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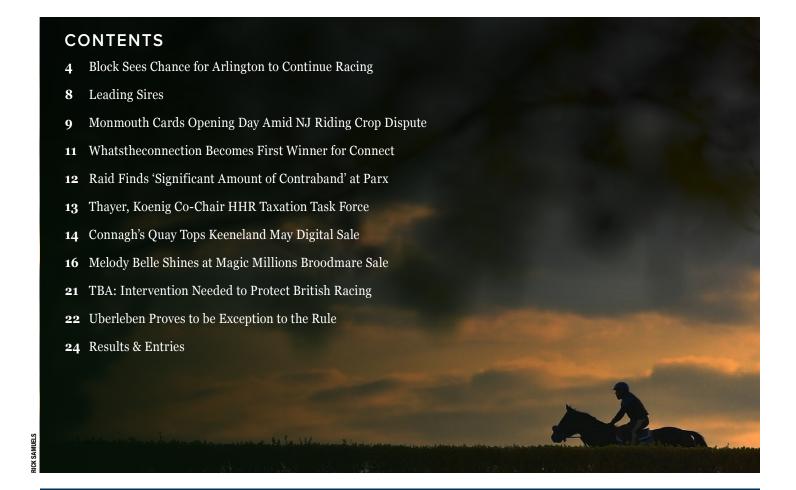
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## BLOCK SEES CHANCE FOR ARLINGTON TO CONTINUE RACING

By Bob Kieckhefer

Chris Block is the trainer and most visible member of Team Block, a stalwart breeding, training, and racing operation in Illinois for decades. Block and his father have held numerous formal and informal leadership positions in the industry and their voices are among the most respected.

Block spoke with BloodHorse
MarketWatch about the general
state of Illinois racing; the decision
by Arlington International
Racecourse's owner, Churchill
Downs Inc., first to not apply
for a gaming license at the track
and then to sell the property;

the ongoing effort by a group including horsemen and former Arlington president and CEO Roy Arnold to buy the track and keep it operating; and the prospect of Hawthorne Race Course becoming the only track left in the Chicago area.

The conversation veered into some arcane details, including the practice of "recapture," a provision of Illinois law despised by horsemen, that allows tracks to take money from the purse accounts to "recapture" revenue lost to full-card simulcasting, and the prospect CDI could lose the right to operate its TwinSpires advance deposit wagering service in Illinois if it abandons Arlington.

**MarketWatch**: How long have you and your family been involved

in breeding and racing in Illinois?

Chris Block: Probably every bit of 40-plus years. My dad started the business. My brother and my sister, she's involved even though she doesn't live in Illinois. When you refer to Team Block, it's the family. So it's my mom and dad and my brother and my sister and me.

**MW**: Over the years, what have been the up and downs? How many horses have you had at a time and where do you stand now?

**CB**: We've got probably somewhere in the neighborhood of 40 or 50 head of horses right now, anywhere from broodmares to babies who've just been born to the weanlings, the 2-year-olds, and then the racehorse group that we have here at the track.

**MW**: Where would that be in terms of your historical number?

CB: That's somewhere down, probably 20%, I would say, from where we would normally be if things were where we would hope they would be in Illinois by now and where they should be. I'd say 25% because we have retired some of the mares that were up there in age but we didn't see the need to continue on with those. And then our numbers have backed down. We sold more at the sale in the last couple years than we would normally.

**MW**: Is that a direct result of what's been going on in Illinois?

**CB**: Oh, absolutely. One hundred percent. Yes. Ultimately,



Chris Block adjusts his horse's bridle as his family looks on at Arlington

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we need better purses. To limp along like this, and that's basically what we're doing, OK? I can't advise an owner right now to come to me and say, "Hey, Chris, I want to get involved, what do you think?" I'd have to tell him to put it on pause right now to see what's going to happen.

**MW**: Do you have all your in-training horses at Arlington now or do you have some elsewhere?

**CB**: Most of them are here. There are still a few, a very small group, at Ocala.

**MW**: You are not alone, for sure. I'm actually surprised at the size of the fields at Arlington.

**CB**: It's been pretty good so far. I think the two days a week has helped out a lot. I think that will probably change a little when we get into June. But I do believe that people are wanting to run here.

I think last year, with the shorter schedule, some of these people probably either just didn't bring some of the horses—you see a lot of horses here with long layoffs running, including from my barn. We didn't bring probably eight or so up here last year. We just left them turned out. With the short season and the poor purse structure at Hawthorne, we just didn't see coming up to run 30 days at Arlington and get two chances to run and then going over to Hawthorne. We just decided to wait until this year. So I think there's probably some fresher horses as far as that's concerned. But as the meet goes on, I think we'll probably get some horses from Kentucky and whatnot when the Churchill meet's over. Hopefully that'll support it and keep it going.

**MW**: You had a couple really nice wins down at Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots during the winter.

**CB**: Charlie's Penny (who won the Silverbulletday Stakes at odds of 9-1) and Captivating Moon (who won the Fair Grounds Stakes, G3T, at odds of 43-1). Charlie's Penny, she got injured going into the Rachel Alexandra (G2), a little hairline crack in her cannon bone, so she's on the mend right now. Should be back in



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- CHRIS BLOCK

the fall, we hope. Captivating Moon is here at Arlington and he's getting prepared for his next start, possibly in the Hanshin on June 26.

**MW**: Let's talk about what's going on at Arlington. There's all kinds of rumors floating around but do you see any chance the track is going to survive as a racing operation?

**CB**: I think there's a chance. There is a group being put together, you know Roy Arnold is involved, to make a possible proposal or bid to buy the track. I cannot say enough about Roy Arnold and his commitment. That group has given us a chance.

I think, outside of that, without that happening, and them being able to purchase it and continue operating here with their plan, I think the only chance that we can continue on here is if there's not any proposals that come across that interest Churchill and they decide

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to keep going as a business because I just don't think there are going to close it and let dust collect here when there's a chance for the recapture they can get as well as TwinSpires does quite well here.

So unless there's a proposal that comes across the table that really, really catches their attention and makes sense to them, I think there's a chance that we can continue on here. I'd rather see it under new ownership if Roy and his group can pull it off. I think that would be the best-case scenario because I think Churchill wants out of racing in Illinois. That seems to be every indication that they give us. So if a new group can get it bought, that would be by far in the best interest of Illinois horse racing.

I applaud the Carey family (Hawthorne's multigenerational owners) for what they're doing over there. I think the future will be very bright over there once they get it (casino) up and going and I applaud them for that. But I think Tim Carey would back me up on this: Illinois horse racing needs Arlington Park. Mike Campbell (president of the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association) has said it many times before that it will just never, ever be the same without it.

**MW**: What would it take for new ownership to make Arlington work?

**CB**: The new group, if they were to buy it, would probably need gaming to keep it going. Now, that gets complicated because the chance to apply for a (gaming) license has come and gone. But maybe there's an avenue to get that done. Maybe there would be a way for that to happen.

**MW**: Do you see Arlington being successful without a casino or some kind of alternative revenue?

**CB**: I don't see it being real successful. I don't think there's enough ... Without

recapture, I think there's a chance the horsemen could do well. On the flip side, they (CDI) claim they can't survive without the recapture. So if that's not in play for an operator, then it's probably too difficult for them to keep it going, so to answer your question, in a roundabout way, I don't think it's viable without gaming.

**MW**: You'd be running for the \$150,000 or so a day that they're running for now as opposed to going to Hawthorne year around where casino revenue could produce much higher purses.

**CB**: Without question. You summarized it perfect. That's what I told my dad. Here's your choice: It you were to just have Arlington, without the racino, OK, we'd be running for about \$150,000 a day. And Hawthorne could probably double or maybe triple that if they were the lone ranger on the block. They'd be getting all the host time, all the money coming from the racino, it would be very lucrative over there. And once the racino is up, recapture is done and all that stays in the purse account.

This is a business and we have to look at it from the standpoint of what you can make in the purse structure and, if that's what it would be over there, then we'd all

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Captivating Moon wins the Fair Grounds Stakes at Fair Grounds Race Course



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make it just fine by being over there, running for that kind of money.

**MW**: But it's not the same as Arlington. There is something about Arlington.

**CB**: Everywhere I go, everyone knows I'm from here, they always say what a shame it would be up there that you're probably going to lose Arlington, one of the most beautiful tracks in the country if not the world.

**MW**: Maybe recapture is going to be the salvation of Illinois racing?

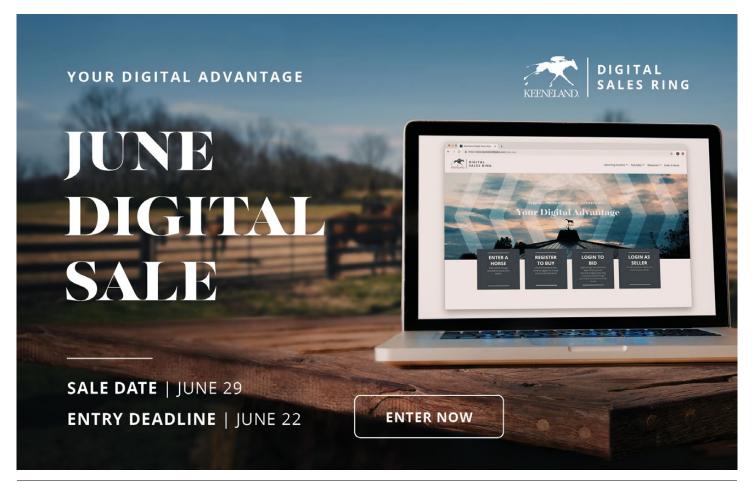
**CB**: I never really thought about it like that but it could be. I mean, it's \$4 million (a year) to them. That's nothing to sneeze about. And when you factor in what TwinSpires does for them, Dave (McCaffrey, executive



Horses battle for position at Arlington International Racecourse

director of the ITHA) will tell you they will try to keep a foothold here in Illinois someway, somehow, so they can keep TwinSpires alive, that would be huge for them. So those factors, and especially the recapture, could be saving Arlington Park. BH

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1	Ghostzapper, '00, (Awesome Again) Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY, \$85,000	132 / 57	7/9	3	1	2.04	Mystic Guide \$7,320,000	\$10,529,817
2	Into Mischief, '05, (Harlan's Holiday) Spendthrift Farm, KY, \$225,000	293 / 115	21 / 42	9	2	2.12	Mandaloun \$870,000	\$9,966,949
3	Speightstown, '98, (Gone West) WinStar Farm, KY, \$90,000	178 / 61	7 / 20	5	1	1.98	Charlatan \$3,500,000	\$7,798,536
4	Curlin, '04, (Smart Strike) Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY, \$175,000	185 / 65	11 / 23	9	3	2.29	Malathaat \$953,000	\$6,173,466
5	Tapit, '01, (Pulpit) Gainesway, KY, \$185,000	170 / 59	6 / 21	4	0	2.24	Essential Quality \$1,080,000	\$5,803,631
6	Paynter, '09, (Awesome Again) WinStar Farm, KY, \$10,000	149 / 67	3/7	1	1	1.44	Knicks Go \$3,240,000	\$5,615,848
7	Munnings, '06, (Speightstown) Ashford Stud, KY, \$40,000	200 / 84	9 / 16	2	1	1.55	Kimari \$300,000	\$4,246,944
8	Hard Spun, '04, (Danzig) Darley, KY, \$35,000	208 / 68	4 / 10	2	0	1.44	Silver State \$990,000	\$4,030,598
9	Street Sense, '04, (Street Cry) Darley, KY, \$60,000	172 / 56	6/9	3	0	1.54	Concert Tour \$856,600	\$3,925,798
10	Medaglia d'Oro, '99, (El Prado) Darley, KY, \$150,000	146 / 43	5 / 11	4	1	1.86	Magny Cours \$1,230,740	\$3,763,999
11	Constitution, '11, (Tapit) WinStar Farm, KY, \$85,000	135 / 58	4 / 13	2	0	2.17	Independence Hall \$338,000	\$3,724,682
12	Twirling Candy, '07, (Candy Ride) Lane's End, KY, \$40,000	172 / 68	1/9	1	1	1.55	Rombauer \$740,000	\$3,690,939
13	Candy Ride (ARG), '99, (Ride the Rails) Lane's End, KY, \$75,000	140 / 58	6 / 10	5	1	2.03	Rock Your World \$546,600	\$3,567,452
14	American Pharoah, '12, (Pioneerof the Nile) Ashford Stud, KY, \$100,000	162 / 43	8 / 15	4	1	1.70	Cafe Pharoah \$416,641	\$3,486,241
15	Uncle Mo, '08, (Indian Charlie) Ashford Stud, KY, \$175,000	192 / 70	2/8	1	0	1.61	Modernist \$152,500	\$3,233,757

Listed above are the top 15 leading sires by 2021 Northern Hemisphere earnings through May 24, 2021. Only stallions that stand, will stand, or stood in North America (excluding stallions that died or were exported prior to the 2017 breeding season), and have runners in North America are included. Racing statistics are 2021 Northern Hemisphere only.

## MONMOUTH CARDS OPENING DAY AMID NJ RIDING CROP DISPUTE

By Byron King

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ighly restrictive riding crop regulations soon to be implemented by the New Jersey Racing

Commission have discouraged some jockeys from riding this summer at Monmouth Park, and fewer horses were entered for opening day, May 28, compared to the track's opening last July.

Forty-five horses were entered in six races for a twilight card that begins at 5 p.m. ET, down from 51 that went to post in six races on opening day last year following six scratches. The track ran two turf races last summer. compared to having one turf race, the \$100,000 Jersey Derby, on Friday, when wet weather is forecast. Grass races typically draw larger fields.

Joe "Jersey Joe" Bravo is one of the riders who will not be returning to Monmouth Park

Only six races on Friday were carded, as intended, due to the late post. The track runs lengthier programs with earlier post times on weekends.

The new New Jersey riding crop rule allows jockeys to carry a crop but they can only use it for safety. The regulation leaves stewards to oversee enforcement, and they will be able to fine or suspend a rider if they determine it was simply used to achieve a better finish. A jockey's share of the purse could also be forfeited for prohibited use. According to Terry Meyocks, president

> and CEO of the Jockeys' Guild, a jockey can be penalized for merely waving the crop at his mount.

### **EHALT: Riding Crop Rule Leads to Battle Over** Safety in Jersey

Not one of the top five riders from last summer's meet at Monmouth has a ride on Friday, though some are currently serving suspensions for riding infractions. Upset with the new rule, Joe Bravo, nicknamed "Jersey Joe" for his longtime success on the circuit, previously announced he would not ride the meet under the riding crop rule.

Riders booked on mounts Friday include Jose Ferrer, Isaac Castillo, Carlos Hernandez, and Jomar Torres—who were toward the bottom half of last summer's Monmouth top-10 standings by wins. Later

> last year, during the abbreviated Meadowlands-at-Monmouth Park meet, Ferrer was the leading rider with 11 winners over the eight live racing cards.

There are also some additions to the track's depleted riding colony this summer. Fourteen different jockeys are named to ride on Friday.

and racing secretary at Monmouth Park, said track officials contacted

John Heims, director of racing participating jockeys to confirm they would ride and they agreed.



Racing at Monmouth Park

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## MONMOUTH CARDS OPENING DAY AMID NJ RIDING CROP DISPUTE

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Several horses do not have jockeys assigned aboard them in the Jersey Derby, which Heims said is allowed at time of entry for stakes races. Those mounts will be finalized in the upcoming days, according to Heims.

Proponents of riding crop restrictions believe they reduce claims of animal abuse. Those that oppose riding crop restrictions counter that they put jockeys at risk from being unable to fully control their mounts, such as when anticipating when one might be readying to duck in or out.

Jockeys riding on Friday are a mixture of members and non-members of the Jockeys' Guild, said Meyocks.

Entries for Friday didn't happen without drama. In the lead-up to the start of the meet, numerous jockeys indicated they would not ride at the New Jersey track, dissatisfied with the NJRC rule. That regulation, passed last fall without consultation from jockeys, was delayed from implementation last year, and enforcement begins Friday.

Earlier this spring, the Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division, denied a motion by the Jockeys' Guild to stay the NJRC regulation pending a decision on its yet-to-be-resolved appeal that is still working its way through the courts.

Then on Tuesday, the track, now taking center stage in a fight between jockeys and the NJRC, threatened to ban riders for the entire meet if they refused to accept rides on Friday as a boycott. Excluded from this announced ban were jockeys with previous commitments for Friday racing, or riders serving suspensions, such as Paco Lopez, Nik Juarez, and Ferrin Peterson.

"We are not going to let people stick it to us and



A jockey carries a whip

cost us money by canceling racing," Heims told BloodHorse early Tuesday morning.

"There are a number of riders that probably felt pressured by the track and at the same time are willing to risk their lives in riding," Meyocks said. "Other riders are concerned about their safety."

Heims and Meyocks said there were conversations between jockey representatives and track management late Tuesday morning. The Jockeys' Guild, Meyocks said, wanted to "see if we could all come together and go to the commission as one," with hopes of getting the NJRC to alter the rule or delay implementation.

He said implementing the New Jersey rule now, with the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act set to take effect next summer, is poor timing when the industry should be working toward uniform rules.

The New Jersey regulation is the strictest in the country after some regulatory bodies earlier limited the number of strikes a jockey can give a horse and the manner in which a strike is delivered.

In anticipation of the new rule, some bettors have announced on social media they do not plan to bet on Monmouth Park as they had in the past. BH

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Whatstheconnection wins his debut at Indiana Grand

## WHATSTHECONNECTION BECOMES FIRST WINNER FOR CONNECT

By Molly Rollins

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Rowles Farm's homebred Whatstheconnection graduated first time out and became the first winner for freshman sire Connect in the seventh race at Indiana Grand May 25.

Trained by John Ennis, Whatstheconnection was hustled to the front under jockey Marcelino Pedroza. The chestnut colt quickly opened up two lengths on the field past a quarter-mile in :22.31 and was set to a drive at the top of the lane. Under steady urging, Whatstheconnection kept his challengers at bay, outlasting Mowins and Oro Azteca for a half-length tally.

The 2-year-old clocked the five furlongs in :59.78 on a fast track.

Bred in Kentucky, Whatstheconnection is the sixth winner produced from the Storm Cat mare Decorator. He is a half brother to the stakes-placed filly Deadline (by Flat Out) and hails from the family of grade 1 winner No Matter What, grade 2 winner E Dubai, and European champion 2-year-old filly Rainbow View.

Lane's End stallion Connect was a grade 1 winner and millionaire on the track for owner Paul Pompa Jr. and trainer Chad Brown. The son of Curlin won six of eight starts, including graded stakes victories in the Cigar Mile Handicap (G1), Pennsylvania Derby (G2), and Westchester Stakes (G3). In his Pennsylvania Derby victory as a 3-year-old, Connect defeated a top-class field that included eventual Horse of the Year Gun Runner, Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1) winner Nyquist, and Preakness Stakes (G1) winner Exaggerator.



### RAID FINDS 'SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF CONTRABAND' AT PARX

By BloodHorse Staff

A recent raid on the backside of Parx Racing Carried out by the Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission revealed "a significant amount of contraband," Tom Chuckas, the director of the Thoroughbred Horse Racing Bureau at the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, said during a May 25 commission meeting.

Veterinarian Kathryn Papp shared a clip of the meeting, conducted over Zoom, on Twitter.

"We went through the barn area and the tack rooms. We did six total barn searches, six tack room searches. In addition to that we looked at five grooms' quarters and five external tack rooms and 66 out-of-competition tests were performed," Chuckas said during the meeting. "In our enforcement action I can say without getting into too much detail, a significant amount of contraband was discovered, dealing with medications, unlabeled compounded or expired. I regret to say that they were contraband items that have no business on the backside with needles and



Horses make their way to the track from the paddock at Parx Racing

syringes and some other things that we discovered."

Chuckas said his was confined on the information

he could currently share due to active investigations.

"But the fact of the matter is Parx was the first step in this process of going back to our actions that we were conducting pre-COVID and moving forward I think it's fair to say that the other tracks will receive the same enforcement action." he added. BH

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## THAYER, KOENIG CO-CHAIR HHR TAXATION TASK FORCE

By BloodHorse Staff

Following legislation protecting historical horse racing games in Kentucky being signed into law in February, a special committee in the Kentucky General Assembly has been formed to study the taxes racetracks pay to the state from HHR.

The Pari-Mutuel Wagering Taxation Task Force will be co-chaired by Sen. Damon Thayer and Rep. Adam Koenig. The committee will "study the taxes and rates related to horse racing, the impact that changing the rates would have, and the funds relating to the horse industry which receive historical horse racing tax receipts (and) determine if any changes should be made," according to the state's legislature website.

## ANGST: Kentucky Task Force to Examine HHR Tax Rate

Senate Bill 120, signed into law by Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear Feb. 22, updated the state's definition of pari-mutuel wagering to specifically include HHR games. A state Supreme Court decision last September had determined that at least one brand of HHR was not pari-mutuel.

Several state Representatives who were on the fence but voted in favor of HHR said they would push for an

increased tax. The study of the tax structure was agreed to by Kentucky racetracks in order to push SB120 through.

The Kentucky Equine Education Project, Kentucky's equine economic advocate, released the following statement May 25 on the appointment of the Pari-Mutuel Wagering Taxation Task Force:

"The Kentucky Equine Education Project commends the appointment of the Pari-Mutuel Wagering Taxation Task Force, the first step in ensuring an equitable tax rate for historical horse racing that will result in increased revenue for the state and promote continued growth for Kentucky's nation-leading horse industry. "During the legislative session when the preservation of HHR was discussed, Kentucky's horse industry pledged to work with the legislature to assess the tax structure of HHR, how those funds are allocated, what the impact would be on the industry and Kentucky's economy if the tax rates are changed, and determine if any changes should be made to the existing structure.

"KEEP stands ready to work with the task force and be part of the conversation on HHR to ensure that entire horse industry—all breeds and disciplines—continues to see benefit from HHR through incentive funds and other state programs. Additionally, it is paramount that changes to the tax structure of HHR are not detrimental to the horse industry's 60,000 direct and indirect jobs and its \$6.5 billion impact on Kentucky's economy. KEEP looks forward to working closely with the task force to accomplish these goals.

"KEEP extends its gratitude to Rep. Matt Koch and Rep. Ruth Ann Palumbo for their legislative efforts to establish this task force."

The other legislative members of the task force are Julie Raque Adams, Christian McDaniel, Stephen West, Jonathan Dixon, Al Gentry, Matthew Koch, and Jason Petrie. BH

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Sen. Damon Thayer



## CONNAGH'S QUAY TOPS KEENELAND MAY DIGITAL SALE

By BloodHorse Staff

Connagh's Quay, a 3-year-old colt from the first crop of champion Flintshire, brought a final bid of \$65,000 from Kirkwood Stables, agent, to be the highest price of Keeneland's May Digital Sale, held May 25 as part of Keeneland's Digital Sales Ring platform.

Consigned by owner and breeder Juddmonte, Connagh's Quay is out of the Empire Maker mare Routine. He is a half brother to 2021 W. L. McKnight (G3T) winner Tide of the Sea and from the family of multiple grade 1 winners Tates Creek and Sightseek. The colt was offered as a racing or stallion prospect.

Connaugh's Quay is a maiden from five prior starts at the track, including a second- and third-place effort in maiden special weight company at Tampa Bay Downs this past winter. Previously trained by Chad Brown, he was unplaced in his most recent start at Belmont Park.

TEC Racing paid \$35,000 for graded stakesplaced Salvator Mundi, a 5-year-old gelding by Artie Schiller. Out of the Horse Greeley mare Conquest Lil Miss, a half sister to grade 1 winner My



Connagh's Quay topped the Keeneland May Digital Sale

Conquestadory (by Artie Schiller), Salvator Mundi was consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, agent.

The one-day mixed May Digital Sale grossed \$144,000 for six horses sold from 15 offered. The average price was \$24,000 and the median was \$20,500.

Keeneland will host its next Digital Sale on June 29. Additional digital sales are scheduled for July, August, October, and December. BH

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## OUT OF THE GATE

CHICAGO SUMMER: The 2021 meet at Arlington International Racecourse is underway in the midst of uncertainty over the track's future

**COADY PHOTOGRAPHY** 



By Tim Rowe/ANZ Bloodstock News

It promised to be a day like no other and it delivered, so much so it prompted industry figures to label the May 25 opening session of the Magic Millions Gold Coast National Broodmare Sale as the most extraordinary they had witnessed in decades.

Eighteen mares sold for AU\$1 million or more, 11 of them in the Shadwell Stud Australasia dispersal sale, and champion New Zealand mare Melody Belle could lay claim to being the head of the pack one more time when she topped the day at AU\$2.6 million (US\$2,011,760).

There was AU\$68,888,000 (\$53,302,400) spent on 210 lots in the race fillies and mares session, the highest single day's trade in the Southern Hemisphere at a breeding stock sale, at an average of AU\$328,038 (\$253,821), up 59% year on year.

The median of AU\$145,000 (\$112,194) was up 93% on last year and up from AU\$70,000 achieved in 2019.

The clearance rate was set at 91% as breeders looked

to cash in on the booming market after record yearling and weanling sales.

"I am speechless. We'd hoped to achieve something extraordinary, but to do so is a remarkable result. It's a remarkable result for the team and it's a remarkable result for the industry here in Australia," an elated and clearly emotional Magic Millions managing director Barry Bowditch said.

"The industry's in great shape here, isn't it? It's buoyant, there were so many people trying to get in, and bidding was healthy from start to finish.

"It just shows that if you bring a premium product to a horse sale, we'll ensure that the buyers are here to bid on these horses. Today reflected that like never before.

"I think we've had 10 lots make over AU\$1.5 million and I'd hate to know how many made over seven figures. It's a huge number—18 in one day.

"I don't think that's been done in the history of a mares sale and definitely not here."

The figures, even taking into account the once-off Shadwell dispersal sale, could have been greater had Arcadia Queen been sold.

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Melody Belle in the ring at the Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale



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Onlookers were left stunned when Arcadia Queen (Lot 723), arguably the sale's biggest drawcard, was passed on for AU\$3.4 million (\$2,630,770) after her Western Australia owner-breeder Bob Peters was unwilling to part with his star homebred mare. Her reserve was listed at AU\$4 million.

Further underlining the dramatic day, the sale was halted for about 45 minutes after a car crash nearby cut power to about 370,000 residents from the Gold Coast to Caboolture and also brought the Magic Millions sales ring to silence.

A back-up generator was called upon to allow the sale to resume.

#### 'Belle' Rings for New Zealand Champion

The first big-name mare through the ring on day one was star mare Melody Belle and it was Yulong's Written Tycoon Syndicate which landed the brilliant 6-year-old for AU\$2.6 million to liven up a remarkable day's trade.

The Commands daughter was the most expensive of 26 mares bought by the partnership on day one, which also included Greysful Glamour for AU\$1.5 million (\$1,160,630) and another Stratum mare Positive Peace for AU\$800,000 (\$619,004). The high-investing Victorian-based stud spent a total of AU\$12.2 million, the majority for their new high-profile stallion recruit, Written Tycoon.

With Kiwi Steve Davis ushered onto the rostrum to auctioneer New Zealand's champion 14-time group 1 winner Melody Belle, the bidding opened at AU\$1 million before an investor bidding online went toe-to-toe with Yulong Investments, who is buying under the Written Tycoon Syndicate in support of their acquisition of the champion stallion.

"We are looking at mares of this quality now we have got Written Tycoon standing at the farm," Yulong's chief operating officer Sam Fairgray said. "She was an obvious mare that we will look to put to him and we think she will suit him ideally."

Cataloged as Lot 510, the Marie Leicester-bred Melody Belle won 19 races and she is one of two winners for Meleka Belle (Iffraaj), a half sister to four stakes-placed horses.

"We thought she would be around that (AU\$2.6 million) mark," Fairgray said.

"She is a group 1 winning 2-year-old and went on to win 14 group 1 races, so a mare of that quality doesn't come on the market very often.

"She was bred by a very good breeder in New Zealand. She's been trained by New Zealand's best trainer.

"She came over and raced against the best in Australia as well."

Soon after the sale of Melody Belle, and on his way to enjoy a celebratory champagne next to Melody Belle's box at the Blue Sky Premium Consignment area near the center parade ring, Fortuna Thoroughbreds' John Galvin admitted to feeling a sense of relief.

"There's quite a bit of pressure leading into a sale like this, of course. There's all sorts of things to do, managing her campaign, managing the sale, managing shareholder expectations, etc., etc. It's happened, she's sold, and AU\$2.6 million is a lot of money," Galvin said.

"While there was talk, perhaps, of figures higher than that, we're very, very happy to have brought her here. Yulong will give her a great home, they've got some great stallions, so it's done and dusted."

Galvin was front and center to the ring, on a table flanked by trainer Jamie Richards and Te Akau principal David Ellis, as other syndicate members sat nearby.

Ellis was one of those bidding on the mare, using the online platform to make a play for Melody Belle.

"The bidding was a little bit slow, to be honest, but with the inspections over the past few days we detected there was strong interest from a number of players and we were happy to go unreserved," Galvin said.

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"I think that was the right way to sell this mare. It probably just needed another player or two to be in there bidding for her to reach a higher figure, but as I say, we're pretty happy to get AU\$2.6 million on the back of a NZ\$57,500 (\$37,11) purchase, not to mention NZ\$4 million in race winnings."

#### **Mizzy Heads to Coolmore**

It was no surprise to see Coolmore playing a key role at the top-end of the market and it was Mizzy who Tom Magnier had his eye on less than an hour into the sale, going to AU\$2.2 million (\$1,702,260) to secure her.

Mizzy (Lot 528) is the second high-priced daughter of Zoustar bought by Magnier in as many years having gone to a Magic Millions record of AU\$4.2 million (\$2,979,431) for the three-time group 1 winner Sunlight last year.

The Anthony Cummings-trained Mizzy, a daughter of the Robert and Sylvie Crabtree-owned listed winner Missy Cummings (Magnus), won four of her 25 starts, three of them at group level, and she was also twice

group 1-placed to earn AU\$1.69 million in prize money.

Offered through the Newgate Consignment as agent for her syndicate of owners, Mizzy finished well back in the TAB Classic (G1) in Adelaide on May 1 and will now join the Annabel Neasham stable as she's targeted towards next month's Tattersall's Tiara (G1) at Eagle Farm.

Bidding on Mizzy opened at AU\$500,000, with the rising 6-year-old commanding interest from local and international buyers while Crabtree, who was standing out the back of the sales ring, revealed he also bid on the mare in the hope of buying out his racing partners.

"It's extraordinarily hard to let her go, I'll be frank, I did have a bid, and was close to the mark, but not quite good enough," Crabtree said.

"Coolmore is a wonderful organization and they will give her every chance she deserves.

"She's quite a beautiful horse. We just love to have lovely horses. The money is incidental, it's good when you get it, but it's the horse you produce which gives you the thrill."

He added: "There were people from America, England, and Australia on her. She's an international mare and our little stud Dorrington is very proud to have bred her and raced her with our partners."

Magnier, who bought the mare for a new

partnership, was in little doubt that Mizzy could have laid claim to being a group 1 winner had she had a bit more luck. She was twice group 1-placed and finished fourth in two other races at the highest level.

A mating for Mizzy has also not been confirmed but it would be fair to say Wootton Bassett will come in for strong consideration.

Her price tag, he says, is reflective of the prosperity of the Australian racing industry.



Mizzy was purchased by Coolmore and will return to the racetrack

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"It just shows the strength of the market at the moment in Australia. You have to put a zero behind your first valuation at the moment. It's a great indication for Magic Millions that they have one of the best sales going on in the world right now," he said.

"We've got a really exciting stallion roster this year. We're obviously bringing Justify back and we've got Wootton Bassett coming down this year and he's already fully booked.

"We've bought a lot of big mares over the past couple of years, so we'll be heavily supporting Wootton Bassett."

#### **Buyers Make Most of Shadwell Dispersal**

Expectations were high for the Shadwell Stud Australasia dispersal, but 11 million-dollar mares changing hands in not much longer than an hour still had many experienced participants in awe of what had just occurred.

Such was the appetite from buyers to take advantage of the rare event, brought on by the ill-health and

then death of Shadwell founder Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, it led to major players joining forces in order to secure their chosen lots.

TAB South Australian Derby (G1) winner Qafila (Lot 815), who was offered in foal to Dundeel, garnered the most attention, with GSA Bloodstock's Jonathan Munz partnering with Coolmore to buy the talented mare for AU\$2 million (\$1,547,510).

"You've got to pay for these nice mares. It's been strong all day, hasn't it? Everyone seems to be partnering up, so it seems, and we've partnered with Coolmore," Munz's representative, agent Dean Hawthorne, said.

"Qafila was a hell of a racemare who we followed (on the racetrack). She is a good type and (AU\$2 million) is the market, really, and I can't really see it stopping.

"She is a good long-term investment."

Munz has a share in Coolmore's dual group 1-winning 2-year-old and first season sire King's Legacy and Hawthorne indicated the two parties are likely to do more business together in the future.

"We've also been trying to buy mares together for King's Legacy and we'll be involved with Coolmore from now on," he said.

"We will sit down with the (Coolmore) boys (about a mating for Qafila) but she will go to one of the Coolmore stallions, I'd imagine. There's all sorts of options on the table for her."

Yarraman Park, where the Shadwell stock had been kept for many years, consigned the draft which grossed AU\$25,135,000.

Despite the startling figures, Yarraman Park's Arthur Mitchell was not completely shocked by what occurred in the sales ring.

"It's been the culmination of 25 years of growing a broodmare band and nurturing them and buying the

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Qafila was the top lot sold from the Shadwell Stud Australasia dispersal



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best yearlings," Mitchell said.

"(Shadwell representative) Angus Gold has done an amazing job and this is the culmination. It is sad to see the end of Shadwell's investment in Australia. Maybe there's a chance they may come back, but it was obviously a phenomenal sale tonight.

"The mares sold really well, and we are so proud of our staff, they have done an amazing job."

As for the overall race fillies and mares session, Mitchell backed up many opinions shared as the day progressed.

"I've been around the world for many years, and I've seen big markets in America, and this is as strong a sale as you'd see, all the way through," he said.

"It wasn't just the Shadwell dispersal ... and it's not just Australians buying, it's people from across the world and this seems a very buoyant market to play in at the moment.

"Australia is in a good place, racing is in a good place, and breeding is in a good place. It's wonderful to

see all these different people investing in these mares."

Magic Millions' Bowditch added: "Shadwell's stock selling was one of the most emotional things you'll see at a horse sale.

"It was truly special and we're extremely grateful to be given the opportunity to sell these horses and it is a big reflection on Yarraman, Angus Gold and Sheikh Hamdan's investment worldwide.

"These horses commanded respect and the buyers got behind them and gave them the respect."

Day two, featuring broodmares in foal, starts on the Gold Coast at 10 a.m. local time Wednesday.

"There's a lot of quality mares to come through. We won't be reaching the heights of what we have today, but it's going to continue to be healthy," Bowditch said.

"The depth of the catalog provides breeders at all levels with opportunities that will be seen over the next two days.

"Buyers will continue to keep their lists long and, even though the market is great, vendors will continue to be realistic."

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## TBA: INTERVENTION NEEDED TO PROTECT BRITISH RACING

By Tom Peacock/Racing Post

A major report published by the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association has warned of the "potentially catastrophic" impact to the health of British racing in the medium to long term following the further decline of the domestic breeding industry because of COVID-19.

The report, which draws upon data from sales and Weatherbys as well as a comprehensive survey of breeders and industry reports, has found that the outlook for British breeding, and the supply of horses generally for British racing, has deteriorated further since the publication of its 2018 Economic Impact Survey.

With owners cutting back or keeping horses in France or Ireland for better prize money and the deaths of three major breeders this year, it states that "there will simply not be enough horses to sustain a racing program in Britain of the scale the sport has grown used to".

The foal crop dropped again in Britain and Ireland in 2020 and the report noted that total revenues from sales of unraced Thoroughbreds fell by over £70 million last year. It does not believe that the gap between the number of horses needed for the program and the number being produced can be met by imports from other countries.

A number of recommendations have been put forward for "urgent but carefully considered action," including capitalizing on Britain's reputation as the 'home' of top-class breeding and racing, protecting pattern races at the top of the structure and providing a diverse and competitive race program, particularly supporting middle-distance and staying events.

It urges united industry action in ensuring levy reform, supporting efforts aimed at increasing



Horses race at Sandown Park

racehorse ownership, and to consider initiatives that have worked in other countries.

TBA chairman Julian Richmond-Watson said: "Since the publication of the TBA Economic Impact Study of 2018, we have delivered a number of projects as part of our strategic plan to improve the environment for British breeders and the breed.

"It was great to see the Great British Bonus implemented in time for the return of racing in June last year to provide much needed support to investors of British bloodstock.

"Throughout 2020 we actively monitored the situation, collecting data from various sources to assess the potential impacts on our industry. Today's report provides evidence that some of the trends first highlighted in the 2018 study have unfortunately been accelerated by the events of the last 12 months.

"Although the GBB scheme is showing early signs of success, it alone cannot resolve all of the industry's issues. The report provides recommendations for future recovery and we hope that our industry partners will support us for the long-term benefit of the sport, its horses, and people."

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## UBERLEBEN PROVES TO BE **EXCEPTION TO THE RULE**

By Alan Porter

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There is a saying about "the exception that proves ■ the rule" and as far as Thoroughbred breeding is concerned, it's just about guaranteed that any time you try and establish a rule, a number of exceptions will soon appear. The most recent weekend offered, quite literally, a pair of classic examples of that phenomenon.

It's been often observed that inbreeding via the immediate sire line of the sire and dam produces below opportunity results. Even the greatest influence of them all, or at least of the modern era, Northern Dancer, couldn't defy that principal. Over a decade ago I conducted a study on Northern Dancer, which at the time found just over 19,000 horses inbred to Northern Dancer 4x4 or closer through the sire line of the sire and dam. That found the cross had produced 2.57% stakes winners, compared with 3.60% stakes winners when the sires of those horses were crossed over all other mares, and 4.09% when the dams of those horses were bred to all other stallions. What's more, every one of the nine selected most prominent branches of the Northern Dancer line had performed worse as a sire line and broodmare sire line with Northern Dancer as a whole, than with all other sire lines. Of course, even then there were some exceptions where

individual versions were concerned, one—the Sadler's Wells/Danzig cross—presaging the greatest exception of all as far as Northern Dancer is concerned, that of Galileo with mares by Danehill.

As chance would have it, Galileo is involved in the first of our "classic exceptions," the Tattersalls Irish Two Thousand Guineas (G1) victor, Mac Swiney. He is by New Approach, a son of Galileo, out of a mare by Teofilo, another son of Galileo. That makes Mac Swiney, the only black-

		Sunday Silence, 1986	Halo
	Stay Gold, 1994		Wishing Well
GOLD SHIP,		Golden Sash, 1988	Dictus
gr, 2009			Dyna Sash
		Mejiro McQueen, 1987	Mejiro Titan
	Point Flag, 1998		Mejiro Aurola
	_	Pastoralism, 1987	Pluralisme
UBERLEBEN dkb/br. f			Tokuno Eighty
January 27, 2018		Devil His Due, 1989	Devil's Bag
oundary 21, 2010	Roses in May, 2000		Plenty O'Toole
		Tell a Secret, 1977	Speak John
			Secret Retreat
MEINE		Brian's Time, 1985	Roberto
THERESIA, blk, 2007	Meine Nouvelle, 2000		Kelley's Day
	· ·	Meine Pretender, 1995	Zabeel
			Giladah

type winner from 23 starters by a Galileo line stallion out of a Galileo line mare. Of course, Mac Swiney is bred and trained by Jim Bolger and runs in the colors of his wife: Bolger is a man for whom a better saying would be "rules are meant to be broken" and working with an equine genetics company in which he's a part owner, has had considerable success with some daring inbreeding, something we looked at last October.

The second rule proving exception is Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks, G1) heroine, Uberleben. She is by Gold Ship, whose grandsire, the Halo horse, Sunday Silence, wrought a tremendous advance in the international standing of the Japanese Thoroughbred. Given the proliferation of his bloodline in Japan and the importation of other Halo line horses, it's inevitable that there would be crosses of Halo line stallions on Halo line mares. As far Sunday Silence line stallions are concerned, there have been 1,176 starters from matings back over mares by other Halo line

> stallions, and just 15 stakes winners (1.32% stakes winners to starters) and just nine graded winners (0.74%),

three capturing grade 1 events.

The Yushun Himba was the first black-type victory for Uberleben, and in fact was only her second win in the six starts she'd made since breaking her maiden last June. She had, however, firmly established herself as one of the leaders of her crop, as she had been beaten just a neck when second in the Sapporo Nisai

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Stakes (G<sub>3</sub>), and the same margin when third in the Hanshin Juvenile Fillies (G<sub>1</sub>) at 2, both times behind juvenile filly champion Sodashi. This term, Uberleben had made two previous starts for good thirds in the Flower Cup (G<sub>3</sub>) and Sankei Sports Sho Flora (G<sub>2</sub>), and she clearly appreciated the opportunity to stretch out to 12 furlongs for the first time.

Gold Ship, the sire of Uberleben, was by one of Sunday Silence's international stars, Stay Gold, who saved his best efforts for races outside Japan. Stay Gold defeated European champion Fantastic Light in the Jebel Ali Free Zone Authority & Dubai Ports Authority Dubai Sheema Classic (G2) and ended his career with a triumph in the Hong Kong Vase (G1), an achievement that made him the first Japanase horse to win a race at that level. Stay Gold was a very successful sire, and Gold Ship was among the best of his offspring, taking 11 graded events, six of them grade 1, including the Satsuki Sho (Japanese Two Thousand Guineas), Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger), Arima Kinen (Grand Prix), Tenno Sho Spring (Emperor's Cup), and two runnings of the Takarazuka Kinen. Uberleben is from

his second crop, and he's also sired the graded winner Black Hole and Win Mighty, a stakes winner who took third in last year's Yushun Himba.

Uberleben's dam, Meine Theresia, stems from the Halo line, via the U.S.trained Emirates Airline Dubai World Cup (G1) victor Roses in May (by Devil His Due, a son of Halo's champion 2-year-old colt, Devil's Bag). A winner at 2, Meine Theresia, is out of the stakes-winning Brian's Time mare, Meine Nouvelle, a sister to stakes winners Meiner Hourglass and Meiner Charles.

The third dam of Uberleben, Meine Pretender, was a winner at 3 in Japan. Imported from New Zealand, Meine Pretender was by the great New Zealand sire, Zabeel, a son of the mighty Sir Tristram. Meine Pretender's dam, Giladah, had an unusual background. Foaled in Ireland, she was by one of the all-time greats of European breeding, Mill Reef, out Nouvelle Star, an Australian-bred and raced mare who was a group 2 winner in her native country, and three times second in group 1 events while racing males. Giladah failed to win in two starts, but was far more successful as a broodmare, producing Double Reef (inbred 3x2) to Mill Reef), a three-time graded winner in South Africa; and Australia graded scorer Star of Nouvelle; and she is ancestress of several other major winners, including Inspirational Girl, successful last year in the Kirin Railway Stakes (G1) in Australia. The family arrived in Australia with Nouvelle Star's dam, Bonne Nouvelle, a daughter of the sprinter Be Friendly. Her dam, Europeana, had some fairly obscure names in her distaff pedigree, but the pedigree did get an upgrade when Drum Taps, out of a half sister to Europeana,

won the Ascot Gold Cup (G1) in both 1992 and 1993.

In addition to the two crosses of Halo, the pedigree of Uberleben also has a double of another influential son of Hail to Reason, in Roberto, and a fifth cross of Hail to Reason's sire, Turn-to, which comes via Sir Ivor, a horse with a very similar background to Halo. BH



Uberleben after her win in the Yushun Himba at Tokyo Racecourse

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## RACE RESULTS

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#### NON-BLACK TYPE STAKES

#### Will Rogers S.

Will Rogers Downs, 5/25, \$55,000, 3yo, c/f, 8f (dirt), 1:37.43. track fast.

1-Number One Dude, 122, dk b/br g, 3 .... \$33,000

American Lion–Ebony Uno, by Macho Uno

O-Terry Westemeir, B-Terry J Westemeir (OK), T-Kari Craddock, J-Leandro D. Goncalves

2-You'reobadboy, 122, b g, 3 ......\$11,000 Affirmatif-Valentine's Humor, by Distorted Humor

O-Liz Horner, B-Hobby Horse Farm Inc. (OK), T-Liz Horner, J-Jose Angel Medina

3-Just Chillin, 122, b g, 3 .............\$6,050 Latent Heat-Stilled, by Quiet American O-Michael Grossman, B-Eureka Thorouggbred Farm (OK), T-Francisco Bravo, J-Floyd Wethey, Jr.

Margins: 5¼, 5, 2½. Others: Okie Union (\$3,300), J B's Legacy (\$1,650), Spirit of Spoatie, Winners Luck, Euroexit. View Equibase Chart

#### ALLOWANCE RESULTS

#### Belterra Park, Race 1, AOC

5/25, \$25,100, 3yo/up, f/m, 8f (dirt), 1:41.67, track fast.

1–Panamaniac, 122, b m, 7, Wilko–La Gaucha, by Seattle Fitz (ARG), \$15,562, O–Knights A to Z Racing LLC, B–Andy Stronach & Wally Pugh (OH), T–Valerie K. Shanyfelt, J–Hector Berrios

**Sale History:** 2015 FTKOCT, (\$3,700 RNA), 2015 FTK-FEB. \$10.000.

Margin: 41/2, 5 starters. View Equibase Chart

#### Belterra Park, Race 4, ALW

5/25, \$24,400, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (dirt), 1:14.49, track fast.

1–Attitude, 119, ch f, 3, Daredevil–E. Judith, by E Dubai, \$14,640, O–WinStar Farm LLC and Blazing Meadows Farm LLC, B–Blazing Meadows Farm LLC & WinStar Farm, LLC (OH), T–Timothy E. Hamm, J–Santiago Gonzalez

Margin: 2, 6 starters. View Equibase Chart

#### Fairmount Park, Race 6, ALW

5/25, \$21,800, 3yo/up, 6f (dirt), 1:11.80, track fast. 1–D'fever, 124, b g, 5, Liaison–Cool Johanna, by Johannesburg, \$13,080, O–Victory Stables, LLC and Schumer, Chad, B–Lannister Holdings LLC (IL), T–Hugo Rodriguez, J–Constantino Roman

**Sale History:** 2016 KEENOV, (\$11,000 RNA).

Margin: 1/2, 7 starters. View Equibase Chart

#### Finger Lakes, Race 5, ALW

5/25, \$25,900, 3yo/up, 8.32f (dirt), 1:46.89, track fast.

1–Florida Endeavour, 118, b g, 3, Central Banker– Irish Heiress, by Shakespeare, \$15,540, O–Joseph A. Cabrera, B–McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, LLC & Donald Duksa (NY), T–Joseph A. Cabrera, J– Jose Baez

**Sale History:** 2020 OBSJUN, \$5,000, 2019 OBSOCT, \$5,000, 2018 FTNOCT, (\$9,500 RNA).



Margin: head, 5 starters. View Equibase Chart

#### Finger Lakes, Race 6, ALW

5/25, \$25,800, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.32f (dirt), 1:46.67, track fast.

1-Keepmyeyeontheboys, 124, b m, 5, Boys At Tosconova-Keep Right, by Street Cry (IRE), \$15,480, O-My Purple Haze Stables, B-Chester Broman & Mary R. Broman (NY), T-Chris J. Englehart, J-John R. Davila, Jr.

Sale History: 2018 FTMMAY, \$25,000.

Margin: 15½, 5 starters. View Equibase Chart

#### Finger Lakes, Race 7, ALW

5/25, \$26,700, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (dirt), :59.14, track fast

1-Hannah Dances, 122, gr/ro f, 4, Shakin It Up-Comfort Level, by Mizzen Mast, \$16,020, O-TLC Thoroughbreds, B-TLC Thoroughbreds LLC (NY), T-M. Anthony Ferraro, J-Luis E. Perez

Margin: 234, 5 starters. View Equibase Chart

#### Hastings Racecourse, Race 5, ALW

5/24,\$24,866,3yo,f,6.5f (dirt),1:17.79, track good. 1–Heidi, 120, b f, 3, Bayern–Thetaloveandmine, by Master Command, \$13,677, 0–Swift Thoroughbreds, Inc., B–Theta Holding I, Inc (KY), T–Dino K. Condilenios. J–Amadeo Perez

**Sale History:** 2019 BRCOCT, \$19,742, 2019 KEEJAN, \$13,000.

Margin: neck, 6 starters. View Equibase Chart

#### Louisiana Downs, Race 5, ALW

5/25, \$20,000, 3yo/up, 8.32f (dirt), 1:45.20, track sloppy.

1–Millwood, 124, ch g, 5, Lemon Drop Kid–Mayhaw, by Lion Heart, \$12,000, 0–End Zone Athletics, Inc., B–Dede McGehee (KY), T–Karl Broberg, J–Richard E. Eramia **Sale History:** 2017 KEESEP, \$60,000.

Margin: 134, 6 starters. View Equibase Chart

#### Louisiana Downs, Race 6, ALW

5/25, \$23,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6.5f (dirt), 1:15.79, track sloppy.

1–Dance Away, 122, b f, 4, Tizway–Doyouwant-todance, by Disco Rico, \$13,800, O–Melissa Cantacuzene, B–Melissa Cantacuzene (LA), T–J. Luis Garcia, J–Juan P. Vargas

Margin: 81/4, 6 starters. View Equibase Chart

#### Parx Racing, Race 8, AOC

5/25, \$47,000, 3yo/up, 6f (dirt), 1:08.91, track fast. 1–Still Having Fun, 123, b g, 6, Old Fashioned–Casual Kiss, by Dehere, \$28,200, 0–Gap View Stables and Jagger Inc., B–Mr. & Mrs. Charles McGinnes & Tim Keefe (MD), T–Jamie Ness, J–Ruben Silvera

**Sale History:** 2016 FTMSEP, \$12,000.

Margin: 2, 6 starters. View Equibase Chart

#### Parx Racing, Race 10, ALW

5/25, \$48,000, 3yo/up, 8f (dirt), 1:36.97, track fast. 1–Dixie Drawl, 123, dk b/br g, 5, Done Talking— Golden Pleasant, by Touch Gold, \$28,800, O–Mopo Racing, B–F. G. Smith Sr. (SC), T–Dale Capuano, J– Jorge Ruiz

Margin: head, 8 starters. View Equibase Chart

#### Thistledown, Race 7, ALW

5/25, \$31,800, 3yo/up, f/m, 5.5f (dirt), 1:07.30, track fast.

1–A Smile a Day, 118, dk b/br f, 3, ltsmyluckyday—Sara's Smile, by Tale of the Cat, \$19,080, 0–Mast Thoroughbreds LLC, B–R Gorham & Mast Thoroughbreds LLC (OH), T–Robert M. Gorham, J–Christian P. Pilares

Margin: 34, 8 starters. View Equibase Chart

#### Will Rogers Downs, Race 3, ALW

5/25, \$25,080, 3yo/up, f/m, 8f (dirt), 1:38.15, track fast.

1–Do You Bileve, 124, b f, 4, Mr. Nightlinger–Summer Event, by Event of the Year, \$14,630, 0–Patrick E. Swan, B–Patrick Swan & Rose Smith (OK), T–Patrick E. Swan, J–Floyd Wethey, Jr.

Margin: head, 5 starters. View Equibase Chart

#### Will Rogers Downs, Race 5, ALW

5/25, \$26,400, 3yo/up, f/m, 8f (dirt), 1:39.12, track fast.

1–High Class Euro, 124, ch m, 5, Euroears–Six Dot Three, by Political Force, \$15,304, 0–Steve F. Williams, B–James E. Helzer (OK), T–Steve F. Williams, J–Benny C. Landeros

Margin: 34. 7 starters. View Equibase Chart



## RACE RESULTS

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#### MAIDEN RESULTS

#### Canterbury Park, Race 1, MSW

5/25, \$30,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (dirt), 1:11.03, track fast.

1–Mo Clare's, 124, b f, 4, Uncle Mo–Claire's Song, by Unbridled's Song, \$18,000, O–Lothenbach Stables, Inc. (Bob Lothenbach), B–Jim Fitzgerald & Katie Fitzgerald (VA), T–Joel Berndt, J–Quincy Hamilton

**Sale History:** 2019 FTMMAY, \$350,000, 2018 FTKOCT, \$160,000.

Margin: neck, 7 starters. View Equibase Chart

#### Fairmount Park, Race 3, MSW

5/25, \$20,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (dirt), 1:13.41, track fast.

1–War Colors, 126, dk b/br f, 4, Revolutionary–Debu, by Buddha, \$12,000, O–Morgan, Sharon R. and Warchol Thoroughbreds LLC, B–Terry L. Morgan DVM & John Glueckert (IL), T–John C. Wainwright, J–Alvin Ortiz

Margin: 6, 7 starters. View Equibase Chart

#### Indiana Grand, Race 4, MSW

5/25, \$33,000, 3yo/up, 6f (dirt), 1:10.99, track fast. 1-Nobody Listens, 120, gr/ro g, 3, Conveyance— Royalesque, by Chapel Royal, \$19,800, O-Kwiatkowski, Matt and Browning, Roger D., B-Southern Chase Farm, Inc., Karen Dodd & Greg Dodd (IN), T-Marvin A. Johnson, J-Joseph D. Ramos

Sale History: 2020 OBSAPR, \$40,000, 2019 FTKOCT,

(\$39,000 RNA).

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#### Indiana Grand, Race 7, MSW

5/25, \$31,000, 2yo, 5f (dirt), :59.78, track fast. 1–Whatstheconnection, 119, ch c, 2, Connect–Decorator, by Storm Cat, \$18,600, O–Knowles Farm, LLC, B–Knowles Farm, LLC (KY), T–John Ennis, J–Marcelino Pedroza

**Sale History:** 2020 KEESEP, (\$27,000 RNA). **Margin:** ½, 10 starters. **View Equibase Chart** 

#### Indiana Grand, Race 8, MSW

5/25, \$31,000, 3yo/up, 8f (turf), 1:37.21, course firm

1–Rochambeau, 124, ch h, 5, Noble Mission (GB)– On My Way, by Giant's Causeway, \$18,600, O–Manganaro Bloodstock and Ingordo, David, B–Waymore, LLC (KY), T–Cherie DeVaux, J–Deshawn L. Parker **Sale History:** 2018 FTMMAY, \$160,000, 2017 FTKOCT, \$39,000.

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#### Indiana Grand, Race 9, MSW

5/25, \$33,000, 3yo/up, 6f (dirt), 1:12.27, track fast. 1–Five Star Colonel, 124, b g, 4, Colonel John–Five Star Wager, by Five Star Day, \$19,800, 0–Crown and Thistle Stable LLC, B–James Deets, Steve Connolly, Chuck Cogburn & Andy Hogg (IN), T–Michelle L. Elliott, J–Jermaine V. Bridgmohan

Margin: 3½, 9 starters. View Equibase Chart

#### Parx Racing, Race 7, MCL

5/25, \$26,000, 3yo/up, a8.5f (turf), 1:44.16, course firm.

1–Recycle, 121, dk b/br g, 3, Temple City–Cycle (GB), by Dansili (GB), \$21,840, 0–Barlar LLC, B–Barlar, LLC (PA), T–T. Bernard Houghton, J–Julio A. Hernandez

Sale History: 2018 KEENOV, (\$110,000 RNA).

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#### Thistledown, Race 1, MSW

5/25, \$30,000, 3yo, 5f (dirt), 1:00.48, track fast. 1–Midnight Warship, 119, dk b/br g, 3, Midshipman–All About Allison, by City Zip, \$18,000, 0–Mitten Mates LLC and D & D Racing Stable, B–Mr. & Mrs. Duncan Lloyd (OH), T–Jeffrey A. Radosevich, J–Luis Raul Rivera

**Sale History:** 2019 KEESEP, (\$52,000 RNA). **Margin:** 834, 6 starters. **View Equibase Chart** 

#### Will Rogers Downs, Race 4, MSW

5/25, \$23,760, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (dirt), 1:10.83, track fast.

1–Playing With Jaxs, 118, ch f, 3, Smarty Jones–Gunner's Niece, by Track Barron, \$13,716, O–Lucio Espiritu, B–Circle Bar H LLC (OK), T–Lucio Espiritu, J–Obed Sanchez

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## TODAY'S ENTRIES

#### MORE THAN EVEN S.

Will Rogers Downs, Wednesday, May 26, Race 6 8.5f (dirt), \$55,000, 3yo/up f/m, 3:20 PM (local)

Р#	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	Country Daisy	Country Day	5/m	Curtis Kimes	124	5/1	Bay, David and Tammie
2	2	Dipping In	Lea	4/f	Leandro D. Goncalves	124	2/1	Ron Stolich
3	3	Dicey	Flat Out	5/m	Alfredo Triana Jr.	124	12/1	Swan, Patrick E. and Lewis, Jay
4	4	Lady Orchid	Oratory	5/m	Floyd Wethey, Jr.	124	3/5	Lori L. Bravo
5	5	Apple County	Sebastian County	6/m	Gustavo Herrera	124	20/1	Billy H. Seelbach, III

Breeders: 1-Bay Ranch; 2-Center Hills Farm; 3-John James Revocable Trust; 4-Lori L Bravo; 5-Dream Walkin' Farms, Inc..

Trainers: 1-H. Ray Ashford, Jr.; 2-H. Ray Ashford, Jr.; 3-Patrick E. Swan; 4-Francisco Bravo; 5-Paul A. Smith.

#### **CHEROKEE NATION CLASSIC CUP S.**

Will Rogers Downs, Wednesday, May 26, Race 9 8.5f (dirt), \$55,000, 3yo/up c/g, 4:44 PM (local)

Р#	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	Gospel Musketeer	Musketier (GER)	5/g	Jose Angel Medina	124	6/1	Steve F. Williams
2	2	Dak Da Man	Mucho Macho Mar	1 5/g	Leandro D. Goncalves	124	7/2	Cisper Racing
3	3	Big Game Hunter	Flower Alley	6/g	Roman Cruz	124	12/1	Lone Star Stables Five and Colleen Davidson
4	4	Caney's Ghost	Dramedy	4/g	Alfredo Triana Jr.	124	5/1	Ra-Max Farms LLC
5	5	Willy Special Cats	Special Rate	4/g	Floyd Wethey, Jr.	124	12/1	Catttts Family Racing, LLC
6	6	Final Burbank	Burbank	5/g	Curtis Kimes	124	15/1	Caster, Beth and Caster, Boyd
7	7	Quality Rocket	Backstabber	7/g	Garrett Steinberg	124	8/5	M. Gerald Ball
8	8	Kwik	Successful Appeal	5/g	Obed Sanchez	124	6/1	Jeff Wyrick

**Breeders:** 1–Steve Williams; 2–Cisper Racing; 3–Chance Johnson & Colleen Davidson; 4–John James Revocable Trust; 5–Theophilus Adams Scales Jr. & Charley Deonta Adams Scales; 6–Beth Caster & Boyd Caster; 7–M. Gerald Ball & Oteka Ann Ball; 8–Kelly Thiesing.

**Trainers:** 1–Steve F. Williams; 2–Kari Craddock; 3–M. Brent Davidson; 4–Theresa Sue Luneack; 5–Kenneth Nolen; 6–Boyd Caster; 7–Boyd Caster; 8–Jose Ibarra.





## **UPCOMING ENTRIES**

#### **BEST OF OHIO SYDNEY GENDELMAN S.**

Belterra Park, Friday, May 28, Race 4 8.5f (turf), \$100,000, 3yo/up, 2:08 PM (local)

P # PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	Mo Dont No	Uncle Mo	8/g	Angel Serpa	124	-	Irish Charm Thoroughbreds, LLC and Jerry Laria
2	Candy Exchange	Sidney's Candy	6/g	David J. Haldar	124	-	Oscar Romero
3	Golden Money	Goldencents	4/g	Yarmarie L. Correa	124	-	Edwin Mundo
4	Visual Mission	Colonel John	7/g	Christian P. Pilares	124	-	Mast Thoroughbreds, LLC
5	Tico Thunder	Lightnin N Thunde	r 8/g	Angel Ortega Stanley	124	-	Murillo AAA Racing
6	Pat's Karma	Cowtown Cat	5/g	Jose A. Bracho	124	-	Michael J. Annechino
7	Gone too Soon	Belong to Me	9/g	Juan J. L. Velez	124	-	Poe Racing Stable, LLC and Robert Guciardo
8	Totellyouthetruth	Yes It's True	6/g	Scott Spieth	124	-	John J. Sugar
9	Forewarned	Flat Out	6/h	Sonny Leon	124	-	Uriah St. Lewis
10	Reckless L J	Alcindor	5/g	Edgar Paucar	124	-	Old School Thoroughbreds, LLC.
11	Funnel Cake	Kettle Corn	6/g	Santiago Gonzalez	124	-	Premier Stables, Unlimited
12	Wicked Warrior	Wicked Strong	4/g	Ricardo Feliciano	124	-	Bruce Tallisman
13	Henry the Cat	Mr Speaker	4/g	Luis Raul Rivera	124	-	Lori Acree and Judy Meyers
14	Mobil Solution	Mobil	6/g	Erik Barbaran	124	-	Danielle Agnello

**Breeders:** 1–Beechwood Racing Stable; 2–Blazing Meadows Farm LLC & WinStar Farm, LLC; 3–Peter Sheppell & K. C. Garret Farm; 4–Mast Thoroughbreds LLC; 5–Anthony B. Rizzo; 6–Raimonde Farms LTD; 7–Brian Poe & Robert Guciardo; 8–John J. Sugar; 9–Preston Stables LLC; 10–Breakaway Farm, LLC; 11–John P Hicks, William Hart & William Martin; 12–Catherine E. Sheppell & Peter J. Sheppell; 13–Maccabee Farm; 14–Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm.

Trainers: 1–Gary L. Johnson; 2–Lorenzo Juarez; 3–Nestor Rivera; 4–Robert M. Gorham; 5–Alejandro Murillo Rodriguez; 6–Jeffrey A. Radosevich; 7–Robert Guciardo; 8–Michael L. Rone; 9–Uriah St. Lewis; 10–Michael Grace; 11–Gary L. Johnson; 12–Benny R. Feliciano; 13–Shane Meyers; 14–Jeffrey Skerrett.

#### **BEST OF OHIO BABST/PALACIOS MEMORIAL S.**

Belterra Park, Friday, May 28, Race 5 6f (dirt), \$100,000, 3yo/up, 2:39 PM (local)

P#PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	Buckeye Bullet	Dark Kestrel	8/g	Ricardo Feliciano	124	-	Ruberto Racing Stable, Inc.
2	It's Official	Flat Out	4/g	Christian P. Pilares	124	-	Mast Thoroughbreds, LLC
3	Liberate	Gemologist	4/g	Santiago Gonzalez	124	-	WinStar Farm, LLC, Blazing Meadows Farm, LLC and Michael Lewis
4	Chief Randel	Fiber Sonde	4/c	Fernando Salazar Becerra	124	-	Harry D. Waite
5	Altissimo	Noble Causeway	8/g	Ronald Dale Allen, Jr.	124	-	Nancy Lavrich and Ronald Zielinski
6	Going With Style	Overanalyze	5/g	Sonny Leon	124	-	Watershed Racing, LLC
7	Over Icce	Overanalyze	6/g	Angel Serpa	124	-	Jerry Laria
8	Into the Out	Goldencents	5/g	Diogdinabi Smith	124	-	Urieta's Racing Stable
9	l Wanna Win	I Want Revenge	5/g	Erik Barbaran	124	-	Elkhorn Oaks, Inc.
10	Dare Day	Can the Man	5/g	Jose A. Bracho	124	-	Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC

**Breeders:** 1–Mr. & Mrs. Louis V. Ruberto Jr.; 2–R Gorham; 3–Blazing Meadows Farm LLC & WinStar Farm, LLC; 4–Harry D. Waite & Ronald C. Waite; 5–Nancy J Lavrich & Niknar Farm LLC; 6–Watershed Bloodstock LLC; 7–Bruce Ryan; 8–Daniel J. Yates & Patricia J. Yates; 9–Elkhorn Oaks Inc.; 10–Daniel J Yates & Patricia J Yates.

**Trainers:** 1–Louis V. Ruberto, Jr.; 2–Robert M. Gorham; 3–Timothy E. Hamm; 4–Nestor Rivera; 5–Richard Zielinski; 6–Terry R. Young; 7–Gary L. Johnson; 8–Johanna Urieta; 9–James R. Jackson; 10–Anthony T. Quartarolo.



## **UPCOMING ENTRIES**

#### **BEST OF OHIO GREEN CARPET S.**

Belterra Park, Friday, May 28, Race 6 8.5f (turf), \$100,000, 3yo, 3:10 PM (local)

P # PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	Henry Mac	Midshipman	3/g	Luis Alberto Batista	122	-	Dustin J. Thomson and James Slaughter
2	Brig	Midshipman	3/g	Christian P. Pilares	122	-	Mast Thoroughbreds, LLC
3	Brilliant Journey	Tourist	3/g	Frank Reyes	122	-	WinStar Farm, LLC and Blazing Meadows Farm, LLC
4	Buckeye Magic	Trappe Shot	3/c	John McKee	122	-	Maccabee Farm, LLC
5	Exprimir	Wicked Strong	3/g	David J. Haldar	122	-	Khadeem Galloway
6	Tale of Lacey	Tale of Ekati	3/g	Hector L. Rosario, Jr.	122	-	Robert C. Cline
7	Morestride	Midshipman	3/c	Luis Raul Rivera	122	-	Mike L. Rone
8	Big Truck	Birdrun	3/g	Perry Wayne Ouzts	122	-	Smith Red Gate Farm, LLC
9	Historically	Carpe Diem	3/g	Santiago Gonzalez	122	-	WinStar Farm, LLC and Blazing Meadows Farm, LLC
10	Pinky's Point	Same As	3/c	Rafael Mojica, Jr.	122	-	Wildcat Stable
11	Big Al's Express	Twinspired	3/g	Ricardo Feliciano	122	-	Sherri Balo - Williams
12	Uptown	Upstart	3/c	Jose A. Bracho	122	-	Charlie J. Williams, LLC

**Breeders:** 1–Dustin J. Thomson & James Slaughter; 2–Mast Thoroughbreds LLC; 3–Blazing Meadows Farm LLC & WinStar Farm, LLC; 4–Maccabee Farm; 5–Daniel J. Yates & Patricia J. Yates; 6–Joshua Cooper Mikesell & Bradley Robert Barker; 7–Steve M DeMaiolo; 8–Hal Snowden Jr.; 9–Blazing Meadows Farm LLC & WinStar Farm, LLC; 10–Joe L. Laugherty; 11–Susan King; 12–Donnybrook Stables & Wynn Blanton.

**Trainers:** 1–Ethan W. West; 2–Robert M. Gorham; 3–Timothy E. Hamm; 4–Thomas Drury, Jr.; 5–Thomas E. Jones, Sr.; 6–Robert C. Cline; 7–Michael L. Rone; 8–Larry E. Smith; 9–Timothy E. Hamm; 10–Joe Laugherty; 11–Richard Estvanko; 12–Silvano M. Gonzalez.

#### **BEST OF OHIO NORM BARRON QUEEN CITY OAKS**

Belterra Park, Friday, May 28, Race 7 8.5f (dirt), \$100,000, 3yo f, 3:41 PM (local)

P#PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	<b>Owner</b>
1	Twerk	Speightster	3/f	Luis Raul Rivera	122	-	Peter J. Sheppell
2	Shez Shacked Up	Shackleford	3/f	David J. Haldar	122	-	Danielle Agnello
3	Rock Star Lady	Vertiformer	3/f	Luis Alberto Batista	122	-	Kris Nemann
4	Buckeye Bling	Speightster	3/f	Sonny Leon	122	-	Greenhill Racing Stables, Inc.
5	Alexandria	Constitution	3/f	Santiago Gonzalez	122	-	WinStar Farm, LLC, Blazing Meadows Farm,
							LLC and Michael Lewis
6	Angel's Sassy	Cinco Charlie	3/f	Frank Reyes	122	-	Susan Anderson Racing, LLC
7	Tivis	Tale of Ekati	3/f	Ronald Dale Allen, Jr.	122	-	Hillburn Racing Stable, LLC
8	Lemon Deelite	Lemon Drop Kid	3/f	John McKee	122	-	Maccabee Farm, LLC
9	Wine Me Up Baby	Kantharos	3/f	Rogelio Miranda	122	-	Sheltowee Farm
10	Devil's Advocate	Daredevil	3/f	Perry Wayne Ouzts	122	-	Kathryn and Jim E. Nelson
11	Ballroom Blitz	Alternation	3/f	Christian P. Pilares	122	-	Marion F. Gorham

**Breeders:** 1—Peter J. Sheppell; 2—T/C Stable, LLC; 3—Fred A. Nemann & Kris Nemann; 4—Langsem Farm, Inc; 5—Blazing Meadows Farm LLC & WinStar Farm, LLC; 6—Susan Anderson Racing LLC; 7—Hillburn Racing Stable LLC; 8—Maccabee Farm; 9—K. C. Garrett Farm; 10—Jim Nelson & Kathryn Nelson; 11—R Gorham & Mast Thoroughbreds LLC.

**Trainers:** 1–Jeffrey A. Radosevich; 2–Jeffrey Skerrett; 3–Kris Nemann; 4–Jeffrey L. Greenhill; 5–Timothy E. Hamm; 6–Susan L. Anderson; 7–Robert M. Gorham; 8–Thomas Drury, Jr.; 9–Michael Evans II; 10–Douglas W. Danner; 11–Robert M. Gorham.



## **UPCOMING ENTRIES**

#### **BEST OF OHIO DIANA S.**

Belterra Park, Friday, May 28, Race 8 6f (dirt), \$100,000, 3yo/up f/m, 4:12 PM (local)

P#PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	Esplanande	Daredevil	3/f	Santiago Gonzalez	119	-	WinStar Farm, LLC, Blazing Meadows Farm, LLC and Michael Lewis
2	Cali Dream	Cowboy Cal	7/m	Sonny Leon	124	-	Jerry Laria
3	Valley of Mo'ara	Overanalyze	4/f	Frank Reyes	124	-	Blazing Meadows Farm, LLC and TEC Racing, (Elliott S. Logan)
4	Totally Obsessed	Tale of Ekati	5/m	Angel Serpa	124	-	Irish Charm Thoroughbreds, LLC and Jerry Laria
5	Star Mabee	Mr. Mabee	8/m	Luis Raul Rivera	124	-	Michael J. Annechino
6	Market Success	Giant Oak	5/m	Yarmarie L. Correa	124	-	Elkhorn Oaks, Inc.
7	Circus Rings	Wilburn	6/m	Hector Berrios	124	-	Knights A to Z Racing, LLC
8	Drillit	Drill	5/m	Christian P. Pilares	124	-	Mast Thoroughbreds, LLC
9	l Recall	Misremembered	4/f	Scott Spieth	124	-	Lowell F. Allen and W. John Bourke
10	Edge of Night	Added Edge	4/f	Ronald Dale Allen, Jr.	124	-	Mast Thoroughbreds, LLC
11	Love You Goodbye	Magna Graduate	5/m	Ronney Betancourt	124	-	James M. Adams

**Breeders:** 1–Blazing Meadows Farm LLC & WinStar Farm, LLC; 2–Robert Gorham & Mast Thoroughbreds LLC; 3–Michael William Soehnlen; 4–Schleprock Racing LLC; 5–Lake Shore Farm LLC; 6–Elkhorn Oaks Inc.; 7–Michael E. Lauer & Penny S. Lauer; 8–Eric Heyman; 9–Lowell F. Allen & W. John Bourke; 10–Steve M DeMaiolo; 11–Eutrophia Farms & Elisabeth H. Alexander.

**Trainers:** 1–Timothy E. Hamm; 2–Gary L. Johnson; 3–Timothy E. Hamm; 4–Gary L. Johnson; 5–Jeffrey A. Radosevich; 6–James R. Jackson; 7–Valerie K. Shanyfelt; 8–Robert M. Gorham; 9–W. John Bourke; 10–Robert M. Gorham; 11–Nancy L. Adams.





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