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Queen's Plate contender Say the Word gets a drink from groom Lisa Conway after his workout at Woodbine

# FILLY WITH 'MILLION-DOLLAR SCAR' SEEKS QUEEN'S PLATE

By Ron Mitchell

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Three years ago, when Keith Lancaster returned to check on the horses at his Central Kentucky farm after eating lunch, he noticed a gash in the neck of a week-old Curlin filly.

After scouring the paddock and finding no discernible cause of the injury, he speculated the filly had been kicked by her dam, Dixie Chicken, with whom she shared the paddock.

"It looked like a footprint," said Lancaster, whose farm is near Stamping Ground, Ky. "I looked all around, at the fencing and other areas, and we never found anything. It was always kind of a mystery. It healed and left a scar on her neck."

That scar, coupled with a light pedigree page and the fact Curlin's stock was still on the upswing, are likely reasons the filly went unsold on a final bid of \$150,000 when she was offered by Lancaster at the 2016 Keeneland September Yearling Sale.

She has gone on to win half of her eight starts, including three stakes, while earning \$517,216 for trainer Catherine Day Phillips, and she is the 4-1 morning-line third choice in the June 30 Queen's Plate, the first leg of the Canadian Triple Crown.

"We're calling it our million-dollar scar," said Sean Fitzhenry,



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Dixie Moon (inside) edges Wonder Gadot to win the Woodbine Oaks

who with his wife, Dorothy, bred and races the filly now named Dixie Moon. "There was nothing wrong with her. Her vet work was perfect. But sometimes the September sale can be a beauty contest, and she does have that scar."

"She has been a very nice filly, from being a foal until now, but at the sale they have to jump through all the hoops, as they say," Lancaster noted. "Now there are a lot of people who are going back and looking at their catalogs to see what they overlooked. She was class all the way."

Under Phillips' tutelage, Dixie Moon defeated males when she won the Cup and Saucer Stakes for Canadian-breds at 1 1/16 miles on the turf and then defeated fellow Ontario-foaled fillies in the Ontario Lassie Stakes at the same distance on Tapeta as a 2-year-old. Between

the two, she was sixth in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf (G1T) at Del Mar.

Dixie Moon comes into the Queen's Plate off a victory in the Woodbine Oaks Presented by Budweiser in which the time for 1 1/8 miles was .02 seconds faster than the Plate Trial two races earlier on the same card. With fillies assigned 121 pounds, five less than males in the Queen's Plate, three of the last seven Oaks winners have taken the Queen's Plate, including Holy Helena last year.

Dixie Chicken, a daughter of Rahy bred and raced by the Fitzhenrys, earned \$201,004 and finished third in the Ontario Colleen Stakes. In addition to Dixie Moon, Dixie Chicken produced last year's Plate Trial winner, Guy Caballero, providing the female family with an additional boost.

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## FILLY WITH 'MILLION-DOLLAR SCAR' SEEKS QUEEN'S PLATE

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Minnie's Meadow—Dixie Moon's second dam—is a winning daughter of Affirmed who was purchased by Sean Fitzhenry for \$40,000 as a weanling from the Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale.

"They're all tough," Lancaster said of Dixie Moon, Dixie Chicken, and Minnie's Meadow. "They all have a mind of their own. (Dixie Moon) has the disposition of her mother. She won't back down."

"She is a very willing filly," Fitzhenry said. "The one thing you can't gauge or measure is their heart. We've had a lot of horses with talent, but they couldn't run."

Fitzhenry said he has turned down several considerable offers for the filly, but if buyers are looking for a piece of the family, they can find Dixie Moon's yearling half brother by Hard Spun in Lancaster's consignment to this year's Keeneland September sale.

Fitzhenry said he and his wife breed about 10 mares per year, usually to established sires, in consultation with agent Marette Farrell.

Sean Fitzhenry was breeder of multiple grade 1 winner Marketing Mix, a daughter of Medaglia d'Oro sold to Glen Hill Farm for \$150,000 as a Keeneland September yearling and who went on to win 10 of 21 starts and earn more than \$2 million.

"I watched (Medaglia d'Oro) win the Travers (Stakes, G1), and we bought a breeding right in him that we kept until he moved to Darley," Fitzhenry said. **BH**

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# CHRB MAKES CHANGES TO BOARD OF STEWARDS AT DEL MAR

By Jeremy Balan

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About a month after members of the California Horse Racing Board promised changes to the composition of stewards on the Southern California racing circuit, changes have indeed been made ahead of the upcoming summer meet at Del Mar.

According to the CHRB, steward Scott Chaney, who has served in that position in Southern California for more than a decade, will be the first steward shuffled in an ongoing "rotation" between the two regions.

Chaney will move to the Sonoma County Fair meet at Santa Rosa, which begins racing Aug. 2, according to CHRB executive director Rick Baedeker. Baedeker also said Chaney, who is a lawyer, will help the CHRB with "an upcoming investigation" that was in need of a lawyerly presence.

John Herbuveaux, who had been serving as a steward in Northern California, will take Chaney's place at Del Mar, which begins racing July 18.

"It's a difficult thing for any steward—picking up and going somewhere else," said Baedeker, who, with CHRB chief steward Darrel McHargue, made the change after discussing the impact with each of the state's stewards. "What we don't know is how it will affect our stewards. They've got families and obligations, and it's obviously tough to pick up and move."

Baedeker said the change in stewards was "per (the CHRB's) order." After gamblers, The Stronach Group's chief operating officer Tim Ritvo, and Thoroughbred Owners of California chairman Nick Alexander called for a change during a monthly CHRB meeting May 24, CHRB vice chair Madeline Auerbach said, "Anyone in this room who doesn't think some changes are coming, they're not reading us accurately. We're going to get it done. You will see it shortly ... as soon as everything gets ironed out."

Auerbach said Thursday she was "happy with what was done."

"I'm grateful for everyone's cooperation in this process," she said. "I think this will give us an opportunity for our stewards to perform at a high level. We listened to everybody, and I'm happy with what was done. It's a strong statement by the board that we listen."

Chaney, who is currently serving as a steward at



the Los Alamitos Race Course daytime racing meeting, largely declined to comment on the move.

"I don't (have a comment)," Chaney said. "I serve at the pleasure of the board."

Baedeker said he was "impressed" how Chaney dealt with the shift in responsibilities, and said the move was not to target Chaney specifically.

"The board didn't specify which steward to rotate," Baedeker said. "By the time we got through everyone's obligations (at home), Scott helped us out a lot. We went through each steward's personal situation to see if they could handle a move, and at the end, we explained the situation to him. I was impressed how he handled it. He was very positive, and it speaks to his professionalism. And he understands how people are going to (incorrectly) draw conclusions about this, too."

Baedeker said the process of cycling the state's stewards will continue, but he did not have a timetable for when the next shift would occur.

"It will continue, but we haven't thought much further than getting through this first part," he said. "It's going to be on a case-by-case basis. And it's not popular with the stewards."

"A lot of people think the stewards are robots, but they're real people, with real obligations." **BH**

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# HOLY HELENA BACK AT WOODBINE FOR DANCE SMARTLY

By Frank Angst

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A year after topping males in the Queen's Plate Stakes, Holy Helena will look to add to her Woodbine success—this time on turf—in the \$175,000 Dance Smartly Stakes (G2T) June 30.

The Dance Smartly is one of five stakes on Saturday's 2018 Queen's Plate Day card.

For Holy Helena, the Dance Smartly will mark her first try on the Woodbine turf after registering two wins from three stakes starts on its synthetic surface. Holy Helena prepped for last year's Queen's Plate with a score in Woodbine Oaks Presented by Budweiser, and she closed out her Canadian 3-year-old filly championship season with a runner-up finish against males in the Ontario Derby (G3).

This season, Stronach Stables' Holy Helena opened with three straight victories on turf, including a half-length score in the Sheepshead Bay Stakes (G2T) on the inner turf at Belmont Park. That win streak was snapped when the daughter of Ghostzapper finished fifth in the New York Stakes Presented by NYRA Bets (G2T) also on the inner turf at Belmont.

"She's a really nice horse," said Mike Doyle, racing manager for Stronach Stables. "Jimmy has done a great job with her. Holy Helena's been running really well for him. In four starts this year,



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Holy Helena wins the Sheepshead Bay

she has three wins. In her last one, she finished fifth, but was only beaten three lengths. She ran a very good race."

Trained by Jimmy Jerkens, Holy Helena has a 6-2-0 record from 10 starts and earnings of \$1,027,333.

A pair of Chad Brown runners will be awaiting Holy Helena in Santa Monica, who finished just a half-length behind Holy Helena when third in the Sheepshead Bay, and Inflexibility, who enters off a runner-up finish in the Beaugay Stakes (G3T) on the inner turf at Belmont.

Earlier on Saturday's Woodbine card, the \$175,000 King Edward Stakes (G2T) will feature 3-year-olds and older trying one mile on the turf.

Thomas Van Meter II and

Scott Dilworth's Tower of Texas, trained by Roget Attfield, is the 2-1 morning-line favorite in the King Edward after finishing second to Caribou Club in the Connaught Cup Stakes (G2T) June 2 on the Woodbine turf. Attfield believes Tower of Texas can build on that effort in which he attempted to rally from eighth early.

"It was a good race," Attfield said. "He's always subject to pace."

Grade 2 winner Tower of Texas is scheduled to again face Caribou Club on Saturday, along with Stronach Stables' Delta Prince, who will make his 2018 debut after earning graded stakes placings in New York and Florida last year for Jerkens. **BH**

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# COX EYES HIGHLANDER REPEAT WITH VETERAN LONG ON VALUE

By Claire Crosby

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The longevity of Long On Value can be attributed in part to Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott, who guided the son of Value Plus through his transition from dirt to turf and managed 27 of his 31 starts, including victories in the 2014 Twilight Derby (G2T) and 2015 Canadian Turf Stakes (G3T).

But credit for the 7-year-old's resurgence this season must go to Brad Cox, who sent his new contender out to a sharp score June 2 in his first start of the year—the \$75,000 Mighty Beau Overnight Stakes going five furlongs on the turf at Churchill Downs—and has Long On Value primed for a return to top company in the \$250,000

Highlander Stakes (G1T) June 30 at Woodbine.

Cox sent out Green Mask to win the 2017 Highlander, a Breeders' Cup Challenge "Win and You're In" event for the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (G1T), but the son of Mizzen Mast suffered a career-ending injury before he could make the Breeders' Cup at Del Mar. Around that time, Long On Value entered the ring at the Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale, unraced since a troubled third in the 2017 Ricoh Woodbine Mile Stakes (G1T) for Wachtel Stable, George Kerr, and Gary Barber. He brought \$100,000 from Cox on behalf of new owners Madaket Stables, Ten Strike Racing, and Steve Laymon, and was given plenty of time until his debut this month.

"We liked the horse; we knew he had some back class," Cox said. "Obviously, he's accomplished a lot and he's versatile, anywhere from five-eighths of a mile to one mile.

We thought we'd basically give him the winter off, because there's not a lot of options out there as far as races for those type of horses, and we'd start him back in the spring."

Long On Value trailed the field early in the Mighty Beau but put in a strong rally and drew off by 1 3/4 lengths for his first win since the 2016 Lucky Coin Stakes at Saratoga Race Course.

"He was training extremely well," Cox said. "Honestly, we expected a big effort from him, off the layoff, and he gave it to us. He came out of that race in outstanding shape, and he's had two really nice breezes at Churchill. I know he ran really well in the Woodbine Mile, and we're hoping he takes to the course again. He's ready for a big effort, and he's going to need one in order to win a grade 1."

Long On Value began his career with a three-race win streak and was purchased by Wachtel and Kerr with grand ambitions, but after sixths in the 2013 Hopeful Stakes (G1) and Foxwoods Champagne Stakes (G1) and a fourth in the 2014 Hutcheson Stakes (G3), found his greatest success on the lawn.

Coming into the six-furlong Highlander off a grade 2 effort is Live Oak Plantation's homebred Holding Gold, a 5-year-old gelding who has kept elite company on the grass for trainer Mark Casse.

A closing sort, Holding Gold has been compromised by difficult trips and comes into the Highlander off a wide, fourth-place finish in the six-furlong Jaipur Invitational Stakes (G2T) at Belmont Park.

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Long On Value gallops at Woodbine

# COX EYES HIGHLANDER REPEAT WITH VETERAN LONG ON VALUE

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"He ran well at Belmont," Casse said. "Three-quarters is a little short for him, when we run him on a short-turn course. I'm hoping that the three-quarters on Woodbine's turf course will be perfect for him."

Team Valor International and Gary Barber's Belvoir Bay, invading from California, is riding the crest of a three-race win streak on Santa Anita Park's 6 1/2-furlong Hillside turf course. Trained by Peter Miller, the Equiano mare defeated males April 29 in the San Simeon Stakes (G3T) and was back with her own division when she captured the Monrovia Stakes (G2T) in her last start May 28.

Corinthia Knight, a 3-year-old Irish-bred based in Lambourn, England, adds international intrigue. After rattling off four straight wins on synthetic surfaces to begin his current campaign, Corinthia Knight crossed the channel for the second time but wound up ninth as the choice in the Prix Texanita (G3) at about 5 1/2 furlongs on the turf.

"France was a bit of a disaster," said Archie Watson, who conditions Corinthia Knight and owns him along with Ontowinner. "We took him over and the ground was slated to be good to firm, but they watered and it was quite sticky ground, really. He obviously has very good form on the all-weather, but on the turf, he wants it firm.

"He's won a fair amount of prize money this year, but



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Brad Cox won the 2017 Highlander Stakes with Green Mask and returns with Long On Value

obviously a 'Win And You're In' would be great and help get us to Churchill," continued Watson. "He has won on a straight track and won over a straight five (furlongs) at Newcastle, but he does really love running off a bend, so these North American races suit him very well."

Woodbine Entertainment will offer a \$15,000 reward to the owner and \$10,000 to the trainer of the horse who accumulates the most points in a new three-race turf sprint series that launches with the Highlander, with points awarded on a scale of 10-7-5-3-2 for the top five finishers and 1 for all other participants. The \$175,000 Play the King Stakes (G2T) Aug. 25 at the Toronto oval and the \$250,000 Nearctic Stakes (G2T) Oct. 13 are the other events. **BH**

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## SAFETY UPGRADES UNDERWAY FOR BRITISH JOCKEYS

By David Baxter/Racing Post

The minimum safety requirements for jockeys' body protectors will be increased from October 1, the British Horseracing Authority announced June 30.

Following a period of industry consultation, the Level 1 model will be replaced by a Level 2 body protector. The new vest offers up to 50% better protection from direct blows such as kicks.

Some jockeys already use the Level 2 protector, and Irish jockey Ruby Walsh said: "I think there there's a huge improvement between the Level 1 and Level 2 back protectors.

"From taking heavy-enough falls riding in chases to horses landing on you, standing on you, kicking you, I find the Level 2 provides way more protection."

That view was echoed by rider Aidan Coleman, who said: "I had to wear one when I rode in Ireland about 18 months ago and when I got back to England, I immediately ordered two and have been wearing them ever since."

The body protector was introduced by the Irish racing authorities last year and the garment is expected to be adopted by French racing in 2019.

The BHA decided to wait and see if the new style of protector led to any unusual patterns of injury but no such patterns emerged, and it has been endorsed by Dr Adrian McGoldrick, senior medical officer at the Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board.

With the new vest weighing between 0.4lb and 0.6lb more than the Level 1 vest, the allowance for jockeys safety equipment at the scales will be raised to 3lb (from 2lb) from Oct. 1.



A jockey's helmet, goggles, and protective vest

Dr Jerry Hill, the BHA's chief medical adviser, said: "I'm delighted that the Level 2 vests will be introduced as they offer enhanced protection compared to the Level 1 vest, and the extra weight allowance is very welcome."

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## DEE EX BEE LOOMS LARGE IN IRISH DERBY

By Brian Sheerin/Racing Post

Frankie Dettori, bidding to ride his second Irish Derby (G1) winner June 30 when he takes the mount on Knight To Behold, has revealed he is most afraid of Dee Ex Bee and cannot understand why Saxon Warrior is such a short-priced favorite for the race.

The 47-year-old, who won the Irish Derby back in 1994 aboard Balanchine, was earlier in the week snapped up by the connections of Knight To Behold, and while he rates that colt as an interesting contender, Dettori admitted he will have his work cut out to beat Dee Ex Bee on Saturday.

He said: "I don't understand why Dee Ex Bee is not favorite for the race as he's the one I fear the most.

"He's proved at Epsom that he stays, and he's already beaten Saxon Warrior, so I can't believe how the bookmakers have priced it up. It doesn't make sense to me."

Dettori added: "The Epsom form usually stands the test of time, and I would really be more worried about Dee Ex Bee than the favorite Saxon Warrior as I think he has it all to prove again after the Derby.

"Nevertheless, Saxon Warrior is a Two Thousand Guineas (G1) winner, but to me, Dee Ex Bee is a proven stayer and the race may suit him better."

Saxon Warrior is a top-priced 8-11 shot with Paddy Power, while Dee Ex Bee is freely available at odds of 4-1.



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Dee Ex Bee finished second in the Investec Derby

Dettori's mount Knight To Behold is a general 20-1 chance.

Speaking about Knight To Behold, Dettori said: "I'm looking forward to a good run from him. He's only run four times in his life, and I'm hoping for a little bit of improvement. He's interesting.

"Prior to Epsom, he was one of the favorites for the Derby, as he beat Kew Gardens in the Lingfield Derby Trial, and that horse franked the form at Royal Ascot, so I'm hopeful."

The Italian's latest Curragh classic was recorded in effortless fashion last season when he partnered Enable to win the Darley Irish Oaks (G1) and, before that, he lit up Irish Champions Weekend when making all on Willie Mullins' Wicklow Brave to inflict a shock defeat on Order of St George in the 2016 Palmerstown House Estate Irish St Leger (G1).

Dettori will be riding at the new-look Curragh for the first time and acknowledged the racecourse will be different to what he has been used to down through the years with the two-year redevelopment taking shape quite rapidly.

He said: "It will be interesting to see the Curragh on Saturday. It should be good—Derby day, hot weather, and I'm sure it's going to be a good turnout. It has all of the ingredients to be a great day for everyone.

"I love riding there. I'm good friends with Johnny (Murtagh), and I stay with him whenever I'm riding in Ireland.

"We've got something in common in that we've both got five kids and he used to stay with me when he was riding at Newmarket and now it's me staying with him at the Curragh.

"It's a wonderful track full of tradition, and I always love coming over. Balanchine was a special horse for me because she was my first classic winner when she won the Oaks in 1994 before she went on to beat the boys in the Irish Derby.

"She's my only Irish Derby winner so far, but you got to go into every race thinking you can win, and I'll be doing the best I can to win my second on Saturday."

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## SECRET THOUGHTS BREAKS MAIDEN AT NAAS

By Martin Stevens/Racing Post

**S**ecret Thoughts—the first foal out of Chicquita, the most expensive Thoroughbred ever sold at auction in Ireland—broke her maiden on her second start in the six-furlong Irish Stallion Farms EBF Fillies Maiden at Naas June 27.

The War Front filly, saddled by Aidan O'Brien for the Coolmore partners and ridden by the trainer's son Donnacha, traveled easily, and after being asked a question a furlong from home kept on well to win by a head from the Ger Lyons-trained runner-up Rita Levi (by Kodiak).

Donnacha O'Brien said after the race: "Secret Thoughts is a lovely filly. She probably needed her first run fitness-wise, but she's one I like.

"I would rather have gone seven (furlongs) or a mile with her, but it was nice to see her do it over this trip."

Only eight years old, Chicquita has led a colorful life.

The daughter of Montjeu was bred by Ecurie des Monceaux and Skymarc Farm out of the Listed-winning Dansili mare Prudenzia—also dam of last week's Ribblesdale Stakes winner Magic Wand.

She was sold for €600,000 (\$696,720) as a yearling at Arqana to Badgers Bloodstock on behalf of unconventional Australian owner Paul Makin.

Chicquita was trained by Alain de Royer-Dupré and became notorious for an incident when on her second start she looked all set to win a conditions race at Saint-Cloud but careered into a hedge and suffered a horrendous-looking fall.

However, she was evidently unaffected by that collision as less than a month later she lined up for the Prix de Diane (Longines French Oaks, G1) as a twice-raced maiden and found only the wondermare Treve too good at Chantilly.

Chicquita then landed the Irish Oaks, but later that summer Makin sensationally decided to sell all his stock—including his well-bred classic-winning filly.

Chicquita duly became the star of the Makin dispersal at the Goffs November Sale in 2013 and was center stage of an unforgettable piece of sales ring theatre when Peter and Ross Doyle secured her for €6 million (\$6,967,200)—the



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**Secret Thoughts breaks her maiden June 27 at Naas**

highest price ever paid for a horse at auction in Ireland—on behalf of Coolmore.

The filly raced for one more season with Aidan O'Brien, adding a second placing in the Moyglare Jewels Blandford Stakes (G2) and third in the QIPCO British Champions Fillies and Mares Stakes (G1)—she might have won at Ascot but for throwing away her chance by hanging violently left—before being retired to stud.

Her first mating, which resulted in Secret Thoughts, was with Claiborne Farm flagship sire War Front—one of Coolmore's preferred outcross options for their many high-class mares by Sadler's Wells and sons Galileo and Montjeu.

War Front has repaid Coolmore's faith by being responsible for their homebred group 1 winners Roly Poly and U S Navy Flag—out of the classic-winning Galileo mare Misty For Me—and Juddmonte Middle Park Stakes (G1) runner-up Fleet Review, a son of Rip Van Winkle's sister A Star Is Born.

War Front can be expected to make a greater impact on British and Irish racing as more and more of his well-bred young progeny make it to the racecourse.

Chicquita has a yearling filly by War Front, and she visited Triple Crown hero American Pharoah last year.

Like mother, like daughter, Secret Thoughts showed a hint of Chicquita's temperament as she flashed her tail when she came under pressure before her victory at Naas.

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## RECORD PRICE AT TATTERSALLS IRELAND DERBY SALE

By BloodHorse Staff

The best was saved to nearly last at the Tattersalls Ireland Derby sale June 28 when a half brother to three-time Cheltenham Festival-winning racehorse Altior was sold for €365,000 (\$423,838), creating a new Derby sale record.

After some of the initial protagonists concluded their efforts, the bidding developed into a straight battle between Aiden Murphy, standing with Paul Shanahan and Flash Conroy, and Mags O'Toole with Eddie O'Leary. The pair dueled all the way through from €200,000, until O'Toole shook her head when asked to extend beyond €365,000 for the son of Milan (Lot 462).

Murphy was purchasing on behalf of Coolmore Stud and said: "M.V. (Magnier) has been supporting the market all week. This is a seriously lovely horse and from a hugely successful producer and by a good sire."

Figures for the two-day sale of National Hunt horses surpassed 2017's record-breaking sale with the average of €51,558 (\$59,869) equal to last year, while the median finished up at €42,000 (\$48,770) and the aggregate of €17,890,500 (\$20,774,500) was up 1% on the 2017 total of €17,755,500 (\$20,617,700).

Of the 403 horses offered, 85% changed ownership.

At the conclusion of the record-breaking Derby sale, Tattersalls Ireland managing director Roger Casey commented:

"From the outset of the sale on Wednesday morning right through to the fall of the hammer this evening, the insatiable demand for horses has resulted in the highest aggregate of €17,890,500 and joint highest average of €51,654 ever recorded at the sale since its inception in 1975, and this rapacious appetite which was observed over the last two days for quality National Hunt potential again truly underscores the Derby sale's position as the undisputed venue of choice for selling select stores." **BH**

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A half brother to Altior consigned as Lot 462 set a Tattersalls Ireland Derby sale record

# MIDNIGHT BISOU, ROAD TO VICTORY MEET IN MOTHER GOOSE

By Alicia Wincze Hughes

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The gates sprung open in the May 4 Longines Kentucky Oaks (G1), and Jeff Bloom's heart began to sink.

A few strides into the 1 1/8-mile test, the filly carrying his Bloom Racing Stable colors found herself in a world of trouble when she was squeezed at the start and got shuffled back in the 14-horse field. She recovered from that to rally around the final turn, but after being forced to go seven wide, with another bump along the way, the realization set in that one of the best efforts from Midnight Bisou would only be good enough for

minor honors.

Make no mistake, Bloom takes nothing away from that day's winner, brilliant divisional leader Monomoy Girl. That doesn't mean he doesn't still wonder what might have been if just one of the things that went sideways for Midnight Bisou during her third-place run as the Oaks favorite lined up in her favor.

"She never had a chance in the Oaks. She literally never had a chance," Bloom said. "The fact that she ran third was remarkable. She got smashed at the start, and that completely took her out of the race. At the quarter pole, she got knocked sideways. She recovered from that, and then she ended up going extremely wide.

"(Jockey) Mike (Smith) said there was never a point in the race where anything went right for her. We obviously didn't get the

win, but when we look at the race through a microscope ... it's almost one of her best races."

After switching barns and being given a break following that Kentucky Oaks run, Midnight Bisou will aim to make a return to the winner's circle June 30, when she heads up a salty edition of the \$250,000 Mother Goose Stakes (G2) at Belmont Park.

Monomoy Girl stands out in the 3-year-old filly ranks—she added a win in the June 9 Acorn Stakes (G1) to her impressive résumé—but the camp behind Midnight Bisou has every reason to think the second half of 2018 has top-level victories in her future. The daughter of Midnight Lute brought a three-race win streak into the first Friday in May, with scores in the Santa Ynez Stakes (G2), Santa Ysabel Stakes (G3), and Santa Anita Oaks (G1) this year for trainer Bill Spawr.

Following the Kentucky Oaks, the dark bay filly was transferred to the barn of Steve Asmussen. Midnight Bisou has been working steadily at Churchill Downs, including a bullet six-furlong workout in 1:12 June 18.

"Steve has been saying she's gotten strong and better," said Bloom, whose Bloom Racing campaigns Midnight Bisou in partnership with Allen Racing and Sol Kumin's Madaket Stables. "Her work two works back (were) just ridiculously strong. The Oaks was such a rough race. It was an immediate decision for us to be like ... let's have her have a chance to settle, let's skip the Acorn, and set her up for the rest of her campaign for the second half of the year.



RICK SAMUELS

Midnight Bisou is looking to bounce back from a third-place finish in the Kentucky Oaks

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## MIDNIGHT BISOU, ROAD TO VICTORY MEET IN MOTHER GOOSE

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"It feels like it's been forever just waiting for this next race, but it really wasn't that long. So we're anxious to get her back out there and let her answer the questions for herself on the racetrack."

As long as Midnight Bisou sticks to the script, the path forward according to Bloom is to get through this weekend and then work out a plan to get her to the Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff (G1), where she can aim to have better luck beneath the Twin Spires.

Turning the tables on Monomoy Girl will be among Midnight Bisou's objectives down the road—and it's something one of her Mother Goose rivals already has pulled off.

The Mark Casse-trained Road to Victory is the only horse to defeat the Kentucky Oaks winner. She bested Monomoy Girl in a thrilling duel during the Nov. 25 Golden Rod Stakes (G2) at Churchill Downs. The daughter of Quality Road went to the sideline with an injury after that and returned June 9 at Woodbine to capture the Alywow Stakes going 6 1/2 furlongs on the turf to remain unbeaten in three starts.

"We just gave her some time off, and she grew up," Casse said. "It took a little longer to get her



CHAD B. HARRISON

**Midnight Bisou at Churchill Downs**

back than I thought it would. When I knew we couldn't make the Kentucky Oaks, we came up with plan B for the Alywood and the Mother Goose. I wanted her to get a win, and she broke her maiden at Woodbine (in October), and I just thought it was a good spot that would lead up to the Mother Goose."

Casse also entered Gio Game, but the Delaware Oaks (G3) July 7 could be a target instead.

"More than likely only one is going to run," Casse said. "My idea right now is that if everything remains the same, it will be Road to Victory in the Mother Goose.

It never hurts to have two really good fillies. You never know what could happen, if one of them has a temperature or doesn't eat up, and I can decide if one of them needs an extra week."

The Dale Romans-trained Coach Rocks captured the Gulfstream Park Oaks (G2) March 31 after it took seven tries to break her maiden. The daughter of Oxbow finished seventh in the Kentucky Oaks, and she enters the 1 1/16-mile Mother Goose off a runner-up finish in the Black-Eyed Susan Stakes (G2) May 18. **BH**

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# CURLIN'S APPROVAL AIMS TO DEFEND IN PRINCESS ROONEY

By BloodHorse Staff

Alter's Racing Stable and Bridlewood Farm's Curlin's Approval earned a fees-paid berth in the \$1 million Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint (G1) last year when she drew off to a commanding 4 1/2-length victory in the \$250,000 Princess Rooney Stakes Presented by Hardacre Farm (G2) at Gulfstream Park.

Trainer Happy Alter is looking for the same result June 30 when the multiple graded stakes-winning daughter of Curlin defends her title in the seven-furlong Breeders' Cup 'Win and You're In' race on the 14-race Summit of Speed program.

With one big exception.

"This time, if we get to the Breeders' Cup, I hope she doesn't stumble out of gate," said Alter, whose homebred finished 13th after that inauspicious start of the Filly and Mare Sprint at Del Mar Nov. 4.

Curlin's Approval will seek to become the first horse to win the Princess Rooney in back-to-back years since Gold Mover in 2002-03. The 5-year-old dark bay mare enters the Princess Rooney off a three-length score in the June 3 Ana T. Stakes at Gulfstream.

Curlin's Approval finished second during her season debut in the Jan. 27 Hurricane Bertie Stakes (G3) before finishing fifth in the Feb. 19 Royal Delta Stakes, where she was involved in an early pace duel with Lewis Bay. Freshened for 3 1/2 months, she returned in the Ana T. to the winning form that produced three graded-stakes triumphs in 2017.

"She's coming into this race very similar to how she came up to the race last year when she won it," Alter said.

Curlin's Approval, scheduled to meet seven other fillies and mares, will be ridden by Luis Saez, who was aboard for her 2017 Princess Rooney score.

"Whenever you're in a graded stakes, the competition has to be respected," Alter said. "The fact that she won the Princess Rooney last year in a dramatic way, it's a nice feeling to try to do it again."

The John Servis-trained Ms Locust Point also brings graded credentials into the Princess Rooney, having romped to victory by 4 1/2 lengths in the Feb. 17 Barbara Fritchie Stakes (G2) at Laurel Park.

The 4-year-old daughter of Dialed In won her fourth straight race in the Fritchie before tasting defeat in the



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**Curlin's Approval wins the Ana T. Stakes at Gulfstream Park**

April 7 Madison Stakes (G1) at Keeneland, where she broke last of 10, rushed into contention, and faded late to finish eighth under jockey Jorge Vargas Jr.

"She got left at the break. She got left flat-footed. Then she got rank and wanted to take off and dragged Jorge up there into a pretty hot pace and burned herself out," Servis said. "Even then, she only got beat about 4 1/2 lengths."

Subsequently favored in the May 18 Skipat Stakes, Ms Locust Point finished third after setting the pace.

"It was a sloppy track, which she really doesn't care for. She won the Barbara Fritchie on an 'off' racetrack, but it was more of a wet-fast track that day, because there was snow and not rain. Even that day, Jorge said she didn't handle it like she does a regular track. She was just so much better than them. That was the big difference," Servis said. "We're hoping for a fast track."

Graded-stakes winner Rich Mommy, who finished directly behind Curlin's Approval in their last two meetings, is slated for another clash with the Alter homebred. The 4-year-old daughter of Algorithms finished third in the Jan. 27 Hurricane Bertie, 1 1/2 lengths behind runner-up Curlin's Approval, and second in the Ana T. Stakes.

After conceding two pounds to Curlin's Approval in the Ana T, Rich Mommy is slated to be in receipt of two pounds from the likely favorite Saturday.

"Her last race was a very, very good race. If they go in :22 (seconds) and :44 or :45 (for the first half-mile), I think Rich Mommy will have a very good chance," trainer Victor Barboza Jr. said. "The last race she carried 124 pounds, and in this race she only will have 119, so to me that's very important. I'm confident in her." **BH**

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## SPENDTHRIFT MANAGER NED TOFFEY CARRIES ON FARM'S LEGACY

By Meredith Daugherty

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**A**s general manager of Spendthrift Farm, Ned Toffey has a big job. Brought in to the enterprise when B. Wayne Hughes purchased the farm, Toffey holds a key role in helping to ensure one of the biggest stallion operations in Kentucky continues to thrive in an ever more demanding market. BloodHorse MarketWatch spoke with Toffey about the legacy of Spendthrift, what drives its business, and how it tailors its program to make sure clients always find maximum value.

**MarketWatch:** How did you come to Spendthrift?

**Ned Toffey:** I consider myself a broodmare manager by trade. For seven years, I was the broodmare manager at Three Chimneys Farm, and Mr. Hughes was a client. I took care of the majority of his mares. Over my years there we developed a relationship, and when he was ready to buy a farm, he asked if I would run it for him.

I think at that point in my career I was ready for



JOSEPH DIORIO

**Ned Toffey**

a change. I had always focused on the broodmare side of things, but I was very fortunate to be able to pick the brains of some very prominent people in the industry. I'll never forget John Williams (former Spendthrift Farm manager) was someone that gave me advice and said, "Learn the broodmare side of things. If you can get people's mares in foal, there will always be a job for you." When this opportunity popped up, it was just a great opportunity.

I enjoy the history of this industry, the racing, and the breeding, so it's been an honor, a privilege, and a joy to be involved with trying to restore such a historic place and bring some of that back to life.

**MW:** What drives the selection of certain stallions for Spendthrift over others? Is there more emphasis placed on commercial marketability?

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**Spendthrift Farm owner B. Wayne Hughes (left) with Ned Toffey at the Keeneland November Sale**



## SPENDTHRIFT MANAGER NED TOFFEY CARRIES ON FARM'S LEGACY

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**NT:** Considering the commercial aspect, Mr. Hughes has always raced. I think he enjoys what goes on at the farm so much that we've really scaled back the racing and focused on the farm, and the focus on the farm is standing stallions. What racing and buying young stock we do is totally focused on the idea of those horses eventually being able to fit in our stallion barn. Obviously, that's a tall order to think about that when you go to a yearling sale or even a 2-year-old in training sale, that what we are looking for is a horse that is eventually going to be a stallion for us, but that's the task.

Once the stallion operation began to take off, we realized that to get the kind of numbers that we felt we needed, we were going to have to acquire stallion prospects coming off the track. We have bred and raced some of the stallions that we stand now. We bought some as yearlings, some as 2-year-olds, and the majority we have bought either during or at the end of their racing careers.

Mr. Hughes has an expression that we use and refer to over and over: "Nobody knows." There is no way to know if a given stallion is going to be successful. We see stallions all the time that are high-priced and get the best mares and ultimately fail, and we see stallions that come seemingly out of nowhere and are successful. It's impossible to know what horse is going to be successful out of any given crop.

Our approach, with the evolution of the commercially driven market that we operate in today, is that the No. 1 thing for a stallion to be successful is he's got to have *opportunity*. That translates very simply to that he has to be able to breed a significant number

of mares to be able to come up with some runners. If a horse isn't commercial, it's very, very tough to get him the numbers he needs for a chance to be successful. We can't know which ones will be successful stallions, but we can get a pretty good feel for which ones will be popular with breeders.

The other big driving force for us is value. We have generally tried to find a horse that is maybe a little under the radar or that we can make the case for them to be a successful stallion—a horse that breeders can

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*Value may come at the higher level of the market, the middle, or the lower end but we try very hard to offer our breeders value.”*

—NED TOFFEY

find something to hang their hat on and help them understand why they'll be able to sell yearlings by that stallion. Value may come at the higher level of the market, the middle, or the lower end, but we try very hard to offer our breeders value.

I think the trend has been there is more and more emphasis on first-year stallions. Generally, you can do pretty well selling in year one, and after that you have to either be offering tremendous value or you have to get creative and find a way to entice breeders to continue to want to

breed into year two and three.

**MW:** Do you feel the market has placed a lot of pressure on stallions to perform within the first few crops or they lose their commercial viability?

**NT:** We see that over and over again. There are stallions that have been moved out of the states or sold and suddenly get hot. If you look at any stallion's career, they are going to have good and bad years. But if you're standing a stallion, he may turn out to be a good stallion, but if he has a bad year in year one, it's very difficult to overcome that. I think that it's understandable again because it has become so commercial. Breeders have so little margin for error. They just can't afford in more cases to ride with a horse that isn't getting it done right away. It's a more and more challenging market all the time for them to sell into.

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**MW:** Spendthrift stands stallions in several places in North America. What is the criteria that goes into determining which are most appropriate for what regional market?

**NT:** First of all, we are a Kentucky farm, and our first preference is to stand horses here in Kentucky. If we feel that we can get a horse a sufficient book of mares, we are going to stand him here. If we don't think there will be enough appeal among Kentucky breeders, then we look at regional markets. There are so many factors that drive it. ... Did that horse do a lot of racing in that state? Are his connections prominent there? Is that horse by a sire that was successful in a particular region? It's those kinds of things.

**MW:** In the case of international ventures like Spendthrift Australia, you have a couple North American horses standing as well as Australian. Do you find that the focus is more on catering to the regional market?

**NT:** I think years ago there were a lot of horses from America that shuttled to Australia. There were some very high-profile horses that went down there and were successful here but not successful there, so I think the Australian market has gotten a lot more discerning about what they will and won't accept. If you're trying to take a son of a stallion that wasn't successful down there, you will have a hard time attracting mares.

We've learned a lot since we've been in Australia. I think that it's such a speed-driven and precocity-driven market. I think the thing that we've seen is that the breeding industry has become stronger and stronger over the years, and I think that Australians are a little like Kentuckians: They want to have seen

a horse race, see it be successful, and be comfortable with the sire line before they invest their time, money, and a year of their mare's life in a given stallion.

I think that Australia is probably more commercially driven than our market here. I think they have very specific opinions, and horses that they've seen run moves the needle like nothing else. It's a wonderful industry, but the thing we've seen over time is that we need to offer Australian breeders local horses.

**MW:** Mr. Hughes has left an indelible impression on the industry. How has his ongoing legacy shaped Spendthrift and how it operates today?

**NT:** For people who have dealt with Mr. Hughes, something you come away with is that there is first and foremost a legacy of the highest integrity. That is absolutely paramount in the organization from Mr. Hughes's standpoint. The integrity is second to none. I think what the programs have demonstrated is Mr. Hughes' commitment to providing breeders with value and giving not just top-market breeders but middle- and lower-market breeders an opportunity to be successful and to have their programs be profitable. Without all levels of the market, we aren't going to be successful.

**MW:** Can you give us an update on Beholder? How is her first foal coming along?

**NT:** Beholder has continued to do everything right as a broodmare, just as she did on the track. She produced a beautiful first foal. He's a nice-sized colt, he's got some leg, some length, and neck. I think he'll be a good-sized, two-turn-looking horse. He's big without being overly massive, which I think is an important quality for a racehorse. We couldn't be more happy with her first effort.

She is back in foal to Curlin. Like the champion she is, she got in foal on one cover, and we believe she's carrying a filly and she couldn't be doing any better. **BH**

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### ALLOWANCE RESULTS

#### Arlington Park, Race 3, AOC

6/28, \$33,000, 3yo, f, 6f (all-weather), 1:10.92, track fast.  
1—**Pocket of Candy**, 122, b f, 3, **Twirling Candy**—Mo's Teresa, by **Momentum**, \$19,800, 0—William Stiritz, B—Ernest C. Frohboese (KY), T—Scott Becker, J—Christopher A. Emigh  
**Margin:** 2¼, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

#### Belmont Park, Race 3, AOC

6/28, \$85,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (dirt), 1:11.70, track muddy.  
1—**Nisha**, 124, dk b/br f, 4, **First Samurai**—Lily's Joy, by **Malibu Moon**, \$51,000, 0—James A. Riccio, B—Lesley Campion (KY), T—Jeremiah C. Englehart, J—Jose L. Ortiz  
**Sale History:** 2015 FTKJUL, \$55,000, 2015 KEEJAN, \$20,000.



**Margin:** 1, 5 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

#### Belmont Park, Race 6, ALW

6/28, \$77,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (dirt), 1:12.12, track muddy.  
1—**Posse Needed**, 124, b f, 4, **Caleb's Posse**—Scenic Point, by Unbridled, \$46,200, 0—Lee Lewis, B—Lee Lewis (KY), T—Mark A. Hennig, J—Irado Ortiz, Jr.  
**Margin:** neck, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

#### Belmont Park, Race 7, AOC

6/28, \$80,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (dirt), 1:11.87, track muddy.  
1—**Play Unified**, 122, gr/ro m, 5, Exchange Rate—Carson City Sham, by Carson City, \$48,000, 0—Bona Venture Stables, B—Keith Hernandez, Earl Hernandez & John Duvieilh (LA), T—George Weaver, J—Luis Saez  
**Sale History:** 2015 OBSJUN, \$55,000, 2014 KEESEP, (\$70,000 RNA).  
**Margin:** ¾, 5 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

#### Belterra Park, Race 1, ALW

6/28, \$27,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6.5f (dirt), 1:17.53, track fast.  
1—**La Nina Bronca**, 120, dk b/br m, 7, Cactus Ridge—Facts of Love, by Known Fact, \$16,200, 0—Hillburn Racing Stable LLC., B—Meadow Springs Farm, LLC (OH), T—Larry E. Smith, J—Perry Wayne Ouzts  
**Margin:** 4¾, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

#### Churchill Downs, Race 3, AOC

6/28, \$64,000, 3yo/up, 5.5f (turf), 1:06.10, course firm.  
1—**Will Call**, 123, b c, 4, Country Day—Vote Early, by **More Than Ready**, \$38,400, 0—Klein Racing, B—Richard Klein & Bert Klein (KY), T—Brad H. Cox, J—Shaun Bridgmohan  
**Margin:** head, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

#### Delaware Park, Race 8, AOC

6/28, \$40,000, 3yo/up, a9f (turf), 1:48.41, course firm.  
1—**Glorious Empire** (IRE), 120, br g, 7, **Holy Roman Emperor** (IRE)—Humble And Proud (IRE), by **Pivotal** (GB), \$24,000, 0—Matthew Schera, B—Patrick Grogan (IRE), T—James L. Lawrence, II, J—Edgar S. Prado  
**Sale History:** 2012 TATOC2, \$151,880, 2011 GOFNOF, \$26,926.  
**Margin:** 4, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

#### Evangeline Downs, Race 8, ALW

6/27, \$25,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6.5f (dirt), 1:18.33, track fast.  
1—**Suzie's Dream**, 123, b f, 4, **Tiz the One**—Mercy Sakes Alive, by Woodman, \$15,000, 0—Norman Stables, LLC, B—4M Ranch (LA), T—Lonnie Briley, J—Roberto Morales  
**Sale History:** 2015 ESLSEP, \$23,000.  
**Margin:** ¾, 8 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

#### Finger Lakes, Race 2, AOC

6/28, \$20,400, 3yo/up, 8.32f (dirt), 1:41.62, track sloppy.  
1—**Control Group**, 120, b c, 4, **Posse**—We Kept Her, by **Victory Gallop**, \$12,240, 0—Dubb, Michael and Simon, David, B—Colts Neck Stable & Alan Goldberg (NY), T—Rudy R. Rodriguez, J—John R. Davila, Jr.  
**Sale History:** 2016 OBSJUN, \$15,000, 2016 FTMMAY, (\$19,000 RNA), 2015 FTNAUG, (\$49,000 RNA), 2014 FTNOCT, \$27,000.  
**Margin:** 14¾, 5 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

#### Gulfstream Park, Race 3, AOC

6/28, \$47,000, 3yo, f, 8f (turf), 1:37.91, course firm.  
1—**American Frolic**, 118, dk b/br f, 3, **Blame**—Frolic's Revenge, by Vindication, \$24,000, 0—Stride Rite Racing Stable, Inc., B—Stride Rite Racing Stable, Inc. (KY), T—David Fawkes, J—Miguel Angel Vasquez  
**Sale History:** 2016 KEESEP, (\$60,000 RNA).



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

#### Los Alamitos Race Course, Race 7, AOC

6/28, \$45,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 5.5f (dirt), 1:03.51, track fast.  
1—**Love a Honeybadger**, 124, dk b/br f, 4, **Bushwacker**—Angela's Love, by Not For Love, \$35,100, 0—E-Racing.Com, Chu, Min Chin, Faurot, Rod and Lyons, Janet, B—Terry C. Lovingier (CA), T—Brian J. Koriner, J—Tiago Josue Pereira  
**Sale History:** 2015 BAROCT, \$10,000.  
**Margin:** 2, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### MAIDEN RESULTS

#### Churchill Downs, Race 5, MSW

6/28, \$51,000, 2yo, 6f (dirt), 1:10.83, track fast.  
1—**Tight Ten**, 118, b c, 2, **Tapit**—Devils Humor, by **Distorted**

**Humor**, \$30,600, 0—Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC, B—Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY), T—Steven M. Asmussen, J—Ricardo Santana, Jr.

**Margin:** 4¼, 12 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

#### Delaware Park, Race 4, MSW

6/28, \$34,000, 3yo/up, f/m, a5f (turf), :57.07, course firm.  
1—**Miss Deplorable**, 118, b f, 3, **Big Drama**—Usual Manner, by **Double Honor**, \$20,400, 0—Six SandBaggers Stables, B—Sorrento Oaks Farm Inc (FL), T—Baltazar Galvan, J—Keiber J. Coa

**Margin:** 3, 8 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

#### Evangeline Downs, Race 4, MSW

6/27, \$24,000, 3yo/up, a7.5f (turf), 1:31.28, course firm.  
1—**Neon Sky**, 123, b g, 5, **Custom for Carlos**—R Indy Anna, by Olmodavor, \$14,400, 0—Elaine Raby, B—Half Moon Stables, LLC (LA), T—John Ney, J—Ashley Broussard



**Margin:** ½, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

#### Gulfstream Park, Race 8, MSW

6/28, \$46,000, 3yo/up, 6f (dirt), 1:10.50, track fast.  
1—**First Mondays**, 118, ch c, 3, **Curlin**—Formalities Aside, by **Awesome Again**, \$23,400, 0—Glenangus Farm LLC, B—Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman & Milton P. Higgins III (MD), T—John C. Servis, J—Roberto Alvarado, Jr.  
**Sale History:** 2016 FTMSEP, \$450,000.

**Margin:** 3¾, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

#### Los Alamitos Race Course, Race 4, MSW

6/28, \$40,000, 2yo, f, 5f (dirt), :58.50, track fast.  
1—**Scatapult**, 122, b f, 2, **Lucky Pulpit**—Miss Scatlicious, by Scat Daddy, \$24,000, 0—C J Racing LLC, B—C J Racing, LLC (CA), T—Molly J. Pearson, J—Martin A. Pedrosa  
**Margin:** neck, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

#### Presque Isle Downs, Race 3, MSW

6/28, \$27,000, 3yo/up, 6f (all-weather), 1:09.91, track fast.  
1—**Ouzo**, 118, b c, 3, **Corfu**—Body Talk, by **French Deputy**, \$16,200, 0—Lonnie Stokes, B—Lonnie Stokes (FL), T—Lance Stokes, J—Antonio A. Gallardo

**Margin:** 9, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

## TODAY'S ENTRIES

### LADY ANGELA S.

Woodbine, Friday, June 29, Race 6

7f (all-weather), \$100,000, 3yo f, 5:35 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	Zestina	Silent Name (JPN)	3/f	Gary Boulanger	116	10/1	Stronach Stables
2	2	Line of Vision	Court Vision	3/f	Luis Contreras	123	7/2	Joey Gee Thoroughbreds
3	3	Bear Kitty	Kentucky Bear	3/f	Alan Garcia	116	20/1	Ryan S. Kerbel and Dominic Liscio
4	4	She's Got Fire	Sligo Bay (IRE)	3/f	Rafael Manuel Hernandez	116	6/1	Di Scola Boys Stable
5	5	Fairy Hill	Sligo Bay (IRE)	3/f	Jeffrey Ian Alderson	116	5/2	Bruno Schickedanz
6	6	Gosudarina	Court Vision	3/f	Eurico Rosa Da Silva	116	8/1	Goldmart Farms
7	7	Without a Doubt	Court Vision	3/f	Omar Moreno	116	15/1	Mary E. Biamonte
8	8	Rosemere	Court Vision	3/f	Patrick Husbands	116	2/1	Chiefswood Stable

**Breeders:** 1–Adena Springs; 2–Dr. B. Van Arem; 3–Bear Stables Ltd.; 4–Kingview Farms; 5–Empress Stable; 6–Goldmart Farms Inc.; 7–Ralph Biamonte; 8–Chiefswood Stables Limited.

**Trainers:** 1–Sid C. Attard; 2–Andrew Smith; 3–Denyse McClachrie; 4–Josie Carroll; 5–Norman McKnight; 6–Robert P. Tiller; 7–Ralph J. Biamonte; 8–Mark E. Casse.

### DUKE CITY SPRINT S.

Albuquerque, Friday, June 29, Race 5

5.5f (dirt), \$50,000, 3yo, 7:45 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	Istillgotit	Pioneerof the Nile	3/g	Jansen Melancon	120	4/1	Allen, Larry and Jones, John
2	2	Trooper	Gemologist	3/c	Daniel P. Vergara	120	9/2	Judge Lanier Racing (Tom McKenna et al)
3	3	Buggy Brown	Big Bad Leroybrown	3/g	Elvin Gonzalez	120	6/1	Tyree Jacqueline Wolesensky
4	4	Sphene	Bodemeister	3/c	Alfredo J. Juarez, Jr.	120	2/1	Judge Lanier Racing (Tom McKenna et al)
5	5	Colonel Pike	Colonel John	3/g	Miguel T. Fuentes, Jr.	120	3/1	Champion Racing Stable (Ricky Cundiff et al) and M. H. Carson
6	6	Secular Nation	Distorted Humor	3/g	Enrique Portillo Gomez	120	8/1	Robison, J. Kirk and Judy

**Breeders:** 1–Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding; 2–John O'Meara & WinStar Farm, LLC; 3–Old English Rancho, Sal Berumen & Patsy Berumen; 4–WinStar Farm, LLC; 5–Kim Nardelli, Rodney Nardelli & Casner Racing, LP; 6–Courtlandt Farm.

**Trainers:** 1–Justin R. Evans; 2–Miguel L. Hernandez; 3–Edward J. Kereluk; 4–Miguel L. Hernandez; 5–Dallas J. Barton; 6–Henry Dominguez.

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# UPCOMING ENTRIES

## DOMINION DAY S. (G3)

Woodbine, Sunday, July 1, Race 6

10f (all-weather), \$125,000, 3yo/up, 4:05 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Sir Dudley Digges	Gio Ponti	5/h	Patrick Husbands	121	-	Kenneth L. and Sarah K. Ramsey
2		Melmich	Wilko	7/g	Eurico Rosa Da Silva	126	-	Stephen Chesney and Cory S. Hoffman
3		Gigantic Breeze	Giant's Causeway	5/g	Gary Boulanger	123	-	Hopefield Farm
4		Black Sea (FR)	Dubai Destination	5/g	David Moran	117	-	Lou Tucci and Martha K. Gonzalez
5		Are You Kidding Me	Run Away and Hide	8/h	Rafael Manuel Hernandez	121	-	M. Riordan, R. Kirk and J. Bates
6		Dragon Bay	Parading	5/g	Jesse M. Campbell	123	-	Brent & Russell McLellan and Stuart C. Simon
7		Tiz a Slam	Tiznow	4/c	Steven Ronald Bahen	121	-	Chiefswood Stable

**Breeders:** 1–Bernard & Karen McCormack; 2–Andrew Stronach; 3–Stan Dodson; 4–Cyril Humphris; 5–John Bates, Ron Kirk, Greg McDonald & Riordan, Shaw, Sones; 6–Shawhan Place LLC; 7–Chiefswood Stables Limited.

**Trainers:** 1–Michael J. Maker; 2–Kevin Attard; 3–Alexander F. McPherson; 4–Nicholas Gonzalez; 5–Roger L. Attfield; 6–Stuart C. Simon; 7–Roger L. Attfield.

## BISON CITY S.

Woodbine, Sunday, July 1, Race 8

8.5f (all-weather), \$225,000, 3yo f, 5:06 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Katie Baby	Curlin	3/f	Eurico Rosa Da Silva	121	-	Anderson Farms Ontario Inc.
2		Hot Cash	Ghostzapper	3/f	Luis Contreras	121	-	Stronach Stables
3		Mo Big Cat	Uncle Mo	3/f	Patrick Husbands	121	-	Gary Barber
4		Safe to Say	Justin Phillip	3/f	Jerome Lermyte	121	-	Gary Barber and Windways Farm
5		Midnight Flash	Midnight Lute	3/f	Jesse M. Campbell	121	-	Terra Racing Stable
6		My Borrowed Angel	Silent Name (JPN)	3/f	Alan Garcia	121	-	Triple K Stables
7		Lunar Garden	Malibu Moon	3/f	Rafael Manuel Hernandez	121	-	Chiefswood Stable
8		Avie's Mineshaft	Mineshaft	3/f	Gary Boulanger	121	-	Ivan Dalos

**Breeders:** 1–Anderson Farms Ont. Inc.; 2–Adena Springs; 3–Sean Fitzhenry; 4–Bay Ridge Orchards Limited; 5–Terra Farms Ltd; 6–Triple K Stables; 7–Chiefswood Stables Limited; 8–Tall Oaks Farm.

**Trainers:** 1–Catherine Day Phillips; 2–James A. Jerkens; 3–Mark E. Casse; 4–Mark E. Casse; 5–Nicholas Gonzalez; 6–Michael W. Wright; 7–Stuart C. Simon; 8–Josie Carroll.

## ZADRACARTA S.

Woodbine, Sunday, July 1, Race 4

7f (turf), \$100,000, 3yo/up f/m, 2:57 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Sparkles' Girl	Society's Chairman	5/m	Slade Callaghan	119	-	C. E. C. Farms
2		Listenlindalisten	Court Vision	4/f	Patrick Husbands	121	-	Conrad Farms
3		Jennifer Lynnette	Elusive Quality	5/m	Patrick Husbands	119	-	Conrad Farms
4		Inspired Vow	Broken Vow	4/f	Rafael Manuel Hernandez	117	-	Breeze Easy, LLC
5		Sugar Jones	Old Forester	5/m	Alan Garcia	117	-	Theodore F. Burnett
6		Niigon's Eclipse	Niigon	5/m	Gary Boulanger	121	-	Chiefswood Stable
7		Dublin Diva	Leroidesanimaux (BRZ)	5/m	Luis Contreras	117	-	Bruno Schickedanz
8		Red Cabernet	Signature Red	4/f	Omar Moreno	117	-	Piano Bar Racing
9		Crumlin Spirit	Court Vision	5/m	David Moran	117	-	Dura Racing & M.J.Doyle Racing Stables Ltd.
10		Silent Sonet	Silent Name (JPN)	4/f	Eurico Rosa Da Silva	119	-	Ivan Dalos

**Breeders:** 1–Spring Farm; 2–Anthony B. Russo & Leslie L. Russo; 3–Christine Katherine Hayden; 4–Josham Farms Limited; 5–Hope Stock Farm; 6–Chiefswood Stables Limited; 7–Adena Springs; 8–Paul Buttigieg; 9–William D. Graham; 10–Tall Oaks Farm.

**Trainers:** 1–John Charalambous; 2–Mark E. Casse; 3–Mark E. Casse; 4–Norman McKnight; 5–Michael Mattine; 6–Rachel Halden; 7–Norman McKnight; 8–Ian Black; 9–Michael J. Doyle; 10–Nicholas Gonzalez.

## UPCOMING ENTRIES

### SAGINAW S.

Belmont Park, Sunday, July 1, Race 3  
8.5f (dirt), \$100,000, 4yo/up, 2:37 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Wine Not	First Dude	5/g	Kendrick Carmouche	118	-	West Point Thoroughbreds
2		Pat On the Back	Congrats	4/c	Dylan Davis	118	-	Harold Lerner LLC, AWC Stables and Nehoc Stables
3		Hit It Once More	Hard Spun	5/h	John R. Velazquez	124	-	Yellow Moon Stable
4		Can You Diggitt	Tiznow	4/c	Junior Alvarado	120	-	Chester and Mary Broman, Sr.
5		Twisted Tom	Creative Cause	4/g	Javier Castellano	122	-	Cobra Farm, Inc., R R Partners and Head of Plains Partners LLC

**Breeders:** 1–Frank Hopewell Runner's Dream Farm; 2–Sugar Maple Farm; 3–JMJ Racing Stables, LLC; 4–Chester Broman & Mary R. Broman; 5–Dr. William B. Wilmot & Dr. Joan M. Taylor.

**Trainers:** 1–George Weaver; 2–Jeremiah C. Englehart; 3–Gary Sciacca; 4–James A. Jerkens; 5–Chad C. Brown.

### IRISH DAY S.

Emerald Downs, Sunday, July 1, Race 6  
8.5f (dirt), \$50,000, 3yo f, 4:38 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Ca Dreamer	Tale of the Cat	3/f	Javier Matias	117	-	Moger Inc., Neary Racing Inc., Heeg, Vince J. and Willoughby, Scott L.
2		Downwind	Curlin	3/f	Jose Luis Zunino	117	-	Ten Broeck Farm
3		Princessof the Nyl	Pioneerof the Nile	3/f	Kevin E. Orozco	117	-	Muddy Waters Stables LLC
4		Ima Happy Cat	Smiling Tiger	3/f	Rocco Bowen	123	-	Sue & Tim Spooner
5		Bella Mia	Harbor the Gold	3/f	Julien Couton	123	-	John & Janene Maryanski
6		Diamonds R	Alternation	3/f	Leonel Camacho-Flores	117	-	George Todaro
7		Assemble	Bodemeister	3/f	Austin B. Solis	117	-	Peter Redekop B. C., Ltd.

**Breeders:** 1–Kingview Farms; 2–Machmer Hall; 3–Guy Snowden & Diane Snowden; 4–Dale Mahlum; 5–Mr. & Mrs. William T. Griffin; 6–Nicholas M. Lotz; 7–T. F. Van Meter & Fox Straus.

**Trainers:** 1–Ed Moger, Jr.; 2–Blaine D. Wright; 3–Michael Puhich; 4–Dan L. Markle; 5–Blaine D. Wright; 6–Tom Wenzel; 7–Blaine D. Wright.

### OPELOUSAS S.

Evangeline Downs, Friday, July 6, Race 7  
8f (turf), \$50,000, 3yo/up f/m, 8:38 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Holiday's Angel	Harlan's Holiday	4/f	Roberto Morales	116	-	Keene Thoroughbreds LLC (Danny Keene)
2		Safari Calamari	Half Ours	6/m	Emanuel Nieves	116	-	Brittlyn Stable Inc. (Evelyn Benoit)
3		Kiss That Dude	First Dude	4/f	Filemon T. Rodriguez	118	-	Wayne T. Davis
4		Americium	Brilliant Speed	4/f	Timothy Thornton	118	-	M & M Racing (Mike Sisk)
5		Operatic	Big Drama	4/f	Ashley Broussard	116	-	Sandra New
6		Bermuda Star	Star Guitar	4/f	Diego Saenz	116	-	Brittlyn Stable Inc. (Evelyn Benoit)
7		Sashimi Blaster	Quality Road	4/f	Shaun Bridgmohan	116	-	Whispering Oaks Farm LLC (Carol Castille) and Relentless Racing LLC (Chad and Misty Dugar)
8		Reine des Animaux	Pioneerof the Nile	5/m	Colby J. Hernandez	116	-	Whispering Oaks Farm, LLC (Carrol Castille)
9		Mi Copa Rebosa	My Pal Charlie	4/f	Thomas L. Pompell	116	-	Orange Grove Thoroughbreds, Inc (John E. Kent, III)

**Breeders:** 1–Elm Racing, LLC; 2–Brittlyn Stables, Inc.; 3–Maverick Stables, Inc.; 4–Jose Luis Espinoza; 5–Verbarctic Farm; 6–Tom Curtis & Wayne Simpson; 7–Relentless Racing LLC; 8–Keith Plaisance; 9–Orange Grove Thoroughbreds, Inc..

**Trainers:** 1–Allen Milligan; 2–Jose M. Camejo; 3–Shane Wilson; 4–Karl Broberg; 5–Brett A. Brinkman; 6–Victor Arceneaux; 7–Steven B. Flint; 8–Steven B. Flint; 9–Scott Gelner.

## TOP HORSES

Listed below are the top 10 leading horses by 2018 North American earnings through June 27, 2018. Racing statistics are 2018 North American only.

Rank	Name	Starts	Wins	Places	Shows	Earnings	Win%	WPS%
1	Gun Runner	1	1	0	0	\$7,000,000	100%	100%
2	Justify	6	6	0	0	\$3,798,000	100%	100%
3	West Coast	1	0	1	0	\$1,600,000	0%	100%
4	Monomoy Girl	4	4	0	0	\$1,359,200	100%	100%
5	Gunnevera	1	0	0	1	\$1,300,000	0%	100%
6	Fear the Cowboy	4	0	0	3	\$1,203,500	0%	75%
7	Magnum Moon	5	4	0	0	\$1,177,800	80%	80%
8	Good Magic	4	1	1	1	\$1,128,400	25%	75%
9	War Story	4	1	2	0	\$1,017,000	25%	75%
10	Audible	3	2	0	1	\$1,003,520	67%	100%

## TOP TRAINERS

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Rank	Name	Starts	Wins	Places	Shows	Earnings	Win%	WPS%
1	Steven M. Asmussen	936	196	173	148	\$15,686,499	21%	55%
2	Todd A. Pletcher	487	124	78	68	\$11,046,227	25%	55%
3	Bob Baffert	189	57	34	27	\$10,586,902	30%	62%
4	Chad C. Brown	340	98	70	42	\$9,765,760	29%	62%
5	Brad H. Cox	422	123	70	45	\$6,678,246	29%	56%
6	Mark E. Casse	550	110	82	71	\$6,564,595	20%	48%
7	Karl Broberg	964	270	170	120	\$4,144,874	28%	58%
8	Michael J. Maker	543	92	71	70	\$3,979,337	17%	43%
9	Doug F. O'Neill	348	62	59	48	\$3,709,514	18%	49%
10	Linda Rice	318	73	55	47	\$3,647,714	23%	55%

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## TOP JOCKEYS

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Rank	Name	Starts	Wins	Places	Shows	Earnings	Win%	WPS%
1	Florent Geroux	526	108	84	61	\$13,079,941	21%	48%
2	Jose L. Ortiz	720	135	111	105	\$11,858,247	19%	49%
3	Irad Ortiz, Jr.	787	177	146	110	\$11,043,845	22%	55%
4	Javier Castellano	498	102	99	67	\$9,958,390	20%	54%
5	Luis Saez	714	137	107	124	\$9,167,670	19%	52%
6	John R. Velazquez	351	81	50	33	\$8,305,912	23%	47%
7	Mike E. Smith	129	29	22	15	\$7,759,164	22%	51%
8	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	496	100	79	72	\$7,075,547	20%	51%
9	Manuel Franco	598	115	103	93	\$6,910,082	19%	52%
10	Tyler Gaffalione	711	132	109	108	\$6,010,724	19%	49%