racing, LLC

Saturday, 9/5, Del Mar #7, post time: 7:30 p.m. EDT

DEL MAR JUVENILE TURF S.-GIII, $100,000, 2yo, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Cosmic Charlie	Bolt d'Oro	Tumanjan, Jeanne and Meathe, William	Mullins	Leparoux	120
2	Itinerary	Quality Road	Bridlewood Farm, Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, LaPenta, R, Warren, Suzanne & Warren, Jr., William	McCarthy	Rispoli	120
3	Observed	Mandaloun	Bridlewood Farm, Eclipse Tbrd Prtnrs & LaPenta, R	Thomas	Hernandez	120
4	Golden Sentry	Halladay	Devereaux, Mark and Gross, F. Scott	Gaines	Kimura	122
5	Shadow Nation (Ire)	Sioux Nation	Slugo Racing, Tiger Racing, Inc. and Warren, Craig	Puype	Rosario	122
6	Dang Son	Good Magic	Calumet Farm	O'Neill	Jaramillo	122
7	Hoaxer	Charlatan	Pegram, Michael, Watson, Karl and Weitman, Paul	Baffert	Gonzalez	120
8	Off in the Corner	Karakontie (Jpn)	Altamira Racing Stable	Miller	Berrios	122
9	Automatic Press	Vekoma	Starry Night Racing and Malmstrom, Brent J.	Miller	Baze	120
10	Missed Fortune	Pavel	Pay2Day Thoroughbreds LLC	Papaprodromou	Maldonado	120

Breeders: 1-Mulholland Springs LLC, 2-Turner Breeders LLC, 3-Hartwell Farm Inc., 4-Mark Devereaux & Scomar Enterprises, LLC, 5-Cottage Bloodstock, 6-Claiborne Farm, 7-Douglas Scharbauer, 8-Newstead Stables LLC, 9-Newtownanner Stud Farm, 10-Reddam Racing, LLC

Hoaxer (Charlatan) is a maiden who had a terrible trip when third in his debut, yet still closed like a rocket to get up for third. Unusual to see Bob Baffert opt for the turf with one of his 2-year-olds, but this one can run. That said, there's a huge red flag: what's up with J.J. Hernandez apparently taking off this one to ride **Observed** (Mandaloun)? Maybe he'll be proven right as Observed is coming off a maiden win at Horseshoe Indianapolis at 7 1/2 furlongs, making him a proven commodity at this distance. 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Shadow Nation (Ire)** (Sioux Nation) won by 6 1/2 lengths in his debut and was heavily bet that day. A serious contender. --*Bill Finley*



Sunday, 9/6, Del Mar #4, post time: 6:00 p.m. EDT

DEL MAR FUTURITY-GI, $300,000, 2yo, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Phone Booth	Pavel	Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Rispoli	122
2	High Pronto	Hightail	Calumet Farm	O'Neill	Kimura	120
3	Dang Son	Good Magic	Calumet Farm	O'Neill	Jaramillo	122
4	Hughes	Into Mischief	Front Row Club LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Bashor Racing LLC, Albaugh Family Stables, LLC, Robert E. Masterson, Golconda Stable, Waves Edge Capital LLC, and Catherine Donovan	Baffert	Hernandez	124
5	Domus	Uncle Mo	Baoma Corp	Baffert	Fresu	124

Breeders: 1-Reddam Racing, LLC, 2-Crystal Lanum, 3-Claiborne Farm, 4-Breffni Farm, 5-Baoma Corp

Sunday, 9/6, Saratoga #10, post time: 5:19 p.m. EDT

SPENDTHRIFT FARM HOPEFUL S.-GI, $300,000, 2yo, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	The Good Life	Life Is Good	WinStar Farm LLC, First Go Racing and CHC, Inc.	Cox	Franco	122
2	High Official	Not This Time	Lawana L. and Robert E. Low	Pletcher	Castellano	122
3	Booked	Yaupon	Jackpot Farm, Alvin Fults, Jason Itkin, & Michael D. Smith	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	122
4	Flight Command	Flightline	LSU Stables	Rodriguez	Velazquez	122
5	Midnight Still	Curlin	Double Down Horse Racing	LaRose	Alvarado	122
6	Constant Force	McKinzie	Elena Racing	Avila	Davis	122
7	Lifesong	Life Is Good	WinStar Farm LLC, First Go Racing and CHC, Inc.	Walden	Concepcion	122
8	Mystrix	Good Magic	Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, Pine Racing Stables, Legendary Thoroughbreds and Belmar Racing and Breeding, LLC	Gargan	Carmouche	122

Breeders: 1-WinStar Farm, LLC, 2-Robert E. Low & Lawana L. Low, 3-Peace Of Heaven Thoroughbreds, 4-Machmer Hall, Carrie Brogden & CraigBrogden, 5-Summer Wind Equine LLC, 6-C. Kidder & N. Cole, 7-WinStar Farm, LLC, 8-Bloom Racing Stable LLC

Sunday, 9/6, Saratoga #4, post time: 1:50 p.m. EDT

PRIORESS S.-GIII, $225,000, 3yo, f, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Mythical	St Patrick's Day	Arindel	Delgado	Zayas	124
2	Vekoma's Diva	Vekoma	R. A. Hill Stable	Weaver	Alvarado	120
3	Mashallah	Maxfield	JR Ranch	Walsh	Franco	122
4	Goodall	Yaupon	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Asmussen	Velazquez	122
5	Minute by Minute	Not This Time	First Row Partners	Brown	Santana, Jr.	120
6	Hen Party	Into Mischief	Godolphin, LLC	Harty	Davis	122

Breeders: 1-Arindel, 2-JRita Young Thoroughbreds, LLC, 3-Taylor Made Stallions Inc., LouisBrooks Ranch LTD, Baysore Stables, et al, 4-Mark Allen Toothaker, WilliamHeiligbrodt & Corrine Heiligbrodt, 5-Sam Henderson, 6-Godolphin

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Sunday, 9/6, Kentucky Downs #10, post time: 6:52 p.m. EDT

KENTUCKY DOWNS LADIES MARATHON INVITATIONAL S.-GIII, $1,500,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 5/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Dona Clota (Chi)	Ivan Denisovich (Ire)	Resolute Racing	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz	124
2	Way to Be Marie	Not This Time	Twin Oaks Bloodstock LLC	Kenneally	Curtis	122
3	Venencia (Fr)	Recoletos (Fr)	Miller Racing LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Husbands	124
4	Night of Rose (Brz)	Drosselmeyer	Brave Heart LG, LLC	Lobo	Rodriguez	126
5	Hey Jessie	Grazen	Sayjay Racing LLC	McCarthy	Geroux	122
6	Pin Up Betty	Constitution	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Gaffalione	124
7	Public Assembly	More Than Ready	Abbondanza Racing, McNulty Thoroughbreds, Medallion Racing	D'Amato	Saez	124
8	Stellify	Justify	Elements Racing LLC, Messina, George and Lee, Michael	Cox	Prat	124
9	Golden Sunshine	Medaglia d'Oro	Godolphin, LLC	Harty	Torres	122

Breeders: 1-Haras Don Alberto, 2-William B. Harrigan & Mike Pietrangelo, 3-Patricia Laffon Lomba, Ines Laffon Lomba& Fernando Laffon Lomba, 4-Haras Anderson, 5-Say Jay Racing, LLC, 6-Three Diamonds Farm, 7-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC &Pollock Farms, 8-WinStar Farm, LLC, 9-Godolphin

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Sunday, Seoul, South Korea, post time: 5:10 p.m.

KOREA CUP-G3, ₩1,600,000,000 *($1,177,760)*, 3yo/up, 1800m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Funny Wild (Kor)	Bayern	Song	Choi	121
2	Unju Guy (Kor) (f)	Etched	Da Silva	Kwon	126
3	Wonpyeong Storm	Tale of Verve	Maia	Jung	126
4	Daeji Choice (Kor)	Yeonseung Daero (Kor)	Lee	Kim	126
5	Big Musical Star (Kor)	Concord Point	Jung	Baik	126
6	Amazing Khan	Jimmy Creed	Jin	Gillespie	126
7	Clean One	Bernardini	Seo	H C Moon	126
8	Diktaean (Jpn)	King Kamehameha (Jpn)	Yano	Arayama	126
9	Sunday Funday (Jpn)	Suzuka Causeway (Jpn)	Tsunoda	Higashida	126

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Sunday, Seoul, South Korea, post time: 4:20 p.m.

KOREA SPRINT-G3, ₩1,400,000,000 *($1,029,420)*, 3yo/up, 1200m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Beolgyoui Kkum (Kor)	Cowboy Cal	Jin	Lee	128
2	Vincero Cavallo (Kor)	Cowboy Cal	Choi	Seo	128
3	American Stage	Into Mischief	Sakai	Yahagi	128
4	Final K	Cairo Prince	Jang	Song	128
5	Munhak Boy (Kor)	Lord Nelson	Asano	Jung	128
6	Silver Rain (Kor)	To Honor and Serve	Jeong	An	128
7	Dragon Welds	Frosted	Tosaki	Fujiwara	128
8	Winner Clear (Kor)	Klimt	Seo	Baik	128
9	Self Improvement (Aus)	Deep Field (Aus)	Mo	Man	128
10	Mighty Look	Army Mule	Yuksel	Cho	128
11	Knicks Go Won (f)	Knicks Go	D Y Jung	H C Moon	121
12	Hansen Bracing (Kor) (f)	Hansen	H Lee	Jeon	123
13	Beauty Waves (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Chau	Cruz	126
14	Born Dia (Kor) (f)	With Distinction	Da Silva	Kwon	123
15	Haksan Speed (Kor)	Mucho Macho Man	D H Lee	S Y Moon	128
16	Gorgeous Win (Aus)	Press Statement (Aus)	Kingscote	Shum	128

Monday, 9/7, Kentucky Downs #11, post time: 6:17 p.m. EDT

FRANKLIN-SIMPSON S.-GII, $1,500,000, 3yo, 6 1/2fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Immortalised (Fr)	Romanised (Ire)	Feld Family Racing and Starry Night Racing	Walsh	Hernandez, Jr.	120
2	Hey Nay Nay (Ire)	No Nay Never	Hronis Racing LLC and Iapetus Racing LLC	Sadler	Rosario	120
3	Honey Dutch	Knicks Go	Legion Racing and Awestrike Racing	Beckman	Ramos	120
4	Oscar's Hope	Twirling Candy	Michael McLoughlin	LaRose	Curtis	120
5	Throckmorton	Caracaro	Gold Square LLC	Summers	Saez	120
6	Alpyland	Vekoma	D. J. Stable LLC	Casse	Castellano	120
7	Learntodiscover (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	Mark Dobbin	Walsh	Gaffalione	120
8	Blinging It Back	Volatile	Barber, Gary and Deutsch, Peter	Casse	Ortiz	120
9	Two Out Hero	War Front	Gold Square LLC	Attard	Hernandez	120
10	Take Charge Star (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Maribeth Sandford	Murtagh	Spencer	120
11	Vasy (Ire)	Space Blues (Ire)	JDT Racing LLC	Walsh	Prat	120
12	Obliteration	Violence	Leland Ackerley Racing, LLC, Sherwood, James, Shupe, Jode and Cilia, John	Asmussen	Asmussen	120
13	Reb Five	Vekoma	CJ Stables	Casse	Ortiz	120
14	Trouble Calling	Dialed In	Donamire Farm	Foley	Gaffalione	120
15	Later Than Planned (Ire)	Cotai Glory (GB)	Little Red Feather Racing, Sterling Stables, Naify, M	D'Amato	Rispoli	120
16	Creole Chrome	Volatile	Three Diamonds Farm	Sharp	Rispoli	120

Breeders: 1-Elevage Haras de Bourgeauville, 2-Lynch Bages, Camas Park & Summerhill B/S, 3-Matt Montgomery, 4-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 5-Sierra Fria Farm LLC, 6-Denis L. Villella, 7-Mr G. Wilding, 8-Forever Spring Farm, 9-Corser Thoroughbreds LLC, 10-Niarchos Family, 11-Mr Gary Mullins, 12-Ocala Stud, 13-Stoneriggs Farm, 14-Donamire Farm, 15-John P. Mangan & John S. Mangan, 16-Gulf Haven Farms, LLC

Monday, 9/7, Kentucky Downs #10, post time: 5:45 p.m. EDT

MINT MILLIONS INVITATIONAL S.-GIII, $2,000,000, 3yo/up, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Quatrocento	War Front	Saint George	Gutierrez	Leparoux	124
2	Brilliant Berti	Noble Mission (GB)	Klein Racing	DeVaux	Hernandez, Jr.	124
3	Facteur Cheval (Ire)	Ribchester (Ire)	Team Valor International and Barber, Gary	Reynier	Rosario	122
4	Haatem (Ire)	Phoenix of Spain (Ire)	Wathnan Racing	Hannon, Jr.	Spencer	122
5	Mi Bago	Vekoma	Gary Barber	Casse	Saez	124
6	Giocoso	Not This Time	Rocker O Ranch LLC	Desormeaux	Torres	124
7	Chasing the Crown	Skipshot	Paradise Farms, Staudacher, David, Carlesimo, A	Maker	Curtis	122
8	Gran Oriente (Chi)	Classic Empire	Epic Horses, LLC, WSS Racing, LLC, A M A Stables, BAG Racing Stables, LLC and Braverman, Paul	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	126
9	Formidable Man	City of Light	Warren, Jr., William K. and Warren, Suzanne	McCarthy	Prat	126
10	Lagynos	Kantharos	HRH Prince Sultan Bin Mishal Al Saud	Asmussen	Ortiz	124

Breeders: 1-St. George Stables, LLC, 2-Klein Racing, 3-McCracken Farms, 4-Hyde Park Stud, 5-Highclere, Inc., 6-Breed First, LLC, 7-Mikhail Yanakov, 8-Haras Paso Nevado, 9-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC, 10-Robert Spiegel

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Monday, 9/7, Colonial Downs #9, post time: 4:00 p.m. EDT

OLD DOMINION DERBY-GIII, $500,000, 3yo, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Go for Rocket	Candy Ride (Arg)	Crown's Way Racing and Granger, William	Hernandez	Herrera	118
2	Heeere's Johnny	Oscar Performance	Magic Carpet Racing, Coyle, C W., Blue Bison Stable	Handal	Rodriguez	118
3	Quiet Power	Tapit	Phipps Stable and St. Elias Stable	McGaughey III	Cheminaud	118
4	Lennox the Grey	Liam's Map	Willow Pond Stable	Delacour	Sanchez	118
5	Fuzzbuster	Tiz the Law	BBN Racing, LLC	Oliver	Marin	118
6	Drop Shot	Essential Quality	BBN Racing, LLC	Sacco	Gil	118
7	Gramp's Legacy	Funtastic	Tyler Sliney	O'Dwyer	Rosado	118
8	Tiernanogue	Quality Road	Mulberry Racing	Walsh	Russell	118
9	Chambersville	Twirling Candy	Shortleaf Stable, Inc.	McPeek	Esquivel	118
10	Kravitz	Justify	Wertheimer and Frere	Motion	Chuan	118
11	The Big Con (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, Weintraub, Tony, Dalinka, Brandon M.	Clement	Ruiz	123
12	Dr. Agne	Into Mischief	Madaket Stables Twin Brook Stables, Belladonna Racing	DeVaux	Loveberry	118
13	Siyouincanada (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Newtown Anner Stud Farm and LNJ Foxwoods	Sharp	Lopez	118
14	Supercharger	Constitution	C R K Stable LLC	DeVaux	Concepcion	123

Breeders: 1-Coffee Pot Stables, 2-Dr. John A. Chandler, 3-Phipps Stable & St. Elias Stables, LLC, 4-Roger Keith Long Revocable Trust dtd3/30/2009, 5-Cobra B'stock/Lynch Bages LTD, 6-G. Watts Humphrey Jr., 7-Tyler J. Sliney, 8-Gary Holland, 9-Shortleaf Stable, 10-Wertheimer Et Frere, 11-St Albans Bloodstock LLP, 12-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc, 13-LNJ Foxwoods SC, 14-Ron McAnally & Deborah McAnally

Wednesday, 9/9, Kentucky Downs #12, post time: 6:49 p.m. EDT

DUELING GROUNDS OAKS INVITATIONAL S.-GIII, $2,000,000, 3yo, f, 1 5/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Bless Her	Twirling Candy	Robert S. Evans	Motion	Velazquez	120
2	Charm of Venice (GB)	St Mark's Basilica (Fr)	Bourbon Fueled Racing	Walsh	Hernandez, Jr.	120
3	Haute Diva	Constitution	JSM Equine LLC	Biancone	Asmussen	120
4	Turner's Charm	Not This Time	Ike Thrash and Dawn Thrash	Walsh	Curtis	120
5	Embrace Time	Not This Time	James F. Schurman	Joseph, Jr.	Husbands	120
6	Call On Me	Twirling Candy	Glenn S. Bromagen, Sandra Bromagen, Hillary Boone, Patrick Lewis, and Jonathan Wilmot	Arnold II	Saez	120
7	Bohemian	Essential Quality	Carl R. Moore Management, LLC	Sharp	Ortiz	120
8	La Fogata (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Medallion Racing, Michael E. Kisber, Evan Trommer, and Barry Fowler	O'Brien	Rispoli	120
9	Kentucky Belle	Justify	WinStar Farm LLC	Cox	Prat	122
10	Dakotah Blue	Mendelssohn	Agave Racing Stable, BAG Racing Stables LLC, and Carr Legacy Racing LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	122
11	Time to Dream	Not This Time	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Santana, Jr.	120

Breeders: 1-R. S. Evans, 2-Faisal Meshrf Al Qahtani, 3-JSM Equine, LLC, 4-Castlepark Farm, LLC & Dermot Joyce, 5-James Schurman, 6-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 7-Hinkle Farms, 8-Capital Bloodstock, 9-WinStar Farm, LLC, 10-Grantley Acres, 11-Maggie Gieseke

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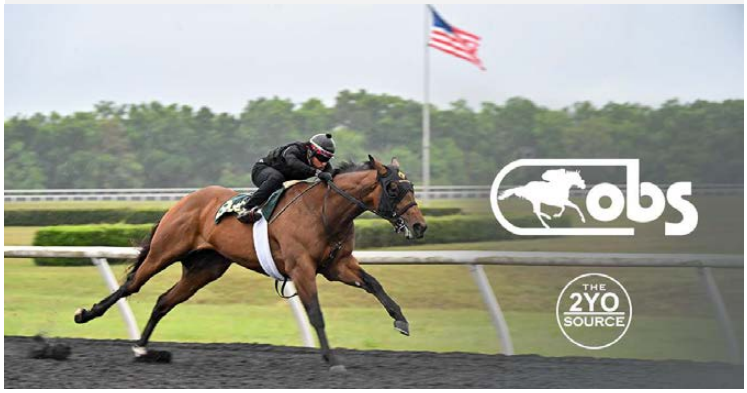

Some of the most highly anticipated races during the summer season are the 'baby' races during the boutique meetings. Summer Breezes, sponsored by OBS Sales, highlights debuting and stakes-entered 2-year-olds at those meetings that have been sourced at the breeze-up sales earlier in the year, including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



Mind Control | *Sarah Andrew*

Thursday, September 3, 2026

Saratoga 2, Msw, $90k, 2yo, (R), 5 1/2fT, 1:44 p.m.

Horse (Sire)	Sale	Price ($)	Breeze
Be in Monty's Mind (Mind Control)	**OBSJUN**	**25,000**	**:10**
C-Tomorrow Farms, agent; B-Gordon Reiss			
Troca (Mind Control)	**OBSJUN**	**60,000**	**:20 4/5**
C-Blue Sapphire Stables, agent; B-Steven W Young, agent			

Saratoga 4, Moc, $90k, 2yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 2:52 p.m.

Sunny Bird (Karakontie {Jpn}) OBSJUN 35,000 :10 1/5

C-Skies Thoroughbreds, agent;
B-Declan Carroll, agent for Zilla Racing/KB Racing

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

4th-Saratoga, $126,100, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm ($110,000), 9-2, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:08.86, my, 2 1/4 lengths.

SENZA PAROLE (f, 4, Gun Runner--Senza Te, by Street Cry {Ire}) continued a streak of good form at Saratoga dating all the way back to her 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' debut two summers ago for Chad Brown. Since returning to the Spa as a 4-year-old, she ran third behind division leader and fellow 'Rising Star' Ways and Means (Practical Joke) in the GII Bed O' Roses Stakes June 5 and stepped up to second last time out at seven furlongs behind MGISP Beauty Reigns (Into Mischief) in allowance company July 23. Over a muddy surface Wednesday and on the cutback to six furlongs, the 2-5 favorite gave herself some work to do at the start with a sideways beginning, but sorted herself out to prompt the speed from the back of a bunched-up group. Able to shoot through a seam in pursuit of late leader and fellow 'Rising Star' With the Angels (Omaha Beach), Senza Parole made short work of the stretch run, assuming command and coming in under wraps late to win by 2 1/4 lengths. Senza Te, a half to SW/GSP Catiche (Arrogate) and SW/GISP Flor de la Mar (Tiznow), has a yearling Tacitus filly and produced a full-sister to Senza Parole this year. She went to Sierra Leone for 2027. Sales History: $120,000 RNA Ylg '23 KEESEP; $240,000 RNA 2yo '24 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: GSP, 10-4-3-1, $340,650. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV**.

O-Don Alberto Stable; B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.

Scanlon Training Graduate

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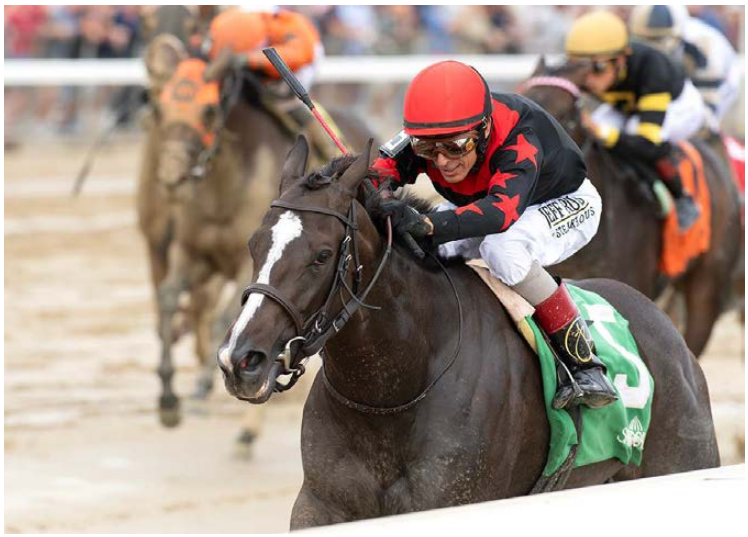
8th-Saratoga, $110,000, (S), Alw (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($45,000), 9-2, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16.45, my, 4 lengths.
BRAVERTHANUBELIEVE (f, 3, Honest Mischief--Hundred Acre Wood, by Teuflesberg), on the sidelines since winning a New York Stallion Series stakes last December, returned for new



Braverthanubelieve | *Sarah Andrew*

trainer Lauren Robson Wednesday. Bet down to 2-1 off a last-out bullet work Aug. 24, she had a good beginning to sit a close-up second behind longshot Irish Fortune (Central Banker), who went a half in :44.59. Tipping outside to make a run, she drew level with that leader into the turn and closed well under John Velazquez, who rode her out to a four-length win with Irish Fortune holding for second. Braverthanubelieve, one of 10 stakes winners for Honest Mischief, has just one younger sibling: a 2-year-old half-brother by Maximum Security. Lifetime Record: SW, 3-3-0-0, $379,500. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV**.
O-Tristar Farm LLC; B-Paul Michael Giacopelli (NY); T-Lauren Robson.

2nd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, $34,000, Alw, 9-2, (NW2LX), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.93, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.
FASHION DESIGNER (f, 3, Into Mischief--Beach Walk, by Distorted Humor) broke her maiden by 10 3/4 lengths in her fourth start on a rained-off main track at Horseshoe Indy June 18 in what was her 3-year-old unveiling. Facing winners here, the full-sister to MGISW and young sire Life Is Good had little issue taking this field gate to wire, prevailing over She's Honed In (Dialed In) by a largely uncontested 2 1/4 lengths. In addition to Life Is Good, Beach Walk is also responsible for Most Wanted (Candy Ride {Arg}), GSW, $988,893, amongst her four winners from five to race. Fashion Deisnger has a 2-year-old full-sister yet to race and a yearling half-sister by Gun Runner. Lifetime



Fashion Designer | *Coady Media*

Record: 5-2-1-1, $76,367. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**
O-Gary and Mary West; B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.



IN ORDER OF PURSE:
3rd-Saratoga, $115,000, Msw, 9-2, 3yo/up, 1 3/16mT, 1:56.26, yl, 3 lengths.
PROTECT AND DEFEND (c, 3, Munnings--Hold Harmless, by Blame), after just missing by a nose over this distance at Aqueduct June 26, stepped up to break his maiden Wednesday



Protect and Defend | *Sarah Andrew*

in his first trip upstate. The Stuart Janney homebred showed plenty of speed through the opening panel of this 11-furlong spot, prompting the pace from second before letting frontrunner Duty (Omaha Beach) get some breathing room and settling back through the half in :48.57. Geared up into the far turn, he swung wide into the stretch and surged past with no resistance, putting three lengths on Pay the Piper (Twirling Candy), who closed from the back to grab a clear second. Protect and Defend is a half-brother to Limited Liability (Kitten's Joy), SW & MGSP, $1,072,049 and out of a full-sister to both GSW Onus and MGSP Silvology. That mare, purchased by West Bloodstock for $130,000 at KEENOV in 2024, has a 2-year-old Uncle Mo colt and a weanling Prince of Monaco filly. She went to Oscar Performance for the spring. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-0, $97,261. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV**.

O/B-Stuart S. Janney, III LLC (KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III.

CLAIBORNE QUALITY

7th-Saratoga, $90,000, Msw, (R), 9-2, 2yo, f, 5 1/2fT, 1:04.75, yl, 2 1/2 lengths.

GOLD FASHIONED (f, 2, Golden Pal--Bourbon Endowment, by Sky Mesa), given a 6-1 chance against several more experienced rivals Wednesday, was quick into stride once straightened from



Gold Fashioned | *Sarah Andrew*

the gate in this auction price-restricted turf sprint. Wide from her outside draw, she kept in close touch with Comets Choice (Galilean) and that pair opened up a gap back to third rounding the turn. Shaken up into the final furlong, she was all class to the wire over yielding turf, sprinting home 2 1/2 lengths clear of the runner up. The 22nd winner for Golden Pal (by Uncle Mo), Gold Fashioned was a $65,000 OBS April grad for Bridle Path Racing. Bourbon Endowment, who now has four winners from four to the track, foaled a Volatile filly this spring and went to Mullikin



Winning owners Anthony DiGangi (left) & Sal DiGangi (center) celebrate with trainer Jena Antonucci | *Sarah Andrew*

for next term. Sales History: $59,000 RNA Wlg '24 FTNMIX; $50,000 Ylg '25 SARAUG; $65,000 2yo '26 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $49,500. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV**.

O-Bridle Path Racing, LLC; B-Spruce Lane Farm, Becker, Copper Beech Stables, Empire Equines, Gib (NY); T-Jena M. Antonucci.

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2nd-Finger Lakes, $32,600, Msw, 9-2, 2yo, 5f, :59.57, my, neck.

BIG POPPY (g, 2, Greatest Honour--Amanda Lane, by Into Mischief), the 5-2 second choice, split this maiden field from fourth while saving some ground up the backstretch and into the far turn. Sights set on late leader Referendum (Global Campaign), he pulled that frontrunner back to him down the stretch and got up in the shadow of the wire to win by a neck. The 11th winner for his freshman sire (by Tapit), Big Poppy has a yearling Vekoma half-brother, who brought $70,000 at the Fasig-Tipton New York-bred Sale last month. Amanda Lane went to Goal Oriented for 2027. Sales History: $11,000 RNA Wlg '24 FTNMIX. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $19,560. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-Stonegate Racing Stables; B-Stonegate Stables LLC (NY); T-M. Anthony Ferraro.

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IN BRITAIN:
Charlemont G G, c, 2, **Charlatan**. See "*Britain*".



FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, SEPT. 3
2026 Stud Fees Listed

Channel Cat (English Channel), Calumet Farm, $7,500
8 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Delaware, 1:56 p.m. EDT, Msw 7 1/2fT, Cat's Meow, 7-2

Cyberknife (Gun Runner), Spendthrift Farm, $15,000
167 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Saratoga, 1:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Cybertapping, 5-2
$50,000 FTK JUL yrl

Drain the Clock (Maclean's Music), Gainesway Farm, $10,000
134 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Colonial Downs, 12:13 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, All Over It, 20-1
$45,000 KEE SEP yrl; $20,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Eight Rings (Empire Maker), Rancho San Miguel, $6,000
18 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
8-Colonial Downs, 12:13 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Infinite Aura, 20-1
$35,000 OBS OCT yrl; $70,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Epicenter (Not This Time), Coolmore Ashford, $25,000
206 foals of racing age/7 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 4:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Isometric, 8-1
$11,000 KEE JAN wnl; $32,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl; $150,000 OBS APR 2yo
4-Delaware, 1:56 p.m. EDT, Msw 7 1/2fT, Miss Intentional, 12-1
$4,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Golden Pal (Uncle Mo), Coolmore Ashford, $25,000
204 foals of racing age/22 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Colonial Downs, 12:13 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Numerology, 5-1
$95,000 KEE NOV wnl; $100,000 KEE SEP yrl

Greatest Honour (Tapit), Spendthrift Farm, $7,500
117 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Colonial Downs, 10:25 a.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, The Gabe Digger, 15-1
$27,000 KEE SEP yrl; $40,000 OBS MAR 2yo
2-Kentucky Downs, 12:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Greatest Nate, 20-1
$40,000 OBS WIN wnl; $50,000 FTK OCT yrl

Happy Saver (Super Saver), Airdrie Stud, $7,500
49 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
2-Kentucky Downs, 12:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Good Hand, 12-1
$40,000 FTK OCT yrl
2-Kentucky Downs, 12:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Very Classy, 30-1
$28,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Life Is Good (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, $60,000
133 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Delaware, 1:56 p.m. EDT, Msw 7 1/2fT, Good to Great, 5-2
$200,000 KEE SEP yrl

Mandaloun (Into Mischief), Juddmonte Farms, $10,000
100 foals of racing age/7 winners/1 black-type winner
2-Saratoga, 1:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Knee High, 15-1
$285,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $65,000 OBS APR 2yo

Mind Control (Stay Thirsty), Rockridge Stud, $6,000
123 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Saratoga, 1:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Be in Monty's Mind, 8-1
$26,000 OBS WIN wnl; $15,000 OBS OCT yrl; $65,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo; $25,000 OBS OPN 2yo
2-Saratoga, 1:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Troca, 7-2
$7,000 OBS OCT yrl; $20,000 OBS MAR 2yo; $60,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Mystic Guide (Ghostzapper), Darley, $7,500
101 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Kentucky Downs, 1:33 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Mystic Ruler, 15-1
$60,000 KEE SEP yrl; $80,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Roadster (Quality Road), Ocala Stud, $7,500
87 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Colonial Downs, 12:13 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, La Loba, 30-1
$37,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo

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Beau Liam (Liam's Map), Airdrie Stud, $7,500
144 foals of racing age/40 winners/4 black-type winners
8-Saratoga, 5:09 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Originality, 6-1
$155,000 FTK JUL yrl

Charlatan (Speightstown), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, $25,000
323 foals of racing age/52 winners/7 black-type winners
8-Saratoga, 5:09 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Ace in Hand, 10-1
$400,000 KEE SEP yrl

Engage (Into Mischief), Northview Stallion Station, $2,500
84 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Delaware, 1:56 p.m. EDT, Msw 7 1/2fT, Pinner, 12-1

Essential Quality (Tapit), Darley, $25,000
218 foals of racing age/53 winners/8 black-type winners
4-Colonial Downs, 10:25 a.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Bertiebertbert, 8-1
$35,000 RNA KEE JAN wnl

Lexitonian (Speightstown), Calumet Farm, $7,500
93 foals of racing age/29 winners/4 black-type winners
4-Colonial Downs, 10:25 a.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Cooptown, 30-1
$10,000 FTK OCT yrl
4-Colonial Downs, 10:25 a.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Jack Rabbitness, 3-1

Rock Your World (Candy Ride {Arg}), Spendthrift Farm, $7,500
224 foals of racing age/69 winners/3 black-type winners
5-Colonial Downs, 10:52 a.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Patricio, 15-1
$14,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl; $6,000 FTD DE yrl; $55,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo

Yaupon (Uncle Mo), Spendthrift Farm, $60,000
325 foals of racing age/81 winners/16 black-type winners



8-Colonial Downs, 12:13 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Bellablaze, 3-1
$270,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl
8-Colonial Downs, 12:13 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Joypon, 6-1
$50,000 FTK OCT yrl; $230,000 OBS APR 2yo

ADDITIONAL RACING

STAKES RESULTS:
JONATHAN SHEPPARD MEMORIAL H., (NB) $150,000, Saratoga, 9-2, 4yo/up, 2 3/8mT, gd.
1--**MR PERCY (IRE), 152, g, 6, Sir Percy (GB)--Lady Westminster (Ire), by Rip Van Winkle (Ire).** (€48,000 3yo '23 ARQAU). O-Shannon Hill Farm; B-Westminster Race Horses Gmbh (IRE); T-Neil R. Morris; J-Graham Watters. $90,000. Lifetime Record: 19-6-5-1, $262,336.
2--**Siennois (Ire)**, 144, g, 5, Advertise (GB)--Cascading (GB), by Teofilo (Ire). (€50,000 Ylg '22 GOFOR; $65,000 RNA 4yo '25 FTDAUG; $65,000 4yo '25 FTDDE). O-Leipers Fork Steeplechase; B-Ballylinch Stud & Ecurie Des Charmes (IRE); T-Keri Brion. $27,000.

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3--**Sweet Will (Ire)**, 140, g, 9, Dragon Pulse (Ire)--Hallie's Comet (Ire), by One Cool Cat. (€25,000 RNA Ylg '18 TIRSEP). O-Hurricana Farm; B-Mighty Universe Ltd (IRE); T-Archibald J. Kingsley, Jr. $15,000.
Margins: NK, NK, 3HF. Odds: 4.24, 2.35, 20.14.



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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-Parx Racing, $50,820, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($16,000), 9-2, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:42.83, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.
MIDWAY MUNNY (g, 3, Munnings--Glorious Hour, by Bodemeister) Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-0, $110,747. O/T-Benjamin J. Dunn; B-Bonne Chance Farm LLC (KY). *$120,000 RNA Ylg '24 KEESEP.

8th-Parx Racing, $50,410, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($16,000), 9-2, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:43.11, ft, 3/4 length.
DEVIL'S CAY (g, 6, Good Magic--Silver Dollar Diva, by Harlan's Holiday) Lifetime Record: 50-8-12-2, $306,833. O-Madison Avenue Racing Stable, Inc. & Kernan, Jr., Morris E.; B-Fifth Avenue Bloodstock (KY); T-Jamie Ness. *$28,000 5yo '25 FTDMAR.

4th-Thistledown, $35,800, (S), 9-2, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.40, ft, neck.
BLAZING TONY (g, 4, Tonalist--Sunny Empire, by Empire Maker) Lifetime Record: 21-5-4-3, $101,769. O-Joyita Racing Stable LLC; B-Donnybrook Stables & Mark D Kuntz LLC (OH); T-Ricardo Gonzalez.

2nd-Thistledown, $35,800, (S), 9-2, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.82, ft, 6 1/4 lengths.
SOUND CITY (g, 3, National Flag--Music and Lyrics, by Fed Biz) Lifetime Record: 13-2-3-1, $76,601. O-American Thoroughbred Investors, LLC, Blazing Meadows Farm, LLC and Shane Hamm; B-WinStar Farm, LLC & Blazing Meadows Farm LLC (OH); T-Timothy E. Hamm. *1/2 to Fortissimo (Take Charge Indy), MSW, $310,530.

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TODAY'S FEATURED REPLAY



SENZA PAROLE *(Gun Runner) gets back in the win column.*
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7th-Presque Isle Downs, $32,670, (S), 9-1, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:10.30, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.
AU COURANT (f, 3, Authentic--De la Soul, by More Than Ready) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, $46,000. O-Peter Mc Dermott; B-Jon A. Marshall (PA); T-Kelly A. Colgan. *$20,000 Ylg '24 FTKOCT; $80,000 2yo '25 EASMAY.

7th-Presque Isle Downs, $32,670, 9-2, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:08.83, ft, 6 1/4 lengths.
KANAZAWA (f, 4, Accelerate--Ocean Road, by War Front) Lifetime Record: 17-7-1-1, $88,049. O/B-T. L. Wise (KY); T-Juan Arriagada. *1/2 to Ujjayi (Smarty Jones), SW & MGSP, $366,015.

3rd-Finger Lakes, $27,300, 9-2, (C), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.57, my, 1 length.
HIT THE POST (g, 4, Kantharos--Memento d'Oro, by Medaglia d'Oro) Lifetime Record: MSP, 13-4-2-2, $269,943. O/B-Old Tavern Farm, LLC (NY); T-Melanie Giddings. *$55,000 RNA Ylg '23 SARAUG.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

J's Jersey Boy, g, 2, **Bee Jersey**--Islamorada, by Smart Strike. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 9-2, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.04. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, $25,560. B-Christopher Nolan (IN). *$17,000 Ylg '25 FTKOCT.

Cactus Kristofer, g, 2, **Cross Traffic**--Cactus Kris (MGSW-Can, SW-USA, $556,795), by Cactus Ridge. Presque Isle Downs, 9-2, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:03.93. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $24,800. B-Anne L. Walsh (KY).

Berta's Stitch, c, 2, **Instilled Regard**--Inspired Rose, by War Front. Saratoga, 9-2, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:45.43. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-2, $74,363. B-OXO Equine LLC (KY). *$37,000 Ylg '25 FTKOCT.

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Give Her the Oscar, f, 2, **Oscar Performance**--Cholena, by Indian Charlie. Assiniboia Downs, 9-1, 5f, 1:01.63. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $8,661. B-Susan Naylor (KY). $27,000 Wlg '24 KEENOV; $6,000 Ylg '25 FTKOCT. *1/2 to Backstretch Rose (Army Mule), SP, $254,700. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

Yosemite's Rockin, g, 2, **Rock Your World**--Splendid View, by Strong Mandate. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 9-2, (S), 1m, 1:40.77. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $21,960. B-William A. Nicks (IN). *$20,000 Ylg '25 FTKOCT.

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Rhapsody in Motion, f, 3, **Accelerate**--Sing Me Sweet, by Mad Flatter. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 9-1, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.67. Lifetime Record: 9-1-1-1, $60,655. B-Mare Croft (KY).

Countthecarats, g, 4, **Gormley**--Garnet, by Smart Strike. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 9-2, 6f, 1:09.87. Lifetime Record: 9-1-1-2, $34,093. B-Malibu Farm, LLC (KY). *$9,000 RNA Wlg '22 KEENOV; $100,000 Ylg '23 OBSOCT. **1/2 to Flashy Gem (Bolt d'Oro), MSP, $377,949; Bye Bye (Into Mischief), GSW, $130,580.

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Accelerate, Kanazawa, f, 4, o/o Ocean Road, by War Front. ALW, 9-2, Presque Isle Downs

Accelerate, Rhapsody in Motion, f, 3, o/o Sing Me Sweet, by Mad Flatter. MSW, 9-1, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Authentic, Au Courant, f, 3, o/o De la Soul, by More Than Ready. ALW, 9-1, Presque Isle Downs

Bee Jersey, J's Jersey Boy, g, 2, o/o Islamorada, by Smart Strike. MSW, 9-2, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Cross Traffic, Cactus Kristofer, g, 2, o/o Cactus Kris, by Cactus Ridge. MSW, 9-2, Presque Isle Downs

Golden Pal, Gold Fashioned, f, 2, o/o Bourbon Endowment, by Sky Mesa. MSW, 9-2, Saratoga

Good Magic, Devil's Cay, g, 6, o/o Silver Dollar Diva, by Harlan's Holiday. AOC, 9-2, Parx Racing

Gormley, Countthecarats, g, 4, o/o Garnet, by Smart Strike. MSW, 9-2, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Greatest Honour, Big Poppy, g, 2, o/o Amanda Lane, by Into Mischief. MSW, 9-2, Finger Lakes

Gun Runner, Senza Parole, f, 4, o/o Senza Te, by Street Cry (Ire). AOC, 9-2, Saratoga



Gun Runner's Senza Parole | *Sarah Andrew*

Honest Mischief, Braverthanubelieve, f, 3, o/o Hundred Acre Wood, by Teuflesberg. AOC, 9-2, Saratoga

Instilled Regard, Berta's Stitch, c, 2, o/o Inspired Rose, by War Front. MOC, 9-2, Saratoga

Into Mischief, Fashion Designer, f, 3, o/o Beach Walk, by Distorted Humor. ALW, 9-2, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Kantharos, Hit the Post, g, 4, o/o Memento d'Oro, by Medaglia d'Oro. ALW, 9-2, Finger Lakes

Munnings, Midway Munny, g, 3, o/o Glorious Hour, by Bodemeister. AOC, 9-2, Parx Racing

Munnings, Protect and Defend, c, 3, o/o Hold Harmless, by Blame. MSW, 9-2, Saratoga

National Flag, Sound City, g, 3, o/o Music and Lyrics, by Fed Biz. ALW, 9-2, Thistledown

Oscar Performance, Give Her the Oscar, f, 2, o/o Cholena, by Indian Charlie. MSW, 9-1, Assiniboia

Rock Your World, Yosemite's Rockin, g, 2, o/o Splendid View, by Strong Mandate. MSW, 9-2, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Sir Percy (GB), Mr Percy (Ire), g, 6, o/o Lady Westminster (Ire), by Rip Van Winkle (Ire). GI Jonathan Sheppard Memorial H., 9-2, Saratoga

Tonalist, Blazing Tony, g, 4, o/o Sunny Empire, by Empire Maker. ALW, 9-2, Thistledown

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CREAM COMES TO THE TOP AT SOMERVILLE WITH BLUE POINT FILLY SETTING NEW RECORD AT 190,000GNS



Kerri Radcliffe signed for Wednesday's topper, a daughter of Blue Point | *Tattersalls*

By Adam Houghton

Having brought his Blue Point filly to the Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale in an attempt to make her stand out, it's fair to say that Paul McCartan's methodology paid off and then some at Park Paddocks on Wednesday when the daughter of Darley's red-hot stallion smashed the record price for the Somerville at 190,000gns. Kerri Radcliffe struck the winning bid, with the filly reportedly heading into training with Richard Hannon.

Lot 244 was the second yearling on the day to change hands for a greater sum than 160,000gns--the previous record for this sale--with lot 114, a Sioux Nation filly from Luke Barry's Manister House Stud, being the first to put her flag on the summit when knocked down to Mark McStay of Avenue Bloodstock for 185,000gns.

Whilst a satisfied Barry would later reveal his quiet optimism that such a result might have been within the reach of his pride and joy, a phlegmatic McCartan suggested that anything other than a record-breaking showing from his Blue Point filly would have come as a disappointment, with such feats all coming in a day's work for the Ballyphilip Stud boss. **Cont. p3**

HONG KONG CHAMPION ROMANTIC WARRIOR RETIRED FROM RACING

Romantic Warrior (Acclamation), the winner of 15 Group 1 races in four different countries, has been retired from racing, the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) announced on Wednesday. The eight-year-old bows out with world-record earnings of $35,498,508 and having won 24 of his 31 career starts.

"Hong Kong Jockey Club wishes to provide an update on global champion Romantic Warrior for his many fans around the world," read a statement issued by the HKJC.

"Romantic Warrior's connections, in consultation with the Club's veterinarians, have decided to retire Romantic Warrior from racing following further detailed diagnostic imaging and assessment of his front leg at the Club's state-of-the-art veterinary hospital." **Cont. p15**

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Lot 244: Wednesday's top lot | *Tattersalls*

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"No, no, absolutely not," he swatted back when asked whether he was shocked to set a new benchmark for the Somerville, in its sixth year, with the only yearling by Blue Point in the catalogue.

"We put her in this sale to stick out, really. She was a very good package. Blue Point, we all know about him--he's had a super year and he's been a very lucky stallion for me. It's a young Pivotal mare that has bred two black-type horses already. The horse in Italy [Listed-winning juvenile Niente Scuse] could be very, very good. He's owned by Mike Repole and he could be anything."

He added, "I was very happy with the price and I think the people who bought her have got good value, actually."

The top lot was bought on behalf of a syndicate, according to Radcliffe, who confessed that the filly had indeed stood out, at least once the agent had taken a second look to make sure that all was as it seemed.

"I was actually at a Bon Jovi concert on Sunday night so, when I came in here on Monday, I wasn't very fresh, I have to say!" she joked. "But when I saw her, I thought, 'Oh, I need to see her again just in case my eyes are deceiving me.' She was a standout.

"The breeder, the pedigree, everything about her is just fabulous. Blue Point is on fire, she's a great filly, so it's happy days. She's going to go to Richard Hannon, I've been told. So, Richard, you're getting this filly!"

'We Always Had a Lot of Confidence in Her'

Paddy Twomey is set to be the lucky recipient of the Sioux Nation filly bought by McStay and consigned by Barry, with the purchaser of Sun Goddess and the vendor of Velozee combining to provide another boost to the reputation of Coolmore's stallion of the moment. **Cont. p4**



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Describing the progeny of Sioux Nation as "hard to walk away from"--as he found with the subsequent G1 Phoenix Stakes heroine Sun Goddess at last year's Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale--McStay was buoyed in this pursuit by the confidence instilled in him by Barry.

Barry, of course, knows a thing or two himself about what a good Sioux Nation looks like, having bred and consigned the other standout juvenile for the sire this year in Velozee, the winner of the Listed First Flier Stakes and third-place finisher behind her paternal sibling in the Phoenix.

"We were very lucky to breed a good filly that I sold last year and loved," Barry said of Velozee. "I saw this particular yearling at the sales as a foal [at Goffs when led out unsold at €47,000] and I saw a huge resemblance. She was just a little bit immature in places, which allowed me to buy into her.

"Then along came Velozee, who has been a flagbearer for the farm this year, another Sioux Nation filly. Paddy Twomey has done a great job with her and I'm led to believe that this filly will end up with Paddy as well. She's just a very nice filly, by a stallion who is on fire, so all the stars aligned."

Asked whether he could have envisaged those stars carrying him all the way to a record-breaking sale, there was a definite twinkle in Barry's eye as he replied simply, "We always had a lot of confidence in her."

Bred by Stanley Lodge, this filly is the third reported foal out of the Listed Premio XCII Royal Mares scorer Silberpfeil (Clodovil), with the others including the two-year-old Varzi (Havana Grey), the impressive winner of a Pontefract novice last month, an update Barry described as "a big help".

For McStay, a helping hand was needed from "his two men in New York" in order to see off stiff competition from Jono Mills of Rabbah Bloodstock to secure the Sioux Nation filly. He signed for her in tandem with Emeraldway and Steve Weston's Parkland Thoroughbreds.

"There were lots of different people interested in her and I'm delighted we got her," said McStay. "I had to ask my two men in New York for an extra five thousand, because that was my last bid. But she came well recommended from Luke Barry, which means a lot.

"She's been purchased for a number of existing owners with Paddy Twomey--Steve Weston, Steve Rocco and Patrick O'Brien--and she's going to go to Paddy. She looks fast, so let's hope she is fast. She's a lovely filly."

He added of the overall market, "When people bring nice horses to it, they get paid. There is no shortage of money in the ring for the right individual." **Cont. p5**

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Whether those right individuals were on show in the kind of numbers that might have been anticipated is perhaps open to debate, certainly when viewed through the prism of the record-breaking trade witnessed at Park Paddocks 12 months ago.

The number of six-figure lots, for example, dropped to five when we saw 10 such yearlings elevate proceedings last year, while the aggregate fell by 14% at 6,781,750gns, despite 12 more yearlings going through the ring than in 2025.

Of the 269 yearlings offered, 215 sold at a clearance rate of 80%, down from 91% last year. The average was 31,543gns and the median was 23,000gns, with both of those figures representing an 8% decrease.



Lot 252, the day's highest priced colt | *Tattersalls*

Tattersalls managing director Matthew Prior said, "The Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale took place for the first time in 2021 and, in its short history, has made significant progress, quickly establishing itself as a prolific source of top-class racehorses. These include the Group 1 winners Bradsell and Anisette, as well as this year's G2 Railway Stakes winner, Celeron.

"The record price at the Somerville Yearling Sale was broken twice today, headlined by Ballyphilip Stud's outstanding Blue Point filly, who realised 190,000 guineas, whilst the average and median prices were broadly in line with last year's results. However, it must be acknowledged that trading conditions, particularly in the lower echelons of the bloodstock market, remain challenging for some, while cost pressures continue to rise.

"This must also be viewed against the backdrop of the current Government's approach to gambling, including increased taxation across the wider gambling sector and the impact of affordability checks, alongside a growing tax burden on businesses, agriculture and high-net-worth individuals. The prospect of further tax increases only adds to these pressures, undermining business confidence and sentiment and doing little to encourage continued investment in British horse racing and the bloodstock industry."

He added, "Despite these headwinds, we now look forward to Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, Europe's premier yearling sale, and to welcoming an international cast of buyers to Park Paddocks for one of the highlights of the global bloodstock calendar."



Boughey and Abdullah at the Double

Whilst having to play second fiddle on the Sioux Nation filly, Rabbah Bloodstock had enjoyed better luck earlier in the session with the acquisition of the day's first six-figure yearling, a Mehmas colt from Tally-Ho Stud, at 150,000gns.

Lot 45, a half-brother to the GI American Oaks heroine Lady Prancealot (Sir Prancealot), will soon be making the short journey to Craven House Stables, home to George Boughey, who did the bidding alongside his long-time assistant and now bloodstock agent Henry Morshead.

"He is a nice colt, perfect for this sort of sale," said Boughey. "He is forward, ready to rock on with early. Hopefully, he can emulate his half-sister who did so well. He is pretty typical of the sire and behaved beautifully up here." **Cont. p6**

Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale Cont.

He added, “We saw him a couple of times in the yard and we are delighted to get him. He was about where we wanted to be--probably the top end of it."

Boughey later confirmed that the Mehmas colt will sport the familiar silks of Jaber Abdullah, likewise lot 252, a Havana Grey colt who was consigned by Houghton Bloodstock and is also now destined to represent the Boughey/Abdullah axis following his purchase, for 160,000gns.



George Boughey | *Tattersalls*

"It is similar to this morning, trying to find forward two-year-olds, and he fitted the bill," the Classic-winning trainer added. "It is a similar price, the same owner, the same job, really, as this morning. They were two colts who stood out for us and we are very lucky to get them both."

Havana Grey might have made his name as a top-class sprinter, so too the majority of his best progeny, but staying power was the name of the game for his supporters on Wednesday as those in attendance waited for his latest star turn at this sale. As night follows day, it eventually came in the shape of lot 252.

Responsible for the top lot at this sale in both 2023 and 2024, and the joint top lot last year, Havana Grey was responsible for four yearlings this year, with the first of them not entering the ring until the autumn chill came in approaching 6pm. All four ended up selling for a total of 360,000gns and at an average of 90,000gns.

Another Tour De Force from Tally-Ho

Mehmas led the sires' table with eight yearlings changing hands for an aggregate sum of 509,000gns, with the sale of lot 45 setting Tally-Ho on the path to leading consignor honours for the second time in as many weeks after the Mullingar farm's strong showing in Doncaster. **Cont. p7**

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Breeder: Al Shahania Stud

2025 OCTOBER YEARLING SALE
Price: €20,000
Buyer: Johnston Racing Limited
Vendor: The Channel Consignment

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Ross Doyle purchased a Good Guess filly | *Tattersalls*

Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale Cont.

On Wednesday, Tally-Ho sold 21 yearlings for a total of 976,000gns to end the day as the leading vendor at the Somerville for the second consecutive year.

The Tally-Ho draft included four yearlings from the first crop of the G1 Prix Jean Prat winner Good Guess, who enjoyed a productive sale with 11 sold at an average of 34,273gns and for a total of 377,000gns. The most expensive of them was lot 36, a filly out of the winning Requinto mare Mollie The Moo, who is also bound for the Hannon stable after selling to Peter and Ross Doyle Bloodstock for 72,000gns.

Later in the session, Tally-Ho's Roger O'Callaghan found himself on the other end of the transaction when adding lot 192 to his family's squad of breeze-up prospects for 100,000gns. Consigned by Norris Bloodstock, the Harry Angel filly is a full-sister to the Listed Marygate Fillies' Stakes second Harry's Girl (Harry Angel), as well as the colt who now resides in Australia after selling for 160,000gns last year at Book 2 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale.

"I'm just so thrilled for [breeders] Clive and Tina [Cox] as they're such good clients," said Jenny Norris. "The filly's been an absolute superstar. She's had 140-odd shows over the past few days, but she just coped with it all so, so well. We were very realistic with the price and I didn't think she'd make that much. The mare just produces very good-looking stock.

"This sale has been really lucky for us. Clive has had a good day because we had the Timeless Gift filly [lot 139] sell for 60,000gns as well--both our Harry [Angel]'s have sold well. It's been a good day."

Eustace Finds His Next Sands of Mali

Harry Eustace can be forgiven for having a soft spot for Yeomanstown Stud stallion Sands Of Mali, the sire of his Commonwealth Cup winner Time For Sandals, but his purchase of lot 107 from Culworth Grounds Farm was by no means out of sentiment.

"We've obviously looked at plenty since her [Time For Sandals] and he's really the first one that we've really thought fit the bill," Eustace said of the 92,000gns colt. "We were pretty deep into where we thought we'd have to go, but I'd rather buy the one that I remember from the whole sale than anything else. We haven't quite pinned down ownership plans, but I hope he'll be popular. If I can't find an owner for a Sands Of Mali, then I am doing something wrong!"

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Harry Eustace | *Tattersalls*



TATTERSALLS SOMERVILLE YEARLING SALE

Lot	Sire|Dam	Price (gns)
244	**f, Blue Point (Ire)--Dubai Sunset (Ire)** *Bred by Ballyphilip Stud (Ire)* *Consigned by Ballyphilip Stud* *Purchased by Kerri Radcliffe, agent*	**190,000**
114	**f, Sioux Nation--Silberpfeil (Ire)** *(€47,000 RNA Wlg '25 GOFNOV)* *Bred by William J. Kennedy (Ire)* *Consigned by Manister House Stud* *Purchased by Avenue Bloodstock/Emeraldway/Parkland*	**185,000**

Toppers Cont.

252 **c, Havana Grey (GB)--Exceptional (GB)** **160,000**
Bred by Cheveley Park Stud Limited (GB)
Consigned by Houghton Bloodstock
Purchased by Rabbah Bloodstock

45 **c, Mehmas (Ire)--Naqrah (Ire)** **150,000**
Bred by Tally-Ho Stud (Ire)
Consigned by Tally-Ho Stud
Purchased by Rabbah Bloodstock

192 **f, Harry Angel (Ire)--Autumn Magic (GB)** **100,000**
Bred by C G & T L Cox Breeding Partnership (GB)
Consigned by Norris Bloodstock
Purchased by Tally-Ho Stud

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TATTERSALLS SOMERVILLE YEARLING SALE

SESSION TOTALS	2026	2025
• Catalogued	286	272
• Number Offered	269	257
• Number Sold	215	230
• Not Sold	54	27
• Clearance Rate	80%	91%
• High Price	190,000gns	160,000gns
• Gross	6,781,750gns (-14%)	7,878,500gns
• Average (% change)	31,543gns (-8%)	34,254gns
• Median (% change)	23,000gns (-8%)	25,000gns

'TIME IS OFTEN THE BEST HEALER': WORDS TO LIVE BY WITH JOHN MESSARA

By Gary King

In the latest installment of *TDN*'s Words to Live By series, we hear from one of the most influential figures in Australian racing and breeding, John Messara.

TDN: Who has been the most important mentor in your career, and what did you learn from them?

John Messara: The most important mentor in my career was my friend, the late renowned veterinarian Percy Sykes. His knowledge of the horse was prodigious, and he was generous in imparting it.

TDN: What is the best piece of advice you have ever received, and who gave it to you?

Messara: The best piece of advice I received is that "time" is often the best healer. It was given to me by Percy.

TDN: What advice would you give to a young person hoping to build a successful career in the Thoroughbred industry?

Messara: I generally tell young people three things: "Operate with integrity, take a long-term view, and, finally, give attention to detail." In my mind, these are all critical for long-term success.

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John Messara | *Bronwen Healy*

EUROPEAN NEWS

JEAN-CLAUDE ROUGET AMONG THREE NEW INDUCTEES TO FRENCH RACING HALL OF FAME

Former French champion trainer Jean-Claude Rouget, who is set to cease operations at the end of this month, features among the latest inductees to the French Racing Hall of Fame. He is joined by former France Galop director general Louis Romanet and the Papot family, best known as successful owner-breeders in French National Hunt racing.

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Jean-Claude Rouget | *Scoop Dyga*

French Racing HoF Cont.

Rouget, who has been training from his base in Pau since 1978, is responsible for nearly 7,500 winners, including 46 Group 1 winners. He has been crowned champion in France on five occasions and sent out two winners of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in Sottsass and Ace Impact, both of whom also feature among his six winners of the Prix du Jockey Club.

A statement issued by France Galop to announce the latest inductees to the French Racing Hall of Fame hailed Rouget for a career that "embodies consistency and excellence over more than 40 years at the highest level".

Romanet, meanwhile, was director general of France Galop from 1998 to 2007, before serving as chairman of the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA) for 27 years, from its foundation in 1994 until 2021.

"A member of a family whose service to French racing spans more than a century, Louis Romanet played a decisive role in the globalisation of the sport and in the creation of the international racehorse rankings," added the statement from France Galop.

Romanet died in March this year at the age of 78.

Last but not least, the Papot family has been a dominant force in French National Hunt racing in recent years, winning 15 Chevaux d'Or (leading owner) titles since 2009. Their green and blue diamond silks are among the most recognisable in French racing, with Grand Steeple-Chase de Paris winner Sel Jem and Grande Course de Haies d'Auteuil scorer Losange Bleu featuring among their high-profile runners.

This year's official induction ceremony will take place at ParisLongchamp on Sunday, October 4 at 11.30am, just a few hours before the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, in the presence of representatives from the 60 member countries of the IFHA.

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HOTAZHELL PLEASES CONNECTIONS WITH CURRAGH WORK

Group 1 hero **Hotazhell** pleased connections with a work at The Curragh during the Irish Champions Festival preview morning on Wednesday. The son of Too Darn Hot is targeting the G1 Royal Bahrain Irish Champion Stakes on September 12, the first day of the Irish Champions Festival.

Third in the event in 2025, the four-year-old Silverton Hill Partnership runner was third in a listed event in June, his 2026 bow, before filling the same spot in the G3 International Stakes at The Curragh later that month. The Jessica Harrington trainee eked out a nose victory in the G1 Grosser Dallmayr-Preis at Munich in July.

Kate Harrington, assistant to her mother, was at The Curragh on Wednesday to see him work and said, “He went really, really well and [jockey] Shane [Foley] was over the moon with him. He really loved the ground out there and any bit of rain that falls between now and then we won’t be saying ‘no’ to.”

After the Irish Champion, the G1 Qatar Racing Champion Stakes at Ascot is the long-term goal.

She added, “We’re thinking of the Irish Champion Stakes as a stepping-stone towards the English Champion Stakes where you hope he’d have heavy ground.”

Joining Hotazhell for the Irish Champions Festival is stablemate and G2 Champions Juvenile Stakes hero **Green Impact** (Wootton Bassett) for Marcstown Farms. Also a four-year-old, the colt is headed for the G3 Kilternan Stakes on the same day after running second to GI Breeders’ Cup Turf hero Ethical Diamond (Awtaad) in the G3 Ballyroan Stakes in August.

Harrington said: “He hit the line really, really well that day [in the Ballyroan] and we’ve just given him a little bit of a break since then. But looking at the entries it’s not really like a Group 3, it’s more like a Group 1.” **Cont. p10**



Hotazhell | *Sara Gordon*

Thundering On Set For Blandford Return



Thundering On | *Bronwen Healy*

Shapoor Mistry's **Thundering On** (Frankel) was also in action at The Curragh on Wednesday morning ahead of an intended start in the G2 Moyglare "Jewels" Blandford Stakes during the second day of the Irish Champions Festival, September 13.

The Joseph O'Brien-trained G1 Oaks heroine ran fourth to the recently retired Estrange (Night Of Thunder) in the G1 Pretty Polly Stakes at the end of June and has received a break in the interim, after plans to contest July's G1 Irish Oaks did not materialise.

"She's had a little mid-season break with a view to focusing on an autumn campaign and this is a lovely starting point for her," said O'Brien. "The Blandford is a Group 2, but it looks like the race could end up being a Group 1 [in quality] and she looks like a live contender."

Other O'Brien contenders across the two days include **Trustyourinstinct** (Churchill) in the G1 Comer Group International Irish St Leger versus his father Aidan's Scandinavia (Justify). He was a last-out winner of the G2 Curragh Cup in July.

O'Brien said, "I think Trustyourinstinct will be the main one for us in the Irish Leger, he loves the Curragh and is coming off the back of a career best."

'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Star Of State** (State Of Rest), runner-up in the G2 Lowther Stakes in August, will step forward for the Tattersalls Ireland Super Auction Sales Stakes which offers €135,000 to the winner. Two other O'Brien fillies are likely for the G1 Moyglare Stud Stakes in G2 Debutante Stakes one-two **Green Empress** (Saxon Warrior) and **Dancing Destiny** (Magna Grecia). The former has finished second twice to the G1 Phoenix Stakes and Harry's Half Million victress Sun Goddess (Sioux Nation), and that rival, as well as Debutante third Alpha (Sea The Stars), are both possible for the Moyglare.

"Green Empress has done great and obviously is the Debutante winner and she will probably be joined in the Moyglare by Dancing Destiny who was second behind her in the Debutante," said O'Brien.

In the G1 Goffs Vincent O'Brien National Stakes, O'Brien has pencilled in Phoenix Stakes second **Folsom Blues** (Blue Point).

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COLE POINTING DR RASCAL TO NATIONAL

The unbeaten **Dr Rascal** will take his chance in the G1 Goffs Vincent O'Brien National Stakes at The Curragh on September 13, according to trainer Oliver Cole.

Racing for Charlie and Julie Rosier, the son of Sottsass won on debut at Leicester in June, before taking an Ascot novice in July. He defeated the subsequent G3 Acomb Stakes hero Haffner (Justify) in the G2 Vintage Stakes at Goodwood later that month.

Cole, whose confidence in his charge has been enhanced by a recent away day, said, "I'm very much looking forward to taking him to Ireland. We took him to Newbury for a racecourse gallop last Friday and he worked really well.

"He's got an amazing constitution and when we took him to Newbury he was very relaxed and taking everything in his stride, he's got the most amazing mentality and doesn't get wound up. I think he's still improving and is lightly raced for a reason, he's a big horse and is one we're very much hoping will be next year's horse."

Stablemate **Silver Dominion** (Gleneagles) will take in the G2 Betfred Champagne Stakes at Doncaster on Saturday, September 12. A winner at first asking at Newbury in June, he resurfaced with a second in the Listed Pat Eddery Stakes at Ascot behind future G3 Solario Stakes winner Alfred Wallace (Dubawi) two starts later in July. In his latest test, the G3 Prix Francois Boutin, the Fitri Hay and Cannings Down-owned colt found only Avec Toi (No Nay Never) too good on August 16. Cont. p11



Dr Rascal | *PA Media*

Dr Rascal Cont.

Cole said, "He's going to go to the Champagne Stakes and he's in good form. I'm looking forward to seeing him again and he ran so well behind Avec Toi in Deauville.

"He did an easy bit of work on Tuesday morning and might do another easy bit next week and then he will be ready."

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ENCELADUS AND HIGHWAYMAN LIKELY TO REPRESENT JOSEPH O'BRIEN IN THE ST LEGER

Joseph O'Brien is aiming both group winner **Enceladus** (Sea The Stars) and **Highwayman** (Persian King) at the G1 St Leger at Doncaster on Saturday, September 12.

The former has won his last three starts, breaking his maiden at Cork in April, before taking the King George V Stakes at Royal Ascot and the G3 Gordon Stakes at Goodwood in July for Flaxman Stables. Owned by John Ioannis Neocleous, Highwayman won the Listed Vinnie Roe Stakes at Leopardstown on August 20.

O'Brien said, "Enceladus and Highwayman might both run and Enceladus obviously has been progressive and goes there on the back of a career best. It looks like being a good renewal of the race, but Enceladus is an obvious contender and I think that the extra couple of furlongs will suit him, I don't see it being an issue and he's a good horse.

"It's the same for Highwayman, to be honest, and he's come a long way pretty fast and this will probably tell us what we do towards the end of the season with him. He's a nice colt going the right way fast."

O'Brien claimed the 2013 St Leger aboard Leading Light (Montjeu), and trained Galileo Chrome (Australia) to take the 2020 edition of the race. The biggest obstacles in the O'Brien pair's Classic quest are his father Aidan's G1 Derby winner Christmas Day (Camelot), and G1 Irish Derby third Pierre Bonnard (Camelot).

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BANDE AND BORNA ADDED TO AKTEM ONLINE STALLION SALE

The stallion **Bande**, and stallion prospect **Borna** (Saxon Warrior) have been added to AKTEM's Stallion Online Sale, which will be held on September 25.

The former, a 16-year-old son of Authorized, is a half-brother to successful NH stallion Doctor Dino. Consigned by Haras de la Haie Neuve, Bande began his stallion career in Japan, before joining the Haie Neuve roster in 2020. He has been represented by G1 Champion Bumper winner With Nolimit, as well as listed-winning jumper Lucky Nonantais, who was second in a Grade 3.



Bande | *AKTEM*

G2 Derby Italiano hero Borna (lot 11) was also third in the G1 Deutsches Derby and later won the G3 Premio Abrosiano at four. He is from the family of group winners Top Trip (Dubai Destination) and Believe In Love (Make Believe).

For the catalogue, please visit the AKTEM website.

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TOWCESTER GRANTED SIX FIXTURES FOR THE 2027/2028 SEASON

Towcester will host six fixtures during the 2027/2028 National Hunt season. The racecourse will be operational again following an almost 10-year break after Betway entered into a partnership with racecourse owners Orchestrate in July.

Officially renamed Betway Towcester Racecourse, the course will see a phased return of equine activity, aiming to host point-to-point fixtures in the spring of 2027. The last race meeting staged at the course was in May of 2018, although it is also utilised for greyhound racing, including the Greyhound Derby.

Richard Thomas, chief executive of Orchestrate, said, "Seeing dates in the diary for the first time in nearly a decade is a genuinely exciting moment for everyone here.

"We said in July that we wanted to bring horse racing back to Towcester for the local community and for the sport, and we now have a clear programme to work towards.

"There is plenty to do between now and October 2027, but work on the track is already well under way and we can't wait to welcome horses back."

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Thursday, September 3, 2026:
UNITED KINGDOM
Baaeed (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), Beech House Stud
120 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
14:05-HAYDOCK PARK, 8f, **Sir Terry Hadley (GB)**
82,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025

Blackbeard (Ire) (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud
116 foals of racing age/15 winners/0 black-type winners
15:39-SALISBURY, 7f, **Ellavara (Ire)**
300,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2024; 450,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2025
14:40-HAYDOCK PARK, 7f, **Flying Pirate (Ire)**
€40,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2025
15:03-SALISBURY, 8f, **Play Again Sammy (Ire)**
85,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2025

Dubawi Legend (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), Starfield Stud
42 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
16:14-SALISBURY, 75K GIII The Ire-Incentive, **It Pays To Buy Irish** Dick Poole Fillies' Stakes (Class 1) (Group 3)6f, Harlequin Sky (Ire)
£10,000 RNA Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025; £21,000 Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2026
15:17-HAYDOCK PARK, 7f, **Peggy's Lad (Ire)**
€10,000 Goffs February Sale 2025; 11,000gns RNA Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2025

Minzaal (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Derrinstown Stud
115 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner
15:59-NEWCASTLE, 5f, **Caelum (Ire)**
105,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025
16:55-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, **Kamaal (Ire)**
100,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2025; 90,000gns Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale 2026
15:03-SALISBURY, 8f, **Minsmere (Ire)**
€50,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2025
14:40-HAYDOCK PARK, 7f, **Perfect Gal (Ire)**
€18,000 Goffs February Sale 2025; €68,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2025; €62,000 Arqana May 2yo Breeze Up 2026
14:28-SALISBURY, 8f, **Vardo (Ire)**
52,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2024; 58,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025; 95,000gns Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale 2026

Perfect Power (Ire) (Ardad {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud
57 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
14:40-HAYDOCK PARK, 7f, **Frankie Power (GB)**
32,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2024; €27,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2025
15:59-NEWCASTLE, 5f, **Perfect Strike (Fr)**
€75,000 Arqana Deauville V2 Yearling Sale 2025; €280,000 Arqana May 2yo Breeze Up 2026
15:52-HAYDOCK PARK, 6f, **Powerful Force (GB)**

Persian Force (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
99 foals of racing age/18 winners/1 black-type winner
15:17-HAYDOCK PARK, 7f, **Greek Street (Ire)**
€32,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; 52,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2025
15:59-NEWCASTLE, 5f, **What A Girl Wants (Ire)**
90,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2025

Space Traveller (GB) (Bated Breath {GB}), Starfield Stud
122 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
14:28-SALISBURY, 8f, **Night Star (Ire)**
€46,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; £60,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025

Torquator Tasso (Ger) (Adlerflug {Ger}), Gestut Auenquelle
48 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
14:05-HAYDOCK PARK, 8f, **Dancing Dunes (Ger)**
€115,000 Baden-Baden September Yearling Sale 2025



Minzaal has several runners in the UK | *Shadwell*

FRANCE
Ebro River (Ire) (Galileo Gold {GB}), Haras de la Haie Neuve
29 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
6-VICHY, 1600m, **Riverheight (Fr)**

Marianafoot (Fr) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}), Haras des Faunes
29 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
3-VICHY, 1600m, **Gonafoot (Fr)**
3-VICHY, 1600m, **Max Win (Fr)**
€40,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2025

Sealiway (Fr) (Galiway {GB}), Haras de Beaumont
86 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
3-VICHY, 1600m, **Do You Sea (Fr)**
6-VICHY, 1600m, **Kandors (Fr)**
€13,000 RNA Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2025

Texas (Fr) (Wootton Bassett {GB}), Castillon Stallions
29 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
6-VICHY, 1600m, **Goldy Man (Fr)**

OBSERVATIONS
on the European racing scene

SOSIE'S BROTHER JUMEAU DEBUTS AT LONGCHAMP

2.30, ParisLongchamp, Debutantes, 2yo, c/g, 8fT

Twelve months ago, the Wertheimers unveiled a TDN Rising Star in Zaraki in ParisLongchamp's Prix de Fontenoy and they have another fascinating runner in Thursday's renewal in **JUMEAU (IRE) (Sea The Stars {Ire})**.

A precious commodity for the operation in his own right, he is a full-brother to the high-class Sosie, winner of the Hong Kong Vase and three other Group 1s all at this track and like his full-sibling is under the care of Andre and Lavinia Fabre.

His opponents include **Moi Non Plus (Dubawi {Ire})**, a son of the Moyglare and Jean-Luc Lagardere heroine Happily (Galileo) from the Francis Graffard stable, and Robert Ng's homebred colt **Slemen (GB) (Showcasing {GB})**, a half-brother to the classy Calendar Girl from the Alessandro Botti stable.

3.39 Salisbury, Mdn, 2yo, f, 6f 213yT

There may well be Classic clues available on Thursday with Salisbury's Quidhampton Maiden Stakes hosting some intriguing fillies including Juddmonte's **QUINTANA (GB) (Dubawi {Ire})**, a daughter of Quadrilateral.

That daughter of Frankel was successful in the Fillies' Mile and was third in the 1,000 Guineas and hails from the esteemed family of Three Valleys and the operation's great broodmare Hasili which includes Dansili, Banks Hill, Intercontinental et al. Roger Charlton trained the dam and Three Valleys and this blueblood is in the hands of his son Harry.

Interestingly, Colin Keane opts to ride another newcomer for the breeders in the Andrew Balding-trained **Concurrent (GB) (No Nay Never)**, a half-sister to the smart Juncture (Dark Angel) whose dam is a half-sister to the Group 1 winner Promising Lead.

Another unraced filly of note is Tony Bloom and Ian McAleavy's **Ellavara (Ire) (Blackbeard {Ire})**, a Ralph Beckett-trained 450,000gns Tattersalls October Book 1 purchase who is a half-sister to last year's Prix de l'Opera heroine Barnavara (Calyx), while the standard-setters are Al Wasmiyah Stud's Newmarket runner-up **Thi Qar (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire})** and Godolphin's 800,000gns Book 1 graduate **Miss Miniver (Ire) (Wootton Bassett {GB})**, a Roger Varian-trained half-sister to Facteur Cheval who was narrowly denied on debut at Kempton by the subsequent Prestige Stakes third Coaxed.

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BRITAIN

Wednesday's Results:

4th-Kempton, £12,000, Nov, 9-2, 3yo/up, 10f 219y (AWT), 2:19.20, st/sl.

FORTITUDINE (IRE) (g, 3, Dubawi {Ire}--Minidress {GB} {SP-Eng}, by Street Cry {Ire}), who incurred a seven-pound penalty for posting a 21-length debut tally over course and distance last month, led from flagfall in this return. Holding sway throughout, the 1-4 favourite was nudged along approaching the quarter-mile marker and ridden out inside the final furlong to defeat Shadow Road (Lope De Vega) by 2 1/4 lengths.

Fortitudine is the latest of seven foals and one of five winners from as many runners produced by Listed Height Of Fashion Stakes runner-up Minidress (Street Cry), herself a daughter of the dual Group 3-winning G1 Oaks and G1 Yorkshire Oaks placegetter Short Skirt (Diktat).

He is a full-brother to nine-time Group/Grade 1 hero Rebel's Romance and a half-brother to G1 Jebel Hatta and GI Manhattan victor Measured Time (Frankel) and the Listed-placed Petticoat (Cape Cross). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $17,475.
O/B-Godolphin; T-Charlie Appleby.

3rd-Kempton, £11,000, Nov, 9-2, 2yo, 6f (AWT), 1:14.00, st/sl.

SIERRA BELLE (GB) (f, 2, Frankel {GB}--Bravo Sierra {GB} {SP-Eng & Fr}, by Siyouni {Fr}), runner-up contesting six-furlong heats at Newmarket and Salisbury in July, was well away to track the leader in second before slipping to third at halfway. Rowed along in early straight, the 2-1 favourite quickened to the fore approaching the final furlong and was driven out to prevail by 3/4-of-a-length from I Am Royal (Kodiac). Cont. p14

3rd-Kempton Cont.

Sierra Belle is the third of five foals and second scorer out of Listed Prix Moonlight Cloud and Listed Boadicea Fillies' Stakes placegetter Bravo Sierra (Siyouni), who is kin to GI Jenny Wiley winner Juliet Foxtrot (Dansili), G3 Dick Poole Fillies' Stakes victrix Juliet Sierra (Bated Breath) and G3 Prix Thomas Bryon runner-up Alpha Bravo (Oasis Dream).

The winner is full to a yearling filly and half to a weanling colt by Kingman. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, $18,551.
O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd; T-Ralph Beckett.

2nd-Kempton, £12,000, Mdn, 9-2, 2yo, 7f (AWT), 1:25.77, st/sl. **CHARLEMONT G G (c, 2, Charlatan--Kodiak West {Ire} {SP-Fr}, by Kodiac {GB})**, 10th of 12 over this trip at Wolverhampton in his July 14 debut last time, broke alertly and tanked along in a handy fifth through the initial fractions here. Fourth turning for home, the 11-1 chance came under pressure approaching the final quarter-mile and kept on strongly in the closing stages to deny the pacesetting Gold Army (Intello) by a length nearing the line.

Charlemont Gg is the third of foal and scorer out of Listed Prix de Pontarme runner-up Kodiak West (Kodiac), herself a full-sister to the Listed-placed Fregada.

Kodiak West, who was covered by Mage this year, has also produced G2 Del Mar Derby hero Proletariat (Raging Bull), G2 Oaks d'Italia and G2 Premio Lydia Tesio second Sun Never Sets (Karakontie), a yearling filly by Up To The Mark and a weanling filly by Constitution. Sales history: $100,000 Ylg '25 KEESEP; 130,000gns 2yo '26 TATBRE. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $8,758.
O-Omar Esmail Ghrghar; B-Liberty Road Stables (KY); T-Marco Botti.

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1st-Hamilton, £11,500, Mdn, 9-2, 2yo, 5f 7yT, :59.92, sf. **SOD HALL LANE (IRE) (c, 2, Blue Point {Ire}--Hello Bangkok {Ire}, by Tamayuz {GB})**, runner-up to the potentially smart Minster Man on debut at Musselburgh last month, travelled powerfully shadowing the early leader. In front passing two out, the 11-8 second favourite stayed on strongly to record a 2 1/4-length success from Royal Strike (Minzaal).

The dam, whose first foal was the Listed-placed three-year-old filly Moonage Daydream (Starman), has a son of Starspangledbanner heading to Goffs Orby Book 1. She is a daughter of the dual Group 3 winner Ziria (Danehill Dancer), dam of five Stakes performers including the Listed winner and dual Group-placed Fadhayyil (Tamayuz) and the Listed scorer Athenian (Acclamation) who produved the Canadian champion Argos (Nyquist). The family also features the Prix de Sandringham winner Kestria (Keltos) and the Australian Group 2 winner Turaath (Oasis Dream). Sales history: €95,000 Ylg '25 GOFORY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $16,524.
O-John Chambers; B-Pier House Stud; T-Declan Carroll.

1st-Bath, £8,000, Mdn, 9-2, 2yo, 5f 160yT, 1:10.54, gd. **ETIENNE (GB) (c, 2, Rajasinghe {Ire}--Odyssey Girl {Ire}, by Gutaifan {Ire})**, an eye-catching fourth behind stablemate Zigazig Ah in Newbury's Weatherbys Super Sprint last month, was 1-25 tackling inferior opposition. Tardily away and forced wide throughout, the homebred had too many guns for his rivals from two out and stretched to a comfortable 4 1/2-length success from Polly The Sniper (Sergei Prokofiev).

The dam, who hails from the family of Oasis Dream's Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere-winning sire Naaqoos, Green Desert's Prix de Cabourg scorer Mazameer and the Prix de Psyche winner and Prix Saint-Alary runner-up Vue Fantastique (Motivator), has a son of Mohaather due to sell at the upcoming Tattersalls October Book 4. She also has a filly foal by Bradsell. Sales history: 7,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $32,425.
O-Phil Cunningham; B-Emma Cunningham; T-Richard Spencer.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

3rd-Newcastle, £10,000, 9-2, 3yo/up, 6f 1y (AWT), 1:11.50, st. **YORDAN (IRE) (g, 3, Starman {GB}--Shamardyh {Ire}, by Shamardal)** Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, $17,976. O-Bregman Family Racing LLC; B-Dermot Cogan; T-Kevin Ryan. *€45,000 Wlg '23 GOFNOF; 160,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT. **1/2 to Comradery (Ire) (Camacho {GB}), SP-US.

IRELAND

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Best Love (Ire), f, 2, **Kodi Bear (Ire)**--Bits Of Love (Ire), by Showcasing (GB). Navan, 9-2, 5fT, 1:00.35. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-0, $18,498. B-Peter, Hugh & Philip McCutcheon. *€17,000 Ylg '25 GOAUYR.

Mawhibah (Qa), f, 3, **Australia (GB)**--Bruxcalina (Fr) (SP-Fr), by Linamix (Fr). Navan, 9-2, 10fT, 2:07.97. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, $12,780. B-Al Jeryan Stud. *1/2 to Librisa Breeze (GB) (Mount Nelson {GB}), G1SW-Eng.

Chapel Lane (Ire), g, 3, **Tamayuz (GB)**--Fair Sailing (Ire), by Docksider. Navan, 9-2, 8f 20yT, 1:42.06. Lifetime Record: 8-1-1-3, $21,881. B-Airlie Stud. *€22,000 Ylg '24 GOFORY. **1/2 to Windfast (Ire) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), SW & GSP-Eng; and Montalcino (Ire) (Big Bad Bob {Ire}), GSP-Eng.

FRANCE

Wednesday's Results:

1st-Toulouse, €24,700, Cond, 9-2, 2yo, 8fT, 1:40.80, gd. **MADAHA QUEEN (FR) (f, 2, Blue Point {Ire}--Pattie {GB} {MSP-Eng, SP-Fr}, by Sixties Icon {GB})**, off the mark at Mont-de-Marsan in July, was sent to the front again from the break. Tough to the line, the 2-1 second favourite had a length to spare there over La Carmen (Keiai Nautique).

The dam, who was triple Listed-placed, is a full-sister to the Group 3-placed stayer Harrison. Sales history: €100,000 Ylg '25 ARQAUG. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-2, €28,730.
O-Ecurie JCM Racing; B-Ecurie Haras du Cadran, Ecurie Melanie, SAS IEI & Cheval Invest II; T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

1st-Lyon-Parilly, €20,100, Cond, 9-2, 3yo, 12fT, 2:27.83, sf. **SPIRIT OF ZARAK (FR) (f, 3, Zarak {Fr}--Spirit Of Nelson {Ire} {MGSW-Fr, GSP-Ity}, by Mount Nelson {GB})**, not seen since breaking her maiden at Saint-Cloud in April, enjoyed a lead throughout the early stages. In command passing the two pole, the 6-5 favourite drew away to score by 2 1/2 lengths from Sacrifice (Zarak).

The dam, who was successful in the Prix de Flore and Grand Prix de Vichy and was placed in the Prix Corrida and Premio Lydia Tesio, is a full-sister to the fellow Group 3 winner Une Perle. Also connected to the Prix d'Arenberg winner Afandem (Vale Of York), her two-year-old colt Esprit De Star (Sea The Stars) was a €70,000 purchase by Grove Stud at last year's Arqana Deauville August. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, €27,094.
O/B-Jean-Claude Seroul; T-Carlos & Yann Lerner.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Ametis Chope (Fr), f, 2, **Muhaarar (GB)**--Amethyst (Fr), by Lord Of England (Ger). Lyon-Parilly, 9-2, 1350mT, 1:23.33. B-A Chopard.

EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN ITALY:

Elen (Ire), f, 2, **Space Traveller (GB)**--Twiggy's Girl (Ire), by Manduro (Ger). Livorno, 9-2, Rcl., 1350mT, 1:25.70. B-Eileen Farrelly (Ire). *€23,000 Ylg '25 TAISEP. **11th winner for her freshman sire (by Bated Breath).

WORLDWIDE NEWS

Romantic Warrior Cont. from p1

Trained by Danny Shum for owner Peter Lau, Romantic Warrior made yet more history on what proved to be his swansong at Sha Tin in May, with his victory in the Standard Chartered Champions & Chater Cup seeing him becoming only the third horse ever to complete the Hong Kong Triple Crown after River Verdon (1993/94) and Voyage Bubble (2024/2025).

In total, Romantic Warrior registered 12 of his 15 top-level victories at his beloved Sha Tin, notably winning four consecutive editions of the Hong Kong Cup between 2022 and 2025, as well as four runnings of the FWD Queen Elizabeth II Cup in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2026. In 2024, he was crowned Hong Kong Horse of the Year, and holds the current title jointly with sprinter Ka Ying Rising (Shamexpress).

The son of Acclamation had gained his first success on foreign soil the previous autumn when travelling to Australia to win the Cox Plate at Moonee Valley, while his sole outing in Japan saw him win the Yasuda Kinen at Tokyo in 2024. After winning his third Hong Kong Cup later that year, he then spent the early months of 2025 in the Middle East, with his win in the Jebel Hetta at Meydan being followed by runner-up finishes in the Saudi Cup and Dubai Turf.

Bred by Corduff Stud and TJ Rooney, Romantic Warrior was purchased by the HKJC for 300,000gns at Book 2 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale. Described by Shum as "an immortal" after his final triumph in the Standard Chartered Champions & Chater Cup, he also enjoyed a long and successful association with jockey James McDonald, who partnered him in 20 of his 31 starts.

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Romantic Warrior | *HKJC*

Romantic Warrior Cont.

Plans for Romantic Warrior in his retirement were not disclosed by the HKJC, but his many fans will soon have the opportunity to bid him a fond farewell in a ceremony at Sha Tin.

The statement continued, "Romantic Warrior will spend the next three months at Conghua Racecourse under the continued monitoring of the Club's veterinarians before being transitioned to his retirement home with the assistance of the Club's RESTART Racehorse Aftercare Programme, which involves a holistic approach to horse aftercare following the completion of racing careers.

"The Club will arrange a farewell ceremony for Romantic Warrior at a Sha Tin Raceday later this season. Details of the farewell ceremony will be shared as soon as they are available."

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ASIA

Tuesday's Result:

KOZUKATA SHO-Listed (Jpn-G2), ¥70,000,000, Morioka, 9-1, 3yo, 2000m, 2:00.80, yl.

1--**ITTERASSHAI (JPN), 123, c, 3, Mischevious Alex**
1st Dam: Norway no Mori (Jpn), by Deep Sky (Jpn)
2nd Dam: Lady Chloris (Jpn), by Forty Niner
3rd Dam: Shinko Lovely (Ire), by Caerleon
O-SNS Group; B-Fujisawa Farm (Jpn); T-Makoto Saito; J-Keita Tosaki; ¥40,000,000. Lifetime Record: 7-4-0-2, ¥83,831,000.

2--**Rock Ptarmigan (Jpn)**, 126, c, 3, Siskin--Lyrical White (Jpn), by Daiwa Major (Jpn). O-Carrot Farm; B-Shiraoi Farm (Jpn); ¥14,000,000.

3--**Seize the Throne (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, Kizuna (Jpn)--Mico Regina (GB), by Frankel (GB). ***1ST BLACK-TYPE**. O-Koki Maeda; B-North Hills (Jpn); ¥8,000,000.

Margins: 6, 4, 10. Odds: 1.00, 2.90, 8.60.

Also Ran: Realize Glint (Jpn), Legend Barows (Jpn), Fours Men (Jpn), Meisho Komachi (Jpn), Midge Champ (Jpn), Sasuke Bella (Jpn), Rosita Sunrise (Jpn), Renovatio (Jpn).

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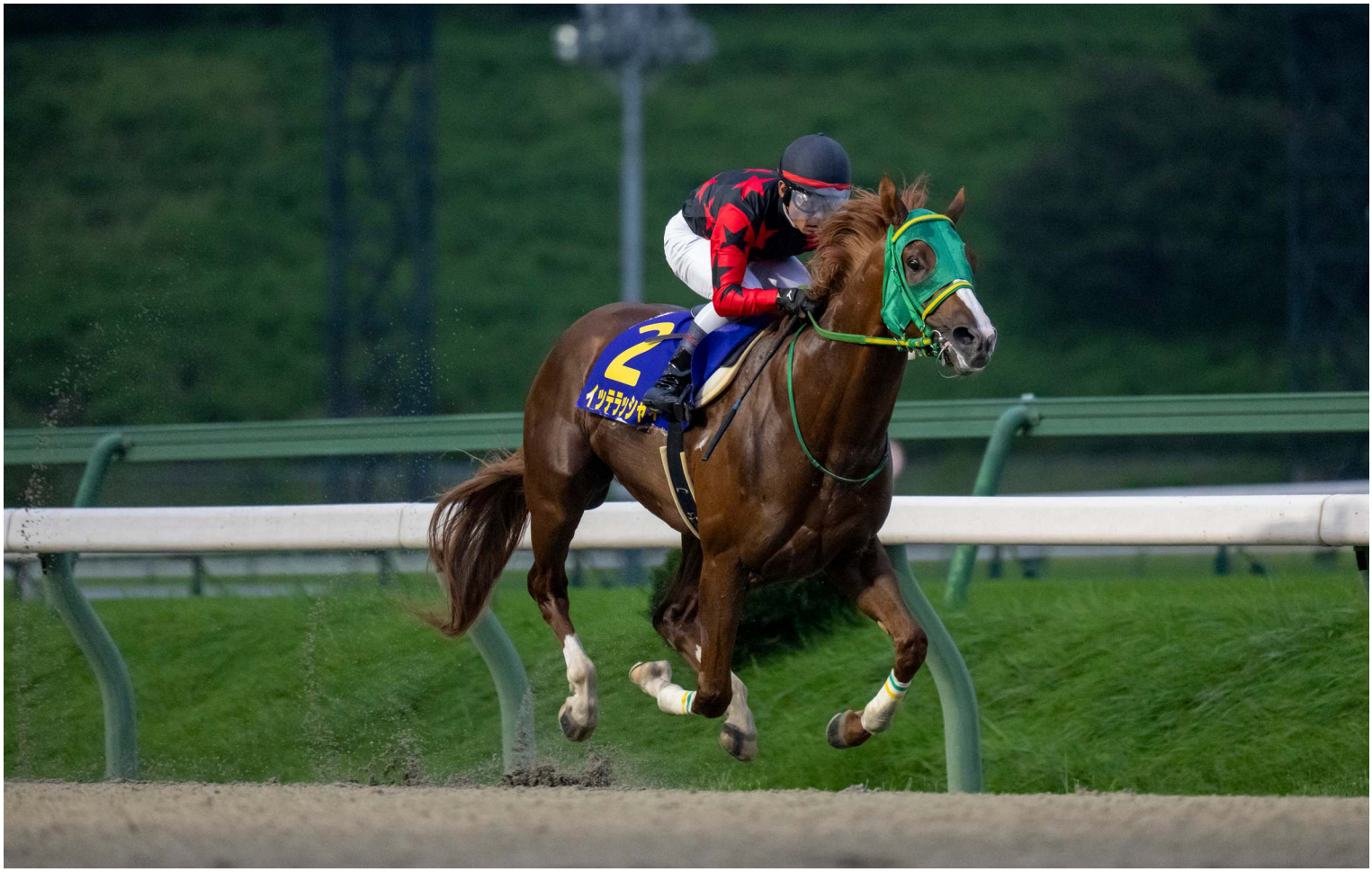

Itterasshai collected his second stakes win at Morioka on Tuesday | *Horsephotos*

BLACK-TYPE ENTRIES

Thursday, Salisbury, post time: 16:14

THE IRE-INCENTIVE, IT PAYS TO BUY IRISH DICK POOLE FILLIES' STAKES-G3, £75,000, 2yo, f, 6fT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Acclamation Star (GB)	Acclamation (GB)	Five Star Dreamers	James Owen	Kieran Shoemark	128
2	Dark Issue (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Mrs E. Roberts	Richard Hannon	Pat Dobbs	128
3	Elevating (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	Clipper	Richard Hannon	Joe Leavy	128
4	Fillipas (Ire)	Coulsty (Ire)	Middleham Park Racing LXXXII	Rod Millman	Colin Keane	128
5	Harlequin Sky (Ire)	Dubawi Legend (Ire)	Jane Chapple-Hyam & Harlequin Direct	Jane Chapple-Hyam	Silvestre De Sousa	128
6	Impulsive Spirit (Ire)	Ten Sovereigns (Ire)	Mr Nick Shutts	David Evans	Rob Hornby	128
7	Lola De Valence (Ire)	Havana Grey (GB)	Mr Guy O Callaghan	Rod Millman	Lewis Edmunds	128
8	Love Is (Ire)	Sioux Nation	Black Type/Regan/Young/Adkisson/Swinbank	Richard Hughes	Oisin Murphy	128
9	Miss Kodi (Ire)	Kodi Bear (Ire)	Miss Alison Jones & Partner	Clive Cox	Rossa Ryan	128
10	Miss Lizzy (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Mr A.Abukhadra	Charlie Fellowes	Paddy Bradley	128
11	Nuit D'Eclair (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Amo Racing Limited	Kevin Philippart de Foy	David Egan	128

Breeders: 1-P. J. Gleeson, 2-The Long Ridge Partnership, 3-Branton Court Stud LLP, 4-Rathasker Stud, 5-Philip & Orla Hore, 6-Milestream Stud Company Ltd, 7-Grangemore Stud, 8-Denis Noonan, 9-Corduff B/stock & Yellowbird Syn., 10-Mr Ahmaed Abu Khadra, 11-Ballyhane

Those who witnessed **Impulsive Spirit** win on debut at Chepstow last month won't be taking her too lightly and, up against useful but mostly exposed peers, she could prove her inflated odds an insult. Of those with proven form, the Sweet Solera runner-up **Nuit D'Eclair** and the Lowther fourth **Miss Kodi** set the standard. *[Tom Frary]*.

Thursday, ParisLongchamp, France, post time: 18:00

PRIX GERALD DE GEOFFRE-G3, €73,200, 3yo, 15fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	1	Space Waltz	American Pharoah	A & L Fabre	Pasquier	128
2	7	Mirik (Fr)	Kameko	Graffard	Barzalona	126
3	3	Barzambition (GB)	Frankel (GB)	A & L Fabre	Pouchin	126
4	6	Box Officer (GB)	Zelzal (Fr)	S Wattel	Bachelot	126
5	8	Anno Solero (Ger)	Best Solution (Ire)	Bocskai	Hamelin	126
6	2	Montsecret (Fr)	Zarak (Fr)	Baratti	Boudot	126
7	4	Victoire Magique (GB)	Victor Ludorum (GB)	A Murphy	Demuro	126
8	5	Tardar (Fr)	Almanzor (Fr)	Karkosa	Grandin	126

June's G3 Prix du Lys winner **Space Waltz** will be a warm order to double his Group 3 tally returning off a fifth here in July's G1 Grand Prix de Paris. Dangers include Listed Grand Prix de Clairefontaine victor **Mirik** and Listed Prix de l'Avre third **Montsecret**. **Victoire Magique** ran second to Space Waltz in the Prix du Lys and followed up with a first black-type triumph in Deauville's Listed Prix Michel Houyvet, where he defeated **Barzambition**, **Box Officer**, **Anno Solero** and **Tardar**. [*Sean Cronin*].

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Hands On History: Gun Runner at Three Chimneys Farm

Thursday, ParisLongchamp, France, post time: 15:40

PRIX D'ARENBERG-G3, €73,200, 2yo, 5fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	5	Grayrobin (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	McGivern	Hayes	126
2	4	Drazinda (Fr)	Sioux Nation	Graffard	Barzalona	122
3	2	Vollering (Ire)	Sioux Nation	A Watson	Jamin	122
4	3	Valentina Bella (Fr)	Armor (GB)	Brasme	Soumillon	122
5	1	Armor Supreme (Ire)	Armor (GB)	Dias	Boudot	122

Princess Zahra Aga Khan's **Drazinda** had the measure of **Vollering** when registering a black-type breakthrough in last month's Listed Prix de la Vallee d'Auge before running fifth in the G1 Prix Morny. Threats also include Team Valor's **Armor Supreme**, who defeated **Grayrobin** in the Curragh's Listed Juvenile Sprint just over two weeks ago, and **Valentina Bella**, who has finished off the board in two Group 3 contests since annexing May's Listed Prix des Reves d'Or at Vichy. [*Sean Cronin*].

Thursday, ParisLongchamp, France, post time: 16:15

PRIX DE LIANCOURT-Listed, €50,300, 3yo, f, 10 1/2fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	10	Madame Fayette (Ire)	Ghaiyyath (Ire)	Torok	Veron	127
~~2~~	~~5~~	~~Daryoura (Fr)~~	~~Dubawi (Ire)~~	~~SCR~~	~~SCR~~	~~SCR~~
3	11	Blackclover (Fr)	Bated Breath (GB)	Blanchet	Grandin	123
4	7	City Queen (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	C Appleby	Buick	123
5	13	Elle Eclipse (Ire)	Too Darn Hot (GB)	A & L Fabre	Boudot	123
6	6	Grande Baigneuse (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Graffard	Lecoeuvre	123
7	2	Maintain (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Devin	Pouchin	123
8	8	Etincelle (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Baratti	Demuro	123
9	14	Moonlit Sun (Ire)	Sea The Moon (Ger)	Harrington	Foley	123
10	9	Evita (Fr)	Persian King (Ire)	C & Y Lerner	Soumillon	123
11	4	Bintward (GB)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Varian	Dawson	123
12	12	Maine (Fr)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Ferland	Pasquier	123
13	1	Ozone (Fr)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Ferland	Corallo	123
14	3	Blingy's Sister (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Palmer	Hamelin	123

TDN Rising Star **Evita** was a commendable fifth to Diamond Necklace in May's G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches and is one of several with claims in an open renewal returning off a second in last month's Listed Prix de Psyche where **Grande Baigneuse** and **Etincelle** finished in arrears. Threats include the two-for-two British challenger **Bintward**, who comes back off a 19-length tally at Salisbury just under two weeks ago. Other rivals worthy of note include Godolphin's dual stakes-placed **City Queen** and Psyche fourth **Elle Eclipse**, as well as Listed Prix Madame Jean Couturie victrix **Madame Fayette** and Listed Ruby Stakes fourth **Moonlit Sun**, who is the lone challenger from Ireland. [*Sean Cronin*].

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