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BEN'S CAT SETTLES INTO RETIREMENT

By Frank Angst

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Chris Welker spent the morning sitting under a tree in a daytime paddock watching Ben's Cat settle into his new home on a breezy June 29 at Spring Ridge Farm near Versailles, Ky. She considered pinching herself, but didn't want to spoil the tranquility.

"I never thought this day would really happen," Welker said, as she admired Ben's Cat relaxing, surrounded by rolling hills of green grass occasionally divided by dark fences or a one-lane drive.

Welker and husband Bayne Welker, vice president of sales at Fasig-Tipton, own the successful commercial breeding farm Spring Ridge. As Ben's Cat settled in with friendly 14-year-old gelding Festus, recently pensioned mare Princess Birdeye moved to the edge of her paddock and stared between trees to assess the new arrival.

Princess Birdeye has produced three foals who have sold for six figures, which Chris Welker said has helped put the farm in good standing and allows her to work with horses in new careers. She developed off-track Thoroughbred Pickin N Singin into a champion hunter at the Upperville Horse Show.

Welker plans to eventually ride Ben's Cat but will first give the four-time Maryland Horse of the Year time to adjust to his new surroundings.

For Welker, Thursday morning got started when Ben's Cat arrived at nearby KESMARC as a tractor trailer will not fit well at Spring Ridge. Welker took her trailer to KESMARC, along with gelding Festus—who she notes gets along with every horse—to pick up Ben's Cat at 9:15 a.m. They then made the 10-minute journey to the farm and Ben's Cat and Festus would soon settle into the closest paddock to the barn.

In all it was an 11-hour journey for Ben's Cat, who left Laurel Park and owner-breeder-trainer King Leatherbury around 10:15 p.m. June 28.

At Spring Ridge, Ben's Cat is currently in a small paddock until Welker is confident he can handle the nearby larger paddocks.

Ben's Cat and Festus, a pair of geldings who combined for 33 wins, get along well together. On Thursday, the 11-year-old dark bay gelding, who



ANNE M. EBERHARDT

Ben's Cat at his new home at Chris and Bayne Welker's Spring Ridge Farm near Versailles, Ky., June 29

accounted for 32 of those victories, was content to follow around the 14-year-old one-time winner.

Easing a transition for an off-track Thoroughbred is something Welker has done numerous times and she's looking forward to the routine of working with Ben's Cat. It's the process of acquiring Ben's Cat for his post-racing career that has been anything but routine.

About five years ago, Ben's Cat began to forge a place in Welker's heart and she made a point to never miss a broadcast of one of his races. That passion eventually led to her making trips to Maryland to see the eventual 26-time stakes winner compete in person.

Mutual friend Georganne Hale, the Maryland Jockey Club director of racing and racing secretary, helped Welker meet Leatherbury. In January 2015, Welker wrote a letter to the Racing Hall of Fame trainer expressing interest in providing a post-racing career home for Ben's Cat.

"About 2 1/2 years ago I thought there's nothing more in this world I would like to do than to do something for that horse," Welker said. "We're fortunate to be in a financial position where I could offer him a retirement home—I doubted it would happen—but I could offer it."

Hale hand-delivered that letter to Leatherbury, who responded by phone to Welker the same day he received it. Welker was invited by Leatherbury to join post-race winner's circle photos with Ben's Cat. And, Welker attended the trainer's 2015 Hall of Fame induction ceremony in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

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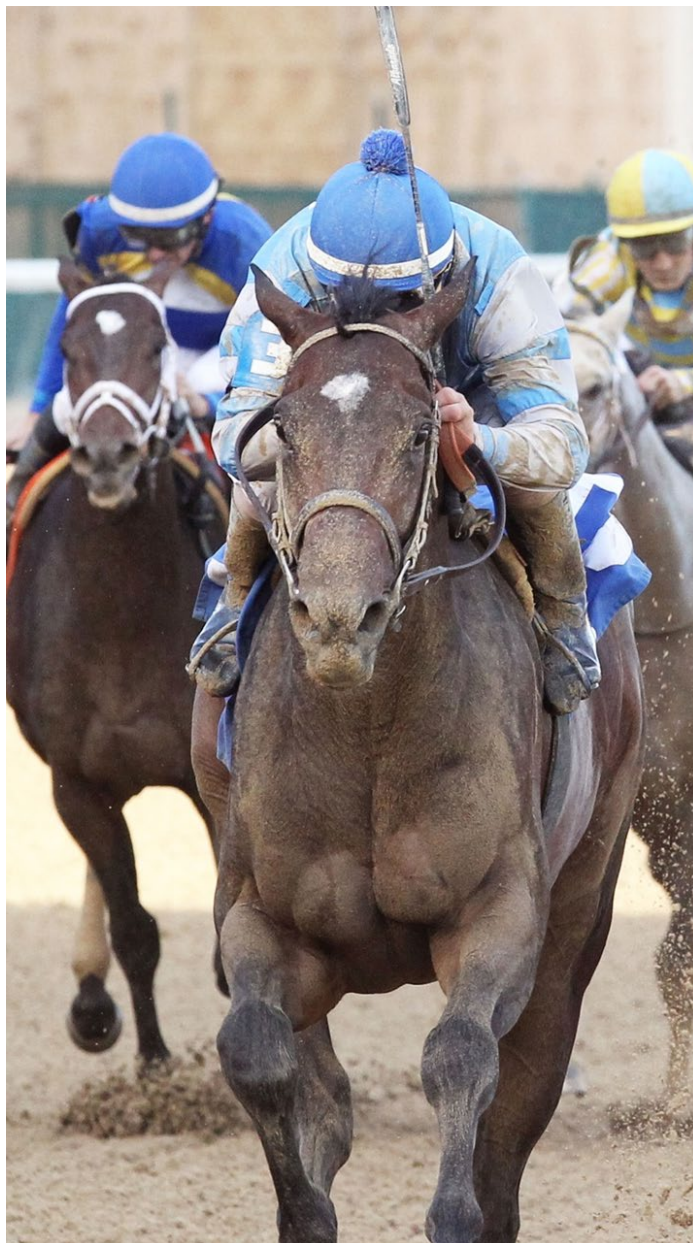
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"He would always tell me when he would see me that I was at the top of the list, but I kind of thought, 'Yeah right,'" said Welker, who wrote another letter to Leatherbury last year letting him know she was still interested. "I think the first phrase in that letter was, 'I don't want to make a pest out of myself.'"

"On the evening of June 26 he called me and said, 'This is the call you've been waiting for for two years,'" Welker continued, then, laughing at how much she has thought about this horse and noted that she responded, "I said, 'Yes, actually I've been waiting 2 1/2 years.'"

Welker laughs at her own passion for Ben's Cat, noting that in recent years she has kept photos of the star sprinter near her bed that sometimes were on the receiving end of conversation.

"I never let anybody see me, but I would always talk to those pictures and say, 'Ben, I'm doing everything I can. I'm trying.' I'd say that to the picture," Welker said.

On Thursday Welker marveled at seeing Ben's Cat in his impressive flesh at Spring Ridge.

"He's unbelievable. You should see how he looks. It's amazing for a horse who has done what he's done," Welker said. "He's out there with a horse who is big and fat and been retired for a long time; he looks just as good as that horse does. He ran five days ago. It's just amazing how he looks. That's a testament to the care he's had."

She is equally impressed with the intelligence of the son of Parker's Storm Cat.

"When I picked him up this morning and put him on the trailer, his head was up. I think he thought maybe he was going to go race," Welker said. "But once we arrived here, he knew there wasn't going to be a race. He's taking it all in."

Spring Ridge is now home for six geldings. Welker is looking forward to seeing what Ben's Cat enjoys. She plans to try him at trail riding and may fiddle with him in a show ring. He'll be kept busy on some level.

"He doesn't have to have a career; he's already had a career," Welker said. "But he's not just going to sit in a field. He's sound; he's healthy. He'd like to do something." **BH**

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BEACH PATROL GETS SHOT AT UNITED NATIONS

By Evan Hammonds

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The United Nations Stakes (G1T) has become a long-standing fourth of July weekend fixture at Monmouth Park since it moved from the old Atlantic City Racecourse in 1999, and its current 11-furlong trip allows horses that can't quite stretch to 1 1/2 miles an opportunity at grade 1 glory and a \$300,000 purse.

Last year's edition was taken by World Approval, and two from that line-up—fifth-place finisher Can'thelphelieving (IRE) and eighth-place finisher Bigger Picture—are signed on for this year's renewal down the Shore. It will be tough for either of those to grab the brass ring July 2, as the likely choices are the two horses that drew the first two posts: Beach Patrol and Itsinthepost (FR).

Beach Patrol, racing for James Covello, Sheep Pond Partners, and Head of Plains, was a popular winner of last summer's Secretariat Stakes (G1T) at 1 1/4 miles at Arlington International Racecourse and has been



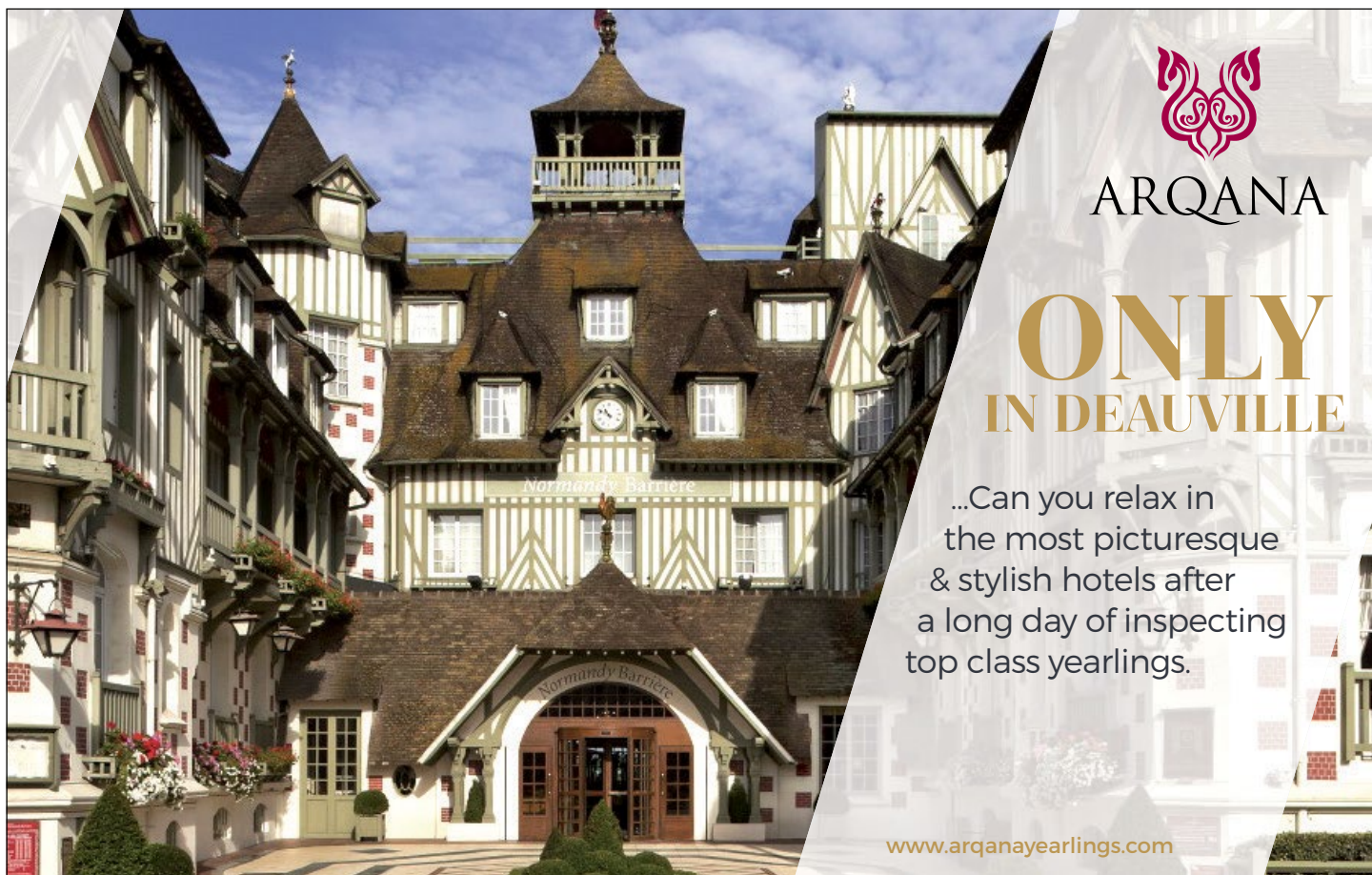
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Beach Patrol (inside) narrowly missed in the Woodford Reserve Turf Classic behind by Divisidero

ultra-competitive this season at 4, albeit winless.

With the exception of a runner-up finish in the Hill Prince Stakes (G3T) last October, the son of Lemon Drop Kid has tested nothing but grade 1-level waters since that Secretariat triumph. Most recently fourth in the Woodford Reserve Manhattan Stakes (G1T) at Belmont Park June 10, he was beaten just 1 1/2 lengths and prior to that had run second in the

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May 6 Woodford Reserve Turf Classic Stakes (G1T) at Churchill Downs. A runner who likes to be able to dictate his own tempo, Beach Patrol will be piloted by regular rider Florent Geroux Saturday.

Red Baron's Barn's Itsinthepost ships across the country for the U.N. for trainer Jeff Mullins. A winner of Santa Anita Park's San Luis Rey Stakes (G2T) at 12 furlongs in March, he was sent to Keeneland, where he won the Dixiana Elkhorn Stakes (G2T) at the same trip over yielding going in late April.

The 5-year-old American Post gelding was the beaten favorite last time out in the grade 2 Charles Whittingham Stakes at 1 1/4 miles during the Memorial Day holiday weekend and has bounded back with a bullet :59 3/5 five furlong move at Santa Anita June 24.

Neither Beach Patrol nor Itsinthepost has experience over the Monmouth turf, but Can'thelpbelieving does. Following last year's United

Nations, he returned to win the 1 1/16-mile Cliff Hanger Stakes (G3T) over the course last August and prepped for this year's running with a fourth-place finish in the May 27 Red Bank Stakes (G3T) at a mile.

Can'thelpbelieving, owned by Albert Frassetto, is one of two in the nine-horse field trained by Graham Motion. A win by either—the other runner is Gestut Brummerhof's German-bred Messi (GER)—would add a bit of salve to the wound of the loss of Better Talk Now, Motion's 2005 United Nations winner who was euthanized June 27 at the New Bolton Center in Pennsylvania due to complications from colic surgery.

Third behind winner Divisidero and Beach Patrol in the Turf Classic was Ken and Sarah Ramsey's Oscar Nominated. The son of Kitten's Joy, like Beach Patrol, has a penchant for hitting the board in graded stakes without getting his picture taken and can be forwardly placed. The chestnut ridgling is trained by Mike Maker, who will also send out Bigger Picture.

Bigger Picture was third in the Elkhorn and got the better of his stablemate in late January in San Houston Race Park's John Connolly Turf Cup Stakes (G3T). **BH**

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ROJAS TRIAL TESTIMONY OUTLINES RACE-DAY DRUG USE

By BloodHorse Staff

As documented by the PaulickReport.com, the trial of trainer Murray Rojas in U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania is yielding testimony that paints a picture of widespread illegal use of race-day medications at Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course in recent years.

In a pair of columns this week at PaulickReport.com, Ray Paulick documented that testimony, some of which includes trainer Stephanie Beattie acknowledging that illegal race-day use of therapeutic medications at the track had become routine and trainers knew the testing lab was not checking for those medications.

"Almost everybody did," Beattie said, as reported by *PaulickReport.com*. "Ninety-five to 98%. It was a known practice. We wanted to win, and they weren't testing for those drugs at that time."

In August 2015, Rojas was charged with a five-count indictment on wire fraud and conspiracy charges



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Horses leave the starting gate at Penn National Race Course

related to 11 races in which she had horses entered at Penn National Race Course in early 2013. The races in question were from Jan. 19-Feb. 16.

The indictment alleges Rojas directed and conspired with unnamed and unindicted co-conspirator veterinarian(s) to administer substances to horses on the day they were entered to race, in violation

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of Pennsylvania law, racing rules, and regulations prohibiting the administration of those substances.

The indictment further alleges that steps were taken to conceal this conduct by backdating invoices for the sale and administration of drugs to the horses on race day, as well as submitting fraudulent veterinarian treatment reports to the Pennsylvania Racing Commission.

The indictment of Rojas followed the March 2015 indictments of four Penn National-based racetrack vets: Kevin Brophy, Fernando Motta, Christopher Korte, and Renee Nodine on charges related to illegal race-day administration of medications. Those vets entered guilty pleas and agreed to cooperate with investigators.

This week Motta, according to *PaulickReport.com*, said that Rojas, "basically had a set recipe of medication she wanted to give on race day."

The criminal charges against the veterinarians followed the November 2013 federal indictments of three trainers at Penn National: David Wells, Sam Webb, and Patricia Anne Rogers, as well as clocker Danny Robertson. Wells pled guilty in state court to race-rigging, admitting to numerous race-day medication violations, and as part of his sentence was incarcerated for three months; Rogers' case also was moved to state court where she received 12 months probation and 40 hours of community service. Webb's case was thrown out of federal court; Robertson entered a guilty plea in federal court.

The Rojas indictment alleges that she obtained winnings totaling \$52,360 from the 11 races in which it is alleged she directed the administration of prohibited substances to her horses.

PaulickReport.com reports that part of Rojas' defense is to say the practice of administering medications on race day, which other than Lasix is prohibited, was routine at Penn National, and thus she did not have an advantage over rivals. **BH**

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WELL-BALANCED FIELD IN DANCE SMARTLY

By Ron Mitchell

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Topped by Canadian grade 2 stakes winner Rainha Da Bateria and multiple grade 3 winner Suffused, a well-balanced field of eight fillies and mares are set to contest the Dance Smartly Stakes (G2T) on the July 2 Queen's Plate card at Woodbine.

Carded as the ninth race, the 1 1/4-mile turf test for 3-year-olds and up will immediately precede the \$1 million Queen's Plate, for which Stronach Stables' Holy Helena is favored.

A 5-year-old Broken Vow mare trained by Chad Brown for Lael Stables, Rainha Da Bateria has three wins—two in graded stakes—to her credit from 18 starts. A \$435,000 Keeneland September yearling sale purchase, she won the 2014 JPMorgan Chase Jessamine Stakes (G3T) at Keeneland and placed in three graded stakes for Three Chimneys Farm and trainer Graham Motion.

Transferred to Brown last spring, the mare scored her biggest triumph to date, defeating grade 1-winning stablemate Dacita by a nose in the Canadian Stakes (G2T) at Woodbine in her debut for Lael. The 2-1 second choice, who will be ridden by reigning Eclipse Award-winning jockey Javier Castellano in the Dance Smartly, the mare is coming off a troubled fourth, only a length behind Hawksmoor, in the Beaugay Stakes (G3T) at Belmont Park.

A Juddmonte Farms homebred trained by Bill Mott and installed as the 8-5 morning-line favorite, Suffused is also coming off a beat to Hawksmoor, finishing

fifth—3 1/4 lengths back—in the New York Stakes Presented by NYRA Bets (G2T). Prior to that June 9 effort, the 5-year-old Irish-bred daughter of Champs Elysees finished second in the Sheepshead Bay Stakes (G2T) run over yielding turf at Belmont.

Suffused, who has won or placed in 13 of 18 starts, with seven wins, began the 2017 season with back-to-back grade 3 victories in the La Prevoyante and The Very One stakes at Gulfstream Park.

The other grade 2 winner in the field is former claimer Starship Jubilee, a Florida-bred daughter of Indy Wind trained by Kevin Attard for Soli Mehta and Partner. Claimed by Tino Attard for \$16,000 from JN Racing Stable in February, the 4-year-old filly has reeled off four consecutive victories. In her most recent effort, the filly recovered after stumbling and kicked clear for an impressive victory in the Nassau Stakes (G2T) over a yielding Woodbine course.

Mark Casse, who saddled former Canadian Horse of the Year and two-time champion grass mare Lexie Lou to win the 2016 edition of the Dance Smartly, sends out two this year, including Gary Barber's Uchenna, an Irish-bred daughter of Fastnet Rock. Winner of the 2015 Ontario Matron (G3T) at Woodbine, the 6-year-old mare was purchased by Justin Casse on behalf of Barber for \$315,000 at the 2015 Keeneland November breeding stock sale.

For Barber and Casse, Uchenna finished third the WinStar Matchmaker Stakes (G3T) previous to posting her second graded stakes win in the Belle Mahone Stakes (G3T) last fall.

Trainer Josie Carroll has a two-pronged entry with Stronach Stable's Involuntary and Ivan Dalos' Gamble's Ghost.

A 4-year-old daughter of City Zip, Involuntary has finished first or second in six of eight outings, including a victory in the Drumtop Stakes at Suffolk Downs last year for her breeder Dr. Catherine Wills. Since her purchase out of the Keeneland November sale for \$80,000, the filly has had consecutive seconds, finishing second behind Starship Jubilee in the Nassau.

A 4-year-old Ghostzapper filly, Gamble's Ghost is a two-time grade 3 winner at Woodbine who will be ridden by two-time Dance Smartly winner Luis Contreras. **BH**



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Rainha Da Bateria (outside) wins the 2016 Canadian Stakes

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TOWER OF TEXAS SET FOR THIRD KING EDWARD

By Mary LaRue

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Tower of Texas is set to face eight other milers on the Woodbine turf for his third start in the King Edward Stakes (G2T) July 2, a race he won in 2015.

After finishing third in the King Edward last year, the 6-year-old Street Sense gelding went on to runner-up finishes in his next three starts, including the Play the King (G2T) and Ricoh Woodbine Mile (G1T) stakes over the same course. He finished out 2016 with an off-the-board effort in the Shadwell Turf Mile Stakes (G1T) at Keeneland.

Thomas Van Meter II and Scott Dilworth's Tower of Texas won his first and only start of the year at Woodbine with a nose victory over Commute in the seven-furlong Connaught Cup Stakes (G2T) June 3. Trained by Roger Attfield, Tower of Texas is slated as the 2-1 morning-line favorite.

Attfield also brings Dan Gale and Richard Hogan's Shakhimat, who will look to get back to the graded stakes level after three unsuccessful efforts so far this year.

The Lonhro gelding finished third in his most recent start, a 1 1/16-mile optional-claiming allowance race over the Woodbine turf. His most recent win was in the 2016 Transylvania Stakes Presented by Keeneland Select Stakes (G3T) last April.

Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier, and Michael Tabor's 2014 Breeders'



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Tower of Texas galloping on the Woodbine turf

Cup Juvenile Turf (G1T) winner Hootenanny last won an allowance at Belterra Park in September. In his season debut, the 5-year-old son of Quality Road finished fourth in the May 13 Hanshin Cup Stakes at Arlington International Racecourse.

Trained by Wesley Ward, Hootenanny could instead run in the Highlander Stakes (G2T) the same day, where he would face graded stakes winners Calgary Cat and Noholdingbackbear.

Trainer Mark Casse brings the stakes-winning son of Hat Trick, Monster Bea, who missed by a neck last time out in a Belmont Park optional-claiming allowance.

Monster Bea stepped into graded company last year after competing at the allowance and stakes level for the majority of 2015-16, but the Gary Barber-owned gelding could not break through.

Stronach Stables homebred Unbridled Juan, a horse that has not placed worse than third in his 17 lifetime starts, just recently stepped into graded company. The son of Unbridled's Song placed third in the May 20 Eclipse Stakes (G2) going 1 1/16 miles on the all weather track behind Dragon Bay and Are You Kidding Me.

Unbridled Juan has been breezing well for trainer Josie Carroll, with one timed move on the turf June 7 producing a bullet five furlongs in 1:00 1/5, the fastest of 13 that day.

The Eclipse was the first graded score for Stuart Simon-trained Dragon Bay, who returns in the King Edward.

Connaught Cup fourth-place finisher Hollywood Hideaway, graded stakes-placed Go Bro, and last out claiming race winner Ikerrin Road complete the field. **BH**

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WINGS OF EAGLES SEEKS ENGLISH-IRISH DERBY DOUBLE

By Bob Kieckhefer

Wings of Eagles seeks an English-Irish "Derby Double" July 1 at the Curragh, as the Pour Moi colt leads five Aidan O'Brien trainees into the Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby (G1).

Owned by Coolmore affiliated Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier, and Michael Tabor, Wings of Eagles made a quick move in the final furlong to win the Investec Derby (G1) at Epsom June 3—his second career win. In his only other start this year, the French-bred colt was second in the MBNA Chester Vase Stakes (G3).

Wings of Eagles is a general favorite with British bookmakers for the 1 1/2-mile Irish classic, but not the overwhelming choice.

Waldgeist, a Galileo colt trained in France, comes to Ireland off a second behind Brametot in the



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Wings Of Eagles takes the Investec Derby over Cliffs of Moher and Cracksman

QIPCO Prix du Jockey Club (French Derby, G1) at Chantilly June 4. The British-bred colt, trained by Andre Fabre, is owned by a partnership that includes Coolmore partners.

Waldgeist also finished second in his 3-year-old debut in a group 2 event at Saint-Cloud.

Cracksman, a Frankel colt who finished third at Epsom, has also attracted substantial support in antepost wagering.

O'Brien's other four are Capri, who finished sixth at Epsom; Douglas Macarthur, seventh in the Investec Derby; Taj Mahal, fourth in the Hampton Court Stakes (G3) at Royal Ascot; and The Anvil, who helped make the pace at Epsom before fading to 17th. All are by Galileo. **BH**

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DANZING CANDY THE ONE TO CATCH IN SAN CARLOS

By Alicia Wincze Hughes

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The parade of Bob Baffert-trained top threats is set to march on this weekend with Danzing Candy installed as the 4-5 morning-line favorite to keep the train rolling in the \$250,000 San Carlos Stakes (G2) at Santa Anita Park July 1.

Even by Baffert's standards, the last month and half has been ridiculous in terms of production—particularly from his older horses. Mor Spirit got the ball rolling when he handily took the Steve Sexton Mile Stakes (G3) May 7 and Danzing Candy added to the trend when he captured the 1 1/16-mile Lone Star Park Handicap (G3) by 4 3/4 lengths May 28—the first graded score for the son of Twirling Candy since his win in the 2016 San Felipe Stakes (G2).

The weeks since have seen Mor Spirit add a brilliant 6 1/4-length triumph in the Mohegan Sun Metropolitan Handicap (G1) with fellow 4-year-old Collected jumping up June 24 to air foes out by 14 lengths in the Precisionist Stakes (G3). In shortening Danzing Candy up to seven furlongs in the San Carlos, Baffert hopes the colt—who is also stakes placed on turf—can flaunt his early speed and open up even more opportunities going forward.

"He's just a fast horse and we figured we'd try this and if he did well going seven-eighths, we could bring him back in the Pat O'Brien Stakes (G2) at Del Mar, which is a



DUSTIN ORONA PHOTOGRAPHY

Danzing Candy is 4 3/4 lengths in front at the wire in the May 28 Lone Star Park Handicap

(Breeders' Cup) 'Win and You're In' race for the Dirt Mile," Baffert said. "That would be an option right there. He didn't run too bad on the turf either so he is very versatile. He has a lot of natural speed and he's doing really well right now. His race at Texas was really fantastic.

"I'm trying to manage these horses the best I can. This came up and it looked like it would be a good spot, even though he's in the number 1 hole. But I think he's good."

Danzing Candy broke his maiden going seven furlongs at Santa Anita in Dec. 2015 and has earned four of his five career wins at the Arcadia track. Previously trained by Clifford Sise Jr., the dark bay colt made his first start for Baffert last July when he ran second in the Affirmed Stakes (G3).

He opened his 2017 campaign with a third-place run on the downhill course in the March 4 Joe Hernandez Stakes before taking a one-mile allowance in gate-to-wire

fashion at Santa Anita May 5.

Bred by Halo Farms, who owns the colt along with Jim and Dianne Bashor, Danzing Candy will have Hall of Fame rider Mike Smith at the helm when he heads up the field of five in the San Carlos.

Kobe's Back used his late kick to capture last year's edition of the San Carlos over Coastline but hasn't found his way to the winner's circle in four starts since. The 6-year-old son of Flatter was most recently fourth in the Kona Gold Stakes (G2) behind race winner and fellow San Carlos entrant Ransom the Moon May 20.

The Kona Gold marked the first graded outing for Ransom the Moon, the late-blooming 5-year-old son of Malibu Moon trained by Phil D'Amato. The bay horse handled that step into deeper waters after previously earning a 4 1/4-length win in a 6 1/2-furlong allowance race at Santa Anita April 30. **BH**

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PRIZE EXHIBIT SEEKS RETURN TO FORM IN WILSHIRE

By BloodHorse Staff

DP Racing's Prize Exhibit seeks a return to form via a class drop July 1 in the \$100,000 Wilshire Stakes (G3T) for fillies and mares going a mile over the Santa Anita Park lawn.

The Jim Cassidy trainee earned her last win in grade 3 company in January, when she took the Megahertz Stakes (G3T) before running second in the listed Wishing Well Stakes in March. Her past three starts were at a higher level without success—she finished sixth in the June 10 Longines Just a Game Stakes (G1T) last out, off a fifth in the Churchill Distaff Turf Mile Stakes Presented by Longines (G2T) and a sixth in the Royal Heroine Stakes (G2T).

The 5-year-old Showcasing mare will be ridden from post five in a field of six as the 126-pound highweight by Santiago Gonzalez.

Peter Eurtion will send one in good order in Sheeza Milky Way, who chases a three-peat at a mile over the Santa Anita turf. The 4-year-old daughter of Sidney's Candy could certainly go favored in a race that lacks a

clear standout, and with all four of her wins coming at a mile on turf, she's well positioned for a big effort with Rafael Bejarano slated to ride her back from the outside.

Sheeza Milky Way won back-to-back allowance events in April and May at Santa Anita. Owned by Sharon Alesia, Robin Christianson, Ciaglia Racing, and Harry Crusberg, she has a terrific turn of foot and would benefit from a fast pace.

Trained by Neil Drysdale, Gainesway Stable's 5-year-old Argentine-bred Madame Stripes rallied from off the pace to be beaten a nose in a one mile turf allowance June 11. She was nipped by a half-length before that going 1 1/8 miles after winning a one-mile allowance by 1 3/4 lengths in April.

Drysdale also has Brazilian-bred Juno, who will stretch out following a close fourth going 6 1/2 furlongs down Santa Anita's hillside turf course in the May 27 Monrovia Stakes (G2T). Gary Stevens will ride Juno for the first time for owner Team Valor International.

A repeat of her effort two starts back, a third in the April 8 Royal Heroine Stakes, would put her right in the thick of things Saturday. Blessed with an abundance of early speed, she opened up by six lengths early in the Royal Heroine and will likely be joined in

the early going by speedy Enola Gray.

Long-fused Place des Vosges shortens up a quarter-mile off of a sharp third in a minor turf stakes June 4. Trained by Richard Baltas, the 5-year-old daughter of Pleasantly Perfect rallied to be beaten just one length in that 1 1/4-mile Possibly Perfect Stakes June 4. Owned by Abbondanza Racing, she has two seconds and a third from five tries at a mile on turf and will be heavily dependent upon a fast early pace in this spot. **BH**

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Prize Exhibit takes the grade 3 Megahertz in January

FINEST CITY NAMED PENNSYLVANIA HORSE OF THE YEAR

By BloodHorse Staff

Finest City was recently named Pennsylvania's Horse of the Year, champion older female, and champion female sprinter at the 38th annual Iroquois Awards Banquet held by the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association.

The daughter of City Zip—Be Envied, by Lemon Drop Kid, was the richest state-bred runner of 2016, earning \$823,200 in eight starts, with five graded stakes wins or placings.

In addition to taking the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint (G1), which sealed an Eclipse Award as champion female sprinter, she set a Los Alamitos record of 1:14.48 for 6 1/2 furlongs in the Great Lady M Stakes (G2).

Never worse than fourth during the year, she hit the board in Santa Anita Park's Vanity Mile Stakes (G1), finishing third behind champions Beholder and Stellar Wind, missed by a head in Del Mar's John C. Mabee Stakes (G2), and kicked off the year with a victory in Santa Anita's Santa Monica Stakes (G2).

Finest City was bred by HnR Nothhaft Horseracing. She was bought for \$85,000 by Seltzer Thoroughbreds out of the 2013 Keeneland September sale out of the Bluewater Sales consignment.

The following are other 2016 PBHA champions honored:

2-Year-Old Filly: Rose Tree

B. f., 2014, by Harlan's Holiday—Amusing, by Distorted Humor. Bred by Rod and Alice Moorhead. Undefeated at 2 in two starts, the filly won Penn National's Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies Stakes by 3 3/4 lengths for the Moorheads. Named in honor of Alice Moorhead's father, James R. Kerr, who was Master of Foxhounds of the Rose Tree Hunt, Rose Tree is a member of the first full crop bred by the Moorheads at their Buttonwood Farm near Unionville.

2-Year-Old Male: Downhill Racer

B. c., 2014, by Jump Start—Encore Saritta, by Consolidator. Bred by Rod and Alice Moorhead. The Jump Start colt won both his starts at 2, including the Pennsylvania Nursery, and in doing so completed a unique double for the Moorheads and trainer Jonathan Sheppard as the first to ever win both the Blue Mountain



Finest City at Santa Anita Park

Juvenile (with Rose Tree) and Pennsylvania Nursery in the same season. Downhill Racer is out of the first broodmare the Moorheads ever purchased, and is the second foal bred by the couple.

3-Year-Old Filly: Lucy N Ethel

Dk.b./br. f., 2013, by During—Kid Silver, by Silver Ghost. Bred by Jettany Thoroughbred Corp and J.A.G. Racing. J A G Racing and Jettany Thoroughbred homebred filly made her first two outings of 2016 memorable to remain undefeated in her first four career starts. In her 3-year-old debut, the sensational sprinter won Gulfstream Park's Old Hat Stakes (G3) at six furlongs by nearly four lengths in January. Upon her return after being sidelined by a bone chip, she captured the Prioress Stakes (G2) in September, getting the six furlongs in 1:09.33. In just three starts for the year, she earned \$242,094 for boyhood friends James Stevenson and Stephen Perry.

3-Year-Old Male & Male Sprinter: Tom's Ready

Dk.b./br. c., 2013, by More Than Ready—Goodbye Stranger, by Broad Brush. Bred by Blackstone Farm. The richest PA-Bred 3-year-old of the year, the Blackstone Farm-bred son of More Than Ready, sold for \$145,000 as a yearling at Saratoga, earned \$612,047 in eight starts and won two graded stakes at a mile or less, the Woody Stephens Stakes (G2) going seven furlongs and Churchill Downs' Ack Ack Stakes (G3) against older runners at a mile. Shortly after his impressive score at Belmont, Spendthrift Farm announced an agreement had been reached with owner GMB Racing to acquire the breeding rights to the colt.

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FINEST CITY NAMED PENNSYLVANIA HORSE OF THE YEAR

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Older Male: Page McKenney

Ch. g., 2010, Eavesdropper—Winning Grace, by Yarrow Brae. Bred by Dr. James E. Bryant and Linda P. Davis. The only champion to repeat in 2016, Adam Staple and Jalin Stable's veteran gelding became a millionaire in an abbreviated campaign when winning the 1 1/16-mile Native Dancer Stakes at Laurel Park in January. The son of former PA stallion Eavesdropper trained by Mary Eppler won twice in three starts, highlighted by Laurel Park's General George Stakes (G3) at seven furlongs, and finished second in the \$1.25 million Charles Town Classic (G2) at 1 1/8 miles in his final start of the year. Those three starts yielded the chestnut gelding \$429,000, the highest earnings for an older PA-bred male runner in 2016.

Female Turf Horse: Al's Gal

B. m., 2011, by English Channel—Dans La Ville (Chi), by Winning. Bred by Malone Racing. The richest PA-bred turf runner of the year, the first foal bred by Alex Malone's Malone Racing in Kennett Square did it running long on the grass at seven different tracks, with wins in three stakes, topped by the E.P. Taylor Stakes (G1T) going 1 1/4 miles at Woodbine. Campaigned by Ken and Sarah Ramsey, she also captured the 1 5/16-mile Kentucky Downs Ladies Marathon Stakes in 2:12.16, less than a second off the course record, and Churchill Downs' 1 1/2-mile Keertana Stakes. Three times she finished second in graded stakes: in the grade 1 Beverly D. and grade 3 Modesty Handicap, and Keeneland's Bewitch Stakes (G3T). A \$50,000 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky sales weanling, the mare brought \$800,000 at the same sale five years later.

Male Turf Horse: Granny's Kitten

B. h., 2012, by Kitten's Joy—Granny Franny, by Grand Slam. Bred by Ken and Sarah Ramsey. Ramsey's homebred hit the board in five stakes out of six attempts in 2016, scoring his first career stakes win in Parx's Alphabet Soup Handicap at Parx. He just missed in the Leemat Stakes and placed in stakes from Canterbury Park to Penn National to the Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots. Also a two-time allowance winner at Keeneland, the

graded stakes-placed runner finished in the top three in six consecutive outings at 3 and earned \$186,800 with a record of 3-2-2 from nine starts for the year.

Broodmare of the Year: Be Envied

Ch. m., 2002, by Lemon Drop Kid—While Rome Burns, by Overskate.

Owned by HnR Nothhaft Horseracing. Purchased by Hank Nothhaft in the fall of 2011, the daughter of Lemon Drop Kid produced three PA-bred foals, all starters in 2016: Breeders' Cup and Eclipse Award winner and 2016 PA-bred Horse of the Year Finest City, stakes-placed 2016 juvenile filly Grand Prix, and 3-year-old Silver Train filly Move, who hit the board in four of seven starts.

Stallion of the Year: Jump Start

For the second year in a row, Jump Start led all Pennsylvania stallions in Stallion awards, his total in 2016 was \$237,697. The now 18-year-old son of A.P. Indy moved to Pennsylvania in 2010 and two years later took up residence at Northview PA near Peach Bottom, where he is standing his sixth season in 2017. In 2016, he was the sire of seven stakes winners, including PA-bred 2-year-old champion male Downhill Racer, and 18 stakes-placed, and the earners of more than \$5.8 million.

Steeplechaser: Senior Senator

B. g., 2010, by Domestic Dispute—Queen Kennelot, by Awesome Again. Bred by Charles C.D. McGill.

PA Preferred: PA-Sired, PA-Bred Female:

Disco Chick

B. m., 2011, by Jump Start—Disco Flirt, by Disco Rico. Bred by Y. Jerry Kolybabiuk.

PA Preferred:

PA-Sired, PA-Bred Male & Leading Breeding Fund Recipient (Horse):

Roxbury N Overton

Dk.b./br. h., 2012, by Andiron—Centennial Cat, by Tale of the Cat. Bred and owned by J A G Racing and Jettany Thoroughbred.

Leading Total Breeding Fund Recipient:

Northview Stallion Station

\$374,048 in Breeder and Stallion Awards

Leading Breeder Award Earner: Thomas G. McClay

\$215,786 in Breeder Awards

Leading Overall Breeder of Pennsylvania-Breds: Blackstone Farm

\$1,587,775 in purses earned **BH**

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OPTIMISM ON EVE OF YEARLING AUCTION SEASON

By Ron Mitchell

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“Archie” St George is a fifth-generation horseman who has worked around horses his entire life. Following his graduation from Cirencester College in England with a degree in rural estate management, St George moved to the United States to take a job with Eaton Sales in Lexington, where he quickly moved up the ranks to become yearling manager and eventually a partner. St George operates St. George Sales, which in 2016 sold a son of



FASIG-TIPTON PHOTO

Archie and Melissa St George

Curlin, now named Curlin's Honor, that topped the Fasig-Tipton July yearling sale when Randy Hartley and Dean De Renzo paid \$475,000. Consigned by Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds to this year's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic sale of 2-year-olds in training, the colt was purchased by Breeze Easy and John C. Oxley for a sale-topping \$1.5 million. Archie and his wife Michelle operate Brookstone Farm, where Michelle is farm manager.

In an interview with BloodHorse sales editor Ron Mitchell, St George discusses the sale-topping Curlin colt, the upcoming yearling market, and state of the bloodstock industry.

BloodHorse MarketWatch: How does it feel to sell a sale-topping yearling and then see it top a 2-year-old sale?

Archie St George: Obviously to top the sale last year was very special and it means a lot to us for him to go on and do what he did (at the Midlantic sale) and I hope he continues to go on. You always want to sell good horses and for everyone to do well. We were delighted for Breeze Easy, Mr. Oxley, and (trainer) Mark Casse. We were also delighted for Hartley/De Renzo because they stepped up to buy the horse and they were rewarded in a big way.



FASIG-TIPTON PHOTO

Curlin's Honor topped the 2016 Fasig-Tipton July yearling sale, then topped this year's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic sale of 2-year-olds in training

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BH: Considering his 2-year-old sale price, do you question whether you should have kept the colt and sold him yourself later?

SG: It is a great profit, but we don't do that side of the market (2-year-old sales). The 2-year-old business is hard and it's great when they get rewarded. They spent a lot of money on him and we were delighted to get what we did for him as a yearling. It's even better when other people do well off that price. He is going to a good home and there are bigger and better things to come. He's got one fulfillment left to fill and that is the end product. Based on his looks and his breezes he might do that. To be a small part in this horse's history is a real thrill to us.

BH: What are your aspirations for this year's yearling sale season market?

SG: I am definitely more optimistic than I was at this time last year. The supply still doesn't meet the demand, so you're going to have to tick all the right boxes. It is definitely an optimistic market based on the 2-year-old sales. Because there aren't as many end-users at the July sale like you get in Saratoga and September, it can be a little tricky, but if you have the product they want, you will be well-rewarded. It's becoming tough to sell the middle-of-the-road horse. I think the 2-year-old middle market was encouraging so hopefully that translates to the yearling market. Last year there was a middle market in September and October. July was a little tricky, which is funny for me to say since we had the sale-topper, but that (Curlin colt) is proof that it was all or nothing.

BH: As the first sale of the year, the Fasig-Tipton July sale has a reputation for showcasing stallions with first-crop yearlings coming to market. Which of the first-crop sires are you high on?

SG: We have a Goldencents colt in the July sale and he is a very nice horse. I haven't seen a huge number of (Goldencents foals). I think he was an exceptional horse and if that passes along in any way you have a big shot. I have been impressed with the ones I've seen by Verrazano, and we have some in the (Keeneland)

September sale. They are nice horses and they sold very well in November.

I am a fan of Will Take Charge, with his racing career and physical looks. The yearlings I have seen were good and he has quite a few in the (Fasig-Tipton) Saratoga sale so that would fare well for the physicals.

The Strong Mandates are solid horses. Cairo Prince's horses sold

well as weanlings and are really nice. He is a very nice-looking individual himself; we were lucky enough to sell him at Keeneland as a short yearling in January for \$200,000, so I am partial to him for many reasons. He was a good racehorse who probably retired earlier than they wanted and he is throwing good horses.

BH: As we venture into the yearling sales, what is the overall state of the industry?

SG: There is lot of optimism on a world-wide basis. The breeze-up sales in Europe looked pretty good and it's great to see American horses going to Royal Ascot and competing because hopefully we are getting back to having stallions that fit both continents. Although it is unfortunate one of those stallions, Scat Daddy, is no longer with us. What he did at Royal Ascot was phenomenal. It's also great to see an American presence in Australia, with a lot of the big farms buying horses here. The international aspect is great because that is what our game is all about. **BH**

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—ARCHIE ST GEORGE

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS

Albuquerque, Race 8, ALW

6/28, \$22,800, 3yo/up, 6.5f (dirt), 1:16.32, track fast.

1—[Can't Stop Smoking](#), 120, b g, 3, [Attila's Storm](#)—Dream Kin, by Desert God, \$13,680, O—Wright, Ed, Haymes, Tracy and Beedy, Todd, B—Ramond Gonzalez Jr. (NM), T—Joel H. Marr, J—Alfredo J. Juarez, Jr.

Margin: 3¾, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Belmont Park, Race 7, ALW

6/29, \$77,000, 3yo/up, 6f (dirt), 1:10.76, track fast.

1—[Toga Challenger](#), 116, dk b/br c, 3, [Successful Appeal](#)—Pacific Jewel, by Seeking the Gold, \$46,200, O—Dubb, Michael and Simon, David, B—William B. Harrigan (KY), T—Rudy R. Rodriguez, J—Irado Ortiz, Jr.

Sale History: 2016 OBSJUN, \$14,000, 2015 KEESEP, \$100,000.

Margin: neck, 5 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Belmont Park, Race 8, ALW

6/29, \$77,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 8f (turf), 1:35.92, course firm.

1—[Spiga \(IRE\)](#), 124, ch f, 4, [Lope de Vega \(IRE\)](#)—Spesialta (GB), by Indian Ridge (IRE), \$46,200, O—Evans, Robert S., New Phoenix Stable and Tango Uniform Racing LLC, B—Ballylinch Stud (IRE), T—Christophe Clement, J—Joel Rosario

Sale History: 2016 ARQDEC, \$130,150, 2014 ARQAUG, \$254,600.

Margin: head, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Churchill Downs, Race 2, ALW

6/29, \$55,300, 3yo/up, 8f (dirt), 1:35.80, track fast.

1—[Shut the Box](#), 122, b g, 4, [Hard Spun](#)—Last Song, by Unbridled's Song, \$33,180, O—Donegal Racing, B—Southern Equine Stables, LLC (KY), T—Chris Richard, J—Brian Joseph Hernandez, Jr.

Sale History: 2014 KEESEP, \$190,000.

Margin: ½, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Churchill Downs, Race 7, AOC

6/28, \$57,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 9f (turf), 1:48.92, course firm.

1—[Sister Blues](#), 122, dk b/br m, 5, [Pioneer of the Nile](#)—Philadelphia Blues, by Wild Again, \$34,500, O—Lucky Seven Stable, B—Lucky Seven Stable (KY), T—Brad H. Cox, J—Shaun Bridgmohan

Margin: head, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Delaware Park, Race 8, AOC

6/29, \$38,000, 3yo/up, a8.32f (turf), 1:41.19, course firm.

1—[Second Mate](#), 120, b g, 4, [Mizzen Mast](#)—Second Of-

fense, by [Johannesburg](#), \$22,800, O—Goodwood Racing VI, B—El Batey Farm LLC (FL), T—Jane Cibelli, J—Antonio A. Gallardo

Sale History: 2014 KEESEP, \$47,000.

Margin: neck, 8 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Penn National, Race 4, ALW

6/28, \$29,500, 3yo/up, 8.32f (turf), 1:39.04, course firm.

1—[Wicked Heat](#), 119, b g, 6, Unusual Heat—Miss Boomtown, by Smart Strike, \$17,700, O—Matthew Dubbaneh, B—Marie Goda, Madeline Auerbach & Barry Abrams (CA), T—Timothy C. Kreiser, J—Angel R. Rodriguez

Sale History: 2012 BAROCT, \$32,000.

Margin: ½, 9 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Presque Isle Downs, Race 3, AOC

6/29, \$29,000, 3yo/up, 8f (all-weather), 1:37.58, track fast.

1—[Downtown Cowboy](#), 119, ch g, 5, [Cowtown Cat](#)—Darlin Dixie, by Dixie Brass, \$17,400, O—Judy Meyers, B—Jacqueline J. Diamond & Gary L. Mahon (FL), T—Shane Meyers, J—Pablo Morales

Sale History: 2014 OBSJUN, \$12,000, 2012 OBSOCT, \$9,000.

Margin: 1¾, 5 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

MAIDEN RESULTS

Albuquerque, Race 2, MSW

6/28, \$20,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 5.5f (dirt), 1:06.37, track fast.

1—[Mara Lena](#), 121, dk b/br f, 3, [Embrace the Storm](#)—Rules Like a Girl, by Roman Ruler, \$12,000, O—Nancy L. Lock, B—Nancy Lee Lock (NM), T—Fred I. Danley, J—Alfredo Sigala

Margin: 2¼, 8 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Belmont Park, Race 3, MSW

6/29, \$75,000, 2yo, f, 5.5f (dirt), 1:06.08, track fast.

1—[Pacific Gale](#), 119, b f, 2, [Flat Out](#)—Pacific Whisper, by [Forestry](#), \$45,000, O—Tobey L. Morton, B—Bally Breeders (KY), T—John C. Kimmel, J—Christopher P. DeCarlo

Sale History: 2017 OBSAPR, \$72,000, 2016 OBSAUG, \$24,000, 2015 KEENOV, \$50,000.

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Churchill Downs, Race 1, MSW

6/29, \$46,700, 2yo, f, 6f (dirt), 1:11.06, track fast.

1—[Snowfire](#), 118, gr/ro f, 2, [Tapit](#)—Upperline, by Maria's Mon, \$28,020, O—John C. Oxley, B—Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC (KY), T—Mark E. Casse, J—Julien R. Leparoux

Sale History: 2016 FTSAUG, \$500,000.

Margin: 4, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Evangeline Downs, Race 1, MSW

6/29, \$22,000, 2yo, 5f (dirt), :59.75, track sloppy.

1—[Piranha Tough](#), 115, ch c, 2, [Custom for Carlos](#)—Biduadeau, by [A. P. Delta](#), \$15,600, O—Valene Farms LLC, B—Valene Farms, LLC (LA), T—Sturges J. Ducoing, J—Kerwin D. Clark

Sale History: 2016 ESLSEP, (\$12,000 RNA).

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Finger Lakes, Race 8, MSW

6/29, \$23,000, 3yo/up, 6f (dirt), 1:11.83, track fast.

1—[Lion Sleeps](#), 124, b g, 4, [Justenuffhumor](#)—Secret Breeze, by Secret Hello, \$20,800, O—Cedar Meadow, Inc., B—Cedar Meadow, Inc. (NY), T—Chris J. Englehart, J—John R. Davila, Jr.

Margin: 2¾, 9 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Gulfstream Park, Race 6, MSW

6/29, \$36,000, 3yo/up, 7.5f (turf), 1:29.37, course firm.

1—[Dopo Lavoro](#), 118, b c, 3, Harlan's Holiday—Danseur Chaud, by Joyeux Danseur, \$21,600, O—D'Angelo Stable, Inc., B—Barry Berkelhammer & Veronique Berkelhammer (FL), T—Francisco D'Angelo, J—Roberto Alvarado, Jr.

Sale History: 2016 OBSJUN, \$35,000.

Margin: head, 8 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

TODAY'S ENTRIES

BASHFORD MANOR S. (G3)

Churchill Downs, Friday, June 30, Race 6
6f (dirt), \$100,000, 2yo, 8:30 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	I'm Corfu	Corfu	2/g	Arienne Cox	122	12/1	Wayne W. Rice
2	2	Hardworkcleanlin	Colonel John	2/c	Channing Hill	120	6/1	Joey Keith Davis
3	3	Mo Diddley	Uncle Mo	2/c	Corey J. Lanerie	120	5/2	Gary Barber and Cheyenne Stables, LLC (Everett Dobson)
4	4	Fig Jelly	Forestry	2/g	Sophie Doyle	122	12/1	Wayne W. Rice
5	5	Copper Bullet	More Than Ready	2/c	Florent Geroux	120	8/5	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC and Willis Horton Racing LLC
6	6	Ten City	Run Away and Hide	2/c	Robby Albarado	120	2/1	Tommie M. Lewis

Breeders: 1–Donna M Burnham; 2–William B. Thompson Jr.; 3–Andy Beadnell; 4–Dream Walkin' Farms, Inc.; 5–Dell Ridge Farm, LLC; 6–Phillips Racing Partnership.

Trainers: 1–Wayne W. Rice; 2–Danny Pish; 3–Mark E. Casse; 4–Wayne W. Rice; 5–Steven M. Asmussen; 6–Kenneth G. McPeck.

DEBUTANTE S.

Churchill Downs, Friday, June 30, Race 8
6f (dirt), \$100,000, 2yo f, 9:39 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	Sunny Skies	Animal Kingdom	2/f	Robby Albarado	120	4/1	Normandy Farm (Nancy K. Polk)
2	2	Rockin Royalty	Early Flyer	2/f	Channing Hill	120	20/1	Danny Pish
3	3	Upset Brewing	Justin Phillip	2/f	Shaun Bridgmohan	118	20/1	Allied Racing Stable, LLC (Chester Thomas)
4	4	Red Dread	Five Star Day	2/f	Arienne Cox	122	30/1	Wayne W. Rice
5	5	Caroline the Great	Into Mischief	2/f	Eddie Martin, Jr.	120	20/1	TOLO Thoroughbreds, Inc. (Jeffrey Nixon)
6	6	She's a Julie	Elusive Quality	2/f	Florent Geroux	120	4/1	Whispering Oaks Farm, LLC (Carrol Castille)
7	7	Patrona Margarita	Special Rate	2/f	Chris Landeros	120	8/1	Craig D. Upham
8	8	Genuwine	Overanalyze	2/f	Sophie Doyle	122	50/1	Wayne W. Rice
9	9	Amberspatriot	Awesome Patriot	2/f	Paco Lopez	120	7/2	Donna G. Hancock and Charles W. Brown
10	10	Therighttobeararms	Fast Bullet	2/f	James Graham	118	30/1	Patience and Jon Jazdzewski
11	11	Lady O'Toole	Colonel John	2/f	Corey J. Lanerie	120	9/2	Steve Landers Racing, LLC (Steve Landers)
12	12	Chelada	Power Broker	2/f	Jesus Lopez Castanon	120	30/1	William R. Helmbrecht
13	13	Waki Patriot	Awesome Patriot	2/f	Jon Kenton Court	120	5/1	Donna G. Hancock and Charles W. Brown

Breeders: 1–Normandy Farm LLC; 2–Caroline Dodwell; 3–Castleton Lyons & Kilboy Estate; 4–John J. Greely IV & Wilson Sisk; 5–Mr. & Mrs. John Liviakis; 6–Godolphin; 7–Craig D. Upham; 8–David E. Hager, II; 9–Brandywine Farm (Jim & Pam Robinson); 10–AR Enterprises, Inc; 11–Lansdowne Thoroughbreds; 12–Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc; 13–Brandywine Farm (Jim & Pam Robinson).

Trainers: 1–Kenneth G. McPeck; 2–Danny Pish; 3–William B. Bradley; 4–Wayne W. Rice; 5–Tracey Glover; 6–Steven M. Asmussen; 7–W. Bret Calhoun; 8–Wayne W. Rice; 9–John A. Hancock; 10–William R. Helmbrecht; 11–Brad H. Cox; 12–William R. Helmbrecht; 13–John A. Hancock.

KELLY'S LANDING OVERNIGHT S.

Churchill Downs, Friday, June 30, Race 10
7f (dirt), \$70,000, 3yo/up, 10:42 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	Wabel	Curlin	5/h	Brian Joseph Hernandez, Jr.	121	15/1	Flurry Racing Stables, LLC (Staton Flurry)
2	2	Hebbbronville	Majesticperfection	5/h	Joseph Rocco, Jr.	121	20/1	Choctaw Racing Stable, Winning Horse Stable and Galloway, Scott
3	3	The Player	Street Hero	4/c	Shaun Bridgmohan	121	6/1	William B. Bradley and Carl Hurst
4	4	Limousine Liberal	Successful Appeal	5/g	Robby Albarado	123	9/5	Katherine G. Ball
5	5	Recount	Limehouse	5/g	Chris Landeros	121	5/1	Doubledown Stables, Inc. (Richard Templer)
6	6	Easy to Say	Eskendereya	5/h	James Graham	121	30/1	Alp Semsettin Evcimen
7	7	Fish Trappe Road	Trappe Shot	4/c	Gabriel Saez	121	20/1	Martin Racing Stable, LLC (William Martin)
8	8	Vaporman	Smoke Glacken	4/g	Didiel A. Osorio	121	30/1	Susan Moulton
9	9	Woodland Walk	Oriente	6/g	Miguel Mena	121	30/1	Dawghouse Stables (Eric Pudles)
10	10	Schivarelli	Montbrook	6/g	Julien R. Leparoux	121	12/1	Pike Place Racing and Homewrecker Racing LLC
11	11	The Truth Or Else	Yes It's True	5/h	Channing Hill	121	6/1	Harold Lerner, LLC (Harold Lerner) and Magdalena Racing (Sherri McPeck, et al.)
12	12	Bayerd	Speightstown	5/h	Florent Geroux	121	12/1	Clark O. Brewster
13	13	Solitary Ranger	U S Ranger	6/g	Rogelio Miranda	121	50/1	Susan Moulton
14	14	Wyeth	Candy Ride (ARG)	4/g	Corey J. Lanerie	121	10/1	Courtney Barousse

Breeders: 1–Indian Springs Farm, Inc. & Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings, LLC.; 2–Padua Stables; 3–Carl Hurst, Fred Bradley & William Bradley; 4–Mike Ball & Katherine Ball; 5–Barney Gallagher & Anne Gallagher; 6–New Farm; 7–Rhapsody Faarm LLC & Jon Davis; 8–Normandy Farm; 9–Juddmonte Farms Inc; 10–Ocala Stud, Ebert Vans Inc. & Edward Wiest; 11–Green Lantern Stables, LLC; 12–Alpha Delta Stables, LLC; 13–Richard Forbush & U S Ranger Syndicate; 14–SF Bloodstock LLC.

Trainers: 1–Brad H. Cox; 2–Steve Hobby; 3–William B. Bradley; 4–Ben Colebrook; 5–James P. DiVito; 6–Murat Sancal; 7–W. Bret Calhoun; 8–Patrick Huffman; 9–Douglas E. Shanyfelt; 10–Eddie Kenneally; 11–Kenneth G. McPeck; 12–Steven M. Asmussen; 13–Patrick Huffman; 14–Thomas M. Amoss.

UPCOMING ENTRIES

SAGINAW S.

Belmont Park, Sunday, July 2, Race 9
8.5f (dirt), \$100,000, 4yo/up, 5:50 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Papa Shot	Distorted Humor	5/g	John R. Velazquez	118	-	Schwartz, Barry, K.
2		Hit It Once More	Hard Spun	4/c	Kendrick Carmouche	122	-	August Dawn Farm
3		Diversify	Bellamy Road	4/g	Irad Ortiz, Jr.	120	-	Evans, Lauren and Evans, Ralph M.
4		Inside Straight	Super Saver	4/g	Angel S. Arroyo	124	-	Howg, Randy
5		Samraat	Noble Causeway	6/h	Luis Saez	118	-	My Meadowview Farm LLC
6		Gypsum Johnny	City Zip	5/h	Manuel Franco	120	-	Miuccio, Antonino
7		Governor Malibu	Malibu Moon	4/c	Joel Rosario	118	-	Jump Sucker Stable and Oak Bluff Stables
8		Fox Rules	Roman Ruler	8/g	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	120	-	Ivery Sisters Racing

Breeders: 1—Stonewall Farm; 2—JMJ Racing Stables, LLC; 3—Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding; 4—SF Bloodstock LLC; 5—My Meadowview LLC; 6—Barry R. Ostrager; 7—Richard Leahy Oak Bluff Stables; 8—Dennis Petrisak & Deborah Petrisak.

Trainers: 1—Linda Rice; 2—Gary Sciacca; 3—Richard A. Violette, Jr.; 4—Robertino Diodoro; 5—Richard A. Violette, Jr.; 6—Linda Rice; 7—Christophe Clement; 8—David A. Cannizzo.

LANDALUCE S.

Santa Anita Park, Sunday, July 2, Race 5
5.5f (dirt), \$100,000, 2yo f, 3:00 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Sauce On Side	Violence	2/f	Evin A. Roman	118	-	Altamira Racing Stable or Rockingham Ranch
2		Gorgeous Ginny	Take Charge Indy	2/f	Jamie Theriot	122	-	Randy Howg
3		Spirit of Shanghai	Shanghai Bobby	2/f	Edwin A. Maldonado	118	-	William R. Peebles
4		Empress of Lov	Empire Way	2/f	Tyler Baze	122	-	London, Lovingier or Zondlo
5		Surrender Now	Morning Line	2/f	Norberto Arroyo, Jr.	122	-	Rockingham Ranch
6		Bonneville Flats	Flat Out	2/f	Joseph Talamo	122	-	Amerman Racing, LLC

Breeders: 1—Maharg Management Inc.; 2—Mercedes Stables LLC; 3—Gil Masters; 4—Terry C. Lovingier; 5—Elaine MacPherson; 6—Wayne Lyster, Gray Lyster & Bryan Lyster.

Trainers: 1—Peter Miller; 2—Robertino Diodoro; 3—John Brocklebank; 4—Gary Sherlock; 5—Peter Miller; 6—David E. Hofmans.

LADY'S SECRET S.

Monmouth Park, Sunday, July 2, Race 9
8.32f (dirt), \$75,000, 3yo/up f/m, 4:53 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Cayman Croc	Bob and John	5/m	Albin Jimenez	117	-	Stoneway Farm
2		Pleasant Mine	Mineshaft	4/f	Nik Juarez	117	-	St. Elias Stable
3		Gia Alexa	Yes It's True	4/f	Angel Moreno	117	-	Robert Reidy
4		Eskentformoney	Eskenderaya	5/m	Joe Bravo	117	-	StarLadies Racing and Lisa Troutt
5		Bay Rum	Cable Boy	5/m	Winston R. Kay	117	-	Ken W. Miller
6		Money'soncharlotte	Mizzen Mast	5/m	Paco Lopez	117	-	George E. Hall

Breeders: 1—Respite Farm; 2—Catherine Parke & Oakbrook Farm; 3—Padua Stables, LLC & Dr. Patricia Zieffle; 4—Ramspring Farm; 5—Colonial Farms; 6—Dr. Oscar Benavides.

Trainers: 1—Kelly J. Breen; 2—Anthony R. Margotta, Jr.; 3—Francisco DaSilva Machado, Jr.; 4—Todd A. Pletcher; 5—William J Hogan; 6—Kelly J. Breen.

SEATTLE SLEW S.

Emerald Downs, Sunday, July 2, Race 7
8f (dirt), \$50,000, 3yo c/g, 5:09 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Distortedatthebar	Preachinatthebar	3/g	Julien Couton	118	-	Charles D. Essex
2		Aqua Frio	Uncle Mo	3/c	Kevin E. Orozco	118	-	Peter Redekop B. C., Ltd.
3		Riser	Mizzen Mast	3/c	Eswan Flores	124	-	Chappell Alpine Farms LLC
4		Marquee Marini	Marino Marini	3/g	J. C. Estrada	118	-	John E Parker
5		Ucanthankmelater	Hard Spun	3/g	Jose Luis Zunino	118	-	Brett Brophy
6		Sharkzilla	Distorted Reality	3/c	Erick Lopez	124	-	John E Parker
7		Rifle Gernade	Nacheezmo	3/c	Eliska Kubinova	118	-	Wanda Munger and Estate of Don L Munger
8		Candy for Three	Sidney's Candy	3/c	Isaias D. Enriquez	118	-	D. Tollett or Ron Wise
9		Perfect Come Back	Pleasantly Perfect	3/g	Javier Matias	118	-	Patrick LePley
10		More Power to Him	Slew's Tiznow	3/c	Rocco Bowen	122	-	Brett Mason

Breeders: 1—Phyllis Pulse; 2—Parrish Hill Farm, Amanda P. Roach & Ashford Stud; 3—Justice Farm, Greg Justice; 4—George Schmitt & Mary Clare Schmitt; 5—Adena Springs; 6—Roger P. Downes; 7—Mr. & Mrs. Don L. Munger; 8—Edward Denike & Theresa Denike; 9—Jack Swain III; 10—Brett Mason.

Trainers: 1—Charles Essex; 2—Blaine D. Wright; 3—Blaine D. Wright; 4—Candi Tollett; 5—Jeffrey Metz; 6—Candi Tollett; 7—Niccolo Troiani; 8—Bill Tollett; 9—Tim McCanna; 10—Faith Taylor.

TOP HORSES

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Rank	Name	Starts	Wins	Places	Shows	Earnings	Win%	WPS%
1	Arrogate	1	1	0	0	\$7,000,000	100%	100%
2	Shaman Ghost	3	2	1	0	\$2,380,000	67%	100%
3	Always Dreaming	5	4	0	0	\$2,260,600	80%	80%
4	Tapwrit	5	2	1	0	\$1,080,000	40%	60%
5	Cloud Computing	4	2	1	1	\$1,071,000	50%	100%
6	Abel Tasman	4	2	2	0	\$1,039,200	50%	100%
7	Classic Empire	4	1	1	1	\$1,034,300	25%	75%
8	Irap	6	2	2	0	\$1,000,000	33%	67%
9	Neolithic	1	0	0	1	\$1,000,000	0%	100%
10	Mor Spirit	4	3	1	0	\$982,000	75%	100%

TOP TRAINERS

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Rank	Name	Starts	Wins	Places	Shows	Earnings	Win%	WPS%
1	Todd A. Pletcher	524	130	92	66	\$13,200,877	25%	55%
2	Bob Baffert	133	44	21	15	\$12,630,403	33%	60%
3	Chad C. Brown	318	88	63	42	\$8,943,465	28%	61%
4	Steven M. Asmussen	878	189	152	128	\$8,034,650	22%	53%
5	Mark E. Casse	515	93	77	62	\$6,801,911	18%	45%
6	Jerry Hollendorfer	525	105	89	86	\$4,873,821	20%	53%
7	Michael J. Maker	507	101	83	77	\$4,349,267	20%	51%
8	Doug F. O'Neill	306	41	64	40	\$4,201,505	13%	47%
9	Brad H. Cox	349	88	65	56	\$4,133,645	25%	60%
10	James A. Jerkens	94	22	23	11	\$3,889,938	23%	60%

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TOP JOCKEYS

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Rank	Name	Starts	Wins	Places	Shows	Earnings	Win%	WPS%
1	Mike E. Smith	133	37	16	26	\$13,498,956	28%	59%
2	Jose L. Ortiz	674	126	132	109	\$12,249,675	19%	54%
3	Javier Castellano	577	115	89	84	\$11,949,871	20%	50%
4	Irad Ortiz, Jr.	628	144	132	98	\$8,796,119	23%	60%
5	John R. Velazquez	413	87	52	53	\$8,772,215	21%	46%
6	Julien R. Leparoux	425	76	60	58	\$7,455,832	18%	46%
7	Joel Rosario	414	71	75	69	\$6,138,180	17%	52%
8	Luis Saez	661	123	109	94	\$6,036,962	19%	49%
9	Florent Geroux	518	111	77	82	\$5,606,170	21%	52%
10	Flavien Prat	414	92	65	74	\$5,558,296	22%	56%