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# KEENELAND NOVEMBER TOPS THE $240M MARK

*by Christina Bossinakis*

Keeneland rounded out its nine-day run of the 2026 November Breeding Stock Sale in Lexington Wednesday, surpassing the $240-million mark, the second-highest through-the-ring gross for the auction since 2007.

Tallying figures generated through the ring, the November Sale drew $240,897,200 for 1,892 head, averaging $127,324. Including post sales, the nine-day auction drew $253,091,700 in gross receipts for 2,025 sold at an average of $124,984. The median closed out at $50,000.

The average exceeded the $125,572 from last year to set a record for the sale, while the median is 16.67% below the sale record of $60,000 in 2025.

"Thankfully it has maintained strongly through to the end," said Cormac Breathnach, Sr. Director of Sales Operations. ***Cont. p3***

## EQIAS LAB, THE GENERAL COUNSEL AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST CONCERNS *by Dan Ross*

The Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) and the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) are clear how the drug testing laboratories under their jurisdiction must be operationally independent and free from any potential conflict of interests.

### The Key Points

- Former HIWU general counsel Michelle Pujals also served on the board of SMRTL. ***Cont. p9***

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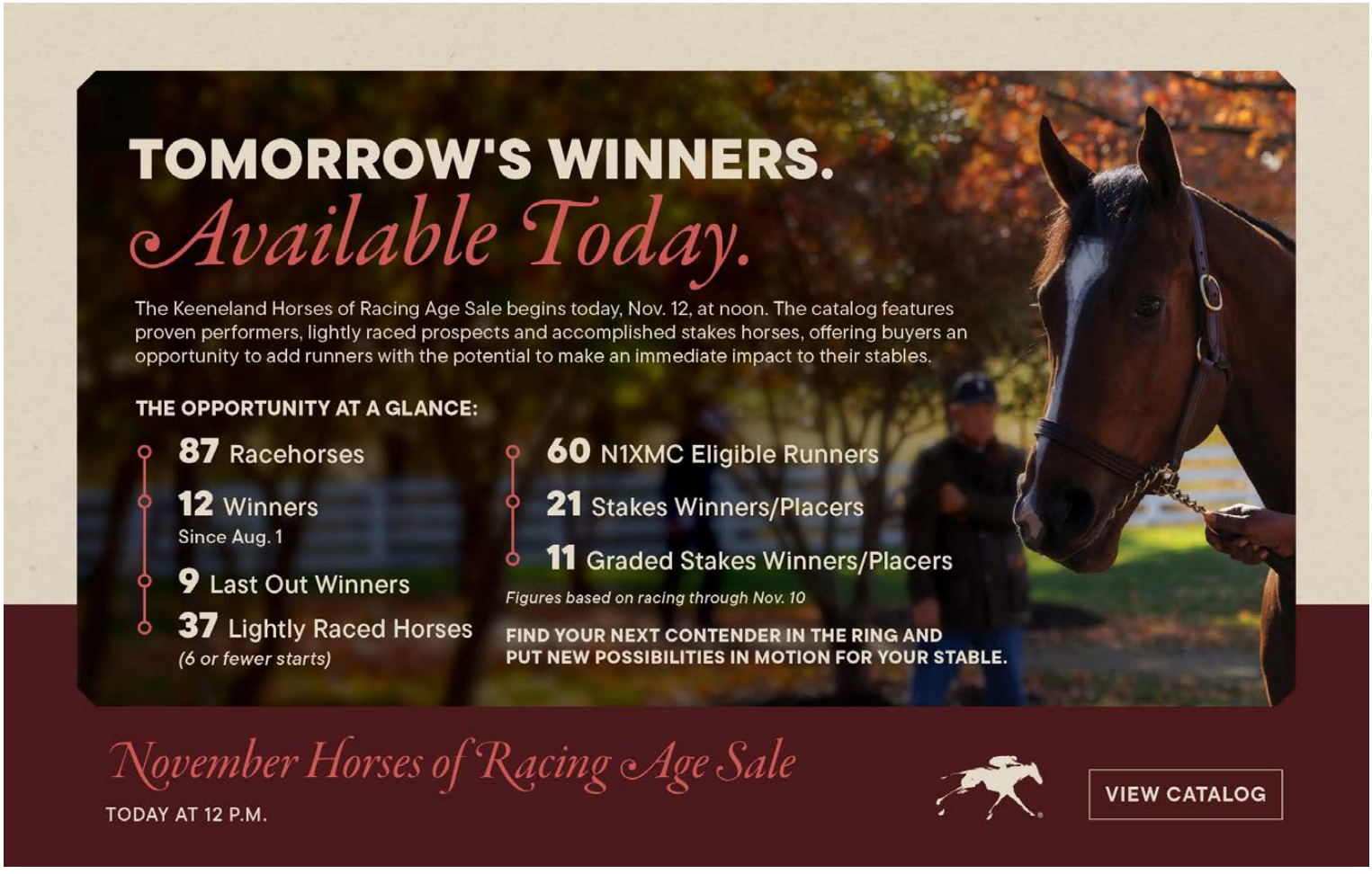
### NO NAY NEVER TOPS COOLMORE ROSTER AT €120K

**No Nay Never** will anchor the Coolmore Stud roster at €120,000 next year. New recruits **Gstaad** (Starspangledbanner) and **Puerto Rico** (Wootton Bassett) will stand for €25,000 and €12,500, respectively.



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*Following Wednesday's sixth race at Churchill Downs, trainer James "Jimmy" Baker poses for a photo commemorating his retirement. In a career that spanned over 50 years, Baker saddled 3,812 starters with over $17 million in earnings, including GI Whitney Handicap winner Mahogany Hall (Woodman).* | *Coady Media*

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*Andrew Rosen, who won the1984 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile--the first-ever Breeders' Cup race--with Chief's Crown, came back 42 years later to capture the GI Juvenile Fillies with Empathic (Nyquist). He joined the TDN Writers' Room Podcast, presented by Keeneland, to discuss the remarkable accomplishment.*



***Keeneland November, cont. from p1***

Breathnach continued: "The sale itself has been extremely good. [At the conclusion of Tuesday's session] we had [already] passed our growth from last year. That was very gratifying. This is the best November Breeding Stock Sale since 2007. That shows the continued health in the marketplace and interest in mares and weanlings. Overall, the numbers across the board are very similar to 2025, year over year."

Last year's November sale generated $237,456,400 for 1,891 horses sold. The 2024 November sale generated $187,557,400 for 2,050 head sold (through the ring).

The 2007 November Breeding Stock Sale, which was held over 15 sessions, grossed $340,877,220. That year's sale included horses of racing age, which was subsequently carved out into its own stand-alone sale in 2022.




**Quietside tops this year's Keeneland November Sale**
*Keeneland*

"After session three [end of Book 2], we saw a little bit of polarity between the ones that people wanted and the ones they didn't necessarily want," said Tony Lacy, Keeneland's V.P. of Sales. "The average was up and the median down, RNAs up a little bit, reflecting that selectivity, but it balanced out towards the later sessions where the RNA rate came down, the median stabilized back to last year. But, when we're comparing 2025 to this year, we were up 45% in the median in one session last year."

He continued, "I think sessions three or four are also difficult to match or compare. But I think when you're looking at it over a three- or four-year period, there has been a steady increase. The trajectory of the sale, especially towards the front has been really, really healthy."

Tuesday and Wednesday's Book 5 sessions concluded with a total of 341 (through the ring) sold for $4,671,300. In 2025, Keeneland's Book 4 spanned four sessions. ***Cont.***



***Keeneland November, cont.***

"[Tuesday] was a particularly strong day in terms of comparison to last year," Breathnach said. "Just really good trade, low RNA rate, all the things you look for--some robustness to the lower end of the market."

***Book 1 Boon***

Keeneland's Book 1 kicked off in style, drawing a $5.2-million final bid for Quietside (Malibu Moon), offered as Hip 175, from the Stone Farm consignment. In foal to Nyquist, the MGSW and GISP was purchased by Erdenheim Farm Thoroughbreds LLC.

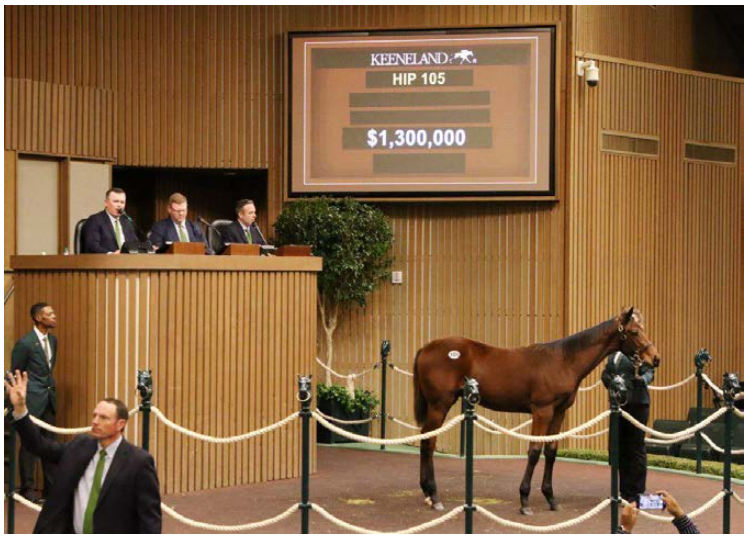
A total of 152 head sold through the ring for $95,929,000 while averaging $631,112 with a median of $400,000. The addition of $4,390,000 in post sales (14 head) boosted the Day 1 gross to $100,319,000. Including post sales, the average was $604,332.

Also in Book 1, a total of 23 horses brought $1 million and more compared to 18 during the first session last year. A total of 25 head realized over the $1-million mark over the course of the entire sale.

"Our big change for this year was that Book 1 was exceptional and including post sales crossed the $100-million mark for that session," said Breathnach. "And so that was something that we take a lot of joy in because we put a lot of effort into that, but to get a sale off to the best possible start and then see the momentum continue through the end is dreams come true."

The highest priced weanling of this year's sale was featured on Day 1. Offered as Hip 105, a colt by Coolmore sire Justify drew $1.3 million from M.V. Magnier and Peter Brant's White Birch Farm.

The top priced weanling filly of the sale was Hip 19, a daughter of Good Magic. Consigned by Nursery Place, agent, the filly was snapped up by Mandy Pope's Whisper Hill Farm for $1,050,000.




**This year's top priced weanling, a colt by Justify purchased by M.V. Magnier and Peter Brant** | *Keeneland*



# A TALENT OF THIS MAGNITUDE

## 6 TRIPLE-DIGIT BEYER FIGURES

- 1st Stephen Foster S.-**Gr.1**, **114 BEYER** ▶
  defeating **BAEZA**, **SOVEREIGNTY**, **WHITE ABARRIO** etc
- 1st Dubai World Cup-**Gr.1**,
  defeating Horse Of The Year **FOREVER YOUNG**
- 1st Risen Star S.-**Gr.2**, by **9¾ lengths** **108 BEYER**
  in race record time
- 1st Clark S.-**Gr.2**, **101 BEYER**
  The first 3YO to win since **GUN RUNNER** in 2016
- 1st Razorback H.-**Gr.3** **102 BEYER**
- 1st Iowa Derby - **L**, **105 BEYER**
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- 2nd Pennsylvania Derby-Gr.1 **102 BEYER**



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***Keeneland November, cont.***

"I think what you're seeing is that the perceived quality, whether it's physical and by sire and obviously pedigree, people are finding it very competitive," said Lacy. "They're taking each other on. At the beginning of the sale, we saw the fact that end users were very much at play."

Two additional weanlings surpassed the seven-figure mark--Hip 119, a filly by American Pharoah, and Hip 265, a colt by Gun Runner. The former, consigned by Clarkland Farm, went to Glen Hill Farm and the latter, offered by Lane's End, was secured by Violet Stables. Both youngsters brought an even $1 million.

"[Buyers] are seeing the opportunity to buy weanlings of high quality for various different purposes," offered Lacy. "I think we're going to see a lot of the purchases [in November] come back September and next year. People are happy with what they got and in many cases, they felt like they had to really have to swing for them, which is a healthy market."

He added, "Conversely, the horses that were perceived as not within the criteria of pinhooking probably just fell short for the sellers. But all in all, I think if they hit the market, breeders are well rewarded."

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***Higher Selectivity Remains in Play***

Continuing a trend witnessed in the marketplace through most of the 2026 season, the RNA rate rose through eight of nine sessions in this year's November Sale.

"There's a high level of scratches at certain points of the sale, but I think that was reflective of the selectivity and people were we want X amount and we don't get it. We'll wait till next year," said Lacy.

At the conclusion of the final day of selling, a total of 617 head failed to find takers (2,509 offered), up from 486 (2,377 offered) one year ago, representing a 26.95% change year-over-year.

Breathnach addressed the disparity.

"There was a little more money at the top of the market and we had a lot of quality in catalogue," he said. "We had $23 million more just in Book 1 than last year, so what you end up seeing is when you have a few more of the bright lights, you get higher up, your spread between the average and the median gets a little greater. So the reality of the sale this year, there was a little bit higher buyback rate pretty much each session. There was still a lot of good trade [to the end], but RNAs kicked up a little in multiple sessions compared to last year. And that just signifies a little more selectivity. And I think that was born out in the foal trade. Foal trade was excellent. It was way ahead of where we were in 2024, which didn't quite match 2025." ***Cont.***



***Keeneland November, cont***

Offering another reason for the increase in RNAs, he explained, "The market keeps shifting and is evolving constantly. So if you react too quickly to something...there's multiple factors that are always in play. With a strong September, sometimes it doesn't offer the same motivation to sell for some breeders."

This year, the Breeders' Cup World Championships were held at Keeneland, adding additional logistical considerations to the staging of the sale staged only a few days later.



**Cormac Breathnach and Tony Lacy** | *Keeneland photo*

"It's been a very condensed calendar and we had the Breeders' Cup at Keeneland, which puts a lot of pressure on the facility, but it also brings some new people in for a day or two," explained Lacy.

Asked if anything obvious needs tweaking going forward, Lacy said, "I think we've got to be very pleased. Again, there's going to be challenges in the marketplace. There's going to be things that we can't control, but there's nothing glaring at this point that I think we should need to change."

### *Day 9 Topped by $125K Volatile Weanling*

On the ninth day of selling, a colt by Volatile realized the session's top price when Malih Al Basti, Oracle Bloodstock agent paid $125,000. Consigned by agent Bridie Harrison, Hip 3405 is out of unraced Tenafly (Jersey Town). This represents the family of MGISW and top sire Medaglia d'Oro.

During Wednesday's session, a total of 150 sold (through the ring) for an aggregate of $1,971,200. The day's average was $13,142 and the median $9,000.

"When we look at the back second half of the market, it was encouraging that session six, seven, and eight were pretty much on par with last year, which was an incredible year," said Lacy. "So that was very gratifying and I think we've got to be very satisfied that there is stability in the market at all levels." ***Cont.***




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***Keeneland November, cont.***

Commenting on the buyers following robust spending during Books 1 and 2, he added, "We saw a lot of new people, another wave come in towards Books 3 onwards or especially in the second half of Book 3. I think that sort of bolsters the market, gives a new source of energy and just a very broad base of buyers, especially internationally, developing markets. It gives an outlet to a lot of stock and just allows breeders to be able to cash in at the time of the year and regroup for 2027."




## WEDNESDAY'S TOP BROODMARES

| Hip | Name | Status | Price ($) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3164 | **Absolute Return** | **i/f Complexity** | **55,000** |
| | *(3, f, Gun Runner--Empress Catherine, by Nyquist)* | | |
| | *Consigned by Elite, agent* | | |
| | *Purchased by Malih Al Basti, Oracle Bloodstock agent* | | |
| 3314 | **Neverthesame** | **i/f Upstart** | **50,000** |
| | *(5, m, Scat Daddy--Salut d'Amour (Ire), by Danehill Dancer {Ire})* | | |
| | *Consigned by Paramount Sales, Agent III* | | |
| | *Purchased by Bobby Goodin* | | |
| 3252 | **Ghost Queen** | **i/f Seize the Grey** | **32,000** |
| | *(5, m, Ghostzapper--Conchita, by Cozzene)* | | |
| | *Consignor: Gainesway, Agent XXIX* | | |
| | *Purchaser: VBS Partners* | | |

## WEDNESDAY'S TOP WEANLINGS

| HIP | SEX | SIRE \| DAM | PRICE ($) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3405 | c | **Volatile--Tenafly** | **125,000** |
| | | *Breeder: Jonathan Harrison & Adrian Martinez (KY)* | |
| | | *Consignor: Bridie Harrison, Agent I* | |
| | | *Purchaser: Malih Al Basti, Oracle Bloodstock agent* | |
| 3365 | c | **Violence--Size** | **40,000** |
| | | *Breeder: Breffni Farm (KY)* | |
| | | *Consignor: Castle Park Farm LLC, Noel Murphy Agent XVI* | |
| | | *Purchaser: Omega Farm II* | |
| 3193 | c | **Karakontie (Jpn)--Bitty Kitty** | **37,000** |
| | | *Breeder: Patricia L. Moseley (KY)* | |
| | | *Consignor: Hunter Valley Farm, agent* | |
| | | *Purchaser: GC Bloodstock* | |

## *Horses of Racing Age Sale Thursday*

With 136 horses, including supplements, catalogued in 2026, just under 100 horses are set to go under the hammer during Thursday's November Horses of Racing Age Sale at Keeneland. The sale will begin at noon ET.

Graduates of the November Horses of Racing Age Sale include graded stakes winners: MGSW Bishops Bay (Uncle Mo), who topped this sale at $1.3 million in 2025, and dual graded stakes winner and GISP Phileas Fogg (Astern {Aus}), a bargain $55,000 buy at this venue in 2023.

Additional 2026 black type-winning graduates are Cornishman (Curlin), Tuscan Gold (Medaglia d'Oro), Avery Place (Vino Rosso), Rockville (Bernardini), Lured Away (Enticed) and Perfect La Combee (Bee Jersey).

"That sector of the market has an inventory problem. Racetracks need horses, sales companies need horses," said Breathnach, explaining this year's slimmer catalogue. "It's a smaller catalogue, but we have our typical levels of support from a lot of big operations. And it's been a really good marketplace with a good clearance rate and people have been able to get immediate action and buy horses that can go on."

He added, "We'd love to see the catalogue grow again a little bit, but like I said, there is a shortage of people that are willing to sell horses that have a future. We take a lot of pride in it and, hopefully, we'll have another good sale and people will see the viability of the live marketplace for these kinds of horses."

## *Keeneland November Leaders*

Erdenheim Farm Thoroughbreds paid $7.8 million for two horses (Quietside $5.2M and Kilwin $2.6M) to lead all buyers.

"I think we were very pleased with the quality that we had this year," said Lacy. "One of our main focus is to make sure that there's a healthy marketplace for both buyer and seller, that breeders feel confident about reinvesting as we saw a lot of reinvestment this week in new breeding stock." ***Cont.***




**Kilwin selling on Day 1** | *Keeneland photo*

***Keeneland November, cont.***

For the fourth consecutive year and 29th time since 1987, Taylor Made Sales Agency was the sale's leading consignor, selling 287 horses for $45,910,400.

Taylor Made handled the Complete Dispersal of Aaron and Marie Jones, which brought a total of $3.22 million for seven horses. Purchased for $975,000 by Al Ruwais Stables, the top seller of the Jones horses was Sweet Kisses (Carpe Diem), a 9-year-old in foal to Into Mischief. Sweet Kisses is the dam of stakes winners Donut God and Hammond.

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| • No. Offered | 2509 | 2377 |
| • No. Sold | 1892 | 1891 |
| • RNAs | 617 | 486 |
| • % RNAs | 24.59% | 20.45% |
| • No. $1 million + | 25 | 18 |
| • High Price | $5,200,000 | $3,700,000 |
| • Gross | $240,897,200 | $237,456,400 |
| • Average | $127,324 (+1.40%) | $125,572 |
| • Median | $50,000 (-16.67%) | $60,000 |

**Figures represent head sold through the ring*
*Note: 2026 Nov sale spanned nine days vs. eight in 2025.*

"I think one thing we take for granted a little bit the depth of the buyer base just because we see it here every year, but the diversity from every corner of not only the U.S. but around the world, the people feel very, very comfortable buying here because of the fact that it's competitive, but it also is fair," said Lacy. "It's very transparent. I think that's where it gains confidence."

Gun Runner was the leading covering sire by gross and by average with seven in-foal mares bringing $12,750,000 for an average of $1,821,429. Among sires with their first pregnant mares at the auction, Sierra Leone was the leader with 19 in-foal mares bringing $6,740,000.

"There are a lot of happy people walking around the place," said Lacy. "Some frustrated, didn't get everything they needed, but that's the nature of the sale as well."

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## KEENELAND NOVEMBER BREEDING STOCK SALE
## TOP MARES

| HIP | NAME | STATUS | PRICE ($) |
|---|---|---|---|
| **175** | **Quietside** | **i/f Nyquist** | **5,200,000** |
| | *(4, Malibu Moon--Benner Island, by Speightstown)* | | |
| | Consigned by Stone Farm, Agent | | |
| | Purchased by Erdenheim Farm Thoroughbreds LLC | | |
| **186** | **Ahavah** | **i/f Gun Runner** | **4,800,000** |
| | *(4, City of Light--Holiday Soiree, by Harlan's Holiday)* | | |
| | Consigned by Lane's End, Agent | | |
| | Purchased by Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa | | |
| **204** | **Admit** | **i/f Life Is Good** | **3,100,000** |
| | *(f, 4, Blame--Profess, by War Front)* | | |
| | Consigned by Claiborne Farm, Agent | | |
| | Purchased by M. V. Magnier & White Birch Farm | | |
| **79** | **Flag Day** | **i/f Gun Runner** | **2,900,000** |
| | *(10, Giant's Causeway--Sense to Compete, by Street Sense)* | | |
| | Consigned by Denali Stud, Agent for Earle Mack, | | |
| | A Complete Breeding Stock Dispersal | | |
| | Purchased by Whisper Hill Farm LLC | | |
| **114** | **Kilwin** | **Rcg/b'mare prospect** | **2,600,000** |
| | *(4, Twirling Candy--Spanish Star, by Blame)* | | |
| | Consigned by Royal Oak Farm, Agent for BBN Racing & Rick Howard | | |
| | Purchased by Erdenheim Farm Thoroughbreds | | |
| **155** | **On Time Girl** | **Rcg/b'mare prospect** | **2,600,000** |
| | *(3, Not This Time--Girl Daddy, by Uncle Mo)* | | |
| | Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent CXCII | | |
| | Purchased by David Lanigan, Agent/Heider Family Stables | | |
| **65** | **Eve of War** | **i/f Sierra Leone** | **2,400,000** |
| | *(9, Declaration of War--Special Thanks, by Broken Vow)* | | |
| | Consigned by Hidden Brook, Agent XXV | | |
| | Purchased by Al Ruwais Stables | | |
| **243** | **Expensive Queen (Ire)** | **Rcg/b'mare prospect** | **2,100,000** |
| | *(5, Lope de Vega {Ire}–Witches Brew {Ire}, by Duke of Marmalade {Ire})* | | |
| | Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent CXCVII | | |
| | Purchased by Godolphin | | |

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## TOP WEANLINGS

**105** **colt** **Justify--Inchargeofme (GB)** **1,300,000**
*Breeder: Nursery Place, Wilhite & Justify Syndicate (KY)*
*Consignor: Nursery Place, Agent*
*Purchaser: M. V. Magnier & White Birch Farm*

**19** **filly** **Good Magic--Boat's Ghost** **1,050,000**
*Breeder: Nursery Place (KY)*
*Consignor: Nursery Place, Agent*
*Purchaser: Whisper Hill Farm LLC*

**119** **filly** **American Pharoah--Lady Irene** **1,000,000**
*Breeder: Clarkland Farm (KY)*
*Consignor: Clarkland Farm LLC*
*Purchaser: Glen Hill Farm*

**265** **colt** **Gun Runner--Walking Miracle** **1,000,000**
*Breeder: Thirty Year Farm (NY)*
*Consignor: Lane's End, Agent*
*Purchaser: Violet Stables*

**66** **colt** **Practical Joke--Eve of War** **900,000**
*Breeder: Hidden Brook Farm & Brian Kahn (KY)*
*Consignor: Hidden Brook, Agent XXV*
*Purchaser: Caitlin Dunne, Agent for Wesley Ward*

**169** **colt** **Not This Time--Playlist** **750,000**
*Breeder: Lynch Bages Ltd & Garrenross Unlimited (KY)*
*Consignor: Four Star Sales, Agent*
*Purchaser: Mayberry Farm*

**214** **colt** **Into Mischief--Sweet Kisses** **750,000**
*Breeder: Aaron & Maries Jones (KY)*
*Consignor: Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent for Aaron & Marie Jones LLC (A Complete Dispersal)*
*Purchaser: Spendthrift Farm LLC*



*Keeneland*

***Conflicts of Interest, cont. from p1***

- According to legal and business filings, SMRTL purchased and owns the company operating EQIAS Labs, which secured HIWU accreditation in August 2025.
- HISA and HIWU have since paid EQIAS approximately $1.6 million.
- SMRTL president Daniel Eichner has also served as an expert witness in several HIWU cases.
- Independent ethics experts raise serious concerns about potential conflicts of interest.
- HIWU denies any conflicts and says no review is necessary.



*EQIAS Lab photo*

According to HISA, these Laboratories "shall be administratively and operationally independent from any organization or person(s) that could exert undue pressure on the Laboratory and affect the impartial execution of its tasks and operations."

For WADA, the reason for this operational independence is to "avoid potential conflicts of interest and ensure full confidence in the Laboratory's competence, impartiality, judgment and operational integrity."

The dual roles that former Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU)'s general counsel Michelle Pujals executed as both regulator and as a board director for the non-profit that purchased the lab that took over drug testing out of the University of Kentucky appear to violate these rules and, according to governmental ethics experts, raise serious conflict of interest concerns.

HIWU is the anti-doping and medication control enforcement arm of HISA. ***Cont.***

***Conflicts of Interest, cont.***

In July of 2022 when Pujals assumed the role of HIWU's general counsel, she joined the board of directors for the non-profit Sports Medicine Research and Testing Laboratory (SMRTL), which provides drug testing research and development services.

According to business filings and legal documents, SMRTL purchased and owns the Equine Integrity and Anti-Doping Sciences (EQIAS) Lab, which took over drug testing responsibilities out of the University of Kentucky after the collapse of the university's former lab under director Scott Stanley.

In August 2025, the EQIAS Lab was granted probationary accreditation to start conducting drug testing for HIWU after a months-long process to seek this formal approval. Pujals retired from HIWU this past June.



**Guadalupe Hayes-Mota** | *guadalupehayesmota.com*

Guadalupe Hayes-Mota, director of the bioethics program at the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics at Santa Clara University, explained that Pujals had a "fiduciary responsibility to the [SMRTL] nonprofit. So, she needs to act in the best interest of the nonprofit itself."

As the general counsel for HIWU, however, "her responsibility is to uphold the standards" of the regulator, said Hayes-Mota.

"How could she actually have loyalties to both places?" said Hayes-Mota, describing it as a "strong conflict of interest."

HISA and HIWU have so far paid EQIAS Labs approximately $1.6 million, according to the two agencies.

The decision by HIWU to use SMRTL President Daniel Eichner as an expert witness in several anti-doping and medication control cases, while initially failing to clearly disclose his ties to the EQIAS lab, also raises similar conflict of interest and transparency questions according to ethics experts.

Janelle Winston, who took over as HIWU's general counsel in May, disagreed that conflicts of interest existed in Pujals's dual roles, or in the way HIWU used Eichner as an expert witness.

"It doesn't exist. There's no there there," said Winston. "In the same way that you found two people to say that they think it's a conflict, we could just as easily find two experts that say it's not."

In the background of this issue is a key storyline that punctuated HISA and HIWU's nascent years as federal regulators.

In March 2024, HISA and HIWU opened an investigation into the Equine Analytical Chemistry Lab (EACL) based out of the University of Kentucky after concerns arose concerning the facility's performance under Stanley.

Subsequent investigative reports from HISA and HIWU and from the University of Kentucky identified multiple issues with the lab under Stanley's direction, including failure to perform mandatory confirmation analysis and the intentional misrepresentations of positive tests as negative.

The UK fired Stanley in September of 2025. By that time, SMRTL president Eichner had purchased the university's laboratory and established the EQIAS Lab under the business auspices of Eagle Diagnostics, according to business filings and legal documents.

The business ties between SMRTL and the lab currently operating out of the University of Kentucky is clouded somewhat by an acronym soup of different business names. These names include Eagle Diagnostics, the Sports Drug Testing Laboratory and the EQIAS Lab. ***Cont.***



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***Conflicts of Interest, cont.***

As outlined across multiple legal documents filed by the defendant's counsel in HIWU's case against trainer Christopher Fung--who was facing charges related to a clenbuterol positive--Eichner allegedly signed a transfer agreement to purchase the UK Lab's assets listing the Sports Drug Testing Laboratory as D/B/A (doing business as) Eagle Diagnostics.

In its 2025 tax filing, SMRTL is listed as the sole owner of the Sports Drug Testing Laboratory.

Another legal filing in Fung's case dated October 2025 details Eichner's conflicting testimony concerning the professional and financial relationship between SMRTL and the EQIAS Lab.

"At times, Dr. Eichner would acknowledge that Eagle Diagnostics and EQIAS were wholly owned by SMRTL, but then would attempt to state that the performance of Eagle Diagnostics and EQIAS had no bearing on the financials of SMRTL," according to the legal documents filed by Fung's counsel challenging Eichner's impartiality.

"Dr. Eichner also attempted to claim separation of interests due to SMRTL's non-profit status, yet at the same time acknowledged that Eagle Diagnostics and EQIAS were revenue producing entities owned by SMRTL," according to the filing.

Eichner is also the president of Eagle Diagnostics.

HIWU similarly claims that SMRTL and EQIAS Lab are connected but separate entities.

"Eagle Diagnostics has its own separate board of directors, of which Pujals is not a member. SMRTL's board members, including Pujals, are not involved in the daily activities of EQIAS and do not provide oversight of its management in any way," wrote HIWU in an email.

It's unclear who sits on Eagle Diagnostic's board of directors. For one, this information does not appear readily available online. When asked, HIWU referred *TDN* to Eagle Diagnostics directly.

When the *TDN* called Eagle Diagnostics, SMRTL's Chief Operating Officer Thane Campbell answered. He explained he worked for Eagle Diagnostics but wasn't accepting questions by the media at that time, and he didn't know who at the company was handling such enquiries.

Neither Eichner nor Travis Mays, the director of the EQIAS Lab, responded to multiple attempts to seek comment, including to name the Eagle Diagnostics board of directors.

In her interview with *TDN*, Winston also argued that "SMRTL had nothing to do with buying EQIAS."

In a follow-up email, HIWU asked for documentation illustrating where Eichner "allegedly stated" that SMRTL owns EQIAS. The *TDN* shared the legal documents and business filings illustrating this connection. HIWU acknowledged the email but did not provide any further response.

In its "Closing Book of Evidence" in the Fung case, HIWU inserts portions of Eichner's testimony in which he admits the documents provided by Fung's legal team show the initial bid to purchase the UK Lab "was submitted by and awarded to SMRTL."

During his testimony, Eichner admits "there was a concern that SMRTL would not be able to retain its 501(c)(3) status if it purchased and operated the UK Lab," according to HIWU's closing book of evidence.

"To the best of my recollection and understanding," Eichner adds in the filing, "it was never intended that SMRTL would be the entity that purchased the UK Lab."

In 2025, Eichner was paid $581,028 and compensated an additional $41,086 bonus by SMRTL. Tax filings show that Eichner's bonuses were based on a review by the SMRTL board of directors, of which Pujals was a member.



**Dr. Scott Stanley** | *University of Kentucky*

Tax filings show Pujals was compensated $4,500 for her position on the SMRTL board in 2025.

Central Washington University's Matthew Altman, who sits on the board of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, a national body geared around the education and advancement of professional ethics, said that standard practice would have been for Pujals to step off the SMRTL board or at least recuse herself when the company considered purchasing the Kentucky lab.

The actual purchase then exacerbated the potential conflict, Altman added. "I just don't know why she would stay on the board, given this relationship," he said.

At the bare minimum, Pujals should have recused herself from any cases involving samples processed by the EQIAS lab, said Hayes-Mota.

If she didn't, "it puts into question the scientific integrity and accountability" of the samples processed by that lab, said Hayes-Mota. ***Cont.***

***Conflicts of Interest, cont.***

Contacted through HIWU, Pujals declined to speak for the story.

Instead, HIWU wrote that Pujals was not required to recuse herself from any of the cases where samples had been processed by the EQIAS lab.

"She did not represent HIWU before arbitrators in specific cases; rather, she oversaw overall operations of the HIWU legal department," explained HIWU.

When asked about the remit of the general counsel's role, however, Winston admitted in an interview that it's "possible" Pujals could have discussed the specifics, and offered her guidance and expert opinion, on any of these cases with the litigating attorneys.

"But those attorneys have the same ethical obligations as any other attorney on the planet, and they make their own decisions on their cases and litigate them as they see fit, same as they do now," Winston added.



**Janelle Winston** | *Courtesy of HIWU*

As for the way HIWU used the services of Eichner as an expert witness, it doesn't matter if the SMRTL board doesn't oversee the day-to-day operations of the EQIAS lab, said Altman.

"All that matters is whether there's a benefit or potential benefit. That's what introduces the conflict," said Altman.

"He benefits from being hired by HIWU, and HIWU benefits by hiring him as an expert witness, so he has a financial stake in the case," said Altman. "The other way to think about this is, imagine if the other side wanted to bring in Eichner as an expert witness for them. He has an incentive not to do that."

Eichner has testified as an expert witness for HIWU in about a half dozen anti-doping and medication control cases.

"HIWU will continue to utilize Dr. Eichner as an expert witness in future cases, as appropriate," wrote HIWU when asked.

Bernard Taylor, the arbitrator in Fung's case, ultimately denied the trainer's attempts to disqualify Eichner's testimony noting, among other arguments, how the SMRTL president's "misrepresentations regarding his independence and relationship with EQIAS" were beyond the agreed-upon scope of the briefing.

According to HIWU, Pujals's ties with the SMRTL board had no bearing on her retirement this past June.

Hayes-Mota suggested the HISA Authority should review its program-wide conflict of interest policies.

Without clear such policies that are strictly adhered to, warned Hayes-Mota, "their credibility is going to erode with the public."

Winston, however, argued that such an internal review is not necessary.

"We constantly review all of our cases, all of the people that we interact with, to make sure that there is no conflict, and we'll continue to do that," said Winston. "This is not a basis for us to do anything additional, because we've already determined that there wasn't a conflict."

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## ANDREW ROSEN JOINS THE TDN WRITERS' ROOM PODCAST PRESENTED BY KEENELAND

It's been quite a year for horse owner and fashion mogul Andrew Rosen. Luster (Knicks Go), a filly he owned in partnership with Gainesway Farm, romped in the King's Plate in August. She is well on her way to being named Canadian Horse of the Year. About two-and-a-half months later, **Empathic** (Nyquist), also owned by the Gainesway-Rosen partnership, won the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies and is a shoo-in to be named this year's champion filly. It was a particularly remarkable accomplishment for Rosen, who won the first-ever Breeders' Cup race, the 1984 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile with Chief's Crown, and came back 42 years later to revisit a Breeders' Cup winner's circle.

To talk about Emphatic, Luster, Chief's Crown, his career in fashion and so much else, Rosen joined this week's TDN Writers' Room presented by Keeneland. He was the Gainesway Guest of the Week.

Andrew Rosen, just 26 at the time, inherited control of Chief's Crown upon the passing of his father, Carl. The horse was named in honor of Carl Rosen, whose nickname was “The Chief.” Andrew Rosen knew back then that winning a Breeders' Cup race was special, but maybe just not how special.

“Chief's Crown was just an incredible experience,” he said. “The horse being named after my dad made it all extra special.”

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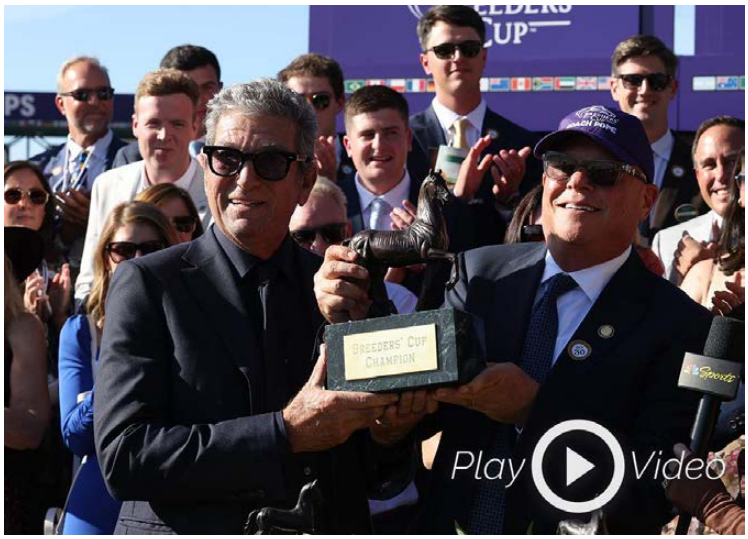
***Andrew Rosen on TDN Writers' Room, cont.***

"My dad was just one of the most amazing people I've ever known. And he loved horses and he loved horse racing. I was fortunate enough to be able to follow in his footsteps and was lucky enough to get Chief's Crown and then to be able to do it on my own, so to speak. Winning the first Breeders' Cup race, I mean, we didn't know what the Breeders' Cup was going to be. So in a way it was just like another race. But today it's not just another race. It's really the championship of the season."

Chief's Crown won the juvenile title based on his win in the Breeders' Cup and Emphatic did the same thing. She was 4-for-4 on the year and heads the list of possible candidates for next year's GI Kentucky Oaks.




**Andrew Rosen** | *Walter Wlodarczyk*

"I spoke to (trainer) Brendan (Walsh) yesterday and I just wanted to thank him for the incredible job he has done with Emphatic and how happy he made me with that victory. She's down in Florida now, at Palm Meadows. She's going to have an easy time for the next month then probably a prep race in March and then the Ashland Stakes in April and then, hopefully, the Kentucky Oaks."

Rosen has been so successful in the fashion industry that he has earned the nickname "The Godfather of Contemporary Fashion." The companies he has been involved with include Calvin Klein, Theory, Skims, and Rag & Bone. He is currently a key investor and partner in the brand TWP, a high-end women's fashion brand.

Asked for the secret to his success, he replied: "Just like in horse racing, I was able to follow my dad into the clothing business. That was my dad's profession and he spent his whole life doing it, his father spent his whole life doing it, and I've spent my whole life doing it. I guess there's something in the breeding there. I started out working for my dad when I was 19, I just got an incredible experience working in warehouses and factories and ultimately came to New York and really worked at his side for six years until he passed away. I just feel like I I got an incredible education in the fashion industry and had a feel for it."

As for the "Fastest Horse of the Week," that honor went to Dwyer Stakes winner Stimulate (Tapit), who earned a 107 Beyer in his powerful win. The Fastest Horse of the Week is sponsored by WinStar Farm, which stands the sire Life Is Good.

Elsewhere on the podcast, which is also sponsored by the PHBA, 1/ST TV and West Point Thoroughbreds, the team of Randy Moss, Zoe Cadman and Bill Finley answered questions from viewers who thought that Deterministic (Liam's Map) should be Horse of the Year. While applauding the season Deterministic had, all three stuck with their original selection, Sovereignty (Into Mischief). With the news that Forever Young (Jpn) (Real Steal {Jpn} will have just one more race before retiring, the team debated where he stands among the all-time greats. The Dwyer was a major point of discussion which touched on the tremendous performance by Stimulate and the disappointing performance by 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Haygard' Ted Noffey (Into Mischief), who was retired after the race.

To listen to the podcast, click here or to view it, click here.

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## PAPPACAP HEADS WALMAC FARM'S 2027 STALLION ROSTER

Gary Broad's Walmac Farm has set stud fees for its roster of stallions for the upcoming breeding season, led by **Pappacap** (Gun Runner), who will stand for $12,500 S&N. The roster is further bolstered by recently retired GISW **Stronghold** (Ghostzapper), who will stand his initial season at stud for $10,000 S&N. ***Cont.***



**Pappacap** | *Sarah Andrew*

***Walmac stud fees, cont.***

Pappacap, winner of the GII Best Pal S. at Del Mar and runner-up in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, will have his first 2-year-olds in 2027. Pappacap's first yearlings this year have sold for up to $185,000, and his first weanlings in 2025 commanded up to $170,000.

Stronghold won graded stakes from seven furlongs to 1 1/8 miles. He captured the GI Santa Anita Derby and GIII Sunland Park Derby at three and the GIII Triple Bend S. this year, running seven furlongs in a fast 1:21.36.

Walmac's 2027 roster is rounded out by: **Fulsome** (Into Mischief), $7,500; **Pinehurst** (Twirling Candy), $7,500; and **Core Beliefs** (Quality Road), $5,000.

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## WEEKLY RULINGS

## NATIONAL RULINGS NOVEMBER 6-11

*by Dan Ross*

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

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

Among this week's rulings, trainer Scooter Davis was suspended 30 days and fined $2,500 after two of his horses tested positive for Flunixin and Dexamethasone (both class C controlled substances) after running at Presque Isle Downs on June 22 earlier this year.

Trainer Chris Englehart was suspended 15 days and fined $1,000 after his trainee Cloudy Chance tested positive for Acepromazine, a class B controlled substance, after finishing second at Saratoga on August 13.

Trainers Todd Pletcher and Matt Kintz were each suspended seven days for controlled medication violations.

### Resolved ADMC Violations

**Dates**: 11/10/2026
**Licensee**: Amy Nesbitt, trainer
**Penalty**: Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of $500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points.
**Explainer**: Medication violations for the presence of Dexamethasone—a class C controlled substance—in samples taken from Jack's Yellow Rose, who finished second at Fairmount Park on 10/3/26.

**Dates**: 11/09/2026
**Licensee**: S. Matthew Kintz, trainer
**Penalty**: 7-day period of Ineligibility for Covered Person, beginning on November 10, 2026; Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of $1,000; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points.
**Explainer**: Medication violations for the presence of Phenylbutazone—a class C controlled substance—in a sample taken from Cocktail Kisses, who won at Presque Isle Downs on 7/6/26.

**Dates**: 11/09/2026
**Licensee**: Todd Pletcher, trainer
**Penalty**: 7-day period of Ineligibility for Covered Person, beginning on November 10, 2026; Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of $1,000; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points.
**Explainer**: Medication violation for the presence of Betamethasone—a class C controlled substance—in a sample taken from Weetamoo, who won at Keeneland on 4/17/26. More on the story here.

**Dates**: 11/06/2026
**Licensee**: Todd Jordan, trainer
**Penalty**: A fine of $500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points.
**Explainer**: Violation of Rule 3313, "Use or Attempted Use of a Controlled Medication Substance during the Race Period." It concerns the horse Beautifly Troubl'd, the prohibited substance Xact RX, on the date 5/24/26.

**Dates**: 11/06/2026
**Licensee**: Chris Englehart, trainer
**Penalty**: 15-day period of Ineligibility for Covered Person, beginning on November 7, 2026; Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of $1,000; imposition of 2 Penalty Points.
**Explainer**: Medication violation for the presence of Acepromazine—a class B controlled substance—in a sample taken from Cloudy Chance, who finished second at Saratoga on 8/13/26. ***Cont.***

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**Dates**: 11/06/2026
**Licensee**: Scooter Davis, trainer
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**Explainer:** Medication violations for the presence of Dexamethasone—a class C controlled substance—in a sample taken from He's a Mess, who won at Presque Isle Downs on 6/22/26; and for the presence of Flunixin—a class C controlled substance—in a sample taken from Drunk on Sake, who finished fifth at Presque Isle Downs on 6/22/26.

**Dates**: 11/05/2026
**Licensee**: Marco Ccamaque, trainer
**Penalty**: Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of $500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points.
**Explainer**: Medication violation for the presence of Methocarbamol—a class C controlled substance—in a sample taken from Nantucket, who finished fifth at Thistledown on 9/21/26.

## Pending ADMC Violations

**11/11/2026, Murat Sancal, trainer**: Pending medication violation for the presence of Methamphetamine—a banned substance—in a sample taken from Zirzop, who won at Gulfstream Park on 9/20/26.

**11/11/2026, Robert James Gherardi, trainer**: Pending medication violation for the presence of Methamphetamine—a banned substance—in a sample taken from Nabers, who won at Albuquerque on 9/16/26.

**11/10/2026, David Oyola, trainer**: Pending medication violations for the presence of Dexamethasone—a class C controlled substance—in samples taken from Wild Banker, who finished seventh at Finger Lakes on 10/12/26, from Diva Banker, who finished seventh at Finger Lakes on 10/13/26; and from Open Soul Autism, who finished fifth at Finger Lakes on 10/14/26.

**11/10/2026, Jonathan Thomas, trainer**: Pending medication violation for the presence of Phenylbutazone—a class C controlled substance—in a sample taken from Miss Nightfall, who won at Saratoga on 9/7/26.

**11/09/2026, Logan H. Ashford, trainer**: Pending medication violation for the presence of Methamphetamine—a banned substance—in a sample taken from Spankerboom, who won at Prairie Meadows on 7/31/26.

**11/06/2026, Brian Cook, trainer**: Pending vets' list medication violation for the presence of Dantrolene—a class C controlled substance—in a sample taken from Lookatmybuckle on 10/14/26.

**11/06/2026, Paul G. Overhalt, trainer**: Pending vets' list medication violation for the presence of Omeprazole—a class C controlled substance—in a sample taken from Noble Court on 10/12/26.

**11/06/2026, Helen Alice Beckman, trainer**: Pending medication violation for the presence of Methylprednisolone—a class C controlled substance—in a sample taken from Zettie, who finished second at Belterra Park on 10/2/26.

## Crop Violations

*Churchill Downs*

**Yomar Ortiz, Jr.** - reporting date November 7; $250 fine, one-day suspension Yomar Ortiz Jr. - reporting date November 7; $500 fine, two-day suspension Rafael J. Bejarano - reporting date November 6; $1,500 fine, three-day suspension Jaime A. Torres - reporting date November 6; $1,000 fine, two-day suspension

**Tyler Gaffalione** - reporting date November 6; $2,000 fine, four-day suspension, on appeal stay requested

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**Flightline at Lane's End |** *Sarah Andrew*

## FLIGHTLINE FIRSTER UNVEILED ON THE BELMONT GRASS

**4th-BEL, 100K, Msw, 2yo, f, 6 1/2fT, 2:10 p.m.**

A $750,000 Keeneland September grad, **HARPIST** (Flightline) will look to strike the right chord Thursday when unveiled on the grass at Belmont Park for Miguel Clement and owner LSU Stables. Out of the graded stakes-winning mare Daisy, Harpist is a half to Botanical (Medaglia d'Oro) who won a pair of stakes on the Tapeta at Turfway Park and all four of Daisy's progeny to the track have been winners. Clement will leg up Hall of Famer John Velazuez from the outside post.

**Aneki** (Curlin) debuts for trainer Bill Mott and owner Gary Klein who went to $400,000 to secure this filly from last year's Fasig-Tipton October Yearling Sale. A May-born foal, she is out of Piedi Bianchi, a mare banked nearly $830,000 on track with five stakes wins and placings in the GI Del Mar Debutante, the GI Chandelier Stakes and the GI Starlet Stakes. Whisper Hill Farm purchased the mare, who is a half to MSW and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf third Outadore (Outwork), for $800,000 at the 2024 Keeneland November Sale. **TJCIS PPS**

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**8th-Churchill Downs, $129,064, Alw**, 11-11, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:36.35, fm, nose.

**EPIC HORSEPOWER (g, 3, Not This Time--Sweet Candy Dance {GSP, $144,340}, by Twirling Candy)** broke his maiden in his first start for George Weaver two back, having spent his first four starts with Brian Lynch. Back on a grass after his last race got rained onto the main track at Keeneland Oct. 11, t he 22-2 longshot was slow into stride and trailed the majority of the field down the backstretch through the half in :48.98. Fanning out around the far turn, he closed in a hurry to secure the upset over Taterpie (Flameaway) by a nose. Epic Horsepower has a yearling full-sister with his dam due to Americanrevolution next spring. Sales History: $370,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, $215,562. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel Racing**.

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**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**5th-Churchill Downs, $123,142, Msw**, 11-11, 2yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.75, fm, 2 lengths.

**MO MISERY (r, 2, Uncle Mo--Sosua, by Speightstown)** swapped from the dirt to the grass two starts back and this the board at Saratoga Aug. 8 at this distance but was last sixth at Kentucky Downs cutting back to the mile on Sept. 3. Racing without blinkers Wednesday, the 5-1 shot split the field into the first turn, tracking from off the pace as aptly-named American Veteran (American Pharoah) led through fractions of :23.42 and :47.69. Inching his way forward past the half-mile pole, Mo Misery came wide for the wire and rallied late for the two-length victory over Sweeten the Pot (Maxfield). Sosua is a half to SW/GISP Girl Daddy (Uncle Mo), herself the dam of On Time Girl (Not This Time) who was a $2.6-million pick up last week at the Keeneland November Sale. Mo Misery has a yearling full-brother and a weanling half-sister by Practical Joke while Sosua returned to Practical Joke for 2027. Sales History: $675,000 Ylg '25 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, $86,758. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel Racing**.
O-Snake River Stable; B-Newstead Corp (KY); T-Robert Medina.

**4th-Churchill Downs, $117,816, Msw**, 11-11, 2yo, 1m, 1:35.58, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

**BELZONI (c, 2, Gun Runner--Flor de La Mar {SW & GISP, $190,385}, by Tiznow)**, after just missing by a head at both Saratoga in his debut July 25 and most recently at Keeneland Oct. 4, cut back to the mile Wednesday and was able to carry his speed. The 2-5 favorite had an early challenge from Johnny Wyoming (American Pharoah) and yielded briefly to that rival, stalking just off him in second before re-asserting himself into the far turn. Driving ahead into the final furlong, he held off a late bid from Torcello (Constitution), hitting the wire 1 1/4-lengths ahead. Flor de la Mar, purchased by Godolphin as a yearling for $500,000, is a half-sister to the dam of MGSP and 'TDN Rising Star' Senza Parole (Gun Runner). After three straight Gun Runner foals, including Belzoni's yearling and weanling full-sisters, Flor de la Mar went to Vekoma for 2027. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, $117,038. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel Racing**.
O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-William I. Mott.

Bridlewood Farm Training Graduate

**9th-Churchill Downs, $95,276, Msw**, 11-11, 2yo, 6 1/2f, 1:16.56, ft, 4 1/4 lengths.

**DOUBLE ARROW (c, 2, Independence Hall--French Curline, by Exaggerator)**, one of just two in the field with prior race experience, finished third in a similar restricted maiden at Keeneland Oct. 8. Adding blinkers Wednesday, the 7-2 second choice was prominent throughout, pressuring the leader early, then taking over and drawing off into the final quarter-mile, opening up to bring in Final Statement (Violence) by 4 1/4 lengths. The winner has a yearling half-sister by Two Phil's and a weanling half-sister by Life Is Good, while French Curline was barren to Cogburn for next season. Sales History: $40,000 Ylg '25 KEESEP; $65,000 2yo '26 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $60,209. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel Racing**.
O-Sheila Regan, Steve Regan and Norman Tremblay; B-Phil Needham, Judy Needham & Bena Halecky (KY); T-Robertino Diodoro.

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**Belzoni** | *Coady Media*

**2nd-Churchill Downs, $89,090, Msw**, 11-11, 2yo, 1m, 1:37.26, ft, head.

**CHARGING FORCE (c, 2, Take Charge Indy--Cypriana, by Bodemeister)** showed very little when run off his feet finishing 10th against this same auction-price restricted company at Churchill Downs going six furlongs Sept. 16. Rail-drawn here while stretching out to the mile, the 7-2 third choice had much more speed, jumping to the lead while taking early pressure from Lux Aeterna (Instagrand) just to his outside. Able to get a bit of breathing room through the half in :48.11, Charging Force built up enough of a gap to last as Moycullen (Girvin) challenged late, holding that rival off by a head. Cypriana is a winning half-

sister to the dam of the Oct. 25 G1 Japanese St. Leger winner Going to Sky (Jpn) (Contrail {Jpn}). Charging Force has a yearling half-brother by Spun to Run and a weanling half-brother by Rock Your World while Cypriana is due in the spring to Seize the Grey. Sales History: $22,000 RNA Ylg '25 KEEJAN; $50,000 Ylg '25 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $53,400. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel Racing**. O-Calumet Farm; B-John D. Stuart (KY); T-Dale L. Romans.



**Charging Force (inside) |** *Coady Media*

**1st-Horseshoe Indianapolis, $32,000, Msw**, 11-11, 2yo, 1m, 1:38.04, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.
**APOTHEON (c, 2, Gun Runner--Indulgent {GSW, $342,117}, by Bernardini)** got back on the main track here after trying the grass last out at Keeneland Oct. 9. Sitting just off the pace in third, the 9-2 shot settled outside of Family Crest (Justiyf) through the half in :47.46 before making his bid around the far turn, coming to the front at the top of the stretch and going clear to lead that rival in by 2 3/4 lengths. A Godolphin homebred, Apotheon is out of a Bernardini half-sister to MGISW and sire Frosted (Tapit) and to the dam of MGSW/GISP Caramel Swirl (Union Rags). This is also the family of champion Midshipman (Unbridled's Song) and MGISP Solomini (Curlin). Indulgent has a yearling filly by Uncle Mo and foaled a Nyquist colt this spring. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, $28,775. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**
O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-William I. Mott.

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## AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ABROAD

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**FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, NOV. 12**
*2026 Stud Fees Listed*
**Cyberknife** (Gun Runner), Spendthrift Farm, $15,000
167 foals of racing age/16 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Belmont, 2:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Shared Ambition, 5-1
$55,000 KEE SEP yrl; $350,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Drain the Clock** (Maclean's Music), Gainesway Farm, $10,000
134 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Churchill Downs, 1:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Drain the Bourbon, 8-1 $105,000 FTK JUL yrl

**Early Voting** (Gun Runner), Taylor Made Farm
116 foals of racing age/15 winners/2 black-type winners
2-Charles Town, 7:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Water Slide, 12-1
$3,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

**Flightline** (Tapit), Lane's End Farm, $125,000
124 foals of racing age/17 winners/2 black-type winners
4-Belmont, 2:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Aerial Affair, 4-1
$300,000 KEE SEP yrl
4-Belmont, 2:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Harpist, 6-1
$750,000 KEE SEP yrl
4-Belmont, 2:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Rockabye, 9-2

**Jack Christopher** (Munnings), Coolmore Ashford, $15,000
187 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Penn National, 5:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Six of Spades, 6-1

**Jackie's Warrior** (Maclean's Music), Spendthrift Farm, $25,000
136 foals of racing age/22 winners/2 black-type winners
4-Belmont, 2:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Blazing Beauty, 5-2
$175,000 KEE SEP yrl; $65,000 OBS OPN 2yo
5-Woodbine, 5:06 p.m. EDT, Ocl 6 1/2f, Charming Jackie, 6-1

$7,000 KEE JAN yrl
4-Belmont, 2:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Saintly Villain, 12-1

**Life Is Good** (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, $60,000
133 foals of racing age/14 winners/2 black-type winners
1-Churchill Downs, 1:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, I Like to Party, 8-5
$400,000 KEE NOV wnl

**Mandaloun** (Into Mischief), Juddmonte Farms, $10,000
100 foals of racing age/13 winners/2 black-type winners
9-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5:41 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Sibilla, 5-2
$110,000 KEE NOV wnl; $130,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Mind Control** (Stay Thirsty), Rockridge Stud, $6,000
125 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner
2-Charles Town, 7:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Super Control, 8-1
$1,000 IGD SEP yrl

**Mr Freeze** (To Honor and Serve), Raimonde Farms, $2,000
10 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
2-Mahoning Valley, 12:43 p.m. EDT, $75K Glacial Princess S., 6f, Chicabee, 2-1

**Speaker's Corner** (Street Sense), Darley, $10,000
111 foals of racing age/9 winners/4 black-type winners
1-Churchill Downs, 1:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Boss, 12-1
$140,000 FTK OCT yrl

**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, NOV. 12**
*2026 Stud Fees Listed*
**Essential Quality** (Tapit), Darley, $25,000
218 foals of racing age/72 winners/9 black-type winners
3-Churchill Downs, 1:58 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Storm Commander, 30-1

**Sleepy Eyes Todd** (Paddy O'Prado), Swifty Farms, $3,500
25 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5:09 pm, Msw 5 1/2f, Sleepy's Lil Angel, 15-1




## ADDITIONAL RACING

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**
**10th-Zia, $62,000**, (S), 11-10, (NW2L), 3, 4,/5yo, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:03.70, ft, 5 3/4 lengths.
**SONGCAT (f, 3, Marking--Songs Say So Much, by Yankee Gentleman)** Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, $69,294. O/B-Paul W. Jenson (NM); T-Joel H. Marr.

**2nd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, $41,000**, (S), 11-11, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:43.62, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.
**INFINITE SPEED (g, 3, Sombeyay--Infinity of Humor, by Got the Last Laugh)** Lifetime Record: 14-3-2-2, $117,726. O/B-Rancho Monarca, LLC (IN); T-Antonio Duran.

**5th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, $40,600**, (S), 11-11, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.49, fm, 3 lengths.
**WHICH SIDE R U ON (g, 3, Paynter--Aurea Aura, by Temple City)** Lifetime Record: 8-3-3-1, $93,400. O/B-Lucky J Stable (IN); T-Anthony J. Granitz.

**7th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, $40,200**, (S), 11-10, (NW2X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.46, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.
**JACK'S SUMMER (m, 7, Jack Milton--Summer Courtship, by Doneraile Court)** Lifetime Record: 42-5-10-7, $196,345. O/B-Robert C Sturgeon & Clark H Sturgeon (IN); T-Robert C. Sturgeon.

**6th-Mahoning Valley, $33,700**, (S), 11-11, (NW2L), 2yo, 6f, 1:14.03, ft, 4 3/4 lengths.
**TULSI (f, 2, Frosted--Kerfluffle, by Mr. Silver)** Lifetime Record: SP, 5-2-3-0, $74,794. O-Jason DaCosta and Craig Latimer; B-Thorobeam Farm, LLC (OH); T-Jason DaCosta. *$13,000 Ylg '25 OBSOCT; $25,000 2yo '26 OBSOPN.

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**1st-Finger Lakes, $26,395**, 11-11, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:06.36, ft, 1/2 length.
**PLAYINGON BROADWAY (f, 3, Bustin Stones--Any Valid Saturday, by Any Given Saturday)** Lifetime Record: 11-2-2-3, $61,340. O-Walter Downey; B-Tea Party Stable Inc. (NY); T-Jonathan B. Buckley.

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**4th-Finger Lakes, $24,500**, (S), 11-11, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.62, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.
**EDDIE MARIE (f, 4, Solomini--Lady Constance, by Bellamy Road)** Lifetime Record: 15-5-5-1, $117,126. O/B-Trade Winds Farm (NY); T-Jonathan B. Buckley.

**2nd-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, $19,600**, 11-10, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f (off turf), 1:12.49, ft, 5 1/2 lengths.
**COWBOY ROY (g, 3, Runhappy--Timetotime, by Not This Time)** Lifetime Record: 15-2-7-1, $81,007. O-Terry L. Stephens; B-Kinga Farm (KY); T-Claudie Marshall Godsey, Jr. *$25,000 RNA Ylg '24 KEEJAN; $21,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP.

**3rd-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, $19,200**, 11-10, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:06.79, ft, 4 1/2 lengths.
**EARLY DELIVERY (f, 4, Cupid--Albea Star, by A. P. Warrior)** Lifetime Record: 29-3-6-5, $88,003. O-Palm Beach Racing V LLC; B-Palm Peach Racing III, LLC (KY); T-Rachel Lynn Lopez Olmeda. *1/2 to Girvin Star (Girvin), SP, $169,130.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**
**Red Clay Runaway**, g, 2, **Lookin At Lucky**--Cactus Joe (MSW, $310,673), by Cactus Ridge. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 11-11, (S), 1m, 1:40.37. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, $27,000. B-Mr. & Mrs. Randal Matthews & Mr. & Mrs. Charles Farrell (IN).
**All About Soul**, c, 2, **Mystic Guide**--Fantasy of Flight (MGSP, $343,656), by Tiznow. Finger Lakes, 11-11, 1m, 1:42.41. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, $22,285. B-Saratoga Glen Farm, LLC (NY). *$72,000 Wlg '24 KEENOV; $150,000 Ylg '25 SARAUG. **1/2 to Fantasy Performer (Oscar Performance), MSP, $242,315. ***10th winner for freshman sire (by Ghostzapper).
**Remix From Phoenix**, g, 4, **Itsthesameoldsong**--Heatherfromphoenix, by San Pablo. Mahoning Valley, 11-11, (S), 1m, 1:45.36. Lifetime Record: 15-1-1-4, $40,576. B-Glen Bunnell (OH).

TODAY'S FEATURED REPLAY




***Belzoni*** *(Gun Runner) breaks his maiden at Churchill Downs*
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**Bustin Stones**, Playingon Broadway, f, 3, o/o Any Valid Saturday, by Any Given Saturday. ALW, 11-11, Finger Lakes
**Cupid**, Early Delivery, f, 4, o/o Albea Star, by A. P. Warrior. ALW, 11-10, Mountaineer
**Frosted**, Tulsi, f, 2, o/o Kerfluffle, by Mr. Silver. ALW, 11-11, Mahoning Valley
**Gun Runner**, Apotheon, c, 2, o/o Indulgent, by Bernardini. MSW, 11-11, Horseshoe Indianapolis
**Gun Runner**, Belzoni, c, 2, o/o Flor de La Mar, by Tiznow. MSW, 11-11, Churchill Downs
**Independence Hall**, Double Arrow, c, 2, o/o French Curline, by Exaggerator. MSW, 11-11, Churchill Downs
**Itsthesameoldsong**, Remix From Phoenix, g, 4, o/o Heatherfromphoenix, by San Pablo. MSW, 11-11, Mahoning Valley
**Jack Milton**, Jack's Summer, m, 7, o/o Summer Courtship, by Doneraile Court. ALW, 11-10, Horseshoe Indianapolis
**Lookin At Lucky**, Red Clay Runaway, g, 2, o/o Cactus Joe, by Cactus Ridge. MSW, 11-11, Horseshoe Indianapolis
**Marking**, Songcat, f, 3, o/o Songs Say So Much, by Yankee Gentleman. ALW, 11-10, Zia
**Mystic Guide**, All About Soul, c, 2, o/o Fantasy of Flight, by Tiznow. MSW, 11-11, Finger Lakes
**Not This Time**, Epic Horsepower, g, 3, o/o Sweet Candy Dance, by Twirling Candy. ALW, 11-11, Churchill Downs
**Paynter**, Which Side R U On, g, 3, o/o Aurea Aura, by Temple City. ALW, 11-11, Horseshoe Indianapolis
**Runhappy**, Cowboy Roy, g, 3, o/o Timetotime, by Not This Time. ALW, 11-10, Mountaineer
**Solomini**, Eddie Marie, f, 4, o/o Lady Constance, by Bellamy Road. ALW, 11-11, Finger Lakes
**Sombeyay**, Infinite Speed, g, 3, o/o Infinity of Humor, by Got the Last Laugh. ALW, 11-11, Horseshoe Indianapolis
**Take Charge Indy**, Charging Force, c, 2, o/o Cypriana, by Bodemeister. MSW, 11-11, Churchill Downs
**Uncle Mo**, Mo Misery, r, 2, o/o Sosua, by Speightstown. MSW, 11-11, Churchill Downs

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# NO NAY NEVER TOPS COOLMORE ROSTER AT €120,000; GSTAAD INTRODUCED AT €25,000



**No Nay Never leads the roster** | *Coolmore*

Group 1 winners **Gstaad** and **Puerto Rico** are the new names on the Coolmore roster for 2027 and have been introduced at fees of €25,000 and €12,500 respectively.

They join a powerful team of stallions headed by **No Nay Never**, whose standout year on the track has been highlighted by Classic success for his daughter True Love, one of four Group 1 winners for the son of Scat Daddy this season along with Breeders' Cup heroine Libertango, Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere winner Amusingly and King Charles III Stakes winner Mission Central. No Nay Never's fee for 2027 has risen to €120,000, up from €100,000 last year.

**Sioux Nation** is another name to have excelled both on the track and in the sale ring, and he too has had a fee hike to stand at €75,000, up from his previous high of €37,500. His outstanding performer this year has been the four-time Group/Grade 1 winner Sun Goddess.

**Starspangledbanner**, who is joined on the roster by his Irish 2,000 Guineas-winning son Gstaad, also sired this year's Irish 1,000 Guineas winner Precise as well as the G1 Prix Morny winner Senorita Bonita and GI Belmont Oaks victrix Kensington Lane. **Cont. p3**

## LOPE DE VEGA HEADS BALLYLINCH ROSTER AT €200,000; BAYSIDE BOY BOOSTED TO €30,000

Ballylinch Stud has released the 2027 fees for its five stallions, with **Lope De Vega** again heading the roster at €200,000 and leading first-season sire **Bayside Boy** receiving a significant increase to €30,000 (from €12,500).

"Lope de Vega again confirmed himself as one of the world's leading stallions in 2026," said Ballylinch managing director John O'Connor. "Over the past two seasons he has sired more European stakes horses than any other stallion worldwide, including six winners at Group 1 level. A new generation of talented two-year-olds emerged, including three Group 1 horses, headed by Fillies' Mile winner Musical Times.

"As in 2025 and 2026, he will again cover a strictly limited book of mares in 2027."

He continued, "Bayside Boy's first runners made an immediate impact. With 22 winners and six black-type performers, he is the leading European first-crop sire by both prize-money and stakes winners. His first crop was headed by G2 Gimcrack Stakes winner Arapaho Gold, alongside Goffs Million winner Trean and Listed winners Sale Shark and Belisa Bay." **Cont. p4**



**Lope De Vega: heads the Ballylinch roster at €200,000**
*Ballylinch Stud*

## IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

### KEENELAND TOPS $240M MARK

The Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale ended on Wednesday with receipts above $240 million.

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| MOHAATHER | £7,500 1st Jan SLF |
| SAJIR *New* | £6,000 1st Jan SLF |

## *Standing at Derrinstown Stud, Ireland*

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# TODAY in TDN EUROPE

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***Leading first-season sire Bayside Boy will stand for €30,000 (from €12,500), at Ballylinch Stud in 2027. The first-season sire is credited with 22 winners and three stakes winners, including G2 Gimcrack Stakes hero Arapaho Gold.*** | *Ballylinch Stud*

## 5 | BAAEED ANCHORS SHADWELL ROSTER AT £55,000

*The son of Sea The Stars anchors the Shadwell roster across the UK and Ireland.*

## 5 | STUDY OF MAN UNCHANGED AT £35,000

*Tops among the Lanwades stallions is Study of Man at £35,000, unchanged from last year.*

## 6 | TOM O'BRIEN DIES AT 39

*The decorated NH jockey died after a battle with cancer. Richard Johnson and Philip Hobbs led tributes to O'Brien.*



**Gstaad winning the Irish 2000 Guineas** | *Racingfotos.com*

**Coolmore Cont. from p1**

Having previously stood at a high of €60,000, his fee has risen to €75,000.

**Camelot**, sire of the Derby winner Christmas Day, remains at €60,000, while among his fellow Derby winners on the roster, **City Of Troy** has also had his fee held at €60,000 while **Auguste Rodin** is at €25,000, down from €27,500. City Of Troy and Auguste Rodin both have first-crop foals at the forthcoming sales.

Last year's intake of three artist-themed stallions have all had their fees trimmed for 2027. **Delacroix** is priced at €37,500, down from €40,000; **Camille Pissarro**'s fee is €27,500, down from €30,000, and **Henri Matisse** will stand for €17,500, having previously been €20,000.

**St Mark's Basilica**, whose first-crop daughter Diamond Necklace added the Prix de Diane, Poule d'Essai des Pouliches and Nassau Stakes to her Group 1 triumph at two, remains at €40,000. The son of Siyouni is also sire of G1 Prix Jean Prat winner Thesecretadversary.

**Gleneagles**, sire of the 2025 Horse of the Year Calandagan, who will bid for back-to-back wins in the Japan Cup later this month, has had his fee reduced to €15,000 from €20,000.

Commenting on the 2027 roster, Coolmore's Mark Byrne said, "It has been an exceptional 2026 season on the track for our stallions. No Nay Never continues to set the standard for top-class two-year-olds who train on to become Classic horses and it has been fantastic to see the continued ascent of Sioux Nation and the early success of St Mark's Basilica. We are fully aware of how challenging the current market can be for breeders, so we have worked extremely hard to ensure real value across the roster."

He continued, "We are also delighted to retire two very high-class horses this year. Gstaad is a record-breaking Classic winner who earned a Timeform rating of 126, which tells you everything about his ability. With Puerto Rico, breeders are getting an unbelievably well-bred horse who was actually a better two-year-old than his sire, Wootton Bassett. It's a roster with huge depth, and we look forward to welcoming you all to the farms over the coming weeks."

The 2027 season will also see the retirement of stalwarts **Holy Roman Emperor** and **Footstepsinthesand**, aged 22 and 24 respectively.

"They have both been magnificent servants to Coolmore and to breeders globally over very long careers," said Castlehyde Stud manager Paddy Fleming. "They are in great form, but we felt the time was right for them to step back. They will enjoy long and well-deserved retirements here at the farm."

**The Coolmore fees for 2027:**

No Nay Never €120,000
Sioux Nation €75,000
Starspangledbanner €75,000
Camelot €60,000
City Of Troy €60,000
St Mark's Basilica €40,000
Delacroix €37,500
Camille Pissarro €27,500
Auguste Rodin €25,000
Gstaad €25,000
Little Big Bear €20,000
Henri Matisse €17,500
Blackbeard €15,000
Gleneagles €15,000
Churchill €12,500
Henry Longfellow €12,500
Paddington €15,000
Puerto Rico €12,500
Saxon Warrior €12,500
Australia €10,000
The Antarctic €5,000

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## SPIRIT OF ZARAK STARS IN TOULOUSE FEATURE *by Tom Frary*

Returning to the scene of her black-type breakthrough in the Prix Panacee last month, Jean-Claude Seroul's progressive three-year-old **Spirit Of Zarak** (Zarak) continued her winning sequence in Wednesday's G3 Prix Fille de l'Air at Toulouse.

On a streak after wins at Saint-Cloud in April, Lyon-Parilly after a lengthy break in September and the 12-furlong Listed here, the Carlos and Yann Lerner-trained homebred ended up towards the rear after the break with the pace honest. **Cont. p4**

# COOLMORE

**We are pleased to announce our stallion fees for the 2027 season**




| STALLION | FEE € |
|---|---|
| **AUGUSTE RODIN**<br>Deep Impact - Rhododendron (Galileo) | 25,000 |
| **AUSTRALIA**<br>Galileo - Ouija Board (Cape Cross) | 10,000 |
| **BLACKBEARD**<br>No Nay Never - Muirin (Born To Sea) | 15,000 |
| **CAMELOT**<br>Montjeu - Tarfah (Kingmambo) | 60,000 |
| **CAMILLE PISSARRO**<br>Wootton Bassett - Entreat (Pivotal) | 27,500 |
| **CHURCHILL**<br>Galileo - Meow (Storm Cat) | 12,500 |
| **CITY OF TROY**<br>Justify - Together Forever (Galileo) | 60,000 |
| **DELACROIX**<br>Dubawi - Tepin (Bernstein) | 37,500 |
| **GLENEAGLES**<br>Galileo - You'resothrilling (Storm Cat) | 15,000 |
| **GSTAAD**<br>Starspangledbanner - Mosa Mine (Exceed And Excel) | 25,000 |
| **HENRI MATISSE**<br>Wootton Bassett - Immortal Verse (Pivotal) | 17,500 |
| **HENRY LONGFELLOW**<br>Dubawi - Minding (Galileo) | 12,500 |
| **LITTLE BIG BEAR**<br>No Nay Never - Adventure Seeker (Bering) | 20,000 |
| **NO NAY NEVER**<br>Scat Daddy - Cat's Eye Witness (Elusive Quality) | 120,000 |
| **PADDINGTON**<br>Siyouni - Modern Eagle (Montjeu) | 15,000 |
| **PUERTO RICO**<br>Wootton Bassett - April Showers (Galileo) | 12,500 |
| **SAXON WARRIOR**<br>Deep Impact - Maybe (Galileo) | 12,500 |
| **SIOUX NATION**<br>Scat Daddy - Dream The Blues (Oasis Dream) | 75,000 |
| **ST MARK'S BASILICA**<br>Siyouni - Cabaret (Galileo) | 40,000 |
| **STARSPANGLEDBANNER**<br>Choisir - Gold Anthem (Made Of Gold) | 75,000 |
| **THE ANTARCTIC**<br>Dark Angel - Anna Law (Lawman) | 5,000 |

### G3 Prix Fille de l'Air Cont.

Coaxed into contention by Ronan Thomas from the top of the straight, the 19-10 favourite hit the front where it mattered near the line for a head verdict over **Windflower** (Prince Gibraltar) in a tight renewal where the first five home were covered by half a length.



**Spirit Of Zarak (orange)** | *Scoop Dyga*

## *Pedigree Notes*

The winner's dam Spirit Of Nelson (Mount Nelson), who was successful in the Prix de Flore and Grand Prix de Vichy and was placed in the Prix Corrida and Premio Lydia Tesio, is a full-sister to the fellow Group 3 winner Une Perle. Also connected to the Prix d'Arenberg winner Afandem (Vale Of York), her two-year-old colt Esprit De Star (Sea The Stars) was a €70,000 purchase by Grove Stud at last year's Arqana Deauville August.

**Wednesday, Toulouse, France**

**PRIX FILLE DE L'AIR-G3, €73,200**, Toulouse, 11-11, 3yo/up, f/m, 10 1/2fT, 2:08.37, sf.

1--**SPIRIT OF ZARAK (FR), 121, f, 3, by Zarak (Fr)**
**1st Dam: Spirit Of Nelson (Ire) (MGSW-Fr & GSP-Ity), by Mount Nelson (GB)**
**2nd Dam: Spirit Of Pearl (Ire), by Invincible Spirit (Ire)**
**3rd Dam: Aguilas Perla (Ire), by Indian Ridge (Ire)**
**1ST GROUP WIN**. O/B-Jean-Claude Seroul; T-Carlos & Yann Lerner; J-Ronan Thomas. €36,600. Lifetime Record: 5-4-1-0, €87,494. **Werk Nick Rating: A+**. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree**.

2--**Windflower (Fr)**, f, 4, Prince Gibraltar (Fr)--Daffodil Fields (Ire), by Moss Vale (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE**; **1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE**. O/B-Ecurie Gribomont & Ecurie du Sud; T-Patrice Cottier. €14,640.

3--**Grecian Comet (Fr)**, f, 4, Make Believe (GB)--Chrysale (GB), by High Chaparral (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE**; **1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE**. O-Ecurie Nicolato & Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-SCEA Marmion Vauville & Mme C Kairis; T-Patrik Olave Valdivielso. €10,980.

Margins: HD, NO, NK. Odds: 1.90, 12.80, 14.70.
Also Ran: Woody Frangipani (Fr), Crystal Flyer (GB), Indalimos (Fr), Arkansas (Fr), Darkava (Fr), Ozone (Fr), Elle Eclipse (Ire).
Scratched: Temapica.

# EUROPEAN NEWS

### Ballylinch Cont. from p1

He added, "Ten per cent of his runners have already achieved an official rating of over 100, a sure indication of a top young sire.

"As a Group 1-winning miler who improved from two to three, Bayside Boy has every chance to build on this early success. With his progeny expected to progress further with age, he is poised for an even bigger year in 2027 and looks set to join the ranks of Europe's leading stallions."

Elsewhere, **New Bay** will stand at a fee of €75,000 for the fifth consecutive year, having been responsible for 13 stakes winners in 2026, headed by the G1 Coronation Cup scorer Bay City Roller, while the fee for **Make Believe**, described by O'Connor as "proven and affordable", also remains unchanged at €10,000.

Completing the roster is Lope De Vega's Classic-winning son, **Look De Vega**, who has had his fee reduced to €15,000, down from €20,000 in his first two seasons at stud. No fewer than 41 of his first foals will be offered at next week's Goffs November Sale, with him having produced "the strongest first crop ever assembled for a first-season stallion at Ballylinch", according to O'Connor.

He added, "Ballylinch can look back on another highly successful year for its stallions, combining the strength of world-class proven sires with some of the most exciting young stallions in Europe. We look forward to continuing to work alongside our clients to maximise opportunities and achieve further success on both the racecourse and in the sales ring."

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## BAAEED ANCHORS SHADWELL ROSTER AT £55,000 AS FEES REVEALED FOR PAIR OF GROUP 1-WINNING NEWCOMERS



**Baaeed** | *Shadwell*

Shadwell's outstanding six-time Group 1 winner **Baaeed** remains unchanged at a fee of £55,000 when he embarks on his fifth season at Beech House Stud in 2027, while the newcomers **Almeraq** and **Sajir**, both Group 1-winning sprinters, have been introduced at fees of £17,500 and £6,000, respectively.

Baaeed's first crop of two-year-olds has produced seven individual winners in Europe so far this season, including a pair of Group-winning fillies in the G3 Darley Fillies Stakes heroine Curracloe--who also finished third in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf--and G3 Prix des Reservoirs scorer Coaxed.

In addition to Curracloe, Baaeed is responsible for two other 'TDN Rising Stars' in 2026, namely John and Thady Gosden's wide-margin Yarmouth winner Claudette and Moneefa, who is unbeaten in two starts for Andre and Lavinia Fabre.

Almeraq joins the Shadwell stallion roster as Europe's top-rated sprinter following a hat-trick of Group 1 victories in 2026. The winner of the Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Stakes, Sprint Cup and British Champions Sprint Stakes, the son of Dark Angel became the first colt to win three European Group 1 sprints in the same year since his broodmare sire, Muhaarar, back in 2015. Overall, Almeraq won six of his 10 career starts and over £1.1 million in prize-money.

Sajir, meanwhile, was a seven-time winner for the Fabre yard, with his finest hour coming last year when he made the breakthrough at the top level in the Prix Maurice de Gheest, beating fellow Group 1 winners Lazzat, Woodshauna, Regional and Inisherin. A stakes winner at two and a Group winner at three, four and five, the son of Make Believe will stand at Beech House on behalf of Prince Faisal, the owner-breeder responsible for leading stallions such as Invincible Spirit and Kodiac.

The dual Group 1 winner **Mostahdaf** will stand his fourth season at Beech House at an unchanged fee of £9,000, with his first yearlings having sold for up to 90,000gns in 2026, while **Mohaather** has had his fee reduced slightly to £7,500 (from £10,000). He was responsible for a pair of Group-winning juveniles this season, namely the G2 Railway Stakes hero Celeron and G3 Sweet Solera Stakes winner Sugar Yes Please.

Over in Ireland, **Minzaal** will stand for a fee of €10,000 at Derrinstown Stud in 2027, down from €12,500 during the latest breeding season. He is responsible for 25 individual winners in Europe from his first crop of juveniles, with his three Listed winners including Crownbreaker, who was successful in the Prix Yacowlef and later filled the runner-up spot in the G2 Flying Childers Stakes.

Minzaal is joined at Derrinstown by **Awtaad**, who remains unchanged at a fee of €8,500. Ethical Diamond, the winner of last year's GI Breeders' Cup Turf, featured among his leading performers once again in 2026, notably winning the G3 Ballyroan Stakes, while Magny Cours became a new Group winner for the sire when landing the G3 Coolmore Stud Little Big Bear Stakes.

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## STUDY OF MAN LEADS LANWADES ROSTER BOLSTERED BY ARRIVAL OF NOBLE MISSION



**Study Of Man** | *Emma Berry*

Kirsten Rausing's Lanwades Stud boasts a three-strong roster of stallions for 2027 following the arrival of **Noble Mission**, with **Study Of Man** taking top billing at an unchanged fee of £35,000.

Kalpana once again flew the flag for Study Of Man in 2026 with a pair of Group 1 victories, notably beating the boys in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot, before following up in the Yorkshire Oaks at York. **Cont. p6**

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Darley

**Lanwades Cont.**

She featured among Study Of Man's eight black-type performers in Europe during the latest season, with the others including the G2 Prix Maurice de Nieuil hero Sons And Lovers and G1 Deutsches Derby runner-up Chiefland.

**Sea The Moon**, who won the Deutsches Derby back in 2014, will command a fee of £20,000 for the second consecutive year, with the dual Group 1-winning miler Rayif and the unbeaten G2 Prix de Malleret heroine Behrayna emerging as his leading lights in 2026. Both horses were trained by Francis-Henri Graffard for the Aga Khan Studs, with Rayif retiring to Haras de Bonneval for 2027 following his wins in the Poule d'Essai des Poulains and Prix Jacques le Marois.

Lastly, as previously announced, Noble Mission will stand for a fee of £9,000 in his first season at Lanwades after relocating from the JBBA Shizunai Stallion Station in Hokkaido.

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## RECORD CATALOGUE FOR TATTERSALLS ONLINE NOVEMBER SALE



**Too Bossy For Us** | *Tattersalls Online*

A record 217 lots have been catalogued for the Tattersalls Online November Sale on November 17-18. A total of 119 horses-in and out-of-training, 26 broodmares, eight breeding rights, six foals and 58 lots during the Tattersalls Online Yearling Session comprise the catalogue. The sale opens at 11 a.m. on the 17th and closes starting at 11 a.m. one day later.

Highlights of the racehorse section of the sale include the 136-rated **Too Bossy For Us** (Golden Horn); AQPS Grade 3 winner **Livio** (Cokoriko); and Baroda Stud's pair of the Timeform 87-rated **Resurgence** (Too Darn Hot) and **Kindergarten** (Lucky Vega), a maiden winner at Navan who is rated 86 by Timeform. There is also the first progeny of Flightline to be offered in the UK or Ireland. The two-year-old filly (lot 162) is the first foal out of the multiple stakes winner and Grade I-placed mare Esplanande (Daredevil). There are also seven last-out winners.

The yearling portion features yearlings by Ardad, Angel Bleu, Calyx, Good Guess, Mehmas, Mutasaabeq, Nathaniel, Persian Force, Shaquille, Starman, Stradivarius, Study of Man and Too Darn Hot.

Among the broodmares and broodmare prospects are a pair from the 14-lot Glebe House Dispersal in **Bristol Fashion** (Dansili) in foal to Space Blues and **No Truth** (Galileo) in foal to Bradsell. Other mares of note outside that dispersal are listed winner **Skrei** (Approve) in foal to Perfect Power, as well as **Caesara** (Pivotal) in foal to Mill Stream.

Breeding rights in Ardad, Caturra, Dubawi Legend, Harry Angel, King of Change, Lope Y Fernandez, Palace Pier and Space Blues complement foals by A'Ali, Caturra, Lope Y Fernandez and Supremacy.

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## JOHNSON AND HOBBS LEAD TRIBUTES FOLLOWING DEATH OF TOM O'BRIEN AT 39

Richard Johnson and Philip Hobbs have led the tributes to Tom O'Brien after the Grade 1-winning jockey died at the age of 39 following a battle with cancer.

O'Brien was a mainstay of Hobbs's Minehead operation, joining as a teenager and remaining there until his retirement in 2023, including a spell as stable jockey after Johnson hung up his own saddle in 2021.

Four-time champion jockey Johnson remembered "an all-round great person" and "great friend", as his thoughts turned to O'Brien's young family.

"It's such sad news and I'm not sure there are any words to describe it, really," said Johnson. "Tom had been ill for quite a while now but, again, it doesn't feel real. I feel very sorry for Hayley [wife] and his two little boys.

"Tom was an all-round great person and you won't find anyone with a bad word to say about him. Whether that was at the races, riding out or travelling in a car to the races, a party, he was just a great person to be around and a person we all enjoyed spending our time with.

"He left a positive mark on all of us. I spent a long time riding with him at Philip Hobbs's and we never had a cross word. I think that would apply to anyone you speak to as he was just an all-round good man.

"It doesn't really feel right or fair that he has been taken so early and I've always classed him as a great friend."

He added, "We're all thinking of Hayley and his two boys right now. For them to lose a husband and father makes the world feel not a very fair place sometimes. Tom has been a privilege to know and will be sorely missed by everybody." Cont. p7



**Tom O'Brien with owner John Romans after winning the 2018 Welsh Grand National aboard Elegant Escape** | *Getty Images*

**Tom O'Brien Cont.**

O'Brien rode over 1,000 winners in Britain and Ireland during the course of his distinguished career, notably winning two races at the Cheltenham Festival. He also registered a brace of victories in the Welsh Grand National, with the story of his 2009 Chepstow win aboard Hobbs's Dream Alliance subsequently being turned into a movie.

However, perhaps his most successful association was that he enjoyed with the Hobbs-trained Thyme Hill, aboard whom he won both the G1 Liverpool Hurdle in 2021 and G1 Kauto Star Novices' Chase in 2022.

Hobbs said, "He came to our yard from Ireland having not ridden in a race, but it soon became obvious he was pretty talented and he was with us from the start of his career until the end.

"He was in the shadow of Richard Johnson for a long time, being second jockey, and then became first jockey after Richard retired, which went well. His biggest win was Thyme Hill in the Grade 1 at Aintree and he was always very reliable and a very good bloke.

"There's lots of good memories and there were lots of winners. I'd kept in touch with Tom since his retirement as he only lived half an hour away--he was only in our yard about three weeks ago.

"It's very sad, particularly for his wife Hayley and two young children."

Following his retirement from the saddle in 2023, O'Brien took up a position on the British Horseracing Authority's stewarding team.

BHA chief executive Brant Dunshea said in a statement, "Everyone at the BHA and across British and Irish racing is mourning the devastating loss of our friend and colleague Tom O'Brien.

"Tom passed away surrounded by his loved ones following a long and courageous battle with cancer, which he faced with the steely determination and drive that typified the man so many of us knew.

"First and foremost, our thoughts are with those closest to Tom, especially his wife Hayley, their two young sons and their entire family. We will do everything to support them during this unimaginably difficult period.

"This news will have had a profound impact on Tom's weighing-room family. Jockeys past and present who knew and rode with Tom will be distraught by the loss of their friend. We know they have been an unwavering source of support to Tom during his illness. In an environment rocked so many times by tragedy in recent years, this will be another shattering blow and we will ensure that support is available for all who need it."

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## BRITISH THOROUGHBRED TRACEABILITY RESEARCH FINDINGS RELEASED BY TBA

Findings from a research project examining the different traceability pathways of British-bred Thoroughbreds, were released by the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (TBA) on Wednesday.

The results provide important new evidence to support the industry's ambition of achieving 100% lifetime traceability for all horses bred to race in Britain. The analysis of the 2018 and 2019 British foal population was carried out by the TBA, funded by the Racing Foundation and supported by the British Horseracing Association (BHA). The data was later independently verified by Dr Rebecca Mouncey.

At least 81% of horses from the registered 2018 foal cohort and 82% from the 2019 cohort had entered training in Britain or overseas by the age of six, with 69% and 71% respectively going on to race. Some horses were recorded as still in training at the time of the data download on August 7 of their respective six-year-old year.

The study also provided evidence about horses' lives beyond racing, with 23% of those born in 2018 and 24% of those born 2019 having transitioned into the leisure sector by six years of age. The studies also revealed that 25% of females born in 2018 and 28% born 2019, had returned to stud as broodmares by six years of age, whilst 28% of those born 2018 and 27% of those foaled in 2019, had been permanently exported by age six.

The industry has multiple data touchpoints on an average of 97% of horses bred to race, until they take their first step out of the sector; but enhanced visibility is required on an average of 21% of Thoroughbreds when leaving racing, to achieve the sector's traceability goals. **Cont. p8**

**UK T'bred Research Study Cont.**

The research also found that approximately 10% of the respective registered foal cohorts had died by six years of age, comparable to 16% of horses dead by eight years of age from a 2010 study on Victorian-born Thoroughbred foals.

Victoria Murrell, the TBA's equine health and welfare manager, who has led the research study said, "British racing is one of the most regulated and visible equine populations, but this research has highlighted where important gaps remain in our knowledge of the whereabouts of Thoroughbreds bred to race. It provides a valuable baseline against which we can measure progress and strengthen lifetime traceability.

"The industry's Traceability Working Group has already identified and prioritised practical solutions, with several measures trialled or implemented and remains committed to delivering the traceability action plan with the support of the Horse Welfare Board.

"The research and associated remedial actions aim to safeguard the prospects of all horses bred to race. Additionally, we believe that demonstrating transparency and accountability is fundamental to building and retaining public trust. That means being open about where gaps remain and, importantly, taking action to address them.

"We are pleased this insight is contributing to the next phase of British racing's welfare strategy and strengthening our collective ambition to achieve comprehensive lifetime traceability for all our Thoroughbreds."

Roly Owers, chief executive of World Horse Welfare added, "It has been widely accepted for some time that the welfare of a horse cannot be properly protected unless they are identifiable and traceable. We are greatly encouraged by the scope and rigour of this piece of work, which did not shy away from identifying gaps where traceability can be improved.

"Taking responsibility for every horse bred to race requires collective effort, and we think the TBA have demonstrated real leadership with this study."

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## TWENTY-NINE STUDENTS ENROLLED ON INS THOROUGHBRED BREEDING MANAGEMENT COURSE

The Irish National Stud (INS) has announced the Thoroughbred Breeding Management Class of 2027, comprising a diverse cohort of 29 students representing countries including the United States, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Japan, India, Italy, UK and Ireland.

Recognised internationally as one of the leading educational programmes in the thoroughbred sector, the Thoroughbred Breeding Management Course has, for decades, served as a launchpad for successful careers across the global bloodstock industry. Graduates of the programme have gone on to hold influential positions within the industry worldwide.



**The Class of 2027 will begin the six-month programme in January**
*Irish National Stud*

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Anne Channon, Education Development Manager at the INS, said, "Once again, the calibre of applicants was extremely impressive. It is encouraging to see so many young people with a genuine passion for the thoroughbred industry and a desire to build a career within it. We look forward to welcoming the students to the Irish National Stud in the new year."

### *Class of 2027*

- Pierce Burke (Ireland)
- Daragh Burns (Ireland)
- Eric Cantillon (UK)
- Catesby Clay (USA)
- Liam Daffey (Australia)
- Fred Daly (UK)
- Taira Debuet (India)
- Brian Fingelton (Ireland)
- Brooke Hamilton (New Zealand)
- Richard Hassett (Ireland)
- Hannah Keogh (Ireland)
- Polly Kilgour (UK)
- Percy Kruger (Australia)
- Marcum McLean (USA)
- Paola Meroni (Italy)
- Hannah Morrow (Ireland)
- William Murphy (USA)
- Anna Nakano (Japan)

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**INS Class Cont.**

- Shane O'Connor (Ireland)
- Sophie O'Connor (USA)
- Faith Pollock (New Zealand)
- Sean Reece (USA)
- David Russell (Ireland)
- Antoinette Ruthman (South Africa)
- Emmy Schmidt (USA)
- Cain Scully (Ireland)
- Molly Spalding (Australia)
- Finnian Stroud (UK)
- Darcy Whittingham (Australia)

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## RACING MEMORABILIA AUCTION SET FOR NEWMARKET ON NOVEMBER 18




**Memorabilia featuring Sir AP McCoy will sell later this month**
*Racingfotos.com*

A total of 591 lots of racing history will be auctioned at the National Horse Racing Museum on Wednesday, November 18, for The Inside Track, a major auction spanning more than 300 years of the sport. The auction is a partnership between BUDDS and Weatherbys.

Items of note include Lester Piggott's 1971 Champion Jockey trophy and Danny Maher's three-time Derby-winning saddle to memorabilia from Sir A.P. McCoy, Desert Orchid and this year's Cheltenham Gold Cup and Grand National. The 591 lots carry combined estimates of approximately £240,000-£330,000.

There is also a copy of *The Complete Jockey*, published in London in 1695, as well as framed presentations signed by Willie Mullins and Paul Townend after Gaelic Warrior's Cheltenham Gold Cup and I Am Maximus's Grand National earlier this year. More than 200 lots have a lower estimate under £200. Much of the sale comes from inside racing: head lads, stud grooms, a Newmarket saddler, and the families of jockeys and trainers.

The auction will be held beginning at 10:30 a.m. GMT on November 18 at the John Lambton Room, National Horse Racing Museum in Newmarket. Viewing will take place from 3-5:30 p.m. on Tuesday November 17 and from 9 a.m. the day of the auction. For more information, please visit the auction's website.

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## WALK IN THE PARK FILLY ANCHORS NOVEMBER NH FINALE




**Lot 548, a daughter of Walk In The Park** | *Tattersalls Ireland*

A filly by Walk In The Park (lot 548) caught the eye of Ryan Mahon to the tune of €80,000 to top the third and final day of the Tattersalls Ireland November NH Sale on Wednesday.

Consigned by Clonmult Farm, the bay daughter of Miss Tapley (Phoenix Of Spain) is well-related, as her dam is a half-sister to a trio of black-type winners over jumps, among them the multiple Grade 1-placed Third Intention (Azamour), G3 Lartigue Hurdle hero Orgilgo Bay (Lawman) and the stakes winner Thalara (Awtaad). Two other siblings are stakes producers.

Lot 566, a daughter of Jeu St Eloi and Purple Mountain (Beat Hollow), was consigned by Ballyreddin and sold for €70,000 to R. B. S. Purple Mountain's full- and half-siblings feature Grade 1 Champion Novices Hurdle winner Blackstairmountain (Imperial Ballet), Mt Leinster (Beat Hollow), who struck in the G2 Greenogue Novice Handicap Chase and was placed at the highest level, and Flat listed winner Diamond Hill (Beat Hollow).

During Wednesday's trade, 118 lots sold (58%) from 202 offered for a gross of €1,694,000. The average was €14,356 (-27%) and the median was €10,750 (23%). Over the three-day sale, 425 horses sold from 621 offered for a clearance rate of 68%. **Cont. p10**

**Tattersalls Ireland Cont.**

The aggregate was €8,934,950, while the new record average was €21,023 (+5%) and the record-equaling median was €15,000 (N/C). Across the three days, 15 foals sold for €70,000 or more, five more than in 2025.

Tattersalls Ireland CEO Simon Kerins said, "The November National Hunt Sale has long been established as the leading sale for National Hunt foals, and this week's strong trade has reinforced that position. Despite a smaller catalogue we have virtually matched last year's turnover, achieved a record average, mirrored the median and had an improved clearance rate.

"Day two was an outstanding session, with turnover exceeding €5 million. The average reached a record €29,796, alongside a record median of €25,000, reflecting the phenomenal demand throughout the day.

"The smaller catalogue had generated some discussion beforehand, so it was particularly pleasing to see such a competitive market and our vendors rewarded for their confidence in the sale. The foals presented at Tattersalls Ireland attracted a strong buying bench from Ireland and the UK.

"Pinhookers were active throughout the week, providing further support for the market and reflecting confidence following this year's Store Sales. The strength of demand, record figures and depth of the buying bench underlines the confidence in the National Hunt foal market which is heartening.

"Tattersalls Ireland is and always will be closely associated with the Irish National Hunt industry, and we are grateful to our breeders, consignors, and buyers for their continued support. We look forward to seeing how these foals develop and hope many will return to Tattersalls Ireland for the Derby Sale in June 2029. We will as always, continue to listen to vendors and purchasers as we prepare for next year's sale."

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## FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

**Thursday, November 12, 2026:**
**FRANCE**
**Keiai Nautique (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), Karwin Farm
27 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
1-CHANTILLY, 1600m, **Shabazi (Fr)**

**Marianafoot (Fr)** (Footstepsinthesand {GB}), Haras des Faunes
30 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
1-CHANTILLY, 1600m, **Foot Loose (Fr)**
€10,000 RNA Arqana Deauville V2 Yearling Sale 2025

**Sealiway (Fr)** (Galiway {GB}), Haras de Beaumont
93 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners
1-CHANTILLY, 1600m, **Run Liway (Fr)**
€3,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2025



**Marianafoot has a runner at Chantilly** | *Scoop Dyga*

## IRELAND

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**
**Direct Action (GB)**, c, 2, **Territories (Ire)**--Acquisition (GB), by Dansili (GB). Dundalk, 11-11, 7fT, 1:26.97. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $11,976. B-Shaikh Khalid bin Ali Al Khalifa. *10,000gns Wlg '24 TADEWE; €65,000 Ylg '25 GOFORY. **1/2 to Gaining (GB) (American Post {GB}), GSW-Fr, MGSP-US.
**Lookingforarainbow**, f, 3, **Justify**--Damson (Ire) (G1SW-Ire, GSW & G1SP-Eng), by Entrepreneur (GB). Dundalk, 11-11, 8fT, 1:39.99. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-1, $15,311. B-Orpendale/Chelston (KY). *1/2 to Requinto (Ire) (Dansili {GB}), MGSW-Eng, SW-Ire.

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# FRANCE

**Wednesday's Results:**

**CRITERIUM DU LANGUEDOC - PRIX BERNARD DE MARMIESSE-Listed**, €54,900, Toulouse, 11-11, 2yo, 8fT, 1:37.59, sf.

1--**CHURCHILL BOND (GB), 125, f, 2, by Pinatubo (Ire)**
**1st Dam: Belle D'Or (SW & GSP-Eng), by Medaglia d'Oro**
**2nd Dam: Glatisant (GB), by Rainbow Quest**
**3rd Dam: Dancing Rocks (GB), by Green Dancer**
**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN**. (58,000gns RNA Ylg '25 TATOCT; €300,000 2yo '26 ARQMAY). O-Bond Thoroughbred Limited; B-Hascombe & Valiant Stud Ltd; T-Paddy Twomey; J-Pierre Boudot. €27,450. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-2, €47,108.

2--**Blue Blossom Cen (Ire)**, 122, f, 2, Frankel (GB)--Queen Blossom (Ire), by Jeremy. **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O/B-Yeguada Centurion SLU; T-Patrik Olave Valdivielso. €10,980.

3--**Kirrika Queen (Fr)**, 122, f, 2, Zarak (Fr)--Oykel (Fr), by Kendargent (Fr). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. (€75,000 Ylg '25 ARQAUG; €115,000 2yo '26 ARQMAY). O-Ecurie JCM Racing; B-Mme A Wigan; T-Mauricio Delcher Sanchez. €8,235.

Margins: 1, 3/4, 3. Odds: 2.30, 1.90, 2.80.

Also Ran: Quiet Strength (Fr), Space'X (Fr), Orangette (Fr), Frissonante (Ire), Injan (Fr), Sexxy (Fr).

Off the mark in style at the fifth attempt upped to this trip at Gowran last month, Bond Thoroughbred Limited's Churchill Bond continued that momentum on her first overseas foray to earn a vital black-type win here. Steadied behind the leading trio early, the €300,000 Arqana May Breezer gained control approaching the final furlong and stayed on to deny the market-leader Blue Blossom Cen by a length.

The winner is a daughter of the Listed winner Belle D'Or (Medaglia d'Oro), who was also third in the Dahlia Stakes and is herself out of Hascombe and Valiant's famed broodmare Glatisant (Rainbow Quest). Successful in the Prestige Stakes, she went on to produce the stars Footstepsinthesand and Pedro The Great and is the ancestress of the likes of fellow Classic hero Power and the Group 2 winners Green Impact (Wootton Bassett) and Curvy (Galileo).

The Nassau Stakes-winning third dam Dancing Rocks (Green Dancer) boasts the likes of the top-level winners Changingoftheguard (Galileo), One Master (Fastnet Rock), Rivet (Fastnet Rock) and December Draw (Medecis) among her descendants. This illustrious family also includes the recent Autumn Stakes winner and live Classic prospect Rock Montreal by Blue Point, who is also the sire of Belle D'Or's colt foal.

The win came on the same day that Twomey shared his delight about the owners of Churchill Tyres [Charlie Bond's company] extending its sponsorship at the handler's base for a further three years.

Twomey commented, "I'm delighted to extend our association with Churchill Tyres for the next three seasons. It's a partnership built on shared ambition and a commitment to achieving success at the highest level.

"We have a very aligned vision for the future, and I'm looking forward to building on our relationship over the coming years. I'd like to thank Charlie Bond and everyone at Churchill Tyres for their continued support."

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**New Bill (Fr)**, g, 2, **Anodin (Ire)**--Terra Nova (Fr), by American Post (GB). Toulouse, 11-11, 8fT, 1:38.23. B-F Mell, Mme M Mell & Ecurie Artsam. *€16,000 Ylg '25 OSASEP.

**Dublin Calling (Fr)**, c, 2, **Intello (Ger)**--Berlin Calling (Ire), by Dandy Man (Ire). Strasbourg, 11-11, 1550mT, 1:42.39. B-Mme B Le Bret & Mme C Zimmer. *€18,000 Wlg '24 ARQDEC; €74,000 Ylg '25 ARQOCT.

**Sea Jolie (Fr)**, f, 2, **Sealiway (Fr)**--Spirit Of Queen (Fr), by Galileo (Ire). Toulouse, 11-11, 8fT, 1:38.61. B-Haras de Beaumont.

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# WORLDWIDE NEWS

## LAMBOURN DRAWS NINE IN 13-STRONG BAHRAIN INTERNATIONAL TROPHY



**Lambourn** | *PA Media*

Aidan O'Brien's **Lambourn** (Australia) is aiming to give his trainer a record 29th Group/Grade 1 victory on the year in Friday's $1.5-million Bahrain International Trophy, which will be run as a Group 1 for the first time in 2026. The rain has arrived for the dual Derby hero, and he drew stall nine.

Aidan's son Joseph saddles the 2025 runner-up **Galen** (Gleneagles) and he will break from stall two under Dylan Browne McMonagle in the 13-horse field.

From France, Andre and Lavinia Fabre send group winners **Phineas** (Lope De Vega) and **Baroud** (Frankel), berthed in stalls three and eight, respectively. Francis-Henri Graffard is represented by **Zaydann** (Dubawi), who will leave from gate eighth.

The race also features a strong group from the UK, with Hugo Palmer's GI Saratoga Derby hero **Glacius** (Too Darn Hot) drawn in stall six and his stablemate, **Seagulls Eleven** (Galileo Gold) drawn on the rail. George Scott's multiple group winner **Wimbledon Hawkeye** (Kameko) will break from gate seven. G1 Neom Turf Cup hero **Royal Champion** (Shamardal) is set in stall 11 for Karl Burke, while Ed Crisford fields **Sallaal** (Frankel), who will leave from lucky gate 13.

Completing the field is **Military Order** (Frankel) booked in stall five for Charlie Appleby, Fawzi Nass's **Calif** (Areion) from gate 10, and Ali Abdulmajeed's **Hi Royal** (Kodiac) from stall four.

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## ERDENALI 'IN GOOD CONDITION' AHEAD OF MILE CHAMPIONSHIP




**Erdenali** | *Scoop Dyga*

The Aga Khan Studs' runner **Erdenali** (Caravaggio) is reportedly in "good condition" in Japan, ahead of the G1 NHK Mile Championship on November 22, Nicolas Larenaudie told the Japan Racing Association (JRA) on Wednesday.

A Group 1 winner of the Prix du Moulin, the three-year-old gelding cantered left-handed 1000 metres before galloping right-handed on the dirt on Wednesday morning.

Laurenaudie, a member of Francis-Henri Graffard's team, said, "He remains in good condition and is eating well, just as he did in France. The horse seems to have adjusted well to the new environment in Japan and is enjoying himself here. Training is going as planned, and he passed the gate test without any problem."

A homebred for the Aga Khan Studs, the grey won his first three starts this year, including the Listed Prix de Saint-Patrick in June. Third in the G3 Prix Messidor in July, he bounced back in the Moulin in September.

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# TDN EUROPE/INTERNATIONAL BLACK-TYPE ENTRIES

**Friday, Bahrain Turf Club, Bahrain, 17:35**

**BAHRAIN INTERNATIONAL TROPHY-G1**, $1,500,000, 3yo/up, 2000T

| SC | PP | HORSE | SIRE | TRAINER | JOCKEY | WT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 10 | Calif (Ger) | Areion (Ger) | Nass | De La Sayette | 128 |
| 2 | 2 | Galen (GB) | Gleneagles (Ire) | J. O'Brien | Browne McMonagle | 128 |
| 3 | 4 | Hi Royal (Ire) | Kodiac (GB) | Abdulmajeed | Probert | 128 |
| 4 | 9 | Lambourn (Ire) | Australia (GB) | A. O'Brien | Moore | 128 |
| 5 | 5 | Military Order (Ire) | Frankel (GB) | Appleby | Buick | 128 |
| 6 | 3 | Phineas (GB) | Lope De Vega (Ire) | A & L Fabre | Guyon | 128 |
| 7 | 11 | Royal Champion (Ire) | Shamardal | Burke | Lee | 128 |
| 8 | 13 | Sallaal (Ire) | Frankel (GB) | Crisford | Murphy | 128 |
| 9 | 1 | Seagulls Eleven (Ire) | Galileo Gold (GB) | Palmer | Doyle | 128 |
| 10 | 7 | Wimbledon Hawkeye (GB) | Kameko | Scott | Soumillion | 128 |
| 11 | 12 | Zaydann (GB) | Dubawi (Ire) | Graffard | Barzalona | 128 |
| 12 | 8 | Baroud (GB) | Frankel (GB) | A & L Fabre | Boudot | 124 |
| 13 | 6 | Glacius (GB) | Too Darn Hot (GB) | Palmer | Loughnane | 124 |

Aidan O'Brien is chasing a record 29th Group/Grade 1 win in 2026, and Derby and Irish Derby hero **Lambourn** could be the horse that would take him to that mark. Booked in stall nine in the 13-horse field, the entire will only appreciate the rain that arrived on Wednesday, 48 hours out from the race. Lambourne isn't the only European raider hoping to capitalise in Bahrain, with Joseph O'Brien saddling last year's runner-up **Galen**. Andre and Lavinia Fabre bring Group 3 hero **Phineas** and Group 2 scorer **Baroud**. A horse with a Grade I victory in the U.S. this term, **Glacius**, will represent the Hugo Palmer yard from stall 13. **All posts displayed in local time.*

