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FAVORED GAMINE DRAWS POST 5 FOR KENTUCKY OAKS

By Evan Hammonds

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Nine passed the entry box for the Sept. 4 Longines Kentucky Oaks (G1), but the focus during the draw Aug. 31 was clearly on the top two choices: Gamine and Swiss Skydiver. Gamine (even money on the morning line) drew post 5 and Swiss Skydiver (8-5) will be asked to break from the rail.

The Oaks, worth \$1.25 million and run for 3-year-old fillies at nine furlongs, will go as Race 12 on a 13-race program at Churchill Downs. Both the Oaks and the following day's Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve (G1) were delayed from the first weekend in May to Labor Day weekend due to COVID-19. The four-month swing has allowed for 3-year-olds to develop more form ... and the form for the top two has been incredibly strong.

Michael Lund Petersen's
Gamine has been brilliant
sprinting—winning the one-mile
Longines Acorn Stakes (G1) at
Belmont Park and seven-furlong
Longines Test Stakes (G1) at
Saratoga Race Course—while
Peter Callahan's Swiss Skydiver
has proved worthy around two
turns, most recently with a
monster win in the 10-furlong
Alabama Stakes (G1).

Gamine is trained by Bob Baffert, a three-time Oaks winner with Silverbulletday (1999), Plum Pretty (2011), and Abel Tasman (2017).

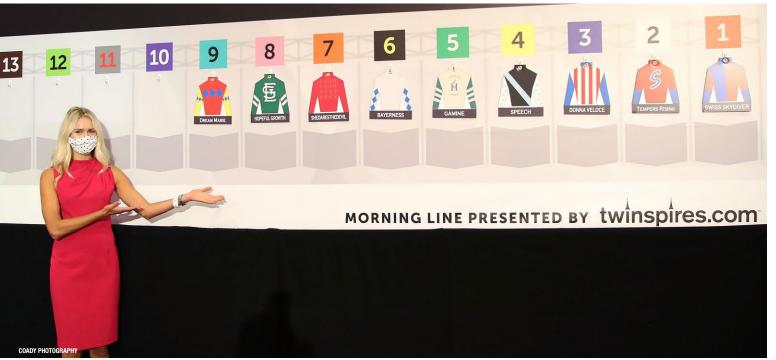
"I like (post) 5," Baffert said.
"Being in the middle is always
good. Right now the most
important thing is that she ships
well, that she relaxes, gets in there
and breaks well. She's training
really well. We still have a few more
hurdles, I'm happy with that spot."

A striking daughter of Into Mischief—Peggy Jane, by Kafwain, Gamine was bred by Grace Thoroughbred Holdings. A \$220,000 Keeneland September Yearling Sale graduate, she was a standout \$1.8 million purchase by Petersen at last year's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale. Donato Lanni signed the ticket.

She had plenty to prove at that price and has finished first in all four of her starts. Her lone start around two turns came at Oaklawn Park where she was a neck ahead of Speech at the end of 1 1/16 miles, but was later disqualified for failing a post-race drug test. Her connections are appealing that disqualification.

Gamine returned to one-turn racing and has been brilliant, winning the Acorn by 18 3/4 lengths and the Test by seven. She earned 117 and 111 Equibase Speed Figures, respectively. Swiss Skydiver, Speech, and Donna Veloce are the only others in the field that have posted a triple-digit ESF.

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A field of nine is set for the Sept. 4 Longines Kentucky Oaks





November 29 2020 | Tokyo Racecourse 1½ miles Turf 3yo & up

Free Nomination Close: October 13 2020

Purse: JPY 648,000,000/ USD 5,892,000*



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Purse: JPY 281,800,000/ USD 2,563,000*

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FAVORED GAMINE DRAWS POST 5 FOR KENTUCKY OAKS

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John Velazquez, aboard for Gamine's past two blowout victories, will be aboard for the Kentucky Oaks. She has been the frontrunner in all four wins, but Baffert did not commit her to the lead in pursuit of the lilies.

"You know, I'll leave that up to Johnny (Velazquez)," he said. "It depends on how she breaks. But she's really quick. She's really quick away from there. She's just fast, she's really fast. I'm not even thinking about that though, right now. We're just focused on getting there, getting settled in, handling everything well. We still have a long way to go."

Swiss Skydiver's last six starts have been around two turns and the daughter of Daredevil has won four of the last five. Her lone defeat came to Art Collector when second against the boys July 11 in the Toyota Blue Grass Stakes (G2) at Keeneland. It was 4 3/4 lengths back to third-place finisher Rushie at the end of nine furlongs.

Callahan paid \$35,000 for her from Select Sales at the Keeneland September Yearling Sale. Bred by WinStar Farm, she is out of the Johannesburg mare Expo Gold. Her victory in the June 6 Santa Anita Oaks (G2) came from post 1.

Tyler Gaffalione will ride Swiss Skydiver in the Kentucky Oaks.



Swiss Skydiver trains Aug. 31 at Churchill Downs

"Tyler is a great jock and we'll probably let him do his thing," McPeek said. "From the inside, we'll let her run to the first turn. It only takes one horse to get off a little awkward to change everything.

"It's a tough race to win," he said. "I learned that with Take Charge Lady. She was 8-5 here years back (2002) and got upset by Farda Amiga. There's no guarantees, but my filly is doing super."

Both fillies will have to do super to win. There will strong support for others such as Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Madaket Stable's Speech (5-1), a three-length winner of the Central Bank Ashland Stakes (G1) at Keeneland; Kaleem Shah, Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor, and Derrick Smith's Donna Veloce (15-1); and July 8 Indiana Oaks (G3) winner Shedaresthedevil (20-1), another daughter of Daredevil. BH

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LONGINES KENTUCKY OAKS (G1)

Churchill Downs, Sep 4, Race 12 9f (dirt), \$1,250,000, 3YO F, 5:45 PM (local)

PP	Horse	Sire	Dam	Trainer	Jockey
1	Swiss Skydiver	Daredevil	Expo Gold	Kenneth G. McPeek	Tyler Gaffalione
2	Tempers Rising	Bayern	Marchmont	Dallas Stewart	Julien R. Leparoux
3	Donna Veloce	Uncle Mo	Coin Broker (IRE)	Simon Callaghan	Ricardo Santana, Jr.
4	Speech	Mr Speaker	Scribbling Sarah	Michael W. McCarthy	Javier Castellano
5	Gamine	Into Mischief	Peggy Jane	Bob Baffert	John R. Velazquez
6	Bayerness	Bayern	Weight No More	Cherie DeVaux	Rafael Bejarano
7	Shedaresthedevil	Daredevil	Starship Warpspeed	Brad H. Cox	Florent Geroux
8	Hopeful Growth	Tapiture	Maiden America	Anthony R. Margotta, Jr.	Manuel Franco
9	Dream Marie	Graydar	Lin Marie	Matthew J. Williams	Joseph Talamo

Owners: 1-Peter J. Callahan; 2-Mark H. and Nancy W. Stanley; 3-Kaleem Shah, Inc. (Kaleem Shah), Mrs. John Magnier, Michael B. Tabor and Derrick Smith; 4-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners (Aron Wellman), Madaket Stables, LLC (Sol Kumin and Jason Monteleone) and Heider Family Stables, LLC (Scott Heider); 5-Michael Lund Petersen; 6-Belladonna Racing, LLC (Porsche Brooks); 7-Qatar Racing, Ltd. (Robert Levitt), Flurry Racing Stables, LLC (Staton C. Flurry) and Big Aut Farms (Autry Lowry, Jr.); 8-St. Elias Stable (Vincent Viola); 9-Miracle's International Trading, Inc. (Mark Williams, Andrea Williams, Shari Williams and Matthew J. Williams).

Breeders: 1-WinStar Farm, LLC; 2-Dr. Bryan Boone DVM; 3-Coin Broker Syndicate; 4-Gail Rice; 5-Grace Thoroughbred Holdings LLC; 6-Machmer Hall; 7-WinStar Farm, LLC; 8-Phillips Racing Partnership; 9-Wynnstay LLC & GWR LLC.

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	Stallion, YOB (Sire)	Chief Earner	Rnrs/	BT	Rnrs/	BT		Turf %
Rank	Farm, Stud Fee	(Earnings)	Wnrs	SWs	Wnrs	SWs	'20 Earnings	Earnings
1	English Channel, '02, (Smart Strike) Calumet Farm, KY, \$35,000	Cross Border \$351,450	200 / 70	8	153 / 44	7	\$2,754,005	83%
2	Kitten's Joy, '01, (El Prado) Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY, \$75,000	Sadler's Joy \$146,800	316 / 104	3	191 / 48	0	\$2,219,233	71%
3	More Than Ready, '97, (Southern Halo) WinStar Farm, KY, \$80,000	Rushing Fall \$540,000	211 / 72	5	118/30	4	\$2,171,489	66%
4	The Factor, '08, (War Front) Lane's End, KY, \$17,500	Factor This \$460,250	253 / 102	5	139 / 45	3	\$2,166,370	53%
5	Into Mischief, '05, (Harlan's Holiday) Spendthrift Farm, KY, \$175,000	Bemma's Boy \$157,040	337 / 129	23	142 / 38	6	\$2,075,590	23%
6	Uncle Mo, '08, (Indian Charlie) Ashford Stud, KY, \$125,000	Hendy Woods \$139,300	264 / 113	16	122 / 40	7	\$2,028,627	32%
7	Declaration of War, '09, (War Front) JBBA Stallion Station, JPN, 2,300,000 Yen	Gufo \$245,110	177 / 70	7	84 / 25	5	\$1,831,341	62%
8	War Front, '02, (Danzig) Claiborne Farm, KY, \$250,000	Halladay \$305,740	169 / 54	10	71 / 19	5	\$1,639,290	75%
9	Giant's Causeway, '97, (Storm Cat) N/A, Died	United \$400,000	128 / 43	4	67 / 20	2	\$1,462,344	56%
10	City Zip, '98, (Carson City) N/A, Died	American Sailor \$151,790	183 / 85	7	93 / 24	3	\$1,399,337	35%

Listed above are the top 10 leading sires by 2020 North American turf earnings through August 30, 2020. Only stallions that stand, will stand, or stood in North America (excluding stallions that died or were exported prior to the 2016 breeding season), and have runners in North America are included.



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Rank	Stallion, YOB (Sire) Farm, Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SW/ SHs	Chief Earner (Earnings)	'20 Earnings
1	Central Banker, '10, (Speightstown) McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, NY, \$7,500	88 / 31	1 / 4	Bankit \$175,850	\$1,640,250
2	Big Brown, '05, (Boundary) Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions, NY, \$5,000	115 / 35	2/3	Funny Guy \$133,500	\$1,455,339
3	Freud, '98, (Storm Cat) Sequel Stallions New York, NY, \$6,500	90 / 23	5/7	Dot Matrix \$141,500	\$1,179,158
4	Mission Impazible, '07, (Unbridled's Song) Sequel Stallions New York, NY, \$5,000	83 / 28	2/3	Dream Bigger \$106,350	\$1,024,657
5	Bellamy Road, '02, (Concerto) Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions, NY, \$5,000	100 / 37	0/0	Young Bull \$55,930	\$997,543
6	Bustin Stones, '04, (City Zip) Waldorf Farm, NY, \$5,000	52 / 19	1/1	Jakarta \$119,170	\$924,318
7	Courageous Cat, '06, (Storm Cat) Questroyal North, NY, \$2,500	67 / 21	0/0	Our Last Buck \$68,210	\$597,042
8	Frost Giant, '03, (Giant's Causeway) Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions, NY, \$2,500	54 / 14	0/0	Smithwick's Spice \$61,875	\$478,591
9	Giant Surprise, '09, (Giant's Causeway) Rockridge Stud, NY, \$4,000	32 / 15	0/0	Groovy Surprise \$56,250	\$435,996
10	Forty Tales, '10, (Tale of the Cat) N/A	27 / 7	1/1	Captain Bombastic \$158,200	\$412,799

Listed above are the top 10 leading sires in New York by 2020 Northern Hemisphere earnings through August 30, 2020. Only stallions that stand, will stand, or stood in North America (excluding stallions that died or were exported prior to the 2016 breeding season), and have runners in North America are included. Racing statistics are 2020 Northern Hemisphere only.

By Frank Angst

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Noting that a Washington Post column calling for the end of horse racing helped him realize the sport was facing some difficult times, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, a Kentucky Republican, said Aug. 31 that he would introduce legislation in the U.S. Senate to promote fairness and increase safety in the sport.

The McConnell bill, the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act, will be introduced in September and is similar to bipartisan legislation that has been proposed on the House side by Congressmen Andy Barr (Republican-Kentucky) and Paul Tonko (Democrat-New York) in various forms since 2015. Barr said the most recent form of that bill, the Horseracing Integrity Act of 2019, will be reshaped to mirror McConnell's legislation.

While the House bill called for an independent group to regulate medication rules, policies, testing, and sanctions, the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act would add track safety to the mix under the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority: an independent, non-governmental regulatory body. The new legislation was outlined by McConnell, Barr, and leaders from Churchill

Downs Inc., Keeneland, and Breeders' Cup in an Aug. 31 press conference at Keeneland.

While both plans called for independent panel members, the Authority would be selected by a blue ribbon panel, as opposed to the House legislation that gave the United States Anti-Doping Agency say in forming the panel. The blue ribbon panel would select nine members without direct ties to the sport—four of the nine spots would be filled through industry recommendations—and even those four spots will not have current ties to the sport. The Authority would then shape policies and have USADA carry out those initiatives.

Another key difference in the McConnell bill is that it provides a compromise compared with earlier bills that would have outlawed the use of race-day Lasix. While the new bill would still outlaw the use of race-day Lasix, states would be allowed to request a three-year waiver for some races in which they'll be allowed to continue to allow the use of the diuretic used to prevent or reduce the severity of exercise-induced pulmonary hemorrhage. That waiver would not apply to races for 2-year-olds or stakes races, which would not allow Lasix. (Many major tracks and jurisdictions currently do not allow Lasix in juvenile races and plan to expand that prohibition in 2021 to stakes races.)

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Mitch McConnell (center) introduces the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act at Keeneland

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The changes helped bring prominent track owner Churchill Downs Inc. on board. McConnell said the parties met by phone in the spring to hammer out a plan. CDI CEO Bill Carstanjen noted the track owner wasn't far off from supporting previous legislation.

"We were really always on the same page in terms of, 'Something really needed to be done.' It was just a question of how you do it and how to ensure the longevity of what you're doing," Carstanjen said. "So independence and getting clarity of roles between those enforcing and administering rules and regulations versus those that are creating the rules and regulations. All those detailed issues were things we talked about over the last few years."

McConnell said because there is bipartisan support, there could be movement on the bill as early as this year, perhaps after the November elections. Opinions like the Washington Post column followed after a rash of breakdowns at Santa

Anita Park last year and federal indictments this year of nearly 30 people in horse racing, including prominent trainers Jason Servis and Jorge Navarro, on charges related to giving horses performanceenhancing substances.

McConnell noted that without the sport, Kentucky would lose thousands of jobs.

"Kentucky is proud of our distinct horseracing traditions. We must address the challenges the sport faces so we can preserve our heritage and the jobs of over 24,000 Kentuckians who support it," said Senator McConnell. "As Senate Majority Leader, I look

forward to working with Congressman Barr and our colleagues across the aisle on our legislation to give federal recognition to the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority. Together, we can better protect



Churchill Downs Inc. CEO Bill Carstanjen

every competitor and give each of them a fair shot at the winner's circle."

A number of industry participants and groups issued statements on the proposed legislation. Those follow below:

Craig Fravel, CEO of 1/ST Racing

"1/ST RACING is committed to achieving the

highest level of horse care and safety standards in Thoroughbred racing and we strongly urge Congress to consider the adoption of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act that will introduce national policies to control medication and regulate antidoping in the sport of horseracing.

"At 1/ST RACING our priority is to ensure the safety of our horses and riders and we believe that the investment into equine health and safety is not only the right thing to do, it is crucial to the future of Thoroughbred horseracing. The Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act recognizes that industry stakeholders including the owners, trainers, breeders, jockeys, and racetrack

operators must be unified toward a new standard of equine health, safety, and welfare."

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-SEN. MITCH MCCONNELL

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NYRA president and CEO Dave O'Rourke

"NYRA has long supported a national approach to medication control and anti-doping across the sport of horse racing. The safety and welfare of the athletes competing at NYRA tracks is our highest priority, which is why NYRA supports the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act and urges quick consideration by Congress.

"NYRA is committed to providing the safest possible environment for racing and training by adopting and implementing the best proven safety practices in consultation with independent experts, veterinarians, horsemen and regulators."

Joe Appelbaum, president of the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association

"Horsemen should view today's developments with the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act with hope. It's been clear for a generation that a systematic approach to equine welfare is needed and this effort is a big step in that direction. The broad changes proposed today by Senator McConnell are a significant improvement on previous drafts of legislation and I'd like to personally commend the industry participants for working together to overcome their differences. "The real work starts now, as we will need to not only pass this legislation but actually implement its proposals. NYTHA looks forward to working with all parties to ensure that horse racing has a worthy system ensuring the safety of our equine athletes and a level playing field. Our primary stakeholders, horsemen and bettors, deserve nothing less."

Sen. Mitch McConnell

"I'm proud to be joined by prominent horse racing leaders in Kentucky as they take the courageous step to increase nationwide safety standards for horses, jockeys, trainers, breeders, and fans. I'm grateful to Congressman Andy Barr for his strong leadership on this important issue."

Rep. Andy Barr

"Today's announcement is the culmination of years of work and negotiation to develop uniform racing standards under one independent regulatory body. The future of the sport depends on fair competition, a level playing field across state lines, as well as the safety and welfare of our equine and human athletes. Now is the time for the horse racing industry to embrace change that will attract a new generation of fans and solidify the future of this special sport. I want to thank Leader McConnell for his partnership on this effort and I look forward to moving this legislation across the finish line."

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Bill Thomason, president and CEO of Keeneland

"This groundbreaking legislation and the collaborative effort behind it speaks to the commitment those of us in the Thoroughbred industry have to establish uniform safety and integrity standards across the U.S. and bring American racing in line with international guidelines. We applaud the leadership of Sen. McConnell and Congressman Barr, who share our passion for horse racing and a dedication to strengthening the future of this great sport."

Bill Carstanjen, CEO of Churchill Downs Inc.

"It is critical to the future of Thoroughbred racing that the safety and integrity of our sport be governed by world-class, uniform standards across the United States. The leadership of Sen. McConnell and Congressman Barr has been instrumental in our shared goal of bringing the Thoroughbred industry together to achieve this goal."



Congressman Andy Barr

Drew Fleming, president and CEO of Breeders' Cup

"This legislation gives us an opportunity to make the single most significant and far-reaching safety and integrity enhancement in the history of Thoroughbred racing by bringing our sport into the 21st century and protecting its future for generations to come.

"While there is more work to do both in Congress and in the racing community, we are now on the path to a safer and more transparent sport thanks to Sen. McConnell's leadership and ability to bring people together around this important non-partisan issue. It has been a privilege to work with Congressman Andy Barr, my chairman Fred Hertrich, and my trusted counterparts at Churchill Downs and The Jockey Club, among many others, to contribute to this initiative for the betterment of our industry."

Stuart Janney III, chairman of The Jockey Club

"The Jockey Club has long pursued a collaborative solution within our industry to establish national reforms ensuring clean competition and improved safety for horses and humans alike. We express our sincere thanks to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and organizations such as Breeders' Cup, Churchill Downs Inc., Keeneland, New York Racing Association, and The Stronach Group for working so closely with us on this legislation. We strongly believe that the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act is vital to developing uniform and effective medication and safety regulations that will enhance the integrity and safety of American horse racing and improve the sport.

"We also applaud Reps. Paul Tonko (D-NY) and Andy Barr (R-KY) and Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and Martha McSally (R-AZ) for their support and devotion to horse racing and for introducing the original bill into the House and Senate. We will continue to work closely with Congressional cosponsors, industry stakeholders, and animal welfare organizations in our pursuit of national, uniform standards for drugs, medication, and safety in horse racing."

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Staci Hancock, managing member of Water Hay Oats Alliance

"Without federal legislation mandating that USADA enact 'clean' drug rules, reliable testing, qualified labs, and strict penalties for violators, the sport of American horse racing faces an uncertain future. With Sen. McConnell's leadership and the continued efforts of Reps. Andy Barr and Paul Tonko in the House, WHOA's members look forward to the day when our great sport can rebuild its reputation, protect our beloved horses and their jockeys, and reclaim racing's place as one of America's top spectator sports."

Kitty Block, CEO of the Humane Society of the United States

"Senate Majority Leader McConnell has stepped up to end widespread doping in American horse racing and to address racetrack safety, the key contributing factors to fatalities on American racetracks. We cannot continue to look the other way when a racehorse is severely injured or killed during training or a race. This measure will advance necessary reforms that will make or break horseracing in the United States."

Eric Hamelback, CEO of the National

Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association

Today, U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell announced his plans to introduce legislation that purports to set national standards to promote fairness, transparency, and increased safety in Thoroughbred racing.

Sen. McConnell claims to have found compromise within the industry, yet no representative horsemen's groups, horseplayers, or veterinary leadership organizations seem to have been consulted in the collaboration. The National HBPA represents close to 30,000 owners and trainers who want nothing more than increased safety and integrity to secure the strength of the business and our industry.

The greatest concern of the National HBPA is protecting the health and safety of horses. If Sen. McConnell is serious about hearing from tens of thousands of real Kentuckians, as well as horsemen across the country, we stand ready to meet with him. We certainly hope he will meet with us since those pushing this bill have mischaracterized the industry and our views in the past.

As CEO, I can tell you we were never consulted on the recently-announced Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act. Contrary to an erroneous statement made by another elected official at today's announcement, the HBPA was not made aware of any "compromise" negotiations until a deal had already been reached, nor has the board of the National HBPA even been asked for its support.

Because the legislative text has not yet been released, the National HBPA will reserve final judgement, but we caution our elected leaders to not be misled by the wealthy few who continue to promote federal legislation in service to their own, private interests. Based on what we heard today, we are concerned these elite few continue to hold the reins. BH



Breeders' Cup president and CEO Drew Fleming

MAX PLAYER TOPS KENTUCKY DERBY ACTIVITY AT CHURCHILL

By Byron King

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Though COVID-19 has changed much in racing this year, Steve Asmussen's training preparation leading into the Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve (G1) has maintained its usual routine.

At Churchill Downs Aug. 31, he watched his charge Max Player post a half-mile workout under exercise rider Juan Vargas in :49 4/5, the type of moderate breeze the Hall of Fame trainer regularly seeks from his stakes horses the Monday before a Saturday start. This followed a quicker five-furlong drill a week earlier in :59 3/5 that was more testing.

The Sept. 5 Derby, run without fans, will mark Max Player's first start for Asmussen. The 3-year-old son of Honor Code was transferred to him after a third-place finish in the Runhappy Travers Stakes (G1). The colt, owned by George Hall and SportBLX Thoroughbreds, also ran third in the Belmont Stakes Presented by NYRA Bets (G1) and won the Withers Stakes (G3) in February for prior trainer Linda Rice.

Hall chose to move him to Asmussen after the Travers, saying he wanted to have the horse train at Churchill Downs. Asmussen has a large local division, while Rice is based in New York.

"Extremely excited about how he is going to run in the Derby," said Asmussen. "I love how he looks going over the racetrack here. He came in with a great attitude and traveling well and he still is."

Asmussen calls Tiz the Law, who is scheduled to arrive in Louisville Sept. 1 along with other horses from New York, a deserving favorite. Tiz the Law has twice decisively beaten Max Player—by 7 1/2 lengths in the Travers and 5 1/4 lengths in the Belmont.

The trainer has also beaten Tiz the Law, though with a different colt. Ed and Susie Orrs' Silver Prospector upset Tiz the Law in the last fall's Kentucky Jockey Club Stakes (G2) at Churchill Downs, a race in which Tiz the Law ran third with an inside trip when racing in the slop. Silver Prospector fell off the Derby trail this spring following a couple of distant stakes losses.

Asmussen said Monday the Tiz the Law's defeat "was a long time ago." Tiz the Law is 4-for-4 since.

Ricardo Santana Jr., the go-to rider for Asmussen, has picked up the mount on Max Player. The jockey also rode Silver Prospector in the Kentucky Jockey Club.

Santana is winless in five mounts in the 1 1/4-mile Derby. His best finish came last year when he rode Plus Que Parfait to run eighth last year.

Asmussen, the winningest trainer in Churchill Downs history, is o for 20 in the Derby, though some of his starters have threatened. Nehro (2011) and Lookin At Lee (2017) were second for the trainer. Curlin (2007) and Gun Runner (2016) were both third. Curlin became a two-time Horse of the Year in 2007-08, and Gun Runner was honored with the same award in 2017.

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Max Player breezes Aug. 31 at Churchill Downs



MAX PLAYER TOPS KENTUCKY DERBY ACTIVITY AT CHURCHILL

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Asmussen, 54, calls the Derby "the missing link" in his career. The second-winningest trainer of all time behind Dale Baird, he has captured the other legs of the Triple Crown. He won the Preakness in 2007 with Curlin and in 2009 with Rachel Alexandra, and captured the Belmont in 2016 with Creator.

"We're undefeated in September in the Derby," the trainer quipped, referring to his losses coming on the usual date on the first Saturday in May.

Max Player was the lone worker Monday among Kentucky Derby hopefuls. The other horses already at Churchill Downs either jogged or galloped.

Making his first appearance beneath the Twin Spires was Sole Volante, who arrived the previous morning after vanning to Churchill Downs from Florida. The Sam F. Davis Stakes (G3) winner jogged beneath Andie Biancone, assistant to her father, Patrick Biancone.

Andie Biancone co-owns the Karakontie gelding with Reeves Thoroughbred Racing.

He is unraced since finishing sixth in the Belmont Stakes, a lackluster performance that came on short rest. He comes into the Kentucky Derby with more



Mr. Big News wins the Oaklawn Stakes at Oaklawn Park



Sole Volante with Andie Biancone at Churchill Downs

time, aimed to produce a better finish.

"He's never felt this good. I'm really hoping he runs a good race," Andie Biancone said. "It's just so amazing to be in the Kentucky Derby."

The prospective Derby field grew to 18 late Monday morning when Churchill Downs announced that longshot Mr. Big News would join the race. The Bret Calhoun-trained son of Giant's Causeway, owned by Chester Thomas' Allied Racing Stable, ran sixth in the Toyota Blue Grass (G2) in his last start. Earlier this year he won the Oaklawn Stakes under Gabe Saez, who will have the Derby mount.

"I know we don't have some of the numbers like Tiz the Law, Art Collector, and Honor A. P., but this horse is improving," Thomas said. "I think he is absolutely going to love the distance and will make a big run late."

Calhoun had been pointing Mr. Big News to the \$500,000 American Turf Stakes Presented by Smithfield (G2T) on the Derby undercard. The colt's last two works have been on grass.

"We've been keeping options open, and besides that, I think Chester got a bad case of Derby fever the last couple days," Calhoun quipped. "We're going to the Derby."

Post positions for the Derby will be drawn at approximately 11:00 a.m. ET Tuesday. BH

PETERSEN'S LATEST GEM: KENTUCKY OAKS FILLY GAMINE

By Lenny Shulman

Michael Lund Petersen might simply have become the answer to a horse racing trivia question, except he keeps owning headline performers, including flashy filly and Longines Kentucky Oaks (G1) contender Gamine.

The trivia? Back in 2014 when American Pharoah suffered a leg injury and was declared out of the Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1), who owned trainer Bob Baffert's remaining entrant in that race? Yes, "Jeopardy" fans, it was Petersen, whose One Lucky Dane (named after him by Charlene, his wife, who, according to Petersen, "Thinks I am one lucky son of a gun") finished sixth.

One Lucky Dane, the first racehorse owned by Petersen, wound up second in the following season's Santa Anita Derby (G1) behind stablemate Dortmund.

Petersen, a founding shareholder of the U.S. division of Pandora Jewelry, has campaigned a string of graded winners trained by Baffert over the past six years. Mor Spirit, also named by Charlene, this time in honor of Petersen's mom, Mor, won the Los Alamitos Futurity (G1) in 2015, the Robert B. Lewis Stakes (G3) in 2016, finished second in the Santa Anita Derby, and dominated the 2017 Mohegan Sun Metropolitan Handicap (G1). The Eskendereya colt banked \$1,668,900 and today stands at stud at Spendthrift Farm.

Mucho Gusto then came along to take the 2018 Bob Hope Stakes (G3) and the 2019 Robert B. Lewis, Laz Barrera, and Affirmed stakes (all G3). He banked nearly \$800,000 for Petersen before the jewelry magnate sold him to a Saudi prince for a sizable dowry.

Lund, as he is known to his friends back home, grew up next to a racetrack in Copenhagen, Denmark, where he became a regular at the races as a teenager, attracted both by a little wagering and the beauty of the horses. Intrigued, he kept it in mind to perhaps get involved in the sport down the road somewhere.

That road led to his opening up the U.S. market for Pandora, which was started by his friend Per Enevoldsen in Denmark. Today Pandora is the biggest jewelry company in the world, which led Lund into Thoroughbred ownership. Despite his string of top performers, Petersen has weathered the typical plight of a Thoroughbred owner.

"I have learned that being an owner is a lot of heartache and heartbreak," said Lund, who lives in the Maryland horse country outside Baltimore and near Sagamore Farm.

There has been little heartache yet from Gamine, other than perhaps a slight case of indigestion from Petersen having to part with \$1.8 million to buy her out

of the 2019 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale.

"During the bidding I was on the phone with Bob (Baffert) and it hit \$1.4 or \$1.5 (million) and he said, 'Don't let her go. She's worth it.' I guess he was right,"

Petersen said.

"She was not a secret," noted agent Donato Lanni, who selected Gamine as a possible purchase for Petersen. "She was a complete standout, and those don't come around very often. She is a big, beautiful filly who went around the track so easily. We were actually looking for colts, but she was the best horse there."

It should come as no surprise that Gamine (pronounced Gah-MEEN) was named by Charlene.
Gamine is a French word for a girl that has boyish features that make her beautiful, according to Petersen.

"Since she is so big, Charlene got creative and thought the name matched perfectly," the owner said. "I know to surround myself with people who are smarter than I."

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PETERSEN'S LATEST GEM: KENTUCKY OAKS FILLY GAMINE

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Gamine, a daughter of Into Mischief—Peggy Jane, by Kafwain, has finished first in all four of her races, but was disqualified for interference in an allowance/optional claiming event in May after failing a post-race test. A speedball who enjoys going to the front and improving her position, Gamine has performed brilliantly, breaking her maiden by 6 1/4 lengths, winning the Longines Acorn Stakes (G1) in June by a Secretariat-like 18 3/4 lengths, and scoring in the Longines Test Stakes (G1) in August by seven lengths.

The allowance-level effort in May at Oaklawn Park was 1 1/16 miles, so she has gone two turns. Still, the big questions that remain are whether she can handle both the nine furlongs of the Oaks as well as key rival Swiss Skydiver.

"She's obviously very exciting; almost too good to be true," said Petersen, who will attend the Oaks with Charlene. "What can I say? I'm nervous before every one of her races, and then after the race you think you should know by now that she has an extra gear that her opponents, up until now, can't match. But you always wonder if she's really going to do it again. There are a couple in the Oaks that have also performed very well.

"As the competition gets better, we can just hope that she is the superstar that Mr. Baffert likes to call



Michael Lund Petersen walks Mor Spirit and Mike Smith to the winner's circle after the 2017 Metropolitan Handicap at Belmont Park

her. His new nickname for her is Queen Gamine."

Petersen is an athlete of note himself. He brought home a trophy when he and PGA tour pro Pat Perez won the Pro-Am at prestigious Pebble Beach a few years back. Following a recent knee replacement, he too is hoping to hit another gear, even if it is not as impressive as Gamine's.

"She is lightly raced compared to some of the others she'll face in the Oaks," he said. "But whatever happens in that race, she has tons of potential going forward." BH



Gamine leaves her rivals in the dust in the Test Stakes at Saratoga Race Course

JOSEPH CONTINUES UPWARD TRAJECTORY INTO KENTUCKY DERBY

By Christine Oser

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ast September Saffie Joseph Jr. saddled Math Wizard, his first grade 1 starter, to win the Pennsylvania Derby (G1) at Parx Racing. The 33-year-old trainer has participated in multiple other grade 1 races since then, and on Sept. 5 he'll check off another goal by saddling his first starter in the Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve (G1), Ny Traffic, at Churchill Downs.

"It means everything. This is why we do it. That's why we get up early, go to bed late, work basically the whole day, and just think of our horses all day," Joseph said of the opportunity. "Just to get these kind of horses, we're forever thankful to the owners for giving us a chance. I have a good team as far as staff goes, assistants, riders in the morning, grooms. It's a full teamwork. When it does come together and you have a horse of this quality, it's very gratifying."

Joseph is a third generation horseman from Barbados, where he began training at 18 and became the country's youngest trainer at 22 to win the Barbados Triple Crown with Areutalkintome. He said racing in Barbados is more of a hobby and only takes place about twice a month. With lofty goals set and spying more opportunities to run in the United States, Joseph moved his operation with two horses to Gulfstream Park in 2011 and has based at the South Florida oval since. He currently leads the trainer standings of Gulfstream's spring/summer meet, which began April 2, with 46 wins through Aug. 30.

"At the time, looking back on it now, it was a crazy idea. It's been hard because for the first seven years it didn't look like we were going to pick up enough owners just to have those numbers to get attention," he said of the move. "There were times where it looked like we were about to not make it. We were doing well, we started winning 12 and 15 races a year, but you need to win many more than that to garner attention. We didn't have enough horses. Most of them were owned by ourselves and a few owners. It just came together in the last two years where one owner started referring another owner and we kept winning.



Saffie Joseph Jr. at his Gulfstream Park base in January

"We're blessed to be in this position. I know how hard it is to get here. It's been hard, so I'm not taking anything for granted. I'm very thankful and I know that a lot of people made it possible."

John Fanelli, Cash is King, LC Racing, and Paul Braverman's Ny Traffic will be seeking his first stakes victory in the Derby, but the New York-bred Cross Traffic colt has placed in four consecutive graded stakes. Ny Traffic was moved to Joseph's barn for his 3-year-old campaign and opened with a 6 3/4-length allowance optional claiming win at Gulfstream Park in January. At Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots he finished third in a division of the Risen Star Stakes Presented by Lamarque Ford (G2) and second in the Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby (G2). He then finished second in the Matt Winn Stakes (G3) at Churchill Downs.

His latest effort came in the July 18 TVG.com Haskell Stakes (G1) at Monmouth Park, where he missed fellow Derby contender Authentic by a nose after re-rallying in the stretch.

"That was just another step on the races he had run before. It was another building block and he ran his career best and all the figures in that race," Joseph said. "We were proud of him. At the quarter pole it looked like he was going to backup, probably run a distant second or even third. To see him re-rally and to finish up well, it gives us a lot of confidence going into the Derby."

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JOSEPH CONTINUES UPWARD TRAJECTORY INTO KENTUCKY DERBY

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Jockey Paco Lopez, aboard for the Matt Winn and Haskell, will have the return call in the Derby.

Joseph said except for a brief period at 6 or 7 years old when he wanted to be a jockey, he has always wanted to follow the family tradition and continue training.

"My dad (Saffie Joseph Sr.) was a trainer. I wanted to follow in his footsteps. He only trained in Barbados. I had a lot more crazy ideas to come to America and try to compete but so far it's worked out. It's worked out because we've been given opportunities like really good owners. They make it possible."

Joseph credits Math Wizard, a \$25,000 claim that is now a millionaire, for helping put him on the map as a trainer and reach the point he's at today.

"We already had the foundation there as far as a good team put together. We had the horses and then he won the Pennsylvania Derby and I had a good 2-year-old

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Ny Traffic breezes Aug. 28 at Saratoga Race Course

named Chance It. Also we had other horses in the barn," said Joseph, who has also sent out the 3-year-old filly Tonalist's Shape to multiple graded stakes wins this year. "We had a strong Championship Meet at Gulfstream. We have the numbers now, we have the right horses, we have the right owners. You need to have the numbers in this game to continue to be successful and that's what we have. We have the right team put together, the horses being the most important piece of the puzzle. That's what makes all the success."

Joseph said his wife, Morgan, and kids, Sienna and Rocco, will be with him in Louisville for the Derby. Ny Traffic will travel from Saratoga Race Course to Churchill early Sept. 1.

"Today I was talking to my kids and wife on FaceTime because they just arrived in Louisville today," Joseph said Sunday. "You just see that joy. They were so happy to get to the hotel. You see the joy in their face and racing brings that joy to me. That's the only thing that compares to seeing your kids happy, is when you have a horse that does really well. It doesn't matter what class it is. They could win a claimer and it's a very satisfying feeling.

"Racing brings us together, friends and family. It's

an exciting sport. Once you're in it and you understand it, the joy is seeing your horse go there and compete and they're like your kids basically. There's a lot of passion in it. There's a lot of ups and downs. Probably more downs than ups, that's why the ups mean so much when they do happen because so many things can go wrong. There's only one way to win a race and there's so many ways to lose it."

Joseph will continue to ride those ups into Saturday's Kentucky Derby with hopes of a win and another goal crossed off the list.

"That is my dream and hopefully we can accomplish it one day," he said. "It would be nice to accomplish it this year but if not, hopefully one day. We're going on the right path towards accomplishing that dream and fulfilling it. It would mean the world to us if we could get it done." BH

GAINESWAY APPOINTS NEW TEAM MEMBERS TUGEL, GIBSON

By BloodHorse Staff

ean Tugel and Lakota Gibson have accepted new positions at Gainesway. Tugel was named director of stallion sales and recruitment, while Gibson will focus primarily on Gainesway's sales and seasons.

Tugel, a native of Rochester, N.Y., joins Gainesway after 10 years with WinStar Farm, most recently serving as director of bloodstock services and assistant racing manager. Tugel, a Lexington resident since 2004, has also served in management roles at Hill 'n' Dale and Paul's Mill.

"We're excited about adding Sean to our team," said Brian Graves, Gainesway's general manager. "He has established a wide network of relationships with breeders and owners through his reputation built on honesty and horsemanship. He brings a depth of experience from both the farm and the racetrack, which will be a great benefit to our clientele."

"From the beginning of my career, I've been lucky to work and learn from some of the best horsemen and women in our industry," said Tugel. "Gainesway has an unbelievably rich history in the Thoroughbred industry and Mr. (Antony) Beck's passion for the sport and future of the farm is infectious. I look forward to giving our existing clients and new clients an extended reach to help them with all of their bloodstock needs."

Lakota Gibson joins Gainesway after five years working alongside David Ingordo in the bloodstock department of Lane's End Farm. Gibson also has close



Lakota Gibson Share this story



Sean Tugel

ties with Coolmore after gaining valuable experience working with them in New South Wales, Australia. Later, she relocated back to America to work at Ashford Stud over an additional three and a half years.

Gibson brings with her a lifetime of handson experience riding and working with horses, in addition to over 10 years of involvement at all major Thoroughbred sales and international auction exposure.

"I'm thrilled to join the Gainesway family," said Gibson. "I've been very fortunate to work at some of the top Thoroughbred farms in the world and Gainesway is no exception. Mr. Beck's enthusiasm for the game and love for the animal is inspiring. I'm thankful to have the chance to work alongside Brian Graves and the amazing team he has assembled. It's my pleasure to build on the strong existing relationships Gainesway already has with their breeders and look forward to helping any new clients see that Gainesway's passion for the industry is above all others."

Antony Beck, owner and CEO of Gainesway, added: "I'm delighted to have Sean and Lakota join the team. Sean brings with him a wealth of experience in both stallion and racing programs. Lakota is devoted to sales and will be working very closely with Brian in representing our consignment. It's been my honor to put together this team of dedicated horsemen and women to oversee our equine operations here on the farm. Between Brian, Alex (Solis), Sean, and Lakota, I personally look forward to seeing this new generation of leaders take Gainesway's stallion roster, sales consignment, and racing ventures to the next level." BH

MONOMOY GIRL, VEXATIOUS MEET AGAIN IN LA TROIENNE

By Bob Ehalt

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Back in July, Calumet Farm's Vexatious registered somewhat of a surprise when she finished second at 14-1 odds to the heavily favored Monomoy Girl in the Ruffian Stakes (G2) at Belmont Park.

About eight weeks later, the grade 1-winning mares are on a collision course once again, only this time it will be a showdown with major implications for the Breeders' Cup and Eclipse Award voting that will take place in the Sept. 4 \$500,000 La Troienne Stakes Presented by Oak Grove Racing and Gaming (G1) at Churchill Downs.

"Bring it on," said Sol Kumin, who owns Monomoy Girl through a partnership of his Monomoy Stables, Michael Dubb, The Elkstone Group, and Bethlehem Stables. "They have a nice filly in Vexatious."

That "nice" filly came out of her July 11 tussle with Monomoy Girl razor sharp and went on to pull off the shocker of the year in the older female division. She used her grit and determination to fight off a stretch bid by 3-10 favorite Midnight Bisou and defeat the 2019 champion female by a neck at 9-1 odds in the Aug. 1 Personal Ensign Stakes (G1) at Saratoga Race Course.

Trainer Jack Sisterson originally spoke about resting Vexatious until the Oct. 4 Juddmonte Spinster Stakes (G1) at Keeneland, but the daughter of Giant's Causeway has been training so forwardly at the Spa that Sisterson revised those plans.

"The way she has been acting, I wouldn't be doing my job as a trainer if I didn't run her for two months. We're letting her tell us where we should run her," Sisterson said about the 6-year-old winner of four of 23 career starts whose only other graded stakes win came in the 2018 Rood and Riddle Dowager Stakes (G3). "She always gives you 100%, so if she's feeling well, why not?"

Sisterson added that if Vexatious turns in another strong effort Friday against seven rivals in the 1 1/16-mile test, she might wind up running in the Spinster after all, where she could meet Midnight Bisou again.

"She's such a hearty filly and the Giant's Causeway traits are coming out in her," Sisterson said about the filly bred by James Weigel and the Giant's Causeway Syndicate who was bought for \$150,000 by the





Monomoy Girl wins the Ruffian Stakes over Vexatious at Belmont Park

BBA (Ireland) from the Taylor Made Sales Agency consignment at the 2015 Keeneland September Yearling Sale. "We'll see how she runs in the La Troienne, but I wouldn't rule out running her in the Spinster."

Trainer Brad Cox has taken a much more patient approach with Monomoy Girl, who was the champion 3-year-old filly in 2018. Sidelined for 18 months by a variety of ailments, the 5-year-old daughter of Tapizar returned to the races May 16, taking an allowance optional claiming race at Churchill Downs. She then beat Vexatious by two lengths in the one-turn mile Ruffian.

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MONOMOY GIRL, VEXATIOUS MEET AGAIN IN LA TROIENNE

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After both the allowance race and the Ruffian, Monomoy Girl could have wheeled back in first the Ogden Phipps Stakes (G1) and then the Personal Ensign, but her connections fought off the temptation to get too ambitious too soon after such a lengthy layoff.

"Both times there was a race three-to-four weeks after a start that could have fit her," Kumin said, "but Brad stayed patient and passed on them. His plan is to get her to the Breeders' Cup again and he needs to remain patient."

Since the Ruffian, Monomoy Girl has continued to train in a manner that promises to make her the betting favorite in a race at the same Louisville track where she won the 2018 Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff (G1) and the Longines Kentucky Oaks (G1), both at 1 1/8-mile distances. In contrast, Vexatious' lone stakes at Churchill Downs was a fourth in the 2017 Kentucky Oaks.

"She's been doing great," Kumin said. "Brad has been super happy after the last few breezes. He gave her plenty of time and spaced the races out and that's been the right move." Most likely, the La Troienne will be the final start before the Distaff for Monomoy Girl. What will be subject to more debate is whether the ownership group will decide to bring her back for a 6-year-old campaign. To date, she has only started 13 times, with 11 wins and earnings of \$3,086,118, and the recent creation of the \$20 million Saudi Cup, a race in which Midnight Bisou earned \$3.5 million in February for a second-place finish, adds to the incentive for keeping her in training.

"Right now, our plan is to enter her in (The November Sale, Fasig-Tipton's Nov. 8 select breeding stock sale), but with this ownership group, as soon as the year is over, we'll get together and decide if it's the right decision to bring her back," said Kumin. "Because of races like the Saudi Cup there are places to run a horse at 6 and you can make it work financially. She is lightly raced. Of course, it's possible to bring her back, but none of us are breeders so she definitely will be sold. It's just a question if we sell her this year or next year."

Vexatious and jockey Tyler Gaffalione drew Post 2 for Friday's race while Monomoy Girl and Florent Geroux will break from the outside in Post 8.

She's a Julie, who is seeking back-to-back wins in the La Troienne, Horologist, With Dignity, Saracosa, Risky Mandate, and Lady Kate are also entered. BH



Vexatious wins the Personal Ensign Stakes at Saratoga

DANCE MONEY HOLDS ON AS MAJESTIC HARBOR'S FIRST WINNER

By Christine Oser

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With a forward placement and a bit of racing luck, Barbara Eakin and Shelly Nance's Dance Money became the first winner for freshman stallion Majestic Harbor Aug. 31 at Indiana Grand Race Course. She grabbed the lead early and held on to win by a neck in the 5 1/2-furlong maiden special weight for state-bred fillies.

Ridden by Santo Sanjur, Dance Money set fractions

of :22.51 and :46.62 through a half-mile and completed the race over a fast track in 1:07.13. It was her third start, all at Indiana Grand, for trainer Jonathan Nance. She was fifth on debut July 14 after being brushed at the start and racing in last. She returned to finish sixth Aug. 3 after vying off the pace inside early.

Dance Money was bred in Indiana by Anthony Wolfe and

Julie Mudman and is the third winner from as many foals to race out of the Cactus Ridge mare Cactusa. Johnathon Wade Nance signed the ticket for the filly when she sold for \$14,000 from Dawn Martin's consignment to the 2019 Indiana Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association Fall Mixed Sale.

Majestic Harbor began his stud career at Swifty Farms in Indiana and stood there for two seasons before moving to Harris Farms in California, where his stud fee this year was \$2,500. Gallant Stable campaigned the son of Rockport Harbor through 42 starts from ages 2-8. He compiled a record of 10-8-7 and nearly \$1.3 million in earnings. The biggest win for Majestic Harbor came in the 2014 Gold Cup at

Santa Anita (G1). He won three other graded stakes and placed in seven more.

Bred in Kentucky by
Liberation Farm and
Brandywine Farm, Majestic
Harbor is out of the French
Deputy mare Champagne
Royale and is a half brother to
Arkansas Derby (G1) winner
and sire Danza. BH



Dance Money records her first win at Indiana Grand

HARRY'S HOLIDAY SIRES FIRST WINNER IN INDIANA

By Eric Mitchell

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Voodoo Justice breaks her maiden at Indiana Grand

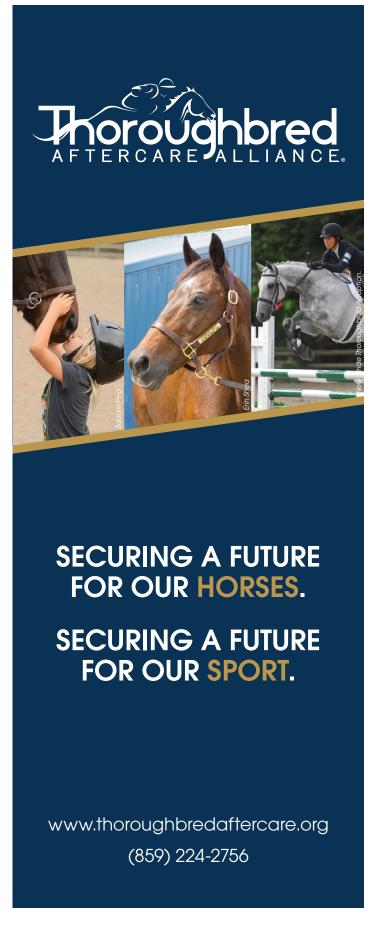
Outhern Indiana Equine's freshman sire Harry's Holiday sired his first winner Aug. 31 when his daughter Voodoo Justice captured a 5 1/2-furlong maiden special weight gate-to-wire by 5 1/2 lengths at Indiana Grand.

Greg Justice, who owns Harry's Holiday, bred the filly in the name of his Justice Farm out of the winning Good and Tough mare Vain Vixen. Voodoo Justice became a winner in her third career start for owner Rancho Monarca and trainer Tony Duran. The filly is the sixth winner produced by Vain Vixen, who is also the dam of multiple black-type winner Jersey Justice (Jersey Town). Jersey Justice is the first foal Greg Justice bred out of the mare, who produced a May colt this year by Harry's Holiday and was bred back to the stallion.

Harry's Holiday is a 9-year-old son of Harlan's Holiday. He won a minor stakes at Turfway Park before finishing second in the Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati Spiral Stakes (G3) at Turfway. He retired with a 3-3-1 record out of 13 starts and earned \$197,657.

The stallion hails from one of the hottest American female families. His dam, Daisy Mason (by Orientate), is a half sister to leading North American sire Into Mischief (also by Harlan's Holiday), four-time Eclipse champion Beholder, and grade 1 winner Mendelssohn.

Harry's Holiday stood this year at Southern Indiana Equine for \$3,000. BH



DIODORO FINED FOR TRIO OF POSITIVES AT OAKLAWN PARK

By BloodHorse Staff

The Association of Racing Commissioners ■ International released an updated list of rulings from the Arkansas Racing Commission Aug. 31 on which trainer Robertino Diodoro was cited three times for the prohibited use of two different Class 4 substances detected in postrace testing at Oaklawn Park.

Diodoro was named the leading trainer at Oaklawn in 2020 by wins and was only the fourth trainer in the track's history to register 50 meet victories. The trainer had two winning horses and a fifth-place runner disqualified by the stewards' rulings handed down on Monday. Purses will be redistributed in the affected races.

All three horses were owned by M and M Racing at the time of their affected race.

Four-year-old filly Weekend Madness (by Include), who finished fifth in a \$32,000 maiden claiming race March 1 at the Arkansas track, was disqualified after her blood sample was found to contain triamcinolone acetonide, a corticosteroid which can be given intra-articularly to horses for the treatment of arthritis and general inflammation. Fellow runner Adheretome, a 5-year-old Paynter mare, was also disqualified from her first-place finish in a \$41,000 claiming race March 19 after she was found to have tested positive for the same substance.

Moment, a 4-year-old Uncle Mo gelding, tested positive for the prohibited substance methocarbamol, a relaxant commonly used to treat exercise-induced muscle issues such as spasms. As such, Moment was



Robertino Diodoro

disqualified from his April 3 victory in a \$28,000 waiver claiming race.

An additional fourth ruling relating to the disqualifications fined Diodoro \$3,500 for violating ARCI rule No. 1233, which states that, "The trainer shall be responsible for all and the absolute insurer of the condition of an entry the trainer enters regardless of the acts of a third party." BH





MAIDEN WATCH

SARATOGA VICTOR FOUNDER AMONG STANDOUT MAIDEN WINNERS

By Mary LaRue

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This column highlights the performances of maidens who have made no more than five starts and who either sold for more than \$500,000 at public auction, have siblings that are grade/group winners, or have dams that are grade/group winners. BloodHorse research shows maiden winners in particular who meet these criteria are more likely to go on to be graded stakes winners.

Saratoga

Jeff Drown and Don Rachel's Founder made his way to the winner's circle Aug. 29 at Saratoga Race Course after racing last of nine early on and rallying to win by a neck in his debut.

The Upstart colt was bred in Kentucky by Lantern

Hill Farm and purchased from the Woodford Thoroughbreds consignment to the Ocala Breeders' Sales March Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training for \$600,000. He is the first winner from two foals to race for his dam, the Bernstein mare Blue Beryl.

Trained by Chad Brown and ridden to victory in the six-furlong maiden test by Jose Ortiz, Founder broke in midpack, but fell to the back of the field as Newbomb set fractions of :21.86 and :44.81 through a half-mile. At that mark Founder had moved up to fifth and was fourth heading into the stretch.

With a furlong to go, Ortiz tried left-handed urging, which resulted in Founder ducking out sharply, but the colt straightened out and got up to win by a neck over Highly Motivated with a strong ride from Ortiz. He completed the distance in 1:10.01 on a sealed muddy track.

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Founder gets a neck in front to win on debut at Saratoga Race Course



MAIDEN WATCH

SARATOGA VICTOR FOUNDER AMONG STANDOUT MAIDEN WINNERS

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Del Mar

Waspirant also broke through the maiden ranks Saturday, but on the opposite coast at Del Mar. The 2-year-old Union Rags colt is out of Pam and Martin Wygod's dual grade 1-winning Storm Cat mare Life Is Sweet.

Bred by the Wygods, Waspirant is campaigned in partnership with Lessee Wygod and trained by John Shirreffs.

Making his second start Saturday, he raced just off the pace under Umberto Rispoli, then closed quickly late in the stretch of the one-mile contest to score by three-quarters of a length in a final time of 1:40.03 on a fast track. In his Aug. 8 debut at six furlongs on the Southern California track, Waspirant raced in sixth under Rispoli but had little to give at the end and finished fourth.

On the following day at the same track, Baoma Corporation's Varda won on debut for trainer Bob Baffert. The 2-year-old Distorted Humor filly was a \$700,000 purchase by the owners at the OBS Spring Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training, where she was consigned by Niall Brennan Stables.

Bred by Masters 2013 and Distorted Humor Syndicate in New York, Varda is out of the Sky Mesa mare She'll Be Right. Her female family traces to the likes of last year's Natalma Stakes (G1T) winner Abscond; Overarching, a group 1 winner and champion in South Africa; and graded stakes winners Cambodia and Temeraine.

In Sunday's six-furlong contest, Varda sat behind



Varda wins at first asking at Del Mar

I'm the Boss of Me as a quarter-mile went in :22.40, but took over to post a half-mile in :46.36. Ridden by Drayden Van Dyke, Varda raced comfortably on the lead and opened up in the stretch to score by 3 1/4 lengths. She completed the distance in 1:11.67 over a fast track.

Ellis

Summerplace Farm's homebred Torsie's Charm found the winner's circle Saturday with a decisive 4 1/2-length score in her second start at Ellis Park. The 2-year-old More Than Ready filly, trained by Eddie Kenneally, is out of the graded stakes winner Heavenly Landing, by Pulpit.

Jockey Joe Talamo guided the filly to the lead in the seven-furlong dirt test, where she held a contested lead

through fractions of :23.06 and :46.38 before shaking off her foes and opening up her lead in the stretch. With no competition she was geared down crossing the wire in a final time of 1:24.01 on a track labeled good.

In her July 26 debut, Torsie's Charm was placed midpack and never fired in a one-mile maiden race, finishing ninth and last on firm turf. BH



Torsie's Charm wins a maiden special weight at Ellis Park



SHIZUNAI HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SCORE AT HBA SUMMER SALE

By Naohiro Goda

A yearling bred and consigned by a group of high school-age boys and girls was sold for ¥27,500,000 (US\$260,911) Aug. 25 during the Hidaka Horse Breeders Association Summer Yearling Sale. The price was the fifth-highest achieved at the Hokkaido sale on Saturday.

Consigned as Hip 305, the colt by Makfi out of the Dance in the Dark mare Madrigal Score, was bred by the Shizunai Agriculture High School which is located in a suburb of Shizunai, the central city of the Thoroughbred breeding region in Hokkaido. A couple of mares are boarded at the school and students who study animal husbandry are tasked with looking after the mares as well as the school's crops. The best horse bred by the operation to date is Yume Roman, who won three races from 2005-08 at Japan Racing Association tracks.

For the past two decades, yearlings bred by the school have been offered at the HBA Summer Sale.

Hip 305 was offered on the first day of sale and was purchased by Masatsugu Takezono, a long-standing owner who is well-known as the owner of T.M.Opera O, who was named Japanese Horse of the Year in 2000. The highest price previously achieved by any yearling from the Shizunai Agriculture school was ¥5,200,000. Hip 305's final price of ¥27,500,000 set a new record. The three students who were in attendance at the sale as representatives of the program were moved to tears once the colt left the ring.

A total of 825 horses were sold for gross receipts of ¥5,721,870,000 (\$54,287,100) during the four-day sale. The final number represented a 13.8% increase over 2019. The average price of ¥6,935,600 (\$65,803) and median price of ¥5,500,000 (\$52,182) were also up over 2019 by 18.5% and 19%, respectively. The gross and average both set a new record for the HBA Summer Sale. BH





The Makfi colt consigned as Hip 305 to the HBA Summer Yearling Sale

ENABLE SET FOR FINAL ARC PREP AT KEMPTON

By Scott Burton/Racing Post

E nable looks unlikely to face anything like the caliber of opposition she encountered in the 188bet September Stakes (G3) two years ago when she heads back to Kempton Sept. 5 for her final prep ahead of a historic fourth crack at the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (G1).

When nine entries were revealed on Monday the presence of stablemate and companion-in-colors Logician in the list raised a few pulses, but last season's William Hill St. Leger (G1) hero will not make his belated seasonal reappearance in the Unibet-sponsored group 3.

Logician was unbeaten in five starts at 3 but has not been sighted since storming to success at Doncaster almost a year ago. However, Khalid Abdullah's racing manager, Teddy Grimthorpe, scotched any prospect of Logician facing Enable at Kempton.

"They won't both run and Logician has just been put in there as a precaution," said Grimthorpe.

While the wait goes on for Logician's return, it is all systems go for Enable, who took in the September Stakes after a rushed preparation for her second Arc victory in 2018, on which occasion she had Crystal Ocean to overcome.

While Enable will be the one conceding a penalty this time, with Logician a doubtful runner, her next highest-rated opponent is likely to be Prince of Arran, who is rated 15 pounds inferior to the 11-time group 1 winner.

Grimthorpe said: "It's a nice continuation for Enable following on from the King George (VI and Queen Elizabeth QIPCO Stakes, G1) and it's then good timing until the Arc. She's in good form from that point of view."

Last October Enable became just the second horse in the 99-year history of the Arc to even attempt a third success, only to be denied by Waldgeist.



Enable is led to the winner's enclosure after her victory in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot Racecourse

John Gosden has campaigned her ever since with the sole aim of securing that record-breaking third victory in Europe's premier all-aged middle distance prize and, at the age of 6, she would become the second oldest Arc winner behind Motrico (1932) in the season the race celebrates its centenary. Aside from seeing Enable in action on a British racecourse for what could be the last time, the race looks likely to have a bearing on the Melbourne Cup (G1), with Prince of Arran set to have his final start before heading to quarantine.

Also featuring among the entries are two horses in the ownership of Australian Bloodstock—who tasted success at Flemington in 2014 with the Ryan Moore-partnered Protectionist—in Almania for David Simcock, and the David O'Meara-trained Tinandali.

Discussing Almania, syndicate manager Jamie Lovett told Racing.com: "He'll run against Enable, so we're hoping for a small field. It's a group 3 on the allweather, so Enable usually does the Winx thing over there and scares them all off; so we just need to run top three to qualify (for the Melbourne Cup). The plan is to run against her and hopefully run a place."

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GOFFS UK KICKS OFF YEARLING SALES SEASON

By James Thomas/Racing Post

Predicting the strength of trade can be tricky at the best of times, and reading the mood on the sales ground becomes even more of a challenge when prospective purchasers and vendors are clad in face masks, as was the case at Goffs UK ahead of the Premier Yearling Sale, which kicks off in Doncaster Sept. 1 at 10 a.m. local time.

Of course, these are far from the best of times, primarily on account of circumstances far beyond the confines of the racing and bloodstock world. Nonetheless, the track record of the Premier Sale is a cause for optimism about this year's renewal.

The famed South Yorkshire auction has a roll of honor that includes this year's stars A'Ali, Golden Horde, Method, Supremacy, and The Lir Jet, while looking slightly further back into the past reveals that names such as Advertise, Harry Angel, Laurens, and Limato graduated from the Doncaster sales ring.

Although there is apprehension about buyers' appetite to invest in racehorses during a global health crisis and at a time when prize-money returns are painfully low, plenty of agents and trainers were busy inspecting the 423 cataloged lots on Monday.

Among them were Richard Hannon and his longtime sales ring ally Ross Doyle. Given the success that two generations of the Doyle-Hannon axis have enjoyed at the Doncaster sale, it is no wonder the pair are among those taking a business as usual approach this year.

To name but a few, the Doyles have sourced the likes of Barney Roy, Canford Cliffs, Estidhkaar, Lilbourne Lad, Olympic Glory, Tiggy Wiggy, and Toormore, who all won major prizes for the Hannons having been picked up in Doncaster.

The roll of honor has grown this year thanks to the likes of dual sales race winner Happy Romance and Darley Prix Robert Papin (G1) scorer Ventura Tormenta.

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A yearling walks in the ring at the Goffs UK Premier Sale

GOFFS UK KICKS OFF YEARLING SALES SEASON

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"We've consistently got a good horse—or two or three—out of this sale every year so this week is massive for us," said Hannon, who noted that buyers could be presented with a broader range of opportunities should the expected dip in prices materialize.

"It's going to be a difficult year for everybody but now just might be the time to get involved," he said. "It's a time of opportunity in terms of you're buying what you buy this year for potentially a lot less than you were last year.

"Prize-money will come back so I think we've seen the worst of that. We've just got to keep looking forward and to do that we've got to come here and do what we normally do."

He continued: "If I've got nothing in my shop window, I'll sell nothing. Our outfit has always been the same, we don't wait for orders, our owners wait to see what we come back from the sales with and we have to train the horses we choose."

Of the proactive approach to buying, Doyle added: "It gives owners an awful lot of confidence. There are some very nice horses here and, even in the good times, Doncaster yearlings tend to look good value at the end of the sales season.

"It's been a very lucky sale for both our families for an awful long time. It's continued like that even through to last year, when we found Happy Romance and Ventura Tormenta."

Hannon concluded: "We have to live with these horses every day for at least a year or two so we need to like them when we buy them. There are stars here every year, it's just about finding them now."

Among the potential stars Doyle and Hannon have cast their expert eyes over are: a Kodiac filly out of a sibling to Equiano (Lot 195); a Starspangledbanner half brother to Ventura Tormenta (Lot 313); a Cotai Glory half sister to A'Ali (Lot 322); a Night of Thunder colt out of a sister to Fleeting Spirit (Lot 346); the



A yearling sells in the ring at the 2019 Goffs UK Premier Sale

Siyouni filly out of a half sister to Queen's Trust (Lot 361); and a full brother to Yafta (Lot 423).

The Premier Sale has undergone something of an image enhancement in recent years, with prices mirroring a roll of honor that has grown in strength and depth. Last year's renewal saw a record top lot, Coolmore parting with £440,000 (US\$537,636) for the Kingman colt Admiral Nelson, while the average of £46,565 represented a 60% increase on the £29,030 average returned in 2011.

Goffs UK's managing director Tim Kent said the sales house had been encouraged by the quality of the catalog and the volume of footfall on the sales ground, but acknowledged that it was not the year for bullish market predictions.

He said: "In any normal year we'd be confident of very good trade. Our vendors have supported us really well and we're confident there are some cracking horses here so we're hopeful. But we don't know how much people have to spend so it would be hard to predict any record-breaking sales at this stage.

"The big thing for us is the clearance rate; we're here to sell horses and vendors are here to sell, so if we can facilitate that then we'll have a good sale.

"We've had a great year on the track already, nine 2-year-old stakes winners is fantastic by any measure, so we're all excited about what's going to happen over the next couple of days, but also slightly nervous as we don't know quite how strong the buying bench is going to be."

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RACE RESULTS

WATCH REPLAYS BY CLICKING ON THE RACE NAME

BLACK TYPE STAKES

Generous Portion S.

Del Mar, 8/30, \$100,000, 2yo, f, 6f (dirt), 1:12.21, track fast.

1-Governor Goteven, 124, dk b/br f, 2 \$57,000

Govenor Charlie—Time Linda Goteven, by Time to Get Even

O-Templeton Horses LLC, B-Templeton Horses, LLC (CA), T-Lisa Bernard, J-Tiago Josue Pereira

2-I'm So Anna, 122, dk b/br f, 2...\$19,000 Fast Anna-So So Fast, by Jet West O-KMN Racing LLC, B-KMN Racing, LLC (CA), T-Steve M. Sherman, J-Ricardo Gonzalez

Margins: 4½, ½, 1. Others: Emma's Dance (\$6,000), Do You Hear That (\$4,000), Mucha Woman (\$2,000). Scratched: Will Take a Kiss. View Equibase Chart

Satin and Lace S.

Presque Isle Downs, 8/31, \$75,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (all-weather), 1:08.82, track fast.

1-Inthemidstofbiz, 120, b f, 4.......\$45,000 Fed Biz-Midst, by Closing Argument O-Contreras Stable and Knapczyk, Andrew, B-J D Stuart & Mueller Farms, Inc. (KY), T-Cipriano Contreras, J-Willie Martinez

2-Caramel Martini, 114, ch m, 5...\$15,000 Biondetti-Midnight, by Silver Deputy O-Lonnie Stokes, B-Lonnie Stokes (FL), T-Lance Stokes, J-Mario G. Pino Sale History: 2019 0BSJAN, \$2,000.

3-Shanghai Rain, 114, dk b/br f, 4 .\$7,500 Shanghai Bobby-Thunder Shower, by Tiznow

O-Kay Reed, B-Tom Durant (KY), T-Eric R. Reed, J-Israel O. Rodriguez

Sale History: 2019 KEENOV, (\$130,000 RNA). Margins: 1½, 1¼, 2. Others: My Gal Betty (\$3,750), Ellyb (\$1,875), Too Much Tip (\$1,125), Regal Chant (\$375), Champagne Bliss (\$375). Scratched: Alexandra Kay, L. A. Star, Romantic Moment, A Bit of Both. View Equibase Chart

E B F RIPON CHAMPION 2-Y-O TROPHY

Ripon, 8/31, £24,594, 2yo, 6f, 1:13.48, sft.

1-Bahrain Pride (GB), 129, b c, 2..£14,178 Kodiac (GB)-Life of Pi (GB), by Sea The Stars (IRE)

O-KHK RÁCING LTD, B-J DANCE (GB), T-CRISFORD SIMON & ED, J-DOYLE JAMES **Sale History:** 2020 TATAPR, \$391,244, 2019 TATOC2, (\$194,645 RNA), 2018 TATDEF, \$167,843.

2-Internationaldream (IRE), 129, b c, 2..... £5,375

Acclamation (GB)-Komedy (IRE), by Kodiac (GB)

O-P D SMITH HOLDINGS LTD, B-M & S HANLY (IRE), T-FAHEY RICHARD, J-MA-THERS PADDY

Sale History: 2019 TAISEP, \$66,120, 2018 GOFNOF, \$43,206.

3-Terrichang (GB), 124, b f, 2......£2,690 Dandy Man (IRE)-Fleur de Sel (GB), by Linamix (FR)

O-NICK BRÁDLEY RACING 2 &MRS E BURKE, B-Nicola Kent (GB), T-BURKE KARL, J-SHAW HARRISON

Sale History: 2020 TATMAY, (\$32,926 RNA), 2019 TATDEY, (\$20,252 RNA), 2018 GOFNOF, \$43,388.

Margins: 134, ½, neck. Others: ROMAN DYNASTY (IRE), BLOWING WIND (IRE), QUEEN OF RIO (IRE), ALBADRI (IRE), THE FLYING GINGER (IRE).

ALLOWANCE RESULTS

Del Mar, Race 9, AOC

8/30, \$57,000, 3yo/up, 5f (turf), :56.77, course firm. 1—Tilted Towers, 122, b g, 4, Atreides—Rich Love, by Not For Love, \$34,200, O—Little Red Feather Racing, B—John Liviakis (KY), T—Philip D'Amato, J—Abel Cedillo

Margin: 1, 9 starters. View Equibase Chart

Delaware Park, Race 7, ALW

8/31, \$41,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (dirt), :59.29, track fast.

1–Olive Kat, 121, b f, 4, Drill–Kalambaka Queen, by Pico Central (BRZ), \$24,600, O–Bell Gable Stable LLC, B–Get Away Farm (FL), T–Jamie Ness, J–Jaime Rodriguez

Sale History: 2018 OBSJUN, \$10,000, 2017 OBSJAN, \$1,000.

Margin: 11/2, 6 starters. View Equibase Chart

Fort Erie, Race 3, ALW

8/31, \$26,717, 3yo/up, 6.5f (dirt), 1:17.98, track

1–Tropical Joy, 121, b m, 7, Silk Broker–Tropical Trip, by Trippi, \$16,030, O–Gold Bear Farm, B–Christopher J Trakas (MA), T–Jacqueline Falk, J–Emile Ramsammy

Margin: 3, 3 starters. View Equibase Chart

Golden Gate Fields, Race 8, AOC

8/30, \$31,000, 3yo, 8f (all-weather), 1:37.94, track

1–Lookin for Revenge, 122, b g, 3, I Want Revenge—Goodlookinlucky, by Lookin At Lucky, \$18,600, O—Neve, Louis and Neve, Raelene, B–Lou Neve (KY), T–Brendan W. Galvin, J–David Charles Lopez

Margin: 1/2, 8 starters. View Equibase Chart

Indiana Grand, Race 3, ALW

8/31, \$37,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (dirt), 1:13.17, track fast.

1–Help Me Out, 117, b f, 3, Pataky Kid–Help the Children, by Stormy Atlantic, \$22,200, O–Marion F. Gorham, B–Swifty Farms Inc. (IN), T–Robert M. Gorham, J–Eduardo E. Perez

Sale History: 2018 FTKOCT, \$9,000.

Margin: 11/4, 7 starters. View Equibase Chart

Indiana Grand, Race 7, AOC

8/31, \$32,500, 3yo/up, 5f (turf), :56.91, course firm. 1–Unmoored, 120, b g, 6, Midshipman–Hope's Diamond, by Louis Quatorze, \$19,500, 0–Southwest Racing Stables and Lewis, Steve H., B–Ernest C. Frohboese (KY), T–Genaro Garcia, J–Rocco Bowen **Sale History:** 2016 OBSJUN, \$75,000, 2015 FTKJUL, \$60,000.

Margin: 1½, 8 starters. View Equibase Chart

Indiana Grand, Race 8, ALW

8/31, \$39,000, 3yo/up, 8.32f (dirt), 1:43.37, track fast.

1–Max Express, 122, gr/ro g, 4, Unbridled Express—Mor Trust, by Trust N Luck, \$23,400, O–Lauer, Penny S., Clary, Timothy J. and Falcon Racing Stable, B–Michael E. Lauer & Penny S. Lauer (IN), T–Michael E. Lauer, J–Jermaine V. Bridgmohan

Margin: 31/4, 6 starters. View Equibase Chart

Louisiana Downs, Race 6, ALW

8/31, \$20,500, 3yo/up, a5f (turf), :57.77, course firm

1–Saturday's Gold, 116, ch g, 3, Goldencents–Saturdaynightbling, by Any Given Saturday, \$14,100, 0–Lee M. Thomas, B–Gill Frederick & Ken Cormier (LA), T–Lee Thomas, J–Aubrie Green

Sale History: 2018 ESLSEP, (\$7,000 RNA).

Margin: 34, 10 starters. View Equibase Chart



RACE RESULTS

WATCH REPLAYS BY CLICKING ON THE RACE NAME

Parx Racing, Race 8, ALW

8/31, \$41,000, 3yo/up, 8f (dirt), 1:40.08, track fast. 1–Yes It's Roo, 123, dk b/br g, 4, Yes It's True–Roofus, by Quiet American, \$24,600, 0–Jackson, Stephen G. and Debbie, B–Dr. Stephen G Jackson & Debbie Jackson (KY), T–Flint W. Stites, J–Angel R. Rodriguez

Margin: 34, 6 starters. View Equibase Chart

Parx Racing, Race 9, AOC

8/31, \$41,000, 3yo, 6f (dirt), 1:09.69, track fast. 1–Fortheluvofbourbon, 118, b g, 3, Bourbon Courage—Nosubstituteforluv, by Not For Love, \$34,400, 0–Daniel M. Ryan, B–Hidden Acres 4-D Farm (PA), T–Michael V. Pino, J–Mychel J. Sanchez

Margin: 81/4, 7 starters. View Equibase Chart

Prairie Meadows, Race 8, AOC

8/30, \$41,278, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.32f (dirt), 1:44.68, track fast.

1-Holdthatlove, 124, b m, 7, Hold Me Back-Lovethatponi, by Volponi, \$24,552, O-Lynn Chleborad, B-Vickie Cosaert & Richard Cosaert (IA), T-Lynn Chleborad, J-Alex Birzer

Margin: 7, 7 starters. View Equibase Chart

Thistledown, Race 5, ALW

8/31, \$21,500, 3yo/up, 8.5f (dirt), 1:48.00, track fast.

1-Last Drop of Wine, 113, ch g, 5, Sing Baby Sing-Girlsasaint, by Saint Liam, \$12,900, O-Irish Charm Thoroughbreds LLC, B-Tom Durant (KY), T-Gary L. Johnson, J-Yarmarie L. Correa

Margin: 2, 7 starters. View Equibase Chart

Thistledown, Race 7, AOC

8/31, \$24,300, 3yo/up, 6f (dirt), 1:11.42, track fast. 1–He's No Bull, 120, b g, 4, Haynesfield–Devout Diva, by Holy Bull, \$14,580, 0–Jack L. Boggs, B–Dare to Dream Stable LLC (KY), T–Kim A. Puhl, J–Erik Barbaran

Margin: 11/4, 6 starters. View Equibase Chart

MAIDEN RESULTS

Albuquerque, Race 10, MSW

8/30, \$24,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (dirt), :58.72, track fast.

1-Diabolical Wildcat, 122, ch f, 3, Diabolical-Wildcat Diva, by Forest Wildcat, \$14,700, O-Robison, J. Kirk and Judy, B-J. Kirk Robison & Judy Robison (NM), T-Johnnie L. Nall, J-Enrique Portillo Gomez

Margin: 534, 10 starters. View Equibase Chart

Canterbury Park, Race 1, MSW

8/31, \$30,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (turf), :58.59, course good.

1-Temples Mon Cheri, 123, dk b/br m, 5, Temple City-Mamselle Aries, by Artax, \$18,000, 0-Anthony J. Didier, B-Rodney G Zimmerman (MN), T-Bruce L. Riecken, J-Francisco Arrieta

Sale History: 2016 FTKOCT, \$8,500.

Margin: 1,7 starters. View Equibase Chart

Canterbury Park, Race 2, MSW

8/31, \$30,000, 2yo, f, 4.5f (dirt), :52.52, track good. 1-Pretti Ta Kela, 118, ch f, 2, Kela-Letsringthebell, by Gilded Time, \$18,000, O-Vicki McGowan, B-Raymond Sauerwein (MN), T-McLean Robertson, J-Leslie Mawing

Sale History: 2019 MINAUG, \$9,000.

Margin: 34, 6 starters. View Equibase Chart

Del Mar, Race 1, MSW

8/31, \$55,000, 3yo/up, 6f (dirt), 1:12.02, track fast. 1–Crooked Finger Ray, 121, b g, 3, Verrazano–Verticaleigh, by Mineshaft, \$33,000, 0–Tiger Racing, Inc, B–Jaam Racing, Inc. (CA), T–Mike Puype, J–Juan J. Hemandez

Margin: head, 5 starters, View Equibase Chart

Del Mar, Race 2, MSW

8/31, \$55,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (turf), :57.37, course firm

1-Althea Gibson, 121, dk b/br f, 3, Grazen-Hey Cowboy, by Bertrando, \$33,000, O-Nicholas B. Alexander, B-Nick Alexander (CA), T-Philip D'Amato, J-Flavien Prat

Margin: 1/2, 10 starters. View Equibase Chart

Del Mar, Race 4, MSW

8/31, \$55,000, 2yo, f, 5f (turf), :58.00, course firm. 1–Closing Remarks, 120, ch f, 2, Vronsky–Orange Cove, by Unusual Heat, \$33,000, O–Harris Farms, Inc., B–Harris Farms (CA), T–Carla Gaines, J–UM-BERTO RISPOLI

Margin: 21/4, 10 starters. View Equibase Chart

Del Mar, Race 11, MSW

8/30, \$55,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5f (turf), 1:46.13, course firm.

1–Frose, 121, dk b/br f, 3, Pioneerof the Nile–Forestry's Magic, by Forestry, \$33,000, 0–Kretz Racing LLC, B–SF Bloodstock LLC (KY), T–George Papaprodromou. J–Mario Gutierrez

Sale History: 2019 OBSAPR, \$100,000, 2018 FTKOCT, (\$145,000 RNA), 2018 FTSAUG, (\$285,000 RNA), 2017 KEENOV, \$200,000.

Margin: 34, 11 starters. View Equibase Chart

Indiana Grand, Race 4, MSW

8/31, \$33,000, 2yo, f, 5.5f (dirt), 1:07.13, track fast. 1–Dance Money, 116, dk b/br f, 2, Majestic Harbor–Cactusa, by Cactus Ridge, \$19,800, O–Eakin, Barbara and Nance, Shelly, B–Anthony Wolfe & Julie Mudman (IN), T–Jonathan Nance, J–Santo Sanjur

Sale History: 2019 INDOCT, \$14,000.

Margin: neck, 6 starters. View Equibase Chart

Indiana Grand, Race 5, MSW

8/31, \$31,000, 2yo, 5f (turf), :57.64, course firm. 1–Beer Can Man, 118, b c, 2, Can the Man–Cheesecake, by Dynaformer, \$18,600, O–Ron P. Patterson, B–Ron Patterson (KY), T–Tommy C. Short, J–Thomas L. Pompell

Sale History: 2018 KEENOV, (\$9,500 RNA).

Margin: 34, 7 starters. View Equibase Chart

Indiana Grand, Race 6, MSW

8/31, \$33,000, 2yo, f, 5.5f (dirt), 1:06.68, track fast. 1–Voodoo Justice, 118, b f, 2, Harry's Holiday–Vain Vixen, by Good and Tough, \$19,800, 0–Rancho Monarca, LLC, B–Justice Farm, Greg Justice (IN), T–Antonio Duran, J–Jermaine V. Bridgmohan

Sale History: 2019 FTKOCT, \$20,000.

Margin: 51/2, 7 starters. View Equibase Chart

Louisiana Downs, Race 2, MSW

8/31, \$22,500, 3yo/up, 6.5f (dirt), 1:18.48, track fast.

1–Now You Rules, 121, b g, 3, Nownownow–Rulers Star, by Ruler's Court, \$13,500, O–Carmen J. Agustin, B–Robert E. Hewlett (LA), T–Thomas W. Nixon, J– Odilon Martinez

Sale History: 2017 ESLMIX, (RNA).

Margin: 7, 6 starters. View Equibase Chart

Presque Isle Downs, Race 1, MSW

8/31, \$30,000, 2yo, 8f (all-weather), 1:40.41, track fast

1–Claw, 120, b c, 2, Cairo Prince–Saratoga Karaoke, by Harlan's Holiday, \$18,000, O–R J G Racing Management LLC, B–St.Simon Place & Tom Conway (KY), T–Eduardo E. Rojas, J–Eddie Dominguez

Sale History: 2020 FTKHRA, \$23,000, 2020 OBSMAR, (\$47,000 RNA), 2019 KEESEP, (\$27,000 RNA).

Margin: head, 7 starters. View Equibase Chart



TODAY'S ENTRIES

CHAMPIONS DAY MARATHON OVERNIGHT S. PRESENTED BY THOROUGHBRED AFTERCARE ALLIANCE

Churchill Downs, Tuesday, September 1, Race 4 12f (dirt), \$115,000, 3yo/up, 2:36 PM (local)

Р#	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	Ry's the Guy	Distorted Humor	4/c	Chris Landeros	120	9/5	Lothenbach Stables, Inc. (Bob Lothenbach)
2	2	Rated R Superstar	Kodiak Kowboy	7/g	Martin Garcia	120	5/1	Crystal Racing Enterprises (Raul Bahena) and Contreras Stable, Inc. (Cipriano Contreras)
3	3	Core Beliefs	Quality Road	5/h	Joseph Talamo	120	5/1	Gary Broad
4	4	Easy Shot	Trappe Shot	4/c	James Graham	120	8/1	Calumet Farm (Brad Kelley)
5	5	Eskenforit	Eskendereya	4/g	Chantal Sutherland	120	10/1	Brilliant Racing, LLC (Brandon Stauble and Natalie Gils, et al.)
6	6	Sir Winston	Awesome Again	4/c	Tyler Gaffalione	120	8/5	Tracy Farmer

Breeders: 1-Tenth Street Stables LLC; 2-ThornDale Stable LLC; 3-Thomas J. Young; 4-Hinkle Farms; 5-BG Stables; 6-Tracy Farmer.

Trainers: 1-lan R. Wilkes; 2-Cipriano Contreras; 3-Scott Hansen; 4-J. Keith Desormeaux; 5-Steve Margolis; 6-Mark E. Casse.

UPCOMING ENTRIES

EIGHT BELLES S. PRESENTED BY TWINSPIRES.COM (G2)

Churchill Downs, Friday, September 4, Race 8 7f (dirt), \$300,000, 3yo f, 3:05 PM (local)

Р#	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	Mundaye Call	Into Mischief	3/f	Florent Geroux	118	6/5	OXO Equine, LLC (Lawrence Best)
2	2	Never Forget	War Front	3/f	Javier Castellano	118	20/1	G. Watts Humphrey, Jr.
3	3	Extra Effort	Flashback	3/f	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	118	30/1	AVQ Racing, LLC (Ashley Quartarolo), Tim Coury and Leigh Anderson-Butler
4	4	Purrfectly Claire	Munnings	3/f	Brian Joseph Hernandez, Jr	. 118	15/1	Rigney Racing, LLC (Richard Rigney)
5	5	Sconsin	Include	3/f	James Graham	118	6/1	Lloyd Madison Farms IV, LLC (Fred Schwartz, et al.)
6	6	Perfect Happiness	Majesticperfection	1 3/f	Rafael Bejarano	118	8/1	Brereton C. Jones
7	7	Four Graces	Majesticperfection	1 3/f	Julien R. Leparoux	120	7/5	Whitham Thoroughbreds, LLC (Janis R. Whitham)

Breeders: 1—Three Chimneys Farm, LLC; 2—G. Watts Humphrey Jr.; 3—Gary & Mary West Stables Inc.; 4—Vegso Racing Stable; 5—Lloyd Madison Farms LLC; 6—Brereton C. Jones; 7—Whitham Thoroughbreds, LLC.

Trainers: 1-Brad H. Cox; 2-Victoria H. Oliver; 3-Anthony T. Quartarolo; 4-Philip A. Bauer; 5-Gregory D. Foley; 6-J. Larry Jones; 7-lan R. Wilkes.



UPCOMING ENTRIES

EDGEWOOD S. PRESENTED BY FORCHT BANK (G2T)

Churchill Downs, Friday, September 4, Race 9 8f (turf), \$300,000, 3yo f, 3:40 PM (local)

Р#	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	In Good Spirits	Ghostzapper	3/f	Miguel Mena	118	5/1	Bal Mar Equine, LLC (Paul Varga)
2	2	Hendy Woods	Uncle Mo	3/f	John R. Velazqu	ez 118	4/1	Stonestreet Stables, LLC (Barbara Banke)
3	3	Sharing	Speightstown	3/f	Manuel Franco	123	6/5	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners (Aron Wellman) and Gainesway Stable (Antony Beck)
4	4	Lucky Betty	Munnings	3/f	Declan Cannon	118	20/1	Dennis Park
5	5	Outburst (GB)	Outstrip (GB)	3/f	Tyler Gaffalione	120	8/1	Marc Detampel, TSF Thoroughbred Racing, LLC (Terrell Frey) and Rebecca Hillen
6	6	Pranked	Into Mischief	3/f	James Graham	118	8/1	Nicole Lyvere
7	7	Mariafoot (FR)	Footstepsinthesan	nd (GB)3/f	Florent Geroux	118	20/1	Manganaro Bloodstock (Paul Manganaro), Blue Lion Thoroughbreds (David Lyon), Peter Hadelman, Jonathan Lanza and Jason Taylor
8	8	Walk In Marrakesh (IRE	Siyo	uni (FR)	3/f	Javier Castellano	118	6/1 Merriebelle Stable, LLC (John Moores and Charles Noell)

Breeders: 1—Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC; 2—Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC; 3—Sagamore Farm; 4—TK Stables LLC; 5—Rainer Stockli & Manfred Wurtenberger; 6—Endeavor Farm; 7—Jean Claude Seroul; 8—Merriebelle Irish Farm LTD..

Trainers: 1—Albert M. Stall, Jr.; 2—Mark E. Casse; 3—H. Graham Motion; 4—William B. VanMeter; 5—Eddie Kenneally; 6—Thomas M. Amoss; 7—Cherie DeVaux; 8—Ignacio Correas, IV.

ALYSHEBA S. PRESENTED BY SENTIENT JET (G2)

Churchill Downs, Friday, September 4, Race 10 8.5f (dirt), \$400,000, 4yo/up, 4:15 PM (local)

P#F	P	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	Silver Dust	Tapit	6/g	Adam Beschizza	120	15/1	Tom R. Durant
2	2	McKinzie	Street Sense	5/h	Mike E. Smith	118	8/5	Mike Pegram, Karl Watson and Paul Weitman
3	3	Owendale	Into Mischief	4/c	Florent Geroux	118	6/1	Rupp Racing (Jim Rupp)
4	4	Hence	Street Boss	6/h	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	118	50/1	Calumet Farm (Brad Kelley)
5	5	Mr Freeze	To Honor and Serv	e 5/h	Manuel Franco	123	6/1	Jim Bakke and Gerald Isbister
6	6	By My Standards	Goldencents	4/c	Gabriel Saez	123	7/5	Allied Racing Stable, LLC (Chester Thomas)
7	7	Title Ready	More Than Ready	5/h	Corey J. Lanerie	118	20/1	Charles E. Fipke
8	8	Bodexpress	Bodemeister	4/c	Javier Castellano	118	15/1	Top Racing, LLC (Lucas Noriega), Global Thoroughbred (Rafael Celis) and GDS Racing Stable (Gustavo Delgado)

Breeders: 1–Don Alberto Corporation; 2–Summer Wind Farm; 3–Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC; 4–Calumet Farm; 5–Siena Farms LLC; 6–Don Ladd; 7–Charles Fipke; 8–Martha Jane Mulholland.

Trainers: 1–W. Bret Calhoun; 2–Bob Baffert; 3–Brad H. Cox; 4–Jack Sisterson; 5–Dale L. Romans; 6–W. Bret Calhoun; 7–Dallas Stewart; 8–Gustavo Delgado.



UPCOMING ENTRIES

LA TROIENNE S. PRESENTED BY OAK GROVE RACING AND GAMING (G1)

Churchill Downs, Friday, September 4, Race 11 8.5f (dirt), \$500,000, 4yo/up f/m, 4:50 PM (local)

Р#	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	Horologist	Gemologist	4/f	John R. Velazquez	120	4/1	There's A Chance Stable (Cameron Beatty), Parkland Thoroughbreds (Steve Weston), Medallion Racing (Phillip Shelton) and Abbon- danza Racing, LLC (Bing I. Bush)
2	2	Vexatious	Giant's Causeway	6/m	Tyler Gaffalione	123	4/1	Calumet Farm (Brad Kelley)
3	3	With Dignity	Declaration of War	4/f	Julien R. Leparoux	118	30/1	Whitham Thoroughbreds, LLC (Janis R. Whitham)
4	4	Saracosa	Bernardini	5/m	Martin Garcia	118	20/1	Chad Schumer
5	5	Risky Mandate	Strong Mandate	4/f	David Cohen	118	20/1	Ghost Hollow Farm (William J. Jones)
6	6	She's a Julie	Elusive Quality	5/m	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	123	6/1	Bradley Thoroughbreds (Peter R. Bradley, III), Tim and Anna Cambron, Denali Stud (Craig Bandoroff), Rigney Racing, LLC (Richard Rigney) and Madaket Stables, LLC (Sol Kumin and Jason Monteleone)
7	7	Lady Kate	Bernardini	4/f	Javier Castellano	118	15/1	Anderson Stables, LLC (Brad Anderson)
8	8	Monomoy Girl	Tapizar	5/m	Florent Geroux	123	4/5	Michael Dubb, Monomoy Stables, LLC (Sol Kumin), The Elkstone Group, LLC I(Stuart Grant) and Bethlehem Stables, LLC (Michael J. Caruso)

Breeders: 1—Holly Crest Farm; 2—James C. Weigel & Giant's Causeway Syndicate, LLC.; 3—Whitham Thoroughbreds, LLC; 4—Meritage Ventures, Inc.; 5—Ghost Hollow Farms, LLC; 6—Godolphin; 7—Eileen H. Hartis & Godolphin; 8—FPF LLC & Highfield Ranch.

Trainers: 1—William I. Mott; 2—Jack Sisterson; 3—Ian R. Wilkes; 4—Cipriano Contreras; 5—Thomas M. Amoss; 6—Steven M. Asmussen; 7—Eddie Kenneally; 8—Brad H. Cox.

LONGINES KENTUCKY OAKS (G1)

Churchill Downs, Friday, September 4, Race 12 9f (dirt), \$1,250,000, 3yo f, 5:45 PM (local)

Р#	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	Swiss Skydiver	Daredevil	3/f	Tyler Gaffalione	121	8/5	Peter J. Callahan
2	2	Tempers Rising	Bayern	3/f	Julien R. Leparoux	121	50/1	Mark H. and Nancy W. Stanley
3	3	Donna Veloce	Uncle Mo	3/f	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	121	15/1	Kaleem Shah, Inc. (Kaleem Shah), Mrs. John Magnier, Michael B. Tabor and Derrick Smith
4	4	Speech	Mr Speaker	3/f	Javier Castellano	121	5/1	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners (Aron Wellman), Madaket Stables, LLC (Sol Kumin and Jason Monteleone) and Heider Family Stables, LLC (Scott Heider)
5	5	Gamine	Into Mischief	3/f	John R. Velazquez	121	1/1	Michael Lund Petersen
6	6	Bayerness	Bayern	3/f	Rafael Bejarano	121	50/1	Belladonna Racing, LLC (Porsche Brooks)
7	7	Shedaresthedevil	Daredevil	3/f	Florent Geroux	121	20/1	Qatar Racing, Ltd. (Robert Levitt), Flurry Racing Stables, LLC (Staton C. Flurry) and Big Aut Farms (Autry Lowry, Jr.)
8	8	Hopeful Growth	Tapiture	3/f	Manuel Franco	121	30/1	St. Elias Stable (Vincent Viola)
9	9	Dream Marie	Graydar	3/f	Joseph Talamo	121	50/1	Miracle's International Trading, Inc. (Mark Williams, Andrea Williams, Shari Williams and Matthew J. Williams)

Breeders: 1–WinStar Farm, LLC; 2–Dr. Bryan Boone DVM; 3–Coin Broker Syndicate; 4–Gail Rice; 5–Grace Thoroughbred Holdings LLC; 6–Machmer Hall; 7–WinStar Farm, LLC; 8–Phillips Racing Partnership; 9–Wynnstay LLC & GWR LLC.

Trainers: 1—Kenneth G. McPeek; 2—Dallas Stewart; 3—Simon Callaghan; 4—Michael W. McCarthy; 5—Bob Baffert; 6—Cherie DeVaux; 7—Brad H. Cox; 8—Anthony R. Margotta, Jr.; 9—Matthew J. Williams.



UPCOMING ENTRIES

TWIN SPIRES TURF SPRINT S. PRESENTED BY SYSCO (G2T)

Churchill Downs, Friday, September 4, Race 13 5.5f (turf), \$250,000, 3yo/up, 6:20 PM (local)

Р#	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	Diamond Oops	Lookin At Lucky	5/g	Florent Geroux	121	8/1	Diamond 100 Racing Club (Ivy Hui), Amy E. Dunne, D P Racing, LLC (Deron Pearson) and Patrick L. Biancone Racing, LLC (Patrick L. Biancone)
2	2	Wellabled	Shackleford	6/h	Manuel Franco	121	10/1	Carolyn Wilson
3	3	Real News	The Factor	4/c	Joseph Talamo	121	10/1	Town and Country Racing, LLC (KiKi Courtelis)
4	4	Bound for Nowhere	The Factor	6/h	Julio A. Garcia	121	3/1	Wesley A. Ward
5	5	Extravagant Kid	Kiss the Kid	7/g	Tyler Gaffalione	121	7/2	DARRS, Inc. (David A. Ross)
6	6	Tell Your Daddy	Scat Daddy	4/g	Brian Joseph Hernandez, Jr	121	15/1	Lothenbach Stables, Inc. (Bob Lothenbach)
7	7	Smart Remark	First Defence	5/g	Rafael Bejarano	121	30/1	G. Watts Humphrey, Jr., Brian Klatsky and Brendan O'Brien
8	8	Just Might	Justin Phillip	4/g	Colby J. Hernandez	121	30/1	Griffon Farms (Robert Griffon) and Michelle R. Lovell
9	9	Jazzy Times	Discreetly Mine	7/g	Miguel Mena	121	30/1	Wesley E. Hawley
10	10	Carotari	Artie Schiller	4/g	Julien R. Leparoux	121	8/1	William Branch
11	11	Fielder	Sidney's Candy	6/g	Paco Lopez	121	30/1	Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC (Ron Paolucci)
12	12	Chaps	More Than Ready	5/g	Corey J. Lanerie	121	20/1	Joseph W. Sutton
13	13	Tiger Blood	Cowtown Cat	7/g	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	121	6/1	Michael M. Hui, Hooties Racing, LLC (Mark Moore) and WSS Racing, LLC (William Simon)
14	14	Chief Cicatriz	Munnings	7/g	James Graham	121	15/1	Roy Gene Evans
15	15	High Crime	Violence	4/c	Javier Castellano	121	15/1	Silverton Hill, LLC (Bonnie and Tommy Hamilton)

Breeders: 1–Kin Hui Racing Stables LLC; 2–PTS Ranch, LLC; 3–Georgia Farms Inc; 4–Wayne Lyster, Gray Lyster & Bryan Lyster; 5–Vicino Racing Stable; 6–Spendthrift Farm LLC; 7–G. Watts Humphrey Jr. & St. George Farm, LLC; 8–Griffon Farms & Michelle Lovell; 9–RDurham Racing LLC; 10–Tom Evans & Pam Clark; 11–HnR Nothhaft Horseracing LLC; 12–Joseph W. Sutton; 13–Brent Fernung & Crystal Fernung; 14–Roy Gene Evans; 15–Silverton Hill, LLC. **Trainers:** 1–Patrick L. Biancone; 2–Larry Rivelli; 3–Albert M. Stall, Jr.; 4–Wesley A. Ward; 5–Brendan P. Walsh; 6–Neil L. Pessin; 7–Victoria H. Oliver; 8–Michelle Lovell; 9–Wesley E. Hawley; 10–Brian A. Lynch; 11–Anthony T. Quartarolo; 12–Eddie Kenneally; 13–Michael J. Maker; 14–Shawn H. Davis; 15–Darrin Miller.



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