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TRIO OF $2-MILLION COLTS STAR AS BOOK 2 CONCLUDES



Hip 803 | *Keeneland*

by Jessica Martini & Christina Bossinakis

LEXINGTON, KY - The Keeneland September Yearling Sale, which surpassed the $300-million mark after four sessions in 2025--the fastest time in its history--stormed passed that mark when its Book 2 section concluded Thursday with a cumulative gross of $318,115,000. Following four sessions a year ago, the auction had grossed $307,639,000.

"We've raised the bar a little higher," Keeneland's Vice President of Sales Tony Lacy said after the close of business Thursday. "We were up 23 or 24% from 2024 to 2025 and now again we have, an obviously smaller incremental increase. It just shows the strength of the market overall. It's been very healthy. Buyers are finding it very difficult to get what they want, but they are starting to get the horses they want. The demand is there. The appetite for quality horses is extremely high."

A total of 425 horses sold through the ring during the two Book 2 sessions, for a gross of $166,715,000. The average was $392,271--up 9.0% from a year ago--and the median remained steady at $300,000.

Those increases came on the heels of double-digit Book 2 gains from 2024 to 2025.

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CHAMPION FOREVER YOUNG USHERS IN NEW ERA AT BELMONT PARK

by Alan Carasso

For the first time since the 3-year-old gelding Bold Honor broke his maiden for a $20,000 tag on July 9, 2023--for those of you counting, that is a stretch of 1,166 days--Thoroughbreds will take to the track under race conditions at the newly renovated and state-of-the-art Belmont Park, which plays host to a nine-race program Friday afternoon.

As a special 'welcome back' to the track, Friday's purse money is just shy of $2.2 million, with three maiden races each offering $150,000, four allowances worth anywhere from $157,500 to $162,000 and a starter-allowance, where they'll be running for $112,500. Bar the first contest on re-opening day, which is set to jump at 1:30 p.m. ET, and not including the afternoon's focal point, each race has attracted overflow fields.

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FRANKEL–LAH TI DAR COLT HEADS WATERSHIP DOWN'S ORBY DRAFT

A colt by Frankel out of Group 1 performer Lah Ti Dar (Dubawi) anchors the three-strong Watership Down Stud draft for the Goffs Orby Sale, according to the operation's Simon Marsh.



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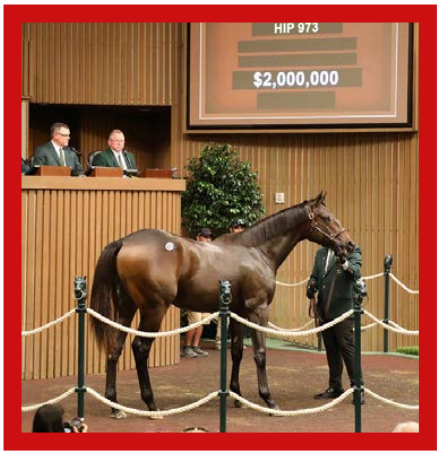

KEY YEARLING LEARNINGS

The record-breaking $2.25m Book 2 top lot, and now a second Book 2 $2m+ colt. **Nyquist** is up to **15 career millionaire yearlings** – and 10 from this one crop, conceived for just $85k.

He's the supersire of 12 G1 winners... and is still up-and-coming.

Congratulations to his breeders, Betz Thoroughbreds / J Betz / DJ Stables / Epona / Lamantia

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KEY YEARLING LEARNINGS

A QUEST FOR QUALITY

What is Keeneland September if not this? But true judges know there are plenty of gray areas when selecting yearlings. Gray areas and gray stallions.

Essential Quality: the Champion at two and three is now leading all stallions at fees under $50k with **the highest percentage of Stakes winners from runners in 2026**. He's the sire of G1 runners-up The Puma and Measure, and no fewer than eight first-crop Stakes winners.



These are signs of unmistakeable quality.

TIME
AND...



$2.1 Million

Book 1

Hip 181 | C. o/o Danzatrice

Buyer: J.S. Company, for Yosuke Imafuku
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Book 2

Hip 803 | C. o/o Spell On You

Buyer: Chad Summers, agt.
Breeder: John D. Gunther
Consignor: Glennwood Farm

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$2 Million
Book 2

Hip 899 | C. o/o Believe You Can

Buyer: Speedway Stable
Breeder: The Estate of Brereton C. Jones
Consignor: Airdrie Stud Raised and Offered

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$1.65 Million

Book 2

Hip 1068 | C. o/o Miss Exclusive

Buyers: St. Elias/West Point/Lane's End Racing/Belladonna
Breeder/Consignor: Mt. Brilliant Farm

ALSO IN BOOKS 1 & 2

$1.5 Million	$1.5 Million	$1.2 Million	$1.2 Million	$1.05 Million	$1 Million
Hip 61	Hip 238	Hip 301	Hip 362	Hip 744	Hip 115
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Before New York racing returns to Belmont Park, click here to take one last look at Saratoga 2026 with some photos that you might not have seen in the pages of the TDN. | Sarah Andrew

17 | A $25,000 CLAIM PAYS OFF AT KEENELAND FOR BREEDER-TRAINER SAM WILENSKY

Drop a Hint (Into Mischief), who helped solidify Wilensky's desire to follow his father into training after she became a stakes winner, brought his story full circle this week at Keeneland when her Cody's Wish colt sold for $850,000.

TODAY'S GRADED STAKES

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Through the two 2025 Book 2 sessions, 454 yearlings sold through the ring for $163,454,000 for an average of $360,031, which was a 18.1% increase from the 2024 Book 2 and the median was $300,000, up 15.4% from 2024.

While the year-over-year average and median remain up, the median lags the gains of the average and the four-day buy-back rate of 30.06% has ticked up from the comparable 2025 figure of 27.07%.

"There is a little selectivity in the market," said Keeneland's Senior Director of Sales Operations Cormac Breathnach. "We are always talking about the median and the RNA rate and those metrics are not as strong as we would like. So as good as the sale is overall, it is a little top heavy in the sense that we are blowing out that seven-figure market, which is great, but only for some people. The median is only a few percent down from last year and last year was an insane sale. So it's hard to be too critical of it, but couple that with the three point increase in the RNA rate, it does reflect that some people may not be getting exactly what they want out of the market, but I hope that's not many people and hopefully week two will reverse that trend."

Breathnach noted there continued to be great diversity in the market during the first week of the auction.

"We have sold 230 yearlings for $500,000 or more and that's from 60 different consignors and 109 different buying entities," Breathnach said. "So there is great breadth and depth in the market. A lot of money is changing hands; $318 million in gross through the ring in four days is staggering. And we know there is a lot more to come because we have a new wave of buyers coming in for Book 3. We are optimistic about a really strong finish. We want to see this momentum continue and get as many smiles on faces as we can."

Three yearlings shared top billing during Thursday's session, with a pair of colts by Not This Time and a son of Nyquist selling for matching $2-million price tags. Trainer Chad Summers signed for the first Not This Time colt, who was consigned by Glennwood Farm, while Speedway Stable acquired the second Not This Time colt from Airdrie Stud. The partnership of St. Elias Stable, West Point Thoroughbreds, Lane's End Racing, and Belladonna Racing purchased the Nyquist colt from Betz Thoroughbreds.

With another 10 yearlings selling for seven figures Thursday, the total for both Book 2 sessions was 24. That number was 18 a year ago.

Through four sessions, 65 horses have sold for $1 million or more, well above last year's record-setting figure of 56.

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The action continued through Book 2's finale Thursday
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"It's a significant benchmark," Lacy said of the million-dollar figure. "It's not the only one, but it just shows that there is a strong focus on those top horses."

Taylor Made Sales Agency was the Book 2's leading consignor with 58 sold for $21,110,028. The partnership of St. Elias, West Point Thoroughbreds, Lane's End Racing, and Belladonna Racing was the section's leading buyer with 10 yearlings purchased by $8,650,000.

The Keeneland September Yearling sale will have a dark day Friday and returns with sessions beginning daily at 10 a.m. through Sept. 26.

Summers, Gold Return to Glennwood Well

Trainer Chad Summers was able to acquire a colt by Liam's Map for $40,000 out of the Glennwood Farm consignment at the 2024 Keeneland September sale for owner Al Gold and that yearling went on to become GI Preakness Stakes winner Napoleon Solo. Summers and Gold paid significantly more when they returned to the Gunthers' consignment Thursday, going to $2 million to secure a colt by Not This Time (hip 803). The yearling is out of Spell on You (Curlin), a half-sister to Triple Crown winner Justify (Scat Daddy).

"He is a really special horse," Summers said, while Gold standing behind him joked loudly, "Tell them he's a pinhook."

Of the Gunthers, Summers added, "They know how to raise a really nice family. John and Tanya do a great job. We got Napoloen Solo from them last time. They had Justify and Vino Rosso, the list goes on and on with the horses that they raise."

Summers returned to the Glennwood consignment a little later when going to $410,000 for a son of Up to the Mark (hip 827). **Cont.**



The $2-million yearling continued a career sale for John and Tanya Gunther's Glennwood, which sold the $3.7-million sale topper by Into Mischief, as well as the $1.9-million half-brother to Justify during the auction's Book 1 section.

"This is unbelievable," John Gunther said of the farm's results this week. "It shortens my breath just to think about it. I may have to sit down."

He continued, "It's so wonderful for my daughter because Tanya works so hard. She is out there prepping the yearlings and the staff is so fantastic. The Glennwood team is unbelievable. The guy that does the foaling and looks after them is Conrado Campos and he has been with us some 30 years and his sons are even working for us. He raises our horses like they are his own children. And Lindsay Wilson has also worked for us for ages managing the farm and she is another critical person. It's fantastic."

John Gunther purchased Magical Illusion (Pulpit) as a 4-year-old for $425,000 at the 2005 Keeneland January sale. Stage Magic (Ghostzapper) was the mare's second foal and, after RNA'ing for $70,000 at the 2008 Keeneland September sale, the chestnut went on to be graded-placed in Gunther's colors. But it has been in the breeding shed where Stage Magic has cemented her fame, producing Triple Crown winner Justify in 2015.

Hip 803 is the first foal out of Stage Magic's daughter Spell On You, who was unplaced in two starts.



Hip 803 | *Keeneland*

The 6-year-old mare produced a filly by McKinzie this year and was bred back to Not This Time.

"He was a lovely colt," John Gunther said of hip 803. "He has a hip like Not This Time. For a big colt, he was really light on his feet. When we turned him out at night, he would just float across the field. It was unbelievable. And he was very smart."

Of the colt's price tag, Gunther said, "I didn't expect that. The reserve was much lower. I knew a lot of people really liked him. It's hard to believe, but it's wonderful." @JessMartiniTDN



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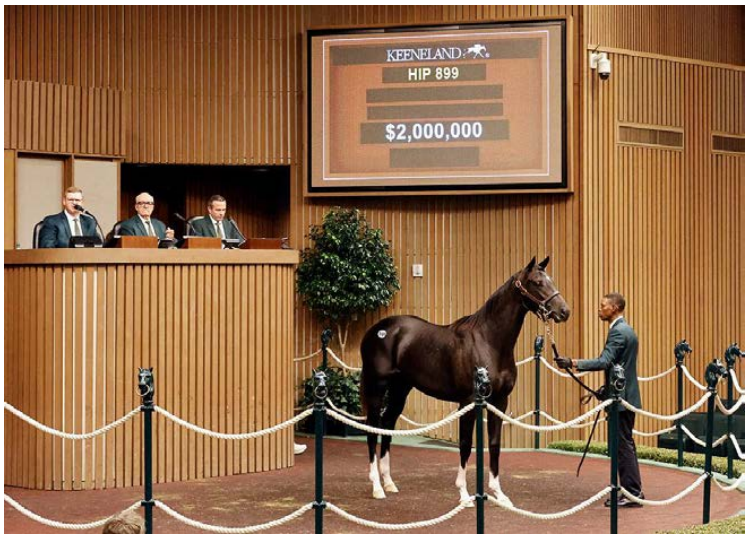
Speedway Keeps the Faith with $2-million Not This Time Colt

Rising to the top of Thursday's Book 2 closer, a colt by Not This Time out of Kentucky Oaks heroine Believe You Can (Proud Citizen), landed $2 million from agent Marette Farrell bidding on behalf of Peter Fluor and K.C. Weiner's Speedway Stable. It was the sole purchase for Speedway through Keeneland's first two books.

“I was obviously hoping for less,” admitted Farrell of Hip 899. “I thought the fact that he was immature would help us a little bit but honestly, he was so athletic and so light on his feet, especially in the back walking ring. And like I said to Peter Fluor and K.C. [Weiner], he has a stallion's pedigree. He's by the right sire that is on a trajectory to the stars right now.”

According to Farrell, the operation came to Keeneland looking for a filly but couldn't let the son of the Taylor Made stallion pass them by.

"I just felt he's the *one*,” she said. “Sorry, he's not a girl!"



Hip 899 | *Keeneland*

Bred by the Estate of Brereton Jones, the striking bay was consigned by the Jones family's Airdrie Stud.

“It's a beautiful pedigree,” said Farrell. “It's one of Airdrie's key families. And as we all know, they're one of the top breeders in America. So everything works as regards to what makes sense."

Campaigned by the late governor and trained by Larry Jones, Believe You Can won eight of 14 career starts, including six stakes, highlighted by the 2012 GI Kentucky Oaks.

“[Hip 899] was just a masculine version, really, of the mare,” said Airdrie's Bret Jones. “All of us watched [Believe You Can] grow up, and she's been with us now for a long time, and [the yearling was] really was just the spitting image, but a bigger, stronger version. And classy, just everything you'd ever want in a sales yearling or a racehorse."



As a broodmare, the daughter of Proud Citizen is also responsible for SW and GSP Believe in Royalty (Tapit) and most notably, Conclude (Collected), winner of the GII Del Mar Derby and GII Del Mar Mile and earner of over $570,000 on the racetrack.

Drawing a thread of familiarity with the extended family, Speedway also campaigned Collected, victorious in the GI Pacific Classic.

“We obviously know Conclude because he's by Collected and, in my humble opinion, I think [this colt is] a much better horse than Conclude. I hope I'm right.”

According to Farrell, the colt will head to Airdrie or WinStar before shipping to Niall Brennan in Ocala, Florida for the winter.

“He's in the same mold as his sire,” she said of the red-hot Not This Time. “Ton of quality. And a lot of Not This Time's progeny have a lot of similarities, but I thought he was the most beautiful of them all.”--@CBossTDN



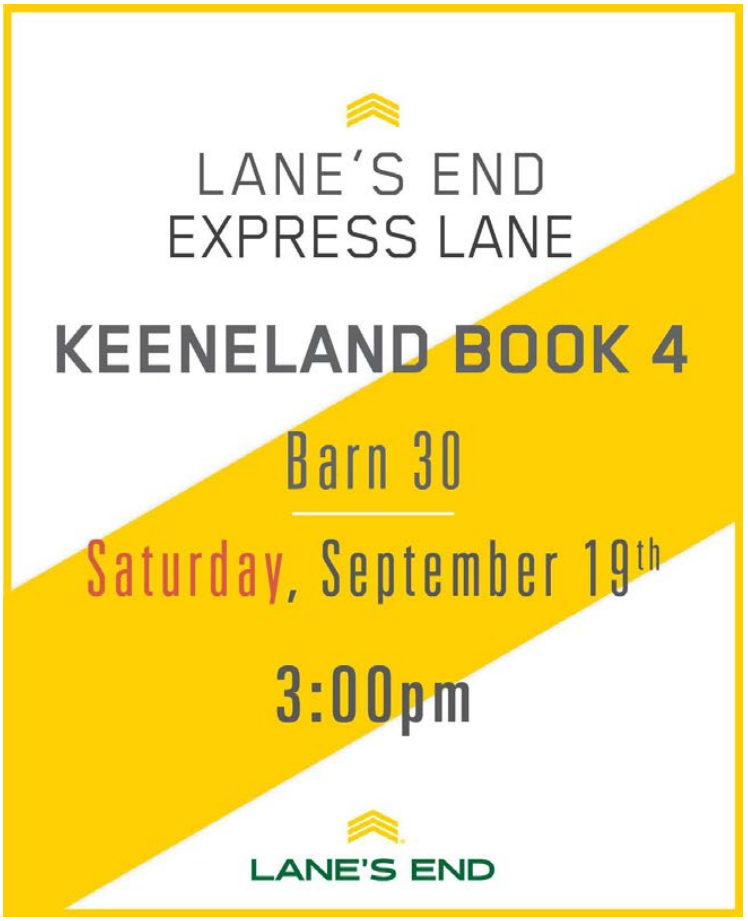
Betz Thoroughbreds Team with Hip 973 | *Mathea Kelley*

Nyquist Colt Third to $2 Million Thursday

The partnership of St. Elias Stables, West Point Thoroughbreds, Lane's End Racing and Belladonna Racing made its second seven-figure purchase of the day when going to $2 million to acquire a colt by Nyquist (hip 973) Thursday at Keeneland. The colt was consigned by Betz Thoroughbreds and was bred by Betz Thoroughbreds, J.Betz, D J Stables, Epona, and Lamantia.

“We are really excited to acquire the colt,” said St. Elias's Monique Delk. “He was a standout for us. He's by the right sire, amazing physical and with a beautiful walk. He is the whole package.”

The colt is out of stakes winner Factorofwon (The Factor) and is a half-brother to stakes winner and Grade I-placed Light Won Up (City of Light). Betz's Avocet Bloodstock purchased the mare for $200,000 at the 2021 Keeneland November sale.



Hip 973 was the seventh seven-figure yearling of the week for Darley's Nyquist, who was represented by the $2.25-million session topper Wednesday.

Also Thursday, the St. Elias, West Point, Lane's End, Belladonna partnership purchased a colt by Uncle Mo (hip 841) for $1 million from the Mt. Brilliant Farm consignment. The group returned to the Mt. Brilliant Farm consignment late in the day Thursday to acquire a colt by Not This Time (hip 1068) for $1.65 million.

Through four sessions, the partnership has purchased 16 yearlings for $13,925,000.

Asked if the group had a target number of yearlings to buy, Delk said, “We just approach each book with a lot of discipline, and a real strict criteria. We don't necessarily have a number, we are just pretty disciplined in our buying.” @JessMartiniTDN

Carlisle Fires $1.6 Million Shot for Gun Runner Colt

Not long after the start of Thursday's session, agent Lauren Carlisle won out with a $1.6 million final bid to secure a colt by Gun Runner. Hip 790 was consigned by Four Star Sales, acting as agent for breeder Three Chimneys Farm.

“Wow--I loved him,” said Carlisle, bidding on behalf of an undisclosed client. “He's a beautiful colt, looks very two-turn, and Gun Runner speaks for himself.”

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$1,000,000

Hip 941
Colt o/o Cougarstown, by Speightstown

Breeders: **John Donaldson & Gregg Hill**
Buyers: **CHC Inc., Maverick Racing, Light Post Ventures**
Consignor: **Norevale Farm**



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$950,000
Hip 750
Colt o/o Princess Cadey,
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$850,000
Hip 508
Colt o/o Allanah,
by Scat Daddy

$800,000
Hip 149
Colt o/o Cairo Lights,
by American Pharoah

$750,000
Hip 323
Colt o/o Medaglia Mo,
by Medaglia d'Oro

$750,000
Hip 958
Colt o/o Digital Asset,
by Tapit

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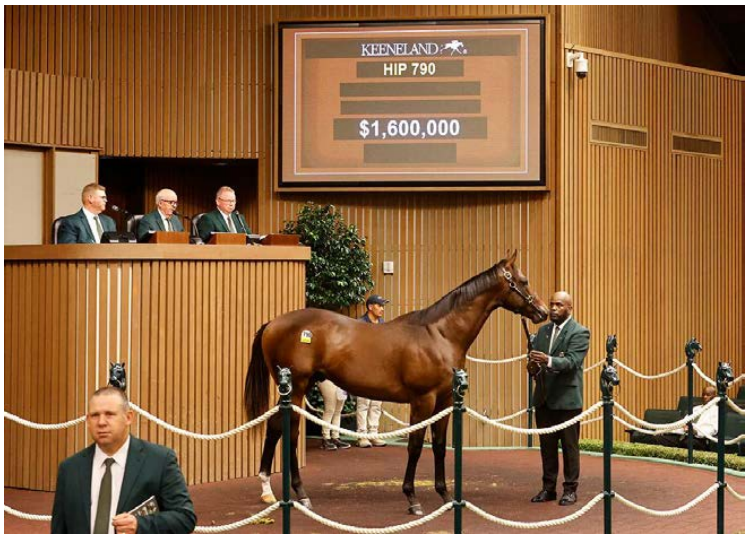
The Apr. 15 foal is out of stakes winner She's My Gem (Into Mischief), who hails from the extended family of Grade I winner My Conquestadory (Artie Schiller).

"We had swung pretty big the last few days and have not gotten it done. I'm a little relieved that we got one that we really wanted. So trying to collect colts, that's what I'm doing."

Carlisle confirmed that the dark bay will go to trainer Mark Casse.



Hip 790 | *Keeneland*

Three Chimneys purchased the colt's dam She's My Gem, in foal to More Than Ready, for $325,000 at the Keeneland November Sale in 2021.

The mare's last two foals, a 2023 filly by Gun Runner and a 2024 colt by Cyberknife, both realized $550,000 at the September Sale the past two years.

The colt is bred on the same cross as GII Santa Anita Oaks winner Meaning, who was runner-up in this season's GI Kentucky Oaks.

Expanding on the seller's market that buyers are facing at Keeneland this week, Carlisle explained, "It's been rough. It's been a kick in the gut most days. We're swinging pretty big on a lot of these horses and not getting them. And that just tells you the demand. It's extremely high. So if you want one, you're going to have to stretch. I wasn't anticipating to do that much, but there are not going to be many Gun Runner colts left in the sale. And you get into Book 3 and it drops off. You have to step up to the plate and swing. So that's what we're trying to do."--@CBossTDN

Seeing RED? Click on a stallion's name to learn more about them on their page on the farm's website.



Dream Big Racing Keeps Busy on Day 4

Stepping into the fray in Book 2, John Wade's Dream Big Racing secured a quartet of horses over two days, headed by a $1.5-million Gun Runner filly purchased on Thursday afternoon. Agent Donato Lanni, who advised on the purchase, confirmed that the filly will go to Hall of Famer Bob Baffert.

"Most important, Bob loved her," Lanni said from the outside corridor of the main pavilion shortly after the purchase. "She looks like Gun Runner. Gun Runner is probably one of the hottest sires today. And [Dream Big] want to run in the big races. She looked like that kind of horse that would stretch out and run in those big Classic races."

Consigned by Mt. Brilliant Farm, Hip 1018 is out of Grade III-placed Ivyetsu (Tapit), a half-sister to Group 3 scorer Last Kingdom (Frankel {GB}). She is also a half Mondelice (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}), the dam of French highweight older horse at 11-14 furlongs and Australian champion older horse Dubai Honour (Ire).

For Wade, Lanni also purchased a colt by Justify out of Veronica Greene (Tapit) at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale last month. That colt will also be trained by Baffert.

"[These are the first horses] that Bob's going to train for him," confirmed Lanni. "This is our second purchase with [Wade]. Very good people."

During Wednesday's initial Book 2 session, Legion Bloodstock signed on behalf of Dream Big for a $1.1 million Into Mischief colt (Hip 497). On Thursday, the operation purchased a colt by Maxfield (Hip 947) and a colt by Practical Joke (Hip 990) for $325,000 and $450,000, respectively.

Wednesday's seven-figure purchase will be trained by Whit Beckman while the latter pair will be conditioned by Kenny McPeek.--@CBossTDN



Hip 1018 | *Keeneland*



Life is Good Colt Gives Norevale Its First Millionaire

Leo and Sarah Dooley, who set up operation as Norevale Farm six years ago and began consigning under that banner just two years ago, sold their first seven-figure yearling when CHC, Maverick Racing and Light Post Ventures paid $1 million for a colt by Life is Good (hip 941) Thursday at Keeneland.

"We were close last year, but getting the seven-figure duck off your back is surreal," Leo Dooley said.

A year ago, the Norevale consignment sold a filly by Practical Joke for $975,000.

Hip 941, bred by John Donaldson and Gregg Hill, is out of Cougarstown (Speightstown) and is a half-brother to graded winner Treason (Constitution).

"The pedigree, the Life is Good [The Good Life] winning the GI Hopeful Stakes and breaking out with all these fancy maidens went a long, long way," Dooley said of the seven-figure result. "The horse's attitude has been great. Ever since he was foaled on the farm, this horse has been laid back; he's filled out, so straightforward." @JessMartiniTDN

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Keeneland September Yearling

Lauren Carlisle, Agt purchased Hip# 790 for

$1,600,000

Congratulations to the connections of Hip# 790:
Consignor: Four Star Sales, Agent
Buyer: Lauren Carlisle, Agt
Breeder: Three Chimneys Farm, LLC



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Keeneland September Yearling

Dream Big Racing, LLC, John Wade purchased Hip# 1018 for

$1,500,000

Congratulations to the connections of Hip# 1018:
Consignor: Mt. Brilliant Farm, Agent
Buyer: Dream Big Racing, LLC, John Wade
Breeders: Mt. Brilliant Farm & Ranch, LLC
& Susan Bunning



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“He Likes Racing, He Loves the Sales”--The Goodman's Mt. Brilliant Farm Enjoys a Banner Day on Thursday

Thursday's Book 2 finale proved bittersweet for Mt. Brilliant's Bo and Hutton Goodman. The operation sold a trio of seven-figure yearlings on Day 4, a first for the farm. And while the brothers were elated with the day's activity in the ring, they also felt the absence of their father, Greg Goodman, who has been in ICU battling serious health issues.

“We've never done that before. And it's kind of emotional because it's the first time in our lifetimes that our dad hadn't been here with us. So it's been a big deal,” said Hutton Goodman.

“It's fun being here together and doing it, but we miss him," echoed Bo Goodman.

The day's sales were headed by Hip 1068, a colt by Not This Time out of Miss Exclusive (Unbridled's Song). The grey colt was purchased by St. Elias, West Point, Lane's End Racing and Belladonna.

“He's a beautiful colt. He's been straightforward. He's never had a bad day,” explained Hutton. “He's never had a surgery. He's got a good vet report and he's got a great attitude. In every step of the way, he's risen to the occasion, probably more than any horse that we've had in a long time.”

The colt's second dam, Intercontinental (GB) (Danehill), was named champion grass mare in the U.S. for Juddmonte and trainer Bobby Frankel. Her most notable career wins were registered in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf and the GI Matriarch. Her dam Hasili (Ire) (Kahyasi {Ire}) is also responsible for Canadian Horse of the Year Champs Elysees (GB) (Danehill), European champion Banks Hill (GB) (Danehill), in addition to French and English highweight and sire Dansili (Danehill).



David Ingordo with Bo and Hutton Goodman | *Keeneland*



"It's also exciting for us to see him go to that group," said Hutton. "With the success they have had, they are obviously very good at what they do and it means so much to us that they would spend that kind of money on our horse."

Mt. Brilliant purchased Miss Exclusive, in foal to Noble Mission {(GB), for $750,000 at the2018 Keeneland November Sale.

The 14-year-old mare produced a colt by Justify earlier this season.

"The mare has had some beautiful foals and we've just loved every one of them. They are all very athletic," said Bo.

Mt. Brilliant also sold Hip 1018, a filly by Gun Runner out of Ivyetsu (Tapit) who went to Dream Big Racing for $1.5 million.

"We didn't have a lot of vets on her and we were shocked because we loved her," admitted Hutton. "We thought we would race her because we liked her so much but we put her in the sale and now we're glad we did!"

The Gun Runner filly was bred in partnership with Susan Bunning. The partnership secured the mare--in foal to Into Mischief--for $650,000 at the Keeneland November sale in 2023.

The yearling's 3-year-old half-sister by More Than Ready--named Ironclad--finished third for trainer Peter Eurton at Colonial Downs in August. Also, the juvenile sister (by Into Mischief) Fiora debuts at Belmont Park for trainer Phil Antonacci on opening day Friday. The former sold for $340,000 at this venue in 2024, while the juvenile filly brought $625,000 here last year. Mt. Brilliant co-owns Ironclad with Exline-Border Racing, Aaron Kennedy, Richard Hausman, and James Martin.

"The 3-year-old with Peter Eurton is really, really nice," confirmed Hutton. "And we also spoke to Phil Antonacci, who trains [Fiora] and he really likes her as well. It's a very nice family."



Hip 1018 | *Keeneland*



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Good Magic - The Classic Sire

Keeneland September Yearling

$1,000,000

Congratulations to the connections of Hip# 837:
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Buyer: Donato Lanni Agt for FRC/Starlight/Madaket
Breeder: Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC



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Rounding out Mt. Brilliant's seven-figure trifecta, the Goodman's also sold a colt by Uncle Mo out of Ursula (Tapit) (Hip 841). He brought $1 million from St. Elias, West Point, Lane's End Racing and Belladonna.

Through four days of selling, Mt. Brilliant sold six head for a gross of $5.77 million, averaging $961,667.

According to the Goodmans, while their dad couldn't enjoy the operation's success in person, he was able to watch the biggest scores of the day remotely via a video call.

"Our dad really loves Keeneland," said Bo. "He's on the board at Keeneland and he loves to sell his best horses here."

Hutton added, "He likes racing. He loves the sales."--@CBossTDN

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Big Bear Strikes Again

The Big Bear Bloodstock pinhooking partnership, named after Gabriel Duignan's dog, enjoyed another standout result in the sales ring Thursday at Keeneland when selling a colt by Yaupon (hip 797) for $950,000 to Spendthrift Farm and Rabito Enterprise. The yearling had been purchased by the partnership for $250,000 at last year's Keeneland November sale.

"He was a beautiful foal and an outstanding individual," said Duignan. "He was in a later book and he really stood out. He's never had a bad day since the day I bought him."

The colt is the first foal out of Social Mandate (Strong Mandate), a daughter of multiple stakes winner Tensas Harbor (Private Vow).

"He couldn't have looked better," Duignan said of the colt's trip back to the Keeneland sales ring. "You never dare to dream they'll bring that much, but I knew he would sell well."

Duignan is expecting to see some familiar themes when the partnership goes to restock at the weanling sales this fall.

"It will be strong," Duignan said of expectations for the foal market. "While the market is very strong here, it is very picky. You have to get it right. I think it will be the same thing. The good foals will sell well and if they fall through the cracks, they'll fall through the cracks."

The canine Big Bear traditionally enjoys a steak dinner after a good sale result.

"I hope we don't put his cholesterol out of wack," Duignan said with a chuckle. @JessMartiniTDN

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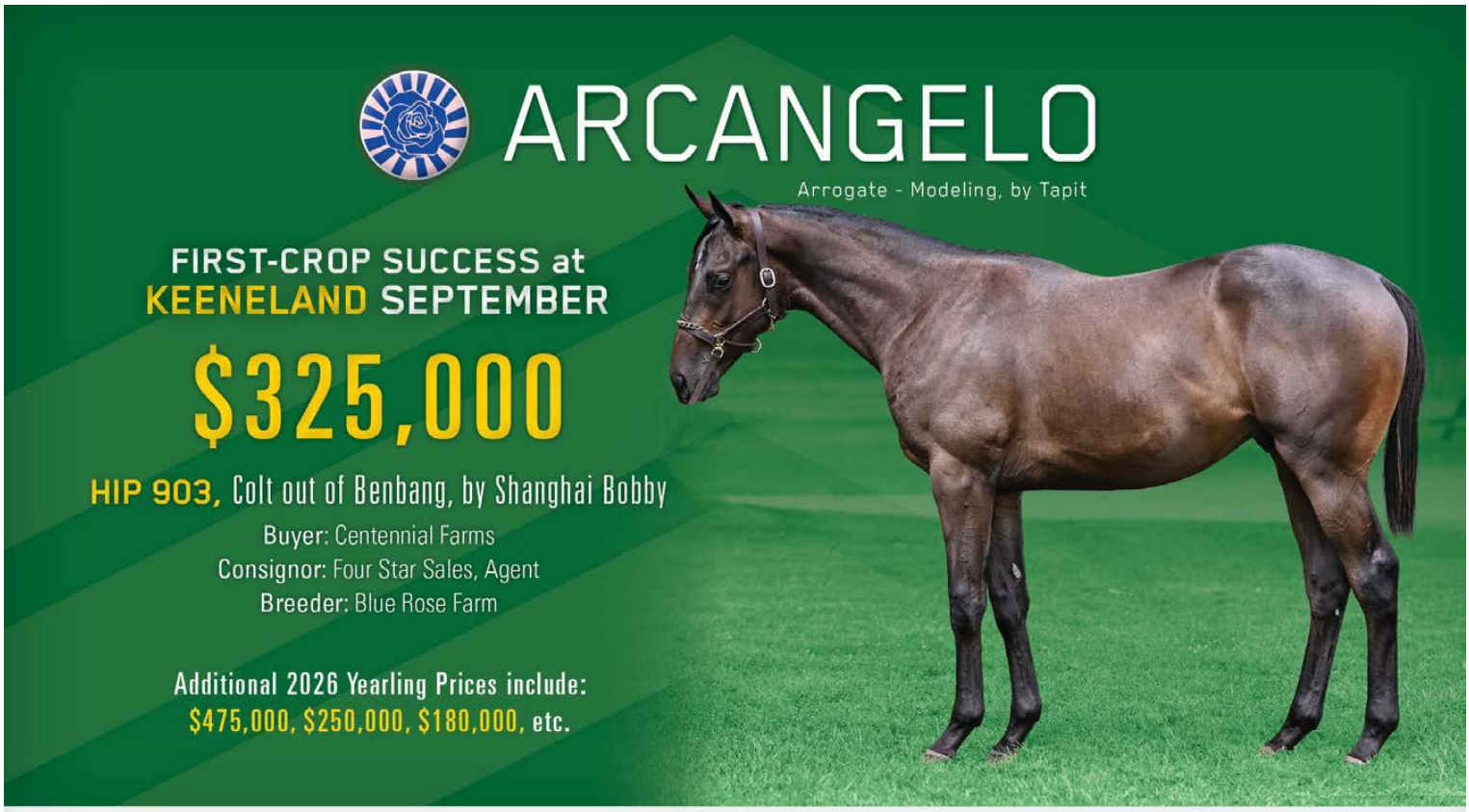

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KEENELAND SEPTEMBER YEARLING SALE

THURSDAY'S TOP 10 COLTS

HIP	SIRE | DAM	PRICE ($)

803 **Not This Time--Spell On You** **2,000,000**
Breeder: John D Gunther (KY)
Consignor: Glennwood Farm Inc, Agent
Purchaser: Chad Summers, Agent

899 **Not This Time--Believe You Can** **2,000,000**
Breeder: Estate of Brereton C Jones (KY)
Consignor: Airdrie Stud Raised and Offered
Purchaer: Speedway Stable

973 **Nyquist--Factorofwon** **2,000,000**
Breeder: Betz Thoroughbreds/J Betz/D J Stables/ Epona/Lamantia (KY)
Consignor: Betz Thoroughbreds Inc, Agent
Purchaser: St Elias, West Point, Lane's End Racing, Belladonna

1068 **Not This Time--Miss Exclusive** **1,650,000**
Breeder: Mt Brilliant Broodmares II (KY)
Consignor: Mt Brilliant Farm, Agent
Purchaser: St Elias, West Point, Lane's End Racing, Belladonna

790 **Gun Runner--She's My Gem** **1,600,000**
Breeder: Three Chimneys Farm (KY)
Consignor: Four Star Sales, Agent
Purchaser: Lauren Carlisle, Agent

1001 **Into Mischief--Havisham** **1,600,000**
Breeder: Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings (KY)
Consignor: Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent for Stonestreet Bred & Raised
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837 **Good Magic--Two Sixty** **1,000,000**
Breeder: Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings (KY)
Consignor: Heartwood Farm, Agent For Stonestreet Bred & Raised
Purchaser: Donato Lanni, Agt for FRC/Starlight/Madaket



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841 **Uncle Mo--Ursula** **1,000,000**
Breeder: Mt Brilliant Broodmares II (KY)
Consignor: Mt. Brilliant Farm, Agent
Purchaser: St Elias, West Point, Lane's End Racing, Belladonna Racing

941 **Life Is Good--Cougarstown** **1,000,000**
Breeder: John Donaldson & Gregg Hill (KY)
Consignor: Norevale Farm, Agent
Purchaser: CHC Inc, Maverick & Light Post Ventures

797 **Yaupon--Social Mandate** **950,000**
($250,000 Wlg '25 KEENOV)
Breeder: R L Glosson (KY)
Consignor: Paramount Sales, Agent CVI
Purchaser: Spendthrift Farm & Rabito Enterprises LLC



Hip 1001 | *Keeneland*

THURSDAY'S TOP 10 FILLIES

HIP | SIRE | DAM | PRICE ($)

1018 **Gun Runner--Ivyetsu** **1,500,000**
Breeder: Mt Brilliant Farm & Ranch & Susan Bunning (KY)
Consignor: Mt Brilliant Farm, agent
Purchaser: Dream Big Racing LLC, John Wade

1035 **Uncle Mo--Lady Kate** **800,000**
Breeder: Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings (KY)
Consignor: Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent For Stonestreet Bred & Raised
Purchaser: RB Bloodstock LLC, Agt For Storyteller Racing & Partners

943 **Into Mischief--Crystal Ball** **650,000**
Breeder: WinStar Farm (KY)
Consignor: Warrendale Sales, Agent for WinStar Bred & Raised
Purchaser: Double Down Racing

1055 **Not This Time--Marzipan** **650,000**
Breeder: WinStar Farm (KY)
Consignor: Grovendale Sales, Agent For WinStar Farm Bred & Raised
Purchaser: Steven W Young, Agent

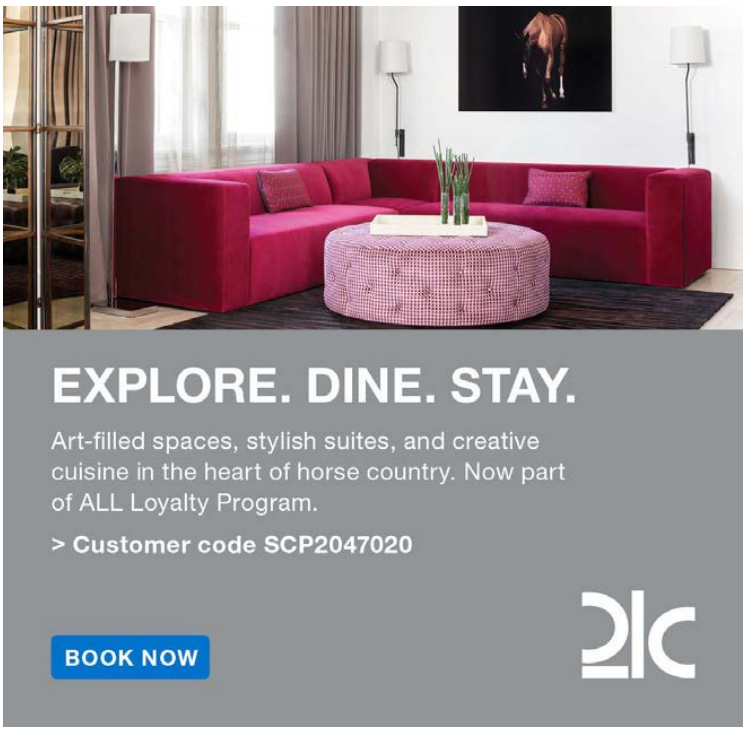
1132 **Girvin--Psychadelacized** **625,000**
Breeder: Estate of Brereton C Jones (KY)
Consignor: Airdrie Stud Raised and Offered
Purchaser: Mike Ryan for eFive

848 **Into Mischief--Vigui's Heart** **575,000**
Breeder: Pursuit of Success (KY)
Consignor: St George Sales, Agent II
Purchaser: MWG

1069 **Up to the Mark--Miss Hetty** **575,000**
Breeder: Springhouse Farm & John F Goldthorpe (KY)
Consignor: Paramount Sales, Agent XCIX
Purchaser: Belladonna Racing IX-Fillies

998 **Girvin--Hardcore Candy** **550,000**
Breeder: John Ropes (FL)
Consignor: Vinery Sales, Agent XLIV
Purchaser: Mountmellick Farm

1039 **Gun Runner--Laurelita (Ire)** **525,000**
Breeder: YuLong Investments (Australia) Pty (Jpn)
Consignor: Brookdale, Agent
Purchaser: Resolute Bloodstock



812 **Not This Time--Summer Solo** **500,000**
Breeder: CHC (KY)
Consignor: Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent CXXXVII
Purchaser: Mountmellick Farm

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SESSION	2026	2025
• Catalogued	379	382
• No. Offered	305	324
• No. Sold	216	233
• RNAs	89	91
• % RNAs	29.18%	28.09%
• No. $1M+	10	5
• High Price	$2,000,000	$1,550,000
• Gross	$77,180,000	$77,752,000
• Average (% change)	$357,315 (+7.08)	$333,700
• Median (% change)	$285,000 (+3.64)	$275,000

CUMULATIVE	2026	2025
• Catalogued	1,128	1,135
• No. Offered	905	920
• No. Sold	633	671
• RNAs	272	249
• % RNAs	30.06%	27.07%
• No. $1M+	65	53
• Gross	$318,115,000	$307,639,000
• Average (% change)	$502,551 (+9.61)	$458,478
• Median (% change)	$360,000 (+2.86)	$350,000

TDN TAKEAWAYS

• There has been a decided emphasis on colts in Books 1 and 2 during this year's September Sale. A total of 345 colts have been sold for $194,605,000, good for an average price of $564,072 and a median of $400,000. Some 288 fillies have been reported as sold for $123,510,000, an average of $428,854 and a $350,000 median price. Nineteen of the top 20 overall sellers thus far are colts, while four fillies figured in the overall top 20 during Thursday's session.

• Thursday's second Book 2 session featured 10 horses to sell for $1 million or more, taking the overall total for the 2026 September Sale to 65. Of that number, colts have accounted for 49 seven-figure transactions, fillies 16. Including one horse that sold for over a million dollars post-sale, there were 56 such sales during the 2025 September Sale.

• Eight unique buying entities/partnerships accounted for Thursday's million-dollar horses, with the West Point/St. Elias/Lane's End Racing/Belladonna team snapping up three colts. Donato Lanni was involved in two of the purchases, including the session's sole seven-figure filly by Gun Runner.

• Representing Tagermeen Racing, RTM Racing LLC was very much active at the highest level of the September in the first three days, with five purchases from $1 million to $2.8 million. The outfit took their foot off the gas a bit on Thursday in the seven-figure space, but stepped up their volume by adding seven horses to the fold for $3.575 million.

• The presence of Japanese-bred yearlings at Keeneland September is certainly not a common occurrence, but there are three such horses in this year's catalogue, all by Gun Runner, each bred by Yu Long Investments (Australia) Pty and consigned by Brookdale. John Stewart's Resolute Bloodstock purchased a Gun Runner half-sister to Sovereign Award- and GI E. P. Taylor Stakes heroine Fev Rover (Ire) (Gutaifan {Ire}) for $525,000 on Thursday, while Robert and Lawana Low signed for a maternal grandson of GISW Awesome Maria (Maria's Mon) on Monday. A third Japanese-bred--a daughter of Urban Hill (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})--is set to go under the hammer in Book 3 this coming Sunday.

Keeneland September Leading Buyers by Gross

Buyer	#	Avg	Gross
St. Elias, West Point, Lane's End Racing & Belladonna	16	$870,313	$13,925,000
RTM Racing LLC	13	$806,154	$10,480,000
M.V. Magnier & White Birch Farm	5	$2,030,000	$10,150,000
Flying Dutchmen	11	$921,364	$10,135,000
Douglas Scharbauer	10	$950,000	$9,500,000
Mayberry Farm	8	$1,131,250	$9,050,000
Repole Stable, Inc	17	$377,648	$6,420,000
Donato Lanni Agt for FRC/Starlight & Madaket	11	$577,728	$6,355,000
Eclipse T'Bred Partners, Bridlewood Farm & LaPenta	12	$477,917	$5,735,000
CHC, Maverick Racing & Light Post Ventures	7	$746,429	$5,225,000

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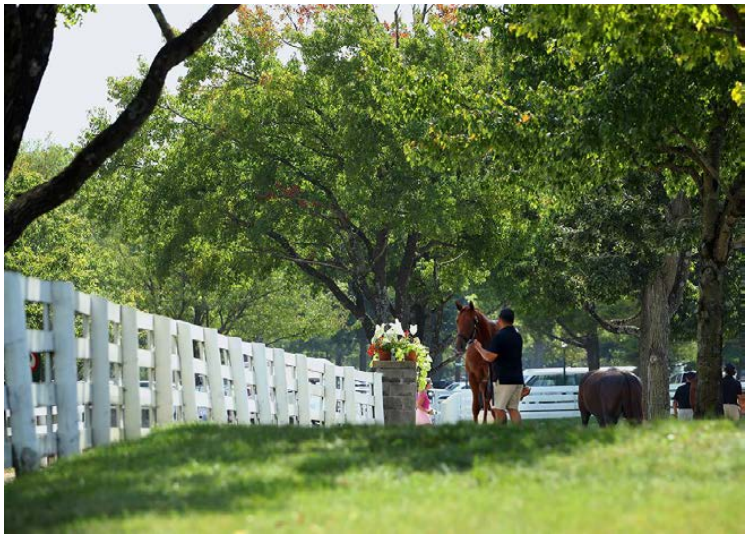
Keeneland September Leading Consignors by Gross

Buyer	#	Avg	Gross
Taylor Made Sales	100	$482,350	$48,235,000
Gainesway Farm	62	$590,162	$36,590,000
Paramount Sales	43	$424,884	$18,270,000
Denali Stud	28	$616,965	$17,275,000
Lane's End Farm	24	$631,875	$15,165,000
Hill 'n' Dale Sales	29	$458,276	$13,290,000
Four Star Sales LLC	21	$562,381	$11,810,000
Heartwood Farm LLC	20	$498,000	$9,960,000
Glennwood Farm Inc.	9	$1,078,889	$9,710,000
Warrendale Sales	23	$370,653	$8,525,000



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Keeneland September Leading Stallions by Gross

Stallion	#	Avg	Gross
Gun Runner	46	$865,109	$39,795,000
Not This Time	52	$721,010	$37,492,500
Into Mischief	30	$882,000	$26,460,000
Flightline	36	$706,667	$25,440,000
Nyquist	37	$665,676	$24,630,000
Uncle Mo	42	$486,072	$20,415,000
Justify	39	$476,283	$18,575,000
Life Is Good	31	$462,581	$14,340,000
Curlin	21	$543,810	$11,420,000
Good Magic	20	$490,250	$9,805,000

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Forever Young | *Susie Raisher*

Belmont Park cont.

Right in the middle of the card, with post time set for 4:14 p.m., is the $1-million GI Jockey Club Gold Cup, a 'Win and You're In' challenge race for the GI Breeders' Cup Classic 43 days and several hundred miles down the road at Keeneland. The 10-furlong feature returns to Belmont for the first time since Max Player (Honor Code) prevailed in 2021. The last four renewals were held at Saratoga--the now-retired Antiquarian (Preservationist) won a messy Jockey Club Gold Cup at the Spa last year. The five most recent editions of the Gold Cup have been won by 4-year-olds.

A field of seven was drawn last weekend, but a maximum of five will enter the gate Friday afternoon, as **Chunk of Gold** (Preservationist) and **Banishing** (Ghostzapper) will be pointed for targets at Churchill Downs later this month.



What better way to christen the new Belmont than to have the presence of America's champion older dirt male and Japan's Horse of the Year **Forever Young (Jpn)** (Real Steel {Jpn}) on site? The 5-year-old son of GSW Forever Darling (Congrats) will be making the 16th start of his remarkable career on Friday and makes his fourth appearance on these shores, having finished that luckless third in the 2024 GI Kentucky Derby and third in that year's GI Breeders' Cup Classic before making history when defeating his close relative on his female side, Sierra Leone (Gun Runner), at Del Mar last November.

After becoming the first two-time winner of the G1 Saudi Cup, defeating a very game 'TDN Rising Star' presented by Hagyard Nysos (Nyquist) on Valentine's Day, the $720,000 JRHA Select Yearling purchase couldn't quite double up in the desert, falling victim to a front-running display from Magnitude (Not This Time) in the G1 Dubai World Cup Mar. 28 while matching his Timeform Rating of 124. His TF when third in the 2025 World Cup was just 119.

The recipient of time off, with no suitable races at home in the often-hot Japanese summertime, Forever Young kicks off what is likely the final three-race stretch of his career in a race won by the likes of Kelso, Damascus and Affirmed, John Henry and Easy Goer, Cigar and Curlin, to name just a few.



Phileas Fogg | *Sarah Andrew*

"I am delighted to be able to compete in the United States again with Forever Young, following our participation over the past two years," said effervescent trainer Yoshito Yahagi, who has split time between Long Island and the Keeneland September Sale. "It is also a great honor to run in New York at this very memorable time, coinciding with the reopening of the historic Belmont Park racetrack. Through these two races, the Jockey Gold Cup and the Breeders' Cup Classic at Keeneland, I hope to contribute to the further development of American horse racing.

"I express my sincere gratitude for the support of so many people, and the entire stable will work together to help Forever Young achieve good results," Yahagi added.

Forever Young capped off his serious training with a piece of fast work over the Belmont main track on Sept. 15, charging his last three furlongs in just over :34 seconds and looking every bit ready to get back to work. His fresh-up record is an impeccable five-from-five and he is likely to come on for whatever he does in the Gold Cup. Still, it'll take a mighty effort from one of the understudies to upset the apple cart.

Despite the absence of champion Sovereignty (Into Mischief), four-time Gold Cup-winning trainer Bill Mott supplies half of Forever Young's remaining competition on Friday. Clearly the classier of the two is C R K Stables' **Baeza** (McKinzie), who gets the blinkers off and Junior Alvarado on.

The $1.2-million Keeneland September purchase is winless in four starts since his career high achievement in last year's GI Pennsylvania Derby, though his slow-starting second to Magnitude in the GI Stephen Foster Stakes two back (112 Beyer) would make him dangerous here. That being said, he was a disappointing fourth to Sovereignty last time in the Aug. 8 GI Whitney Stakes where the race flow was very much in his favor. The trip doesn't hurt either, but he needs to show a bit more of a killer instinct. **Stars and Stripes** (Not This Time) was only eighth in the GII Suburban Stakes July 4 and cuts back from 14 to 10 panels off his defeat of stablemate Parchment Party (Constitution) in the Aug. 13 Birdstone Stakes at Saratoga.

The scratching of Chunk of Gold makes **Phileas Fogg** (Astern {Aus}) that much more interesting here. The 6-year-old is three-for-five at the distance and most recently treated his 10 rivals to a 10-length beating from the front in defense of his title in the Suburban. In fairness, he got away with very cheap sections beneath Kendrick Carmouche and a certain Forever Young won't be too far away in the run here, regardless of how fast or slow they go up front.

The Gold Cup field is completed by **Render Judgment** (Blame), who appears to be totally overmatched.

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A $25,000 CLAIM PAYS OFF AT KEENELAND FOR BREEDER-TRAINER SAM WILENSKY

by Katie Petrunyak

What started out as an experimental $25,000 claim six years ago has turned into the score of a lifetime for 32-year-old trainer and breeder Sam Wilensky. Drop a Hint (Into Mischief), who helped solidify Wilensky's desire to follow his father into training after she became a stakes winner, brought the story full circle this week at Keeneland when her Cody's Wish colt sold for $850,000.

Cumulative Leading Fifth-Crop Sires by Graded Stakes Horses

Standing NA - Worldwide Earnings - NH Foals

Rank	Stallion	BTW/%NF	BTH/%NF	GSW/%NF	GSH/%NF	G1SW/%NF	G1SH/%NF	Earnings
1	Justify	**58/8.27**	**94/13.41**	**27/3.85**	**61/8.7**	**11/1.57**	**19/2.71**	**$58,100,782**
	(2015) by Scat Daddy	FYR: 2020/Crops: 5/Stands: Coolmore Ashford KY					Fee: 200,000	City of Troy
2	Oscar Performance	23/6.5	39/11.02	10/2.82	25/7.06	2/0.57	8/2.26	$26,449,193
	(2014) by Kitten's Joy	FYR: 2020/Crops: 5/Stands: Mill Ridge Farm KY					Fee: 60,000	Tumbarumba
3	Bolt d'Oro	22/3.95	56/10.05	10/1.8	21/3.77	1/0.18	3/0.54	$34,181,176
	(2015) by Medaglia d'Oro	FYR: 2020/Crops: 5/Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY					Fee: 25,000	Major Dude
4	City of Light	21/4.99	43/10.21	7/1.66	19/4.51	3/0.71	5/1.19	$33,732,946
	(2014) by Quality Road	FYR: 2020/Crops: 5/Stands: Lane's End Farm KY					Fee: 35,000	Fierceness
5	Good Magic	23/4.67	39/7.91	12/2.43	17/3.45	5/1.01	11/2.23	$36,370,057
	(2015) by Curlin	FYR: 2020/Crops: 5/Stands: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa KY					Fee: 125,000	Mixto
6	Collected	24/6.65	30/8.31	9/2.49	15/4.16	1/0.28	3/0.83	$23,646,843
	(2013) by City Zip	FYR: 2020/Crops: 5/Stands: Rancho San Miguel CA					Fee: 7,500	Taxed
7	Mo Town	20/4.18	38/7.95	6/1.26	12/2.51	--/--	--/--	$24,457,022
	(2014) by Uncle Mo	FYR: 2020/Crops: 5/Stands: Coolmore Ashford KY					Fee: 7,500	Mystic Lake
8	Army Mule	22/5.56	38/9.6	4/1.01	12/3.03	1/0.25	2/0.51	$20,741,675
	(2014) by Friesan Fire	FYR: 2020/Crops: 5/Stands: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa KY					Fee: 25,000	Danse Macabre
9	Bucchero	9/3.56	21/8.3	2/0.79	5/1.98	1/0.4	1/0.4	$17,960,792
	(2012) by Kantharos	FYR: 2020/Crops: 5/Stands: Ironhorse Stallions NY					Fee: 12,500	Book'em Danno
10	Bee Jersey	9/5.84	14/9.09	--/--	3/1.95	--/--	--/--	$6,026,625
	(2014) by Jersey Town	FYR: 2020/Crops: 5/Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY					Fee: 5,000	Jersey Pearl
11	Cloud Computing	7/1.76	14/3.53	1/0.25	2/0.5	--/--	1/0.25	$15,761,346
	(2014) by Maclean's Music	FYR: 2020/Crops: 5/Stands: Pin Oak Lane Farm PA					Fee: 3,500	Two Eagles River
12	West Coast	5/1.85	15/5.54	--/--	2/0.74	--/--	--/--	$10,881,661
	(2014) by Flatter	FYR: 2020/Crops: 5/Stands: Lane's End Farm KY					Fee: 5,000	West Omaha
13	Awesome Slew	6/4.03	14/9.4	2/1.34	2/1.34	1/0.67	1/0.67	$9,312,579
	(2013) by Awesome Again	FYR: 2020/Crops: 5/Stands: Ocala Stud FL					Fee: 4,000	R Disaster
14	Funtastic	2/2.53	2/2.53	2/2.53	2/2.53	--/--	1/1.27	$3,363,570
	(2014) by More Than Ready	FYR: 2020/Crops: 5/Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY					Fee: 2,500	First Peace
15	Irish War Cry	3/1.7	6/3.41	--/--	1/0.57	--/--	--/--	$7,984,584
	(2014) by Curlin	FYR: 2020/Crops: 5/Stands: Leadem Farm AR					Fee: 2,500	Celtic Contender

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Sam Wilensky and Drop a Hint, the dam of an $850,000 Cody's Wish yearling | *courtesy Sam Wilensky*

Wilensky, the son of veteran South Florida trainer Herman Wilensky, grew up around the track but wasn't always certain he wanted to make horse racing his life's work. In 2020, he decided to try claiming a few fillies with good pedigrees to race them with his father and then launch a commercial broodmare band. Wilensky's first acquisition was Drop a Hint.

"I claimed her when she was a 3-year-old from Todd Pletcher, which is probably something most people wouldn't recommend, but we won a shake with her and the rest was history," Wilensky recounted.

Drop a Hint quickly became a cornerstone of the stable for the father-son duo. Over the next two years, she hit the board in five stakes, including a third-place finish in the 2020 GII Sands Point Stakes. She capped her career with a win in the 2022 Minaret Stakes, leading a 1-2 finish for the Wilenskys ahead of My Destiny (Majesticperfection), another mare they had claimed for the same project.

After Drop a Hint retired to Wilensky's fledgling broodmare band, her second career got off to a rocky start when her first foal—one of the very first Wilensky had ever bred—suffered a paddock injury and was unable to make it to the sales. Her second, an Essential Quality colt, brought $150,000 as a yearling. Then Wilensky decided to send the mare to Cody's Wish.

Early feedback on the resulting foal confirmed Wilensky had hit the mark.

"Honestly, I don't even know what I'm looking at with foals because I'm so used to looking at racehorses," he admitted "But all the people at the farm and with Keeneland loved him. They thought he'd be roughly a $600,000 horse and I didn't want to get my hopes up even that high. I was thinking if we brought $400,000 or $500,000, it'd be a hell of a day."

In the time since Drop a Hint retired from racing, Wilensky had taken over the reins of training from his father. After wrapping up this summer's meet at Del Mar, Wilensky was able to go back home to Florida for a day or two before heading to Kentucky to watch his colt sell with the Lane's End consignment during Book 1's second session.

Bidding quickly blew past Wilensky's expectations and the hammer finally fell at $850,000 to the partnership of Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Bridlewood Farm and Robert LaPenta.

Now a few days removed from the fireworks, Wilensky admits he is still in shock.

"It was unbelievable to go that high," he said. "I didn't expect it and it still hasn't settled in yet. I have an eight-month-old baby who had just got home and settled in after Del Mar, so it was very strange to not have my family here with me because we do everything together. We've been looking forward to this for so long and obviously to have a horse in Book 1 has been a dream."

Wilensky didn't have much time to celebrate the monumental day before rushing to catch a plane to New York, where his trainee Adios Cole (Adios Charlie) runs on opening day at Belmont Park.

"He had a disaster trip at Del Mar the other day and this is a very, very tough race, but he's training excellent and he's a super cool horse," Wilensky reported.

Next month, Wilensky will be back in Kentucky to watch a few more of his yearlings--sired by Jack Christopher, Taiba and Essential Quality--go through the ring. He is also looking forward to welcoming some of his own horses to his stable soon, including an Elite Power filly out of Minaret Stakes runner-up My Destiny.

"Now that we were able to sell a horse for that much, it gives us the opportunity to bring some of the other ones in ourselves and train them," he said.



Drop a Hint's yearling colt by Cody's Wish | *Matt Goins*

Though Wilensky was once on the fence about following his father into racing, he now can't imagine doing anything else. For him, the passion is rooted in a horseman's mindset.

"I played football my whole life, so I think the competition side of it is what kind of drew me in," he explained. "I know some people say this, but I truly mean it: I love the animal. When someone claims a horse from me, it's somewhat devastating in a way, just because you put so much time and effort and love into it. I only train roughly 10 to 12 horses at a time because I really do want to pay close attention to them."

That genuine devotion to the horse is Wilensky's priority, even amidst the whirlwind of his first Book 1 score. While in Kentucky, he made sure to visit Drop a Hint, who has a Flightline colt this year and is in foal to Sierra Leone, before leaving town.

"Since I had just flown in the prior night, the morning of the sale I went to the farm to see her," he shared. "But I forgot to go to the store to get carrots and mints for her, so after the sale on the way to the airport, I stopped there again and took care of her. She deserved it."

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Drop a Hint and My Destiny hit the exact in the 2022 Minaret Stakes
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CLEMENT STILL MULLING MELBOURNE CUP DECISION FOR TAWNY PORT

by Bill Finley

Trainer Miguel Clement is eager to run his marathon-specialist **Tawny Port** (Pioneerof the Nile) in the G1 Melbourne Cup in Australia, but said he can't yet commit to the race because owner John Fort is not yet on board.

The weights for the race were released Thursday and Tawny Port was assigned 55.5 kilograms, which translates to 122 pounds. The highweight is last year's winner, Half Yours (Aus) (St. Jean ({Ire}), who will be asked to carry 59 kilograms or 130 pounds.

"I'm going to speak to connections, but we need to decide rather soon," Clement said. "Do we go down under and run in the Melbourne Cup or the Grade I in Canada, in the Canadian International? I'm lobbying heavily to run him down under because I think it'd be a great experience, a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and I'm bold enough to do it. I would absolutely love the challenge and would love to go for it. Nevertheless, I believe the connections are hoping to keep him in North America. I would love to be competing on the world stage, but I have to respect the connections' preference."

When asked how the apparent dilemma would be solved, Clement replied: "I'll ponder it and I'm sure the connections would agree with us if we have a very strong feeling one way or the other, but at the moment it's pending. It's my preference to go, but I'm not adamant that I'll be in the top three. Fortunately enough, just the other day, we were in a similar predicament with Caroline St. Beat in the sense that we were supposed to run back in six days and the connections (Madaket Stables LLC and Steve Bouchey) were bold and brave enough to enter the horse the day before he ran out of Saratoga in order for me to have him reentered to win the Nashville Derby. So that I had true conviction and I was very adamant we should do it. As a result, it's impulse and intuition at times, which is not very rational. It's difficult to assess, but usually the horse gives you the answers more than us."

The two-mile Melbourne Cup will be run Nov. 3. The date of the mile-and-a-half Canadian International is Oct. 3. Tawny Port finished second in last year's Canadian International, losing by just a nose.

Tawny Port was guaranteed a spot in the Melbourne Cup after winning the two-mile GII Belmont Gold Cup, which is an automatic qualifier for the Australian event. The Melbourne Cup purse is about $7.5 million U.S. dollars.



Tawny Port at Saratoga | *Sarah Andrew*

Tawny Port has excelled at two miles, a rare distance in North American racing. He's raced three times at that distance or longer, winning the Belmont Gold Cup as well as this year's Bowling Green Gold Cup Invitational Stakes at Kentucky Downs, which is contested at 2 1/16 miles. He was second in the same race in 2025 at Kentucky Downs.

“Without a doubt, the biggest plus is that it's two miles,” Clement said. “He has an affinity towards these turf marathons. Last year, he was second in the race at Kentucky Downs. This year, he won both of his races above a mile-and-a-half. That's a tremendous amount of money they run for in the Melbourne Cup. I believe his running style will suit him there. And it's more than likely that you'll have firm turf. It's a similar shape, running left-handed. So there's a lot of parallels to our style of racing.”

While horses bred in the U.S. have won the Melbourne Cup, no horse based in the U.S. has ever won the race. Parchment Party (Constitution), also a Belmont Gold Cup winner, gave it a shot last year, but finished 20th.

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HANDS ON HISTORY: A DECADE LATER, BEHOLDER STILL THE QUEEN AT SPENDTHRIFT *by Katie Petrunyak*



Click here for our visit with Beholder at home at Spendthrift Farm with Aimee Compton and Paco Rangel | *Sara Gordon*

As the broodmare manager at Spendthrift Farm, Aimee Compton admits that finding time to watch live racing rarely makes the top of her to-do list. Overseeing Spendthrift's band of around 100 broodmares keeps her daily schedule packed. But 10 years ago, there was one extraordinary race mare whose starts were mandatory viewing.

In 2016, Beholder (Henny Hughes) was putting the finishing touches on a Hall of Fame career. Already a two-time Breeders' Cup heroine and fresh off an undefeated 2015 season highlighted by an 8 1/4-length romp over males in the GI Pacific Classic Stakes, the Spendthrift colorbearer entered her 6-year-old campaign still at the top of her game.

Compton, like the rest of the team at Spendthrift, didn't miss a race.

“She was doing such a great job and it was so exciting to watch,” she recalled. “I was wondering when I would get her as a broodmare, so you're watching with that in the back of your mind too.”

After two early-season victories, Beholder entered the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff looking to avenge three straight Grade I runner-up efforts, including two behind champion Stellar Wind (Curlin). Both that rival and the undefeated 3-year-old Songbird (Medaglia d'Oro) were favored over the veteran mare as she returned to the Breeders' Cup stage for the first time in three years, seeking one last victory to cap her career.

What followed was one of the most memorable stretch duels in modern racing history. Locking heads at the top of the lane, Beholder and Songbird battled stride-for-stride down the stretch before the more seasoned champion thrust her nose in front at the wire.

After working with Beholder for nearly a decade now, Compton has come to understand the competitive fire that fueled the star mare's narrow victory.

“She's very smart and she has a lot of guts too,” she explained. “She won't back down here on the farm when she has something that she wants to do.”

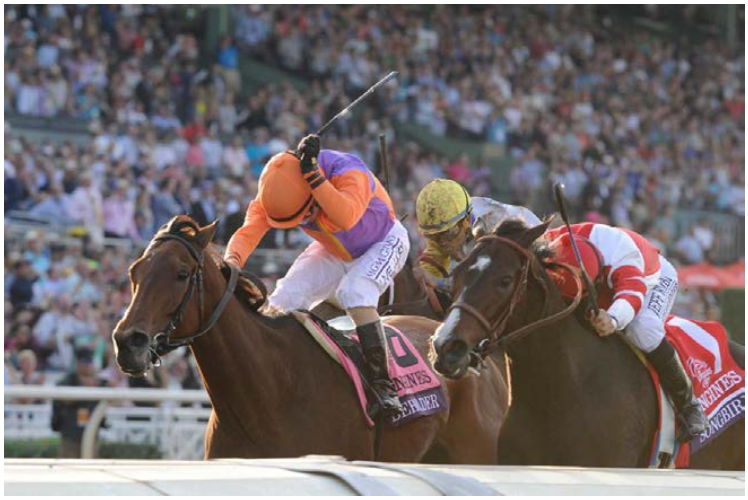
After a storybook career finale, Beholder boarded a flight to Kentucky to begin her next chapter.

Compton has worked at Spendthrift since 2000, dating back to before B. Wayne Hughes's acquisition of the farm, but the arrival of a three-time Breeders' Cup champion marked one of the most monumental days of her career.

“I remember being nervous because she was a big, big deal and we wanted everything to be perfect,” she recalled. “We had people here filming her and I was a little nervous about how everything was going to go, but she handled it really well. I remember feeding her a carrot and just imagining what it was going to be like to take care of her because she was such a special horse.”

Those early years were marked by a few extra nerves, though Beholder handled the career transition seamlessly. Now, having overseen the champion through eight foalings, Compton notes that while the pressure never entirely dissipates, she has grown far more accustomed to the annual bout of anticipation that comes when Beholder is ready to foal.

Paco Rangel joined the Spendthrift team as assistant broodmare manager shortly after Beholder's arrival.



Beholder and Songbird battle down to the wire in the 2016 Breeders' Cup Distaff | *Horsephotos*

For him, getting to work alongside a racehorse of her caliber was an immediate perk of the job.

"That was one of the first things I wanted to go do when I started here was go out and see her," he admitted.

Since then, Rangel has overseen many of Beholder's foalings, including her Grade I-winning daughter Tamara (Bolt d'Oro) and Grade III winner Teena Ella (War Front). Beholder's recent offspring include a 2-year-old filly by Jackie's Warrior, a Gun Runner yearling colt and a National Treasure colt foaled on April 6 this year.

Rangel noted that while all foalings at Spendthrift follow the same routine, a distinct energy surrounds the barn whenever Beholder is due.

"A week before, everybody is keeping an eye on her 24-7," he said. "Everybody tries to be there for it. She owns this farm."

As the reigning queen of Spendthrift, the 2022 Hall of Fame inductee operates with an unmistakable air of authority.

"She's definitely a diva," Compton said with a laugh. "She's fine with people and she likes attention to a point, but she's not super cuddly. She's very intelligent and is friendly when treats are involved. She's good at staring down the aisle looking one way and the other, posing and kind of working the crowd that way. Once she knows that the treats are not there anymore, she's happy to go back into her stall and ignore people too."

Rangel added, "She's really good to work with and we can do everything we want with her, but if she doesn't like something, we've got to find another way, a better way. When you're trying to do something that she doesn't like, she is going to let you know."

For both Rangel and Compton, caring for a horse of Beholder's caliber remains a daily privilege and a reminder of what it means to work alongside living history.

"I still do think about her as being special," Compton noted. "It's a little humbling sometimes. It doesn't feel like I should be managing a horse that great, but it gives me some pride to think about."

"A lot of times I'm holding her or doing something with her and I say, 'Look at me! I'm holding the best mare ever,'" said Rangel. "So I do brag about it and tell people that I work with her. When a lot people hear I work at Spendthrift, they ask me, 'Do you know this mare?' And I go, 'Beholder? Yeah, I work with her every day.' It feels good to talk about it."

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Beholder and Paco Rangel at Spendthrift | *Sara Gordon*

ARKANSAS DERBY WINNER SANDMAN TO STAND AT ROCKRIDGE STUD IN 2027

GI Arkansas Derby winner Sandman (Tapit--Distorted Music, by Distorted Humor) will stand the 2027 breeding season at Rockridge Stud in Hudson, NY for $10,000 in a deal brokered by Bowling Bloodstock and Ingordo Bloodstock, the farm announced Thursday.

"We are always looking for top class stallions to stand in New York," said Rockridge Stud owner/operator and NYTB President Lere Visagie. "Sandman is a stunning individual, who brought a lot of money as a 2-year-old and competed at the highest level, being on the Derby trail."

A $1.2-million 2-year-old at OBS March, Sandman broke his maiden just a few months later in a $100,000 maiden special weight at Saratoga early in the 2024 summer meet. He joined the Road to the Kentucky Derby next, finishing third in the GIII Street Sense Stakes at Churchill Downs and second in the GIII Southwest Stakes at Oaklawn early the following year. As a 3-year-old, his schedule included a tight third in the GII Rebel Stakes before his decisive win in the GI Arkansas Derby.

Seventh in Louisville on the first Saturday in May, he then finished third in the GI Preakness. His record to date is 14-3-1-3, with earnings of $1,544,531.

"Sandman is an extremely talented and precocious, well minded horse. Any breeder will be thrilled if their foals look like him," says trainer Mark Casse.

St. Elias' Monique Delk says, "We are delighted to have Sandman in New York to take advantage of the great New York breeding program. As a Grade I-winning son of the great sire and sire of sires Tapit, we feel like he will be a real standout and a great resource for Empire state breeders. We're looking forward to sending mares to support him in his new career."

Sandman will stand as a property of a sold-out syndicate including CJ Stable, St. Elias Stable, Wachtel Stable, Gary Barber, and Pantofel Stable.

"The best way to market a stallion in New York is to have a base of mare support built into the ownership," says Rockridge's Stallion Director Erin Robinson. "We have a formula that has worked very well with Mind Control and Americanrevolution, and we have a fantastic group of breeders put together to support this stallion and get him off the ground running."

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Sandman | *Sarah Andrew*

WEEKLY RULINGS: SEPT. 10-17; OWNER MARIAH GUADALUPE GONZALEZ BANNED ADDITIONAL 18 MONTHS

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's (HIWU) "pending" and "resolved" cases portals.

Among this week's rulings, owner Mariah G. Gonzalez was handed an 18-month suspension for violating the terms of a current medication violation suspension. The latest suspension begins August 7, 2027.

On February 6 this year, Gonzalez was handed an 18-month suspension after Albuterol was detected in an out-of-competition hair sample taken from her horse Jet Set Warrior at Alburquerque Downs on July 23, 2025. That suspension began on February 7.

According to HIWU's final decision, Gonzalez participated as an owner on February 9 in two races, running I'magambler and Warriors Mark at Sunland Park, New Mexico.

HISA statute stipulates that when a licensee is under a period of suspension, they "may not participate in any capacity in any activity involving Covered Horses, or in any other activity (other than authorized anti doping education or rehabilitation programs) taking place at a Racetrack or Training Facility; nor shall he or she permit anyone to participate in any capacity on his or her behalf in any such activities, except to the extent that the Covered Person is an Owner and the activity is necessary to ensure the safekeeping and wellbeing of the horse during the period of such Owner's Provisional Suspension or Ineligibility."

According to HIWU, Gonzalez failed to respond over several months to the various procedural action points in the processing of the case. As a result, Gonzalez was issued the sanctions by default.

Resolved ADMC Violations

Dates: 09/16/2026
Licensee: Norm Casse, 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 Proctor Phantom on 8/5/26.

Dates: 09/15/2026
Licensee: Jose M. Jimenez, 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.
Explainer: Medication violation for the presence of Dimethyl Sulfoxide (DMSO)--a class B controlled substance--in a sample taken from Always Honest, who finished second at Saratoga on 8/6/26.

Dates: 09/14/2026
Licensee: Cathal A. Lynch, trainer
Penalty: 7-day period of Ineligibility for Covered Person,

beginning on September 15, 2026; 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 $1,000; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points.
Explainer: Medication violation for the presence of Flunixin--a class C substance--in a sample taken from Humoresque, who finished second at Penn National on 5/1/26.

Dates: 09/14/2026
Licensee: Guillermo Preciado, trainer
Penalty: Combined 18-month and 7-day period of Ineligibility for Covered Person, beginning on September 15, 2026; 60-day period of Ineligibility for Covered Horse, beginning on January 24, 2026; Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results obtained on 01/24/26, 02/15/26, and 03/07/26, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of $13,500; imposition of 2 Penalty Points.
Explainer: Medication violations for the presence of the stimulant Norpseudoephedrine (Cathine)—a banned substances-- and the antihistamine Pyrilamine--a class B controlled substance--in a sample taken from Splashed in Gold, who finished third at Los Alamitos on 1/24/26.

Dates: 09/11/2026
Licensee: Mariah G. Gonzalez, owner
Penalty: 18-month period of Ineligibility for Covered Person, beginning on August 7, 2027; Disqualification of Covered Horses' Race results obtained on 02/09/26, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable).
Explainer: Violation of rule 3229, regarding the "Status During Provisional Suspension or Ineligibility," for an undescribed event (concerning the horses I'magambler and Warriors Mark) dated 2/9/26. Gonzalez is already serving an 18-month suspension (which began on Feb. 7) after one of her horses tested positive in an out-of-competition test for the banned substance, Albuterol.

Dates: 09/10/2026
Licensee: Ismael Bahena, 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.
Explainer: Vets' list medication violation for the presence of Phenylbutazone--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Sweet Star, who finished second at Belterra Park on 8/13/26.

Pending ADMC Violations
09/15/2026, Jose G. M. Milan, trainer: Pending medication violation for the presence of Chlorpheniramine--a class B controlled substance--in a sample taken from Nuedorf, who won at Parx Racing on 6/22/26.

09/15/2026, Michael P. Vino, trainer: Pending medication violations for the presence of Chlorpheniramine--a class B controlled substance--in samples taken from Fussy Girl, who won and finished second at Parx Racing on 5/20/26 and 6/2/26 respectively, and from More Than Grace who won at Parx Racing on 7/1/26.

09/14/2026, Tito F. Moreno, trainer: Pending medication violation for the presence of Firocoxib--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Livehappy, who finished third at Ellis Park on 7/31/26.



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9/11/2026, Brad Cox, trainer: Pending medication violation for the presence of Acepromazine--a class B controlled substance--in a sample taken from Conceit, who won the Audubon Oaks Presented by OG Cappers Stakes at Ellis Park on 8/9/26.

09/11/2026, Jose Miguel Castro, trainer: Pending vets' list medication violation for the presence of Acepromazine--a class B controlled substance--in a sample taken from Gregarious on 7/6/26.

Crop Violations
Alburquerque Downs
Luis Valenzuela--reporting date September 10; $500 fine, two-day suspension, on appeal stay requested

Churchill Downs
William Antongeorgi--reporting date September 16; $500 fine, two-day suspension
Cristian A. Torres--reporting date September 16; $2,000 fine, four-day suspension

Delaware Park
Cipriano A. Gil--reporting date September 16; $750 fine, three-day suspension
Jorge Panaijo--reporting date September 16; $750 fine, three-day suspension
Barrington Bill--reporting date September 11; $250 fine, one-day suspension
Edgar Villasmil--reporting date September 10; $250 fine, one-day suspension, on appeal stay requested

Finger Lakes
Emmanuel De Diego--reporting date September 16; $250 fine, one-day suspension

Los Alamitos
Ricardo Ramirez--reporting date September 13; $250 fine, one-day suspension

Parx Racing
Kendry I. Rivera--reporting date September 10; $500 fine, two-day suspension
Yan D. Rodriguez--reporting date September 10; $750 fine, three-day suspension, on appeal stay requested
Yan D. Rodriguez--reporting date September 10; $500 fine, two-day suspension, on appeal stay requested

Saratoga
Paco Lopez--reporting date September 11; $500 fine, one-day suspension. Read more on the story here.

Thistledown
Luis A. Gonzalez--reporting date September 15; $500 fine, one-day suspension, on appeal stay requested

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SILKS AND STABLE NAME REGISTRATION SIMPLIFIED AT NY RACETRACKS



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Fees will no longer be required for silks or stable name registration at New York Racing Association (NYRA) racetracks or Finger Lakes Racetrack, which simplifies the process for owners and horsemen, the Jockey Club of America said in a press release on Thursday.

The silks registration process has been streamlined, which will substantially eliminate the need for owners to have one set of silks for New York and another elsewhere.

The Jockey Club is required to perform these duties under New York state code, Rules and Regulations, New York State Gaming Commission, Rules of Racing.

Following are the new guidelines for silks registration:

- Colors must be registered in the name of one person only; NOT a stable name or Mr. & Mrs. (example: Mary E. Jones);
- You may have an emblem, initials, or stable name on front and back;
- Characters (letters and numbers) are permitted in a space no more than 12 inches in diameter across the silks;
- Shall not have commercial significance (e.g., an advertisement for a business or service) or be offensive, disparaging, or inflammatory;
- Registered silks descriptions inactive for more than five years will be deemed abandoned colors.

Any fees already paid for future-year silks or stable name registrations will be refunded by The Jockey Club.

Click here to access application forms for silks and stable name registration.

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NYRA NAMES BOLDYN NETWORKS OFFICIAL CONNECTIVITY PARTNER OF BELMONT PARK

The New York Racing Association, Inc. (NYRA) has formed a long-term partnership with Boldyn Networks, naming them the Official Connectivity Partner of Belmont Park, the track said via a release on Thursday.

The partnership includes entitlement of the new and recently announced Belmont Park mobile app and highlights Boldyn's role in delivering advanced connectivity infrastructure throughout the venue.

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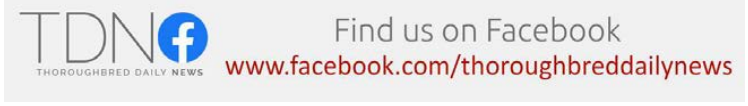



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scr	~~Banishing~~	~~Ghostzapper~~	~~David Jacobson, Sharaf Mohammed Al Hariri and Lawrence P. Roman~~	~~Jacobson~~	~~Rosario~~	~~126~~
6	Render Judgment	Blame	Baccari Racing Stable, LLC, Dream Walkin Farms, Michael Mackin, Brook Smith and Magdalena Racing	McPeek	Franco	126
7	Forever Young (Jpn)	Real Steel (Jpn)	Susumu Fujita	Yahagi	Sakai	126

Breeders: 1-Grandview Equine, 2-Pam & Martin Wygod, 3-Brereton C. Jones, 4-Godolphin, 5-Godolphin, 6-Green Lantern Stables, 7-Northern Racing

The race lost some its star power when Bill Mott declared that Sovereignty (Into Mischief) would not make it, but it's still a very good race and will be the highlight of a huge day for NYRA as it unveils the new Belmont Park. The very obvious favorite is the Japanese superstar **Forever Young (Jpn)** (Real Steel {Jpn}). He's 3-5 in the morning line and should be hard to beat. What else is there to say about a horse who has earned $31 million and beat the very best in last year's GI Breeders' Cup Classic? There's no one else in this field that comes anywhere close to matching his credentials. If **Baeza** (McKinzie) can finally overcome his gate woes, he might have some shot of beating Forever Young. It looks like Mott is trying to shake things up with the son of McKinzie. He's taking the blinkers off and is calling on Junior Alvarado, who will replace Flavien Prat. **Phileas Fogg** (Astern {Aus}) is coming off a giant race in the GII Suburban, but seems to do his best running at Saratoga. *--Bill Finley*

Friday, 9/18, Presque Isle Downs #9, post time: 8:36 p.m. EDT

PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS MASTERS S.-GII, $300,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Sea Runner	Gun Runner	CUYATHY LLC	Morey	Gallardo	119
2	Les Reys (Fr)	Penny's Picnic (Ire)	West Point Thoroughbreds, Peter Leidel, and Winters Equine LLC	Clement	Concepcion	119
3	Paradise City	McKinzie	C2 Racing Stable LLC, Shining Stables LLC, Paul Braverman, Timothy Pinch &BAG Racing Stables	Joseph, Jr.	Husbands	123
4	Paris Carver	Bolt d'Oro	Amo Racing USA LLC	Delgado	Lopez	115
5	Reagan's Flame	Flameaway	St. Elias Stable, BAG Racing Stables LLC, Turf Express Racing, Inc. & Watkins Diamond Stables LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Zayas	126
6	Pondering	Hard Spun	Godolphin, LLC	Walsh	Moran	119
7	Mitole Magic	Mitole	Randall R. Russell	Russell	Martinez	119
8	Lovely Emma	Twirling Candy	C R K Stable LLC	Eurton	Rodriguez	123
9	Jill Jitterbug	Cross Traffic	Shagbark Farm LLC	Walsh	Kingsley	119

Breeders: 1-Cuyathy, LLC, 2-Athanase Poulopoulos & Haras du Hoguenet, 3-Don Alberto Corporation, 4-Machmer Hall, 5-Jason Hall, Herschel Martindale &Stephen Mott, 6-Godolphin, 7-Stone Bridge Investments Syndicate, 8-Nursery Place,Donaldson,Broadbent, 9-Ryan D. Walsh

Reagan's Flame (Flameaway) faced only three rivals in her win in the GIII Seaway Stakes at Woodbine, but looks like the horse to beat here for Saffie Joseph, Jr. She's 3-for-4 on synthetic surfaces and her Beyer numbers say she's the fastest horse in this race. Joseph will also send out **Paradise City** (McKinzie), who lands in a much easier spot after running in the GI Ballerina Stakes. She's never run on a synthetic track, but has run okay on the grass. **Lovely Emma** (Twirling Candy), who is also entered in Saturday's Floral Park Stakes at Belmont, will have a shot if she goes here. The questions are how will she make the transition from turf to synthetic and can she handle 6 1/2 furlongs? *--Bill Finley*

Saturday, 9/19, Parx Racing #14, post time: 5:48 p.m. EDT
PENNSYLVANIA DERBY-GI, $1,000,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Zihnal	Quality Road	Augustin Stables	Thomas	Velazquez	124
2	Iron Honor	Nyquist	St. Elias Stable, William H. Lawrence, and Glassman Racing LLC	Brown	Ortiz	124
3	Our Moneyman	Mr. Money	KAS Stables	Calhoun	Franco	122
4	Igniter	Volatile	Three Chimneys Farm, LLC	Dutrow, Jr.	Saez	124
5	Talk to Me Jimmy	Modernist	SEI Thoroughbreds, Rudy R. Rodriguez, and Michael Imperio	Rodriguez	Silvera	122
6	The Puma	Essential Quality	OGMA Investments LLC, High Step Racing, TCC Stables LLC, YNG Stables LLC and JR Ranch	Delgado	Castellano	124
7	Further Ado	Gun Runner	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Cox	Prat	126
8	Freedom's Echo	Independence Hall	Nicholas Cammarano, Jr.	Preciado	-	120
9	Sassmaster	Curlin	Mark D. Breen	Pletcher	Gaffalione	122
10	Micanopy	Uncle Chuck	Jane Perry	Simone	Lopez	122
11	Ponder and Dream	Uncle Lino	LC Racing, LLC and Caravan Stable	Reid, Jr.	Sanchez	120

Breeders: 1-George Strawbridge Jr., 2-Mike Freeny & Pat Freeny, 3-Allied Racing Stable, LLC, 4-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 5-Majestic View Farms Intl., 6-Hidden Brook Farm & Brian Kahn, 7-John C. Oxley, 8-Brian Keith Turman & Laurel Glen Farm, 9-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 10-Brent Fernung & Crystal Fernung, 11-Harris Craig

Louisiana-bred **Our Moneyman** (Mr. Money) is coming off a huge effort in the GIII Indiana Derby. He lost several lengths after getting squeezed back just after the start, yet rallied to finish second behind 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' Leading Change (Gun Runner). Leading Change, of course, came back to win the GI Travers Stakes. Manny Franco takes over for Axel Concepcion. **Zihnal** (Quality Road) is an up-and-comer, who ran a career-best race when equipped with blinkers for the first time in the GIII West Virginia Derby. 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Further Ado** (Gun Runner) is the only Grade I winner in the field and must be respected. But he's inconsistent and seemed off his game when fifth in the GI Haskell Stakes. *--Bill Finley*



Saturday, 9/19, Parx Racing #13, post time: 4:58 p.m. EDT

COTILLION S.-GI, $1,000,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	My Miss Mo	Uncle Mo	Averill Racing, Mathis Stable, Tristan De Meric	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	126
2	Bodacious Bay	Not This Time	CZ Racing Stable, LLC, Miller Racing, LLC, St Elias Stable, Mathis Stables, LLC, BAG Racing Stables, LLC, Carr Legacy Racing, LLC, Steve Taub	Joseph, Jr.	Husbands	120
3	Zany	American Pharoah	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Velazquez	124
4	Always a Runner	Gun Runner	Douglas Scharbauer & Three Chimneys Farm, LLC	Brown	Ortiz	126
5	Iron Orchard	Authentic	KatieRich Stables LLC	Asmussen	Saez	126
6	Savor It	Vino Rosso	Trin-Brook Stables, Inc.	St. Lewis	Martinez	120
7	Ms Sophistication	Into Mischief	Colts Neck Stables LLC	Duarte, Jr.	Lopez	120
8	Measure	Essential Quality	Gary Barber, Bridlewood Farm, and Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Casse	Franco	120
9	Tap to Open	Tapit	Whisper Hill Farm LLC	Cox	Prat	124

Breeders: 1-Valerie Mastromonaco, Tristan de Meric& Uncle Mo Syndicate, 2-Breffni Farm, 3-D.J. Stable, 4-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 5-Pine Ridge Stable LLC, 6-Tony Lacy & Kathie Maybee, 7-Breeze Easy, LLC, 8-Town & Country Farms, 9-Whisper Hill Farm, LLC

Let's take a stab at **Bodacious Bay** (Not This Time). Coming off a second-place finish in the GIII Monmouth Oaks, she will make her first start for Saffie Joseph, Jr., which is never a bad thing. It's also worth noting the game of musical jockeys that is being played here. Micah Husbands rode **My Miss Mo** (Uncle Mo) to victory in the Monmouth Oaks for Joseph, yet shows up on Bodacious Bay. 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Always a Runner** (Gun Runner) is an obvious favorite here and will be hard to beat after running second in two straight against Counting Stars (Honor A. P.). Yet, based on the Beyer figures, there are others in here who are just as fast as her. A vulnerable favorite? **Measure** (Essential Quality) ran a huge race when losing by just a neck in the GI Alabama Stakes. But why is Flavien Prat riding **Tap to Open** (Tapit) and not her? *--Bill Finley*

Saturday, 9/19, Parx Racing #12, post time: 4:03 p.m. EDT

GALLANT BOB S.-GII, $400,000, 3yo, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Ramajay	Knicks Go	BAG Racing Stables, TCC Stables LLC, PaulFamFour and A M A Stables	Joseph, Jr.	Prat	120
2	My Boy Star	Bucchero	A.O.M. Racing Stables LLC and Pedro Brito Brito	Mendieta	Gil	124
3	Ryan's Run	Runhappy	Coleswood Farm, Inc.	Runco	Bocachica	122
4	Bravaro	Upstart	Albert Ciuffetelli, Stephanie S. Brennan, Shining Stables, LLC, BAG Racing Stables, and Paul Braverman	Joseph, Jr.	Lopez	126
5	Langvad	Awesome Slew	Gary Barber, BAG Racing Stables, LLC, Robert Zoellner, Steven Friedfertig, & Shining Stables LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Husbands	124
6	Dr. Kapur	McKinzie	Kenneth L. Ramsey	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	122
7	N. Y. Finest	Connect	Trin-Brook Stables, Inc.	St. Lewis	Martinez	120
8	Stradale	Yaupon	Kaleem Shah, Inc.	Asmussen	Ortiz	126
9	Tallmar	Yaupon	Victoria's Ranch and R.T Racing Stable	Avila	Castellano	124
10	Captivator	Charlatan	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Jaramillo	120
11	Amberjack	Complexity	Amo Racing USA LLC	Delgado	Centeno	120
12	Mailata	Maximus Mischief	LC Racing, LLC and Wellesley Stable	Reid, Jr.	Adorno	120

Breeders: 1-Nice Guys Stables & SH Racing, 2-Alejandro Olais Mendieta & Maria ElenaVillegas, 3-Coleswood Farm, Inc., 4-Stepanie Baltzan, 5-John B. Penn, 6-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 7-Fred W. Hertrich III, 8-Richard Bremer & Cheryl Sprick, 9-Jeff Prunzik & Melissa Prunzik, 10-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 11-Brereton C. Jones, 12-Cash Is King LLC & LC Racing Stable LLC

Stradale (Yaupon) returned to form when winning the GIII Mahony Stakes on the grass last out at Saratoga. He switches back to the dirt, but that shouldn't be a problem as he's won twice on that surface. Should have a good trip from off the pace in a race that is loaded with speed. **Captivator** (Charlatan) ships in for John Sadler after two straight wins in California. He has posted some good Beyer numbers and looks ready to take the next step here. Must stay away from what figures to be a hot early pace. Saffie Joseph, Jr. will send out four in this race and the best may be **Bavaro** (Upstart). He's coming off a win in the Robert Hilton Memorial Stakes at Charles Town. Six furlongs might not be the best fit for this New York-bred. --*Bill Finley*

Saturday, 9/19, Churchill Downs #8, post time: 9:39 p.m. EDT
DOGWOOD S. PRESENTED BY RESOLUTE RACING-GIII, $300,000, 3yo, f, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Explora	Blame	Michael Pegram, Karl Watson and Paul Weitman	Baffert	Hernandez	122
2	My Steel Magnolia	Essential Quality	LCI, LLC	Caramori	Torres	118
3	Where Luck Lives	Nyquist	Flying Dutchmen Breeding and Racing LLC	Lynch	Arrieta	118
4	Conceit	Not This Time	Juddmonte	Cox	Gutierrez	120
5	Movie Night	Speightstown	WinStar Farm LLC	Walden	Concepcion	118
6	A Fine Chardonnay	Maclean's Music	Double 22 Stables, LLC	Wilkes	Hernandez, Jr.	120

Breeders: 1-Mesingw Farm, 2-2500 Determined Stud, 3-Rock Ridge Thoroughbreds, LLC, 4-Juddmonte, 5-WinStar Farm, LLC, 6-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC

Hard to go against 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Explora** (Blame), who has found her niche in these seven-furlong races. She blew a good field away in the GI Test Stakes and is likely to do the same here. **Conceit** (Not This Time) has been a new horse since being given 5 1/2 months off by Brad Cox. Has never run in graded company, but got a big number when winning the Audubon Oaks at Ellis last out. **Movie Night** (Speightstown), another 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard', deserves another chance after losing all chance in the Test, where she stumbled at the start. --*Bill Finley*

Saturday, 9/19, Woodbine #9, post time: 5:36 p.m. EDT
DURHAM CUP S.-GIII, C$175,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (AWT)

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	William T	Frosted	Michael Lay	MacRae	Aebly	122
2	Friendly Ghost	Outwork	Sue Leslie	Chartrand-Hoek	Wilson	121
3	Maycocks Bay	Speightstown	Godolphin, LLC	Stidham	Moran	123
4	Sedburys Ghost	Shaman Ghost	Yawen Wu	Minshall	Maragh	121
5	War Court	Declaration of War	Chiefswood Stables Limited	Sadler	Nicholls	121

Breeders: 1-Anderson Farms (Ontario) Inc., 2-Phoenix Rising Farms, 3-Godolphin, 4-Yawen Wu, 5-Chiefswood Stables

This one looks easy. **Maycocks Bay** (Speightstown) is not only the best horse in the race, he's clearly the lone speed. He should do exactly what he did in his lone appearance at Woodbine in the GII Eclipse Stakes, where he got an easy early lead and coasted home to win by two lengths. **Sedburys Ghost** (Shaman Ghost) will likely be second early on, which would mean a good trip. Unlikely to catch the top pick, but could round out the exacta. **William T** (Frosted) is another threat to finish second in this five-horse field. --*Bill Finley*

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FRIDAY'S RACING INSIGHTS: BLETCHLEY, A GUN RUNNER FULL-BROTHER TO MONDAY'S KEENELAND SEPTEMBER TOPPER, DEBUTS AT BELMONT

by Steve Sherack



Bletchley brings $1.55 million at last year's Keeneland September sale | *Keeneland*

3rd-BEL, $150K, Msw, 2yo, f, 6 1/2fT, 2:39 p.m. ET

Fiora (Into Mischief), a daughter of the graded-placed Tapit mare Ivyetsu, debuts for trainer Philip Antonacci. Fiora brought $625,000 from Lindy Farms, AC Crawford Farms and Westfield Stables as a Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling. The Into Mischief x Tapit cross has also produced champion 3-year-old filly Pretty Mischievous.

"She's done everything very nicely," Antonacci said. "She's one we're very excited about. She's shown a lot of ability and a lot of class and hopefully she can develop into a nice filly."

Fiora's yearling half-sister by Gun Runner brought $1.5 million from Dream Big Racing during Thursday's session of the Keeneland September sale.

Inflect (Uncle Mo), drawn widest of all in post 12, gets her career started for Klaravich Stables and trainer Chad Brown. The $475,000 Keeneland September yearling and 7-2 morning-line favorite was produced by a winning half-sister to MGISW Charlatan (Speightstown). **TJCIS PPS**

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7th-BEL, $150K, Msw, 2yo, 1m, 5:24 p.m. ET

Bletchley (Gun Runner), a $1.55-million Keeneland September graduate campaigned in partnership by Mrs. John Magnier, Michael B. Tabor, Derrick Smith, Peter M. Brant and Brook T. Smith, debuts for Chad Brown.

Bletchley's yearling full-brother brought $2.8-million from Tagermeen Racing to top the first day of trade earlier this week at Keeneland September.

"(Three Chimneys's) Goncalo (Torrealba) is a very good breeder, and he's out of a good mare," Coolmore's M.V. Magnier said after signing the ticket on Bletchley in Lexington last year. "So we are happy enough to get him."

Out of GSW Twenty Carat (Into Mischief), he is bred on the same Gun Runner x Into Mischief cross as GSW and this year's GI Kentucky Oaks runner-up Meaning. His 3-year-old full-sister French Blue was third in this year's GIII Santa Ysabel S.

The field of 12 also includes the debuting **Grand Larceny** (Gun Runner), a $650,000 OBS April breezer owned by Amagansett Stables and Front Page Equestrian and trained by Whit Beckman. **TJCIS PPS**

1st-LRC, $50K, Msw, 2yo, 6f, 4:00 p.m. ET

Mystic Ride (Mystic Guide), a $425,000 Keeneland September buy for the 'Three Amigos' Mike Pegram, Karl Watson and Paul Weitman, debuts for Hall of Famer Bob Baffert. The 4-5 morning-line favorite and half-brother to MGSW St. Joe Bay (Saint Anddan) will face just four rivals while exiting from the rail. **TJCIS PPS**

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3rd-Churchill Downs, $95,276, Msw, (R), 9-17, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:11.17, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.

LOADED FOR BEAR (f, 2, War of Will--Bear On the Run, by Empire Maker) was backed at 7-2 on debut in this auction-restricted maiden special weight. She chased in second through an opening quarter in :22.19, cruised up to hit the front approaching the quarter pole and took care of business from

there to graduate by 3 3/4 lengths. The winner's dam is also responsible for a War of Will colt of 2025. She was bred to Bolt d'Oro for 2027. Sales history: $35,000 Ylg '25 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $52,240. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel Racing**.
O-Michael J. Snyder & Brett Bresser; B-Michael J Snyder & LNJ Foxwoods (KY); T-Thomas Drury, Jr.

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5th-Churchill Downs, $90,588, Msw, 9-17, 2yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.62, fm, head.
NOT FOR LONG (GB) (c, 2, Baaeed {GB}--Burswood {GB}, by Dubawi {Ire}) went from last to first to deliver at first asking here. The 5-1 shot trailed the field of eight through an opening quarter in :24.01 and began to advance rounding the far turn. Guided out six wide at the top of the stretch, he came rolling over the top to run down favored Time in Motion (Not This Time) by a head. Sales history: €280,000 RNA Ylg '25 ARAUG; €240,000 Ylg '25 GOFORY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $40,768. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel Racing**.
O-JDT Racing LLC; B-Highview Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Brendan P. Walsh.

BARODA STUD Consigning Graduate

4th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, $32,000, Msw, 9-17, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:03.76, ft, head.
STREAK SENSE (c, 2, McKinzie--Naked Avenger {SW, $188,250}, by Congrats), off at 7-2 in this debut run, was sent to the front from his rail draw and battled back gamely after getting headed in the stretch by C R Sultan (Maximus Mischief) to win by a head. The winner's dam had a filly by Silver State in 2025 and a filly by Messier this year. She was bred back to Americanrevolution. Sales history: $160,000 Ylg '25 KEESEP; $125,000 2yo '26 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $19,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**
O-Terry L. Stephens; B-Tee-N-Jay Farm (KY); T-Aaron M. West.

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8th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, $32,000, Msw, 9-16, 2yo, 1mT, 1:35.76, fm, 3/4 length.
LET IT FLY (g, 2, War Front--Lacadena {SP}, by Fasliyev), off at 6-1 in this unveiling, raced in fifth through a half mile in :46.37, began to make his move on the far turn and kicked home late to deliver a 3/4-length victory. The winner is a half to America (A.P. Indy), GSW & MGISP, $580,532; Fancy (Justify), SP, $298,415; and a yearling colt by War Front. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $19,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**
O-Heider Family Stables LLC; B-Heider Family Trust (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh.

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U.S. BRED & SIRED RUNNERS IN JAPAN

In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this Saturday running at Hanshin and Nakayama Racecourses:



Win the War is the dam of the debuting Rainbow Flight | *M. Burns*

Saturday, September 19, 2026
5th-NKY, ¥14,880,000 *($95k)*, Newcomers, 2yo, 1800mT
RAINBOW FLIGHT (f, 2, Flightline--Win the War, by War Front), whose freshman sire (by Tapit) has already been represented by two impressive debut winners in Japan, was purchased by Shadai Farm for $450,000 out of last year's Keeneland September sale. The Mar. 17 foal's dam was a two-time stakes winner over the Woodbine synthetic and third in the GII Santa Ynez Stakes at Santa Anita and was acquired by Hinkle Farms for $750,000 in foal to Curlin at the 2020 Fasig-Tipton November Sale. Win the War is a half-sister to GSW Dixie City (Dixie Union), herself responsible for two-time Korean champion

and GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile third Blue Chipper (Tiznow).
O-Chizu Yoshida; B-Hinkle Farms (KY); T-Toru Hayashi

5th-HSN, ¥14,880,000 *($95k)*, Newcomers, 2yo, 1200mT
ARIA SIGN (JPN) (f, 2, Constitution--Signature Song, by Speightstown), sold in utero for $230,000 at Keeneland November in 2023, is a granddaughter of French listed winner Daring Diva (GB) (Dansili {GB}), the dam of MGSW Brooch (Empire Maker) and second dam of GI Kentucky Derby and GI Haskell Stakes hero Mandaloun (Into Mischief). This is the deeper female family of G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and G1 Pretty Polly Stakes heroine Bluestocking (GB) (Camelot {GB}) and G1 Sussex Stakes winner Qirat (GB) (Showcasing {GB}). *O-U Oshima B; B-Oshima Bokujo; T-Hidenori Take*

6th-NKY, ¥14,880,000 *($95k)*, Newcomers, 2yo, 1200m
YU LIKE STAR (c, 2, Nashville--Kodiac Girl {Ire}, by Kodiac {GB}) was bought back on a bid of $80,000 at the 2024 Keeneland November Sale and failed to meet his reserve when bidding stalled out at $45,000 at KEESEP last year before changing hands for $42,000 at Fasig-Tipton October. A Mar. 27 foal, Yu Like Star breezed an eighth of a mile in a bullet :9 4/5 and was originally not sold, but was subsequently purchased in a private transaction by this trainer for $170,000 at this year's OBS April Sale. Freshman sire Nashville (by Speightstown) has already been represented in Japan by Pod Beat, who won his maiden by an impressive 10-length margin on debut at this venue Sept. 5. Christophe Lemaire has the riding assignment.
O-K Aitetsu; B-Bellary Bay Bloodstock (KY); T-Hideyuki Mori

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FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, SEPT. 18
2026 Stud Fees Listed

Aloha West (Hard Spun), Mill Ridge Farm, $6,500
60 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Presque Isle Downs, 7:42 p.m. EDT, $100K Fitz Dixon, Jr. Memorial Juvenile S., 6 1/2f, What's Your Name, 7-1
$2,500 FTK OCT yrl

Cyberknife (Gun Runner), Spendthrift Farm, $15,000
167 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Belmont, 2:04 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Cyber Baby, 15-1
$72,000 FTN MIX wnl; $110,000 SAR AUG yrl; $100,000 OBS MAR 2yo
4-Churchill Downs, 2:13 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Cyber Gal, 5-2
$100,000 KEE NOV wnl; $100,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $72,000 FTK OCT yrl; $170,000 OBS MAR 2yo
7-Belmont, 5:24 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Cybersteel, 6-1
$325,000 KEE SEP yrl
7-Churchill Downs, 3:50 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Soccer Socks, 6-1
$55,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl
2-Los Alamitos, 4:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Stealth Drone, 10-1
$60,000 KEE NOV wnl; $230,000 KEE SEP yrl

Early Voting (Gun Runner), Taylor Made Farm, $12,500
116 foals of racing age/10 winners/2 black-type winners
2-Belmont, 2:04 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Early and Often, 20-1
$35,000 FTN MIX wnl; $40,000 SAR AUG yrl

Epicenter (Not This Time), Coolmore Ashford, $25,000
206 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Churchill Downs, 3:50 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Anna Bo Banna, 3-1
$50,000 KEE SEP yrl
4-Churchill Downs, 2:13 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Lexi's Epic Ride, 30-1
$115,000 KEE SEP yrl; $130,000 EAS MAY 2yo
2-Belmont, 2:04 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Winning Fashion, 3-1
$150,000 SAR AUG yrl

Golden Pal (Uncle Mo), Coolmore Ashford, $25,000
204 foals of racing age/22 winners/1 black-type winner
3-Belmont, 2:39 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2fT, Southern Kiss, 6-1
$15,000 OBS APR 2yo

Greatest Honour (Tapit), Spendthrift Farm, $7,500
117 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner
3-Belmont, 2:39 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2fT, Bobby's Honour, 15-1
3-Presque Isle Downs, 5:54 p.m. EDT, $100K Presque Isle Debutante S., 6 1/2f, Chef's Kiss, 10-1
$55,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $50,000 OBS MAR 2yo
3-Presque Isle Downs, 5:54 p.m. EDT, $100K Presque Isle Debutante S., 6 1/2f, Greatest Joy, 8-1
2-Belmont, 2:04 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Under the Moon, 4-1
$24,000 RNA FTN MIX wnl; $2,500 FTK OCT yrl; $45,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Highly Motivated (Into Mischief), Airdrie Stud, $7,500
98 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Presque Isle Downs, 7:42 p.m. EDT, $100K Fitz Dixon, Jr. Memorial Juvenile S., 6 1/2f, Grandes Suenos, 12-1
7-Churchill Downs, 3:50 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Motivated by Grace,

12-1
$20,000 KEE SEP yrl

Jack Christopher (Munnings), Coolmore Ashford, $15,000
187 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Los Alamitos, 4:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Gallant Jack, 5-2
$160,000 FTK OCT yrl; $200,000 OBS APR 2yo

Jackie's Warrior (Maclean's Music), Spendthrift Farm, $25,000
136 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner
3-Belmont, 2:39 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2fT, Blazing Beauty, 8-1
$175,000 KEE SEP yrl; $65,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Keepmeinmind (Laoban), Whispering Oaks Farm, $2,000
42 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
2-Belmont, 2:04 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Cara's Chrome, 30-1
$15,000 FTN MIX wnl; $11,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Life Is Good (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, $60,000
133 foals of racing age/11 winners/2 black-type winners
7-Belmont, 5:24 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Card Man, 2-1
7-Belmont, 5:24 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Live, 8-1
$575,000 KEE SEP yrl

Mandaloun (Into Mischief), Juddmonte Farms, $10,000
100 foals of racing age/8 winners/2 black-type winners
2-Los Alamitos, 4:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Janie Not Jeanie, 5-2
$100,000 KEE SEP yrl; $290,000 OBS MAR 2yo
3-Belmont, 2:39 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2fT, Midriff Princess, 8-1
$70,000 KEE NOV wnl; $70,000 KEE SEP yrl; $90,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Mind Control (Stay Thirsty), Rockridge Stud, $6,000
123 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Belmont, 2:04 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Call Me Rosie, 15-1
2-Meadowlands, 7:28 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Creative Thinker, 4-1

Mo Donegal (Uncle Mo), Spendthrift Farm, $5,000
135 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Churchill Downs, 3:50 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Baby Chantal, 15-1
$35,000 OBS OPN 2yo
7-Churchill Downs, 3:50 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Waawaatesi, 30-1
$25,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Mystic Guide (Ghostzapper), Darley, $7,500
101 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Los Alamitos, 4:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Mystic Ride, 4-5
$45,000 KEE JAN wnl; $425,000 KEE SEP yrl

Nashville (Speightstown), WinStar Farm, $12,500
140 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Belmont, 2:04 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Cream of the Crop, 15-1
$60,000 SAR AUG yrl

Olympiad (Speightstown), Gainesway Farm, $20,000
149 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Churchill Downs, 2:13 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Placing Blame, 10-1
$22,000 KEE SEP yrl; $45,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Roadster (Quality Road), Ocala Stud, $7,500
88 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner
3-Presque Isle Downs, 5:54 p.m. EDT, $100K Presque Isle Debutante S., 6 1/2f, Downforce, 4-1

Scalding (Nyquist), Pin Oak Stud, private
15 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
7-Belmont, 5:24 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Vapor Trail, 50-1
$15,000 FTD JUL yrl; $40,000 OBS OCT yrl

Speaker's Corner (Street Sense), Darley, $10,000
111 foals of racing age/3 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Belmont, 5:24 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, E Z Speaker, 10-1
$55,000 FTK FEB wnl; $185,000 KEE SEP yrl; $650,000 EAS MAY 2yo
7-Churchill Downs, 3:50 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, R Last Word, 4-1
$27,000 KEE SEP yrl; $65,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo

LEADING FIRST-CROP SIRES OF 2026

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	Strs	Wnrs	Earnings
1	Golden Pal	1	6	67	22	$2,265,527
2	Roadster	1	2	25	13	$809,088
3	Jack Christopher	1	2	44	12	$918,543
4	Greatest Honor	1	2	45	12	$606,178
5	Life Is Good	2	6	46	11	$1,450,170

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SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, SEPT. 18
2026 Stud Fees Listed

By My Standards (Goldencents), Spendthrift Farm, $5,000
132 foals of racing age/38 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Remington, 9:50 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, By My Boss, 12-1

Chief Hawkster (Cinco Charlie)
1 foal of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Remington, 7:58 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Lady Hawkster, 15-1

Chitto (Into Mischief)
5 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
6-Remington, 9:50 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Gospel Jim, 15-1

Essential Quality (Tapit), Darley, $25,000
218 foals of racing age/54 winners/8 black-type winners
4-Churchill Downs, 2:13 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Kiplin, 8-1
3-Pennsylvania Pick 4, 4:58 p.m. EDT, $1000K GI Cotillion S. PRX - R13, 1 1/16m, Measure, 4-1
$140,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; $250,000 KEE SEP yrl
2-Keystone Daily Double, 5:48 p.m. EDT, $1000K GI Pennsylvania Derby PRX - R14, 1 1/8m, The Puma, 4-1
$95,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $150,000 OBS APR 2yo

Independence Hall (Constitution), WinStar Farm, $10,000
196 foals of racing age/49 winners/4 black-type winners
2-Keystone Daily Double, 5:48 p.m. EDT, $1000K GI Pennsylvania Derby PRX - R14, 1 1/8m, Freedom's Echo, 20-1
$30,000 KEE SEP yrl; $35,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Knicks Go (Paynter), Kor, private
170 foals of racing age/61 winners/3 black-type winners
3-Belmont, 2:39 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2fT, Mariska, 20-1
$30,000 FTC AYR yrl; $110,000 EAS MAY 2yo
2-Meadowlands, 7:28 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Victors Girl, 9-2
$10,000 OBS OCT yrl; $19,000 RNA EAS MAY 2yo; $9,000 OBS OPN 2yo



Modernist (Uncle Mo), Darby Dan Farm, $5,000
141 foals of racing age/35 winners/2 black-type winners
2-Keystone Daily Double, 5:48 p.m. EDT, $1000K GI Pennsylvania Derby PRX - R14, 1 1/8m, Talk to Me Jimmy, 12-1
$24,000 RNA FTN MIX wnl; $31,000 KEE SEP yrl

No Parole (Violence), Whispering Oaks Farm, $2,000
33 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Presque Isle Downs, 7:42 p.m. EDT, $100K Fitz Dixon, Jr. Memorial Juvenile S., 6 1/2f, Jacks Shot, 15-1

Uncle Chuck (Uncle Mo), Journeyman Stud
113 foals of racing age/29 winners/4 black-type winners
7-Presque Isle Downs, 7:42 p.m. EDT, $100K Fitz Dixon, Jr. Memorial Juvenile S., 6 1/2f, Boyhood Dream, 3-1
$1,000 OBS WIN wnl; $10,000 OBSOCT yrl; $20,000 OBSMAR 2yo
2-Keystone Daily Double, 5:48 p.m. EDT, $1000K GI Pennsylvania Derby PRX - R14, 1 1/8m, Micanopy, 15-1
$32,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo
7-Presque Isle Downs, 7:42 p.m. EDT, $100K Fitz Dixon, Jr. Memorial Juvenile S., 6 1/2f, Uncle Kef, 9-2

Yaupon (Uncle Mo), Spendthrift Farm, $60,000
325 foals of racing age/87 winners/18 black-type winners
2-Remington, 7:58 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Golden Holly, 5-1
$15,000 FTD OCT 2yo

ADDITIONAL RACING

STAKES RESULTS:
GOLD CUP S., (NB) C$50,750, Assiniboia Downs, 9-16, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:52.54, wf.
1--**ELSTON GUNNN, 120, g, 3, Mo Town--Little Sweet, by Candy Ride (Arg)**. ($9,000 Ylg '24 KEEJAN; $19,000 RNA Ylg '24 FTKOCT; $90,000 2yo '25 KEENOV). O-Joseph A. Schumer; B-Bug Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Eugene Burns; J-Shavon Townsend. C$30,600. Lifetime Record: 13-4-3-1, $140,881.

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2--**Go Go Boss**, 125, g, 4, Street Boss--Go Go Lolo, by Awesome Again. O-Wiest, Rick, Wiest, Clayton, Wiest, Lana, R 6 Stable, and Tremblay, Norm; B-CJ Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Robertino Diodoro. C$10,200.

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3--**Al Reichert**, 125, g, 6, Imperialism--Amalgamation, by Lemon Drop Kid. O-Ganter, Colin and Ganter, Cheryl; B-Colin Ganter (SK); T-Robert Henson. C$5,100.
Margins: NO, HD, 3/4. Odds: 5.95, 0.75, 43.35.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
4th-Churchill Downs, $131,483, (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($80,000), 9-17, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.45, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.
MADONNA OF LORETO (f, 4, Caravaggio--Romana Ruler {Chi} {G1SW-Chi, $113,931}, by Roman Ruler) Lifetime Record: 14-3-0-0, $178,221. O-Thiele Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY); T-Lacey Gaudet. *$175,000 2yo '24 EASMAY; $70,000 4yo '26 FTDMAR.

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6th-Delaware, $46,000, 9-17, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.23, my, nose.
EASTBOSTONBENNY (g, 5, Bucchero--April Rose, by Wildcat Heir) Lifetime Record: 25-5-6-8, $285,320. O/B-Lillian Klesaris (FL); T-Steve Klesaris.

8th-Thistledown, $40,100, (S), 9-17, (NW4L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39.30, ft, 5 1/2 lengths.
LEAVETHENINETYNINE (g, 3, Keen Ice--Lena Love {SW, $192,048}, by City Weekend) Lifetime Record: 18-4-2-3, $130,382. O/B-Paige Caldwell & Dustin Thomson (OH); T-Jeffrey A. Radosevich.

5th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, $38,000, (S), 9-17, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:35.25, fm, 3/4 length.
FOR MAMA (g, 7, Can the Man--Sky Hi Sugar, by Neko Bay) Lifetime Record: 33-7-2-5, $115,826. O-Kem W. Anderson; B-Bosharon Stables & In Good Company Farm (IN); T-Dawn A. Fontenot. *$7,000 RNA Ylg '20 FTKOCT.

8th-Albuquerque, $36,400, (S), 9-17, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.07, gd, 1 1/2 lengths.
SAPELLO SONRISA (f, 4, Bernster--Contessa Del Norte, by Super Quercus {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 13-3-3-1, $77,431. O-Gallegos Del Norte Racing; B-Gallegos del Norte Racing (NM); T-Martin Manuel Valdez-Cabral.

7th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, $34,000, 9-17, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :55.33, fm, 1/2 length.
EMOJI (f, 4, Practical Joke--Sarcastic, by Distorted Humor) Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-1, $49,845. O-Liz Squyres; B-G. Watts Humphrey (KY); T-Lori Hendrickson. *1/2 to Sarcastic Tone (Tonalist), SP, $163,021; Smart Remark (First Defence), MGSP, $395,465; How Ironic (Tonalist), MGSP, $220,167.

6th-Thistledown, $28,000, 9-17, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.86, ft, nose.
TIA LUPE (f, 3, Maxfield--Ultralight Beam, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: 12-2-4-1, $47,902. O-Lopez Racing Stable, Inc.; B-Drumkenny Farm & American Equistock Inc. (KY); T-Elias Lopez. *$10,000 Ylg '24 OBSOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Hardway Mike, g, 2, **Dominus**--Bossy Girl, by Street Boss. Thistledown, 9-17, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.50. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, $34,578. B-Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm (OH). *1/2 to Authoritarian Girl (Medal Count), SW, $328,165.
Derry Moon, c, 2, **Irish War Cry**--Moon Valley, by Malibu Moon. Delaware, 9-17, 5f (off turf), 1:00.59. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $27,000. B-Hope H. Jones (MD). *1/2 to Moon Cache (Mosler), MSP, $183,115. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

ANOTHER TRAVIS DURR GRADUATE

Ferocious Justice, c, 2, **Lantana Mob**--Estilo Diferente, by Uncle Mo. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 9-17, (S), 1m, 1:40.40. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $23,485. B-Justice Farm, Greg Justice (IN). *$5,000 Ylg '25 INDYRL.
Inside Joke, f, 2, **Practical Joke**--Ever Wonder (SW, $373,469), by Jersey Town. Thistledown, 9-17, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.18. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $23,391. B-Robert M. Gorham & Mast Thoroughbreds LLC (OH).
Miss Unbridled, f, 2, **Unbridled Express**--Miss Blossom, by Munnings. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 9-17, (S), 1m, 1:44.65. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, $27,143. B-Bernie Flint (IN).
Bold Sally, f, 3, **Bold Red**--Blaze of Joy, by Commissioner. Thistledown, 9-17, (S), 6f, 1:14.00. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-2, $28,731. B-Debra Schaber (OH).
Line of Reason, g, 3, **Firing Line**--Naomi Ridge Esq., by Lawyer Ron. Canterbury, 9-17, 7 1/2fT, 1:32.45. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, $17,710. B-Winchester Place Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY).
All That Sass, f, 3, **Itsthesameoldsong**--Sassy Ombre, by Old Forester. Thistledown, 9-17, (S), 6f, 1:14.34. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $22,374. B-Joshua Faulkner (OH).
The Other One, f, 3, **Rushie**--Superior Sarah, by Werblin. Canterbury, 9-17, 5fT, :58.92. Lifetime Record: 10-1-3-2, $38,935. B-Jose Luis Solis (FL). *$6,000 Ylg '24 OBSOCT. **1/2 to Charlie's Wish (First Dude), MSW, $481,659.
Runway Showstopper, f, 3, **Unbridled Express**--Runway Starlet, by Point of Entry. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 9-17, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.54. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $24,025. B-L.T.B. Inc (IN).

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Bernster, Sapello Sonrisa, f, 4, o/o Contessa Del Norte, by Super Quercus (Fr). ALW, 9-17, Albuquerque
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Harry's Holiday, Jailhouse Justice, g, 5, o/o Sheltowee's Gold, by Dialed In. ALW, 9-16, Horseshoe Indianapolis
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Irish War Cry, Derry Moon, c, 2, o/o Moon Valley, by Malibu Moon. MSW, 9-17, Delaware
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Keen Ice, Leavetheninetynine, g, 3, o/o Lena Love, by City Weekend. ALW, 9-17, Thistledown
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McKinzie, Streak Sense, c, 2, o/o Naked Avenger, by Congrats. MSW, 9-17, Horseshoe Indianapolis
Mo Town, Elston Gunnn, g, 3, o/o Little Sweet, by Candy Ride (Arg). Gold Cup S., 9-16, Assiniboia



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Practical Joke, Emoji, f, 4, o/o Sarcastic, by Distorted Humor. ALW, 9-17, Horseshoe Indianapolis
Practical Joke, Inside Joke, f, 2, o/o Ever Wonder, by Jersey Town. MSW, 9-17, Thistledown
Rushie, The Other One, f, 3, o/o Superior Sarah, by Werblin. MSW, 9-17, Canterbury
Santiva, Favorite Star, g, 4, o/o Favorite Show, by Nobiz Like Shobiz. MSW, 9-16, Horseshoe Indianapolis
Spun to Run, Spun Not Stirred, g, 4, o/o Wild Walkoff, by Union Rags. AOC, 9-16, Canterbury
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Unbridled Express, Runway Showstopper, f, 3, o/o Runway Starlet, by Point of Entry. MSW, 9-17, Horseshoe Indianapolis
War Front, Let It Fly, g, 2, o/o Lacadena, by Fasliyev. MSW, 9-16, Horseshoe Indianapolis
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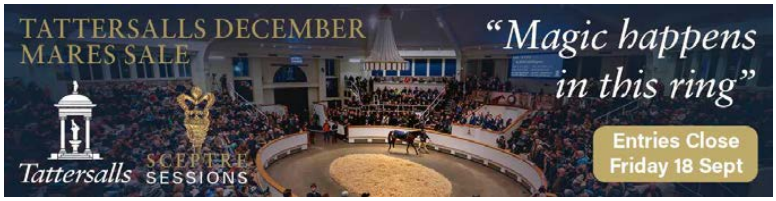

O'CALLAGHAN TAPS UP DONOHOE IN BID TO CAST NET OUT AT YEARLING SALES



Michael O'Callaghan: has called on the services of BBA Ireland's Michael Donohoe ahead of the yearling sales in Ireland *Tattersalls*

By Brian Sheerin

Michael O'Callaghan has snapped up the services of BBA Ireland bloodstock agent Michael Donohoe in a bid to cast the net out in searching for the next Celeron (Mohaather) or Push The Boat Out (Kodi Bear) - and the pair have confirmed they will be out in force at the upcoming yearling sales before tackling the horses-in-training and mares sale markets.

O'Callaghan has built an enviable record with his breeze-up purchases - Blue De Vega, Steel Bull, Copacabana Sands, Black Forza, Celeron and Push The Boat Out all came from that sphere - but has largely left the yearling sales untouched.

However, that is all about to change, with the Kildare-based handler stating the lure of sourcing quality horses at an earlier stage in their careers and for a fraction of what they might cost at a breeze-up sale prompted him to change his focus. Donohoe will come on board to help execute the changing of that game plan.

"It's to broaden my search for better horses across the board - yearlings, horses-in-training and fillies to go and target at gaining black-type," said O'Callaghan, explaining his decision to call on Donohoe just in time for the domestic yearling sales. **Cont. p3**

FRANKEL COLT HEADS WATERSHIP DOWN'S THREE-STRONG ORBY DRAFT *By Brian Sheerin*

Watership Down Stud manager Simon Marsh has voiced his optimism ahead of the Goffs Orby Sale later this month, where the leading operation will be represented by a trio of well-bred yearlings, headed by a Frankel colt out of Group 1 performer Lah Ti Dar (Dubawi).

All three horses have been reared and prepared at Kiltinan Castle Stud, Watership Down's Irish base, while Marsh also outlined hopes for the stud's broader draft of yearlings that are due to sell at Tattersalls in October.

"We have always been keen to support Goffs when the opportunity arises," Marsh explained. "We've had horses at Kiltinan in Ireland for 30 years now and, historically, we have sold a lot of mares at Goffs over the years. More recently, we've sold two or three yearlings at Goffs and did quite well - we sold a Sea The Stars colt very well [€550,000] last year through Flash Conroy at Glenvale Stud on behalf of John Ferguson."

While Watership Down has bolstered its Orby offering, the majority of the Berkshire-based farm's yearlings will be sold at Tattersalls later this month. **Cont. p5**



Watership Down manager Simon Marsh: the stud is supporting the Goffs Orby Sale with three yearlings this year | *Racingfotos.com*

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Persian Force colt Salt Lake became his sire's 20th winner at Naas on Thursday. The Amo Racing and Valmont-owned bay was making his second start. | *Racingfotos.com*

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The Dark Angel colt shines as the leader of the latest Timeform's Top Juveniles column with a mark of 94.

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The bloodstock agent shared his Words to Live By in this ongoing TDN series.

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Defending champion Half Yours (St Jean) was given an impost of 59kg during Thursday's 2026 Melbourne Cup weight reveal.

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O'Callaghan added, "All along, I've cut my cloth to measure. The breeze-up sales suited me and suited the business model when I was trying to build a business and get a foothold as a trainer, rather than expecting other people to send me horses. We were able to get partners involved to do that. But because of the competitiveness of this country, we have to keep doing something to try to get better horses through this place."



Michael Donohoe | *Tattersalls*

The "new alliance," as O'Callaghan labels it, represents something of a full circle moment for the trainer-agent combination. It is almost exactly 20 years ago when O'Callaghan shadowed the likes of Donohoe and fellow BBA Ireland agent Eamonn Riley at all of the major yearling sales.

O'Callaghan recalled, "Michael was actually one of the first people to take me under his wing and bring me around the sales. When I was only 18, I went around all of the yearling sales with Michael and the team at BBA Ireland even brought me to America. We've been the best of friends and have done a good bit of business together down through the years."

He added, "When I sat down and thought about things, and how I'd like to progress, I thought of Michael straight away. He has an enviable record of buying Group 1 horses as yearlings, as well as horses that have gone to America and won Grade Is and horses that have gone to the Middle East as well. Having Michael on board gives us a better chance of continuing to improve and it adds another layer of professionalism to our business. I think it'll be a big step in the right direction towards remaining competitive and competing at the highest level in this country."

O'Callaghan identified the merits in Celeron and Push The Boat Out before they rocketed up the ratings and confirmed themselves two of the smartest young colts in training with respective wins in the G2 Railway Stakes and G3 Round Tower Stakes. **Cont. p4**



O'Callaghan/Donohoe Cont.

Both horses were traded privately for multitudes of their initial outlay midway during the season and the unbeaten Push The Boat Out, who was initially sourced by the trainer for 85,000gns at the Tattersalls Guineas Breeze-Up Sale before being snapped up by powerhouse outfit Ace Stud following the Round Tower win, is being aimed at the G1 Middle Park Stakes.

Such feats, according to Donohoe, illustrate why O'Callaghan is one of the brightest training talents in the business.

Donohoe said, "I keep saying it, and I do mean it, but an agent is only as good as the trainer he or she is working with. I am a firm believer that, while our job is finding the best possible horse we can and at the right money, we really only play a very small role in this. We buy them at the sales and then hand them over. A lot of the time, your fate rests in the trainer, and it makes a world of difference to be working with one of the best young talents, which I firmly believe Michael is. All you need to do is look at Michael's record - particularly this year - with inexpensive horses. What he has done with Celeron and Push The Boat Out is extremely impressive. Ireland has become an extremely competitive landscape but Michael has proved time and time again that he can not only compete but he can beat the best. Working with Michael should make my job very easy, if I am being honest, and I am really looking forward to it."

While the brief is an expansive one, O'Callaghan and Donohoe will be out in force at the upcoming September Yearling Sale at Tattersalls Ireland followed by the Orby Sale at Goffs. The fact that there has been a shaky underbelly to the yearling sales in Britain thus far this year is providing both men with optimism over the prospects of sniffing out value.

Donohoe said, "We're hoping to attract people - not just British and Irish but people from all over the world who want to get involved and give it a go. The yearling sales are always exciting but the next few weeks could be particularly exciting. I think there will be value to be found. Perhaps this year more so than ever. The first couple of yearling sales have been reasonably tough and the clearance rates haven't been great, so there's definitely an opportunity there."

He concluded, "At the end of the day, BBA Ireland has been in operation for 75 years and boasts a huge international reach. We're hoping to buy yearlings with resale value so that, when they are successful, we'll be finding markets for them at the other end. That will be a huge incentive for prospective owners. This is a business venture first and foremost - we're determined for it to be enjoyable but we also want it to be profitable."

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Watership Down Draft/Goffs Orby Cont. from p1

With 15 yearlings slated for Book 1 of the October Yearling Sale at Park Paddocks and 21 set to go under the hammer at Book 2, all hands will be on the pump. Therefore, the three-pronged Orby draft - which also features a Too Darn Hot colt and a Mehmas filly - will be sold once again by Conroy at Glenvale Stud.

Marsh explained, "These three horses that we're sending to Goffs, they have all been reared at Kiltinan and are all being prepared at Kiltinan. We're obviously very hopeful that they'll go down well at the Orby and we're delighted to support the sale. We have a number of nice Too Darn Hot yearlings to sell so I thought it was important to bring a really nice individual by the stallion to Goffs, which I hope we are doing. We also have a very good Mehmas filly, which we think will suit the sale, and then we've got a Frankel colt out of Lah Ti Dar and he's very, very nice - just the type of individual you want to be bringing to a sale like the Orby."

He added, "We're obviously selling the vast majority of our horses at Tattersalls across Book 1 and Book 2, and we're extremely excited by our draft at those sales, too. With so many horses selling at Tattersalls, having our own team at Goffs wouldn't work logistically as it would split things up a little. We've preferred to put the horses with somebody else and obviously Flash does an excellent job. Flash has been a good friend of mine for many, many years and he's very local to Kiltinan. He's been able to come and see them regularly. He's got a very good reputation and he's part of the team."

Goffs chief Henry Beeby has many mantras. Perhaps none are repeated more than Goffs saying it is 'nothing without the horses.' Watership Down has certainly supported the Orby Sale with three potentially high-end yearlings and Marsh says he had no reservations about backing Ireland's premier yearling sale with such a draft.

"Goffs does a great job," Marsh said. "They get everybody to the Orby and they're flying people in from America. They do a fantastic job and I've known Henry for many years now. We're delighted to be able to support the sale. We've had some real successes with both yearlings and mares at Goffs, and they really push the boat out for both their vendors and prospective purchasers at their sales."

He added, "We've got some really smart horses to sell over the coming weeks so it's quite exciting. I think we have some exceptional fillies going to Book 1 at Tattersalls - we've got a very good Blue Point filly out of Continental Draft (Smart Strike), who is from the family of Intercontinental and Banks Hill. I think people will love her. We've also got a beautiful Sea The Stars filly out of a sister to the Oaks winner, Ezeliya, and a Justify filly out of Darlectable You (Dubawi), who is a sister to Too Darn Hot. There are some classy colts in there as well - there's a Siyouni out of Millisle (Starspangledbanner). Overall, it's a very strong bunch and we're very much looking forward to it."

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TIMEFORM'S TOP JUVENILES: DARK ANGEL'S SHARADD DELIVERS BLOCKBUSTER DISPLAY AT HAYDOCK

By Adam Houghton

The Timeform rankings return to highlight the top-rated maiden/novice winners in Britain and Ireland from the last fortnight (August 31-September 13), with a 'TDN Rising Star' by champion sire Dark Angel leading the way.

=4. AL JABBAR (IRE)

Sea The Stars (Ire)--River Melody (Ire), by Dansili (GB)

Timeform performance rating: 92

Godolphin homebred Al Jabbar confirmed the promise of his debut when winning the 1m maiden run at Doncaster on September 12, ultimately getting the verdict by a head from Hmas Perth (Justify), with the placings then remaining unaltered after a stewards' enquiry was held to consider interference that took place on the run to the line.

Certainly, Al Jabbar still looks far from the finished article, having hung left after receiving a bump from the runner-up, but both horses should have bright futures judged on the way that they pulled nearly four lengths clear of the rest. A good-looking type with scope, Al Jabbar promises to be suited by middle-distances as a three-year-old, with his dam, a half-sister to the multiple Group 1-winning sire Hunter's Light, having gained her sole career victory over 11f. **Cont. p6**



Al Jabbar | *Racingfotos.com*

Timeform's Top Juveniles Cont.

=4. BURNING UP (GB)

Too Darn Hot (GB)--Elasia (GB), by Nathaniel (Ire)

Timeform performance rating: 92

A half-brother to the Listed Aphrodite Fillies' Stakes winner and G1 Fillies' Mile runner-up Novakai (Lope De Vega), Burning Up is now unbeaten starts in two starts over 1m at Haydock, with his novice victory at the Merseyside venue on September 3 identifying him as one destined for bigger and better things. Coping well with the more testing conditions than on debut, he again showed a smart turn of foot to put the race to bed and win by over a length from a promising newcomer receiving 7lb.

Trained by Karl Burke, Burning Up is described by Timeform as a "compact colt" and "more a two-year-old on looks". With entries in the G2 Royal Lodge Stakes and G1 Futurity Trophy, he could have an ambitious autumn campaign ahead of him, certainly not one to underestimate when he steps up in grade.

=4. MARCO POLO (IRE)

Night Of Thunder (Ire)--Swiss Air (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB)

Timeform performance rating: 92

Marco Polo could finish only eighth when sent off the 13-8 favourite for the G2 Gimcrack Stakes at York last month, but he made no mistake back in calmer waters at Cork on September 9, taking that 6f maiden in effortless fashion as he drew right away in the closing stages to win by over five lengths.



Perfect Strike | *Racingfotos.com*

Odds of 1-8 underline that anything other than a straightforward victory for Marco Polo would have been a disappointment, but the timefigure at least provides a bit of substance to the form, while his debut second at the Curragh looks even better now than it did at the time, with the winner, Push The Boat Out (Kodi Bear), then following up in the G3 Round Tower Stakes.

Bought for 525,000gns at Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, Marco Polo is a full-brother to the Listed King Charles II Stakes winner and G3 Strensall Stakes runner-up Saber Strike. He is likely to progress further and one to watch if making a quick reappearance in Monday's Listed Blenheim Stakes at Fairyhouse.

=4. PERFECT STRIKE (FR)

Perfect Power (Ire)--Welsche (Fr), by Wootton Bassett (GB)

Timeform performance rating: 92

One of seven individual winners in Europe for freshman sire Perfect Power, Perfect Strike left his previous form well behind when getting off the mark at the third attempt at Sandown on September 11, proving well suited by the drop back to 5f on soft ground as he trounced his six rivals to win that novice by over five lengths.

With further progress on the cards, the William Haggas-trained Perfect Strike should be competitive in some good nurseries from an opening BHA mark of 89. The third foal out of a full-sister to the GII Sands Point Stakes winner Tamahere, he sports the silks of Perfect Power's racing owner, Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum, having been purchased at the Arqana May Breeze-up Sale for €280,000.

=2. FLYING PIRATE (IRE)

Blackbeard (Ire)--Karakatsie, by Karakontie (Jpn)

Timeform performance rating: 93

Eve Johnson Houghton's Flying Pirate defied a penalty to make it two wins from three starts with an eight-length rout in the 7f novice run at Haydock on September 3, leading on the bridle entering the final two furlongs and then quickly stretching clear. The only anxious moments for his supporters came in the preliminaries as, despite being gelded since his previous outing, he continued to show signs of temperament, again giving his rider a hard time on the way to post and also once there (almost reared over).

If connections can keep those quirks in check, then there should be more to come from Flying Pirate this autumn, especially given his size and how well he acts on ground softer than good. Bought for just €40,000 at the Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling Sale, he has been declared for Friday's Haynes Hanson & Clark Conditions Stakes at Newbury and is another promising sort from the first crop of Blackbeard, who is just behind of Persian Force in the race to be crowned leading first-season in Europe with 19 winners to the latter's 20. **Cont. p7**

Timeform's Top Juveniles Cont.

=2. LEX VICTORIA (IRE)

Sioux Nation--Porthilly (Fr), by Pivotal (GB)

Timeform performance rating: 93

A debut winner at Newmarket back on August 8, Lex Victoria earned 'TDN Rising Star' status when following up in the 7f fillies' novice run at Kempton on September 9, conceding 7lb to her five rivals and yet blowing them away with a smart change of gear in the final two furlongs, ultimately winning by four lengths.

Lex Victoria came with a huge reputation before her first competitive start, having topped the Arqana May Breeze-up Sale when knocked down to Anthony Stroud, on behalf of Victorious Forever and Duaij Al Khalifa, for €1.1 million. She is one of two winners produced by Listed Fliegerpreis victrix and dual G3 Prix de Seine-et-Oise runner-up Porthilly, herself a half-sister to Listed Prix Jacques de Bremond and Listed Prix du Ranelagh winner Roero (Acclamation).

Whilst it's still early days for the Simon and Ed Crisford-trained Lex Victoria, she most definitely looks a Pattern performer in the making, with the G2 Rockfel Stakes at Newmarket later this month--won last year by Zanthos (Sioux Nation) representing the same connections--appealing as the obvious next step.

1. SHARADD (IRE)

Dark Angel (Ire)--Silk Bow (GB), by Elusive City

Timeform performance rating: 94

Another 'TDN Rising Star' performance came courtesy of Sharadd when he made a sparkling debut at Haydock on September 3, looking potentially something out of the ordinary as he came home unchallenged to land the spoils by six lengths. Held up in the early stages, he made smooth headway through the field to lead with a furlong to run, before storming clear under a motionless Tom Marquand to justify even-money favouritism in style.



Dark Angel, the sire of impressive Haydock winner Sharadd

Yeomanstown Stud

William Haggas has now won three of the last four runnings of that 6f novice, with his two previous winners being the subsequent G2 Minster Stakes hero Elmonjed (Blue Point) in 2023 and Division (Kingman) last year, with the latter having since finished second in the G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest and third in the G1 Commonwealth Cup.

Only time will tell whether Sharadd can develop into a Pattern-class sprinter in his own right, but he couldn't have made a much better start, with this lengthy, attractive colt having plenty to recommend him on pedigree, too. A €175,000 purchase at Book 1 of the Goffs Orby Yearling Sale, he's a full-brother to this stable's leading Ayr Gold Cup fancy Binhareer, last seen finishing fourth in the G3 Hackwood Stakes at Newbury, as well as the Listed National Stakes runner-up Wings Of A Dove.

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JAMES HARRON: 'COMMIT AND DON'T HAVE A PLAN B' *by Gary King*



James Harron | *Tattersalls*

Leading bloodstock agent James Harron is the latest industry figure to tackle our Words to Live By questions, reflecting on the people and advice that have shaped his career and why, for those determined to succeed in racing, there should be no Plan B.

TDN: Outside of family, who has been the most important mentor in your career, and why?

James Harron: I have been fortunate because there have been many people who have played a huge role in my career, and I am forever grateful to them. But if I had to name one, I would have to say John Camilleri. **Cont. p8**

James Harron Cont.

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

JH: One thing I remember my dad saying to me over the years was, "You're a long time dead." I guess it really stuck with me. It's a reminder to live life to the fullest and make the most of any opportunities that come your way.

TDN: What advice would you give to a young person starting out in the Thoroughbred industry today?

JH: If you really want to be successful, commit and don't have a Plan B. That's contrary to what a lot of people say, but I believe it's too hard a game to enter half-heartedly.

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Southwell's estates manager Simon Davis earned the Neil Wyatt Lifetime achievement Award at the annual Racecourse Association (RCA) Groundstaff Awards. He is pictured here with the rest of the Southwell ground staff | *ARC*

FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Friday, September 18, 2026:
UNITED KINGDOM
Blackbeard (Ire) (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud
116 foals of racing age/19 winners/0 black-type winners
15:32-NEWBURY, 8f, **Flying Pirate (Ire)**
€40,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2025
13:20-AYR, 7.25f, **Missouri Waltz (Ire)**
€26,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; 95,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2025; £20,000 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2026
14:57-NEWBURY, 7f, **Sonny Parvenue (Fr)**
€37,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2025; €100,000 Arqana May 2yo Breeze Up 2026

Caturra (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Overbury Stud
68 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
14:30-AYR, 55K The British Ebf Stallions Harry Rosebery Stakes (Class 1) (Listed Race)5f, **Caturra Lights (GB)**
10,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2024; 42,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2025
13:55-AYR, 6f, **Furturra (GB)**
42,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2024; 7,000gns Tattersalls February Mixed Sale 2025; £15,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025
13:20-AYR, 7.25f, **Texting (GB)**
32,000gns Tattersalls December Yearling Sale 2025

Minzaal (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Derrinstown Stud
115 foals of racing age/16 winners/1 black-type winner
14:30-AYR, 55K The British Ebf Stallions Harry Rosebery Stakes (Class 1) (Listed Race)5f, **Sydney Grace (Ire)**
€40,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2025

Naval Crown (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Kildangan Stud
71 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
13:47-NEWBURY, 6f, **Admiral Leach (Ire)**
€50,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2025
14:30-AYR, 55K The British Ebf Stallions Harry Rosebery Stakes (Class 1) (Listed Race)5f, **Dance A Jig (GB)**
14:57-NEWBURY, 7f, **First Mate (Ire)**
€27,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; €55,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2025

Perfect Power (Ire) (Ardad {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud
57 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
16:35-WOLVERHAMPTON, 7.25f, **Perfect Hope (GB)**
13:55-AYR, 6f, **Tropical Crown (Ire)**
45,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2025; £100,000 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2026
14:30-AYR, 55K The British Ebf Stallions Harry Rosebery Stakes (Class 1) (Listed Race)5f, **Underdog (GB)**
£140,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025

Persian Force (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
99 foals of racing age/20 winners/1 black-type winner
14:30-AYR, 55K The British Ebf Stallions Harry Rosebery Stakes (Class 1) (Listed Race)5f, **Dubai Champion (Ire)**
€38,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; 40,000gns Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale 2026
16:35-WOLVERHAMPTON, 7.25f, **From Me To You (Ire)**
€30,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; £55,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025

Space Traveller (GB) (Bated Breath {GB}), Starfield Stud
122 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners
13:55-AYR, 6f, **Dontlookanyfurther (Ire)**
13,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2025; £35,000 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2026
13:20-AYR, 7.25f, **Global Success (Ire)**
16:02-WOLVERHAMPTON, 8.75f, **Lunar Blossom (Ire)**
€23,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2025

State of Rest (Ire) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}), Rathbarry Stud
79 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
13:47-NEWBURY, 6f, **Worthawhistle (Ire)**
€130,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2025

FRANCE
Baaeed (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), Beech House Stud
120 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
2-SAINT-CLOUD, 1500m, **Moneefa (Ire)**

Blackbeard (Ire) (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud
116 foals of racing age/19 winners/0 black-type winners
3-SAINT-CLOUD, 1200m, **Immatin Storm (Fr)**
€95,000 Arqana Deauville V2 Yearling Sale 2025
3-SAINT-CLOUD, 1200m, **Mack the Knife (Fr)**

Thunder Moon (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}), Castillon Stallions
53 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
3-SAINT-CLOUD, 1200m, **Karakoum (Fr)**

IRELAND
Caturra (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Overbury Stud
68 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
2-DUNDALK, 6f, **Cat Blade (GB)**
21,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2024; £58,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025

Persian Force (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
99 foals of racing age/20 winners/1 black-type winner
1-DUNDALK, 5f, **Force Noir (Ire)**
€68,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; €130,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2025

Space Traveller (GB) (Bated Breath {GB}), Starfield Stud
122 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners
2-DUNDALK, 6f, **Jubel (Ire)**
€17,000 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2025; £10,000 RNA Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2026



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OBSERVATIONS
on the European racing scene

BIN JAHWAR REPUTATION ON THE LINE IN THE HAYNES, HANSON AND CLARK

3.32 Newbury, Cond, 2yo, 8fT

Having earned TDN Rising Star status on debut with a wide-margin win at Newmarket last month, Godolphin's **BIN JAHWAR (IRE) (Ghaiyyath {Ire})** will be warm order for Friday's Haynes, Hanson & Clark Conditions Stakes with its storied past.

Reading the list of winners of this time-honoured race known by its sponsors is like revisiting old glories, with it including Henbit, Shergar, Rainbow Quest, Unfuwain, King's Theatre and Nayef. Other luminaries to have taken part are White Muzzle, Millenary and Red Rocks while Shahrastani was runner-up in 1985 and Authorized was third in 2006.

Godolphin's homebred is a son of the Prix de la Nonette, Prix des Reservoirs and Prix de Psyche winner and multiple Group 1-placed Tasaday (Nayef), whose first foal was the past TDN Rising Star Turgenev (Dubawi) who was runner-up in the Celebration Mile. **Cont. p10**

Observations Cont.

Heading the opposition are the fellow wide-margin winners **Apulia Bay (Ire) (Too Darn Hot {GB})** and **Flying Pirate (Ire) (Blackbeard {Ire})** representing the Crisfords and Eve Johnson Houghton respectively, while Valmont's duo are headed by the Owen Burrows-trained course-and-distance winner **King High (GB) (Kingman {GB})**, a half-brother to the Duke of Cambridge Stakes winner Running Lion (Roaring Lion).

HOW THEY FARED

1.50 Naas, Mdn, 2yo, f, 5f 205yT

Be In Love (Ire) (No Nay Never), the €1.9-million Goffs Orby topping full-sister to Blackbeard and Charles Darwin, stayed on into fifth.

5.32 Naas, Mdn, 2yo, 7fT

King Cador (Siyouni {Fr}), the relative of Kew Gardens (Galileo), was a non-runner.

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BRITAIN

Thursday's Results:

1st-Ayr, £12,000, Novice, 9-17, 2yo, 8fT, 1:47.42, g/s. **ZARAK CROWN (FR) (c, 2, Zarak {Fr}--Mission Impassible {Ire} {GSW & G1SP-Fr, GISP-US}, by Galileo {Ire})**, fourth on debut behind the potentially smart Burning Up at Haydock earlier this month, followed the leading pair throughout the early stages. Edging ahead approaching two out, the 3-1 second favourite stayed on strongly to deny Perfect Heir (Perfect Power) by a short head.

The dam, who captured the Prix de Sandringham and was third in the Prix Marcel Boussac and Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup, is a daughter of the Nunthorpe heroine Margot Did (Exceed And Excel). She is also a full-sister to Magic Attitude who took the Belmont Oaks and was placed in the QEII Challenge Cup and a half to the Satsuki Sho hero Justin Milano (Kizuna). Sales history: €200,000 Ylg '25 ARQDOY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $9,387. O-Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum; B-SARL de Chambure Haras d'Etreham & SARL Riviera Equine & Gestu; T-Richard Fahey.

2nd-Pontefract, £10,000, Novice, 9-17, 2yo, 6fT, 1:15.89, gd. **OUR SON OSCAR (IRE) (c, 2, Starman {GB}--Dafinah {Ire}, by War Front)**, third on debut over course and distance last month, was out quick enough to take control on the front end. Powerful to the line, the 4-6 favourite hit the line with 2 1/2 lengths to spare over What A Girl Wants (Persian Force).

The dam, whose yearling filly by Native Trail sells at the upcoming Goffs Orby Book 2, is a daughter of the Alcibiades-winning Canadian champion Spring In The Air (Spring At Last) whose progeny Find (Frankel) and Sidamara (Arrogate) were placed at Group 3 and Grade III level. Also connected to the Spinaway heroine Sweet Loretta (Tapit), her colt foal is by Sioux Nation. Sales history: €39,000 RNA Wlg '24 GOFNOF; 78,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT; £65,000 2yo '26 GOUKB. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $9,102.

O-RNJ Partnership; B-Hunting Hill Stud; T-Kevin Ryan.

2nd-Yarmouth, £11,000, Mdn, 9-17, 2yo, 9f 21yT, 1:54.55, gd. **WYKEHURST PARK (GB) (c, 2, Stradivarius {Ire}--Ten Thousand Stars {GB}, by Toronado {Ire})**, third on debut at Kempton last month, travelled smoothly behind the leaders early. Squeezing up the rail to lead inside the final furlong, the 8-11 favourite asserted to beat Quintillion (Study Of Man) by a length and provide his first-season sire with his second winner 24 hours after his first.

"He's a lovely horse and thankfully he had the class to quicken up when he got space," Oisin Murphy said. "He has a very nice future."

The dam, whose foal is a full-brother to the winner, produced as her first foal the Listed scorer and Union-Rennen runner-up Westminster Rocket (Golden Horn). This is also the family of the Secretariat Stakes third Afandem (Zoffany) and the Group 1 winner Elliptique (New Approach). Sales history: 25,000gns Wlg '24 TADEWE; 62,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $10,197. O-Michael Blencowe & Partner; B-Saxtead Livestock Ltd; T-Andrew Balding.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Solar Major (Ire), g, 2, **Invincible Army (Ire)**--Diabolic (Ire) (MSW-US), by Dark Angel (Ire). Southwell, 9-17, 7f 15y (AWT), 1:29.48. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $7,225. B-Yeomanstown Stud. *£33,000 Ylg '25 GOFFUK.

Don't Stop Movin (GB), c, 2, **Saxon Warrior (Jpn)**--Pearl Beach (GB) (GSP-Eng), by Footstepsinthesand (GB). Southwell, 9-17, 7f 15y (AWT), 1:28.75. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, $14,046. B-Kingsmead Bloodstock Ltd. *32,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT.

Devil's Brigade (Ire), g, 3, **Calyx (GB)**--Ladies From Hell (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). Pontefract, 9-17, 8f 6yT, 1:44.98. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-1, $21,614. B-John Coyne. *€16,000 Ylg '24 GOFORY; 20,000gns 2yo '25 TATGBU.

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IRELAND

Thursday's Results:

1st-Naas, €22,000, Mdn, 9-17, 2yo, f, 5f 205yT, 1:14.02, yl.
LUCA BRILLANTE (IRE) (f, 2, No Nay Never--Making Light {Ire} {MGSW-Ire}, by Tamayuz {GB}), dropping back down in trip having finished runner-up in a Curragh nursery last month, raced towards the fore of the far-side group early. Surging clear of her pack approaching the furlong pole, the 3-1 favourite had 1 3/4 lengths to spare over the near-side "winner" Pirate Anne Bonny (Blackbeard) at the line as they finished clear of the remainder.

"She did that well. I'd say it was a fair contest," Dermot Weld said. "Twenty-one ran and the second was six-lengths ahead of the third. Hopefully we'll get black type with her before the year is out. She's pretty adaptable trip wise. She has a lot of pace. She likes a bit of ease and is a very genuine, kind filly."

The dam, who came live on slow ground and captured the Park Express Stakes and Killavullan Stakes at Group 3 level, is a granddaughter of Moyglare's broodmare supreme In Anticipation (Sadler's Wells) which links her to a list of homebred talents through her daughters Irresistible Jewel (Danehill) and Diamond Trim (Highest Honor). She has a yearling filly by Too Darn Hot and a colt foal by Nathaniel. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-0, $23,902.
O/B-Moyglare Stud Farm; T-Dermot Weld.

2nd-Naas, €22,000, Mdn, 9-17, 2yo, c/g, 5f 205yT, 1:13.40, yl.
SALT LAKE (IRE) (c, 2, Persian Force {Ire}--Lady Aria {GB} {GSP-Eng}, by Kodiac {GB}), denied by a short head by Monogram at The Curragh on debut last month, was soon in front against the far rail. Strong in the final furlong, the 4-11 favourite had 3 3/4 lengths to spare over Bengal Tiger (No Nay Never) at the line.

"The form of the maiden he ran in at the Curragh has worked out very well," Robson De Aguiar said of the 20th winner for the first-crop sire. "The horse that finished third won very well at Punchestown and the winner was second in the Group 1. This horse improved after that run. I'd say we can go seven or stay six. We might give him another run or two this season. He's a nice horse for the future."

The dam, who was runner-up in the Dick Poole Stakes, has already produced the dual Group scorer West Acre (Mehmas) and last year's Molecomb and Naas Sprint Stakes winner Lady Iman (Starman). A half to the Windsor Castle runner-up Union Rose (Stimulation), her foal is a full-sister to West Acre. Sales history: 135,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $19,987.
O-Amo Racing Ltd & Valmont; B-Tally Ho Stud; T-R De Aguiar.

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8th-Naas, €22,000, Mdn, 9-17, 2yo, 7fT, 1:32.99, yl.
NOUVEAU GREY (FR) (c, 2, New Bay {GB}--Grey Anatomy {GB}, by Slickly {Fr}), sent off the 3-1 second favourite, raced in mid-division throughout the early stages. Staying on strongly to gain the advantage inside the final furlong, the newcomer drew away to win by 2 1/2 lengths from Miss Hong Kong (Churchill {Ire}).

"He has always been showing us a bit at home. In fairness to Shane Foley, he did all the work on him and he loved him from day one," trainer Ross O'Sullivan said. "He was a horse that Katie had at the breeze-ups last year, but he had a mile-and-a-half pedigree and he didn't break the clock. He has a very good pedigree."

"Katie had him in France, but there was no one for him. She said 'this horse is too good to leave go'. She loved him so much. She cold called Amanda and Amanda said 'Katie, if you recommend him, I'll take him'. Amanda bought him there and then. She had never seen the horse. He was a horse that always wanted a dig in the ground, so we were in no rush with him. Billy [Lee] likes him and he seems like a horse that could progress as a three-year-old."

The winner is currently the last known foal out of the unraced dam, who has produced three black-type performers in the Grosser Preis von Baden hero and Grand Prix de Saint Cloud and Dubai Sheema Classic-placed Zagrey (Zarak), the Criterium International third Graignes (Zoffany) and the Listed-placed Anatiya (Dariyan).

She is a half to the dual Listed winner and Group 3-placed Nova Step (Dubawi) from the Juddmonte family of Cox's Ridge's sire Eltish, winner of the Royal Lodge who was placed in the Dewhurst, Breeders' Cup Juvenile and Philip H. Iselin Handicap. Sales history: €145,000 Ylg '25 ARAUG; €160,000 RNA 2yo '26 ARQBRU. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $15,132.
O-Amanda Torrens; B-Cherryvalley Farm; T-Ross O'Sullivan.

3rd-Naas, €18,000, Mdn, 9-17, 2yo, 5fT, 1:01.05, yl.
NEW BOND STREET (GB) (f, 2, Havana Grey {GB}--Under The Covers {GB}, by Stimulation {Ire}), third at Listed level at The Curragh last month, raced prominently from the outset. In front two out, the 4-11 favourite drew away to win by 2 1/2 lengths from Alloutoflove (Starspangledbanner).

The dam, who also has a filly foal by Vandeek, is a daughter of the Listed-winning sprinter Sakha (Wolfhound) from the family of the multiple Graded-Stakes scorer and Rothmans International-placed Volochine (Soviet Star). Sales history: 65,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT; 200,000gns 2yo '26 TATBRE. Lifetime Record: SP-Ire, 5-1-0-3, $22,817. O-Bond Thoroughbred Limited; B-Llety Farms; T-Paddy Twomey.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Diamonds And Dames (Ire), f, 2, **Churchill (Ire)**--Dara's Girl (Ire), by Starspangledbanner (Aus). Naas, 9-17, 7fT, 1:31.97. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $18,855. B-Novidale Limited. *€55,000 Ylg '25 TATIRY. **1/2 to Sixteen Arches (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), GSP-US.

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DEFENDING CHAMPION HALF YOURS LEADS THE WAY AS MELBOURNE CUP WEIGHTS PUBLISHED



Half Yours winning last year's Lexus Melbourne Cup | *Bronwen Healy*

Racing Victoria (RV) has revealed the weights for the 101 horses still in the mix for this year's G1 Lexus Melbourne Cup, which will be run for A$10.2 million at Flemington on Tuesday, November 3.

RV's head of handicapping, David Hegan, assigned defending champion **Half Yours** (St Jean) the top weight of 59kg. Last seen finishing sixth in the G1 Makybe Diva Stakes, the Tony and Calvin McEvoy-trained Half Yours will be attempting to emulate Rain Lover, the last horse to successfully carry 59kg or more to victory in 1969.

Melbourne Cup-winning trainer Chris Waller holds 12 nominations in this year's renewal, with G1 ATC Derby-winning mare **Aeliana** (Castelvecchio) and G1 Doomben Cup scorer **Birdman** (Free Eagle) both allotted 58kg.

Last weekend's G3 Archer Stakes winner **Shockletz** (Shocking) will carry 51kg for trainer Ciaron Maher, who is also responsible for the likes of **Light Infantry Man** (Fast Company) (58.5kg) and **Middle Earth** (Roaring Lion) (56.5kg).

The 23 international horses still on track for the first Tuesday in November were allocated weights based on Hegan's assessment of their overseas runs.

Two-time Cup-winning trainer Joseph O'Brien has 11 nominations in this year's race, headlined by golden ticket winner **Defiantly** (Kameko) (56.5kg), Saturday's G1 St Leger hero **Highwayman** (Persian King) (56.5kg) and dual Group 2 winner **Sons And Lovers** (Study Of Man), the highest-weighted international competitor at 57.5kg. Last year's runner-up **Goodie Two Shoes** (Fastnet Rock) will carry 55kg.

Another international golden ticket winner, GII Belmont Gold Cup scorer **Tawny Port** (Pioneerof The Nile), was assigned 55.5kg as he aims to become just the second American-trained horse to compete in Australia's most iconic race.

On the 20th anniversary of Japan's victory in the Lexus Melbourne Cup with Delta Blues, champion jockey Christophe Lemaire--who won the race 15 years ago aboard Dunaden--will ride **Stinger Glass** (Kizuna), who has been allotted 57kg.

"The release of the weights for the 2026 Lexus Melbourne Cup represents another significant step towards the race that stops a nation," said VRC chief racing officer Leigh Jordon.

"Our reigning Lexus Melbourne Cup champion, Half Yours, under a masterful ride from Jamie Melham, couldn't have been more impressive winning the 2025 edition with 53kg and will see an increase in weight this year.

"With such a strong international contingent nominated for our great race this year, it's hard to overlook Joseph O'Brien, looking for his third win in the race, already with his biggest set of nominations this year.

"It's been 20 years since Japan's famous quinella in our great race, with tough stayer and winner of this year's Diamond Stakes, Stinger Glass, flying the flag for the land of the rising sun.

"As the Lexus Melbourne Cup picture becomes clearer, the importance of win-and-you're-in races will increase for horses hoping to secure their place in the field, with an exciting few weeks ahead as the final line-up begins to take shape."

The next opportunities for horses and connections to receive ballot exemption for the Lexus Melbourne Cup are the G3 Lexus Bart Cummings (2,500m) on October 3, G1 Caulfield Cup (2,400m) on October 17, G3 Geelong Cup (2,400m) on October 21, G2 Moonee Valley Gold Cup (2,500m) and G1 Cox Plate (2,040m) on October 24.

The full list of weight allocations and order of entry for the 2026 Lexus Melbourne Cup can be viewed here.

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TDN EUROPE/INTERNATIONAL BLACK-TYPE ENTRIES

Friday, Ayr, Britain, post time: 14:30

BRITISH EBF STALLIONS HARRY ROSEBERY STAKES-Listed, £55,000, 2yo, 5f 0y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Caturra Lights (GB)	Caturra (Ire)	East 11 Ltd, Peter Trainor & Partners	Adrian Keatley	Mikey Sheehy	131
2	Dance A Jig (GB)	Naval Crown (GB)	J C Smith	Ralph Beckett	Jason Hart	131
3	Dubai Champion (Ire)	Persian Force (Ire)	Future Champions Racing Syndicate & MPS Racing	Ben Haslam	Andrew Mullen	131
4	Hickory Lad (Ire)	James Garfield (Ire)	J Toes & J O'Loan	Phillip Makin	Sam James	131
5	Mussab (GB)	Ten Sovereigns (Ire)	Sheikh Abdullah Almalek Alsabah	Richard & Peter Fahey	Oisin Orr	131
6	Underdog (GB)	Perfect Power (Ire)	Phil Cunningham	Richard Spencer	Saffie Osborne	131
7	Nour (Ire)	Dandy Man (Ire)	Mohamed Saeed Al Shehhi	Karl Burke	Pierre-Louis Jamin	126
8	Sydney Grace (Ire)	Minzaal (Ire)	Ms Sara Jayne Fuller	Charlie Fellowes	Kaiya Fraser	126

Breeders: 1-Shoreham Stud, 2-Littleton Stud, 3-Middlelane Farm, 4-Rathbarry Stud, 5-D J & Mrs Deer, 6-Crossfields Bloodstock Ltd, 7-Mrs E O'Leary, 8-Cotton House Farm & Kildaragh Stud.

Three of these crossed swords in last month's Listed Roses Stakes at York, where third-place finisher **Hickory Lad** fared much better than **Dance A Jig** in ninth and **Dubai Champion**, who trailed home last of eleven. The former won Epsom's storied Woodcote on Oaks day, also making the frame in Newmarket's G2 July Stakes, and his chief threat is G2 Norfolk third **Mussab**, who posted a confidence-boosting four-length victory at Newcastle just over two weeks ago. **Nour** and **Caturra Lights** are others with recent successes in the books and merit respect, while **Underdog** and **Sydney Grace** undertake the long journey north from HQ, with both last tasting success in June. [*Sean Cronin*].

Saturday, Newbury, post time: 14:12

THE DUBAI DUTY FREE MILL REEF STAKES (IN HONOUR OF IAN BALDING)-G2, £175,000, 2yo, 6fT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Arapaho Gold (Ire)	Bayside Boy (Ire)	Doug Graham and Carole Dods	Michael Dods	Connor Beasley	132
2	Adaay Of Scarlett (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	SVG, Exact Lifestyle Ltd & Owen	Hugo Palmer	Rossa Ryan	129
3	Cut A Dash (GB)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Denford Stud	Richard Hannon	Jamie Spencer	129
4	Matteo (Ire)	Coulsty (Ire)	Mrs J. Ryan	Kevin Ryan	Shane Gray	129
5	Mr Macartney (GB)	Ubettabelieveit (Ire)	Barham Masterton Sweeting Severn Eddis	Oli Rix	Ray Dawson	129
6	Nabati (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	129
7	Revels (GB)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Ms L. Mars	K. R. Burke	Callum Rodriguez	129
8	Jolivette (GB)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Juddmonte	Andrew Balding	Colin Keane	126

Breeders: 1-Newlands House Stud, 2-Tally-Ho Stud, 3-Denford Stud Ltd, 4-Rathasker Stud, 5-Mickley Stud & Mr Tony Jones, 6-Forenaghts Stud, 7-Laundry Cottage Stud/Lope de Vega Syn, 8-Juddmonte Farms (East) Ltd.

Arapaho Gold has to overcome a penalty for his defeat of the subsequent Flying Childers winner Final Objective in York's Gimcrack and has Godolphin's **Nabati** to contend with having beaten him on level terms in the course-and-distance Rose Bowl. **Jolivette** came out of the Lowther with abundant credit and hails from the Andrew Balding stable that has so much history with this race and won it three years ago with one of her relatives in Array. *[Tom Frary]*.

Saturday, Newbury, post time: 13:02

THE DUBAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WORLD TROPHY-G3, £100,000, 3yo/up, 5f 34yT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Diligent Harry (GB)	Due Diligence	The Dilinquents	Clive Cox	Ryan Moore	129
2	Naana's Sparkle (GB)	Twilight Son (GB)	Bruiser Boyz and Partner	Lemos De Souza	Kieran O'Neill	129
3	Redorange (GB)	Mehmas (Ire)	AlMohamediya Racing	Clive Cox	Callum Rodriguez	129
4	Shagraan (Ire)	Sioux Nation	J & A Young Limited	Clive Cox	Silvestre De Sousa	129
5	Starlust (GB)	Zoustar (Aus)	Mrs Fitri Hay	Ralph Beckett	Rossa Ryan	129
6	Aspect Island (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	The Gredley Family	James Owen	Luke Morris	128
7	Dickensian (GB)	Pinatubo (Ire)	Exors of the Late Sheikh Mohammed Obaid	Kevin Ryan	Shane Gray	128
8	Hallo Spaceboy (GB)	Starman (GB)	David Ward	Ed Walker	Kieran Shoemark	128
9	Azure Angel (GB)	Harry Angel (Ire)	Future Champions Racing And Partner	Edward Bethell	Connor Beasley	126
10	First Instinct (GB)	Bated Breath (GB)	Dunchurch Lodge Stud Company	William Haggas	Cieren Fallon	126
11	Miss Yechance (Ire)	Cotai Glory (GB)	Al Leith Racing Club	K. R. Burke	Jack Nicholls	125

Breeders: 1-Whitsbury Manor Stud, 2-Mr K. T. O'Neill, 3-Petches Farm Ltd, 4-Brendan & Anthony Murphy, 5-Branton Court Stud LLP, 6-Whitsbury Manor Stud, 7-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum, 8-David Ward, 9-Mrs Tina Cox, 10-Dunchurch Lodge Stud Company, 11-Tally-Ho Stud

Runner-up in the Nunthorpe and fourth in Sunday's Flying Five, **Starlust** is back for more and sets the standard. Also here are the City Walls Stakes one-two **Redorange** and **Aspect Island**, with the latter now gelded as connections seek to revive the form that saw him place in last year's Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint. *[Tom Frary]*.

Saturday, Ayr, post time: 15:05

FIRTH OF CLYDE STAKES-G3, £75,000, 2yo, 6fT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Angel In My Heart (Ire)	Harry Angel (Ire)	Mrs Breda Keatley	Adrian Keatley	M. P. Sheehy	128
2	Angels Passing (Ire)	No Nay Never	Brook T Smith Investments, Llc	Kevin Ryan	Kevin Stott	128
3	Dark Issue (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Mrs E. Roberts	Richard Hannon	Tom Marquand	128
4	Etonnante (Ire)	Havana Grey (GB)	Mrs Anne Marie Hayes	K. R. Burke	Clifford Lee	128
5	Nour (Ire)	Dandy Man (Ire)	Mr Mohamed Saeed Al Shehhi	K. R. Burke	Sam James	128
6	Ruby Moon (Ire)	No Nay Never	Mrs Richard Henry	Richard & Peter Fahey	Oisin Orr	128
7	Silent Beauty (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Amo Racing Limited	Kevin Philippart de Foy	David Egan	128
8	Silesia (GB)	Zoustar (Aus)	Mrs Angie Bailey	Kevin Ryan	Tom Eaves	128
9	Starburster (Ire)	Starman (GB)	Phil Cunningham	Richard Spencer	Saffie Osborne	128

Breeders: 1-Kildaragh Stud, 2-RJB Bloodstock Ltd, 3-The Long Ridge Partnership, 4-Cotton House Bloodstock, 5-Mrs E. O'Leary, 6-Premier Bloodstock, 7-S.D.C.L. & Alexander Bloodstock Ltd., 8-The Moravia Partnership, 9-Ms Michelle Lyons.

Impressive in the Ripon Champion Two Yrs Old Trophy last time, TDN Rising Star **Silent Beauty** looks to enhance her portfolio over a course and trip that should suit ideally. **Dark Issue** was second in the Dick Poole Fillies' Stakes and will appreciate the soft ground, while **Starburster** comes off a maiden win at Newbury and represents the Richard Spencer-Saffie Osborne combination that warrants respect at all times but particularly with their juveniles. *[Tom Frary]*.



Saturday, Gowran, post time: 15:50

DENNY CORDELL LAVARACK & LANWADES STUD FILLIES STAKES-G3, €42,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 9f 100yT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Alice Monet (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Moyglare Stud Farm	D K Weld	Chris Hayes	133
2	Faiyum (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Juddmonte	G M Lyons	Gary Carroll	133
3	Hollys Graces (Ire)	Australia (GB)	Envirogreen Housing Services Ltd	Henry de Bromhead	Billy Lee	133
4	Kalixa (Ire)	Kingman (GB)	Kalixa Partnership	M D O'Callaghan	Ronan Whelan	133
5	Sindria (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Sights On Gold Three Partnership	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	J M Sheridan	133
6	Syzygy (GB)	Cable Bay (Ire)	Andrew Davis	Daniel McLoughlin	Scott McCullagh	133
7	Caught U Sleeping (Ire)	Cotai Glory (GB)	Anthony Clarke	Noel Meade	Ben Coen	128
8	Classiest (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Derrick Smith & Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor	A P O'Brien	Wayne Lordan	128
9	Pollenca (Ire)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Sheikh Hamed Dalmook Al Maktoum	Andrew Slattery	Andrew Slattery	128
10	Saga Gaga (Ire)	Lucky Vega (Ire)	Blackbox Bloodstock Limited	M D O'Callaghan	Seamie Heffernan	128
11	Sky Watch (Ire)	Starman (GB)	Sky Watch Partnership	M D O'Callaghan	Jamie Powell	128
12	Star Performer (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Mrs Doreen Tabor	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	Declan McDonogh	128

Breeders: 1-Moyglare Stud Farm, 2-Juddmonte Farms (East) Ltd, 3-Mrs Sue Ann Foley, 4-His Highness the Aga Khan's Studs S.C., 5-Ringfort Stud Ltd, 6-Andrew Davis, 7-Tally-Ho Stud, 8-Coral Beach Syndicate, 9-Rathbride Farm, 10-Blackbox Bloodstock Limited, 11-Tally-Ho Stud, 12-Sunderland Holding INC.

Unbeaten in two starts and unexposed, **Star Performer** is a fascinating contender coming off an impressive performance in the course-and-distance Hurry Harriet. This is where **Faiyum** established her lofty reputation with a wide-margin win 12 months ago, but she has tailed off of late and needs to bounce back while the consistent **Caught U Sleeping** is back at a trip that probably sees her at her best. *[Tom Frary]*.

Saturday, Chantilly, France, post time: 13:58

PRIX DES CHENES - TATTERSALLS - FONDS EUROPEEN DE L'ELEVAGE-G3, €73,200, 2yo, c/g, 8fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	3	Zakkan (GB)	Siyouni (Fr)	Graffard	Barzalona	128
2	4	Rosberg (GB)	Palace Pier (GB)	Burke	Jamin	128
3	1	Ciceron (Fr)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	A & L Fabre	Boudot	128
4	5	Hereward (Fr)	Saxon Warrior (Jpn)	Meehan	Soumillon	128
5	2	San Giorgio (Ire)	St Mark's Basilica (Fr)	Graffard	Lecoeuvre	128

Brian Meehan won this last year with Ocean's Four and is represented this time around by the twice-raced maiden **Hereward**. He is joined on the journey across La Manche by Listed Criterium du Fonds Europeen de l'Elevage victor **Rosberg**, who was a late scratching from last weekend's G2 Champagne Stakes. The home defence consists of G3 Prix Francois Boutin third **Zakkan** and this month's Listed Criterium de Lyon third **San Giorgio**, both from the Francis Graffard stable, and the one-for-two **Ciceron**, who defeated San Giorgio at Saint-Cloud in June. [*Sean Cronin*].

Saturday, Chantilly, France, post time: 14:33

PRIX ECLIPSE - TATTERSALLS - FONDS EUROPEEN DE L'ELEVAGE-G3, €73,200, 2yo, 6fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	6	Scythe (Ire)	Victor Ludorum (GB)	Meehan	Soumillon	126
2	7	Calyx Express (Fr)	Calyx (GB)	Blanchet	Grandin	126
3	2	Magna Grace (Ire)	Magna Grecia (Ire)	A Murphy	Piccone	122
4	4	Moondance (Fr)	Thunder Moon (Ire)	C & Y Lerner	Pouchin	122
5	5	Primetime Emmy (Aus)	Extreme Choice (Aus)	Graffard	Barzalona	122
6	1	Checkered Flag (Fr)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Brasme	Demuro	122
7	3	Belisa Bay (Ire)	Bayside Boy (Ire)	Soto Loring	Boudot	122

Five of the last nine editions have gone the way of Britain and the one-for-one Newbury maiden winner **Scythe** and Spain's Listed Criterium du Bequet victrix **Belisa Bay** provide a two-strong international challenge. Domestic hopes rest with TDN Rising Star **Primetime Emmy**, who ran fifth in last month's G3 Prix de Cabourg on black-type debut, Criterium du Bequet runner-up **Moondance** and the dual Deauville winner **Checkered Flag**. [*Sean Cronin*].

Saturday, Chantilly, France, post time: 15:50

PRIX BERTRAND DE TARRAGON - FONDS EUROPEEN DE L'ELEVAGE-G3, €73,200, 3yo/up, f/m, 9fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	1	Gaga Girl (Fr)	The Grey Gatsby (Ire)	Mosse	Barzalona	129
2	4	Noche Clasica (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Bethell	Boudot	129
3	5	Anakova (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	A & L Fabre	Guyon	129
4	7	Evita (Fr)	Persian King (Ire)	C & Y Lerner	Soumillon	123
5	3	Pierchic (GB)	Palace Pier (GB)	Pantall	Demuro	123
6	6	Awaken (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Boughey	Pouchin	123
7	2	Sacred Ground (GB)	Kingman (GB)	J & T Gosden	Pasquier	123
8	8	Lethal Beauty (Fr)	Acclamation (GB)	C & Y Lerner	Thomas	123

Lethal Beauty served her apprenticeship in four stakes heats before making a breakthrough in last month's Listed Prix Occitanie and is she accompanied by stablemate and TDN Rising Star **Evita**, whose winless run of five this term includes a fifth in this venue's G1 Prix de Diane. **Anakova** was making her first start since annexing May's Listed Prix Esoterique when failing to beat any of her seven rivals in Deauville's G1 Prix Rothschild last month and encounters Esoterique second and Rothschild sixth **Gaga Girl** for a third time. Godolphin's **Pierchic** holds solid claims returning off a fourth in the G1 Prix Jean & Louis Romanet four weeks ago, while the British trio of black-type regulars--**Noche Classica**, **Awaken** and **Sacred Ground**--merits respect. [*Sean Cronin*].

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