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BACK-RING PARTNERSHIP SENDS BACIO TO BREEDERS' CUP



Click here for our visit with Bacio and his breeders, including Torie Gladwell, Valerie Dailey, Andrew Cary and John Gregorio
Katie Petrunyak

by Katie Petrunyak

In the back ring at the 2022 Keeneland November Sale, Andrew Cary was eyeing the stakes-winning mare Katie's Kiss (Kantharos) when he ran into Torie Gladwell.

"What are you doing?" he asked her.

"I'm buying this mare," she said, nodding over at the 10-year-old bay.

"No," he protested. "*I'm* buying this mare."

A spontaneous partnership quicky formed and together, they secured Katie's Kiss for $75,000.

While it wasn't the first time Cary and Gladwell teamed up, it turned out to be their best acquisition yet when the Maclean's Music foal Katie's Kiss was carrying that day came to be known as Bacio.

This year, the talented turf sprinter has taken a tight-knit team of breeders on an unforgettable ride, from the winner's enclosure at Royal Ascot to a Group 1 victory at York.

Now, the group is preparing to send out their first Breeders' Cup contender.

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ALL EYES ON CHAMPION NITROGEN IN BELDAME *by Steve Sherack*

After finishing a valiant second behind Horse of the Year Sovereignty (Into Mischief) in the GI Whitney S. at Saratoga Aug. 8, **Nitrogen** (Medaglia d'Oro) will be heavily favored over four rivals in Friday's GII Beldame S. at Belmont Park.

Last year's champion 3-year-old filly and GI Alabama S. heroine previously earned a career-best 113 Beyer Speed Figure in a daylight victory in the GI Ogden Phipps S. at the Spa June 5.

Trainer Mark Casse briefly toyed with the idea of running the D J Stable homebred against males one more time in last Friday's GI Jockey Club Gold Cup on opening day before opting for this one-turn 1 1/8-mile contest for fillies and mares.

The Beldame will serve as her final prep for the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff at Keeneland, a race she finished second in last year.

Drawn in post four with Jose Ortiz back aboard, Nitrogen is the 1-9 morning-line favorite.

"She's doing great and she's adapted to Belmont well, so we're ready to go," Casse said.

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SUN GODDESS AND SENORITA BONITA CLASH IN NEWMARKET'S WEEKEND HIGHLIGHT

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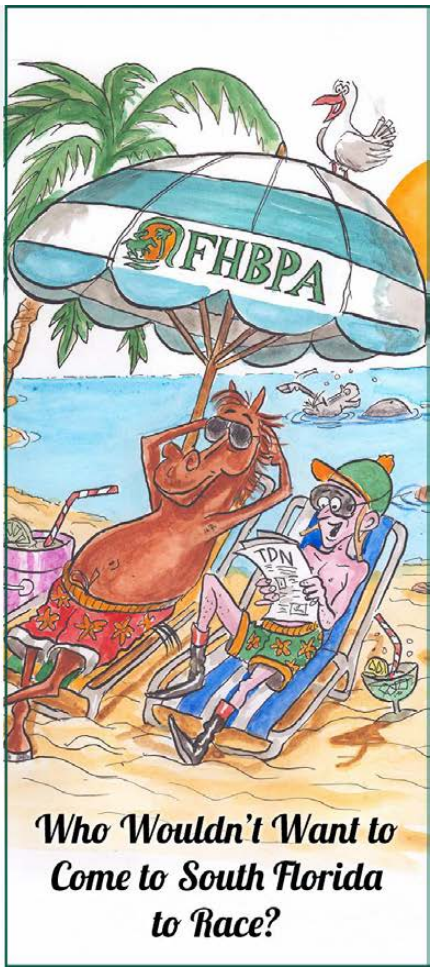

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Casse continued, "I was extremely proud of her last time --I was a proud papa. I haven't trained her extraordinarily hard for this race. Obviously, we want to win the Beldame, but our major focus is the Breeders' Cup. I think she's in a good place and she's ready."

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BREEDERS' CUP
CONNECTIONS

Bacio, cont. from p1

Along with Gladwell and Cary's Borrowdale LLC, the breeding partnership also includes Cary's father-in-law's Cincinnati Equine; Valerie Dailey, another longtime partner of Gladwell's; and John Gregorio, a Chicago-based attorney who operates Knollwood Farm.

"I've been partners with the Gladwells for many years," said Gregorio. "We've had some successful horses, but this is the first Breeders' Cup horse. Bacio was a little bit of a slow developer, but we knew he was a good horse and we knew he was fast. He just seems to be getting better and better over time. I don't think we've seen the best of him yet."

After he was foaled in Kentucky, Bacio was sent down to Jimbo and Torie Gladwell's farm in Ocala to be prepared for the 2-year-old sales. From the start, the colt showed talent, but had a habit of getting in his own way.

"He was very much a knucklehead," Gladwell admitted. "Super immature mentally. All he wanted to do was play and go to the track. He was always very quick whenever we asked him to do something, but it took a long time for him to mature."

At the 2025 OBS March Sale, Bacio recorded one of the fastest times of the under-tack show, but Gladwell had been hoping for more.

"There was a really bad headwind that day, so I was a little disappointed with his breeze," she admitted. "He looked good back at the barn, but was still showing just really immature. He was always biting the handler, pawing and jiggy-jogging."

Cont.

Bacio, cont.

When the colt failed to meet his reserve at $140,000, his breeders decided to race him themselves.

"When we didn't get him sold, I was kind of upset," said Dailey. "But Torie and Jimbo do such a great job and work so hard to try to make everything go right. I just didn't question it. If it was supposed to be, it was supposed to be."

Cary was the one who came up with the colt's name, an Italian play on his dam Katie's Kiss, and it was decided that Bacio would go to Wesley Ward.

“Wesley was one of the trainers that really liked the horse at the 2-year-old sale, but he just couldn't get anything put together to get him purchased there,” explained Gladwell. “We knew that the horse's personality was really going to fit Wesley's training style. Wesley loves really fast horses so this was a perfect spot for him.”



Bacio scores at Royal Ascot | *Getty*

After the 2-year-old colt broke his maiden on debut on the main track and then switched surfaces to finish a close second in the Speakeasy Stakes at Santa Anita, offers began to flood in. Both Gladwell and Dailey stayed in for a piece, with the majority of the ownership being taken over by MyRacehorse.

Undefeated in three starts this year, Bacio has taken his connections to the international stage with wins at Royal Ascot in the Palace Of Holyroodhouse Handicap and at York in the G1 Nunthorpe Stakes.

"Before we even went over there, Wesley was like, 'You're going to win at Royal Ascot. You're going to win at Royal Ascot,'" Gladwell recalled. "I was like, 'This guy is crazy!' This is a tough race for him to fly over there and win. Sure enough, he wins at Royal Ascot. The next race my husband got to go with me, so that was really special.”

Bacio's gate-to-wire score in the Nunthorpe was a 'Win and You're In' for the GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint. ***Cont.***



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It made him the first U.S.-trained horse to win the race and the first Grade I winner for each of his breeders.

"It's like seeing your kids grow up and watching them perform," said Cary. "It's just been amazing to see him progress from race to race. I didn't go to York, but I was watching and was just incredibly proud of how he handled shipping over there, the softish ground, everyone targeting him and he still did it. It's just surreal."

"It's been a fairytale," added Dailey. "We're small breeders. I breed maybe five a year. Having been in the business for 40-plus years, this is my first Grade I winner. I'm so excited to share it with good friends like Torie and Jimbo. It takes a team."

Now back at Ward's base at Keeneland, Bacio is preparing for a Breeders' Cup bid on his home turf. Still as fiery as he was as a juvenile with the Gladwells, the 3-year-old maintains a tailored training routine.

"He doesn't train every day," said Gladwell. "Wesley will jog the horse and then sometimes swim him. He's the type of horse that doesn't need a lot of training. He has one gear and one speed and that is just 'go.' Wesley's team has done amazing with this horse. So has Caitlin Dunne and her husband Riley who helped orchestrate getting him sold and putting all the partners together."



Bacio preparing for his Breeders' Cup bid at Keeneland

Katie Petrunyak

The majority of the original partnership still owns Katie's Kiss, who is in foal to Citizen Bull and has an Arabian Knight colt pointing for the sales this fall. She also has a 2-year-old filly in training with Mark Casse named Southern Kiss (Golden Pal), who Gladwell owns in partnership with Blue Crevalle Racing.

The team of breeders is gearing up to reconvene in Lexington, where Bacio will look to maintain his perfect 3-year-old record at the Breeders' Cup. ***Cont***



Bacio, cont.

"What's interesting is he's got all that speed, but it looks like he can carry it as well," said Gregorio. "He gets out there and they make a run at him, and it seems like he has another gear. It's been a real thrill and it looks like he may be the favorite in the race or close to it."

"He's a very special horse for all of us," added Gladwell. "I cried at Royal Ascot. I cried at York. And if he wins the Breeders' Cup, I'll probably cry again."

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VEKOMA LEADS, MCPEEK GOES FOR TWO AS BOOK 5A WRAPS AT KEENELAND SEPTEMBER *by Stefanie Grimm*

With 10 days of selling down and just two days to go, Keeneland September wrapped up Book 5A Thursday showing no signs of slowing down as the momentum continued from a strong opening week.

"There were a bunch of the same people still shopping [Thursday] in Book 5A that you saw at the beginning of sale," said Headley VanMeter, consignor of the day's topper. "It's great breeders and it's great for sellers. It might be [difficult] for sellers to still be around here this long, but we love to see it."

Marking its fourth consecutive day with across-the-board gains, Keeneland sent 311 horses through the ring for gross sales of $14,219,000, a 13.16% boost from the same session one year ago when 298 yearlings brought in $12,565,000. The average jumped 8.43% to $45,720 while the median also rose 6.67% to $32,000.

With just two sessions remaining in Book 5B, 2,338 horses have sold for an average of $224,936 and a median of $125,000 while grossing $525,899,500, a 5.14% boost over the same time last year.



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SESSION	2026	2025
• Catalogued	431	426
• No. Offered	362	357
• No. Sold	311	299
• RNAs	51	58
• % RNAs	14.09%	16.25%
• High Price	$260,000	$480,000
• Gross	$14,219,000 (+13.16%)	$12,600,500
• Average (% change)	$45,720 (+8.43%)	$42,142
• Median (% change)	$32,000 (+6.67%)	$30,000

CUMULATIVE	2026	2025
• Catalogued	3,665	3,691
• No. Offered	3,069	3,108
• No. Sold	2,338	2,372
• RNAs	731	735
• % RNAs	23.82%	23.65%
• Gross	$525,899,500 (+5.14%)	$500,230,000
• Average (% change)	$224,936 (+6.71%)	$210,801
• Median (% change)	$125,000 (+4.17%)	$120,000

VanMeter Sales led up a colt (hip 3466) by top young sire Vekoma midway through the session where he sold to Pin Oak Stud for $260,000.

"I can't imagine how often Pin Oak has been shopping in Book 5A," VanMeter said. "It's an incredible result to get."

Out of a winning Take Charge Indy mare, the colt is only the third foal from the dam who has one winner from one to race under her produce record, a 3-year-old Mo Town colt named Kokomo Joe. The family includes SW/GISP Shop Till You Drop (Thunder Gulch) and her daughter, SW/MGSP Competitive Speed (Competitive Edge).

"We were ecstatic to bring a horse like that here," said VanMeter. "He was prepped by Judy Hicks over at Brookstown Farm and she did an extraordinary job with him. He came here very well prepared. We were hoping we were going to be a big fish in there today. Over the last few days, he was very well received and did everything right."

Trainer Ken McPeek, who finished as the day's leading buyer with five, picked up two of the top three hips with a Maclean's Music colt (hip 3288) from the family of Tapit and a filly by Complexity (hip 3546) both bringing $210,000 apiece.

"The theme for this sale has been, if you have the right pedigree and the right physical, then [buyers] don't miss those kind of horses," VanMeter said. ***Cont.***

Keeneland September, cont.

"Those horses don't fall through the cracks. We were lucky enough to come up with a colt by a great sire, and he was a gorgeous physical and he vetted clean, so everyone was happy to show up and try to put their hand up today."

Keeneland will begin its final two days with Book 5B beginning Friday morning at 10 a.m.

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KEENELAND SEPTEMBER YEARLING SALE
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HIP	SEX	SIRE | DAM	PRICE ($)
3466	C	Vekoma--Don't Charge It	260,000

Breeder: Jake Ballis (KY)
Consignor: VanMeter Sales, Agent XVI
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3288 C Maclean's Music--Sky Gesture 210,000
($40,000 i/u '24 KEENOV)
Breeder: Ashview Farm, Chapman, DesCognets, and VanMeter (KY)
Consignor: Ashview Farm, Agent
Purchaser: Kenneth McPeek, Agent

3546 F Complexity--Imprint 210,000
Breeder: Brookdale Farm, Chervenell Thoroughbreds, and Frederick & Sarah (KY)
Consignor: Brookdale, Agent
Purchaser: Kenneth McPeek, Agent

3632 C Dialed In--My Lil Shamrock 210,000
Breeder: Ledgelands, LLC (Shelley Ritter) and Andrew C. Ritter (KY)
Consignor: Ledgelands LLC, Agent
Purchaser: Millard R Seldin Revoc Trust

3512 F Jackie's Warrior--Gran Letizia 200,000
Breeder: Granpollo Stable (KY)
Consignor: Killora, Agent XIX
Purchaser: Burns Racing LLC

3542 F Maclean's Music--Hughes Clues 200,000
Breeder: Tony Holmes, Timothy C. Thornton, and Michael Holmes (KY)
Consignor: Norevale Farm, Agent
Purchaser: Iconic Thoroughbreds, LLC

COMPLETE DISPERSAL OF AARON AND MARIE JONES TO CONTINUE AT KEENELAND NOVEMBER



Sheza Smoke Show, the dam of Grade I-winning 'TDN Rising Star' presented by Hagyard Princess Noor, is among the mares from the Jones dispersal at Keeneland November | *Coady*

As part of the Complete Dispersal of Aaron and Marie Jones, nine horses will be offered during Book 1 of the Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale on Nov. 3, the auction house said on Sept. 24. The consignment will be offered by Taylor Made Sales Agency.

"The Joneses' broodmare band, though small, has had an immense effect on the Thoroughbred industry," Taylor Made Vice President of Operations Katie Taylor said. "From a band of less than 10 mares, Marie Jones produced the dams of [GI] Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile winner Life Is Good (Into Mischief), [GI] Preakness Stakes winner Early Voting (Gun Runner) and most recently champion Ted Noffey (Into Mischief). The Joneses knew how to buy mares that suited the top stallions in the game, and their results have changed history."

Marie Jones passed away Aug. 5 and she and her late husband were perennially among North America's leading breeders and owners. The operation is responsible for the likes of champion Ashado (Saint Ballado), leading sire Speightstown (Gone West) and GI Belmont Stakes and GI Breeders' Cup Classic hero Drosselmeyer (Distorted Humor). ***Cont.***

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Aaron and Marie Jones dispersal, cont.

As owners, the Joneses campaigned champion Riboletta (Brz) (Roi Normand) and successful sire and broodmare sire Forestry (Storm Cat).

Mares in the November Breeding Stock Sale include:

• **Cara's Time**, a 5-year-old stakes winner by Not This Time who is carrying her first foal by Into Mischief. Out of the Macho Uno mare Zindra, she is from the family of Grade 2 winner Next (Not This Time);

• **Enchanted Ghost**, an 11-year-old stakes winner by Ghostzapper in foal to Candy Ride (Arg). A half-sister to Grade II winner Selflessly, dam of stakes winner Gratefully, she is out of Uniformly Yours, by Grand Slam. Enchanted Ghost is from the family of Irish champion Negligent and Grade III winner River Seven;

• **Golden Curl**, a 10-year-old stakes-winning daughter of Curlin in foal to Tapit. She is out of the winning Medaglia d'Oro mare Hailey d'Oro.

• **Sheza Smoke Show**, a Grade III winner by Wilko who is the dam of Grade I winner Princess Noor (Not This Time). Carrying a member of the first crop of Grade 1 winner Goal Oriented, the 15-year-old mare is out of stakes winner Avery Hall, by A P. Jet;

• **Sweet Kisses**, a 9-year-old stakes-placed winner and two-time stakes producer in foal to Into Mischief. The daughter of Carpe Diem is carrying a full-sibling to stakes winner Donut God. A half-sister to Grade II winner and Grade I-placed Shancelot (Shanghai Bobby), Sweet Kisses also produced stakes winner Hammond. She is out of stakes winner True Kiss, by Is It True.

The Joneses were among the earliest major clients of Taylor Made, and through the agency, they sold Ashado, Speightstown, Ted Noffey and Drosselmeyer as yearlings at Keeneland.

"The loss of Mrs. Jones and the fact that these amazing mares are leaving Taylor Made is heartbreaking for our family," Taylor continued. "We are so grateful for all the blessings the Joneses have shared with us, but we look forward to seeing these exceptional mares continue to shape our sport."

During Book 1 of the Keeneland September Yearling Sale on Sept. 14-15, Taylor Made sold five horses in the Jones dispersal for $2,675,000. The group's most expensive yearling was a full-brother to champion Ned Toffey. He sold to Whisper Hill Farm for $700,000.

"Aaron and Marie Jones built a breeding program that has had a remarkable and lasting influence on our sport," Keeneland Vice President of Sales Tony Lacy said. "Their success over the years speaks to the quality and vision behind the program. We are honored to celebrate that legacy at Keeneland and to present buyers with the opportunity to carry it forward through this dispersal."

The online catalogue for the November Breeding Stock Sale is scheduled to be available Tuesday, Sept. 29. The auction will run nine sessions from Tuesday, Nov. 3 through Wednesday, Nov. 11, with the stand-alone November Horses of Racing Age Sale the following day.

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CRUPPER TRIES TO WIN ONE FOR THE HOME TEAM IN OKLAHOMA DERBY

by T.D. Thornton



Crupper wins Oaklawn's Bathhouse Row Stakes in April | *Coady Media*

It's been a decade since a Remington Park-based outfit won the meet's premier stakes, the GIII Oklahoma Derby, and at 15-1 on the morning line, **Crupper** (Candy Ride {Arg}) will have his work cut out for him Sunday night if he is to accomplish that feat for trainer Donnie K. Von Hemel and owner/breeder Robert H. Zoellner.

The nine-furlong race drew a well-matched field of 10 that includes the recent winners of the GIII Iowa and West Virginia Derbies, plus two dropdown colts--Silent Tactic (Tacitus) and Pavlovian (Pavlov)--seeking class relief after having no luck at the Grade I level in the Travers Stakes and Kentucky Derby, respectively.

But Crupper, a son of Candy Ride (Arg), could be ready to rebound after recovering from a rough start in the GI Preakness Stakes, a no-spark effort in the Iowa Derby, and a bout with splint bone inflammation that has since healed. ***Cont.***

Crupper, cont.

Off four published workouts, one a bullet five-eighths at the Churchill Downs training center and a Wednesday three-eighths breeze to get acquainted with the Remington surface, 3-year-old Crupper (8-2-0-3, $211,165) seeks a return to the visually appealing form that earned him an 80 Beyer Speed Figure when winning the nine-furlong Apr. 18 Bathhouse Row Stakes at Oaklawn Park.

Crupper, at 6-1 odds, broke inward and bumped, then dragged Junior Alvarado to a contending position under a snug hold. He dueled outside of a maiden, repulsed bids from two favorites on the far turn, then swatted back a deep closer to score by half a length, galloping out with gusto.

"Mr. Zoellner is from Oklahoma, so we thought the Oklahoma Derby would be a good spot to try," Von Hemel told *TDN*. "Plus, his best race was a mile and an eighth, and his family has all been two-turn, distance-type horses."



Donnie Von Hemel at the Preakness | *Sarah Andrew*

With Von Hemel training, Zoellner bred and raced the two most recent dams in Crupper's pedigree. First dam She's All In was a millionaire GSW Oklahoma-bred who compiled a rugged 16-8-3 record from 38 lifetime starts. That sort of durability is emblematic of her sire, Include, who himself was a 10-for-20, Grade I-winning grinder a quarter-century ago.

It was a bit surprising to go back through the charts and see that Von Hemel hasn't had an Oklahoma Derby starter since 2016.

After all, as a second-generation horseman from a racing-centric family, he settled with his family just outside Oklahoma City four decades ago, closing on a nearby farm the same week that Remington opened in 1988. For years Von Hemel ran a powerhouse outfit that routinely topped the standings there, and he was elected to the Oklahoma Racing Hall of Fame in 2012.

But Von Hemel (2,283 lifetime wins with over $66 million in earnings) has both branched out geographically and pared back his operation in size in recent seasons.

"Oklahoma's home. I just don't get to be there as much as I'd like to be," Von Hemel said. "We've got about 15 in Louisville and half a dozen at Remington."

He rationalized that "if you're going to have some nice horses" and be based out of the Southwest, a division at Oaklawn through the winter months is a necessity.

"And then the Kentucky circuit is the place you got to try and be" because of that circuit's level of prestige and purses, Von Hemel added.

So far in 2026, Von Hemel has saddled 51 starters and had six winners, well shy of the multiple seasons of 400-plus starters that produced victories over or near the 100 mark decades ago.

Von Hemel last won the Oklahoma Derby in 2007 with Going Ballistic, who was part of a two-horse favored entry.

But it was the inaugural version of that stakes in 1989--then known as the Remington Park Derby--that launched the career of the Oklahoma-bred gelding Clever Trevor, who would go on to be Von Hemel's first (of six) million-dollar-earning trainees.

"He was a good one. As far as my first national type horse, he was the one," Von Hemel recalled.

Back then, Remington ran split meets in the winter/spring and fall, and its top stakes was a 1 1/16-mile race during the spring that served as a Kentucky Derby prep for its first eight runnings.

After beginning his career at now-defunct tracks like Ak-Sar-Ben and Blue Ribbon Downs, Clever Trevor was already making his 10th lifetime start when he stalked the pace and won the Remington Derby at 9-2 odds on Mar. 18, 1989.

Under a far different racing and training regimen than what today's Triple Crown aspirants experience, Von Hemel had ample time for two nine-furlong preps before the first Saturday in May.

Clever Trevor was fourth in the Apr. 1 GII Jim Beam Stakes at Turfway Park, then ran second in the then-GII Arkansas Derby three weeks later.

At Churchill, the gelding ran 13th at 52-1 odds in the May 6 Derby, well behind the nation's top two colts, Sunday Silence and Easy Goer. (Von Hemel has since had just one other Kentucky Derby entrant, Suddenbreakingnews, who was fifth in 2016.)

"We gave him about six weeks off before we raced him again, and then he just blew them away the next two times," Von Hemel said, referring to Clever Trevor's tallies in the GII St. Paul Derby at Canterbury Park and the GI Arlington Classic at Arlington Park. ***Cont.***

Crupper, cont.



Crupper in advance of the Preakness | *Sarah Andrew*

"Then he probably ran the best race of his life when he was second to Easy Goer in the Travers," Von Hemel said.

Off at 5-1 at Saratoga Race Course, pace-pressing Clever Trevor led until the final furlong of the 1 1/4-mile Travers, when the 1-5 Easy Goer reeled him in to win by three lengths. It was nine lengths back to the rest of the field.

"It was a great thrill," Von Hemel said.

Clever Trevor eventually transitioned to shorter races, running sixth in the 1991 GI Breeders' Cup Sprint.

While much has changed in the decades since Von Hemel first settled in Oklahoma, the purse level for Remington's big race has remained level for 17 years. The Oklahoma Derby has been run for $400,000 since 2009, with the brief exception the pandemic-altered 2020 season, when it was carded for half that amount.

Yet it continues to attract attention and entrants from top national stables. Trainer Brad Cox has won four of the last seven Oklahoma Derbies, while Steve Asmussen (twice) and Kenny McPeek have also hit the winner's circle at Remington since the last local trainer, J.R. Caldwell, won the race with Texas Chrome in 2016.

Von Hemel explained Crupper's last four months: "We kind of got roughed up pretty good at the Preakness, and that didn't work out [13th after getting bumped and put in tight at the break]. And then it wasn't much better at Prairie Meadows, really [7th with an inside but fading trip]. And then three or four weeks after the Iowa Derby, he popped a splint, so we had to stop and take care of that little problem. And now he's had a couple of months to work."

On Sunday, Crupper breaks from post eight with Stewart Elliott--who last Saturday at Remington hit the 6,000 lifetime-win mark--riding him for the first time.

"I think we're going to sure enough let him run away from there," Von Hemel said of his Oklahoma Derby strategy. "I think he's got a little more of an outside post this time than he's had the last couple times, so I think he'll have a clear path to kind of get going down the lane there. You've got about three-sixteenths to the first turn, and then just have to see what [kind of] pace is going on there and place him accordingly."

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TRAINER JOSE SILVA, JR. FACING POSSIBLE LIFETIME BAN, $50,000 FINE *by Dan Ross*



Jose Silva, Jr. | *Coady Media*

Leading Canterbury trainer Jose Silva, Jr. faces a maximum lifetime ban and $50,000 fine stemming from actions related to a search of his barn earlier this month.

In a notice of violation posted on the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA)'s rulings website on Sept. 11, Silva was charged with allegedly violating five separate rules related to cooperation during and hinderance of an investigation, as well as failure to respond truthfully to questions.

Silva had until Sept. 18 to respond to the notice, either admitting to the violation or explaining why the charges are incorrect.

According to a HISA spokesperson, Silva has been in contact with the agency's enforcement attorney. When asked for the trainer's response, the spokesperson wrote that HISA does not "publicly disclose these communications."

On Sept. 11, the Minnesota Racing Commission board of stewards suspended Silva pending the results of his hearing with HISA. That hearing has not yet been formally scheduled.

TDN called and text messaged Silva on Thursday. The story will be updated as necessary. ***Cont.***

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Jose Silva, Jr., cont.

The alleged violations relate to a search by Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU) investigators on Sept. 9 and Sept. 10 of Silva's barn at Canterbury Park, Minnesota.

According to the notice, a "credible witness" allegedly told HIWU investigators of pitcher plant extract (also known as "P Block," a banned substance) in the trainer's RV.

The notice states that during the search, HIWU investigators attempted to reach Silva to gain access to his RV, parked on the Canterbury Park backside.

"After stating multiple times that you were on your way to Canterbury Park, you failed to appear in order to grant the investigators access, later explicitly denying the investigators the access to this RV, a place that is used in the care, training, or racing of Covered Horses, as it was located on the backside of Canterbury Park, a Racetrack facility that is used to race Covered Horses," according to the notice.

"When the search was being conducted, it was communicated to HIWU investigators by a credible witness that you were 15 minutes away from Canterbury at 8:24 pm, 10 minutes away at 8:47 pm, and two hours away and stuck in traffic by the airport at 8:59 pm. During this time, another credible witness saw you and one of your associates enter the Canterbury stable gates around 8:43 pm, explicitly contradicting your statements at 8:47 and 8:59 pm," the notice states.

The ruling also claims that Silva sent a text message to a HIWU investigator on Sept. 10, in which he explicitly denied investigators access to the RV, "stating that you were out of town and that you did not consent to a search of your RV without a search warrant or subpoena."

At the same time, another "credible witness" stated that when Silva discovered of the search of his barn, he said he wanted to leave the track, "directly contradicting other statements you made to credible witnesses on the night of the search," the notice states.

Last year, Silva served a 30-day suspension (beginning April 15) and paid a $2,500 fine after one of his horses tested positive for TCO2.

A leading trainer at Canterbury Park, Silva has won 445 races during his career and won over $7.3 million. This year, he's won 92 races and won just over $1.2 million in prize money. According to Equibase, he started training in 2018.

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JOCKEY RELIEF ALLIANCE ORGANIZED

Jockey Relief Alliance, Inc. (JRA), a new and completely independent organization, will provide timely assistance starting around Thanksgiving to active jockeys facing short-term injury or unexpected hardship, according to a press release from the non-profit on Thursday.

JRA's mission is to stand beside active jockeys during times of short-term injury or unexpected hardship by providing timely financial relief, compassionate support and a helping hand when it is needed most.

“Sometimes the need is not complicated,” said JRA President Kenny Katz. “A jockey gets hurt, can't ride for a period of time and suddenly the family still needs groceries, diapers or help keeping up with everyday bills. We want Jockey Relief Alliance to be an organization that can respond when an active jockey is going through that kind of unexpected hardship.”



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The release went on to say that the Jockey Relief Alliance is separate from and is not affiliated with, operated by, or a continuation of Jockeys and Jeans.

“There is a real need between the moment a jockey is injured and the time he or she is able to return to riding,” said JRA Vice President Theresa Byrnes-Cordas. “These athletes give so much to the sport, and our goal is to stand beside them with compassion, dignity and practical assistance when life takes an unexpected turn.”

Jockey Relief Alliance is led by Katz, Vice President Theresa Byrnes-Cordas, Treasurer Tana Slifko and Secretary Maureen Brown. They serve on the JRA Board of Directors alongside Kelly Dorman, Roger Blanco and Terry Wells.

JRA is developing fundraising events, special appearances and other initiatives that will bring together members of the racing community to support its mission.

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FOUR-TIME STAKES WINNER RATED BY MERIT TO STAND AT OCALA STUD



Rated by Merit | *Sarah Andrew*

St. Elias Stable's **Rated by Merit** (Batallion Runner--Banner Waving, by Speightstown) will stand the 2027 breeding season at Ocala Stud, the nursery announced via press release Thursday morning.

The best-performed son of St. Elias's multiple graded-placed Battalion Runner (by Unbridled's Song), the homebred graduated by nearly 10 lengths at first asking in the summer of his 2-year-old season for Chad Brown, then swept the Florida Stallion Stakes series--the six-furlong Dr. Fager Stakes, the seven-furlong Affirmed Stakes and the In Reality Stakes at a mile and a sixteenth--by a combined 16 lengths. He would go on to validate long odds-on favoritism in the 2025 Discovery Stakes and retires with a record of 5-0-0 from seven starts and earnings of $516,750.

"He was the benchmark of his crop at two," said Ocala Stud's David O'Farrell. "He possessed the rare combination of explosive speed and the stamina required to carry it over a route of ground. That kind of precocity, paired with his ability to defeat top company at three in the Discovery Handicap with a 106 Beyer, makes him an exciting stallion prospect for breeders looking for speed, versatility and Grade I-caliber class."

Rated by Merit, whose third dam is MGISW Runup the Colors (A.P. Indy) and whose descendants include Horse of the Year Mineshaft and Revolutionary, will stand for $3,500, stands-and-nurses terms.

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LEADING FLORIDA SIRE FIRST DUDE PASSES AT 19

Double Diamond Farm's **First Dude** (Stephen Got Even--Run Sarah Run, by Smart Strike) has passed away at the age of 19, according to a release from the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' and Owners' Association (FTBOA) Thursday afternoon.

The Florida Stallion of the Year in 2017 and 2018, the leading freshman sire in Florida in 2015, and the state's leading second-crop sire in 2016, First Dude sired 16 black-type winners, including Shamrock Rose, the 2018 champion female sprinter and winner the GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint, as well as winner of the GII Lexus Raven Run Stakes.

"He was an integral part of not only our own family," said Double Diamond's Donald R. Dizney, "but all of our Double Diamond Farm family: from Jesse Rodriguez, his groom and stallion manager, to our office staff, and the many friends who visited him with peppermints. We all have so many sweet memories of not only his 3-year-old campaign, but of his stallion career as well. We feel today we have lost more than a stallion."

First Dude campaigned as a homebred for Dizney while under the tutelage of Hall of Famer Bob Baffert. Among his wins were the GI Hollywood Gold Cup Handicap and the GIII Alysheba Stakes, while his five Grade I placings included the Preakness Stakes, Belmont Stakes, and Travers Stakes.

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CENTRAL KENTUCKY RIDING FOR HOPE AUCTIONS BREEDERS' CUP EXPERIENCE

Central Kentucky Riding for Hope (CKRH) is auctioning off two tickets to the sold-out Breeders' Cup Clubhouse Lawn Chalet with 100% of the funds raised going directly towards CKRH's programs and services, the non-profit said via a release on Thursday.

Bidding is now open online and will run through Friday, Oct. 16 at Noon ET. Click here to place a bid.

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2026 Leading Sires by Graded Stakes Horses

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Rank	Stallion	BTW/%strts	BTH/%strts	GSW/%strts	GSH/%strts	G1SW/%strts	G1SH/%strts	Earnings
1	Into Mischief	**22**/5.93	**48**/12.94	**13**/3.5	**28**/7.55	**6**/1.62	**10**/**2.7**	$23,325,870
	(2005) by Harlan's Holiday	FYR: 2010/Crops: 15/Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY					Fee: 250,000	Renegade
2	Not This Time	**22**/7.28	44/**14.57**	**13**/**4.3**	25/**8.28**	5/**1.66**	7/2.32	**$26,548,289**
	(2014) by Giant's Causeway	FYR: 2018/Crops: 7/Stands: Taylor Made Farm KY					Fee: 250,000	Magnitude
3	Gun Runner	16/5.33	36/12	9/3	18/6	4/1.33	6/2	$17,507,582
	(2013) by Candy Ride (Arg)	FYR: 2019/Crops: 6/Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY					Fee: 250,000	Always a Runner
4	Justify	18/7.59	34/14.35	9/3.8	18/7.59	3/1.27	5/2.11	$13,561,594
	(2015) by Scat Daddy	FYR: 2020/Crops: 5/Stands: Coolmore Ashford KY					Fee: 200,000	Kentucky Belle
5	Constitution	10/3.27	32/10.46	3/0.98	14/4.58	--/--	1/0.33	$12,385,409
	(2011) by Tapit	FYR: 2017/Crops: 8/Stands: WinStar Farm KY					Fee: 110,000	Chief Wallabee
6	Nyquist	12/4.94	22/9.05	6/2.47	11/4.53	2/0.82	3/1.23	$13,929,386
	(2013) by Uncle Mo	FYR: 2018/Crops: 7/Stands: Darley KY					Fee: 175,000	Nysos
7	Curlin	10/5.29	21/11.11	6/3.17	11/5.82	1/0.53	5/2.65	$12,545,613
	(2004) by Smart Strike	FYR: 2010/Crops: 15/Stands: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa KY					Fee: 225,000	Golden Tempo
8	Tiz the Law	12/5.77	28/13.46	6/2.88	11/5.29	2/0.96	3/1.44	$11,368,683
	(2017) by Constitution	FYR: 2022/Crops: 3/Stands: Coolmore Ashford KY					Fee: 40,000	Caroline St. Beat
9	Twirling Candy	10/3.65	25/9.12	3/1.09	11/4.01	--/--	3/1.09	$9,436,101
	(2007) by Candy Ride (Arg)	FYR: 2013/Crops: 12/Stands: Lane's End Farm KY					Fee: 75,000	West End Kid
10	Uncle Mo	11/5.12	20/9.3	5/2.33	10/4.65	--/--	--/--	$9,544,896
	(2008) by Indian Charlie	FYR: 2013/Crops: 12/Stands: Coolmore Ashford (Dead/Rtrd)					Fee: N/A	Bishops Bay
11	Yaupon	13/**7.83**	24/14.46	6/3.61	10/6.02	--/--	4/2.41	$7,531,368
	(2017) by Uncle Mo	FYR: 2023/Crops: 2/Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY					Fee: 60,000	Niche
12	Quality Road	8/4.23	16/8.47	6/3.17	10/5.29	--/--	1/0.53	$6,540,575
	(2006) by Elusive Quality	FYR: 2012/Crops: 13/Stands: Lane's End Farm KY					Fee: 100,000	Speed Shopper
13	Vekoma	15/6.28	26/10.88	6/2.51	9/3.77	--/--	1/0.42	$11,283,030
	(2016) by Candy Ride (Arg)	FYR: 2022/Crops: 3/Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY					Fee: 100,000	Bottas
14	Munnings	6/1.81	18/5.44	1/0.3	9/2.72	--/--	--/--	$11,173,028
	(2006) by Speightstown	FYR: 2012/Crops: 13/Stands: Coolmore Ashford KY					Fee: 45,000	How's Al Today
15	Liam's Map	9/3.73	15/6.22	5/2.07	9/3.73	3/1.24	3/1.24	$11,026,808
	(2011) by Unbridled's Song	FYR: 2017/Crops: 8/Stands: Lane's End Farm KY					Fee: 50,000	Napoleon Solo

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TDN THOROUGHBRED DAILY NEWS GRADED STAKES ENTRIES

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Friday, 9/25, Belmont #2, post time: 1:47 p.m. EDT

BELDAME S.-GII, $250,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Donor Advised	Gun Runner	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Franco	126
2	Lost Horizon	Into Mischief	Peter M. Brant	Brown	Prat	126
3	Boutwell Time	Not This Time	Cory Moelis Racing LLC and Jeremy Sussman	Guerrero	Fresu	126
4	Nitrogen	Medaglia d'Oro	D. J. Stable LLC	Casse	Ortiz	126
5	Lika Rolling Stone	Bustin Stones	Antonio Arriaga	Arriaga	Elliott	126

Breeders: 1-Chancey Mill Farm, LLC, 2-White Birch Farm, Inc., 3-Joel R. Politi, 4-D. J. Stable, LLC, 5-Dr. Jerry Bilinski & Roddy Valente

What a shame that so many of these big stakes races now draw such small fields. They only got five starters for the Beldame and one, **Lika Rolling Stone** (Bustin Stones), is a complete no-hoper who is coming off a dreadful performance in a starter allowance race at Parx. Ok, back to the race itself...the story is **Nitrogen** (Medaglia d'Oro), and there's no reason why she shouldn't gallop here at 1-10. No need to elaborate. Anyone looking to play her on top in the exacta will likely focus in on the Chad Brown-trained pair of **Donor Advised** (Gun Runner) and **Lost Horizon** (Into Mischief). They're hard to separate and either one could be second. --*Bill Finley*

Saturday, 9/26, Belmont #10, post time: 5:19 p.m. EDT

JOE HIRSCH TURF CLASSIC S.-GI, $500,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Minaret Station	Instilled Regard	OXO Equine LLC	Walden	Ortiz	126
2	Pride of Arras (Ire)	New Bay (GB)	Mrs. David Aykroyd	Beckett	Doyle	126
3	El Cordobes (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Godolphin, LLC	Appleby	Prat	126
4	Far Bridge	English Channel	LSU Stables	Clement	Velazquez	126
5	Asbury Park (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Peter M. Brant and St. Elias Stable	Brown	Franco	126
6	Fort George (GB)	Territories (Ire)	Mrs. Fitriani Hay	Walker	Shoemark	126
7	Program Trading (GB)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Santana, Jr.	126

Breeders: 1-OXO Equine, LLC, 2-Mr & Mrs David Aykroyd, 3-Bjorn Nielsen, 4-Calumet Farm, 5-St. Elias Stable LLC, 6-K. A. Bartlett & J. M. Beever, 7-Fittocks Stud & Arrow Farm & Stud

This one looks like a pretty wide-open affair, but the nod goes to **El Cordobes (Ire)** (Frankel {GB}). The gelding has not raced since Feb. 14, but Charlie Appleby does not bring horses to North America who aren't ready to fire their best shot. On the Beyer scale, this one looks to be the fastest horse in the race. Also note that Flavien Prat accepts the mount, which means that he took off **Program Trading (GB)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}), who is trained by his top client, Chad Brown. 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Far Bridge** (English Channel) is also coming off a layoff (six months) for Miguel Clement, but showed he can handle this level when winning this race in 2024. He is 4-for-7 at the distance. Also loses Prat, who will be replaced by John Velazquez. **Fort George (GB)** (Territories {Ire}) has held his own in two races in the U.S. since arriving here from Europe for trainer Ed Walker. --*Bill Finley*

Saturday, 9/26, Santa Anita #8, post time: 7:30 p.m. EDT
GOODWOOD S.-GI, $300,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Taif	Arrogate	Zedan Racing Stables, Inc.	Baffert	Jaramillo	122
2	Vodka Vodka	Stay Thirsty	Baker Stables, LLC, McLean Racing Stables, William Gorman Ordonez, Aggie, Anthony & Rachel Parsons Williams, Delbert G.	Ordonez	Desormeaux	122
3	McAfee	Cloud Computing	Black Type Thoroughbreds, Campeche Stables, LLC Swinbank Stables, LLC and Hicks, Jusy B.	Weaver	Berrios	122
4	Original Sin	Curlin	Calumet Farm	Walsh	Kimura	124
5	Midnight Mammoth	Midnight Lute	Jeffrey Sengara	Dollase	Baze	122
6	Mr. A. P.	American Pharoah	Holly and David Wilson	Cerin	Rosario	118
7	Forged Steel	Vekoma	C2 Racing Stable, Mathis Stables & TCC Stables	Joseph, Jr.	Gonzalez	124
8	Caldera	Liam's Map	MyRacehorse	Joseph, Jr.	Lopez	122
9	Nevada Beach	Omaha Beach	Pegram, Michael E., Watson, Karl and Weitman, Paul	Baffert	Hernandez	124

Breeders: 1-Rosedown Racing Stables, LLC, 2-Jerry Baker & Connie Baker, 3-Judy Hicks, 4-Calumet Farm, 5-Pedro Gonzalez & Jorge Herrera, 6-Pollock Farms, 7-Richard E. Wilson, 8-Don Alberto Corporation, 9-Paul Tackett Revocable Trust, PhilTackett Estate & Christy Tackett

This will be a big step up in class for **Caldera** (Liam's Map), but the colt out of the Saffie Joseph, Jr. barn might be ready for the challenge. This is not a particularly tough spot and he is a perfect 3-for-3 since joining the Joseph barn. Paco Lopez, who has not ridden at Santa Anita since 2019, will be aboard. **Nevada Beach** (Omaha Beach) looks like the horse to beat. He won this race last year, and, unlike the top pick, is proven at this level. May be overbet because he comes from the Bob Baffert barn and will be ridden by Juan Hernandez. **Original Sin** (Curlin) was a distant second behind Knightsbridge (Nyquist) in the GI Pacific Classic. Might get another fast pace here, which would help his cause. Note: according to their trainers, both Original Sin and **McAfee** (Cloud Computing) will run in this race and not the GII Lukas Classic at Churchill Downs. *--Bill Finley*

Saturday, 9/26, Churchill Downs #10, post time: 5:29 p.m. EDT
LUKAS CLASSIC S.-GII, $500,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	This Is Uscar	Oscar Performance	Table 38 Racing LLC and KatieRich Stables LLC	Blair	Morales	121
2	Dragoon Guard	Arrogate	Juddmonte	Cox	Gaffalione	121
3	Tiztastic	Tiz the Law	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC, Mrs. John Magnier, Michael B. Tabor, and Derrick Smith	Asmussen	Hernandez, Jr.	121
4	Banishing	Ghostzapper	David Jacobson, Sharaf Mohammed Al Hariri, and Lawrence P. Roman	Jacobson	Arrieta	121
5	Original Sin	Curlin	Calumet Farm	Walsh	Curtis	121
6	McAfee	Cloud Computing	Black Type Thoroughbreds, Swinbank Stables, LLC, Judy B. Hicks and Scott C. Rice	Weaver	Saez	121
7	Chunk of Gold	Preservationist	Terry L. Stephens	West	Torres	121

Breeders: 1-KatieRich Farms, 2-Juddmonte, 3-Capital Bloodstock, 4-Godolphin, 5-Calumet Farm, 6-Judy Hicks, 7-Brereton C. Jones

How can you not love **Chunk of Gold** (Preservationist)? A $2,500 yearling purchase, he's likely to go over the $1-million mark in this event. After a subpar effort in his 2026 debut, he rebounded with a strong showing in the GIII Iselin Stakes, and a repeat of that effort would likely be good enough. Plus, he looks like the lone speed in here. The top pick was beaten by **This Is Uscar** (Oscar Performance) two starts back and that one is coming off a good try at Ellis. Definitely a contender. **Tiztastic** (Tiz the Law) looks like the class here. Was beaten six lengths in the GI Whitney Stakes, but was facing much better that day in Saratoga. *--Bill Finley*

Saturday, 9/26, Belmont #11, post time: 5:54 p.m. EDT

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FLOWER BOWL S.-GII, $500,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/4mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Fionn	Twirling Candy	George Messina and Michael Lee	Cox	Franco	126
2	Sunlit Uplands (Ire)	Sands of Mali (Fr)	Rachel Flynn and Rae Guest	Williams	Doyle	126
3	Favorite Memory (GB)	Frankel (GB)	John D. Gunther	DeVaux	Carmouche	126
4	Kathynmarissa	American Pharoah	Michael J. Caruso and Michael Dubb	Brown	Ortiz	126
5	Storm Miami (Ire)	Blue Point (Ire)	EGL-One Racing	Green	Velazquez	126
6	Opulent Restraint (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Stephanie Seymour Brant	Mott	Castellano	126
7	Evershed (Ire)	Churchill (Ire)	Mark B. Grier	Delacour	Davis	126
8	Esna (Ire)	Starman (GB)	Martin Hughes	Meehan	Spencer	122
9	Silvology	Blame	Stuart S. Janney III	McGaughey III	Fresu	126
10	Gezora (Fr)	Almanzor (Fr)	Peter M. Brant	Mott	Alvarado	126
11	Cathedral (GB)	Too Darn Hot (GB)	Amo Racing USA LLC	Brown	Prat	126

Breeders: 1-Dixiana Farms LLC, 2-Prospect Stables, 3-Mr John Gunther, 4-Don Alberto Corporation, 5-Jc Bloodstock & Goodwill Bloodstock, 6-White Birch Farm, SC, 7-Lynch Bages & Camas Park Stud, 8-Mr Canice Farrell, 9-Stuart S. Janney, III LLC, 10-Haras d'Etreham, 11-Exors of the Late Sir Robert Ogden

When in doubt, go with the European horses in these U.S. graded stakes on the turf. **Esna (Ire)** (Starman {GB}) ships here after back-to-back second-place finishes in Group 3 races in Europe. Class-wise, that may be good enough. Should appreciate the added distance after racing at a mile. **Kathrynmarissa** (American Pharoah) has done nothing wrong since joining the Chad Brown barn. A Grade I winner in her last start, she looks to be the best of the U.S. horses. **Sunlit Uplands (Ire)** (Sands of Mail {Fr}) is also based in Europe and is coming off a solid effort in the GII Ballston Spa Stakes. Not sure she can go this far. --*Bill Finley*

Saturday, 9/26, Belmont #4, post time: 1:50 p.m. EDT

GALLANT BLOOM S.-GII, $250,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Munnings Express	Munnings	Team Spoor	Rice	Franco	124
2	Senza Parole	Gun Runner	Don Alberto Stable	Brown	Prat	124
3	Queen Jubilee	Authentic	Two Eight Racing, Joe Pickerrell, Ribble Farms, Quinn's Ride Racing and Legion Racing	Beckman	Zayas	124
4	Paradise City	McKinzie	C Two Racing Stable, Shining Stables LLC, Paul Braverman, Timothy Pinch, and BAG Racing Stables	Joseph, Jr.	Davis	124
5	R Disaster	Awesome Slew	Averill Racing LLC and Anthony Mattera	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz	126
6	Beauty Reigns	Into Mischief	Tranquility Lake Farms LLC	Mott	Alvarado	124

Breeders: 1-Fergus Galvin, Marc Detampel, JayneJohnson & Adrian Wallace, 2-Don Alberto Corporation, 3-Baoma Corp, 4-Don Alberto Corporation, 5-Ocala Stud & J. Michael O'Farrell Jr., 6-Wygod Equine, LLC

Let's give **R Disaster** (Awesome Slew) another chance after she didn't fire in the GI Ballerina Stakes. The Saffie Joseph, Jr. barn was ice cold during the entire meet at Saratoga and maybe a change of scenery will bring out the best in this mare. She's the lone speed in the race, was lights out when beating 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Ways and Means** (Practical Joke) in the GI Derby City Distaff Stakes at Churchill Downs and won this race last year at Aqueduct. **Beauty Reigns** (Into Mischief) was a well-beaten third in the Ballerina, but this is an easier spot. A fast pace would help her cause. **Senza Parole** (Gun Runner), another 'Rising Star', has never fared well when trying graded stakes company, but this isn't a particularly tough spot and she's coming off a career-best performance in a Saratoga allowance. --*Bill Finley*

Saturday, 9/26, Santa Anita #3, post time: 5:00 p.m. EDT

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CITY OF HOPE MILE S.-GII, $200,000, 3yo/up, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Teao (Chi)	Ya Primo (Chi)	Don Alberto Stable	Sadler	Lopez	126
2	El Potente	Temple City	My Way Racing LLC	Blacker	Berrios	124
3	Cabo Spirit	Pioneerof the Nile	Kretz Racing LLC	Papaprodromou	Smith	124
4	Detain (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Juddmonte	McCarthy	Hernandez	122
5	Irish Aces	Mshawish	Pocket Aces Racing LLC	Walsh	Rosario	122
6	King of Gosford (GB)	Zoustar (Aus)	Benowitz Family Trust, CYBT, Gevertz, Saul Nentwig, Michael and Peskoff, Jeremy	D'Amato	Rispoli	126

Breeders: 1-Haras Don Alberto, 2-Charmsil LLC, 3-WinStar Farm, LLC, 4-Swordlestown Little, 5-Lynch Bages LTD, 6-The Miss Sugars Partnership

This race brings together the top four finishers from the GII Del Mar Mile and one among that quartet will likely win. **Detain (Ire)** (Wootton Bassett {GB}) had the worst trip among that group as he was forced to angle to an outside path on the far turn, yet still closed strongly to finish second. **King of Gosford (GB)** (Zoustar {Aus}) won the Del Mar Mile and there's no reason why he can't repeat. **El Potente** (Temple City) also put in a strong effort when third in the Del Mar Mile, where he was beaten just a neck. This race will probably come down to the trip. *--Bill Finley*

Saturday, 9/26, Santa Anita #5, post time: 6:00 p.m. EDT

EDDIE D S.-GII, $200,000, 3yo/up, 6 1/2fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Sumter	War Front	Perry R. Bass II, and Ramona S. Bass	Mandella	Smith	124
2	Later Than Planned (Ire)	Cotai Glory (GB)	Little Red Feather Racing, Sterling Stables LLC Naify, Marsha	D'Amato	Berrios	118
3	Freedom's Not Free	Omaha Beach	Blinkers On Racing Stable, Janlois Racing, LLC Valinor Racing Stable, LLC, Corbett, Tom, Kwan, Andy and Wagner, Jay Lester	Glatt	Hernandez	124
4	Amorita	Liam's Map	Augustin Stables and Stone Farm, LLC	Mandella	Kimura	119
5	Nesso's Lastharrah	Sharp Azteca	Mark D. and Patricia L. Cofer Trust	Bonde	Jaramillo	122
6	Sorrento Sky (Ire)	Prince of Lir (Ire)	Benowitz Family Trust, CYBT, McLean Racing Stables Gevertz, Saul, Lantzman, Marc and Nentwig, Michael	D'Amato	Rispoli	126
7	Pure Madness	Sir Prancealot (Ire)	Jay Em Ess Stable and Koriner, Brian J.	Koriner	Ayuso	122
8	First Peace	Funtastic	Rancho Temescal LLC, Rancho Temescal Thoroughbred Partners Shanderella Stables	Glatt	Rosario	122
9	Virat	Bayern	Sareen Family Trust	Blacker	Lopez	122

Breeders: 1-Bass Stables, LLC, 2-John P. Mangan & John S. Mangan, 3-Cove Springs, LLC, 4-Stone Farm, 5-Amaty Racing Stables, 6-Miss Colleen Dwyer, 7-DP Racing, LLC, 8-Christopher L. Baker &Mullikin Thoroughbreds, 9-Sareen Family Trust

First Peace (Funtastic) won this race last year, but has not won since. It looks like the veteran might be ready to rebound after five straight losses. He had no chance in an allowance race last time out after falling hopelessly behind. Will need a fast pace up front to help his cause. **Sorrento Sky (Ire)** (Prince of Lir {Ire}) isn't a great fit in these down-the hill races, but has run creditably at times at this distance. Is coming off a Grade II win and goes out for turf master Phil D'Amato. The turn back in distance could help **Freedom's Not Free** (Omaha Beach), who won the GIII Daytona Stakes the last time he went down the hill. *--Bill Finley*

Saturday, 9/26, Santa Anita #7, post time: 7:00 p.m. EDT

JOHN HENRY TURF CHAMPIONSHIP S.-GII, $200,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Mondego (GB)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Cheyenne Stables LLC	McCarthy	Hernandez	126
2	Sinsel (Brz)	Alpha	Red Rafa Stud, Inc.	Mandella	Berrios	122
3	Atomic Age	Justify	James E. Downey	D'Amato	Kimura	122
4	Balladeer	Distorted Humor	Nguyen, Calvin and Tran, Joey C.	Papaprodromou	Leparoux	122
5	Nitti (Ire)	Make Believe (GB)	Innergy Racing Corp, Zephyr Racing & Sonny Pais	Garcia	Espinoza	122
6	Flashiest	Mizzen Mast	Wachtel Stable, Barber, Gary, Drion, Nicolas G. and Powell, Mathilde	Powell	Ayuso	122
7	Atitlan	The Factor	John M. B. O'Connor	Mandella	Rispoli	122
8	Twirling Point	Twirling Candy	Henline, Paula P. and Henline, Tracy D.	Wright	Gonzalez	122

Breeders: 1-Car Colston Hall Stud, 2-Stud Red Rafa, 3-White Birch Farm, Inc, 4-Bonne Chance Farm, LLC, 5-Johnwalsh/Jerryobrien/Makebelievesyn, 6-Indian Creek & Nicky Drion, 7-Anastasie Astrid Christiansen-Croy, 8-George Strawbridge Jr.

Sinsel (Brz) (Alpha) could upset this field. After shipping in from Brazil, he had a tough trip in the GII Del Mar Mile and might fare better here with smoother sailing. Based on his form in Brazil, he should appreciate the stretch out in distance. His stablemate, **Atitlan** (The Factor), just missed in the Del Mar Handicap and won the GII Charles Whittingham Stakes the last time he tried this nine-furlong distance. **Atomic Age** (Justify) was dismissed at 24-1 in the Del Mar Handicap, but there was nothing wrong with his third-place finish. *--Bill Finley*

Saturday, 9/26, Delaware #10, post time: 5:45 p.m. EDT

DELAWARE H.-GIII, $500,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Angel Bella	Union Rags	Haymarket Farm LLC	Beckman	Chuan	112
2	Kinzie Queen	McKinzie	John Holleman and Compton Racing, LLC	Compton	Batista	117
3	Low Country Magic	Good Magic	Haymarket Farm LLC	De Paz	Hernandez	118
4	Regaled	Mohaymen	Ribble Farms, LLC, Hoolie Racing Stable, LLC, and Kamp Racing Stables, LLC	Beckman	Ramos	121
5	Eunomia	Tiz the Law	St. Elias Stable, WSS Racing, Turf Express Racing, Inc. and Miller Racing LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Husbands	124
6	Margie's Intention	Honor A. P.	Delta Squad Racing LLC, Michael Dubb, Madaket Stables LLC and Michael J. Caruso	Cox	Marin	121
7	Chasten	Into Mischief	Juddmonte	Cox	Rivera, Jr.	120
8	Nerazurri	Protonico	Michael H. Eiserman	Casse	Concepcion	120
9	Social Fortress	Social Inclusion	Joseph M. Imbesi and Charles B. Johnson	Sacco	Gil	116
10	Take Charge Omaha	Omaha Beach	Hard Knocks Racing Partners LLC	Sims	Gutierrez	118
11	Miss Authentic	Authentic	Twin Oaks Bloodstock LLC	Kenneally	Loveberry	119

Breeders: 1-Cina Forgason, 2-Curtis C. Green, 3-Haymarket Farm LLC, 4-Chris Baccari, 5-Breed First, LLC, 6-Coteau Grove Farms, LLC, 7-Juddmonte, 8-Porta Pia Stables LLC, 9-Joseph Imbesi, 10-Haymarket Farm, 11-Warran J. Harang

Eunomia (Tiz the Law) outdueled her foes to win the GI Clement L. Hirsch Stakes in her last start and may be facing easier here for Saffie Joseph, Jr. Has been working lights out since that win. **Regaled** (Mohaymen) won this race last year and did so by 6 1/4 lengths, but has not won since. However, she's coming off a big effort in the GII Fleur De Lis Stakes and is the main threat to the top selection. **Nerazurri** (Protonico) was a distant third in each of her last two starts, but still stacks up well here on the numbers. *--Bill Finley*

Saturday, 9/26, Churchill Downs #9, post time: 4:58 p.m. EDT

ACK ACK S.-GIII, $400,000, 3yo/up, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Macho Music	Maclean's Music	Mark Fletcher Taylor, Rohan Crichton & Daniel Walters	Crichton	Loveberry	121
2	Arrowthegreat	Arrogate	Double L Racing, Radley Equine, Inc., John Cavalli, Jim Crews, Rick Gold, Allan Harris Lerch, Brian Malarkey, and Dave Odmark	Blacker	Hernandez, Jr.	121
3	Owen Almighty	Speightstown	Flying Dutchmen Breeding and Racing LLC	Lynch	Arrieta	123
4	Bishops Bay	Uncle Mo	KAS Stables	Cox	Gaffalione	123
5	Prince of Power	Runhappy	David Jacobson	Jacobson	Rodriguez	121
6	Coal Battle	Coal Front	Norman Stables LLC	Briley	Vargas	121
7	East Avenue	Medaglia d'Oro	Godolphin, LLC	Walsh	Torres	123
8	Nu What's New	Munnings	Doubledown Stables, Inc.	DiVito	Saez	123

Breeders: 1-Bridlewood Farm, 2-Hinkle Farms, 3-Mark Stanley, 4-WinStar Farm, LLC, 5-Bryan M. Carney, 6-Hume Wornall & Jay Adcock, 7-Godolphin, 8-BlackRidge Stables LLC

'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Bishops Bay** (Uncle Mo) is in career-best form and loves the one-turn mile, having won the GII Cigar Mile Handicap, the GIII Forty Niner Stakes and the GIII Westchester Stakes going eight furlongs around one turn. He won the GIII Iselin Stakes last out, a race that came up super tough considering that it was a Grade III. **Nu What's New** (Munnings) will likely set the pace, is coming off a big effort in the GIII Hanshin Stakes and it looks like Luis Saez picked this one over **Owen Almighty** (Speightstown). **East Avenue** (Medaglia d'Oro), another 'Rising Star', beat the top pick in the GIII Salvator Mile and may have bounced in the Iselin. Don't overlook. *--Bill Finley*

Saturday, 9/26, Belmont #9, post time: 4:44 p.m. EDT

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VOSBURGH S.-GIII, $250,000, 3yo/up, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Moonlight	Audible	Tom Kagele	Miller	Ortiz	126
2	El Grande O	Take Charge Indy	Sanford J. Goldfarb, Ilkay Kantarmaci, and Estate of Ira Davis	Kantarmaci	Fresu	126
3	Senior Officer	Into Mischief	Qatar Racing LLC	Cox	Prat	126
4	Doc Sullivan	Solomini	Tristar Farm LLC	Green	Santana, Jr.	126
5	Bring the Smoke	Preservationist	Awestrike Racing, Berry Family Racing, LLC, Legion Racing, GLAM Racing and Clarke Ohrstrom	Beckman	Zayas	126
6	Ignite the Light	Into Mischief	Jay Em Ess Stable	Dutrow, Jr.	Velazquez	126
7	Crazy Mason	Coal Front	Donna Wright and Reeves Thoroughbred Racing	Sacco	Franco	126
8	Contrary Thinking	Into Mischief	Lucky Hat Racing LLC and EGL-One Racing	Green	Davis	126
9	Buttah	Leofric	Eddie F's Racing	Kantarmaci	Castellano	126
10	T Kraft	Connect	LRE Racing LLC	Mott	Alvarado	126

Breeders: 1-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC, 2-Stonewall Farm, 3-2500 Determined Stud, 4-Seamus Coughlan, 5-Brereton C. Jones, 6-Samantha Siegel, 7-Gmbracstables LLC, Mr. & Mrs. RamonRangel & Mr. & Mrs. Zachary Madden, 8-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 9-Fedwell Farms, 10-Dr. John Eaton & Dr. Steve Laymon

This one is a real head-scratcher. **Contrary Thinking** (Into Mischief) was drilled last year in all three attempts in graded stakes races, but is doing better now that he has joined the Amelia Green barn and has been turned back into a sprinter. There's not a lot of speed in here and this one might get an easy lead on the front end. **T Kraft** (Connect) and **Senior Officer** (Into Mischief) finished in a dead heat for second in the GI Forego Stakes. Both have solid chances. Watch out for **Ignite the Light** (Into Mischief), who is coming back in seven days after a good try in the Stable Recovery Stakes at Parx. Trainer Rick Dutrow has a history of winning with horses that he reels right back. *--BF*

Saturday, 9/26, Santa Anita #9, post time: 8:00 p.m. EDT

JOHN C. HARRIS S.-GIII, $100,000, 3yo, f, 6 1/2fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Mo' Em Down	Caracaro	Altamira Racing Stable, Tom Kagele Ernest Marchosky	Miller	Hernandez	120
2	Seeking Attention	Yaupon	C R K Stable LLC	Eurton	Ayuso	120
3	Brave Deb	Authentic	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Mandella	Rosario	124
4	Yours Sincerely (Ire)	Cable Bay (Ire)	Benowitz Family Trust, CYBT, Madaket Stables, LLC McLean Racing Stables, McClanahan, Jerry and Miachel Nentwig	D'Amato	Rispoli	120
5	R Slew of Cash	Knicks Go	Averill Racing LLC and Freeman, Clark C.	Joseph, Jr.	Gonzalez	120
6	Surfin' U. S. A.	Rock Your World	Siegel, Barry and Sondheimer, Eric	Powell	Kimura	120
7	Come On Om	Om Harris Farms, Inc.	McCarthy	Baze	120	
8	Day to Day	McKinzie	BAG Racing Stables LLC, C2 Racing Stable LLC Deters, Charles H., Fowler, Barry and Taylor, Mark J.	Joseph, Jr.	Lopez	122
9	Run With Liberty	Originaire (Ire)	BG Stables	Mullins	Frey	120
10	Little Opal	Caravaggio	Donald R. Dizney LLC	O'Neill	Jaramillo	120

Breeders: 1-Pope McLean, Marc McLean & Pope McLeanJr., 2-Springhouse Farm, 3-Spendthrift Farm, LLC, 4-Mr Alwarith Ibrahim Al Hadhrami, 5-Chris & Mackenzie Johnson, 6-Schiano Racing, Inc & MullikinThoroughbreds, 7-Harris Farms, Inc., 8-R. Larry Johnson, 9-BG Stables, 10-Donald R. Dizney, LLC

Based on the Beyer figures, **Little Opal** (Caravaggio) is much faster than anyone in here. But she still has to prove that she can handle stakes company and stretch out beyond five furlongs. In a weak stakes race, despite those factors, she's the obvious pick. **Yours Sincerely (Ire)** (Cable Bay {Ire}) improved a ton in her last start. Might run her best when she has Lasix. **Brave Deb** (Authentic) didn't lift her feet when last seen back in October in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf. She did, however, win a Grade III event in her prior start. --*Bill Finley*

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Sunday, 9/27, Santa Anita #4, post time: 5:30 p.m. EDT

SANTA ANITA SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP S. PRESENTED BY ESTRELLA JALISCO-GII, $200,000, 3yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Listenupshance	Shancelot	Great Friends Stables and Run Fast Racing	O'Neill	Jaramillo	126
2	Imagination	Into Mischief	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Bashor Racing LLC, Robert E. Masterson, Waves Edge Capital LLC, Catherine Donovan, and Front Row Club LLC	Baffert	Hernandez	124
3	Ahrens	Modernist	Desert Sun Stables	Sadler	Rosario	118
4	March of Time	Justify	Bregman Family Racing LLC, Buehler Family, and Natalie J. Baffert	Baffert	Kimura	122
5	Maximum Bourbon	Maximum Security	Agave Racing Stable, Rockin Robin Racing Stables, and Evan Trommer	D'Amato	Rispoli	122

Breeders: 1-Al and Michelle Crawford Racing, 2-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC, 3-John D. Stuart, 4-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt, 5-Nicholas M. Lotz & Mr. & Mrs. Troy Reed

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Sunday, 9/27, Santa Anita #8, post time: 7:30 p.m. EDT

ZENYATTA S. PRESENTED BY FANDUEL-GII, $200,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Majestic Oops	Majestic Harbor	Agave Racing Stable, Medallion Racing, Sheila Regan, and Evan Trommer	D'Amato	Rispoli	124
2	She's No Quant	Pavel	Reddam Racing LLC	Freeman	Berrios	118
3	Super Corredora	Gun Runner	Spartan Equine Racing LLC, West Point T'breds, Robert C. Gardiner, and Michael W. Olszewski	Sadler	Rosario	120
4	Om N Joy	Om	Baker Stables, LLC, Scanlan Racing LLC, and Michael Golovko	Ordonez	Desormeaux	126
5	Howin	Gun Runner	Baoma Corp	Baffert	Jaramillo	122
6	Rabeeba	Curlin	Michael Lund Petersen	Baffert	Hernandez	120
7	Magnificat	Omaha Beach	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Mandella	Smith	122

Breeders: 1-William Dory, Sandy Dory, Gary Kropp &Janet Kropp, 2-Reddam Racing, LLC, 3-Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC, 4-Jerry Baker & Connie Baker, 5-Coffee Pot Stables, 6-Stone Farm, 7-Spendthrift Farm, LLC

Sunday, 9/27, Remington #12, post time: 9:45 p.m. EDT

OKLAHOMA DERBY-GIII, $400,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	The Hell We Did	Authentic	Peacock Family Racing Stable, LLC	Fincher	Vazquez	124
2	Silent Tactic	Tacitus	John C. Oxley and Victoriam Farm	Casse	Torres	124
3	J J Grey	Street Boss	Shamrock Stables LLC, MJM Racing & Magdalena Racing	McPeek	Esquivel	124
4	Zihnal	Quality Road	Augustin Stables	Thomas	Velazquez	124
5	Pavlovian	Pavel	Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Cabrera	124
6	Fuzzbuster	Tiz the Law	BBN Racing, LLC	Oliver	Gutierrez	124
7	Chad Allan	Union Rags	Gentry Farms	Young	Franco	124
8	Crupper	Candy Ride (Arg)	Robert H. Zoellner	Von Hemel	Garcia	124
9	Tricky Business	Vekoma	R. A. Hill Stable	Weaver	Lopez	124
10	Vintage Cowboy	Essential Quality	BC Stables, LLC	Asmussen	Asmussen	124

Breeders: 1-Joe R. Peacock, Jr, 2-Don Alberto Corporation, 3-Dermot Carty, 4-George Strawbridge Jr., 5-Reddam Racing, LLC, 6-Cobra B'stock/Lynch Bages LTD, 7-Gentry Farms, 8-Robert H. Zoellner, 9-R. A. Hill Stable, 10-Fred W. Hertrich III, John D. Fielding& Robert L. Tribbett

Zihnal (Quality Road) has always had the look of a horse who took his time putting it all together. He finally got it right when winning the GIII West Virginia Derby by 6 1/4 lengths. Was scratched out of the GI Pennsylvania Derby for this softer spot. Is the the "now" horse. Draw a line through a horrendous race by **Silent Tactic** (Tacitus) in the GI Travers Stakes. Trainer Mark Casse would never be bringing him back so quickly if he didn't have an excuse for that race. Before that, he was knocking heads with the likes of Renegade (Into Mischief) and Commandment (Into Mischief). **Tricky Business** (Vekoma) is in great form, but must prove he can with outside of the New York-bred ranks. --*Bill Finley*

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Sunday, 9/27, Belmont #7, post time: 4:40 p.m. EDT

BELMONT TURF SPRINT S.-GIII, $200,000, 3yo/up, 6fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Waralo	War Dancer	My Purple Haze Stables	Englehart	Lezcano	124
2	Twenty Six Black	War Dancer	Roger Cimbora, Jr.	De Paz	Franco	124
3	Let My People Go	Pioneerof the Nile	David Staudacher	Maker	Santana, Jr.	124
4	Card Trick	Liam's Map	Brian J. Tobin	Allard	Davis	124
5	Jean Valjean	Uncle Lino	Martha Nevins and Michael Pawasarat	Merryman	Torres	124
6	Alogon	California Chrome	Charles T. Matses	Allard	Boyce	126
7	Egyptian Mau (Saf)	Fire Away	Team Valor International LLC	Drysdale	Fresu	121
8	Spirited Sol	Soldat	Winterhawk Farm	Rice	Rojas	124

Breeders: 1-Casey Newick LLC, 2-Roger Cimbora Jr., 3-Merriebelle Stable, LLC &Pioneerof the Nile Syndicate, 4-Orrin H. Ingram, 5-Hasting Farm, 6-Charles T. Matses, 7-Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein, 8-Tag Stables

Sunday, 9/27, Belmont #8, post time: 5:15 p.m. EDT

WINTER MEMORIES S.-GIII, $200,000, 3yo, f, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Kokomotion	Quality Road	Icon Racing Stable	Beckman	Zayas	120
2	Crossover Capital (Fr)	Zarak (Fr)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Franco	120
3	Peppermint Twist	Not This Time	Lee Pokoik	Weaver	Lezcano	120
4	Victory Hall	Independence Hall	Twin Sports Racing, Cypresshead Racing, LLC, and Let's Go Racing	Morley	Maragh	120
5	Flowerhead (Ire)	Starman (GB)	Amo Racing USA LLC	Clover	Fresu	120
6	Queen of Hawaii (Ire)	Kingman (GB)	Lindy Farms	Antonacci	Santana, Jr.	124
7	Ultimate Love	Curlin	Live Oak Plantation	Trombetta	Castellano	120
8	Lovely Grey	Vekoma	Go Go Greys Stable	Danner	Davis	120
9	Sister Troienne	Munnings	Woodslane Racing LLC	Lynch	Alvarado	122
10	Alone Time	Justify	John D. Gunther and Eurowest Bloodstock Services	DeVaux	Carmouche	120
11	Shelzawa (Fr)	Zelzal (Fr)	Madaket Stables LLC, Michael Dubb, William Strauss, William J. Rucker, and Michael J. Caruso	Brown	Prat	120

Breeders: 1-Gage Hill Stable II, LLC, W. S. Farish& Ken Langone, 2-La Motteraye SC, 3-Ciaglia Racing & River Oak Farm, 4-Stonegate Stables LLC & EverythingsCricket Racing, 5-Tally-Ho Stud, 6-Mrs Susan Roy & Mr Nicolas Wrigley, 7-Live Oak Stud, 8-Joann Adams & Katy Lee, LLC, 9-Woodslane Farm, 10-John D. Gunther, Tanya Gunther &Eurowest Bloodstock Services, 11-Mme Marie-Laure Collet & Mr TeddyPoirier

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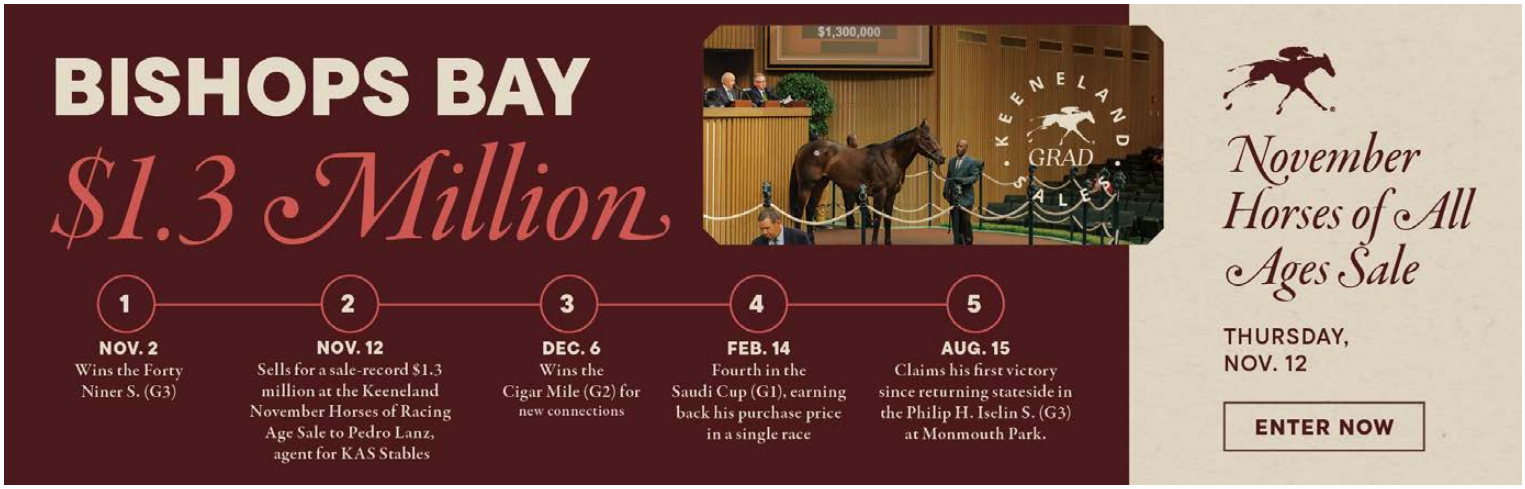

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1st-BEL, $100K, Msw, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:10 p.m. ET

Godolphin homebred **Claim the Throne** (Medaglia d'Oro), produced by a winning full-sister to Horse of the Year Sovereignty (Into Mischief), debuts for Hall of Famer Bill Mott. She worked a bullet four furlongs in :47 (1/27) at Belmont Sept. 14. Jose Ortiz has the mount.

Peter Brant's **Harumi** (Life Is Good), a $550,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling, gets her career started for trainer Chad Brown. The 2-1 morning-line favorite was produced by GSW Coach Rocks (Oxbow).

Brown also trains fellow firster and St Elias Stable homebred **Beauty Truth Good** (Into Mischief), who hails from the extended female family of Bluegrass Cat, Girolamo, Rhythm, Super Saver, et al. **TJCIS PPS**

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

3rd-Churchill Downs, $127,964, Alw, 9-24, (NW3L), 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.61, fm, head.

ESSENTIAL LADY (f, 3, Essential Quality--Lady Shipman {GSW-Can, MSW & GISP-USA, $902,387}, by Midshipman), a half-sister to two-time Breeders' Cup winner Golden Pal (Uncle Mo), GISW-USA, GSP-Eng, $1,825,131, made it two straight wins with a last-to-first victory at odds of 8-1 here. She defeated favored Spin a Tune (Hard Spun) by a head. Essential Lady entered off a win in the Curtis Sampson Oaks at Canterbury June 27. The talented turf sprinter Lady Shipman had a filly by Not This Time this year and was bred back to Nyquist. Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-0, $155,744. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel Racing**.

O-Ranlo Investments LLC; B-Randall E. Lowe (KY); T-Jonathan Thomas.

TODAY'S FEATURED REPLAY



ESSENTIAL LADY *(Essential Quality) wins second straight.*
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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

1st-Belmont, $100,000, (S), Msw, 9-24, 2yo, f, 1mT, 1:35.04, fm, 3 1/4 lengths.

CARPET CITY (f, 2, Maximus Mischief--Candy On the Rocks, by Twirling Candy), fourth as the 3-1 favorite going 5 1/2 furlongs over the Saratoga lawn Sept. 4, was racing with blinkers off on this stretch out to a mile. Sixth through a half mile in :47.66, the 2-1 choice waited in traffic on the far turn and shot through an opening along the inside in the stretch to win going away by 3 1/4 lengths. The winner's dam had a colt by Central Banker in 2025 and a filly by Bustin Stones this year. Sales history: $15,000 Wlg '24 KEENOV; $50,000 Ylg '25 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $84,900. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel Racing**.

O-Alfred Riccio; B-Amy Boll (NY); T-Kenneth G. McPeek.

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1st-Woodbine, C$83,198, Msw, 9-24, 2yo, f, 5f (AWT), :59.37, ft, 5 3/4 lengths.

FROM TIME TO TIME (f, 2, Not This Time--Medaglia Mo, by Medaglia d'Oro), a debut ninth at 42-1 over the Woodbine lawn Aug. 15, looked like a different horse on the synthetic here. Adding Lasix, the 8-5 chalk shot out to the front and wasn't for catching despite hanging on her left lead down the stretch. It was 5 3/4 lengths back to Yerwan (Caracaro) in second. The winner's dam, also responsible for a yearling colt by Life Is Good and a Not This Time filly of this year, was bred back to the latter stallion for 2027. Sales history: $500,000 Ylg '25 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $34,820. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel Racing**.

O-Gregory Tramontin; B-Siena Farms LLC (KY); T-Mark E. Casse.

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5th-Delaware, $45,250, Msw, 9-24, 2yo, f, 1m (off turf), 1:41.92, ft, 7 1/4 lengths.

HIDDEN RHYTHM (f, 2, Upstart--Winning Rhythm {GSP, $209,476}, by Giant's Causeway), third as the favorite going seven furlongs at Colonial Aug. 27, was adding blinkers in this off the turfer. Drawn widest of all in post nine, the even-money favorite raced four wide around the first turn. She sat a tracking trip from there, struck the front on the far turn and opened daylight to graduate by 7 1/4 lengths. Sales history: $17,000 Ylg '25 KEESEP; $130,000 2yo '26 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $34,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel Racing**.

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FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, SEPT. 25

2026 Stud Fees Listed

Corniche (Quality Road), Coolmore Ashford, $15,000
109 foals of racing age/8 winners/2 black-type winners
1-Laurel, 12:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Jersey Corn, 8-1
$90,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; $45,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $50,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Drain the Clock (Maclean's Music), Gainesway Farm, $10,000
134 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Belmont, 4:42 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Cut Down the Nets, 8-1
$19,000 RNA FTN MIX wnl; $50,000 SAR AUG yrl; $110,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Early Voting (Gun Runner), Taylor Made Farm, $12,500
116 foals of racing age/10 winners/2 black-type winners
6-Sunset Six, 7:41 p.m. EDT, Msw 6fT, Miss Midterm, 10-1
$100,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $210,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Epicenter (Not This Time), Coolmore Ashford, $25,000
206 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Delaware, 3:09 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6f, Hay Hay Renee, 6-1
$27,000 KEE SEP yrl; $75,000 OBS APR 2yo

7-Churchill Downs, 3:50 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16mT, Lexi's Epic Ride, 30-1
$115,000 KEE SEP yrl; $130,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Fire At Will (Declaration of War), Mountain View Farm, $2,500
24 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Belmont, 4:42 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, God of Fire, 10-1

Golden Pal (Uncle Mo), Coolmore Ashford, $25,000
204 foals of racing age/24 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Sunset Six, 7:41 p.m. EDT, Msw 6fT, Goldenlynn, 5-2
$40,000 KEE NOV wnl; $82,000 FTK FEB wnl; $70,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $70,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo; $115,000 OBS OPN 2yo
1-Sunset Six, 3:38 p.m. EDT, Aoc 5fT, Party Mix, 7-5
$30,000 OBS WIN wnl; $30,000 KEE SEP yrl; $80,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo; $50,000 OBS OAP 2yo

Greatest Honour (Tapit), Spendthrift Farm, $7,500
117 foals of racing age/14 winners/1 black-type winner
2-Charles Town, 7:32 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Ajax the Great, 15-1

Gretzky the Great (Nyquist), Haras HM and Haras La Celeste, private
17 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Sunset Six, 3:38 p.m. EDT, Aoc 5fT, Army Salute, 4-1
$13,000 OBS WIN wnl

Highly Motivated (Into Mischief), Airdrie Stud, $7,500
98 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Laurel, 2:32 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Mischief Mind, 12-1
$20,000 KEE NOV wnl; $19,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl; $45,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Keepmeinmind (Laoban), Whispering Oaks Farm, $2,000
42 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
7-Belmont, 4:42 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Ed Charles, 20-1
$28,000 FTD JUL wnl; $47,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; $37,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl; $60,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Life Is Good (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, $60,000
133 foals of racing age/12 winners/2 black-type winners
1-Belmont, 1:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Harumi, 2-1
$550,000 FTS AUG yrl

Mandaloun (Into Mischief), Juddmonte Farms, $10,000
100 foals of racing age/8 winners/2 black-type winners
1-Sunset Six, 3:38 p.m. EDT, Aoc 5fT, Detox, 6-1
$55,000 KEE NOV wnl

Mind Control (Stay Thirsty), Rockridge Stud, $6,000
123 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Belmont, 4:42 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Eastpointe, 20-1

Mystic Guide (Ghostzapper), Darley, $7,500
101 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Belmont, 4:42 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, All About Soul, 15-1
$72,000 KEE NOV wnl; $150,000 SAR AUG yrl

Nashville (Speightstown), WinStar Farm, $12,500
140 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Delaware, 3:09 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6f, Philly Ruckus, 8-1
$42,000 FTK OCT yrl; $70,000 OBS APR 2yo
7-Belmont, 4:42 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Spicy Chicken, 10-1
$95,000 RNA KEE JAN wnl; $185,000 SAR AUG yrl

Olympiad (Speightstown), Gainesway Farm, $20,000
149 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Churchill Downs, 3:50 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16mT, Olympic Belle, 6-1
$190,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Speaker's Corner (Street Sense), Darley, $10,000
111 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Delaware, 12:33 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Sound Check, 5-1

Tap Master (Tapit), Esquirol Farms, $2,500
16 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Century Downs, 10:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Danger Cat, 20-1
CAN$12,000 RNA ALB MIX yrl

True Valour (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Legacy Farm, private
11 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Laurel, 12:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Betterpartofvalour, 2-1
1-Laurel, 12:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Do the Right Thing, 5-1

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LEADING FIRST-CROP SIRES OF 2026

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSH	GISW	Strtrs	Wnrs	Earnings
1	Golden Pal	1	6	0	0	71	24	$2,335,656
2	Greatest Honour	1	4	0	0	47	14	$709,768
3	Roadster	1	2	0	0	25	13	$810,588
4	Life Is Good	2	6	3	1	49	12	$1,551,429
5	Jack Christopher	1	2	0	0	47	12	$942,741

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SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, SEPT. 25
2026 Stud Fees Listed

Charlatan (Speightstown), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, $25,000
323 foals of racing age/59 winners/7 black-type winners
6-Laurel, 2:32 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Replicate, 5-1
$120,000 KEE NOV wnl; $5,000 KEE SEP yrl

Essential Quality (Tapit), Darley, $25,000
218 foals of racing age/57 winners/8 black-type winners
6-Prairie Meadows, 8:07 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Follow the Prints, 6-1
$10,000 KEE SEP yrl
9-Prairie Meadows, 9:25 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Long Reign, 5-1
$7,000 KEE SEP yrl; $19,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo; $19,000 OBS OJN 2yo
2-Breeders Cup Future Wager, 6:00 p.m. EDT, $7000K GI Longines Breeders' Cup Classic Future Wager Pool 2, 1 1/4m, The Puma, 20-1
$95,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $150,000 OBS APR 2yo

Knicks Go (Paynter), Kor, private
170 foals of racing age/62 winners/3 black-type winners
6-Laurel, 2:32 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Tiz a God, 20-1
$40,000 OBS APR 2yo

Lexitonian (Speightstown), Calumet Farm, $7,500
93 foals of racing age/31 winners/4 black-type winners
7-Century Downs, 11:03 p.m. EDT, Msw 3 1/2f, Go Kwik, 15-1
CAN$34,000 RNA ALB MIX yrl

Maxfield (Street Sense), Darley, $50,000
196 foals of racing age/51 winners/7 black-type winners
7-Belmont, 4:42 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Cartridge, 15-1
$80,000 KEE NOV wnl; $190,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $75,000 FTK OCT yrl



Silver State (Hard Spun), Claiborne Farm, $7,500
173 foals of racing age/44 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Laurel, 2:32 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Bet Me, 15-1
$45,000 EAS MAY 2yo

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Talentuoso, g, 5, **Omaha Beach**. See "*France*".

ADDITIONAL RACING

STAKES RESULTS:
CATLAUNCH S., (NB) $75,000, Thistledown, 9-24, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45.70, ft.
1--**CASUAL ATTIRE, 117, g, 6, National Flag--Miss Emma Maria, by Tiznow**. O-Blazing Meadows Farm LLC; B-WinBlaze, LLC (OH); T-Timothy E. Hamm; J-Rocco Bowen. $45,000. Lifetime Record: 37-8-6-5, $338,755. *Full to Parlay, SW, $369,685.
2--**Shadowy**, 121, g, 5, National Flag--Feeling Ethereal, by Union Rags. O/B-Blazing Meadows Farm LLC & Brian Kahn (OH); T-Timothy E. Hamm. $15,000.
3--**Ronnis Second Wind**, 121, g, 4, Indy Wind--Ronni's Secret, by Sun King. O-Nana's Nest, Cline, Robert C. and Metz, Bryan; B-Frank Ballard (OH); T-Robert C. Cline. $7,500.
Margins: HF, 2HF, 2 3/4. Odds: 21.00, 1.70, 2.30.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

5th-Belmont, $105,000, (S), 9-24, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:36.72, ft, 4 1/4 lengths.
BASEBALL LADY (f, 3, By My Standards--Surprise Cameo {MSP, $176,098}, by Giant Surprise) Lifetime Record: 15-3-3-1, $178,730. O-Alpha Phi Delta Racing; B-Topsmeade LLC & Robert O'Brien (NY); T-Linda Rice. *$7,000 Wlg '23 KEENOV; $20,000 Ylg '24 OBSWIN.

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2nd-Woodbine, C$88,642, (NW2L)/Opt. Clm ($35,452), 9-24, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:35.41, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.
TELEPORT (IRE) (g, 3, Lope de Vega {Ire}--Gravitee {Fr}, by Galileo {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-1, $105,358. O-Repole Stable & Newtown Anner Stud Farm; B-Newtown Anner Stud (IRE); T-Kevin Attard. *300,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT. **1/2 to Juwelier (Ire) (Wootton Bassett {GB}), GSW-Ger, GISP-USA, $207,904.

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7th-Delaware, $46,350, (NW2L)/Opt. Clm ($50,000), 9-24, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.86, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.
GOLD LIGHT (g, 3, Frosted--Select Friday {MSP}, by Kantharos) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-1, $50,940. O-Victoria's Ranch; B-Ralph Kinder, Erv Woolsey & Charles Kidder (KY); T-Juan Carlos Avila. *$17,000 Ylg '24 FTKOCT; $20,000 2yo '25 OBSMAR.

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7th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, $43,000, (S), 9-24, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.51, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.
MY LUNAR CHARM (g, 3, Charming Kitten--My Lunar Love, by Proud Citizen) Lifetime Record: 13-2-5-1, $128,085. O-Blaine Davidson; B-Triple D Partners LLC (IN); T-Stephen V. Fosdick.

7th-Presque Isle Downs, $38,610, 9-23, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:40.24, ft, head.
CLASSIC NOFTY (g, 3, Classic Empire--Move, by Silver Train) Lifetime Record: SP, 8-3-0-1, $114,490. O-HnR Nothhaft Horse Racing LLC; B-HnR Nothhaft Horseracing LLC (PA); T-Phil Schoenthal.

5th-Thistledown, $38,400, (NW3X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 9-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.24, ft, 1/2 length.
BELLE BOTTOMS (f, 4, Tapiture--Bellamy Brooke, by Bellamy Road) Lifetime Record: SP, 25-7-6-5, $241,482. O-Rivera Racing Stables LLC; B-Robert M. Gorham (OH); T-Nestor R. Rivera.

3rd-Thistledown, $38,400, (S), 9-24, (NW2X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.74, ft, 1/2 length.
COLORYOUREGGS (f, 4, Birdrun--Media Rules, by Mass Media) Lifetime Record: 16-5-5-2, $158,518. O-Nana's Nest and Cline, Robert C.; B-Sundy & Josh Creekmore (OH); T-Robert C. Cline.

1st-Thistledown, $35,800, (S), 9-24, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.44, ft, neck.
KIDDIE COCKTAIL (f, 3, Vino Rosso--Vienna's Waltz, by Freud) Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-3, $59,745. O/B-Smokin C LLC (OH); T-Robert M. Gorham. *1/2 to Box Step (Tapiture), SP, $194,793.

7th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, $19,530, (S), 9-23, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:43.00, gd, 1 1/2 lengths.
TRUST THE CLIMB (g, 3, Limehouse--Paz the Wine, by Mission Impazible) Lifetime Record: 13-3-4-2, $68,847. O-Robert Proulx; B-O'Sullivan Farms (WV); T-Michael E. Jones, Jr.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Gin for Gem, f, 2, **Jimmy Creed**--Ginforthewin, by Violence. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 9-24, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04.84. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $21,600. B-Hazel III LLC (IN). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

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Rebelka, f, 2, **Roadster**--Rainbows and Roses, by Bodemeister. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 9-24, (C), 5fT, :56.96. Lifetime Record: 7-1-3-1, $44,840. B-FMQ Stables, Inc (KY). *$3,000 Wlg '24 KEENOV. **14th winner for freshman sire (by Quality Road).
Yo' Lion, g, 2, **Yockey's Warrior**--Lion Queen, by Lion Heart. Louisiana Downs, 9-23, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04.15. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $15,600. B-Perry Day & Joey Foster (LA). *1ST-TIME STARTER.
Dagwoods Legacy, f, 3, **Den's Legacy**--Bodies Arch, by Bodemeister. Louisiana Downs, 9-23, 7 1/2fT, 1:32.10. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $15,900. B-Double S Dreams (TX).
Eye On the Ball, g, 3, **Dialed In**--Pirouette, by Twirling Candy. Belmont, 9-24, (S), (C), 6fT, 1:08.26. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-1, $54,569. B-Merrylegs Farm North LLC (NY).
Power Vision, f, 3, **Higher Power**--Runaway's Vision, by Pollard's Vision. Belterra, 9-24, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:19.75. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-1, $19,845. B-Bryan A Metz & Deborah F Metz (OH).
Tachin Up, g, 3, **Mo Town**--Seven Feathers, by Stephanotis. Assiniboia Downs, 9-23, 6f, 1:13.93. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, $10,873. B-Shelley Anne Todd (KY). *$19,000 Ylg '24 FTDAPR.
That's a Benjamin, f, 3, **Practical Joke**--Kitten Empress, by Kitten's Joy. Churchill Downs, 9-24, (C), 6f, 1:10.61. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, $50,980. B-Teneri Farms Inc (KY). *$70,000 Wlg '23 KEENOV; $120,000 Ylg '24 FTKJUL; $285,000 2yo '25 EASMAY.

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Blazing Tiger, c, 3, **Twirling Candy**--Tiger Silk (Aus) (SP-NZ), by All American (Aus). Belmont, 9-24, 6 1/2fT, 1:14.13. Lifetime Record: 7-1-4-1, $159,700. B-Sunnybrook Stables LLC (KY). *$90,000 Wlg '23 KEENOV; $200,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP. **1/2 to Dashingly (Liam's Map), MSP, $177,002.

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Birdrun, Coloryoureggs, f, 4, o/o Media Rules, by Mass Media. ALW, 9-24, Thistledown
By My Standards, Baseball Lady, f, 3, o/o Surprise Cameo, by Giant Surprise. ALW, 9-24, Belmont
Charming Kitten, My Lunar Charm, g, 3, o/o My Lunar Love, by Proud Citizen. ALW, 9-24, Horseshoe Indianapolis
Classic Empire, Classic Nofty, g, 3, o/o Move, by Silver Train. ALW, 9-23, Presque Isle Downs



Essential Lady (Essential Quality), a half-sister to two-time Breeders' Cup winner Golden Pal, scores at Churchill Downs
Coady Media

Den's Legacy, Dagwoods Legacy, f, 3, o/o Bodies Arch, by Bodemeister. MSW, 9-23, Louisiana Downs
Dialed In, Eye On the Ball, g, 3, o/o Pirouette, by Twirling Candy. MCL, 9-24, Belmont
Essential Quality, Essential Lady, f, 3, o/o Lady Shipman, by Midshipman. ALW, 9-24, Churchill Downs
Frosted, Gold Light, g, 3, o/o Select Friday, by Kantharos. AOC, 9-24, Delaware
Higher Power, Power Vision, f, 3, o/o Runaway's Vision, by Pollard's Vision. MSW, 9-24, Belterra
Jimmy Creed, Gin for Gem, f, 2, o/o Ginforthewin, by Violence. MSW, 9-24, Horseshoe Indianapolis
Limehouse, Trust the Climb, g, 3, o/o Paz the Wine, by Mission Impazible. ALW, 9-23, Mountaineer
Lope de Vega (Ire), Teleport (Ire), g, 3, o/o Gravitee (Fr), by Galileo (Ire). AOC, 9-24, Woodbine



Maximus Mischief, Carpet City, f, 2, o/o Candy On the Rocks, by Twirling Candy. MSW, 9-24, Belmont
Mo Town, Tachin Up, g, 3, o/o Seven Feathers, by Stephanotis. MSW, 9-23, Assiniboia
National Flag, Casual Attire, g, 6, o/o Miss Emma Maria, by Tiznow. Catlaunch S., 9-24, Thistledown
Not This Time, From Time to Time, f, 2, o/o Medaglia Mo, by Medaglia d'Oro. MSW, 9-24, Woodbine
Practical Joke, That's a Benjamin, f, 3, o/o Kitten Empress, by Kitten's Joy. MCL, 9-24, Churchill Downs
Roadster, Rebelka, f, 2, o/o Rainbows and Roses, by Bodemeister. MCL, 9-24, Horseshoe Indianapolis
Tapiture, Belle Bottoms, f, 4, o/o Bellamy Brooke, by Bellamy Road. AOC, 9-24, Thistledown
Twirling Candy, Blazing Tiger, c, 3, o/o Tiger Silk (Aus), by All American (Aus). MSW, 9-24, Belmont
Upstart, Hidden Rhythm, f, 2, o/o Winning Rhythm, by Giant's Causeway. MSW, 9-24, Delaware
Vino Rosso, Kiddie Cocktail, f, 3, o/o Vienna's Waltz, by Freud. ALW, 9-24, Thistledown
Yockey's Warrior, Yo' Lion, g, 2, o/o Lion Queen, by Lion Heart. MSW, 9-23, Louisiana Downs

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FRIDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2026



SUN GODDESS AND SENORITA BONITA CLASH THE WEEKEND HIGHLIGHT



Sun Goddess | *PA Media*

by Tom Frary

Europe's juveniles take centre stage this weekend, with Newmarket's G1 Tattersalls Middle Park Stakes and G1 Tattersalls Sceptre Sessions Cheveley Park Stakes the main draw along with some intriguing tests for the 2027 Classic prospects.

While the omission of the Coventry winner Great Barrier Reef (No Nay Never) and the Vincent O'Brien National Stakes hero Folsom Blues (Blue Point) leaves the Middle Park a bit lighter than appeared likely earlier this week, it was probably always going to play second fiddle to the fillies' race given the way the action has played out over recent weeks. The six-strong Cheveley Park sees a couple of heavyweights face off in **Sun Goddess** (Sioux Nation) and **Senorita Bonita** (Starspangledbanner), who have both touched the sphere of the spectacular during the summer with no quarter expected and none given on Saturday.

Illuminating a relatively gloomy spell for Ballydoyle in August and September, Sun Goddess has gone from The Curragh to York and back again without a hint of hassle, brushing aside the likes of Folsom Blues and Green Empress on varying surfaces with a sizeable bit of trouble-in-running thrown in on the Knavesmire for good measure. **Cont. p3**

VALIANI PRAISES TATTERSALLS FOR 'HELL OF A GOOD JOB' AFTER SOLID PART 2 TRADE *By Brian Sheerin*

Bloodstock agent Valfredo Valiani labelled the Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling Sale as one of his favourites after signing for the €52,000 Part 2 top lot Lope De Vega colt from Castlebridge, which brought the popular Italian native's haul this week to 10.

All of Valiani's recruits will continue their careers in his native country, with the former trainer-turned-bloodstock agent putting on the record what a great job he feels Tattersalls Ireland do in attracting a broad international buying bench at all levels for this sale. **Cont. p6**

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Where Alpha was at the pecking order in early summer, it is now the daughter of ever-rising sire sensation Sioux Nation who is the undisputed alpha female of Rosegreen.

Senorita Bonita hasn't met Sun Goddess yet, but she has encountered her stablemate Victorious at Royal Ascot and came off second best over five furlongs before turning into a monster over this six in the Prix Morny. In between, she got the better of **Libertango** (No Nay Never) in the Duchess of Cambridge on the July Course and it has to be remembered that Libertango beat Sun Goddess in the Albany so where that leaves everything is anybody's guess. There will be strong opinions either way and fence-sitters in equal measure, but this acute test with its rollercoaster crescendo will provide the answers.



Libertango | *Megan Rose Photography*

Joint trainer Ed Crisford told Tattersalls of his filly, "We've been really pleased with Senorita Bonita since her win in the Prix Morny and she's trained really well into the Cheveley Park, we've all been very happy with her. It looks like it's going to be a cracking race and it's just nice to have a filly that's good enough to take part in a race of this quality."

George Boughey said of Libertango, "The form lines do tie in pretty closely with all three of them. I thought we would probably be a slightly shorter price than we are, but we have been beaten by Senorita Bonita and Aidan's filly was obviously seriously impressive at the Curragh the other day, so I do kind of see the way the market has formed."

"One or two things might have changed from the July Course to here---I think in hindsight we might have been a bit easy on her into Newmarket after Ascot," he added. "She's a filly who takes plenty of work and she's rock-hard fit now." **Cont. p4**





TOO DARN HOT

Sire of four European-bred G1 winners so far in 2026 – and **level with Champion sire Night Of Thunder** by percentage of G1 winners to runners this year, **ahead of every other stallion in Europe**.

1 **Too Darn Hot**
Night Of Thunder
3 Sea The Stars
4 Starspangledbanner
5 Frankel

DATA: ACTIVE EUROPEAN STALLIONS, 50+ RUNNERS, TO 22/09/26

Darley

Weekend Preview Cont.

He said, "By Billy's own admission, he might have hit the front half a furlong too soon and she just wandered around at Newmarket. That's why we were so keen to get her to be produced as late as possible at York, as she was at Ascot."

Back to the Middle Park, where the unbeaten **Push The Boat Out** (Kodi Bear) bids to benefit from Great Barrier Reef's withdrawal following his encounter with the Ballydoyle runner in the Round Tower which saw him come out marginally on top with five pounds less weight on his back. Ace Stud's acquisition has given the impression on both starts so far that he has something left in the tank and he may be one of those that is continuously underestimated.

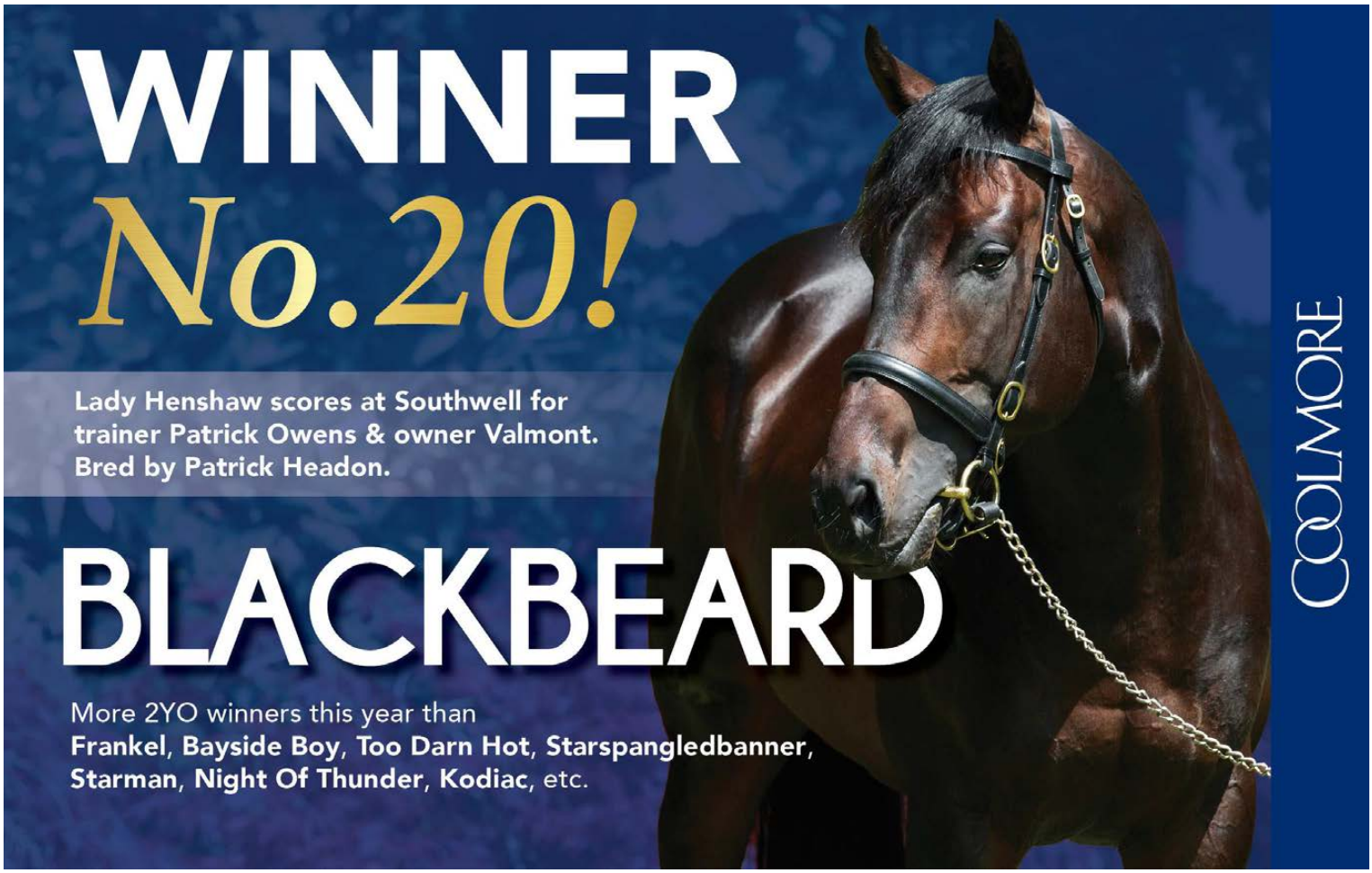


Orthodox | *Megan Rose Photography*

O'Callaghan said, "We're looking forward to running Push The Boat Out in the G1 Tattersalls Middle Park Stakes on Saturday, he's unbeaten, and he beat the Coventry winner [Great Barrier Reef] on his second start. He's a very good horse and we're looking forward to the race."

Godolphin's **Inner City Blues** (Blue Point) is also a Group winner who is two-for-two, but there was no Great Barrier Reef in the July Stakes and he has to step up again while probably the race's real class act is the Norfolk winner **Orthodox** (Havana Grey) who can and should be forgiven a flop in the Morny.

Earlier on Saturday, the G2 Tattersalls Online Royal Lodge Stakes sees the pair of Too Darn Hot colts **Burning Up** and **First Law** head to post for the mile contest with very recent history providing a curious link. Like last year's winner, the behemoth Bow Echo, both are two-for-two with the Karl Burke-trained Burning Up carrying the colours of the Late Sheikh Mohammed Obaid and Godolphin's First Law having won followed Bow Echo's footsteps in Haydock's Ascendant Stakes. **Cont. p5**



Weekend Preview Cont.

In all probability, that is where any comparison with the Boughey superstar ends with this far from a match given that the latter's trainer Charlie Appleby has a colt with better credentials in the Golden Fleece third **Quest For Stars** (Sea The Stars). Aidan O'Brien has the Acomb winner **Haffner** (Justify), but all at Coolmore will also be watching Quest For Stars given how their latest Triple Crown prospect Darkness Falls treated him and co at Leopardstown last time.

Friday's card at Newmarket features the seven-furlong G2 Rockfel Stakes for the two-year-old fillies, where Juddmonte's exciting TDN Rising Star **Spirited Gesture** (Kingman) takes on Wathnan's Prestige Stakes winner **Light Of Dawn** (Showcasing) and the Sweet Solera winner **Sugar Yes Please** (Mohaather) and some other unexposed types.



Light Of Dawn | *Mathea Kelley*

Barry Mahon said of Spirited Gesture, "She's a beautiful filly with a great pedigree and being a sister to Coppice and Calyx, John and Thady know the family well. She looked really good the first day, albeit she probably didn't learn much and Rab [Havlin] thought she was very green again at Newcastle, so hopefully she will have improved from that."

"Going into a Group 2, she will have to have improved in terms of her being streetwise," he added. "You would have liked to have had a third run going into a race like this, but the ground came up very soft at Goodwood when we were hoping to run her. But her work at home is good and we're hopeful of a good run."

Eve Johnson Houghton said of Sugar Yes Please, "This will probably be her last run this year, but I would like to think she will go there with a really good chance. She deserves a step up in class. She has won a Group 3, so the next thing you have to go for is a Group 2." **Cont. p6**



Weekend Preview Cont.

Wathnan's Richard Brown has warned that Light Of Dawn may miss the gig if the ground is deemed too firm. "She won well and enjoyed the move up to seven in the Prestige and we're looking forward to seeing her again, but we will keep an eye on conditions and she won't run if the ground is too quick."

Also out in force on the afternoon is Godolphin's St James's Palace Stakes third **Talk Of New York** (Wootton Bassett) in the G2 Joel Stakes as he is prepared for a potentially big autumn campaign. "I'm very happy with him and he comes here in great order," Charlie Appleby said. "I think the make-up of the race will suit him and on what he has achieved, if he is anywhere near the level he was earlier in the summer, he should be the one to beat."

Completing the portfolio of Classic market-shaping races on the weekend is Saturday's G2 Beresford Stakes at The Curragh, where the impressive Punchestown winner and TDN Rising Star **Noble Exhibit** (Frankel) is one of a trio charged with providing Aidan O'Brien with an astonishing 23rd renewal of the mile feature. It may be that Darkness Falls is so far ahead in the stable pecking order that the result fails to shift the Derby ante-post betting, but the list of recent winners includes Hotazhell, Luxembourg, Japan and Saxon Warrior and this is generally a guide to the following seasons' key players.

The Curragh's Goffs Million boasts a field of 20, with the Prix Morny runner-up **Carry The Flag** (No Nay Never), Windsor Castle winner **King Of Cloughan** (St Mark's Basilica) and the Acomb third and National Stakes fourth **Trean** (Bayside Boy) three of the leading protagonists.

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He said, "I bought 10 this week and, actually, I was able to buy pretty much everything I wanted to buy. I thought there was good value for money, and I think it was a good sale. Everything that I bought is going to Italy and the Lope De Vega will go to Stefano Botti, who is one of the best trainers in Italy. I definitely think my money went a little further this year compared to other years. And, you know, it's not a very long time that I've been doing this job. It's only my eighth year, so I feel that each year I'm learning a bit more. This year, I think I've got better horses, to be sincere."

Valiani added, "I like going to every sale, but I must say that Tattersalls Ireland has done a hell of a job with this sale. It's improved a lot. They've got nicer and nicer horses, and a lot of people like to come here to Ireland and buy here. I know from speaking with my fellow Italians, we like to buy here because it's in the European Union and we pay less for transport and documents compared to Britain." Cont. p7





Valiani spent €52,000 on the Part 2 top lot by Lope De Vega
Tattersalls

Tattersalls Ireland Cont.

The Lope De Vega colt was bred by the late Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum and hails from the family of Enable, which was an added attraction, according to the agent.

He said of the Part 2 top lot, "I'm pretty happy with my week's work on the whole but especially to get the Lope De Vega colt today. He is a horse I liked a lot, and I was a bit afraid I wouldn't be able to get him because I thought he could have been interesting for the breeze-up consignors as well. He looked sharp, so I wasn't sure if I was going to have the money, but a couple of clients of mine told me to do my best, which I did."

Valiani added, "The horse was clean and vetted very well. I liked him. He's quite a nice mover. He's not the biggest one, but he's a Lope De Vega, and has great bone and substance. Being out of a young Dansili mare, I thought we should have a go. He comes from a nice family anyway - I mean, it's Enable's family, so it could be interesting."

The Part 2 aggregate of €2,039,100 is an increase of 9% on 2025 and is the second time in the sale's history that it has topped €2 million. The clearance rate ended at a satisfactory 85%.

Tattersalls Ireland CEO Simon Kerins commented, "The excellent trade witnessed across the last two days continued into Part 2, which saw consistent demand from the opening lot through to the finish, with turnover surpassing €2 million. Given the strength of the market on Tuesday and Wednesday, quite a few purchasers still had orders to fill, and a clearance rate of 85% highlights the strong demand that was existent throughout the day."

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--Valfredo Valiani

Tattersalls Ireland Cont.

"A particular mention must go to our international clients who were present across all levels of the market today and played a big part in the success of the sale. We saw buyers from Poland, Czech Republic and Italy featuring prominently on the leading buyers table having had outstanding success with their previous purchases at this sale it was pleasing to see so many return to buy."

He added, "Pinhookers were also busy ahead of the 2027 breeze up sales, and earlier this year we saw a number of Part II graduates hitting the headlights in the sales ring. We look forward to seeing some of today's yearlings back here at our record-breaking Breeze up Sale next May."

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SESSION TOTALS	2026	2025
• Catalogued	220	165
• Number Offered	204	145
• Number Sold	174	133
• Not Sold	30	12
• Clearance Rate	85%	92%
• High Price	€52,000	€105,000
• Gross	€2,039,100 (+9%)	€1,871,800
• Average (% change)	€11,719 (-17%)	€14,074
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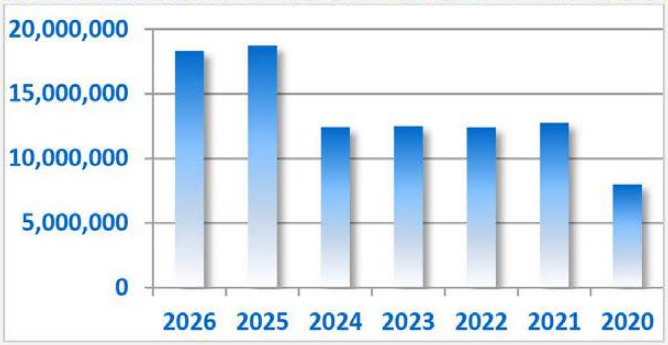
TATTERSALLS IRELAND SEPTEMBER YEARLING SALE (€)



"The Part 1 session concluded with a clearance rate of 87% while last year's record turnover and average only dropped by 2%. A whopping 33 horses sold for six figures, which was up by eight on last year."

- Brian Sheerin

Year	Cat	Ring	Sold	%w/d	%s/r	%s/c	Gross	Ave
2026	540	504	440	6.7%	87.3%	81.5%	€ 18,327,500	€ 41,563
2025	505	474	440	6.1%	92.8%	87.1%	€ 18,759,500	€ 42,635
2024	555	513	432	7.6%	84.2%	77.8%	€ 12,433,500	€ 28,781
2023	506	473	404	6.5%	85.4%	79.8%	€ 12,522,000	€ 30,995
2022	480	458	413	4.6%	90.2%	86.0%	€ 12,421,000	€ 30,075
2021	489	448	402	8.4%	89.7%	82.2%	€ 12,779,580	€ 31,790
2020	447	396	333	11.4%	84.0%	84.1%	€ 8,009,140	€ 24,051

FUEL THE JET DOWNS SOMERVILLE TATTERSALL RIVALS AT NEWMARKET

by Sean Cronin



Fuel The Jet | *Racingfotos.com*

Oliver Humphrey's **Fuel The Jet** (Space Blues) had won two of four prior starts heading into Thursday's G3 Tattersalls Stakes, also known as the Somerville Tattersall Stakes, and continued his rise through the ranks with a career best in the seven-furlong Newmarket feature.

"We were checking the entries 15 minutes before closing and there were only four in it," explained Tom Clover, who was celebrating his 41st birthday. "He had come out of Doncaster so well and we were very happy with him. We thought, on ratings, there was nothing to lose by giving him a go and it's worked out, which is nice. He's always shaped up lovely at home and he's a gorgeous horse well bought by Kerri Radcliffe. The owner has given me a free rein with him throughout, but it didn't work out when we ran him in the Acomb. We put a line through it and he's bounced back nicely with some good wins. He's probably better on goodish ground and whether we think about going abroad or just put him away and dream about next year, I'm not sure yet. He's had five runs this year and I almost thought we were done already before this. We'll see what happens, but it's always nice to dream during the winter."

The 13-2 chance, who sandwiched a ninth in York's G3 Acomb with victories at Newbury in July and Doncaster two weeks ago, grazed his nose on the floor leaving the stalls and was positioned within range of the pace, racing seventh of eight, through halfway.

Making smooth headway out wide approaching the quarter-mile marker, he gained an edge at the foot of the hill and was driven out on the climb to deny **Notable Dream** (Bayside Boy) and **Mezzo Forte** (Wootton Bassett) by 3/4-of-a-length and a length.

Pedigree Notes

Fuel The Jet is the fifth of seven foals and one of three scorers from as many runners produced by an unraced half-sister to G1 Grosser Dallmayr-Preis hero Tornado Alert (Too Darn Hot) and G1 Metropolitan victor Just Fine (Sea The Stars).

He is a half-brother to Listed King Charles II Stakes runner-up Bold Style (Shamardal), a yearling filly by Lope De Vega and a weanling colt by Starman. The yearling filly is an entry in next month's Tattersalls October Book 1 sale.

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Thursday, Newmarket, Britain

TATTERSALLS STAKES (REGISTERED AS THE SOMERVILLE TATTERSALL STAKES)-G3, £75,000, Newmarket, 9-24, 2yo, c/g, 7fT, 1:24.24, gd.

1--**FUEL THE JET (IRE), 128, c, 2, by Space Blues (Ire)**
1st Dam: La Rosetta (GB), by New Approach (Ire)
2nd Dam: Bint Almatar, by Kingmambo
3rd Dam: Firth of Lorne (Ire), by Danehill
1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; **1ST GROUP WIN**. (€75,000 Wlg '24 GOFNOF; €190,000 Ylg '25 ARAUG). O-Oliver Humphrey; B-Brickfield Stud Ltd; T-Tom Clover; J-Neil Callan. £42,533. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, $92,822. *1/2 to Bold Style (GB) (Shamardal), SP-Eng. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++. *Triple Plus***.
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2--**Notable Dream (Ire)**, 128, c, 2, Bayside Boy (Ire)--La Reveuse (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE**; **1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE**. (40,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT). O-Scuderia Sagam SRLS; B-Mount Armstrong Stud; T-Marco Botti. £16,125.

3--**Mezzo Forte (Ire)**, 128, c, 2, Wootton Bassett (GB)--Majestic Glory (GB), by Frankel (GB). **1ST BLACK TYPE**; **1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE**. O-Mrs Doreen Tabor; B-Chelston; T-William Haggas. £8,070.

Margins: 3/4, 1, NK. Odds: 6.50, 4.50, 3.00.

Also Ran: Varzi (Ire), Undiscovered (Ire), Jimtrott (Ire), Sontsivka (GB), Great Balls O'Fire (GB). Scratched: Cilician (Ire).

BRENDAN WALSH: 'GIVE IT EVERYTHING AND YOU'LL HAVE NO REGRETS' *by Gary King*

One of the most popular trainers in the business, Brendan Walsh has also built a résumé that includes multiple Grade I winners, with the likes of Maxfield, Pretty Mischievous and Santin among the stars to have passed through his barn.

The Irishman's path to the top has taken him from Kildangan Stud to Dubai to Newmarket and, ultimately, the United States, learning from some of the sport's most accomplished figures along the way. **Cont. p10**



Brendan Walsh | *Coady Media*

Brendan Walsh Cont.

In the latest installment of Words to Live By, Walsh speaks with *TDN*'s Gary King about those who helped shape his career, the work ethic instilled in him by his father and the advice he would give to the next generation.

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

Brendan Walsh: There have been a lot of different people at various stages, so it would be difficult to name just one. Jimmy Lenehan, who ran Kildangan Stud and brought me to Dubai for the first time, was a great teacher who set a very high standard. Mark Wallace, who I was assistant to in Newmarket before I moved to the States, was another very good young trainer.

Then, of course, there was Eddie Kenneally, who I was assistant to before I went out on my own. He ran a great operation and was a tremendous caregiver of horses.

Those are just a few. I'd like to think I took something from a lot of people along the way.

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

BW: My father always instilled a great work ethic in all of us. He told us to work hard and give everything our best. Then, whether it went right or wrong, you could walk away with no regrets.

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

BW: Work hard, be smart and try to work for people who you believe are the best.

They don't necessarily have to be big names. Find good people who have succeeded, who do things the right way and who you would want to model yourself on.

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BAAEED'S REACH STRETCHES STATESIDE

In this series, the TDN takes a look at notable successes of European-based sires in North America. This week's column is highlighted by the victory of Baaeed's Not For Long.

Baaeed Sires First Winner In The U.S.

JDT Racing's **Not For Long** (Baaeed) became the first American winner for his sire at Churchill Downs on September 17 (video). Bred by Highview Bloodstock, the €280,000 Arqana August buy-back is trained by Brendan Walsh.

Out of Burswood (Dubawi), the €240,000 Goffs Orby purchase is the first foal for his unraced dam. His granddam is the stakes winner and multiple group-placed Bastet (Giant's Causeway), herself a half-sister to two-time Australian Horse of the Year Might And Power. Bastet is best known as the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches-winning dam of GI First Lady Stakes heroine Blowout (Dansili). **Cont. p11**



Not For Long | *Coady Media*



Lisa Joy | *Tod Marks*

Making Waves Cont.

Shadwell's brilliant miler is up to six winners worldwide from 24 runners. His best so far is G3 Prestige Stakes third Coaxed in the U.K. From Afar doubled his U.K. total on Thursday, while he also has winners in France (Moneefa), Ireland (Curracloe), and Japan (Texas).

Euro Takes Historic Belmont Opener

Andrew Rosen homebred **Lisa Joy** (Too Darn Hot) became the first winner of the first race at the newly re-opened Belmont Park after clawing her way to a head victory over 1 1/4 miles on September 18 (video). The filly was part of a memorable double for Hall of Fame trainer Shug McGaughey, who would also win the second race with Bradley Thoroughbreds, Mike Carter, Cambron Equine, and Jeff Walsh's Davidson (American Pharoah).

Stakes-producing dam Royal Decree (Street Cry) has already produced a trio of black-type horses anchored by G2 Vintage Stakes hero and sire War Decree and GII Sands Point Stakes victress Skims (Frankel). After Lisa Joy, Royal Decree has a two-year-old colt by Frankel and a yearling full-brother to the winner. Second dam Ticker Tape (Royal Applause) triumphed in the American Oaks and the Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup, both Grade I.

Darley's Too Darn Hot is responsible for 10 winners from 19 runners in the U.S. (53%). The son of Dubawi already has a pair of Grade I scorers there in Saratoga Derby victor Glacius and Title Role, who took the Belmont Derby.

Wootton Bassett Filly Shines In The Midwest

Team Valor International's **Unwavering Monarch** ground out a victory at Laurel on September 20 (video).

Trained by Graham Motion, the four-year-old filly began her career in Ireland with a debut victory last October for Mrs. R J Halley and trainer Josh Halley. Purchased by her current owners, the SARL de Chambure/Haras d'Etreham-bred made two starts in France, before being sent to the U.S. Originally a €110,000 Goffs November foal and €300,000 Arqana August yearling, the daughter of the stakes-placed Vadsariya (Exceed And Excel) changed hands again when bought by Stone Farm for 40,000gns out of the 2025 Tattersalls July Sale. From the family of G1 Prix de Diane heroine Valyra (Azamour), the Wootton Bassett filly is followed by the winning three-year-old half-sister Vathana (City Light), a yearling filly named Valenya (Ghaiyyath) who sold for €200,000 at the 2025 Arqana v.2 sale to Pia Brandt; and a weanling filly by Metropolitan.

The late Coolmore sire Wootton Bassett counts 30 winners from 63 runners (47%) in the U.S. His eight stakes winners there--seven graded--are led by a trio of Breeders' Cup winners in Audarya, Unquestionable, and Henri Matisse.

Third Time's A Charm For Brant Homebred

Cinquante Cinq (Kingman) took three tries, but graduated at Horseshoe Indiana on Wednesday, September 23. The Peter Brant homebred is trained by Riley Mott.

The second foal and first winner out of GIII Florida Oaks heroine Fifty Five (Get Stormy), the three-year-old filly has a Paddington yearling half-brother yet to race.

Kingman's progeny have thrived in the U.S., and he has 57 winners from 105 runners (54%) there. The Juddmonte stallion's best progeny there include nine stakes winners, with Domestic Spending a triple Grade I winner of the Manhattan Stakes, Turf Classic Stakes and Hollywood Derby.



Dynamic Pricing | *Chelsea Durand*

Repeat Winners

Klaravich Stables' **Dynamic Pricing** (Night Of Thunder) added Belmont's Forever Together Stakes to her win column on September 20 (video). She is trained by Chad Brown.

Farfellow Farms' **Define** (Lope De Vega) added a Churchill Downs contest on September 20 (video). The three-year-old filly is trained by Brendan Walsh.

Winning for the second time in seven starts, Repole Stable and Newtown Anner Stud Farm's **Teleport** (Lope De Vega) won a Woodbine affair on September 24 (video). The three-year-old gelding is trained by Kevin Attard.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

GREAT BARRIER REEF OUT OF MIDDLE PARK, FIELDS CONFIRMED FOR HQ GROUP 1 RACES



Great Barrier Reef | *Mathea Kelley*

Declarations for Saturday's G1 Tattersalls Middle Park Stakes and G1 Tattersalls Sceptre Sessions Cheveley Park Stakes were confirmed Thursday morning, with likely favourite and G2 Coventry hero **Great Barrier Reef** (No Nay Never) a notable absentee from the former contest.

His undefeated G3 Round Tower conqueror **Push The Boat Out** (Kodi Bear) and Godolphin's similarly two-for-two G2 July Stakes victor **Inner City Blues** (Blue Point) head a cast of seven for the Middle Park. Ballydoyle will be represented by the dual Group-placed **Confucius** (No Nay Never) and Cork maiden scorer **Marco Polo** (Night Of Thunder) in the six-furlong contest

Al Shira'aa Racing's G1 Vincent O'Brien National Stakes hero **Folsom Blues** (Blue Point) is another bypassing the race and will instead target the track's G1 Dewhurst Stakes next month.

All of the main contenders stood their ground for a stellar renewal of the Cheveley Park, with the six-strong line-up featuring the dual Group 1 winner **Sun Goddess** (Sioux Nation), G1 Prix Morny heroine **Senorita Bonita** (Starspangledbanner) and G2 Lowther and G3 Albany victrix **Libertango** (No Nay Never).

Earlier on the stacked card, the undefeated duo **Burning Up** (Too Darn Hot) and **First Law** (Too Darn Hot) face off in the seven-runner G2 Tattersalls Online Royal Lodge Stakes.

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PAIR OF HALF-SHARES IN GALIWAY ADDED TO AKTEM ONLINE STALLION SALE



Galiway | *Zuzanna Lupa*

Two half-shares in French stallion **Galiway** will be offered at Friday's AKTEM Online Stallion Sale beginning at 5 p.m. local time.

The sire of Group 1-winning full-brothers Sealiway and Sunway, the son of Galileo is also responsible for group winners Waybreaker, Engaliwe, Rubis Vendome, Showay, Kenway, Esope and Jolly Way.

In the NH sphere, he has been represented by Grade 1 scorers King Rasko Grey, Gala Marceau and Vauban. Other jumping stars for the stallion are Grade 3 winners Marco Du Seuil and Jimmy Du Seuil.

These two half-shares are part of a catalogue that features stallions **Golden Horde**, **Bande**, **Van Beethoven**, **Taj Mahal** and **Dave**; shares in **Amor**, **Sealiway**, **Puchkine**, **The Grey Gatsby**, **Muhaarar**, **Ace Impact**, **Jigme** and **Fly With Me**; as well as breeding rights in **Palace Pier** and **Latrobe**.

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ALL-WEATHER BONUS SCHEME RETURNS FOR FIFTH SEASON WITH £1M PRIZE FUND



Yorkshire Glory in winning action at Newcastle
Grossick Racing Photography

Arena Racing Company (ARC) has announced the return of the £1,000,000 All-Weather Bonus scheme, which runs from Tuesday, October 20 to Good Friday, March 26.

Runners at Lingfield Park, Newcastle, Southwell and Wolverhampton will compete for a range of bonus prizes, including five 'Horse of the Month' competitions and the overall £100,000 'Horse of the Year' title. For the 2026/27 season, all starts at ARC-operated fixtures at Chelmsford City Racecourse will also be included in the scheme for the first time.

Yorkshire Glory scooped the headline prize last season for trainer Ben Haslam and the Blue Lion Racing syndicate with eight wins and five placed efforts from 14 qualifying runs.

Wolverhampton's fixture on March 23 provided a thrilling conclusion to the Horse of the Year race as Yorkshire Glory clinched the six-figure sum with success over his title rival Aisling Oscar.

As well as the £100,000 Horse of the Year accolade, Yorkshire Glory's exploits across the campaign secured an additional £25,583 in bonuses for his connections.

Overall, the Horse of the Year competition distributed £710,500 between the top 30 finishers, while 39 horses picked up monthly cash prizes totalling £374,500.

The total monthly prize funds are as follows:

- October, November & December - £35,000 (1st - 3rd)
- January, February & March - £101,500 (1st - 10th)

Ben Cook, ARC's racing director, said, "The £1,000,000 All-Weather Bonus has proved incredibly popular since its introduction in 2022.

"Yorkshire Glory was a very worthy winner of the £100,000 Horse of the Year title last season. He also picked up a further £25,583 after tying for first place in March and April's Horse of the Month competition, having also finished in the top 10 in February.

"The tussle between Yorkshire Glory and Aisling Oscar was great to watch last year, and we hope to see more interesting head-to-heads over the course of this winter as even more owners and trainers look to get involved."

There are additional bonuses available for the stable staff of winning horses, as well as the most successful jockeys at ARC tracks during the winter. More information is available via this link.

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Friday, September 25, 2026:
UNITED KINGDOM
Bayside Boy (Ire) (New Bay {GB}), Ballylinch Stud
85 foals of racing age/16 winners/3 black-type winners
15:43-HAYDOCK PARK, 7f, **Brave Country (Ire)**
£50,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025
14:25-NEWMARKET, 125K GII The Betway Rockfel Stakes (Class 1) (Group 2)7f, **Redline (GB)**
10,000gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2024; 10,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2025

Blackbeard (Ire) (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud
116 foals of racing age/19 winners/0 black-type winners
14:25-NEWMARKET, 125K GII The Betway Rockfel Stakes (Class 1) (Group 2)7f, **Pensando A Te (GB)**
72,000gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2024; 75,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025

Minzaal (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Derrinstown Stud
115 foals of racing age/18 winners/2 black-type winner
16:10-NEWMARKET, 7f, **Minsmere (Ire)**
€50,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2025

Perfect Power (Ire) (Ardad {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud
57 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
14:33-HAYDOCK PARK, 8f, **Girl Scout (GB)**
50,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2024; 110,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025

Space Traveller (GB) (Bated Breath {GB}), Starfield Stud
122 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners
14:33-HAYDOCK PARK, 8f, **Keep Grating (Ire)**

€35,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2025

State of Rest (Ire) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}), Rathbarry Stud
79 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
16:10-NEWMARKET, 7f, **State Emperor (Ire)**
45,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025

Thunder Moon (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}), Castillon Stallions
53 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
15:08-HAYDOCK PARK, 7f, **Lunar Storm (Fr)**
€48,000 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2024;
58,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2025

Wells Farhh Go (Ire) (Farhh {GB}), Norton Grove Stud
14 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
18:15-NEWCASTLE, 7f, **So Farhh (GB)**
3,000gns Tattersalls Autumn Yearling Sale 2025

FRANCE
Marianafoot (Fr) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}), Haras des Faunes
29 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
4-SAINT-CLOUD, 1200m, **En Chantant (Fr)**

Sealiway (Fr) (Galiway {GB}), Haras de Beaumont
90 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
7-SALON PROVENCE, 1800m, **Do You Sea (Fr)**
2-SALON PROVENCE, 1800m, **Kandors (Fr)**
€13,000 RNA Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2025

State of Rest (Ire) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}), Rathbarry Stud
79 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
3-SALON PROVENCE, 1800m, **Majestic Pearl (Fr)**
€155,000 Arqana Deauville August Yrlg Sale 2025



Minzaal sired his second stakes winner, Minzova, in Italy on Thursday
Shadwell

IRELAND
Bayside Boy (Ire) (New Bay {GB}), Ballylinch Stud
85 foals of racing age/16 winners/3 black-type winners
3-DUNDALK, 7f, **Step In Style (Ire)**
30,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2024; €20,000 RNA Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2025

OBSERVATIONS
on the European racing scene

CONSTITUTION RIVER'S HALF-SISTER SENSATIONAL FILLY DEBUTS AT DUNDALK

6.30 Dundalk, Mdn, 2yo, f, 7f (AWT)
Dundalk's Friday nights are back and this fillies' maiden carries much intrigue hosting Constitution River's half-sister **SENSATIONAL FILLY (FR) (Mehmas {Ire})**.

Representing Bond Thoroughbred Limited and Paddy Twomey, it is fair to say that the €300,000 Arqana Deauville August graduate has enjoyed a significant update since her purchase with her esteemed half-sibling going on to win the Prix du Jockey Club and Eclipse and looking for a period to be Ballydoyle's second coming until the wheels came off in high summer.

Out of a half to the high-class mare Wonderful Tonight (Le Havre), she faces some experienced peers including Ballydoyle's twice-raced **Haven (Ire) (Wootton Bassett {GB})**, but Twomey has a line on that relative of Lope De Vega after his Alpine Wedding left her behind at Cork. Also from that race is Juddmonte's **Castilian Queen (GB) (Frankel {GB})**, the Ger Lyons-trained daughter of the Rockfel and Prestige Stakes winner Isabella Giles (Belardo) who was unlucky when fourth there.

Of the other newcomers, Bobby Flay's **Battle Tested (Ire) (St Mark's Basilica {Fr})** catches the eye, with the Donnacha O'Brien trainee a half-sister to the Group 3 winner Glounthaune (Kodiac) who scored on his debut five years ago.

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Thursday's Results:
JOCKEY CLUB ROSE BOWL STAKES-Listed, £60,000, Newmarket, 9-24, 3yo/up, 16fT, 3:19.59, gd.
1--**GREGORY (GB), 134, g, 6, Golden Horn (GB)--Gretchen (GB) (GSW-Eng), by Galileo (Ire)**. O-Wathnan Racing; B-Normandie Stud Ltd; T-John & Thady Gosden; J-James Doyle. £34,026.

Lifetime Record: GSW & G1SP-Eng, 13-5-0-4, $556,118. *1/2 to Lionel (GB) (Lope De Vega {Ire}), SW-Eng.

2--**Goblet Of Fire (GB)**, 131, g, 6, Saxon Warrior (Jpn)--War No More, by War Front. **1ST BLACK TYPE**. (25,000gns RNA Ylg '21 TATOCT; £18,000 3yo '23 GOFOCT). O-Mrs Angelica Spence; B-Mike Spence; T-Nicky Henderson. £12,900.

3--**Peace Belle (GB)**, 126, m, 5, Massaat (Ire)--Ssafa (GB), by Motivator (GB). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. (£10,000 3yo '24 GOFUKS). O-Shaun Henley; B-Richard Kent & Clare Lloyd; T-Jennie Candlish. £6,456.

Margins: 11, HF, 3 1/4. Odds: 0.57, 4.50, 80.00.

Also Ran: Orchard Keeper (Ire), Burdett Road (GB), Arabian Force (Ire), Spirit Mixer (GB), Kelly Burn (GB), Pinatique (Fr), Magnetude (GB).

Gregory came back off a 476-day break and a wind operation last term to secure a slender victory in June's Listed Grand Cup at York and the 2024 G1 Goodwood Cup third continued on the comeback trail with a wide-margin triumph, racing under a penalty, here.

Wathnan's six-year-old headed postward as the 4-7 favourite and lobbed along in fourth for most of this two-mile marathon. Looming large on the bridle with three furlongs remaining, he was comfortably on top passing the quarter-mile marker and extended clear in the closing stages to easily outclass Goblet Of Fire and Peace Belle by 11 lengths and a half-length.

"It's his first run for a while having won on his comeback at York earlier in the year," said Thady Gosden. "They went a nice gallop all the way, with no hiding places, and he did it pretty well. He loves the fast ground here and he picked up nicely when James [Doyle] asked him. We've given him a little bit of time in the summer and we only run them when we're 100 per cent happy with them. He's turned up in good shape for both his runs. He won at Ascot the same year Courage Mon Ami won the [G1] Gold Cup and it's fantastic he is still here and winning stakes races for Wathnan Racing. He's been lightly raced, so hopefully there is more to come from him."

Looking ahead, the trainer added, "James thinks two miles might be the top end of his trip, so we will have to see what the future holds. He has an entry in the [G1] Long Distance Cup on Champions Day and also in the [G1] Prix Royal-Oak after that, so we will see what the ground is like. He's by Golden Horn and loves this fast ground, so if the ground holds till then we will see. It's nearly October and there's a chance it might get wet before then, but at the moment the forecast is looking good."

Gregory is the third of six foals and leading performer thrown by G2 Park Hill victrix Gretchen (Galileo), herself a half-sister to G1 Irish St Leger hero Duncan (Dalakhani), G2 Doncaster Cup winner Samuel (Sakhee) and Listed Height Of Fashion third Deirdre (Dubawi).

The latter produced Listed Prix de la Calonne runner-up Norma (New Approach), while another sibling, Stella Bellissima (Sea The Stars), is the dam of Listed Sir Henry Cecil Galtres third Judith (Almanzor).

The winner, whose second dam is Listed Conqueror victrix and G1 Coronation Stakes third Dolores (Danehill), is a half-brother to Listed Cocked Hat victor Lionel (Lope De Vega) and a weanling filly by Kingman.

2nd-Pontefract, £10,000, Nov, 9-24, 2yo, 8f 6yT, 1:45.39, gd.

SILVERELLA (GB) (f, 2, Frontiersman {GB}--Miss Minuty {GB}, by Verglas {Ire}), penalised seven pounds for annexing an Aug. 29 novices' heat at Goodwood last time, was under restraint in a handy fifth after an alert exit from the inside stall. Improving one spot on the home turn, the 1-2 favourite challenged three-wide approaching the final furlong and was ridden clear in the closing stages to easily account for Scrappetalene (Camelot) by an impressive 5 1/2 lengths.

Silverella is the fifth of six foals and one of four winners out of a multiple-winning half-sister to the dual Group 2-placed GIII Belmont Gold Cup Invitational runner-up St Michel (Sea The Stars) and the multiple Listed-placed Oasis Cannes (Oasis Dream). She is a full to a weanling filly and a half-sister to Listed Blue Riband Trial runner-up Rebel Rocker (Cityscape). Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, $28,077.

O/B-Miss Jennifer Dorey; T-Marcus Tregoning.

5th-Southwell, £10,000, Nov, 9-24, 2yo, 6f 17y (AWT), 1:15.15, st.

LADY HENSHAW (IRE) (f, 2, Blackbeard {Ire}--Skylight {Ire}, by Acclamation {GB}), runner-up over six furlongs at Pontefract seven weeks ago, was the sharpest of 11 into stride and raced in a close-up second until turning for home. Inching ahead in early straight, the 3-1 second choice refused to yield thereafter and kept on resolutely under continued rousting inside the final quarter-mile to hold Castlerock Girl (Bayside Boy) by 1 1/4 lengths, becoming the 20th winner for her freshman sire (by No Nay Never).

Lady Henshaw is the seventh of eight foals and fifth scorer from as many runners produced by a winning granddaughter of Listed Criterium de l'Ouest and Listed Prix Ronde de Nuit third Plissetskaia (Caerleon).

Plissetskaia is responsible for the multiple Group-placed Palao (Champs Elysees), Listed Prix de Pontarme winner Indianski (Indian Ridge) and Listed Prix de la Seine runner-up Landskia (Lando).

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5th-Southwell Cont.

The winner is a half-sister to the dual Listed-winning G3 Prix de Cabourg and G3 Prix Eclipse placegetter Manhattan Jungle (Bungle Inthejungle) and a yearling filly by Bungle Inthejungle, who is catalogued in next week's Goffs Orby Book 2 sale. Sales history: £52,000 Ylg '25 GOFFUK; €90,000 2yo '26 TATBRU. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $10,902.
O-Valmont; B-Patrick Headon; T-Patrick Owens.

1st-Newmarket, £15,000, Mdn, 9-24, 2yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:38.84, gd.
NETHERSTREAM (GB) (c, 2, Pinatubo {Ire}--Mozzarella {Fr} {MGSP-Fr}, by Power {GB}), who shaped with promise in seven-furlong starts at this venue and Sandown last month, was well away to stalk a moderate tempo in second through the early fractions of a contest won in recent years by Maltese Cross (Sea The Stars) and Ghaiyyath (Dubawi). Urged forward with three furlongs remaining, the 3-1 second choice launched his bid approaching the quarter-mile marker and was ridden out up the hill to assert by 1 1/2 lengths from Sydney Carton (Ulysses).

"We had fitness and experience on our side and I'm happy he's gone and won as he's been a nice colt all year," commented Jane Chapple-Hyam. "He's a lovely horse and the [one-mile] trip today has suited him better. It was a good run on debut behind Charlie's good horse [Desert Castle] and then at Sandown he just got stuck behind a wall of horses. Today he's been in the right position and I think David [Egan] was still pulling him up as he went through the line."

Netherstream is the second of three foals and first scorer for G2 Prix de Malleret and G3 Prix de Royaumont third Mozzarella (Power), herself a half-sister to the multiple stakes-placed Climate Change (Seabhac).

Mozzarella is a granddaughter of the stakes-winning G2 Prix de Pomone third Burn The Breeze (Beat Hollow), who is a half-sister to the dual Group/Grade 1-placed Lethals Lady (Rudimentary), and she has a weanling colt by Ardad to come. Sales history: 37,000gns Wlg '24 TADEWE; €100,000 Ylg '25 GOFORY. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, $12,351.
O-P W Harris; B-Overbury Stallions Ltd; T-Jane Chapple-Hyam.

3rd-Pontefract, £11,000, Mdn, 9-24, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:17.48, gd.
FROM AFAR (GB) (f, 2, Baaeed {GB}--Free Rein {GB}, by Dansili {GB}), a Sept. 8 debut sixth going seven furlongs at Leicester in her only prior start, tracked the leaders in a share of third for most of this one. Bustled along to reduce arrears on the home turn, the 9-4 joint-favourite came under sterner urging in the straight and ran on strongly to defeat the slow-starting Wedyan (Bayside Boy) by a half-length in the dying strides, becoming the sixth winner for her freshman sire (by Sea The Stars).

From Afar is the eighth of nine foals and sixth scorer out of a winning half-sister to four black-type performers headed by G1 Prix Morny and G1 Middle Park-winning sire Reckless Abandon (Exchange Rate) and G3 Prix Paul de Moussac winner Erasmo (Oasis Dream).

The winner is a half-sister to dual Graded-winning GI Belmont Derby Invitational third Mondego (Lope De Vega), G3 Sweet Solera victrix West End Girl (Golden Horn) and a weanling filly by Blue Point. Sales history: 48,000gns RNA Ylg '25 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $7,865.
O/B-Car Colston Hall Stud; T-William Haggas.

HANDICAP RESULTS:

2nd-Newmarket, £60,000, Hcp, 9-24, 3yo/up, f, 6fT, 1:10.60, gd.
ZOOMING (GB) (f, 3, Mohaather {GB}--La Arenosa {Ire} {SW & GSP-Fr, SW-Eng}, by Exceed And Excel {Aus}) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, $54,072. O-Ian & Christine Beard & Family; B-Stuart McPhee & Partners; T-William Haggas. *60,000gns Wlg '23 TADEWE; 110,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

6th-Southwell, £10,000, Nov, 9-24, 3yo/up, 4f 215y (AWT), :59.16, st.
LEADING TIMES (GB) (g, 4, Blue Point {Ire}--Excellent Times {GB}, by Excelebration {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, $14,830.
O/B-Times of Wigan Ltd; T-Tim Easterby.

FRANCE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

1st-La Teste-Bassin Arcachon, €20,100, Cond, 9-24, 4yo/up, 9 1/2fT, 1:53.11, g/s.
REACH THE SKY (FR) (c, 4, Calyx {GB}--Reach The Wind, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 15-5-0-4, €92,202.
O/B-Gousserie Racing & Haras d'Haspel; T-Patrice Cottier.

3rd-La Teste-Bassin Arcachon, €13,700, Cond, 9-24, 4yo/up, 7fT, 1:22.99, g/s.
TALENTUOSO (g, 5, Omaha Beach--Two Sugars, by Scat Daddy) Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 24-3-3-5, €116,396. O-Blu Racing, Ecurie Elag, Antoine Gilibert, Eric Chenu, Jean Jacques Fontaine, Jean-Marc Franco, Joseph Leveneur & Pierre-Etienne Dubois; B-Nice Guys Stables (KY); T-Pierre-Etienne Dubois. *$50,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; $285,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Sayville (Fr), c, 3, **Rio De La Plata**--Surtsey (Fr), by Anabaa Blue (GB). Compiegne, 9-24, 8fT, 1:36.39. B-Marc Hovelacque, Mme Ines Hovelacque & Benjamin Hovelacque.

Bleu Nuit (Ire), g, 3, **Waldgeist (GB)**--Basilia (GB), by Fastnet Rock (Aus). La Teste-Bassin Arcachon, 9-24, 9 1/2fT, 1:56.41. B-Ecurie Peregrine SAS. *1/2 to Bouttemont (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), GSW-Fr & GSP-Ire.

EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN ITALY:

Minzova (Ire), f, 2, **Minzaal (Ire)**--Navratilova (Ire) (SW & GSP-Ger), by Morpheus (GB). Milan, 9-24, Listed Premio Coolmore Repubbliche Marinare, 1500mT, 1:31.60. B-M U. Ph von Loeper Pferdezucht GBR (Ire). ***1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN**. **2nd SW for her sire (by Mehmas). ***€10,000 Wlg '24 GOFNOV; €17,500 Ylg '25 GOFOCT.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

SAFFIE OSBORNE AMONG HONG KONG-BOUND INTERNATIONAL JOCKEYS FOR THE WINTER



Saffie Osborne celebrates winning the St Leger aboard Highwayman
HKJC

Saffie Osborne is among four international jockeys to have been granted a short-term licence to ride in Hong Kong this winter, along with Maxime Guyon, Dylan Browne McMonagle and Rossa Ryan.

Osborne will be the first to arrive in November, followed by Guyon and Ryan in December, while Browne McMonagle joins the roster in January.

Andrew Harding, Executive Director, Racing, The Hong Kong Jockey Club, said, "Hong Kong's jockey ranks are among the strongest in world racing and the arrival of Saffie, Maxime, Dylan and Rossa this winter underlines how highly regarded our racing is internationally. Between them, they bring a British Classic, a Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and multiple championship titles, and each has earned this opportunity through outstanding achievement at the highest level."

Osborne joins Hong Kong's ranks from Sunday, November 8 until Wednesday, December 23. Earlier this month, she made history when partnering Highwayman to victory in the Betfred St Leger at Doncaster, becoming the first female rider to win a British Classic.

"It's a real honour to have been invited and I'm really looking forward to it," said Osborne. "I've watched a huge amount of racing in Hong Kong. It's something that, over here, we will follow very closely, and it's somewhere I've always dreamed of being able to go and ride. To be able to go and do that this winter is really special.

"I've been very lucky to ride in lots of different countries, and I think each place you go, you learn new things, and it makes you a better jockey. But obviously I would love to bang in a few winners. I'm just really excited to experience the atmosphere. I've never been to Hong Kong, but the atmosphere at the races looks incredible."

Ryan will be another newcomer to the Hong Kong jockey ranks, while Browne McMonagle enjoyed a successful spell there last winter when partnering 10 winners. Guyon, meanwhile, has been a regular visitor to Hong Kong since guiding Ambitious Dragon to victory in the Hong Kong Derby and Hong Kong Classic Cup in 2011.

Harding added, "Saffie's historic St. Leger win earlier this month captured the imagination of the entire sport; Maxime is one of the finest riders of his generation; Dylan is the reigning Irish champion; and Rossa has proven himself on the biggest stages.

"Their presence will add another layer of competition and excitement at Sha Tin and Happy Valley, and I have no doubt our fans will relish witnessing them in action. And with their stints spanning from November through to the end of February, including the LONGINES Hong Kong International Races, our fans will have plenty of opportunities to see them."

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APOLLO STAKES ELEVATED TO GROUP 1 AS ARF RATIFIES BLACK-TYPE CHANGES



Winx and Hugh Bowman after the 2019 Apollo | *Bronwen Healy*

The Asian Racing Federation (ARF) has ratified a series of changes to Australia's black-type program for the 2026/27 season, headed by the promotion of the Apollo Stakes from Group 2 to Group 1.

The G1 Sydney Cup and G1 Queensland Derby were both considered for downgrades but will retain their Group 1 status.

The Blue Diamond Prelude for colts and geldings and the Fred Best Classic have been upgraded to Group 2, while seven races move to Group 3: the Desirable Stakes, Talindert Stakes, Darby Munro Stakes, Moomba Plate, Fernhill Handicap, Gold Coast Bracelet and Juanmo Stakes.

Six previously non-black-type races have also been granted black-type status. The Quokka becomes a Group 2, The Buffering a Group 3, while the Pierata Plate, Sunlight 3YO Plate, Marjorie Charleson Classic and The Joey have been awarded Listed status. The Rock Magic Stakes and Magic Millions National Classic were also granted black type, albeit at a lower level than requested by Racing Australia.

Five races have been downgraded. The Adelaide Cup, ATC Chairman's Handicap, WATC Derby and Brisbane Cup drop from Group 2 to Group 3, while the Launceston Cup moves from Group 3 to Listed status.

The changes take effect for the 2026/27 season.

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PETER V'LANDYS TO LEAVE RACING NSW AFTER 22 YEARS AT THE HELM

Peter V'landys will leave his position as chief executive of Racing NSW when his current contract expires on November 30, bringing to an end one of the longest tenures in Australian racing administration, Racing NSW announced on Thursday.

V'landys has led Racing NSW since 2004 and is currently on long-service leave from the organisation while focusing on rugby league. On Thursday, the Australian Rugby League Commission formally announced his appointment as the NRL's first executive chairman.

"Naturally, this is a very sad day for me," V'landys said in a statement released by Racing NSW. "I have put my heart and soul into racing for 22 years. I was just a member of a dedicated team of professionals who were able to generate outstanding outcomes for Racing NSW. As a team, we went from a struggling jurisdiction to a world-leading jurisdiction. I take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been in our team. I will miss them greatly and I wish the industry every success."

Chris Waller was emphatic in his praise, telling *The Sydney Morning Herald*: "He will go down as one of the best, if not the best, sporting administrators in Australian history."

One of the most consequential developments during his tenure was race-fields legislation, which required wagering operators to pay for the use of NSW racing information. Racing NSW successfully defended the scheme in the High Court in 2012, establishing what became a major source of revenue for the industry.

V'landys also played a central role during the Equine Influenza crisis, when racing in NSW was effectively shut down. Racing NSW says A$230 million in Federal Government assistance was secured for industry participants during that period, along with a further A$7.5-million grants scheme.

The creation of The Everest in 2017 became one of the defining features of his tenure. The race grew into the centrepiece of Sydney's spring carnival and was eventually granted Group 1 status. The Golden Eagle provided another lucrative feature, strengthening the Sydney spring during a period of the calendar traditionally dominated by Melbourne. It will be run as a Group 1 for the first time in 2026. **Cont. p19**



Peter V'landys | *Racing NSW*

Peter V'landys Cont.

Prize-money also increased significantly during V'landys's tenure. According to Racing NSW, Saturday metropolitan prize-money has risen from A$45,000 per race in 2004 to A$160,000, while minimum Country TAB prize-money has increased from A$5,000 to A$27,000.

V'landys's tenure was also marked by disputes involving other racing jurisdictions, clubs and sections of the industry. Racing NSW was periodically at odds with other jurisdictions over race programming and the Australian Pattern. Australia's long-running difficulties in reaching agreement over the Pattern eventually saw responsibility for approving changes to the country's black-type program pass to the Asian Pattern Committee.

Those debates intensified as Sydney introduced lucrative races outside the traditional black-type structure and subsequently sought greater recognition for some of them.

V'landys will also leave Racing NSW with his personal defamation proceedings against *The Thoroughbred Report*, still before the NSW Supreme Court. The proceedings relate to an article published by *The Thoroughbred Report* in November 2025. The case remains ongoing.

The relationship between Racing NSW and the Australian Turf Club became increasingly contentious following the proposed sale of Rosehill Gardens and subsequent disputes over the ATC's finances and governance.

Racing NSW issued the club with a show-cause notice and sought to appoint an administrator. The ATC challenged Racing NSW's power to do so and initially succeeded before Racing NSW won on appeal. Morgan Kelly of Ernst & Young subsequently took control of the club as administrator.

V'landys also departs with the NSW Government yet to release Brad Hazzard's review of the Thoroughbred Racing Act 1996.

The review was asked to examine whether the legislation remains appropriate, including Racing NSW's governance structures, appointment requirements and tenure limits for board members, transparency and accountability, stakeholder consultation and the long-term sustainability of the industry.

Hazzard delivered his report to the NSW Government in late July, but it has yet to be publicly released.

V'landys leaves behind a vastly different NSW racing industry from the one he inherited in 2004. After 22 years at the helm, his departure will mark the end of an era for Racing NSW and Australian racing more broadly.

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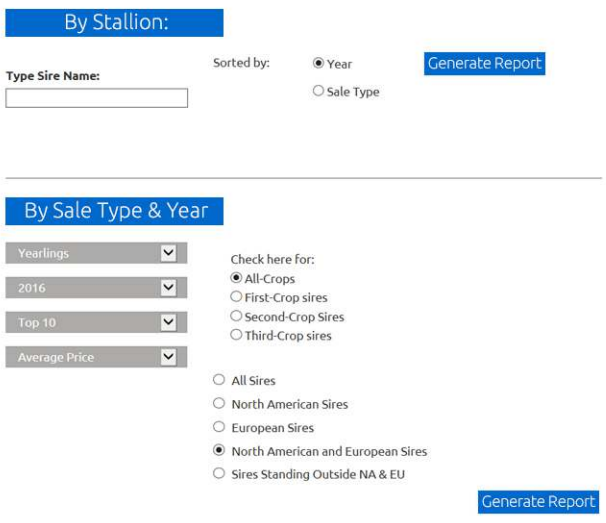

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BLACK-TYPE ENTRIES

Friday, Newmarket, post time: 15:00

THE BETWAY JOEL STAKES-G2, £165,000, 3yo/up, 8fT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Audience (GB)	Iffraaj (GB)	Mr Hamad Rashed Bin Ghedayer	David O'Meara	Robert Havlin	132
2	Persica (Ire)	New Bay (GB)	Martin Hughes & Michael Kerr-Dineen	Richard Hannon	James Doyle	132
3	The Lost King (GB)	Kingman (GB)	King Power Racing Co Ltd	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	132
4	Colori Forever (GB)	Bated Breath (GB)	Scuderia Archi Romani	Marco Botti	Marco Ghiani	128
5	Hankelow (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Exors of the Late Sheikh Mohammed Obaid	K. R. Burke	Clifford Lee	128
6	Talk Of New York (GB)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	128
7	Wild Desert (Ire)	Too Darn Hot (GB)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	Billy Loughnane	128

Breeders: 1-Cheveley Park Stud Limited, 2-The Applecross Syndicate, 3-King Power Racing Co Ltd, 4-Scuderia Archi Romani, 5-George Kent, 6-Godolphin, 7-Godolphin.

Charlie Appleby has yet to win this contest and sends forth G1 St James's Palace third and G3 Thoroughbred Stakes runner-up **Talk Of New York**, who sets the standard here, and last term's GI Summer Stakes second **Wild Desert**, who is winless in five starts since making a winning debut at Haydock in May 2025. Others worthy of consideration include G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains third **Hankelow**, who was last seen finishing fourth behind **Persica** and **The Lost King**, but ahead of **Colori Forever**, in Haydock's G3 Superior Mile earlier this month. **Audience** is winless in 17 starts since annexing 2024's G2 Lennox and completes the line-up. [*Sean Cronin*].

Friday, Newmarket, post time: 14:25

THE BETWAY ROCKFEL STAKES-G2, £125,000, 2yo, f, 7fT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Light Of Dawn (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	Wathnan Racing	K. R. Burke	James Doyle	128
2	Miss Miniver (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Godolphin	Roger Varian	William Buick	128
3	Pensando A Te (GB)	Blackbeard (Ire)	Elsa Stable	Marco Botti	Silvestre De Sousa	128
4	Redline (GB)	Bayside Boy (Ire)	Mr Shaun Henley	Jennie Candlish	Oisin Murphy	128
5	Ruby Moon (Ire)	No Nay Never	Mrs Richard Henry	Richard & Peter Fahey	Oisin Orr	128
6	Sea Venture (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Bermuda Racing Ltd	George Scott	Billy Loughnane	128
~~7~~	~~Siena Storm (Ger)~~	~~Night Of Thunder (Ire)~~	~~TBT Racing~~	~~SCR~~	~~SCR~~	~~SCR~~
8	Speed Of Sound (Ire)	Sioux Nation	Phil Cunningham	Richard Spencer	Saffie Osborne	128
9	Spirited Gesture (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Juddmonte	John & Thady Gosden	Colin Keane	128
10	Sugar Yes Please (GB)	Mohaather (GB)	Mr Marc Middleton-Heath	Eve Johnson Houghton	Charles Bishop	128

Breeders: 1-The An Ghalanta Partnership, 2-McCracken Farms, 3-Chasemore Farm, 4-Newsells Park Stud, 5-Premier Bloodstock, 6-Sunderland Holding INC, 7-Stauffenberg Bloodstock Services, 8-D. & E. Phelan, 9-Juddmonte Farms Ltd, 10-Mr M. Middleton-Heath.

Following two easy novice wins, **Spirited Gesture** is in deep and priced up as favourite on potential facing the Prestige Stakes winner **Light Of Dawn** and Sweet Solera winner **Sugar Yes Please**. Godolphin's Salisbury winner **Miss Miniver** and the closely-matched pair **Speed Of Sound** and **Pensando A Te** make this even more interesting, with Juddmonte's likely favourite sure to be fully tested. *[Tom Frary]*.

Friday, Newmarket, post time: 13:50

THE PRINCESS ROYAL STAKES-G3, £95,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 12fT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Brielle (GB)	Almanzor (Fr)	Elwick Stud	David O'Meara	Silvestre De Sousa	131
2	Club Class (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Helena Springfield Ltd	James Fanshawe	Marco Ghiani	131
3	Coedana (Ire)	King Of Change (GB)	Julie and David R Martin and Dan Hall	Edward Bethell	Connor Beasley	131
4	Frances Ethel (Saf)	Rafeef (Aus)	Team Valor	William Haggas	Tom Marquand	131
5	Francophone (GB)	Study Of Man (Ire)	Miss K. Rausing	Charlie Johnston	James Doyle	131
6	Ryka (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Akela Thoroughbreds Limited	David O'Meara	Colin Keane	131
7	Inis Mor (Fr)	Galiway (GB)	Quantum Leap Racing XI	David Menuisier	Ryan Moore	124
8	Prizeland (GB)	Territories (Ire)	Mrs M. E. Wates	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	124
9	Summerson (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Chasemore Farm	Roger Varian	Ray Dawson	124
10	Sunshine Star (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Lady Bamford	John & Thady Gosden	Billy Loughnane	124
11	Venetia (GB)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Cayton Park Stud Limited	Ralph Beckett	Rossa Ryan	124
12	Without Prejudice (Ire)	Starman (GB)	Lord Lloyd Webber	John & Thady Gosden	William Buick	124

Breeders: 1-Elwick Stud, 2-Meon Valley Stud, 3-Highpark Bloodstock Ltd, 4- , 5-Miss K. Rausing, 6-Lynchbages,Camaspark Stud&Summerhill B/S, 7-Al Shaqab Racing, 8-Meon Valley Stud, 9-Chasemore Farm, 10-Lady Bamford, 11-Cayton Park Stud Ltd, 12-Piercetown Stud.

Dropping down from Group 1 company, **Inis Mor** has a class edge but the autumn can bring big swings of fortune especially for fillies and mares and she needs to run up to her best. The Gosdens saddle Emily Upjohn's unbeaten half-sister **Without Prejudice**, who has the scope to make a mark in this company while the Aphrodite Stakes winner **Brielle** is in with a shout on that form. *[Tom Frary]*.

Friday, Newmarket, post time: 15:35

THE BETWAY GODOLPHIN STAKES-Listed, £60,000, 3yo, 12fT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Archers Bay (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Walter Moraes & Ajay Anne	Marco Botti	Ryan Moore	130
2	Castlemont (Ire)	New Bay (GB)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	Billy Loughnane	130
3	Fortitudine (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	130
4	Kokbastau (GB)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Mr Nurlan Bizakov	Roger Varian	Ray Dawson	130

Breeders: 1-Foxtrot Liv Syndicate, 2-James Wigan, 3-Godolphin, 4-Plantation Stud.

Charlie Appleby already has three editions of this in the books and is represented by the undefeated two-for-two duo **Fortitudine** and **Castlemont**. The former has registered two clear-cut triumphs at Kempton, while the latter's wins came at Windsor and Southwell. **Kokbastau** has completed a hat-trick of victories in his last three starts and is the chief threat to Godolphin domination, while the Listed-placed G2 Derby Italiano ninth **Archers Bay** has been contesting handicaps of late. [*Sean Cronin*].

Saturday, Newmarket, post time: 15:00

THE TATTERSALLS MIDDLE PARK STAKES-G1, £275,000, 2yo, c, 6fT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Confucius (Ire)	No Nay Never	Westerberg/Magnier/Tabor/Smith/Brant	Aidan O'Brien	Tom Marquand	128
2	Force Noir (Ire)	Persian Force (Ire)	Amo Racing Limited	Robson De Aguiar	David Egan	128
3	Hell Of A Spin (Ire)	Naval Crown (GB)	Phillipa Griffin And Partner	Adrian Keatley	M. P. Sheehy	128
4	Inner City Blues (Ire)	Blue Point (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	128
5	Marco Polo (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Tabor/Smith/Magnier/Westerberg/Brant	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	128
6	Orthodox (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	Mr J Goddard	Clive Cox	Rossa Ryan	128
7	Push The Boat Out (Ire)	Kodi Bear (Ire)	Ace Stud	M. D. O'Callaghan	Shane Foley	128

Breeders: 1-Stonethorn Stud Farms Ltd, 2-John Martin McLoughney, 3-Corduff Stud, 4-Attlehill Ltd T/A Ridge Manor Stud, 5-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited, 6-Whitsbury Manor Stud, 7-Clive Cox.

Possibly a weaker renewal than seemed likely earlier this week, it is there for the taking for the impressive Round Tower winner **Push The Boat Out** who looks Ireland's best sprinting two-year-old colt. So impressive in the Norfolk, **Orthodox** can probably be forgiven his Prix Morny flop as he bids to win this for Push The Boat Out's breeder Clive Cox. Two-for-two and a July Stakes winner, Godolphin's **Inner City Blues** probably has to step up again while Ballydoyle's **Marco Polo** doesn't convince as one of their elite and was second to Push The Boat Out on debut anyway. *[Tom Frary]*.

Saturday, Newmarket, post time: 14:27

THE TATTERSALLS SCEPTRE SESSIONS CHEVELEY PARK STAKES-G1, £275,000, 2yo, f, 6fT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Alwaysanangel (Ire)	Harry Angel (Ire)	Ms Janine Byrne	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	William Buick	128
2	Libertango (Ire)	No Nay Never	Mr V. I. Araci	George Boughey	Billy Loughnane	128
3	Moonrise (Ire)	Churchill (Ire)	Mr Ahmad Alkhallafi	Andrew Balding	Tom Marquand	128
4	Senorita Bonita (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Victorious Forever	Simon & Ed Crisford	Oisin Murphy	128
5	Snowing (Ire)	No Nay Never	M Tabor/D Smith/Mrs J Magnier/Westerberg	Aidan O'Brien	Rossa Ryan	128
6	Sun Goddess (Ire)	Sioux Nation	D.Smith,Mrs J.Magnier,M.Tabor,Westerberg	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	128

Breeders: 1-Mr R. Kavanagh, 2-Lynch Bages & Camas Park Stud, 3-Mr A. A. Alkhallafi, 4-Hawes Stud & Churchtown House Stud, 5-Lynch Bages Ltd, 6-Owenstown Bloodstock Ltd.

The manner of **Senorita Bonita**'s win in the Prix Morny suggests she may be able to match **Sun Goddess**, with the form of the Ballydoyle stable tempering enthusiasm for the impressive Phoenix and Moyglare winner despite her obvious quality. **Libertango** supposedly beat a below-par Sun Goddess in the Albany, but that is opinion until proven otherwise and she was beaten by Senorita Bonita in the Duchess of Cambridge so it will be fascinating to see how the formlines work out here. There could be a class gap to **Alwaysanangel**, but probably not much of one given how close she finished behind the front pair on the July Course while the Princess Margaret and Sirenia winner **Moonrise** can't be completely ruled out. *[Tom Frary]*.

Saturday, Newmarket, post time: 13:55

THE TATTERSALLS ONLINE ROYAL LODGE STAKES-G2, £125,000, 2yo, c/g, 8fT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Burning Up (GB)	Too Darn Hot (GB)	Exors of the Late Sheikh Mohammed Obaid	K. R. Burke	Clifford Lee	128
2	First Law (Ire)	Too Darn Hot (GB)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	128
3	Haffner	Justify	P Brant, Coolmore, Westerberg,B Smith	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	128
4	Iwasjustsaying (GB)	Ghaiyyath (Ire)	Crone Stud Farms Ltd	Charlie Johnston	Jack Mitchell	128
5	Quest For Stars (Fr)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	Billy Loughnane	128
6	Quicken Away	Frankel (GB)	Mr Saeed Suhail	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	128
7	Rocket Boy (Ire)	Soldier's Call (GB)	Scuderia la Tesa Limited	Marco Botti	Marco Ghiani	128

Breeders: 1-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum, 2-Airlie Stud & Mrs S. Rogers, 3-D.J. Stables & Justify Syndicate, 4-Deerfield Farm, 5-Ind N Singforthemoment 2024, 6-White Birch Farm SC, 7-Belmont & Glenville B/S Ltd.

Twelve months ago, Bow Echo gave an early indication of what was to come and the same colours are carried here by the dual winner **Burning Up** who has looked a smart prospect so far without hitting the heights of his predecessor. **Quest For Stars** sets the form standard on his third to Darkness Falls in the Golden Fleece last time, but interestingly William Buick has opted to ride the unbeaten **First Law** who comes into this on the back of a success in the Ascendant Stakes that Bow Echo won last year. **Quicken Away** has to step up off his Goodwood win, but from the Andrew Balding stable must be respected while the Acomb winner **Haffner** will surely benefit from going up in trip. *[Tom Frary]*.

Saturday, Curragh, post time: 15:10

CHURCHILL TYRES BERESFORD STAKES-G2, €78,000, 2yo, 8fT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	City Of Dubai (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Bond Thoroughbred Limited	P Twomey	Billy Lee	131
2	Drumbeat (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Westerberg,Mrs J Magnier,M Tabor,D Smith	A P O'Brien	Ronan Whelan	131
3	Noble Exhibit (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	D Smith,Mrs J Magnier,M Tabor,Westerberg	A P O'Brien	Wayne Lordan	131
4	Shakespeare (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Brant,Magnier,Tabor,Smith,Westerberg	A P O'Brien	Colin Keane	131
5	Tommy Quick	American Pharoah	Joseph Allen LLC	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	J M Sheridan	131
6	Venetian Power (Ire)	St Mark's Basilica (Fr)	Power Thoroughbreds PTY Limited	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	Declan McDonogh	131

Breeders: 1-John Connaughton, 2-Barronstown Stud, 3-Barronstown Stud, 4-ELB Bloodstock Ltd, 5-Mr. Joseph Allen, LLC, 6-Power Thoroughbreds Germany Gmbh.

It is by now the norm to have almost-exclusive O'Brien-trained runners in these important juvenile races and this traditional Derby pointer continues the trend with the Futurity fifth **City Of Dubai** tackling three from Ballydoyle and a duo from Owning Hill. Pick of them looks to be the impressive Punchestown winner and TDN Rising Star **Noble Exhibit**, with **Shakespeare** back at the track at which he broke his maiden having failed to shine twice around Leopardstown's tight circuit. *[Tom Frary]*.

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