

Saturday, Newbury, Britain, post time: 13:25

DUBAI DUTY FREE FINEST SURPRISE STAKES (JOHN PORTER STAKES)-G3, £85,000, 4yo/up, 12f 0y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Ancient Wisdom (Fr)	Dubawi (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	128
2	Bellum Justum (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	King Power Racing Co Ltd	Andrew Balding	James Doyle	128
3	Dallas Star (Fr)	Cloth Of Stars (Ire)	Amo Racing Ltd	Adrian Murray	David Egan	128
4	Feigning Madness (GB)	Ulysses (Ire)	Louisville Syndicate Elite	Ralph Beckett	Hector Crouch	128
5	Sunway (Fr)	Galiway (GB)	Guy Pariente Holding & Qatar Racing Ltd	David Menuisier	Oisin Murphy	128
6	Tabletalk (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Abdulla Al Mansoori	Tom Clover	Rossa Ryan	128
7	Divina Grace (Ire)	Golden Horn (GB)	Top Hat and Tails	Andrew Balding	David Probert	125

Breeders: 1-Ecurie des Monceaux & LNJ Foxwoods SC, 2-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd, 3-Mme E Dieuaide, 4-W H Carson & Mrs A Dalgety, 5-Guy Pariente Holding, 6-Cottage Bloodstock, 7-Godolphin

One of Britain's re-entry points for the hardcore mile-and-a-half merchants and beyond sees last year's G1 Irish Derby runner-up and G1 St Leger third **Sunway** back in action, tackled by the 2023 G1 Futurity Trophy winner **Ancient Wisdom** and GIII Nashville Derby Invitational scorer **Bellum Justum**. While the King George seems an ambitious target for all three at this juncture, they are probably all slightly better than this grade and will help to shape the older middle-distance category over the next few weeks.

Saturday, Newbury, Britain, post time: 14:00

DUBAI DUTY FREE STAKES (FRED DARLING STAKES)-G3, £85,000, 3yo, f, 7f 0y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Betty Clover (GB)	Time Test (GB)	The Ascot Revellers & Partner	Eve Johnson Houghton	Georgia Dobie	128
2	Bright Times Ahead (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Mrs Doreen Tabor	Ralph Beckett	Rossa Ryan	128
3	British Blue (GB)	Blue Point (Ire)	Mrs J Wood	Richard Hannon	Pat Dobbs	128
4	California Dreamer (GB)	Mehmas (Ire)	Amo Racing Ltd & Giselle De Aguiar	Adrian Murray	David Egan	128
5	Duty First (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	Victorious Racing	Archie Watson	Hollie Doyle	128
6	Ellaria Sand (GB)	Sands Of Mali (Fr)	BV Sangster, Mrs P Shanahan, Mrs MV Magnier	Ollie Sangster	Jamie Spencer	128
7	Enola Holmes (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Stoneleigh Racing & Partners	Jack Jones	Hector Crouch	128
8	Formal (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Cheveley Park Stud	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	128
9	Greydreambeliever (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Hambleton Racing Ltd XXXV & Elaine Burke	Karl Burke	James Doyle	128
10	Heavens Gate (Ire)	Churchill (Ire)	M Tabor, D Smith & Mrs J Magnier	Aidan O'Brien	Sean Levey	128
11	Hey Boo (GB)	Iffraaj (GB)	J Mitchell	Jack Channon	George Bass	128
12	Maw Lam (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	C R Hirst	Adrian Nicholls	Harrison Shaw	128
13	Mountain Breeze (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	128
14	Nardra (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Saeed Suhail	William Haggas	Cieren Fallon	128
15	Simmering (GB)	Too Darn Hot (GB)	Al Shaqab Racing	Ollie Sangster	Christophe Soumillon	128
16	Time For Sandals (Ire)	Sands Of Mali (Fr)	D Bevan & Mrs D Bevan	Harry Eustace	Richard Kingscote	128

Breeders: 1-Eve Johnson Houghton, 2-John O'Connor, 3-The Pocock Family, 4-Ickworth Stud, 5-Plantation Stud, 6-The Cool Silk Partnership, 7-Norelands Bloodstock & Lofts Hall Stud, 8-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd, 9-J Lenihan, 10-Whisperview Trading Ltd, 11-Jonathan Mitchell, 12-Brickfield Stud Ltd, 13-Godolphin, 14-Haras Voltaire, 15-Lofts Hall Stud, 16-Ballyhane

It is fair to say that last year's juvenile fillies were a cut above the colts and there is every reason to expect they will continue to be so in 2025. This year's 1,000 Guineas looks hot even if Lake Victoria (Ire) (Frankel {GB}) misses out, so the onus is on this cast to put down a marker with a serious performance. One who has very little to prove is the G2 Prix du Calvados and G3 Princess Margaret Stakes winner and G1 Moyglare Stud Stakes runner-up **Simmering**, while **Heavens Gate** may be in the second tier at Ballydoyle and a typical "sighter" for the stable but still carries significant weight in this context. Cheveley Park looked to have a real live Classic contender in **Formal** last term and while it all went wrong for the illustriously-bred **TDN Rising Star** in the G2 Rockfel Stakes, she wouldn't be the first to put a disappointing juvenile finale behind her and re-establish her aura ahead of the Spring Classics. As ever, William Haggas's prospects demand close attention and in what could be another big year for Night Of Thunder, **Nardra** is the one unexposed filly that stands out on her 8 1/2-length win in a soft-ground six-furlong Haydock novice in September.

Saturday, Newbury, Britain, post time: 14:35**WATERSHIP DOWN STUD TOO DARN HOT GREENHAM STAKES-G3, £100,000, 3yo, c/g, 7f 0y**

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Al Qudra (Ire)	No Nay Never	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	128
2	Aurora Majesty (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Salem Rashid Bin Ghadayer	Archie Watson	Hollie Doyle	128
3	Chancellor (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Cheveley Park Stud	John & Thady Gosden	Robert Havlin	128
4	Diablo Rojo (Ire)	Pinatubo (Ire)	Amo Racing Ltd	Raphael Freire	David Egan	128
5	Jonquil (GB)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Juddmonte	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	128
6	Noble Champion (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	TBT Racing	Ed Walker	Kieran Shoemark	128
7	Rashabar (Ire)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Manton Thoroughbreds IX	Brian Meehan	Sean Levey	128
8	Rogue Allegiance (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	The Rogues Gallery & Partner 2	David O'Meara	Daniel Tudhope	128
9	Saracen (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Al Shaqab Racing	Joseph O'Brien	Christophe Soumillon	128
10	Yah Mo Be There (GB)	Mohaather (GB)	Phil Cunningham	Richard Spencer	Jamie Spencer	128

Breeders: 1-Rockfield Farm, 2-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd, 3-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd, 4-J Hanly, A Stroud & Skymarc Farm, 5-Juddmonte Farms (East) Ltd, 6-Thomas Foy & Lope De Vega Syndicate, 7-Ecurie Haras de Beaufay, 8-Caroline & Stephanie Hanly, 9-China Horse Club International Ltd, 10-Stuart McPhee & Nigel Kelly

More successful than the Fred Darling as a Newmarket pointer but still without a 2,000 Guineas winner in 11 years if you don't count Chaldean (GB) (Frankel {GB}) who unseated Frankie Dettori coming out of the gates here in 2023, this time-honoured prep is dominated by the G2 Coventry Stakes winner and G1 Prix Morny and G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere runner-up and iron-clad standard-setter **Rashabar**. Apparently more likely to take in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains than the Guineas according to Brian Meehan, he is on the same path as Isaac Shelby (GB) (Night Of Thunder {Ire}) who also sported the famed Sangster silks when capitalising from the mis-hap to Chaldean in 2023. Speaking of stalls incidents, Cheveley Park's **TDN Rising Star Chancellor** is no stranger to misfortune in that sphere having broken through them before the G2 Champagne Stakes in September. As a result, the regally-bred son of the 2014 Greenham hero and subsequent A-lister Kingman (GB) was denied the chance to translate the immense promise of his two Doncaster wins into pattern-race achievement, but that's all water under the bridge at this point and he remains very much one of the key British-trained Guineas contenders. Another **TDN Rising Star** to misfire last term, Juddmonte's **Jonquil** just has to be a lot better than his no-show in the Listed Flying Scotsman Stakes and he is another who arrives with a clean slate representing the same team as Chaldean, while the exciting debut winners **Rogue Allegiance**, **Saracen** and **Noble Champion** add mystique to a bang up-to-scratch renewal. Noble Champion, the half-brother to the seven-furlong star Pogo (Ire) (Zebedee {GB}), received notable attention from our own Adam Houghton in his excellent *Winter Watch*.

Saturday, Curragh, Ireland, post time: 15:25**LODGE PARK STUD IRISH EBF PARK EXPRESS STAKES-G3, €41,400, 3yo/up, f/m, 8f 0y**

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Azada (Ire)	Siyouni (Fr)	Exors of the Late H H Aga Khan	Dermot Weld	C D Hayes	137
2	Bright Thunder (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum	Karl Burke	S Gray	137
3	Fleur De Chine (GB)	Study Of Man (Ire)	Kirsten Rausing	Jessica Harrington	S Foley	137
4	Mexicali Rose (GB)	Zoffany (Ire)	Mrs Helena Burns	Joseph O'Brien	S McCullagh	137
5	Naomi Lapaglia (GB)	Awtaad (Ire)	Eleanora Kennedy	Ger Lyons	C T Keane	137
6	One Look (Ire)	Gleneagles (Ire)	Connolly Racing Syndicate	Paddy Twomey	W J Lee	137
7	Princess Child (Fr)	Dariyan (Fr)	Janine Byrne	Joseph O'Brien	D B McMonagle	137
8	Whirl (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	M Tabor, D Smith & Mrs J Magnier	Aidan O'Brien	R L Moore	125
9	Ecstatic (Jpn)	Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)	M Tabor, D Smith & Mrs J Magnier	Aidan O'Brien	W M Lordan	122
10	Garden Of Eden (Ire)	Saxon Warrior (Jpn)	Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor & D Smith	Aidan O'Brien	D P McDonogh	122
11	Spicy Margarita (Ire)	Earthlight (Ire)	Amo Racing Ltd & Giselle De Aguiar	Adrian Murray	R Whearty	122

Breeders: 1-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC, 2-Ennistown Stud, 3-Kirsten Rausing, 4-Moyns Park Estate & Stud Ltd, 5-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd, 6-Tullpark Ltd, 7-Mme Lisa Lemiere Dubois, 8-Coolmore, 9-Coolmore, 10-Mark Hanly & Stephanie Hanly, 11-Loughtown Stud

On the European Flat season's first big Saturday of the year, Ballydoyle test a trio of Classic hopes against some hard-knocking older fillies and mares. Ryan Moore is on **Whirl**, which probably isn't a surprise given that she won the G3 Staffordstown Stud Stakes over this course and distance in October, but the yard's **TDN Rising Star Ecstatic** gives the impression she has plenty to offer from here as a daughter of the indomitable Magic Wand (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}).

Saturday, Curragh, Ireland, post time: 16:35

TOTE.IE ALLEGED STAKES-G3, €36,000, 4yo/up, 10f 0y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Jan Brueghel (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Westerberg, Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor, D Smith	Aidan O'Brien	R L Moore	136
2	Los Angeles (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Scratched	Scratched	Scratched	136
3	Tower Of London (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	D Smith, Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor, Westerberg	Aidan O'Brien	W M Lordan	136
4	Crystal Black (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Wear A Pink Ribbon Syndicate	Gerard Keane	C T Keane	134
5	Crypto Force (GB)	Time Test (GB)	Amo Racing Ltd	Adrian Murray	W J Lee	131
6	Galen (GB)	Gleneagles (Ire)	B Taylor, T G Fitzgerald, P H Redmond, B Fowler	Joseph O'Brien	D B McMonagle	131
7	Sons And Lovers (GB)	Study Of Man (Ire)	H O S Syndicate	Joseph O'Brien	C D Hayes	131
8	Wahdan (Ire)	Siyouni (Fr)	Sheikh Joaan bin Hamad Al Thani & Khalifa Mohammed	Joseph O'Brien	D P McDonogh	131

Breeders: 1-Barronstown Stud, 2-Lynch Bages Ltd & Longfield Stud, 3-Lynch Bages Ltd & Camas Park Stud, 4-Moyglare Stud Farms Ltd, 5-W A Tinkler, 6-Moyns Park Estate & Stud Ltd, 7-Kirsten Rausing, 8-Khalifa Al Attiya

Unusually, Aidan O'Brien puts two of his older heavyweights together for their seasonal bows, with Ryan Moore siding with the unbeaten G1 St Leger hero **Jan Brueghel** over the G2 Dubai Gold Cup and G2 Curragh Cup winner **Tower Of London**. Both are forced to carry penalties at a trip short of their optimum, but the stable's runners so far in 2025 seem fairly forward and it would be no surprise to see them dominate. There is no knowing the ceiling of Jan Brueghel as yet, while the time performance of Tower Of London when last seen marks him out as one who could excel on the international stage this year.

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