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JOE TALAMO ENERGIZED FOR THE NEXT CHAPTER IN HIS CAREER



Joe Talamo | *Coady Media*

by Bill Finley

Joe Talamo 2.0 will begin on Thursday on the opening day of Fair Grounds, where he's listed to ride five horses. They will be his first mounts since Oct. 4, 2024.

"I hope that I can be in the top five, top three at the meet," said the 36-year-old jockey. "That would be amazing. My agent, Ron Faucheux, has done a great job to put me in that position. We hooked up on Monday. On Thursday they took entries and I'm on 16 the first three days. So he did a fantastic job with a quick turnaround like that. I want to hit the ground running. I'm just trying and I will work hard every day. I'll try to execute the best I can and just keep improving."

That sense of optimism was nowhere to be found when Talamo last rode. An Eclipse Award-winning apprentice who had 2,343 victories and 126 graded stakes wins, his career was sputtering. He had just 14 winners in 2024 and was making no headway as part of the Southern California riding colony. He was frazzled and frustrated and decided he needed to get away from the sport.

"It wasn't so much that I was retiring," he said. "I really just wanted to take a couple months off. I had been riding for 18 years and as far as being a jockey goes, the only time off we get is pretty much if we get injured." ***Cont. p3***

SIX SPEEDY FILLIES FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 9-15 *by Randy Moss*

Two Florida-breds and a Texas-bred join the Kentucky-breds in this week's rankings.

6) HEIR TO THE ROAR, GP, 11/15-6th, Allowance/Optional Claiming, 5 1/2 furlongs (Tapeta)
Beyer Speed Figure-86 (2nd) (VIDEO)
(m, 7, by Do the Roar--Future Heiress, by Wildcat Heir)
O-Trinidad Enrique Stable. B-Just For Fun Stable (Fla). T-Victor Barboza, Jr. J-J.G. Torrealba

In finishing well ahead of the others, she and Eileen's a Warrior (below) decidedly improved their previous career-high Beyers; her last-to-first rally gives her nine straight top-three finishes. The five trainers she has had clearly believe they know her preference: of her 36 starts, all have been at Gulfstream and 35 have been on Tapeta.

5) HITHERTO, IND, 11/10-1st, Maiden Special Weight, 6 furlongs
Beyer Speed Figure-87
(f, 4, by Street Boss--Carella, by Tapit)
O/B-Godolphin (Ky). T-Brad Cox. J-Fernando De La Cruz.

Her belated debut as a 4-year-old in November meant things didn't go to plan, and likely multiple things. ***Cont. p5***



Hitherto | *Coady Media*

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MV Magnier signed for a €500,000 son of City Of Troy during the third session of the Goffs November Foal Sale. Brian Sheerin has more.

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Pictured accompanying GI Jockey Club Gold Cup winner Flat Out (Flatter) down Belmont Park's GI victory lane, trainer Charles "Scooter" Dickey (right, grey jacket), died Saturday at age 85. See page 9. | *Horsephotos*

6 | KNAUF PERCEIVES 'ENORMOUS' NATIONAL SUPPORT FOR PREAKNESS

The Maryland Racing Commission approved 114 race dates for Maryland in 2027, as MJC President and General Manager Bill Knauf addressed the CDI and NYRA plan to hold a Thoroughbred Championship Series (TCS) without the GI Preakness Stakes and the traditional Triple Crown.



Joe Talamo, cont. from p1

"So I was kind of burned out. My business at the time wasn't real great, so I just thought it was a really good time to take a month or two off to chill and reset."

A month or two stretched into about four months and then someone came knocking on Talamo's door. It was not a trainer or a jockey agent, but the team at FanDuel TV. Talamo was brought aboard the network on a part-time basis in February of 2025 and hired full-time six months later. He was a natural, comfortable behind the camera, articulate and able to analyze a race the way only a jockey could.



Joe Talamo aboard Clairiere at Fair Grounds | *Hodges Photography*

"I went into it early on with no expectations," Talamo said. "I just wanted to see where it took me. And I just absolutely fell in love with it. I loved the aspect of a new challenge, how to explain a race, learning new handicapping styles and really working with everyone. I'm a big people person, so it was fun for me to meet new people. Meeting new people, working with them, that was a blast for me. When they offered me a full-time position, I had to make a decision whether to go back to riding or stick with the TV. Their offer was too good to pass up."

Talamo envisioned a long career in television, but things came to an abrupt end when FanDuel announced that it would be phasing out on-air commentary and that the entire network would be shut down at the end of 2027. Talamo was among those laid off on June 30.

"To be honest, I wasn't sure what I was going to do after they let me go," Talamo said. "I had a great summer. We traveled with my wife and boys, went to five different states. I had an absolute blast."

But there was a problem. He was bored.

Talamo was still young and healthy and no longer had the option of working in television, so the most obvious path for him was to return to riding. ***Cont.***



Joe Talamo, cont.

In late August, he worked a horse for Ian Wilkes at Churchill Downs. The juices started flowing again and his desire was back.

"It was the strangest thing when I worked that horse," he said. "It felt like I had never stopped. My clock was, instantly, back. I knew how fast I was going and just took it from there. I started breezing horses for Kenny McPeek. He put me on Coach Pope, who was really nice. And then Bob Baffert started using me and I got to work Miss Monica, who was second in the Juvenile Fillies. I worked Splendora and that made the itch come back even more."

He said he felt he was fit enough to ride by early fall, but wanted to wait for the right opportunity to launch his comeback.

"I was probably ready to come back a month, maybe two months ago, but I just really wanted to be strategic about it," he said. "I was based in Kentucky and it's one of the toughest places in the country. So I didn't want to come back and just ride a couple of long shots here and there. I wanted to pick a spot where I thought I'd have the best shot of succeeding and landed at the Fair Grounds."

He is hopeful that in this chapter of his career he will prove to be an even better rider. He believes that the insights he gained while working in television will prove to be an asset.

"When I was riding for 18 years, I definitely knew how to handicap and watch replays," he said. "But being an analyst, I was forced to really, really watch replays and break them down to a T. I did that hundreds and hundreds of times and learned different aspects of handicapping. The way I handicap a race from a jockey's perspective is totally different than the way I looked at a race as a handicapper trying to pick winners and make money. As a jockey, you kind of handicap to the quarter pole. You look at which horses to follow and then go from there. When guys are handicapping for money, it's a totally different aspect. So that was great for me to learn some of those tools that each of those analysts did differently. Absolutely, I think this will make me a better rider. It'll make me better at self-assessing and learning ways to get better, if that makes sense. When I was riding, I'd make a mistake and think it wasn't a big deal. Well, you know what? It really was. I don't care how good you are, you're going to make mistakes, but it's the great ones that make the least mistakes and try and learn from them."

He said that if he still had the job at FanDuel, it is unlikely that he would have returned to riding. But his television career came to an abrupt end and opened a door for him to return to a profession that he had excelled at. It's an opportunity Talamo plans to make the most of.

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"**2-year-old reputations** have gone a long ways in establishing the merits of some notable stallions. Coolmore certainly believes in this principle. The farm (then known as Ashford) built its foundation with the top-class juvenile **STORM BIRD** (sire of Storm Cat), and more recently the late **UNCLE MO** fit the same profile for the farm."

Sid Fernando, Thoroughbred Horse Racing and Breeding.



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Six Speedy Fillies: Hitherto, cont. from p1

But Cox said her talent was always evident, hitherto known only to the barn until she went public with this frontrunning 8 1/4-length romp. Her dam Carella (Tapit--Cara Rafaela) is a half-sister to champion Bernardini (A.P. Indy) but had shown little as a racehorse or broodmare, and since Godolphin kept others from the family they sold her for $260,000 in January 2023. Hitherto has required patience: her start-and-stop training history includes 38 published breezes with gaps late in her 2-year-old season, midway through 2025 and again this spring.

4) JUSTINQUESO, CD, 11/14-3rd, Dream Supreme S., 7 furlongs
Beyer Speed Figure-89 (2nd) (VIDEO)
(f, 4, by Ghostzapper--Fiesta, by Speightstown)
O-Six Column Stables, Randall Bloch, Mike Davis, David Stanley, Jack Porter, Jr. and Frank/Jennifer Mecum. B-Diamond Fields Farm (Ky). T-Ian Wilkes. J-Brian Hernandez, Jr.

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According to Beyers, Justinqueso ran the race of her life in an entertaining stretch battle with Echo Sound (below) but couldn't quite get past in a neck defeat. Furthermore, it might have been the toughest field she has ever faced: three of her four rivals including Echo Sound are GSWs.



Echo Sound over Justinqueso | *Coady Media*

3) ECHO SOUND, CD, 11/14-3rd, Dream Supreme S., 7 furlongs
Beyer Speed Figure-89 (VIDEO)
(f, 4, by Echo Town--Eagle Sound, by Fusaichi Pegasus)
O-Gabriel Duignan. B-Springhouse Farm, Vision TBs and Bruce/Patricia Pieratt (Ky). T-Rusty Arnold. J-Luis Saez.

Distaff dirt sprinters Echo Sound and Kilwin (Twirling Candy) have been quite the 1-2 punch for the Arnold barn. ***Cont.***



Six Speedy Fillies: Echo Sound, cont.

As a Grade I winner who sold last November for $2.6 million, Kilwin is the more accomplished of the duo and finished a late-running fourth in the recent GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint. But Grade III winner Echo Sound now has a stellar 7-for-12 record with five stakes victories, her career-best 101 Beyer actually tops her stablemate, and she again showed her toughness in the Dream Supreme. Once she gets to the front, she has never been passed.

2) ITZEL, CD, 11/14-9th, Claiming Crown Canterbury Tom Metzen Memorial, 5 1/2 furlongs (turf)
Beyer Speed Figure-90 (2nd) (VIDEO)
(m, 6, by Mo Town--Catch That Song, by Unbridled's Song)
O-BSF Equine Athlete. B-Eric/Randi Moreau-Sipiere (Tex). T-John Ennis. J-Edgar Morales.

The only female in a full Claiming Crown field of mostly geldings, the June $100,000 claim zipped to the front and outran all save one, as defending race champ Shape Note (Mendelssohn) stormed past at the sixteenth pole. But the veteran mare has seen that scenario play out before--in five of her last six races (including the GII Franklin Stakes) she has reached the eighth pole with a daylight lead only to settle for four seconds and a third.

1) EILEEN'S A WARRIOR, GP, 11/15-6th, Allowance/Optimal Claiming, 5 1/2 furlongs (Tapeta)
Beyer Speed Figure-91 (VIDEO)
(f, 3, by Chance It--Florado, by Commissioner)
O-Gokmen Kaya. B-Shooting Star Thoroughbreds (Fla). T-Carlos David. J-Lionel Reyes.

This sport is often a guessing game. David's addition of blinkers and/or the switch to Tapeta seems to have triggered a major boost to her form. But maybe her new barn made other significant changes, since she is 4-for-9 lifetime and now 2-for-2 with David. And those wins were in wire-to-wire fashion after a jockey change to Reyes, so perhaps his aggressiveness suits her perfectly. Or it could be she's just improving with experience. Whatever the explanation(s), Eileen is in career form right now.

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MARYLAND JOCKEY CLUB'S 2027 DATES DIP TO 114; KNAUF PERCEIVES 'ENORMOUS' NATIONAL SUPPORT FOR PREAKNESS

by T.D. Thornton

The Maryland Racing Commission on Wednesday approved a slate of 114 race dates for Laurel Park and Pimlico Race Course in 2027, six fewer programs than the commission awarded in 2025 and 2026. ***Cont.***



Woodlawn vase at Pimlico | *Horsephotos*



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Maryland, cont.

Commissioners did not discuss the date reduction prior to a unanimous voice vote.

Nor did any representatives from the Maryland Jockey Club (MJC), the nonprofit entity that runs Laurel and Pimlico, speak about next year's calendar.

Christopher Merz, the commission's executive director, noted prior to the vote that the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association had notified the commission of its consent for the 2027 dates.

There has been no racing at Pimlico since the 2025 GI Preakness Stakes. The track has since been demolished and is being rebuilt.



A crowd at Laurel for the 2026 Preakness | *Sarah Andrew*

When the "Pimlico Plus" project began 18 months ago, the goal was for the Baltimore track to be ready to host all commercial-track Thoroughbred racing in the state by 2027, with Laurel, 28 miles southwest, closing.

Delays and other decisions have since led to a revised plan under which Pimlico is now expected to host the 2027 Preakness with temporary infrastructure and will take on the bulk of Maryland's racing sometime in 2028 or 2029.

Laurel, which had been slated to cease all horse operations, is now expected to remain open as a training center once Pimlico opens while also hosting a limited number of race dates to take advantage of its 142-foot-wide turf course, twice the width of Pimlico's.

Later in the meeting, Bill Knauf, the MJC's president and general manager, addressed the commission regarding last week's news that Churchill Downs, Inc. (CDI) and the New York Racing Association (NYRA) are continuing with a Thoroughbred Championship Series (TCS) plan that is widely perceived as an exclusion or marginalization of the GI Preakness Stakes and the traditional Triple Crown.

Both CDI and NYRA have denied that is their intention. ***Cont.***



Maryland, cont.

They maintain that the Triple Crown remains intact and unaffected by the TCS.

Back in August, CDI and NYRA created the new six-race, bonus-laden TCS series and said it will debut in 2027.

The TCS will include the GI Kentucky Derby, the GI Belmont Stakes and four other stakes at CDI or NYRA tracks, but not the Preakness.

Last week, CDI and NYRA further widened the gap between the TCS races and the middle jewel of the Triple Crown by revealing that for the first time in four decades, there will be no nominations process for the 2027 Triple Crown. The traditional format will be abandoned and replaced by a nominations process for just the TCS stakes.

"Obviously we're disappointed with that," Knauf said. "But the Preakness, that doesn't change anything. We will have our own Preakness nomination, and that will be coming out in the coming weeks.

"And it certainly doesn't change anything with the Preakness being the second leg in the Triple Crown," Knauf continued. "People are obviously sometimes getting confused about the [TCS] and the Triple Crown. But if there is a Derby, Preakness and Belmont, there is a Triple Crown. And the Preakness will be the second leg of that, and we intend to put on a great show...

"At the Breeders' Cup [earlier this month], we had a lot of positive conversations with horsemen from all over the country [and] we perceived an enormous amount of support," Knauf said.

With 186 days between now and the May 23 Preakness, which will be run on a Sunday and 22 days out from the Derby starting in 2027, there is still a long winter ahead.

After racing concludes at Laurel for this year Dec. 27, the track will take a brief break before the 2027 season opens Jan. 8, with racing through the end of that month on Fridays and Saturdays. In February and March, Laurel will add Sundays to make a three-day racing week.



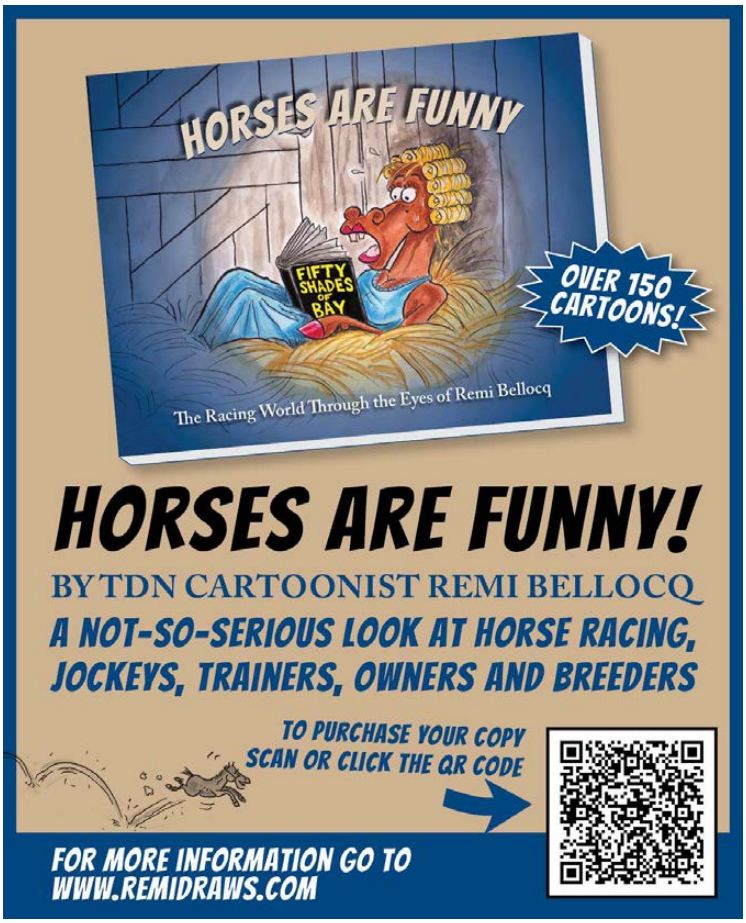
Christina Bossinakis

Merz told *TDN* in an email after the meeting that the scheduling for Pimlico's Preakness festival, an expected summer break for the circuit, and the exact dates for the rest of the year would likely not be finalized until the end of March.

The Timonium Fair, which annually hosts dirt racing on its five-furlong track around Labor Day, applied for and was awarded 10 dates but is expected to run only seven (Aug. 27-29 and Sept. 3-6).

Fair Hill, which runs both flat and jump races over its turf course, applied for and was awarded eight dates with a schedule to be determined. In 2026, Fair Hill was scheduled for two dates in May but lost one because of wet weather.

It is customary for both Timonium and Fair Hill to apply for more dates than they actually intend to run to afford flexibility in scheduling.



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LONGTIME TRAINER 'SCOOTER' DICKEY DIES AT 85

Charles “Scooter” Dickey, whose training career spanned nearly six decades, died Saturday at age 85. Churchill Downs, where he was a fixture for many years, reported the news.

Dickey’s best horse was Preston Stables’ Flat Out (Flatter), who overcame a shoulder injury and recurring foot problems to win the 2011 GII Suburban Handicap at Belmont Park. Flat Out returned to the New York track to give Dickey his first Grade I victory in the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup when he beat Drosselmeyer (Distorted Humor) by 2 1/4 lengths and he was Dickey’s only Breeders’ Cup starter, finishing fifth as the 7-2 favorite in the 2011 Classic at Churchill Downs.



Scooter Dickey | *Coady*

Dickey retired in 2019, his 57th year as a trainer. Since 1970, Equibase credits him with 837 wins, 855 seconds, 902 thirds and $13,990,424 in purse earnings from 7,647 starts. He sent out his last starter Dec. 1 that year at Churchill Downs.

Dickey began riding races at age 12 on a half-mile track in his hometown of Anthony, Kansas. His father had nicknamed him Scooter for the way he scooted around as a baby. He rode for about 10 years before he could no longer make weight.

“You can call it weight problems, but I like to refer to it as ‘feed tub problems,’” Dickey joked in a 2019 Churchill Downs interview.

Dickey won his first race as a trainer in 1963 at Centennial Park in Littleton, Colorado. He was stabled primarily in the Midwest before he and his wife, Dana, moved their stable to Kentucky in 1992.

“Lots of top trainers got their start in Anthony, which was only home to a couple thousand people,” said fellow trainer Randy Morse, Dickey’s former son-in-law. “I think that’s where he gained most of his horsemanship. He knew how to train one, that’s for sure. He had a lot of really good horses on the Midwest circuit that didn’t gain a whole lot of national notoriety.”

On or off the racetrack, Dickey loved telling jokes and could reel them off from memory. He played practical jokes during morning training and his friends on the backstretch gave it right back to him.

“He was scared to death of snakes,” Churchill Downs clocker John Nichols recalled. “I remember one time I bought one of those rubber snakes and I’d have people play jokes on him around the backside. That same snake got passed around to different people to play jokes on him. One morning, the outrider hid it in his vest.” ***Cont.***



Scooter Dickey, cont.

"Scooter was standing on the outside fence with Rick Hiles and a bunch of those guys. He threw the snake and I saw Scooter jump and scatter. He called me up a few minutes later and told me to look over in my binoculars. He had his pocket knife out and was cutting the snake up into a hundred pieces and that pile of snake sat on the outside rail the rest of the meet."

In lieu of a formal funeral service, Dickey's family has asked friends and colleagues to share their memories here: www.facebook.com/share/p/1AKxZPVv1N.

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YOMAR ORTIZ, JR. JOINS THE TDN WRITERS' ROOM PODCAST PRESENTED BY KEENELAND

Riding for just a little more than a month, 17-year-old Yomar Ortiz, Jr. has burst on the scene. Through mid-November, he was tied for second in the jockey standings at Churchill Downs and has impressed horsemen with skills, maturity and poise that are hard to find with someone so young and with so little experience. To discuss his hot start, the road he took to becoming a jockey, the three violations he has already accrued for excess whipping and more, Ortiz was this week's guest on the *TDN* Writers' Room Podcast presented by Keeneland. He was the Gainesway Guest of the Week.

How has he done so well, so fast? Ortiz gave his thoughts on the subject and gave much of the credit to trainer Joe Sharp and his wife Rosie Napravnik, who have taken him under their wing.

"I think just my work ethic. That really helps," he said. "I'm just working hard every day. This has been a big goal of mine, just to ride. It's crazy to think that I'm second place [in the Churchill standings] right now. I didn't expect to get off to such a fast start. Horses have been running good for me and I've been getting a lot of good opportunities and just trying to make the most of it. One of my big things is having Joe [Sharp] in my corner. He's helped me a lot. He's taught me a lot and he's putting me on horses that are running good and I'm just trying to make the most of the opportunities that have come."

Not everything has gone perfectly. Within the first month of his career, he has already racked up three violations for excess use of the crop. Ortiz knows that he has to do better.

"Everybody makes mistakes and I know I've made those mistakes," he said. "I've been working on it to correct them. I think it's just been the adrenaline. The adrenaline takes over and all you want to do is ride. I think mostly it's been because I've been riding for only a month. I've been trying to work on switching my whips and I've just lost count. It's something that I'll work out of."



Yomar Ortiz, Jr. | *Sara Gordon*

Ortiz's father is an active jockey on the Maryland circuit and the younger Ortiz spent many an afternoon in the jockeys' rooms at Laurel and Pimlico, watching and observing and soaking up whatever knowledge he could glean from his father and the other riders on the circuit. He said that it was an invaluable education.

"I would be in the jock's room probably three days or four days a week," Ortiz said. "My dad gives me a lot of tips every day that I ride. He's always texting me.

"Growing up, I'd watch them ride and come back and then he'd go over the race with me. I think that's helped me a lot. That's the other thing that's gotten me this far as of right now, just having my dad behind me. He knows what he's doing and he's also given me a lot of tips and it's helped me learn a lot quicker."

As for the "Fastest Horse of the Week," that honor went to Claiming Crown winner Shape Note (Mendelssohn), who earned a 100 Beyer figure in his race Saturday at Churchill Downs. The Fastest Horse of the Week is sponsored by WinStar Farm, which stands the sire Patch Adams.

Elsewhere on the podcast, which is also sponsored by the PHBA, the KTOB and West Point Thoroughbreds, the team of Randy Moss, Zoe Cadman and Bill Finley discussed the dismantling of the Triple Crown nominations process and what it means for the GI Preakness Stakes.

Other topics included the end of 1/ST TV, the passing of legendary cartoonist Peb, and Joe Talamo's comeback at Fair Grounds. The group also debated who the best jockey in the world might be.

Click here to watch the Writers' Room and here to listen to the podcast.

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CARRIE BROGDEN: 'THAT WAS A HARD, BUT IMPORTANT LESSON TO LEARN'

In the latest instalment of Defining Moments, Machmer Hall's Carrie Brogden speaks to TDN's Gary King about the influence of Meg Levy in her formative years, a costly lesson learned from selling a broodmare, and her ambition to restore the Thoroughbred to prominence in the hunter and jumper worlds.



Carrie Brogden | *Fasig-Tipton*

TDN: Who believed in you when you were starting out in the industry, and what difference did they make?

CB: Meg Levy. We met shortly after I moved to Kentucky, and she taught me an enormous amount in those early days. We still have a close relationship today. She's one of the sharpest women I know, and I deeply admire and respect her strength as a person, her skill as a horsewoman, and her loyalty as a friend.

TDN: If you could swap places with anyone in the racing or bloodstock industry for a day, who would it be and why?

CB: Chad Brown. I've never had any experience in a racing stable and would love to see a day through the eyes of someone who does it at the highest level. He and his team have been instrumental in elevating our breeding program, producing Grade I winners like Gina Romantica and Search Results, and whenever I ask about any of our horses in his care by name, he knows exactly where they are, what their ability level is, and the races they're being pointed toward.

TDN: What mistake taught you the most valuable lesson in your career?

CB: Selling the mare Ghostslayer to Woods Edge Farm. The lesson learned: never be too hard on a mare for throwing a small first foal, which of course ended up becoming graded stakes winner Biddy Duke. I have watched them sell millions of dollars' worth of foals out of her since, and that was a hard but important lesson to learn.

Kudos to Jenny O'Callaghan, who bought her out of the back ring and who is another lovely and wonderful woman I also greatly admire in the horse industry.

TDN: What has been the most satisfying moment of your career, and why does it stand out?

CB: I believe the most satisfying moment of my career is still ahead of me. It will be the launch of the USHJA Thoroughbred Renaissance Series in 2027.

My focus has been on restoring demand for Thoroughbreds in their second careers, bringing them back to the prominence they held in the 1980s, when Thoroughbreds were the foundation of the hunter and jumper worlds. If the results are as successful as projected, it will mark a major turning point for aftercare: post-racing Thoroughbreds will no longer be viewed primarily as giveaways or adoptees, but as genuine prospects and the supreme athletes they are.

Should the series deliver what the outstanding people and I on the Thoroughbred Task Force envision, it will be the highlight of my Thoroughbred career.

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MONMOUTH TO RACE 44 DATES IN 2027, SIX FEWER THAN THIS YEAR *by T.D. Thornton*

The New Jersey Racing Commission on Wednesday approved a 2027 Thoroughbred schedule of 44 dates at Monmouth Park.

That's six fewer dates than the 50 Monmouth was approved to run in both 2025 and 2026.

The New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association supported the schedule.

There was no debate among commissioners before unanimous approval.

There will be nine Monmouth-at-Meadowlands turf dates in the fall of 2027, matching the state's allotment under that arrangement in 2025 and 2026.

A one-day steeplechase license for Far Hills in 2027 is expected to be approved at a future commission meeting after completion of local approvals.

The exact opening and closing dates for the meets were not discussed at the Nov. 18 meeting. ***Cont.***

Monmouth dates, cont.



Monmouth Park | *Sarah Andrew*

In the post-pandemic era, New Jersey's Thoroughbred date allotments (based on dates awarded by the commission and not actual racing days conducted) have been as follows:
2021: Monmouth 56 dates; Meadowlands seven.
2022: Monmouth 60 dates; Meadowlands 11.
2023: Monmouth 51 dates; Meadowlands 10.
2024: Monmouth 51 dates; Meadowlands 10.
2025: Monmouth 50 dates; Meadowlands nine.
2026: Monmouth 50 dates; Meadowlands nine.

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CHRB APPROVES SANTA ANITA APPLICATION DESPITE BACKLASH; STERN VOTED IN AS NEW CHAIR *by Dan Ross*

The California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) approved Santa Anita's upcoming meet application during the latest commission meeting Wednesday, but reluctantly, and only after several key industry groups voiced heavy opposition to a break from a long-standing tradition of purse parity between certain Cal-bred and open races.

Later in the meeting, a new chair was selected by the board. Current chair Greg Ferraro stood down, replaced by Peter Stern who was appointed to the board in April 2025 by Governor Gavin Newsom.

By far the thorniest part of the meeting concerned changes to the purses allocated for Cal-bred maiden special weight races and first-level condition races--a change reportedly discussed in recent months by the Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC), Santa Anita and Del Mar.

Historically, there has been purse parity between such Cal-bred races and open races. But in Santa Anita's latest race-meet agreement, Cal-breds will reportedly get $72k (up from $70k) and open races will get $76k starting Jan. 1.

While stakeholders get a say over these race-meet agreements, the TOC is the organization that ultimately signs off on them.

Several key industry figures spoke before the board to voice their strong disapproval of the change, pointing to its potential impact on the California breeding industry which has shrunk markedly these past few years. They urged the board to take whatever actions it could to return purse parity.

"In over 30 years being in this position, I've never had to come up here to oppose a license application, and I hate to do it to our partners here at Santa Anita. But TOC hasn't given us a choice," said Doug Burge, executive director of the California Thoroughbred Breeders Association (CTBA).

The increased amount next year for these races, said Burge, will be $8,000.

"Historically, that would be $4,000 as an increase to the Cal-bred races, and $4,000 as an increase to the open races. Under the current proposal, the open races would get $6,000 increase and the Cal-breds would only get a $2,000 increase," explained Burge.

While Cal-breds get a separate maiden win bonus (currently at $12,500), it isn't part of a typical purse structure, said Burge.

"This is strictly a bonus that we wanted to get to that owner of a Cal-bred when it wins a maiden special weight race. Now, this only goes to the owner, so it really can't be part of the purse, because if you finish second, third, or below, you're not getting any of that money," he added.

"It's misleading in that the TOC is saying this is part of the purse when in fact it's not. It's treated as separate from the beginning. Just as I explained, that's the way it's written in the law," said Burge. ***Cont.***



Santa Anita | *Benoit*

CHRB meeting, cont.

Another fear, said Burge, is the precedent that such a move makes. "What happens next?" said Burge. "How large does this discrepancy get the next time around?"

Gloria Haley, representing the California Thoroughbred Trainers (CTT), said the organization had also voted to retain purse parity. She pointed out how Cal-bred races continue on average to provide the largest field sizes in the state, and reinforced the message concerning the Cal-bred maiden bonus.

"The disparity in the Cal-bred maiden special weight purse infers the additional owner bonus represents part of that purse. It does not. This is an incentive award program. This program was created to incentivize ownership of Cal-breds," Haley said.



Benoit

TOC president and CEO Bill Nader gave several reasons for the change, and couched them with a reminder of the rather unusual--for California, at least recently--nature of the discussion.

"If I could take the temperature in the room down a little bit, I just want to point out that we're arguing over purse increases, which is like amazing, right?" said Nader. "I don't know when the last time this has happened."

Among the reasons the TOC voted on the change, said Nader, was the purse structures of other states, and the need to retain more horses in California.

"This is more about calibration in a very minor adjustment that we thought was necessary. Why? Because when you look at racing across the country today, and you even look at New York with its high purses and other jurisdictions that have ancillary revenue and big purses, they're still looking to poach our horses to come and get horses from California to relocate. And there has been leakage," said Nader.

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

Nader also addressed Burge's fears that the change might mark the start of a slippery slope in purse disparity between Cal-breds and open company.

"We have said on multiple occasions, privately in our discussions, and I'm going to say it publicly here before the CHRB, just to make sure that everybody knows it's said with complete sincerity, that we would limit the difference to a maximum 7%," said Nader.

Several commissioners voiced sympathy with those pushing for purse parity. But CHRB staff repeatedly warned the commissioners the key leverage they had to force an amendment to the agreement was to deny it--a potentially highly disruptive move given the next Santa Anita meet is expected to begin once again on Dec. 26.

In the end, the commissioners voted through the agreement. The only dissenter was CHRB vice chair Oscar Gonzales, who had voiced his displeasure at the timing of the change which in many ways had placed the board members who wanted to maintain purse parity between a rock and a hard place.

"I believe the Thoroughbred Owners of California has been emboldened. They have gotten away with these last-minute tactics, these money grab approaches," said Gonzales.

"It wasn't that long ago when the CTT and the CTBA were in support of the TOC at the Arcadia meeting that we all had to deny county fair applications. That was some interesting solidarity there. And I remember me asking Mr. John Sadler, now the president of the CTT, 'Do you trust these guys in the TOC?' And he said, 'Yes.' So, it's almost like it's a stab in the back," Gonzales added.

Later in the meeting, the board voted in a new chair, Peter Stern, replacing Greg Ferraro who was appointed to the board in June of 2019, and was elected chair later that year.

Ferraro's appointment to the board came amid a maelstrom of public opprobrium against horse racing, and California racing in particular, thanks to a well-publicized spate of equine fatalities at Santa Anita earlier that year.

"I was appointed by the governor in terms of a crisis with animal welfare issues being the number one. And eight years later, we've come a long way in animal welfare," explained Ferraro, before nominating Stern for the role of chair.

"What you need now is a chairman who's really got the talent for media and all that technology stuff," Ferraro added, of a board member with a long professional history in the media and tech sector.

"In about 900 days, the world is going to get turned upside down." ***Cont.***

CHRB meeting, cont.

"If anybody is paying attention, you have soccer players out in the industry that are robots, and there's a lot of things that we have to take into consideration," said Stern, explaining his vision for the role built around purse and viewership increases.

Vice chair Gonzales, who was appointed to the board in September of 2019 and then made vice chair that October, nominated himself for the post. In the process, he pointed to his long history in public service, including working for the Clinton, Obama and Biden administrations, as well his early years working on the backstretch.

"I come from a family that's won some pretty prestigious races," said Gonzales, about his background and reasons for running. "I believe that I do owe it to not only just backstretch workers, but good public servants out there."

Before the vote, Gonzales voiced concern that the role of chair was being organized behind the scenes, and urged the board to punt a decision until the next CHRB meeting in January.

"I'm all for working with any new chair, if it is Mr. Stern or anybody else," said Gonzales. "But I believe process is so important. And I believe this is in fact being handled differently. And I'd like to know why."

After it was pointed out that Ferraro's term was up early January, the board decided to vote on the new chair immediately, with Ferraro essentially stopping the count after Stern received four winning votes.

Stern accepted the position and pivoted with plaudits to the outgoing chairman who he said "saw us through some tough times."

"Well, thank you very much," said Ferraro, before moving to the executive director's report. "I don't know if I deserve it or not, but anyway, thanks. I did the best I could. I think we've gotten a long ways with animal welfare, if nothing else."

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FRANKIE'S EMPIRE TO MCMAHON OF SARATOGA

Frankie's Empire (Classic Empire--Donna D, by Dixie Union), winner of the 2024 Swale Stakes, has joined the stallion roster at McMahon of Saratoga after beginning his stud career in 2026 at WynOaks Farm in Pennsylvania. The 5-year-old stallion, who was also third in the GII Fountain of Youth Stakes, is owned by Frank DeLuca and Charles Cary of D&D Stud. His stud fee is private.



Frankie's Empire | *Sarah Andrew*

"D&D Stud and McMahon Thoroughbreds will be supporting Frankie's Empire in 2027," John McMahon said. "Breeders with approved mares may qualify for our financial assistance plan in 2027."

The 2027 roster at McMahon of Saratoga also includes: Solomini ($7,500); Showcase ($7,500); Central Banker ($5,000); and Provocateur ($5,000).

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HIWU CLEARS BREEDERS' CUP SAMPLES FROM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

All race day test samples (post-race and TCO2) collected from contenders in the 2026 Breeders' Cup World Championships Oct. 30-31 at Keeneland Race Course have been cleared by the Horseracing Integrity & Welfare Unit (HIWU) and purse distribution has begun accordingly, the Breeders' Cup said via a press release on Wednesday. ***Cont.***



Walter Wlodarczyk

Breeders' Cup samples cleared, cont.

The event was run for a fourth year under the full jurisdiction of the Horseracing Integrity & Safety Authority (HISA), including the Anti-Doping and Medication Control (ADMC) Program, which took effect in May of 2023 and is administered and enforced by HIWU.

As was the case under Breeders' Cup's anti-doping and medication control rules that were in place before HISA's ADMC Program was implemented, the vast majority of medication is prohibited within 48 hours of the 14 Championship races and the undercard.

All potential Breeders' Cup competitors were also subject to out-of-competition testing for banned substances leading up to the two-day global festival of racing.

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TAA AWARDS $5.17 MILLION IN 2026 GRANTS TO 91 ORGANIZATIONS

Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA) will award $5.17 million in grants to 91 aftercare organizations that hold accreditation status for 2026, the organization announced Wednesday. Of the $5.17 million in grants awarded this year, $250,000 was provided by the Commonwealth of Kentucky and is being delivered directly to accredited aftercare facilities in Kentucky.

"Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance is proud to support our accredited organizations through this year's grant awards," said Janice Towles, TAA's director of accreditation and grants. "These grants provide vital resources to organizations working every day to ensure retired Thoroughbred racehorses receive the care, rehabilitation, and opportunities they deserve. We are grateful for the dedication and compassion of our accredited organizations and the important role they play in creating brighter futures for Thoroughbreds beyond racing. Together, we are strengthening the future of Thoroughbred aftercare and ensuring these horses can thrive in their next careers."

Since its inception in 2012, TAA has expanded from 23 to 91 accredited organizations and has increased its annual grants from $1 million to $5.17 million.

In total, TAA has awarded over $45.9 million in grants, allocated specifically for equine care. These accredited organizations have successfully retrained, retired, and rehomed approximately 21,250 Thoroughbreds across 170 facilities.

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Rank	Stallion	BTW/%strts	BTH/%strts	GSW/%strts	GSH/%strts	G1SW/%strts	G1SH/%strts	Earnings
1	Not This Time	10/5.15	**26**/13.4	6/3.09	**13**/6.7	2/1.03	**4**/2.06	**$12,110,191**
	(2014) by Giant's Causeway		FYR: 2018/Crops: 7/Stands: Taylor Made Farm KY				Fee: 250,000	Rhetorical
2	Justify	**12/7.32**	23/14.02	**7/4.27**	**13/7.93**	**3/1.83**	**4**/2.44	$10,118,419
	(2015) by Scat Daddy		FYR: 2020/Crops: 5/Stands: Coolmore Ashford KY				Fee: 200,000	Kentucky Belle
3	Twirling Candy	8/4.55	20/11.36	3/1.7	11/6.25	--/--	2/1.14	$7,250,781
	(2007) by Candy Ride (Arg)		FYR: 2013/Crops: 12/Stands: Lane's End Farm KY				Fee: 75,000	West End Kid
4	Into Mischief	6/3.73	16/9.94	1/0.62	4/2.48	--/--	--/--	$4,274,290
	(2005) by Harlan's Holiday		FYR: 2010/Crops: 15/Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY				Fee: 250,000	Slay the Day
5	Omaha Beach	3/1.78	13/7.69	2/1.18	6/3.55	--/--	--/--	$4,294,591
	(2016) by War Front		FYR: 2021/Crops: 4/Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY				Fee: 75,000	And One More Time
6	Hard Spun	5/3.05	10/6.1	2/1.22	5/3.05	--/--	1/0.61	$4,265,396
	(2004) by Danzig		FYR: 2009/Crops: 16/Stands: Darley KY				Fee: 20,000	Moon Spun
7	Tiz the Law	6/4.8	10/8	3/2.4	4/3.2	--/--	--/--	$3,900,727
	(2017) by Constitution		FYR: 2022/Crops: 3/Stands: Coolmore Ashford KY				Fee: 40,000	Caroline St. Beat
8	Oscar Performance	4/3.45	10/8.62	2/1.72	5/4.31	--/--	3/**2.59**	$3,656,393
	(2014) by Kitten's Joy		FYR: 2020/Crops: 5/Stands: Mill Ridge Farm KY				Fee: 60,000	Storm's Wake
9	Quality Road	4/4.17	10/10.42	2/2.08	5/5.21	--/--	--/--	$2,961,132
	(2006) by Elusive Quality		FYR: 2012/Crops: 13/Stands: Lane's End Farm KY				Fee: 100,000	Speed Shopper
10	Karakontie (Jpn)	3/4.92	10/**16.39**	2/3.28	3/4.92	--/--	--/--	$2,635,244
	(2011) by Bernstein		FYR: 2017/Crops: 8/Stands: Gainesway Farm KY				Fee: 15,000	Agate
11	Vekoma	4/3.54	9/7.96	3/2.65	3/2.65	--/--	1/0.89	$4,986,137
	(2016) by Candy Ride (Arg)		FYR: 2022/Crops: 3/Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY				Fee: 100,000	Bottas
12	Constitution	5/3.11	9/5.59	1/0.62	5/3.11	--/--	--/--	$4,656,196
	(2011) by Tapit		FYR: 2017/Crops: 8/Stands: WinStar Farm KY				Fee: 110,000	Supercharger
13	Uncle Mo	4/3.54	9/7.96	2/1.77	6/5.31	--/--	--/--	$2,607,750
	(2008) by Indian Charlie		FYR: 2013/Crops: 12/Stands: Coolmore (Dead/Retired)				Fee: N/A	Uncle's Gold
14	Liam's Map	4/2.82	8/5.63	3/2.11	6/4.23	2/1.41	2/1.41	$6,305,078
	(2011) by Unbridled's Song		FYR: 2017/Crops: 8/Stands: Lane's End Farm KY				Fee: 50,000	Deterministic
15	Bolt d'Oro	4/2.99	8/5.97	3/2.24	5/3.73	--/--	--/--	$2,848,917
	(2015) by Medaglia d'Oro		FYR: 2020/Crops: 5/Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY				Fee: 25,000	Destino d'Oro

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Saturday, 11/21, Churchill Downs #10, post time: 5:25 p.m. EST

COMMONWEALTH TURF S.-GIII, $300,000, 3yo, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Banksy's	Paynter	Racingwithbruno and GMP Stables, LLC	Fawkes	Gaffalione	118
2	Gramp's Legacy	Funtastic	Tyler Sliney	O'Dwyer	Rosado	118
3	Fuzzbuster	Tiz the Law	BBN Racing, LLC	Oliver	Saez	118
4	Corona de Oro	Bolt d'Oro	On Our Own Stable, LLC, Commonwealth Stable U Racing Stables, LLC, Saints or Sinners Titletown Racing Stables, Jim Nichols, Edwin S. Barker Rivers Thoroughbreds, John Haines, and Dallas Stewart	Stewart	Hernandez, Jr.	118
5	Winter Holiday	Frosted	Godolphin, LLC	Harty	Rodriguez	118
6	Beautiful War	War of Will	Aaron & Victoria Haberman, Steel City Stable & Jeff Siskin	Fawkes	Torres	118
7	Royal Causeway	Not This Time	Gervais Racing LLC	Stewart	Torres	118
8	Remember Mamba	Kitten's Joy	C R K Stable LLC	DeVaux	Ortiz	123
9	No Joke Joe	Practical Joke	James M. Miller	Sharp	Ortiz, Jr.	118

Breeders: 1-Dejulio, Stillman & Barker, 2-Tyler J. Sliney, 3-Cobra B'stock/Lynch Bages LTD, 4-Willow Oaks Stable, LLC, 5-Godolphin, 6-Brookstone Farm & Brad and Misty Grady, 7-Swifty Farms, Inc., 8-Burning Daylight Farms, Inc. & NovemberHill, Inc., 9-Jim & Debbie Miller

Saturday, 11/21, Belmont #9, post time: 3:43 p.m. EST

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

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Ground Support	Army Mule	NBS Stable	Danner	Beschizza	124
2	Victory Hall	Independence Hall	Twin Sports Racing, Cypresshead Racing, LLC and Let's Go Racing	Morley	Zayas	122
3	Hark Theangelssing	Mendelssohn	Estate of R. Larry Johnson	Trombetta	Villalobos	122
4	That's How We Love	Justify	Lindy Farms	Antonacci	Gutierrez	120
5	Candy Rockette	Constitution	Frank Fletcher Racing Operations, Inc.	Russell	Carmouche	120
6	Counterintuitive	Not This Time	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Prat	120
7	Three Sixty	Twirling Candy	Woodford Racing, LLC and Team D	Dutrow	Castellano	120
8	New Rose	Nyquist	Copper Thoroughbreds, Rosen, Fred, Merriebelle Stable and Dervenis, Steve	Antonucci	Davis	120
9	Miss Twitter	Not This Time	Dubb, Michael, W H Lawrence, The Elkstone Group LLC and Rucker, William J.	Brown	Franco	120
10	Getting Serious	Hard Spun	Stuart S. Janney III	McGaughey III	Marin	120

Breeders: 1-Champion Equine, LLC, 2-Stonegate Stables LLC & EverythingsCricket Racing, 3-R. Larry Johnson, 4-Jean E White & Justify Syndicate, 5-WinStar Farm, LLC & Larry B. Taylor, 6-Dr. John R. Cummins, 7-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 8-Merriebelle Stable, LLC, 9-Springhouse Farm, 10-Stuart S. Janney, III LLC

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Saturday, 11/21, Del Mar #8, post time: 7:00 p.m. EST

NATIVE DIVER S.-GIII, $100,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Pony Express	Gun Runner	By Talla Racing LLC Three Chimneys Farm and West Point Thoroughbreds	Sadler	Ayuso	121
2	Midway Lane	Quality Road	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Hernandez	121
3	Mr. A. P.	American Pharoah	Wilson, Holly and Wilson, David	Cerin	Jaramillo	120
4	Zihnal	Quality Road	Augustin Stables	Thomas	Kimura	122
5	Bullard	Gun Runner	By Talla Racing LLC, St. Elias Stables LLC, Three Chimneys Farm and West Point Thoroughbreds	McCarthy	Rosario	121
6	Lyell's Song	Cairo Prince	El Sueno Stables LLC	Glatt	Lezcano	121
7	British Isles	Justify	Slam Dunk Racing, D A. Baltas, and C McClanahan	Baltas	Van Dyke	125
8	Vodka Vodka	Stay Thirsty	Baker Stables, LLC, McLean Racing Stables, W Gorman, Ordonez, Aggie, Parsons, Anthony, Parsons, Rachel and Williams, Delbert G	Ordonez	Desormeaux	123

Breeders: 1-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 2-Blue Heaven Farm, 3-Pollock Farms, 4-George Strawbridge Jr., 5-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 6-Runnymede Farm LLC & CWCInvestment 2, LLC, 7-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt, 8-Jerry Baker & Connie Baker

Sunday, 11/22, Belmont #6, post time: 3:12 p.m. EST

MANILA S.-GIII, $200,000, 3yo, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Let's Be Frank	Liam's Map	Nice Guys Stables	Allard	Franco	120
2	Chaos Agent	Independence Hall	Pin Oak Stud LLC	Carroll	Velazquez	122
3	McCready	Practical Joke	Joseph F. Novogratz	Robertson	Hernandez	122
4	Print	Munnings	Marc Keller	Ribaudo	Castellano	120
5	Touch of Fire	Constitution	Juddmonte	Cox	Prat	122
6	Iron Palace	Palace Malice	Daigneault Thoroughbreds, LLC	Weaver	Zayas	120

Breeders: 1-Nice Guys Stables, 2-James Paliafito & Joe Adams, 3-Lochlow Farm, 4-Marc Keller, 5-Juddmonte, 6-Titletown Racing Stables (Paul Farr)

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THURSDAY'S RACING INSIGHTS:

by Stefanie Grimm



Dayton sells at the '25 Keeneland September Sale | *Keeneland*

SEVEN-FIGURE NOT THIS TIME COLT UNVEILED AT CHURCHILL

7th-CD, 120K, Msw, 2yo, 1m, 3:55 p.m.

Windancer Farm had to stretch to $1.6 million to secure **DAYTON** (Not This Time), a half-brother to SW/MGSP Jace's Road (Quality Road), at last year's Keeneland September Sale. The mare Out Post, twice stakes placed herself, is a half-sister to Brazilian GSW/G1SP Big Wildcat (Big Brown) and this is also the family of GI Acorn Stakes winner Forest Secrets (Forest Wildcat).

A pair of homebreds break to that runner's inside. First, Shortleaf Stable's **Shaddock** (Good Magic), a half-brother to SW/GISP and 'TDN Rising Star' Caddo River (Hard Spun). Then Juddmonte unveils **Conley** (Curlin), a son of GSP Jamyson 'n Ginger from the family of Canadian champion 3-year-old filly Ginger Brew. **TJCIS PPS**

6th-FG, 52K, Msw, 2yo, f, 6f, 4:25 p.m.

Opening day at Fair Grounds features the latest daughter of two-time champion Groupie Doll, as **Jackie's Doll** (Jackie's Warrior) debuts for owner/breeder Whisper Hill Farm. The farm went to $3.1 million to buy the mare at the conclusion of her illustrious career from the 2013 Keeneland November Sale and she's produced four winners from as many to the track thus far.

Joining her from the rail is another homebred in **Name in Lights** (Maclean's Music) for Mt Brilliant Broodmares, a daughter of G1SP Famous (Ire), the €1,000,000 sales-topper at the 2008 Goffs Orby Million Sale and herself a full-sister to European champion colt Mastercraftsman (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}).

Cherie DeVaux will leg up Axel Concepion aboard **Maitresse** (Curlin), a $460,000 Keeneland September grad whose stakes-winning dam is a half-sister to MGSW and $2.6-million broodmare Private Mission (Into Mischief) and to the dam of GISW Dunbar Road (Quality Rod). **TJCIS PPS**

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

3rd-Churchill Downs, $121,090, Msw, 11-18, 2yo, 5 1/2fT, 1:01.84, fm, 3 1/4 lengths.

COLORTIME (c, 2, Not This Time--Definitive, by Tapit), a non-factor last after setting the pace early in his main track debut Oct. 25, returned Wednesday on the grass for Steve Asmussen and was much improved. Sent off at 7-1 from the middle of the gate, this seven-figure Keeneland September grad handled the tempo while Arsenal Star (Munnings) kept him honest just to his outside through the opening quarter in :21.90. Able to edge away from that rival around the far turn, Colortime continued to clear off from this field, opening up as race favorite Big Star Bound (Golden Pal) moved into second. Safely away close to home, Colortime graduated second time out by 3 1/4 lengths. Bred by Summer Wind Equine, Colortime is the first foal out of a full-sister to GSW Magic on Tap and GSP Principe Guilherme, both by Tapit, while second dam Aubby K, purchased by Summer Wind for $2.4 million at the 2015 Fasig-Tipton November Sale, was a Grade I winner in the Humana Distaff. Definitive has a yearling Authentic filly and was sent to Gun Runner for 2027. Sales History: $1,350,000 Ylg '25 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $70,368. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV**.

O-Richard Drake; B-Summer Wind Equine LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

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1st-Churchill Downs, $89,780, Msw, (R), 11-18, 2yo, f, 5f, :56.88, ft, 5 3/4 lengths.
FLAMING VERDICT (f, 2, Speaker's Corner--Ms. Dragonette, by Mr Speaker) ran twice at this level in auction-restricted company over course and a furlong longer, just missing by a nose in her last try Oct. 25. Heavily favored at 1-5 Wednesday in her third try, she had no issues getting it done, breaking right to the lead from the middle of the gate and sprinting a quarter in :22.47 while continuing to draw away from this over-matched group. First-time starter I Want Her (Practical Joke) gave chase from second but never made any headway on the leader, checking in 5 3/4 lengths behind Flaming Verdict on the wire. The 10th winner for her freshman sire (by Street Sense), Flaming Verdict has a weanling half-brother by Two Phil's while Ms. Dragonette is due to Mullikin next season. Sales History: $15,000 Ylg '25 KEESEP; $60,000 2yo '26 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, $89,040. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV**.
O-David Staudacher; B-McCann Bloodstock, EDR Equine Inc., Ben Colebrook & Brad Scott (KY); T-Michael J. Maker.

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Corniche (Quality Road), Coolmore Ashford, $15,000
109 foals of racing age/17 winners/3 black-type winners
4-Churchill Downs, 2:27 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Victor Domino, 6-1
$25,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Drain the Clock (Maclean's Music), Gainesway Farm, $10,000
134 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Churchill Downs, 2:27 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Soap Note, 3-1
$40,000 FTK OCT yrl; $45,000 OBS APR 2yo
3-Churchill Downs, 1:58 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Tick Tock Tech, 30-1
$19,000 KEE JAN wnl; $90,000 OBS APR 2yo

Early Voting (Gun Runner), Taylor Made Farm
116 foals of racing age/15 winners/2 black-type winners
9-Fair Grounds, 5:55 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Early Flight, 12-1

Epicenter (Not This Time), Coolmore Ashford, $25,000
206 foals of racing age/16 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Churchill Downs, 2:27 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Epic Max, 2-1
$50,000 FTK OCT yrl; $20,000 OBS OPN 2yo
5-Delta Downs, 7:32 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Epic Stolen Kiss, 9-5
$7,000 KEE SEP yrl; $32,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo; $25,000 OBS OJN 2yo

Flightline (Tapit), Lane's End Farm, $125,000
124 foals of racing age/18 winners/2 black-type winners
7-Churchill Downs, 3:55 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Bourbon Neat, 3-1
$875,000 FTS AUG yrl

Golden Pal (Uncle Mo), Coolmore Ashford, $25,000
204 foals of racing age/33 winners/3 black-type winners
4-Churchill Downs, 2:27 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Bergkamp, 15-1
$20,000 FTK OCT yrl
9-Churchill Downs, 4:55 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Marigold Run, 20-1
$80,000 KEE SEP yrl

Highly Motivated (Into Mischief), Airdrie Stud, $7,500
98 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Churchill Downs, 2:27 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Tio Colocho, 20-1
$14,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Idol (Curlin), Taylor Made Farm, $5,000
82 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Fair Grounds, 3:25 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Guru, 12-1
$12,000 KEE NOV wnl

Jack Christopher (Munnings), Coolmore Ashford, $15,000
187 foals of racing age/18 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Belmont, 2:41 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Castle Pines, 7-2
$145,000 RNA FTK NOV wnl; $150,000 KEE SEP yrl; $100,000 OBS MAR 2yo; $110,000 FTD OCT 2yo
3-Churchill Downs, 1:58 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, D J Abs, 6-1
$45,000 KEE NOV wnl; $105,000 KEE SEP yrl

Jackie's Warrior (Maclean's Music), Spendthrift Farm, $25,000
136 foals of racing age/24 winners/2 black-type winners
5-Delta Downs, 7:32 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Global Warrior, 8-1
$130,000 KEE SEP yrl
6-Fair Grounds, 4:25 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Jackie's Doll, 2-1
4-Fair Grounds, 3:25 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, New Chief, 15-1
$65,000 KEE SEP yrl

Life Is Good (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, $60,000
133 foals of racing age/17 winners/2 black-type winners
8-Fair Grounds, 5:25 p.m. EDT, $100K Joseph R. Peluso Memorial S., 6f, Hes Steelin Mylady, 9-2
$200,000 KEE SEP yrl
5-Belmont, 2:41 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Job, 5-2
$280,000 KEE SEP yrl

Nashville (Speightstown), WinStar Farm, $12,500
140 foals of racing age/19 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Fair Grounds, 3:25 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Bookman, 7-2
$55,000 FTK OCT yrl
8-Fair Grounds, 5:25 p.m. EDT, $100K Joseph R. Peluso Memorial S., 6f, Essential George, 3-1
$40,000 TTA YRL yrl
7-Churchill Downs, 3:55 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Kashville, 6-1
$105,000 KEE SEP yrl; $80,000 OBS APR 2yo

Olympiad (Speightstown), Gainesway Farm, $20,000
149 foals of racing age/21 winners/3 black-type winners
4-Churchill Downs, 2:27 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Psalm One Eighteen, 10-1
$80,000 KEE SEP yrl; $45,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Speaker's Corner (Street Sense), Darley, $10,000
111 foals of racing age/10 winners/4 black-type winners
5-Delta Downs, 7:32 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Autism Unique, 6-1
$6,500 FTD DE wnl; $12,000 KEE SEP yrl
5-Delta Downs, 7:32 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Peppermint Stripe, 7-2
$70,000 RNA KEE JAN wnl; $11,000 OBS OPN 2yo

LEADING FIRST-CROP SIRES OF 2026

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSH	GISW	Strtrs	Wnrs	Earnings
1	Golden Pal	3	9	3	0	84	33	$3,287,684
2	Jackie's Warrior	2	5	3	0	62	24	$2,408,398
3	Roadster	1	6	0	0	43	21	$1,255,067
4	Olympiad	3	5	1	0	58	20	$1,870,938
5	Greatest Honour	2	7	1	0	55	19	$1,150,389

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SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, NOV. 19
2026 Stud Fees Listed

Beau Liam (Liam's Map), Airdrie Stud, $7,500
145 foals of racing age/49 winners/4 black-type winners
9-Fair Grounds, 5:55 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Southern Beau, 6-1

Charlatan (Speightstown), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, $25,000
323 foals of racing age/71 winners/7 black-type winners
2-Fair Grounds, 2:25 p.m. EDT, $100K John Valene Memorial S., 1m, Little Miss Curlin, 7-2

Independence Hall (Constitution), WinStar Farm, $10,000
196 foals of racing age/57 winners/4 black-type winners
4-Fair Grounds, 3:25 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Love for Country, 6-1

Yaupon (Uncle Mo), Spendthrift Farm, $60,000
325 foals of racing age/101 winners/21 black-type winners
6-Fair Grounds, 4:25 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Lankard, 8-1
$85,000 KEE NOV wnl; $175,000 KEE SEP yrl



ADDITIONAL RACING

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Churchill Downs, $126,756, 11-18, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:48.55, ft, 3/4 length.
RUGGED LOVE (g, 3, Cupid--Princess Addy, by Quality Road) Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-2, $192,987. O-Sugar Mill Stables, Atlanta Hall Racing and Belle Tower LLC; B-Pippa's Hurricane LLC (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh. *$50,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP.

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10th-Zia, $67,000, (S), 11-17, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.61, ft, head.
C JACK (g, 5, Chipshot--Devons Cat, by Abajo) Lifetime Record: 8-3-3-0, $120,107. O/B-Stephen R. Brown (NM); T-Joel H. Marr. *Full to Line Call, MSW, $156,612.

8th-Parx Racing, $64,890, (C)/Opt. Clm ($50,000), 11-18, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38.75, ft, 3 lengths.
RED ZONE RUNNER (c, 3, Practical Joke--Look Deep {SW, $168,104}, by Petionville) Lifetime Record: SW, 13-4-2-2, $202,440. O-Tom Coulter; B-Arrowwood Farm, Inc. (PA); T-Hugo O. Padilla.

6th-Tampa Bay Downs, $37,200, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($16,000), 11-18, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.60, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.
NO BEES (c, 3, Bee Jersey--No Extensions, by Not Bourbon) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, $104,438. O-C2 Racing Stable LLC, St. Elias Stables LLC and BAG Racing Stables LLC; B-Charles Fipke (KY); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr. *$34,000 2yo '25 FTDJUL.

5th-Tampa Bay Downs, $33,500, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($32,000), 11-18, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 40y (off turf), 1:40.48, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.
STILLTHINKINGOFYOU (f, 4, Daredevil--Courageisamajority, by Medaglia d'Oro) Lifetime Record: 21-6-1-0, $137,715. O/B-Richard D. Schibell (KY); T-Derek S. Ryan.

3rd-Finger Lakes, $26,500, 11-18, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:44.58, ft, 5 3/4 lengths.
ROCK STEADY BABE (f, 3, King for a Day--Very Accomplished, by Borrego) Lifetime Record: 14-2-3-4, $112,940. O/B/T-Charlton Baker (NY).

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

The Way It Is, f, 2, **Drill**--Way to Fly, by Bowman's Band. Mahoning Valley, 11-18, (S), 6f, 1:16.78. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $26,814. B-Gail Kromer & Eric J Heyman (OH). *$16,000 Ylg '25 OTBOMX. **Full to Drillit, MSW, $453,250; 1/2 to Paint the Town (Paynter), SP, $183,560.
Elowyn's Honor, f, 2, **Honor A. P.**--St. Louise, by Curlin. Churchill Downs, 11-18, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:45.77. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $41,257. B-Barrett Partners, LLC (KY).
First Look, f, 2, **Life Is Good**--Jemison, by Outwork. Churchill Downs, 11-18, (C), 7 1/2f, 1:30.62. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $40,275. B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY). *$50,000 RNA Ylg '25 KEESEP. **17th winner for freshman sire (by Into Mischief).
Tiz It Is, f, 2, **Paynter**--Tiz May West, by Tiz Wonderful. Parx Racing, 11-18, 6f, 1:12.97. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $40,000. B-Westbrook Stables LLC (KY). *$35,000 Ylg '25 FTKOCT.
Yalina, f, 2, **Rainbow Heir**--Alter Rhythm, by Alternation. Mountaineer Casino & Resort, 11-17, 5f, 1:02.07. Lifetime Record: 10-1-4-1, $40,920. B-Lawrence Winkelspecht (KY).
Striker Joe, g, 4, **Liam's Map**--Cahirciveen, by Giant's Causeway. Finger Lakes, 11-18, 1m, 1:41.45. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, $24,206. B-Albaugh Family Stables LLC (KY). *$120,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP.

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Bee Jersey, No Bees, c, 3, o/o No Extensions, by Not Bourbon. AOC, 11-18, Tampa Bay
Chipshot, C Jack, g, 5, o/o Devons Cat, by Abajo. ALW, 11-17, Zia
Cupid, Rugged Love, g, 3, o/o Princess Addy, by Quality Road. ALW, 11-18, Churchill Downs
Daredevil, Stillthinkingofyou, f, 4, o/o Courageisamajority, by Medaglia d'Oro. AOC, 11-18, Tampa Bay
Drill, The Way It Is, f, 2, o/o Way to Fly, by Bowman's Band. MSW, 11-18, Mahoning Valley



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Honor A. P., Elowyn's Honor, f, 2, o/o St. Louise, by Curlin. MCL, 11-18, Churchill Downs
King for a Day, Rock Steady Babe, f, 3, o/o Very Accomplished, by Borrego. ALW, 11-18, Finger Lakes
Liam's Map, Striker Joe, g, 4, o/o Cahirciveen, by Giant's Causeway. MSW, 11-18, Finger Lakes
Life Is Good, First Look, f, 2, o/o Jemison, by Outwork. MCL, 11-18, Churchill Downs
Not This Time, Colortime, c, 2, o/o Definitive, by Tapit. MSW, 11-18, Churchill Downs
Paynter, Tiz It Is, f, 2, o/o Tiz May West, by Tiz Wonderful. MSW, 11-18, Parx Racing
Practical Joke, Red Zone Runner, c, 3, o/o Look Deep, by Petionville. AOC, 11-18, Parx Racing
Rainbow Heir, Yalina, f, 2, o/o Alter Rhythm, by Alternation. MSW, 11-17, Mountaineer
Speaker's Corner, Flaming Verdict, f, 2, o/o Ms. Dragonette, by Mr Speaker. MSW, 11-18, Churchill Downs



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CITY OF TROY TAKES FLIGHT AS COOLMORE SUPPORTS ITS CHAMPION AT GOFFS

By Brian Sheerin

GOFFS, Kildare - Self-described "boutique" operators Vimal and Gillian Khosla, who played an instrumental role in the City Of Troy story given they bred the Derby winner's dam, Together Forever, provided a sprinkling of stardust at Goffs on Wednesday when a colt by Coolmore's champion lit up the November Foal Sale at €500,000.

It was MV Magnier who signed for the colt [lot 747] consigned by Ballylinch Stud on behalf of the Khoslas.

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OMBUDSMAN CROWNED CARTIER HORSE OF THE YEAR

Ombudsman (Night Of Thunder), winner of the Prince Of Wales's Stakes and Champion Stakes, has been crowned Cartier Horse of the Year at the 36th Cartier Racing Awards, which took place at the Dorchester Hotel in London on Wednesday evening.

Trained by John and Thady Gosden, Ombudsman kicked off his season in Dubai where he registered the third Group 1 victory of his career in the Dubai Turf at Meydan.

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IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

JOE TALAMO ENERGIZED FOR THE NEXT CHAPTER IN HIS CAREER

Bill Finley checks in with Eclipse-winning jockey Joe Talamo, whose five mounts on opening day at Fair Grounds will be his first in more than two years.



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(l-r): Sean Ronan, Stephanie Hanly, Hamara Curran, Mick Buckley, Caroline Ronan, Nadia Slawska, Mark Hanly, Sally Ann Grassick & William Hanly with lot 690, by Sioux Nation. | *Goffs*

9 | FRANCES ETHEL LEADS FOUR OF TATTERSALLS DECEMBER WILDCARDS
The South African Grade 2 winner Frances Ethel (Rafeef) is one of four wildcards added to the Tattersalls December Mares Sale.

10 | FLIGHTLINE FILLY LEADS THE WAY AT TATTERSALLS ONLINE
A filly by Flightline topped the Tattersalls Online November Sale at 70,000gns when purchased by Capucines Bloodstock.

15 | OMBUDSMAN EN ROUTE TO JAPAN
The son of Night Of Thunder has departed the UK en route to Tokyo and a crack at the 2026 G1 Japan Cup next Sunday.



Coolmore's MV Magnier spent €500,000 on a City Of Troy colt on Wednesday | *Goffs*

Goffs Cont. from p1

Despite only ever keeping a maximum of 10 mares at the County Kilkenny farm, the couple will forever be etched in racing and breeding folklore through their association with the great blue hen Green Room.

"What makes it so special is the fact that we bred Together Forever, as well as Forever Together of course, and when Together Forever's son City Of Troy was such a magnificent racehorse we decided we should send him a mare," Gillian beamed.

She added, "Hopefully we sent him the right broodmare. It looks like the right decision at this point but there's a long way to go yet. Obviously, he's going to a terrific place, and he'll be given the best opportunity to succeed."

The Khoslas were quick to praise the role that Ballylinch Stud has played in their success story. In fact, Vimal openly admits to having begun his breeding endeavours as an absolute greenhorn but, with a heavy helping of advice, has navigated his way towards the top. Of course, there are times when instinct supersedes advice, such as when he took a leap of faith to buy the dam of the top lot, Compostela (Sea The Stars), who has already produced a Group performer in Stela Star (Epaulette).

He said, "Without the guys at Ballylinch none of this would have happened. They've looked after our mares since the beginning. They do it so well, they gave us a lot of advice because we knew nothing about this when we started, and they've taught us, it's lovely."

Vimal added, "Everyone advised me against buying Compostela because although she has a good page she's built like a tank – that was the word they used. They said, 'Vimal, why are you buying this tank?' Then her first foal, Stela Star, won a Group 3 and all her other runners have been winners. We're very pleased with her." **Cont. p4**



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Gillian concluded, "There's a lot of luck involved, you have to be with the right people and follow their advice – but make sure you veer off the path every now and again!"

Speaking of paths, Magnier certainly feels that Coolmore are on the right one with not only City Of Troy, but Auguste Rodin and even Henry Longfellow, too. All three of the newbies have been well-received this week.

"Listen, it's great," Magnier said. "City Of Troy was a very good racehorse - he's as good a horse as we've had in the place. I always look back at the day he won his maiden. Three races after he won his maiden, Ryan [Moore] was still laughing because he said it was the first time he'd ever got a fright on a horse. He nearly ran into the boards because he couldn't pull him up!"



Lot 747, Wednesday's City Of Troy topper | *Goffs*

Magnier added, "He's a very special horse and has been very well supported for the last number of years. We'll try our hardest to give him a good shot. The Khoslas are incredible breeders. They bred City Of Troy's mother so fair dues to them and everyone in Ballylinch, it's a good result for them. They've been supporters of ours for a very long time. Himself, Auguste Rodin and 'Henry' have had a very good sale so we're very happy. It's incredible to see so many different faces around the sale. It all goes back to Goffs, they do an incredible job and encourage a lot of people to get involved. Hats off to them."

Of the 185 lots offered, 158 were sold at a clearance rate of 85%. Despite the strong start to the sale on Monday and Tuesday, turnover dropped by 16% to €15,344,000 while the average fell by 10% to €97,114 and the median by 4% to €75,000. **Cont. p5**

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Goffs Cont.

Take Me To Church! Prayers Answered At Goffs As Too Darn Hot Filly Shines

In a week when the lord above has been busy answering the prayers of the many, many vendors, a Too Darn Hot filly out of high-class sprinter Ladies Church played a fitting role when selling to Liam Norris on behalf of owner Ben Spiers at €380,000.

The first foal out of the Group 2-winning speedster was offered by Cathy Grassick's Newtown Stud and Norris, who was bidding up on the balcony to the right of the rostrum, held off the O'Callaghans of Yeomanstown Stud from their usual spot down under on the left.

“Ah, she's lovely,” a delighted Norris said after signing the ticket on one of the most talked about foals of the week. “We just hoped we’d be able to afford her and we did. Ben was brave.”

A solicitor by trade, Spiers has been in the game for a while now. However, having trudged along at the lower levels, he has had a taste of what it feels like to be involved with a classier type. And now he wants more.

The owner said, “She was the best in the sale to us. She looks the business. We’ll send her to Newsells Park Stud in the UK and we'll see how we get on. We might bring her back to Book 1 or we might keep her to race. I've been pinhooking for a few years with Liam looking after me. We usually buy at Tatts every year. We've never come to Goffs before. We try to buy fillies that, frankly, if we couldn't sell for good money, we'd keep. We’ve sold very well for a few years, and last year we kept a couple. We're very happy with them and have put them into training. It’ll be the same case with this.”

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He added, “She's got a brilliant page and is a beautiful model. If we can make a big turn at Tatts Book 1, then we’ll probably take the profit. But if we don’t, we'll protect her and keep her and race her. I've got three at the moment in pre-training, so we’re deciding where to send them. I've had horses with everyone over the years. For years, I had a lot of handicappers with friends and family, and then I found that the top end of the market is just much more fun, to be honest. It sort of makes more sense to spend a lot of money on a beautifully-bred horse. I’d had enough of owning handicappers in syndicates, to be honest. I'm sort of just trying to move myself up the value chain. I'm in a couple of breeding syndicates with Newsells as well. The breeding side is something that interests me in future. I'm at the beginning of my journey in that respect but these fillies I'm going to put into training, the idea is that I’ll be breeding from them eventually.”



Ben Spiers & Liam Norris (right) | *Goffs*

Boys Of Ballinacurra Have The Ring Humming Once Again

You've heard of the Boys Of Summer? What a great little song that is. But what about the boys of Ballinacurra? The Goffs November Foal Sale has danced to the beat of the Limerick lads' tune in recent years and the talented trio - brothers David and George Mullins, along with their cousin Dinny McCarthy - had the ring humming once again thanks to their €270,000 Auguste Rodin colt. He was bought by top pinhooker Eddie O'Leary, who will be hoping the foal can emulate his brother, who was sold here 12 months ago for €225,000 before leaving massive profit for his connections when knocked down to Godolphin at €750,000 during the Orby Sale.



“She's the second foal out of Awilda - we sold a Modern Games foal out of her last year here for €225,000 and he went on and made €750,000 to Godolphin at the Orby,” McCarthy explained. “That was a great boost for the mare and for us. We were confident that he was a nice foal and we always do well at Goffs so we brought him up here with a bit of hope and it's after going well above expectations. She's not in foal - she was in foal to Starman but unfortunately she slipped so we will have to give her a nice early cover next year. We actually bought her at the February Sale here a couple of years ago - she was just a big, strong mare with a pedigree we liked.”

George interjected, "She's a cheap mare now at €29,000! We put her on the lorry almost straight away after we bought her and sent her to Modern Games. The rest, as they say, is history now."

Coolmore's brilliant Derby and Breeders' Cup Turf winner Auguste Rodin has made a good impression on buyers this week with his first crop of foals [13] selling for an average of €127,167.

George commented, “We liked him a lot when we went down to see him at Coolmore. He's a very good mover and, physically, he suited the mare. We got exactly what we hoped we would with this colt and he has just developed so well over the summer. He has a great mind and that is huge.” **Cont. p7**



Lot 718, a son of Auguste Rodin | *Goffs*

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He added, “Every show, he wanted to go up and down the yard. There was no dragging him along.”

The past few years, Ballinacurra has lit up this place with some big-priced foals. However, the big days are always tinged in sadness given their father Michael, whose year revolved around this sale, passed away in 2021.

David said, “Unfortunately our Dad passed in 2021. He would have lived and breathed this game. His whole year would have revolved around this week so this is bittersweet. We've had some great results here over the past number of years and he wasn't around to see it. It's always a very emotional time as well as a very happy time for us.”

He added, “We advertise ourselves as foal men. We've been coming here for a long time, trying to bring our best horses here as foals, and fair play to Goffs, we've had great results here down through the years. Fair play to Eddie O'Leary - I'm sure that this horse will come back to the yearling sales a bigger version of himself next year.”

That is the plan, as far as O’Leary’s concerned, anyway.

“He’s a lovely horse and hopefully the two-year-old is lucky,” the Lynn Lodge Stud man said.

“We’ve a couple of good colts by the sire at home and we bought a filly by him last night who’s very nice, too. We’ve been on his trail as he was a very good racehorse. It’s great to have that Japanese blood coming through. If he takes off, he could be a very important horse because he’s an outcross. I hope he works. His stock seems to be very elegant, good-moving horses, as he was himself. This colt was always going to cost a few quid as he was a big, good-looking lad.”

On the market, O’Leary concluded, “When you go in there to buy one, it’s hard to get the nice ones. It’s a good healthy market for a nice horse. If you go through the figures, the clearance rate is very good. I think it’s a fair trade all round.”

Sioux Nation's Biggest Supporter Hanly Enjoys Full Circle Moment With €260,000 Filly

Isn't it mad to think that 14 - yes, 14 - different vendors have sold six-figure foals by Sioux Nation this week? Perhaps nobody deserved the payday more than Mark Hanly of Grange Hill Stud, whose sister to Syndneyarms Chelsea was top of the pile at €260,000. What makes Mark so special, I hear you ask? Well, he has been invested in Sioux Nation well before it was cool to be and, not only that, Sydneyarms Chelsea provided the stallion with his first-ever Listed success.

“She was extremely popular - she had an incredible amount of shows over the past three or four days,” Hanly said of lot 690. “The mare has been incredibly lucky for us. We just keep going back to Sioux Nation and we keep getting black-type fillies. This is a quality filly who has gone to a good home in the O'Callaghan family.”

Speaking about the feeling of bringing a popular foal to the market, he added, “You can't get too carried away - you have to keep calm because you just don't know what way it's going to go. The wheels could fall off the wagon or it can all go according to plan. It's never an easy game and this is just mind-blowing. An incredible feeling and an incredible amount for work that goes into it. A lot of thought goes into buying these mares and then the hardest bit of all is picking these stallions. We were actually the first people to have a Stakes winner by Sioux Nation, which is this filly's sister, Syndneyarms Chelsea. I was always a fan of Scat Daddy and we were waiting for a son of his to stand in this neck of the woods. That was the thinking behind supporting Sioux Nation from the outset.”

All told, Sioux Nation has achieved a €112,715 average for his 28 foals sold so far this week.

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Sally Ann Grassick with William Hanly and Mark Hanly (right) | *Goffs*

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GOFFS NOVEMBER FOAL SALE DAY 3

SESSION TOTALS	2026	2025
• Catalogued	222	230
• Number Offered	185	185
• Number Sold	158	169
• Not Sold	27	16
• Clearance Rate	85%	91%
• 500k or more	1	2
• High Price	€500,000	€650,000
• Gross	€15,344,000 (-16%)	€18,324,000
• Average (% change)	€97,114 (-10%)	€108,427
• Median (% change)	€75,000 (-4%)	€78,000

CUMULATIVE	2026	2025
• Catalogued	768	763
• Number Offered	669	667
• Number Sold	559	564
• Not Sold	110	103
• Clearance Rate	83%	84%
• 500k or more	1	2
• High Price	€500,000	€650,000
• Gross	€29,901,750 (-3%)	€31,653,500
• Average (% change)	€53,492 (-5%)	€56,124
• Median (% change)	€36,000 (+12%)	€32,000



GOFFS NOVEMBER FOAL SALE DAY 3 TOP LOTS

718 **colt** **Auguste Rodin (Ire)--Awilda (Ire)** **270,000**
Bred by Ballinacurra Stud, Ltd. & Darnstown Stud (Ire)
Consigned by Ballinacurra Stud
Purchased by Lynn Lodge Stud

601 **filly** **City Of Troy--Loyale (Fr)** **260,000**
Bred by Irish National Stud (Ire)
Consigned by Irish National Stud
Purchased by Tally-Ho Stud

690 **filly** **Sioux Nation--Wedding Dress (GB)** **260,000**
Bred by M. Hanly, C. Hanly & M. Buckley (Ire)
Consigned by Grange Hill Stud
Purchased by Yeomanstown Stud

642 **filly** **Lope De Vega (Ire)--Pure Art (GB)** **250,000**
Bred by Tullpark, Ltd. & Lope de Vega Syndicate (Ire)
Consigned by Stanley Lodge
Purchased by Redwall Bloodstock

647 **filly** **Mehmas (Ire)--Ripponette (Fr)** **230,000**
Bred by Kennedy, Wall & NWC Bloostock (Ire)
Consigned by Stanley Lodge
Purchased by Stroud Coleman Bloodstock

Lot	Sex	Sire|Dam	Price (€)
747	colt	City Of Troy--Compostela (GB)	500,000
		Bred by Vimal & Gillian Khosla (Ire)	
		Consigned by Ballylinch Stud	
		Purchased by MV Magnier/White Birch Farm	
590	filly	Too Darn Hot (GB)--Ladies Church (GB)	380,000
		Bred by Mr Mark Dobbin (Ire)	
		Consigned by Newtown Stud	
		Purchased by Liam Norris	

Cartier Awards Cont. from p1

He later returned to Royal Ascot to win the Prince Of Wales's Stakes for the second consecutive year--a feat not achieved for over 30 years--before ending his domestic campaign with a comprehensive defeat of reigning Cartier Horse of the Year, Calandagan (Gleneagles), in Ascot's Champion Stakes. That success cemented his standing as Timeform's highest-rated horse in Europe with a rating of 134.

Ombudsman, who is due to retire to Darley's Kildangan Stud following his intended swansong in the Japan Cup, is the fourth Godolphin-owned horse to be named Cartier Horse of the Year following Daylami (1999), Fantastic Light (2001) and Ghaiyyath (2020).

The five-year-old was nominated for the premier equine accolade alongside the unbeaten 2,000 Guineas, St James's Palace Stakes and Sussex Stakes winner **Bow Echo** (Night Of Thunder), dual Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe hero Daryz (Sea The Stars) and juvenile filly **Sun Goddess** (Sioux Nation), a four-time Group/Grade 1 winner in 2026.

Ombudsman also claimed the Cartier Older Horse award ahead of fellow nominees Daryz, leading miler Notable Speech (Dubawi) and Blue Bolt (Blue Point), whose six wins this year included four consecutive Group 1 triumphs.

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Ombudsman | *Racingfotos.com*

Cartier Awards Cont.

Elsewhere, Bow Echo emerged victorious in the Cartier Three-Year-Old Colt category following a faultless campaign for trainer George Boughey. The son of Night Of Thunder was shortlisted alongside the Irish Derby and Breeders' Cup Turf hero Benevenuto Cellini (Frankel), Prix du Jockey Club and Coral-Eclipse scorer Constitution River (Wootton Bassett) and Talk Of New York (Wootton Bassett), who was successful in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes.

The award for Cartier Three-Year-Old Filly went the way of **Diamond Necklace** (St Mark's Basilica), the winner of the Poule d'Essai des Poulains, Prix de Diane and Nassau Stakes. She triumphed over two more Classic-winning fillies owned by the Coolmore partners and trained by Aidan O'Brien--Precise (Starspangledbanner) and True Love (No Nay Never)--with Joseph O'Brien's Oaks heroine Thundering On (Frankel) also shortlisted.

Diamond Necklace was one of four winners on the night for her connections, who also claimed the Cartier Stayer prize with **Scandinavia** (Justify) and the Cartier Two-Year-Old Colt award with **Darkness Falls** (Camelot), with the aforementioned Sun Goddess completing the impressive haul as she came out in top in the Cartier Two-Year-Old Filly category.

Scandinavia, who completed a Group 1 hat-trick in the Gold Cup, Goodwood Cup and Irish St Leger, saw off competition from Caballo de Mar (Phoenix Of Spain)--who inflicted Scandinavia's only defeat this year in the Prix du Cadran--St Leger winner Highwayman (Persian King) and Gold Cup runner-up Trawlerman (Golden Horn).

Darkness Falls was joined among the nominees in his category by stablemate Haffner (Justify), who won the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf, National Stakes victor Folsom Blues (Blue Point) and Dewhurst Stakes runner-up Desert Castle (Frankel).

Darkness Falls defeated Desert Castle by a neck in the Dewhurst to double his top-level tally, having previously been successful in the Golden Fleece Stakes.

Incidentally, the success of Sun Goddess, the winner of the Phoenix Stakes, Moyglare Stud Stakes, Cheveley Park Stakes and Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf, ensured that Coolmore and Aidan O'Brien won both juvenile awards for the third time in four years. She took her prize ahead of the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint scorer Libertango, Fillies' Mile winner Musical Times (Lope De Vega) and Amusingly (No Nay Never), who won the Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere.

The remaining equine award for Cartier Sprinter was presented to connections of the Shadwell homebred **Almeraq** (Dark Angel), who won four of his five starts in 2026, including at the top level in the Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Stakes, Sprint Cup and British Champions Sprint Stakes. He was nominated alongside the Nunthorpe Stakes and Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint hero Bacio (Maclean's Music), July Cup and Flying Five Stakes winner Comanche Brave and Venetian Sun, who claimed the Commonwealth Cup.

Finally, the recipient of the Cartier/The Daily Telegraph Award of Merit for 2026 was **Julian Richmond-Watson**, who has held a number of leading roles across the industry, including senior steward of the Jockey Club, chairman of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association and independent chair of the Thoroughbred Group. He also enjoyed Classic success as an owner-breeder in 2008 when the Ralph Beckett-trained Look Here won the Oaks at Epsom.

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GROUP 2 WINNER FRANCES ETHEL AMONG FOUR TATTERSALLS DECEMBER WILDCARDS

The G2 South African Oaks winner **Frances Ethel** (lot 1489A) is one of four additions to the catalogue for the Tattersalls December Mares Sale, with the daughter of Rafeef set to be offered by Avenue Sales during the fifth edition of the Sceptre Sessions.

Formerly trained by Brett Crawford, Frances Ethel also finished a close-up fourth in the G1 Woolavington 2000 in her native South Africa, before relocating to Britain to be trained by William Haggas. Last seen filling the runner-up spot in the G3 Prix Belle de Nuit at Saint-Cloud, the six-year-old is out of an unraced full-sister to the triple Group winner Queen's Bay (Fort Wood). **Cont. p10**



Frances Ethel | *Tattersalls*

Tattersalls Wildcards Cont.

Avenue Bloodstock's Mark McStay said, "Frances Ethel is a really exciting racing and breeding prospect at the December Sales. A beautiful type, she embodies a truly international pedigree that contains both a Durban July winner and a Cox Plate winner. She herself won the South African Oaks and was second in a Group 3 in France three weeks ago.

"We are most grateful to her owners, Team Valor, for allowing us to consign her on their behalf."

Meanwhile, European Sales Management will consign the second Sceptre Sessions wildcard in **Ginalyah** (Chacknak), who will go through the ring as lot 1791A. The three-year-old has finished placed in both the G3 Prix de Flore and G3 Prix Fille de l'Air on her last two starts, having previously been beaten less than five lengths when fifth in the G1 Prix Vermeille. A half-sister to the dam of last year's European champion two-year-old colt, Gewan, Ginalyah possesses a Timeform rating of 108.

Away from the Sceptre Sessions, Ashtown House Stud will offer the two-year-old **Southern Boulevard** (No Nay Never) (lot 1792A), who notably finished fourth in the Listed Legacy Stakes at Dundalk, before winning a course-and-distance maiden by over three lengths next time. She is out of the Group 2-winning mare Sans Equivoque (Stormy River) and is a half-sister to two black-type performers.

Finally, **April Mist** is a dual-winning two-year-old daughter of Cotai Glory, from the family of the G1 Phoenix Stakes-winning sire Sudirman, as well as the G2 Coventry Stakes-winning sire River Tiber. With a Timeform rating of 91, having won her most recent start at Dundalk by two lengths, she will be offered by The Castlebridge Consignment as lot 1490A.

The Tattersalls December Mares Sale takes place from Monday, November 30 to Wednesday, December 2, with the full catalogue available to view here.

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FLIGHTLINE FILLY TOPS TATTERSALLS ONLINE NOVEMBER SALE

A two-year-old filly by Flightline (lot 162) topped the Tattersalls Online November Sale when selling for 70,000gns to Capucines Bloodstock on Wednesday. She is the first progeny of her sire to be offered at auction in the UK or Ireland.

Offered by Powerstown Stud, the filly is the first foal out of multiple stakes winner Esplanande (Daredevil). Esplanande was second in the GI Spinaway Stakes and is a half-sister to GIII Chillingworth Stakes heroine Silent Law (Tiz The Law) and multiple stakes winner Liberate (Gemologist).

Jean-Daniel Manceau of Capucines Bloodstock said, “Some of my European clients have a US-based operation and we felt this filly has a very nice profile. We were at the recent sales in Kentucky and it was really tricky to buy nice maiden fillies or progressive prospects so we felt this was a nice opportunity to have a filly by Flightline.

“She is out of a mare who is Group 1 placed and she has a sister who made $625,000. The plan is to race her in France and then she will probably become a broodmare in America.”

Lodgedown Stables paid 43,000gns for **Too Bossy For Us** (Golden Horn) (lot 132). The five-year-old gelding was offered by Willie Mullins’s Closutton Stables. The winner is a half-brother to listed winner Angel Guidance (Mastercraftsman).

Resurgence (Too Darn Hot) (lot 116) brought 34,000gns from Eurovent HVAC Solutions, Ltd. The Baroda Stud-consigned three-year-old gelding has placed three times in five starts on the Flat, including at Dundalk last week. Baroda was the leading consignor at the sale, selling 17 lots for a gross of 200,100.

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Lot 162, a daughter of Flightline, topped the sale | *Tattersalls Online*

Tattersalls Online Cont.

"We're delighted to support the Tattersalls Online sales and would like to thank our clients and wish our purchasers the best of luck," said Baroda's bloodstock and marketing executive Sarah Kelly. "Katherine, Ross and the team are incredibly helpful and provide vendors with great support pre and post-sale."

A breeding right in **King Of Change** brought 30,000gns. He is the sire of Group 3 winners Coedana and Shayem and will stand at Tweenhills Stud for £10,000 next year.

Overall, 107 lots sold from 212 offered (50%) for a gross of 811,400gns. The average was 7,583gns and the median was 3,800gns.

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DEMAND STAY STRONG AT ARQANA AUTUMN SALE



Wednesday's top lot, a son of Jigme | *Melissa Delalande*

Figures edged ahead of 2025 metrics during the third day of the Arqana Autumn Sale, which features National Hunt-bred yearlings, on Wednesday.

At the close of trade, the gross climbed to €3,505,500 (+76%) from 113 sold from 148 offered, compared to 69 sold from 107 offered in 2025. The average dropped to €31,022 (-2%) and the median increased to €24,000 (+9%). There were a total of four six-figure lots finding new homes, compared with three lots in 2025.

Leading the way was a colt by Jigme (lot 534) who caught the eye of Hamish Macauley, Haras de l'Hotellerie, NGAZ and Saubouas for €170,000. Part of the Haras des Sablonnets draft, he is a half-brother to Grade 3-winning jumpers Messagere (Saint Des Saints) and Paradiso (Kapgarde).

"We have seen that Jigme's progeny have sold very well," said Guillaume Garcon of Haras de l'Hotellerie. "We are keen to support the stallion, and this one was truly outstanding. He has a stallion's pedigree, and we are keeping all options open for the future."

A colt by Doctor Dino (lot 482) was also popular at €140,000 to BLM Bloodstock. His dam, La Boetie (Saint Des Saints), won the G3 Prix Sagan. Haras de l'Hotellerie offered the colt.

BLM Bloodstock was also in action for a son of Masked Marvel and the stakes-placed Priority (Kapgarde) (lot 551) at €100,000. Consigned by Haras de l'Hotellerie, the colt counts Grade 2 winner Peace Garden (Kapgarde) as a full-brother to his dam.

Equaling that €100,000 price was an AQPS son of Masked Marvel out of Blue Beryl (Saint Des Saints) (lot 615) from Haras du Buff. The May foal sold to NBB Racing and N. Vergne. He is a half-brother to multiple graded winners Honey Sexy (Martaline) and Jet Blue (Martaline). The latter was third in a Grade 1.

"He is a magnificent colt," said Nicolas Bertran de Balanda of NBB Racing. "I bought his brother last year, who is now in training in Ireland. It is a family I know well and particularly like. This colt was purchased for Jeremy Cross and will be trained by Nathan Vergne."

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GOLIATH DU BERLAIS ANCHORS HARAS D'ETREHAM'S NH ROSTER AT €20K



Sire-on-the-rise **Goliath Du Berlais** will stand for an unchanged fee of €20,000 to lead the roster under the Haras d'Etreham NH stallion banner in 2027. The stallions' books will be limited to 140 mares unless otherwise indicated.

Currently the leading sire of four-year-olds, the stallion counts the multiple Grade 1-placed Delmegan among his top progeny.

Also standing for an unchanged fee and from the same sire crop as Goliath Du Berlais is **Latrobe** at €4,000. His best offspring include Grade 1 scorer La Knight, multiple Grade 3 winner Oolga De Kyiv and Highara, who was third in the G1 Prix Royal-Oak. Cont. p12

Haras d'Etreham NH Roster Cont.

Multiple Grade 1-siring stallion **Masked Marvel** will stand for €15,000. His top performers include two-time G1 Grand Steeple-Chase de Paris hero Sel Jem, champion Teahupoo, and Grade 1 winner Place de la Nation. His book is limited to 100 mares.

Paradiso will stand for €5,000, the same as in 2026. He has covered more than 300 mares during his first four breeding seasons and is the only son of Kapgarde currently at stud.

Wonderful Moon, who has his first three-year-olds, will stand for an unchanged fee of €2,500. He is the only son of Sea The Moon at stud.

Rounding out the roster is **Zarakem** at Haras de la Tuilerie. He covered over 100 mares during his first season in 2026 and was rated 122. His fee will be €4,000.

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SEALIWAY SHARE FEATURES IN AKTEM ONLINE BREEDING STOCK CATALOGUE

A share in **Sealiway** is one of 32 lots catalogued for the AKTEM Online Breeding Stock Sale set for November 23 at 5 p.m. (CET).

The catalogue will consist of foals, fillies, broodmares and stallion shares.

Sealiway's share (lot 5) includes one covering for the 2027 breeding season. The first-season sire has 14 winners from his first crop of juveniles.

There are also shares in dual-purpose sire **The Grey Gatsby** (lot 15) and **Fly With Me** (lot 30). The latter is the only son of Beat Hollow standing in France and his share entitles the holder to two coverings in 2027, followed by one covering per year after.

A half-share in **Zelzal** (lot 30) will also go under the hammer. France's leading sire by number of winners, the son of Sea The Stars has found success with Group 1-placed Alam and group winners Mise En Boite and Shelzawa.

Two half-shares in **Leon Du Berlais** (lots 10 and 20) are also part of the catalogue, as is **Angelissima** (Dark Angel) (lot 16), a half-sister to Group 1 scorer Adhamo (Intello) in foal to Ace Impact.

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LEADING INDUSTRY FIGURES SIGN UP FOR ITBA EXPO 2027

Former international footballer Michael Owen and leading Flat trainer Johnny Murtagh will be among the speakers at the ITBA Expo 2027, which takes place at Goffs on Friday, January 8 and Saturday, January 9.

Thousands are expected to attend the two-day event, which is free of charge and combines an equine industry trade show with a series of discussions on relevant and important topics in the thoroughbred industry.

Owen, a regular buyer at Irish bloodstock sales, will be joined by Murtagh and syndicate manager Sam Hoskins to talk about the joy and fun of racing in 'The Sport of Racing' panel on the Friday evening.

Earlier on the Friday, a panel featuring Horse Racing Ireland director Jonathan Mullin and Russell Ferris, director of Racecourse Media Group, will discuss the importance of 'The Business of Racing' in the main ring. They will also be joined by international betting expert Stephen Kennelly of the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC).

Breeding will be the focus of Saturday's events, with 'National Hunt Breeding: A Modern Approach' and 'The Breeders' Edge - What Successful Flat Breeders Are Doing Differently' featuring among the topics which will be discussed. Peter Molony, Brendan Hayes, Paul McCartan, Ed Sackville, Noel George and Henry de Bromhead will be among the panellists.

The EXPO will also have a focus on industry employment and careers, with a session including Carol Nolan of HRI, Ado McGuinness, Ruth Andrews of Failte Ireland and Dr Ciara Losty, sports psychologist with SETU.



Michael Owen | *Racingfotos.com*

Sally Ann Grassick will host a talk on the Saturday morning devoted to 'Racing & Breeding from the Horse's Perspective', with Eliot Forbes, chief executive of the Racing Integrity Board of New Zealand, Meta Osborne and Vicky Leonard joining Grassick on the panel.

Further talks will be held throughout the weekend on matters closer to breeders, including nutrition, finance, traceability, parasite control and farm efficiency.

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ITBA Expo 2027 Cont.

Admission to EXPO 2027 will be free and there will be up to 90 trade stands on-site promoting the equine and thoroughbred industry.

If you are interested in exhibiting at EXPO 2027, contact Hannah Marks at hmarks@itba.ie.

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Thursday, November 19, 2026:
UNITED KINGDOM



Stradivarius has a runner at Lingfield | *Dominic James*

Caturra (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Overbury Stud
68 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
16:40-NEWCASTLE, 6f, **Espresso Breeze (GB)**
16,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2024; €10,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2025
12:53-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, **Sassaturra (GB)**
1,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2025

Perfect Power (Ire) (Ardad {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud
57 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
11:48-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, **Arthur Carrot (GB)**
30,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2024; 50,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025; 98,000gns Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale 2026
17:10-NEWCASTLE, 7f, **Powerful Force (GB)**

Space Traveller (GB) (Bated Breath {GB}), Starfield Stud
122 foals of racing age/17 winners/0 black-type winners
16:40-NEWCASTLE, 6f, **Yorkshire Dream (Ire)**
£28,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025; 38,000gns Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2026

Stradivarius (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), The National Stud
76 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
12:18-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, **Farouche (GB)**

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Wednesday's Results:
5th-Kempton, £30,000, Mdn, 11-18, 2yo, 8f (AWT), 1:38.72, st/sl.
ALA ET PRECE (IRE) (c, 2, Sioux Nation--Jira {GB} {SW-Eng}, by Medicean {GB}), third on debut over seven furlongs here last month, was steadied to race in mid-division early. Delivered on the front end approaching the furlong pole, the 6-1 shot soon had the contest under wraps and hit the line strong with 1 1/2 lengths to spare over Grecian Warrior (Magna Grecia).

The dam, who captured the Empress Stakes, has produced the Listed-winning Slovakian champion sprinter Jir Sun (Shamardal). A half to the Group winners Plea Bargain (Machiavellian) and Lay Time (Galileo) and granddaughter of the champion Time Charter (Saritamer), her yearling filly by Churchill was a €60,000 purchase by Lucan Bloodstock at the recent Goffs Orby Book 1. Sales history: €48,000 Wlg '24 GOFNOF; €72,000 2yo '26 TATBRU. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $22,627.
O-Haven't A Pot & W Sweatman; B-Mr Tony O'Dwyer; T-James Keane.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Gliding Martha (Ire), f, 2, **Ghaiyyath (Ire)**--Vandella (Ire), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). Kempton, 11-18, 6f (AWT), 1:13.52. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $9,117. B-Gigginstown House. *40,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT.
Amandari (Ire), c, 2, **Invincible Spirit (Ire)**--Awesome Gal (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). Kempton, 11-18, 6f (AWT), 1:13.16. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $5,706. B-C F Farms. *€70,000 2yo '26 GOFCBU. **Full to Spirit Gal (Fr), SW-Ire, GSP-Fr.

IRELAND

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Rayastar (Ire), g, 2, **Starman (GB)**--Raysarra (Ire), by Camacho (GB). Dundalk, 11-18, 7fT, 1:27.92. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $17,583. B-Michael O'Mahony. *38,000gns Ylg '25 TATSOM; €50,000 2yo '26 TATBRU.

Otsana (Ire), f, 3, **Cotai Glory (GB)**--Pivotal Era (GB), by Pivotal (GB). Dundalk, 11-18, 6fT, 1:12.72. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-2, $13,750. B-Long Inch Ltd. *€105,000 Ylg '24 GOFORY. **1/2 to Cosmic Vega (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}), SW-Aus, SW & GSP-Ire.

Rhapsodic (GB), f, 3, **Study Of Man (Ire)**--Bonne Idee (GB), by Frankel (GB). Dundalk, 11-18, 12fT, 2:35.47. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $8,071. B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd.

FRANCE

Wednesday's Results:

3rd-Pau, €21,000, Cond, 11-18, 2yo, 10f (AWT), 2:02.80, st.

BOOMSLANG (FR) (c, 2, Space Blues {Ire}--Boscastle, by Sea The Stars), runner-up on debut at Bordeaux last month, was steadied leaving the stalls to race behind the leader. Eased out of the pocket and into the lead a furlong from home, the 4-5 favourite cruised to the line to record a bloodless 3 1/2-length success from El Lagar (City Light).

The dam, whose yearling colt Banyantree (Dark Angel) was a €62,000 purchase by MAB Agency at the recent Arqana Deauville October, is a half to a trio of Stakes performers headed by the San Gabriel Stakes and Longacres Mile winner Anothertwistafate (Scat Daddy). This is the Juddmonte family of the Prix de Diane and Prix du Moulin heroine Nebraska Tornado (Storm Cat) and the Irish Derby and Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud hero Westover (Frankel). Sales history: €95,000 Ylg '25 ARQOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €14,490.

O-Ecurie JCM Racing & Joel Seche; B-Haras de Beauvoir; T-Patrik Olave Valdivielso.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

1st-Pau, €24,700, 11-18, 2yo, 10f (AWT), 2:00.80, st.

WATCHMAN (FR) (g, 2, Chachnak {Fr}--Fragrance {Fr}, by Rajsaman {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €23,330. O-Jan Romel; B-JBS Invest NV; T-Christophe Escuder.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Cumpleanos (Fr), f, 2, **Muhaarar (GB)**--Silly Lady (Fr), by Linngari (Ire). Pau, 11-18, 10f (AWT), 2:09.10. B-Mme P Papon & Mme D Guillemin.

La Turbine (Fr), f, 3, **Zelzal (Fr)**--Love Money (Fr), by Muhtathir (GB). Pau, 11-18, 10f (AWT), 2:01.90. B-Ecurie des Monnaies & Barberot (S).

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GERMANY

Wednesday's Results:

2nd-Dresden, €12,000, Mdn, 11-18, 2yo, 9 1/2fT, time: n/a, s/h.

EPOS (GER) (c, 2, Protectionist {Ger}--Kizingo {Ire}, by Oasis Dream {GB}), a half-brother to the Preis der Diana heroine Erle (Reliable Man) and to the Prix Belle de Nuit winner Eleganz (Adlerflug), tanked along on the front end from the outset. Sticking to his guns against the stands' rail in the straight, the 3-1 second favourite held on to beat Lacy Boy (Torquator Tasso) by a head.

The dam, whose yearling filly Ellipse is by Iquitos, is a daughter of another Diana heroine in Enora (Noverre) who also produced Reliable Man's Preis des Winterfavoriten-winning sire Erasmus and the Kikuka Sho hero Energico (Duramente). She is also related to the Group 1 performer Egerton (Groom Dancer) and Oasis Dream's Listed Diana-Trial winner and Preis der Winterkonigin runner-up Empore. Sales history: €105,000 Ylg '25 BBASEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €7,200.

O-Stall Stars & Friends II; B-Gestut Rottgen; T-Henk Grewe.



IN HONG KONG:

Windlord (GB), g, 4, **Dubawi (Ire)**--Goldika (Ire), by Intello (Ger). Happy Valley, 11-18, Hcp. (C3), 1650mT, 1:39.28, gd. B-Juddmonte Farms, Ltd. (GB). *SW & MGSP-Eng, GSP-Ire. **VIDEO**.

Gazeley (GB), g, 4, **Masar (Ire)**--Grand Depart (GB), by Royal Applause (GB). Happy Valley, 11-18, Hcp. (C4), 1650mT, 1:42.24, gd. B-Bumble Bloodstock, Ltd. (GB). *30,000gns Wlg '22 TATDEC; 16,000gns RNA Ylg '23 TATOCT; €38,000 RNA HRA '24 TATMAY. **VIDEO**.

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WORLDWIDE NEWS

OMBUDSMAN IN "VERY GOOD ORDER" AS HE LEAVES FOR JAPAN



Ombudsman | *Megan Rose Photography*

Godolphin's **Ombudsman** (Night Of Thunder) departed for Japan and a final start in the G1 Japan Cup on Wednesday.

The bay will be trying the 2400-metre trip for the first time in his career on November 29.

"He's in good form, he's on his way there now," said Thady Gosden, who trains alongside his father, John.

"He's been training nicely into the race, obviously it's a long journey, but he's in very good order.

"He's had experience travelling to the Middle East when travelling to Dubai earlier in the year, so hopefully it won't be an issue for him. Hopefully he shows his best foot forward again."

Ombudsman will face last year's Japan Cup hero Calandagan (Gleneagles). If the Godolphin runner prevails, he will also receive a $5 million bonus after he won the G1 Champion Stakes at Ascot.

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GOLIATH TO POINT TO ARIMA KINEN AFTER JAPAN CUP

Group 1 winner **Goliath** is slated to stay in Japan for the G1 Arima Kinen after taking up his engagement in the November 29 G1 Japan Cup, trainer Francis-Henri Graffard confirmed to *Netkeiba* on Wednesday. It would be the first time in history a foreign horse would contest that December 27 race.

The son of Adlerflug, who races for Resolute Racing and Philip Baron von Ullmann, prepared for the Japan Cup with a victory in the G1 Preis von Europe at Cologne at the end of September.

"Goliath is better at right-handed racing," Graffard told the news site. "That's why I also sent him to run in the Arima Kinen.

A winner of the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes in 2024, Goliath ran sixth in the Japan Cup that year. In 2025, the G1 Grosser Preis von Baden went his way. He ran second in the G2 H.H. The Amir Trophy in Qatar this term before taking the G2 Grand Prix de Chantilly in May. Third in the G2 Hardwicke Stakes in June, the gelding was fifth in the 2026 King George before his latest round of German heroics.

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2027 JRA BUSINESS PLAN ANNOUNCED

The 2027 Japan Racing Association (JRA) business plan was announced by the organisation on Tuesday, *Net Keiba* reported.

Plans are in the works to increase first-place prize-money for major Group 1 races in Japan. The Japan Cup and Arima Kinen will each see an increase of ¥50 million to ¥550 million *(€3,149,503)*, setting a new record for the highest first-place prize-money in JRA racing.

First-place prize-money will increase to ¥350 million *(€2,004,1530)* each for the following races: Japanese Derby, Osaka Hai, Tenno Sho (Spring), Tenno Sho (Autumn), and Takarazuka Kinen. Both the Yasuda Kinen and Mile Championship will boast first-place prize-money of ¥200 million *(€1,145,230)* each.

Prize-money for first-place finishers for Group 2 and Group 3 races for older horses has been increased to ¥4 million *(€22,904)* from ¥2 million.

Under the new business plan, the JRA will also make horses finishing second in listed races eligible to earn additional earnings toward their career prize-money totals.

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JAPANESE DIRT RACE RECORDS TO BE COUNTED FOR QUALIFICATION IN JAPANESE SPRING 3YO GROUP 1S



Japanese dirt race records will now be taken into account for participation in 3yo spring Group 1 races beginning in 2028
Horsephotos

Beginning in 2028, dirt race records will be taken into account in the order of entries for the three-year-old spring Group 1 races in Japan, *Sponichi Keiba Web* reported on Wednesday.

The eligible races are the Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas), Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas), NHK Mile Cup, Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks) and Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby).

Under the current system, only earnings from open and one-win classes in Japan Racing Association (JRA) races were counted. In addition, foreign horse races from Part 1 countries were also allowed.

This stipulation has been altered to "total earnings plus earnings earned on turf courses, including foreign horse races as defined in Part 1" of the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA) classifications.

The first crop of horses affected by the changes were born in 2025 and they will race in 2027.

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TDN EUROPE/INTERNATIONAL BLACK-TYPE ENTRIES

Friday, Chantilly, France, post time: 13:43

PRIX THOMAS BRYON-G3, €73,200, 2yo, 1800m (AWT)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	2	Wykehurst Park (GB)	Stradivarius (Ire)	A. Balding	P. C. Boudot	126
2	5	Alias (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	C. Head	M. Guyon	126
3	1	Timide	Wootton Bassett (GB)	E. Monfort	L. Roussel	126
4	3	Tosca No Candis (Ire)	Blue Point (Ire)	R. De Aguiar	D. Egan	122
5	6	Coral Cove (Fr)	Lucky Vega (Ire)	J. Owen	C. Soumillon	122
6	4	Elroma (Fr)	De Treville (GB)	N. Perret	T. Trullier	122

A rare Group race for two-year-olds on the Polytrack, this sees the Zetland Stakes runner-up **Wykehurst Park** fly the flag for England and for his first-season sire Stradivarius. With no Drumbeat in attendance, this could be his for the taking with the Wertheimer pair **Alias** and **Timide** both looking to have plenty to find despite the latter having won at Listed level. [*Tom Frary*].

Friday, Chantilly, France, post time: 14:53

PRIX MIESQUE-G3, €73,200, 2yo, f, 1400m (AWT)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	2	Minkaas (Ire)	Minzaal (Ire)	T. Kent	P. C. Boudot	123
2	3	Nicely (Ire)	Persian Force (Ire)	K. Philippart De Foy	D. Egan	123
3	4	Aria Fresca (Ire)	Kodi Bear (Ire)	C. Ferland	S. Pasquier	123
4	7	Askam Chope (Fr)	Gutaifan (Ire)	K. Tavares	A. Werle	123
5	1	Celtic Moon (Fr)	Thunder Moon (Ire)	A. Murphy	E. Verhestraeten	123
6	6	Divina Fe (Ire)	Calyx (GB)	A. Botti	M. Guyon	123
7	5	Reina Sioux (Ire)	Sioux Nation	M. Delcher Sanchez	C. Soumillon	123
8	8	Queen Stage (GB)	Ardad (Ire)	M. Brasme	A. Madamet	123

An open affair, with **Nicely** looking for a reward for her consistency back up to a more suitable trip having run second in the Bosra Sham. **Aria Fresca** sets the standard on her latest third in the 5 1/2-furlong Criterium de Vitesse here last month but has stamina to prove, while the unexposed **Reina Sioux** brings Spanish form to the table and that has proven a hit in France in recent times. [*Tom Frary*].

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