

FESTIVAL ATTRACTS ECLECTIC BUNCH

A total of 29 horses, both domestically and foreign-based, were entered Wednesday for the three Grade I races that serve as the focal point of Saturday's International Festival of Racing, the centerpiece on the Illinois calendar, at Arlington Park in suburban Chicago.

Chad Brown, who learned many tricks of the training trade from the late two-time Arlington Million-winning conditioner Bobby Frankel, earned his first win in the event when Ken and Sarah Ramsey's Real Solution (Kitten's Joy) was put up in 2013, will send out the top two choices on the morning line, topped by the Ramseys' **Big Blue Kitten** (Kitten's Joy). The one-time claimer has been kept in training at age seven this term,



Big Blue Kitten | *Equi-Photo*

and the decision looks to be paying off, as the ridgling has posted wins in two of his three outings, including a 1 1/2-length defeat of stablemate **Slumber (GB)** (Cacique {Ire}) in securing a second success in the GI United Nations S. July 5. Prior to that effort, Slumber, also a 7-year-old entire, got the better of the Ramsey runner when adding blinkers for the first time and reporting home a 2 3/4-length winner of the GI Manhattan S. going the Million's 10-furlong distance June 6, with **Legendary (GB)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) third.

Trainer Bill Mott's name is engraved on the Million trophy, having sent out Paradise Creek (Irish River {Fr}) to a popular success in 1994. The barn is represented Saturday by the sneaky **Triple Threat (Fr)** (Monsun {Ger}). The last-out winner of the GI Monmouth Cup is raced by Gary Barber in partnership with Team Valor, whose Star of Cozzene (Cozzene) landed a boggy-turf renewal of the Million in 1993.

The connections of just three overseas horses have decided to take a crack at the \$600,000 first prize, but two of those are sent out by trainers also familiar with the Million winner's circle. Trainer Andreas Wohler, who sent out Silvano (Ger) (Lomitas {GB}) to an historic win in 2001, will saddle multiple German Group 3 hero **Wake Forest (Ger)** (Sir Percy {GB}), whose co-owner Gestut Faerhof also campaigned Silvano. John Gosden and jockey William Buick combined for an 11-1 upset of Gio Ponti (Tale of the Cat) with Debussy (Ire) (Diesis {GB}) in the 2010 Million, and that duo will join forces at the weekend once again with Godolphin's **Maverick Wave** (Elusive Quality), who is unraced since a half-length tally in the G3 Huxley S. at tight-turning Chester May 7. **Cont. p3**

SEVEN SORRENTOS FOR BAFFERT

The bettors pounded Pegram, Watson and Weitman's **Pretty N Cool** (Scat Daddy) into 2-5 favoritism for Wednesday's GI Sorrento S. at Del Mar on the strength of a powerful, 4 1/2-length debut success over a sloppy Del Mar strip July 19, and the gray made it two on the bounce here with a facile success. Beaten for speed, the \$160,000 Keeneland September graduate was content to lay second as **Undisputed** (Street Boss) set the pace while racing well away from the inside to the entrance to the turn. Asked for a bit of run by Martin Garcia leaving the three-furlong marker, Pretty N Cool was soon all over Undisputed, who looked to perhaps have some sort of problem and dropped tamely away. Pretty N Cool went further clear in upper stretch and was never in serious trouble for the balance, scoring by about two lengths over **Gomo** (Uncle Mo). **One True Kiss** (Warrior's Reward) was third. The win was a record seventh in the Sorrento for trainer Bob Baffert. Connections' Executiveprivilege (First Samurai) was his latest winner in 2012.

"She broke right out of there, then the ground came out from under her," explained winning jockey Martin Garcia. "But she recovered right away. I saw how fast that filly up front was going (Undisputed) and I didn't want to go with her, so I took a hold. I can do what I want with this filly. When I asked her she went to the front. I stayed busy on her. She needed this race. It'll set her up for her next one. She's going to be a really good filly."

Added Baffert, "We thought that she could run and she's shown it. I liked what she did today. That one horse (Undisputed) must have bolted. She was going pretty fast. But Martin (Garcia) knew what he was doing. He got her settled and then she came running."



Pretty N Cool | *Benoit photo*

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8/7 - **SHE'S ALL READY** won a MSW at Saratoga first time out by **8 1/4 lengths!**

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Oppenheim: Saratoga Special



The Factor | *Lee Thomas*

Columnist Bill Oppenheim shares his views on the two-day run at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Yearling Sale, and he, like several others, was impressed with what he witnessed and is optimistic for the near future. "This is good news not just for this weekend's [New York-bred] sale, but also for next month's marathon, the Keeneland September sale," he said, referring to the sales results. "Demand is high; there is money around. Good news for breeders and consignors."

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Twice Is Nice for Rice



Don't Be So Salty's winner's circle, Adam Rice

(r) | *Adam Coglianese*

The name Rice is a familiar one on the backstretch at Saratoga. Trainer Linda, jockey Taylor, but Adam Rice? Licensed for just three years as a trainer, Rice has experienced the ride of a lifetime in the opening few weeks at the Spa, sending out a pair of longshot winners, each owned by him as well and each ridden by his sister, Taylor. "It's very exciting," said Rice, who was unable to hide the lingering satisfaction in his voice. "I never really pictured it happening, especially for me this early in the game."

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NYRA Holds Board Meeting at the Spa

The New York Racing Association held a sometimes-contentious meeting of its Reorganization Board Wednesday in Saratoga and reported positive financials and a strong start to the meeting at the upstate New York oval. But the meeting was not without its testy moments.

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TODAY'S GRADED STAKES

EST	Race	Click for	TV
11:25a	Sovereign S.-G3, SAL	(Brisnet.com PPs)	-----
2:25p	Desmond S.-G3, LEO	(Brisnet.com PPs)	-----



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D-Peat?...

Team Valor's **Euro Charline (GB)** (Myboycharlie {Ire}) made some history last year, becoming the first 3-year-old filly to defeat her elders in the G1 Beverly D. S., and she'll have a chance to make some more, as she attempts to be the first to record multiple victories in the event. The bay has faced the starter but twice in 2015, finishing fourth to Solow (Ire) (Singspiel {Ire}) when first up in the G1 Dubai Turf Mar. 28 and was a



Euro Charline | *FourFootedFotos*

dour runner-up to the in-form Amazing Maria (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) when last seen in the G1 Falmouth S. going a stiff mile over Newmarket's July Course on the 10th of that month.

A Secretariat Septet...

Despite attracting just seven sophomores, the G1 Secretariat S. is, in some ways, the day's most intriguing affair. Richard Santulli's **Force the Pass** (Speightstown) is the mild 2-1 favorite as he looks to follow up on a visually impressive victory in the 10-furlong G1 Belmont Derby July 5, but he'll have to defeat some promising Euros in order to do so. **Highland Reel (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) goes out for the same connections responsible for last year's winner Adelaide (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and was runner-up in the G1 Prix du Jockey Club May 31 before posting a 1 1/2-length success last time out in the G3 Gordon S. at Goodwood July 29. Joe Allen's **War Dispatch** (War Front) was third in the Chantilly Classic and the close relative of Hong Kong G1SW and G2 UAE Derby hero Helene Super Star (ex Lines of Battle) was most recently a well-bet second in the G2 Prix Eugene Adam at Maisons-Laffitte July 19. **Goldstream (Ity)** (Martino Alonso {Ire}) is this race's X-factor, as he brings a perfect five-for-five record into the Secretariat. Favored in each of those appearances, the bay was last seen annexing the G2 Derby Italiano by three lengths May 17. Brenton Avdulla makes the trip up from Australia to ride for trainer Andreas Wohler.

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ARLINGTON MILLION XXXIII S.-GI, \$1,000,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Up With the Birds	Stormy Atlantic	Van Dyke	Motion	126
2	Slumber (GB)	Cacique (Ire)	Ortiz Jr	Brown	126
3	Bookrunner	Tiznow	Mosse	Delzangles	126
4	Big Blue Kitten	Kitten's Joy	Bravo	Brown	126
5	Wake Forest (Ger)	Sir Percy (GB)	Pedroza	Wohler	126
6	Legendary (GB)	Excd & Excl (Aus)	Russell	Saville	126
7	The Pizza Man	English Channel	Geroux	Bruggemnn	126
8	Quiet Force	Dynaformer	Albarado	Maker	126
9	Shining Copper	Aragorn (Ire)	Emigh	Brown	126
10	Triple Threat (Fr)	Monsun (Ger)	Lezcano	Mott	126
11	Maverick Wave	Elusive Quality	Buick	Gosden	126
12	Elleval (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Smullen	Marnane	126
13	Belgian Bill (GB)	Excd & Excl (Aus)	Spencer	Baker	126

Beverly D. Stakes

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Saturday, Arlington, post time: 6:05 p.m. EDT

BEVERLY D. S.-GI, \$700,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 3/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Lacy (Ger)	Authorized (Ire)	Pedroza	Hickst	123
2	Wtsdachnces (Ire)	Diamnd Green (Fr)	Bravo	Brown	123
3	Stephanie's Kitten	Kitten's Joy	Ortiz Jr	Brown	123
4	Lots o' Lex	Kitalpha	Homeister	Aschinger	123
5	Mango Diva (GB)	Hly Rmn Empr (Ire)	Geroux	Matz	123
6	Carla Bianca (Ire)	Dansili (GB)	Smullen	Weld	123
7	Maid On a Mission	Strategic Mission	Dsrmeux	Walder	123
8	Euro Charline (GB)	Myboycharlie (Ire)	Lezcano	Botti	123
9	Wedding Vow (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	O'Dnoghue	O'Brien	117
10	Secret Gesture (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	Spencer	Beckett	123



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Saturday, Arlington, post time: 5:17 p.m. EDT

SECRETARIAT S.-GI, \$450,000, 3yo, 1 1/4mT

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Closing Bell (K)	Tapit	Lezcano	Mott	119
2 Force the Pass	Speightstown	Rosario	Goldberg	126
3 Goldstream (Ity)	Martino Alonso (Ire)	Avdulla	Wohler	123
4 Crittenden	Distorted Humor	Buick	Harty	119
5 Granny's Kitten	Kitten's Joy	Ortiz Jr	Maker	119
6 Highland Reel (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Heffernan	O'Brien	121
7 War Dispatch	War Front	Mendizabal	Rouget	119

Saturday, Del Mar, post time: 8:40 p.m. EDT

DEL MAR OAKS-GI, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Majestic Heat	Unusual Heat	Nakatani	Abrams	122
2 Paulina's Love	Mizzen Mast	Baze	Baltas	122
3 Rattatapat (K)	Tapit	Smith	D'Amato	122
4 Sharla Rae (K)	Afleet Alex	Graham	O'Neill	122
5 Her Emmynency (K)	Successful Appeal	Bejarano	Stidham	122
6 Prize Exhibit (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	Gonzalez	Cassidy	122
7 Zipessa (K)	City Zip	Prat	Stidham	122
8 Sunset Glow (K)	Exchange Rate	Stevens	Ward	122

Saturday, Saratoga, post time: 6:25 p.m. EDT

FOURSTARDAVE H.-GI, \$500,000, 3yo/up, 1mT

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Mshawish	Medaglia d'Oro	Velazquez	Pletcher	122
2 Grand Arch (K)	Arch	Saez	Lynch	116
3 Ironicus	Distorted Humor	Castellano	McGhy	118
4 King Kreesa	King Cugat	Ortiz	Donk	119
5 Seek Again	Speightstown	Leparoux	Mott	119
6 Grand Tito (K)	Candy Ride (Arg)	Hernandez	Delgado	117
7 Vyjack	Into Mischief	Alvarado	Mott	115
8 Jack Milton (K)	War Front	Espinoza	Pletcher	121
*9 Weekend Hideaway	Speightstown	No Rider	Serpe	124
10 Skyring	English Channel	Velasquez	Lukas	115

*Main track only

Saturday, Saratoga, post time: 2:46 p.m. EDT

ADIRONDACK S.-GI, \$200,000, 2yo, f, 6 1/2f

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Delicate Lady (K)	Thunder Gulch	Velazquez	Pletcher	118
2 Kandoo	Kantharos	Velasquez	Nicks	118
3 Lookout Sister (K)	Giant's Causeway	McCarthy	Motion	118
4 Decked Out (K)	Street Boss	Alvarado	Dsormeux	118
5 Tonasah (K)	Malibu Moon	Castellano	Pletcher	118
6 Heartbreaker Girl	Drosselmeyer	Vasquez	Rodriguez	118
7 Just Wicked	Tapit	Ortiz	Asmussen	118

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Saturday, Arlington, post time: 4:42 p.m. EDT

AMERICAN ST. LEGER S.-GIII, \$350,000, 3yo/up, 1 11/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Panama Hat (GB)	Medicean (GB)	Hayes	Oliver	119
2	Roman Approval (K)	Roman Ruler	Rosario	Maker	121
3	Lucky Speed (Ire)	Silvano (Ger)	Starke	Schiergen	119
4	Crucero	Admiral's Cruise	Dsormeux	Dsormeux	123
5	Az Ridge (K)	Tocchet	Franco	McFarlane	121
6	The Pizza Man	English Channel	Geroux	Brggemnn	121
7	Hyper	Victory Gallop	Ortiz Jr	Brown	119
8	Xtra Luck (K)	Exchange Rate	Hernandez	Howard	121
9	Calvados (Arg)	Snipewalk	Lezcano	Correas	119
10	Alpha Kitalpha	Kitalpha	Baird	Catalano	119
11	Highball (K)	Lemon Drop Kid	Valdivia	Catalano	121

Saturday, Arlington, post time: 4:07 p.m. EDT

PUCKER UP S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Unbridled Courage	Leridesanmux (Brz)	Desormeaux	Radosevich	118
2	Giant Deduction	Giant's Causeway	Geroux	Block	118
3	Mizz Money	Mizzen Mast	Albarado	Miller	118
4	Urtheoneeyelove	Congrats	Prado	Reed	118
5	Return to Grace	English Channel	Bravo	Casse	118
6	America Mon Amie	All American (Aus)	Homeister	Granitz	120
7	Ahh Chocolate	Candy Ride (Arg)	Hernandez	Howard	120
8	Prado's Sweet Ride	Fort Prado	Lezcano	Block	122
9	Counterfactual	Scat Daddy	Van Dyke	Amoss	118
10	Miss Chatelaine (K)	Pulpit	Rosario	Clement	120
11	Walking the Kitten	Kitten's Joy	Ortiz Jr	Maker	118

Saturday, Northlands Park, post time: 7:40 p.m. EDT

CANADIAN DERBY-GIII, C\$200,000, 3yo, 1 3/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Academic	Henny Hughes	Stein	Rycroft	117
2	Blue Dancer (K)	Bluegrass Cat	Walcott	Tracy	122
3	Purple Heaven	Midshipman	Lopez	Bensmiller	122
4	Cowboys Don't Cry	Include	Reyes	Rycroft	122
5	Witt Six	Drums of Thunder	Nelson	Gourneau	122
6	Centrefire	North Light (Ire)	Williams	Tracy	122
7	Quality Lane (K)	Quality Road	Zenteno Jr	Petrowski	117
8	Bodhisattva	Student Council	Garcia	Corrales	122
9	Xtreme Denigray	Rosetti	Maragh	Bensmiller	122
10	Aztec Key	Circular Quay	Carignan	Smith	122
11	Timeless Tales	Gilded Time	Lara	McLean	122
12	Afleet in Time (K)	Afleet Express	Alvarado	Diodoro	122



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GRADED/GROUP RESULTS

Wednesday, Del Mar

SORRENTO S.-GII, \$200,250, DMR, 8-12, 2yo, f, 1/2f, 1:16.94, ft.

1--#**@PRETTY N COOL**, 119, f, 2, by [Scat Daddy](#)

1st Dam: [Stayclassysandiego](#) (SP), by [Rockport Harbor](#)

2nd Dam: [Latin Lynx](#), by [Forest Wildcat](#)

3rd Dam: [Senita Lane](#), by [Ascot Knight](#)

(\$160,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP). O-Karl Watson, Michael E Pegram & Paul Weitman; B-Nancy C Shuford (KY); T-Bob Baffert; J-Martin Garcia. \$120,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$162,000. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#). Werk Nick Rating:

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[Elusive Quality](#). (\$75,000 2yo '15 OBSMAR).

O-Reddam Racing LLC; B-John Liviakis (KY); T-Doug

F O'Neill. \$40,000.

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3--**One True Kiss**, 119, f, 2, [Warrior's Reward](#)--True

Kiss, by [Is It True](#). (\$110,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP). O-J

Kirk & Judy Robison; B-Pat Murphy (KY); T-Peter

Miller. \$24,000.

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The winner's dam, a stakes-placed half-sister to [GISW Sean Avery \(Cherokee Run\)](#), has a yearling filly by [Blame](#) and foaled a filly by [Lemon Drop Kid](#) this season. She was bred back to [Scat Daddy](#).

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Date	Race	Track
Aug. 14	GII Lake Placid S.	SAR
Aug. 15	GI Arlington Million	AP
	GI Beverly D. S.	AP
	GI Secretariat S.	AP
	GI Del Mar Oaks	DMR
	GII Fourstardave H.	SAR
	GII Adirondack S.	SAR
	GIII American St. Leger	AP
	GIII Pucker Up S.	AP
	GIII Canadian Derby	NP
Aug. 16	GII Saratoga Special S.	SAR
	GII Sky Classic	WO
	GIII Longacres Mile	EMD
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SARATOGA SPECIAL

Fasig-Tipton took a risk this year by cataloguing 26% more yearlings between their Fasig July and Saratoga yearling sales, since the usual pattern when catalogues are increased so much is for the not-sold percentage to rise, the gross to stay about the same, and the average to drop. But it was all smiles at Saratoga Tuesday night after Fasig's flagship yearling sale saw 27% more horses sold than last year, with a whopping



Boyd Browning Jr. |
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40% increase in gross, to \$46 million, an actual drop in the not-sold percentage from 19% to 15%, and a 10% increase in average, to \$332,448. It was the highest gross at Saratoga since 2009, when receipts topped \$52 million, but they plunged to \$32 million the next year, and had not risen above last year's \$33-million gross since. So this was a huge sale.

With the New York-bred sale (big increases in number catalogued here too) scheduled

for this weekend, and with their first two sales in the books, Fasig July and Saratoga combined sold 350 yearlings, an increase of 26% from last year. Receipts for the two sales totaled \$66,760,000 (see the *Weekly Sales Ticker*), a 37% increase--over \$18 million--from last year, and even the average has increased 8% for the two sales combined, to \$190,703. No wonder Fasig officials are smiling. Of course, this is also good news not just for this weekend's sale, but also for next month's marathon, the Keeneland September sale. Demand is high; there is money around. Good news for breeders and consignors. **Cont. p8**

SIRES with 5+ SOLD at SARATOGA

No.	Sire	1st Foals	Crop No.	Sold	\$Average
1	TAPIT	2006	9	7	885,714
2	MALIBU MOON	2001	14	5	517,000
3	SCAT DADDY	2009	6	6	450,000
4	THE FACTOR	2014	1	6	386,667
5	BERNARDINI	2008	7	5	346,000
6	UNBRIDLED'S SONG	1998	17	5	344,000
7	BODEMEISTER	2014	1	8	328,125
8	SPEIGHTSTOWN	2006	9	6	325,833
9	HARLAN'S HOLIDAY	2005	10	7	305,000
10	PIONEEROF THE NILE	2011	4	7	257,143
11	UNION RAGS	2014	1	6	240,000

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CATALOG ONLINE



Bill Oppenheim cont.

When just 145 horses sell, it's difficult for trends to be established on too many sires. Only 11 stallions had five or more sell this week, yet there were a couple of significant



Scat Daddy | *coolmore.com*

commercial moves. Gainesway's **Tapit** was of course leading sire on average, with seven Tapits averaging \$885,714 (Saratoga only). Spendthrift's **Malibu Moon** was second, with five averaging \$517,000.

Ashford's **Scat**

Daddy, who had six yearlings average \$450,000, ranking him third with 5+ sold at Saratoga, was the first significant commercial mover. He's been working his way through the ranks, both in performance and commercial terms, and this week's sale marked his entry into the commercial major leagues. Last year, Scat Daddy had 86 yearlings sell for an average of \$122,562; this year so far (including Fasig July) he's had nine sell, for an average of \$388,333. Of course he's not going to keep that average up in September, but Scat Daddy's yearlings will definitely average a lot more than \$122,000 this year. He currently sits second on the North American 2-Year-Old Sire List (click [here](#)), with 11 two-year-old winners so far this year, including Royal Ascot G2 Queen Mary S. winner Acapulco.

The second significant commercial mover was Lane's End's **The Factor**, whose six yearlings (bred on a \$15,000 stud fee) averaged \$388,667, ahead of two other very promising first-year sires, WinStar's **Bodemeister** (eight averaged \$328,125) and another



The Factor | *Lee Thomas*

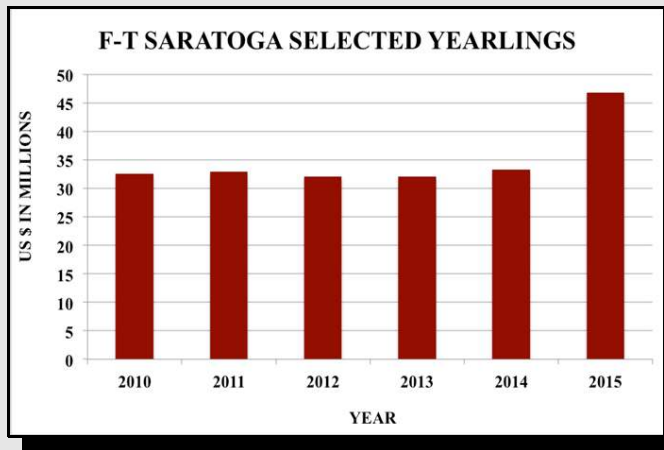
Lane's End stallion, **Union Rags** (six averaged \$240,000). A \$250,000 Barretts 2-year-old, trained by Bob Baffert for Fog City Stable and George Bolton and from War Front's first crop, The Factor broke his maiden at six

furlongs in his second start, running a gaudy Beyer 108, and went on to win four Grade I or Grade II races at seven furlongs in California (three dirt, one synthetic), as well as leading wire-to-wire to win the GI Rebel S. at Oaklawn Park at 1 1/16 miles, by 6 1/4 lengths. But seven furlongs was really his game, it turned out. He's always had a little bit of a commercial following, but this was really impressive.

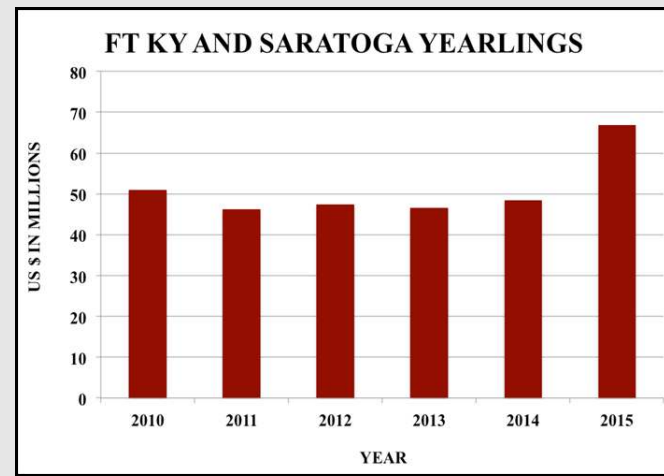
Weekly Sales Ticker

by Bill Oppenheim

"When a sales company adds 25% to a catalogue from the previous year, the metrics usually don't improve by as much as the percentage increase in number catalogued, but Fasig-Tipton has reversed (or transcended) that trend this year, with increases in gross of 31% in Kentucky and a whopping 40% at Saratoga in spite of 26% more being catalogued. This is great for Fasig, and the strongest possible positive indicator for Keeneland September. NY-breds at Saratoga and Deauville are up next."
 - Bill Oppenheim



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2015	208	171	145	17.8%	84.8%	69.7%	\$46,755,000	\$322,448
2014	165	141	114	14.5%	80.9%	69.1%	\$33,284,000	\$291,965
2013	152	137	108	9.9%	78.8%	71.1%	\$31,870,000	\$299,093
2012	189	162	107	14.3%	66.0%	56.6%	\$32,000,000	\$299,065
2011	160	132	103	17.5%	78.0%	64.4%	\$32,892,000	\$319,340
2010	202	164	118	18.8%	72.0%	58.4%	\$32,515,000	\$275,551



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2015	540	459	350	15.0%	76.3%	64.8%	\$66,760,000	\$190,743
2014	430	381	276	11.4%	72.4%	64.2%	\$48,537,000	\$175,859
2013	410	359	271	12.4%	75.5%	66.1%	\$46,505,000	\$171,605
2012	527	445	296	15.6%	66.5%	56.2%	\$47,364,000	\$160,014
2011	463	393	294	15.1%	74.8%	63.5%	\$46,241,000	\$157,282
2010	609	505	361	17.1%	71.5%	59.3%	\$50,929,500	\$141,079

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Besides the top two and the three first-year sires, the other six which had five or more sell at Saratoga were: Darley's **Bernardini** (5 avg. \$346,000); Taylor Made's deceased **Unbridled's Song** (final crop; five averaged \$344,000); WinStar's **Speightstown** (6/\$325,833); Airdire, then WinStar's deceased **Harlan's Holiday** (final crop; 7/\$305,000); and WinStar's **Pioneerof the Nile** (7/\$257,143). Pioneerof The Nile is interesting, in that this is his fourth crop, and the level of mare to which he was bred declined significantly. He didn't have great pedigrees to work with, so for him to average over \$250,000 signals he is siring very good individuals. He only has 62 3-year-olds in American Pharoah's crop, and 46 2-year-olds. He's got 99 yearlings, but the pedigrees are not particularly strong, which means this is probably the year to try and buy one.

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POINTS FOR BC JUVENILE DOUBLED ON

ROAD TO KENTUCKY DERBY Officials at Churchill Downs have announced that this year's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile will be worth double the points on the Road to the Kentucky Derby than it has been in the first three years of the series. The top four placegetters in the Juvenile will be awarded points on a 20-8-4-2 scale.

"The point system has been a resounding success since its inception for the 2013 Kentucky Derby," said Kevin Flanery, President of Churchill Downs Racetrack. "Our committee has annually reviewed past results and discussed input from stakeholders. We believe this new valuation of the Breeders' Cup Juvenile is warranted."



Churchill Downs' Kevin Flanery

Added Breeders' Cup President and CEO Craig Fravel, "We truly appreciate Churchill Downs' responsiveness in recognizing the high quality of excellence that the Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile annually attracts. The Breeders' Cup Juvenile often delivers memorable championship-crowning performances, and our winner is frequently the wintertime poster boy for the upcoming Kentucky Derby. Our team is thrilled to have an expanded role in this popular series, and it's a testament to the exceptional horses that our global event attracts."

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Once again, the Road to the Kentucky Derby begins with the GIII Iroquois S. at the home of the Derby Sept. 12. Races during the so-called prep season are awarded points on a 10-4-2-1 scale before the 'championship series' kicks in Feb. 27. The increase in points to the Breeders' Cup Juvenile is the only change from last year's series of races. There was a modification to the tiebreaker rule for two or more horses with the same number of points. The first tiebreaker remains earnings in non-restricted stakes races but a secondary tiebreaker of lifetime earnings has been added in the case of remaining ties. If additional starters and/or also-eligible horses remain, they'll be determined by lot (aka a "shake").

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PACIFIC CLASSIC CONTENDERS GEARING UP

A bevy of \$1-million GI Pacific Classic contenders worked Tuesday and Wednesday at Del Mar in advance of the Aug. 22 seaside contest. Spendthrift Farm's dual champion **Beholder** (Henny Hughes) drilled four furlongs in :48.60 (8/33) with Gary Stevens in the irons Tuesday. It was the Richard Mandella trainee's first serious piece of work since taking the GI Clement L. Hirsch S. Aug. 1.

Wednesday Mandella fielded last out GII San Diego H. hero **Catch a Flight (Arg)** (Giant's Causeway) in a seven-panel move clocked in 1:25.60 (1/1). "A real nice work and he looks terrific, I'm expecting a big race from him," said Mandella.



Beholder | Benoit

Fellow Hall of Famer Bob Baffert sent out last year's GI Breeders' Cup Classic hero and 'TDN Rising Star' **Bayern** (Offlee Wild) for a seven-panel spin caught in 1:25.60 Tuesday. The Kaleem Shah colorbearer ran third in the GII San Diego H. behind the aforementioned Catch a Flight, one position better than fourth-place barnmate **Hoppertunity** (Any Given Saturday), who breezed in company with stablemate **Air Pocket** (Smart Strike), getting the five panels in 1:00.80 (3/46) Wednesday morning.

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TWICE IS NICE FOR RICE AT THE SPA

by Ben Massam

It is no small feat to win a maiden special weight race at Saratoga, even with the most regally bred and ideally conformed of prospects. But as trainer Adam Rice can attest to, the satisfaction of reaching that achievement twice with a pair of horses who were doubted and dismissed by potential buyers is enough to create memories that will last a lifetime.

A pair of juvenile runners conditioned by the 24-year-old based at Presque Isle Downs both reached the hallowed grounds of the Spa winner's circle in the span of a week, beginning with **Don't Be So Salty** (Tiz Wonderful)'s win in a 5 1/2-furlong turf event Aug. 2 [video] and culminating this past Saturday with another upset score over the lawn by \$2,000 Fasig-Tipton October purchase **Monster Bea** (Hat Trick {Jpn}) [video].

"It's very exciting," said Rice, who was unable to hide the lingering satisfaction in his voice. "I never really pictured it happening, especially for me this early in the game."

Rice, who received his training license in 2012 and earned his first victory at Penn National in October of that year, has extensive pedigree in the Thoroughbred business. Most notably, his grandfather Clyde Rice trained over a span of 35 years, his father Wayne Rice currently sits atop the leaderboard at Presque Isle and his aunt Linda Rice has been a prominent name on the New York racing circuit for years.

Like others in his family, Rice said he prides himself on his ability to develop a modestly valued horse and maximize their potential. Never was this ethic more evident than with **Don't Be So Salty**, who the young trainer agreed to purchase from a family friend after no other parties demonstrated interest.

"With **Don't Be So Salty**, some very good friends of ours who are breeders sold out their farm," said Rice. "They were stepping away from the game and wanted to relax, but they couldn't sell this horse. He had a foggy eye and people were turned off by his ankles. He had a little filling in them. She couldn't sell him at the sale for the amount she was looking for--a lot of people liked him because he has a pretty good pedigree, but she couldn't get the deal done."

Like his soon-to-be stablemate, **Monster Bea** was all but forgotten in the sales ring. Rice explained that his girlfriend broke the bay's half brother by **Rock Hard Ten** for consignor Ciaran Dunne, and pointed him out at the Kentucky sale. Despite this endorsement from an integral member of his operation, Rice was brutally honest about his initial impressions.



Don't Be So Salty's winner's circle, Adam Rice (r)
Adam Coglianesse



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WHERE: Director's Room (5th Floor) at Del Mar Turf Club, Del Mar, CA

WHAT: Topics include the NTRA's federal legislative outlook on:

- Modernization of current regulations related to withholding and reporting of pari-mutuel wagers
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"I'm standing there in the ring--and she's going to kill me for saying this--but I said man, that's one ugly horse," he laughed. "I was playing with a little bit of pocket change. I said hell, I'll just stick my hand up. The worst I can do is try."

The gavel dropped at a minuscule \$2,000, and a new juvenile was added to the Adam Rice barn.

The trainer said that during morning training sessions at the Erie, Pennsylvania oval, it quickly became apparent that both **Don't Be So Salty** and **Monster Bea** were training in superb fashion and primed for big efforts in the afternoon. The latter continued to improve after bypassing a potential start at the Keeneland spring

meeting and the former closed well in traffic to finish fourth in his career debut in a five-furlong event over the local All-Weather surface.

"I run a lot of babies at Presque Isle," Rice explained. "I was sitting there and I said, man, I've got a pretty good read on what a 2-year-old needs to run here, and I've got two horses who are just absolutely punishing the rest of these horses, as far as breezing in hand and intelligence-wise. So I said what the hell, my sister [Taylor Rice] is up at Saratoga. I had some clients who wanted to claim horses out of there, so I put in for a couple of stalls." **Cont. p12**

Adam Rice cont.

The pair continued to train forwardly upon their arrival at the storied racing venue, and after consulting with his aunt Linda over dinner, Rice decided to enter the juveniles in turf events at the Spa. He admitted to being understandably nervous about running Don't Be So Salty in an event laced with runners trained by the likes of Todd Pletcher and Graham Motion--who he regards as "pinnacles of the game."

Rice emerged from the experience with an unparalleled thrill. Let go at odds of 9-1, the gelding closed fast with sister Taylor aboard and notched a one-length victory.

"My girlfriend was watching the race from Presque Isle and she said they didn't even mention me on the camera," the trainer quipped. "I said man, I don't like this. But all of a sudden, I'm standing there with my aunt Linda and I've got her picked up in the air, for the next five minutes I'm crying, my grandparents are there and I'm just so excited because it's a dream come true to win one at Saratoga."

Having slain the giants once with Don't Be So Salty, Rice said it was even more special to earn another 12-1 upset victory with the bargain-buy Monster Bea in a race loaded with top-notch connections and pricey horses six days later.

"[My girlfriend] had faith in [Monster Bea]--it's her project," he explained. "I'm just absolutely ecstatic, and I couldn't believe that happened with a \$2,000 horse that I legitimately said was ugly."

Rice was forced to savor the second triumph from the driver's seat of his car, watching the race from his iPad while stuck in traffic en-route to saddling a stakes horse at Monmouth Park. Ironically, his internet reception failed midway through the race after seeing Taylor gliding along on the lead with Monster Bea. The trainer learned of the result when an employee called him as the horse crossed the finish line in front.

"I'm so happy for my sister," Rice remarked, adding that the family aspect of his recent success brings his elation to a higher level. "There are pictures that show from the second she got out in front, there's a smile on her face."

Rice concluded that he hopes to be able to follow in the footsteps of his relatives, making a name for himself within the broader context of the Rice Family legacy.

"I've been in the game a long time, because my family has been in the game a long time," Rice noted. "We may not be as public as some other people because we hide in our own corners and play our hands in our own corners, but we love what we do."

Monster Bea has since been sold to an undisclosed buyer, while Don't Be So Salty may return to Saratoga for a stakes event later in the meet. Speaking on the second day of the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale, Rice reflected on how special it is to realize quantifiable success with a racing prospect.

"It's one thing selling a horse, but it's got to be another when you just get one to perform. It is a whole next level."



Thursday, Salisbury, Britain, post time: 4:25 p.m.

TOTEPOOL SOVEREIGN S.-G3, £75,000, 3yo/up, 8fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	11	Custom Cut (Ire)	Notnowcato (GB)	Tudhope	O'Meara	131
2	9	Tullius (Ire)	Le Vie Dei Colori (GB)	Fortune	Balding	131
3	3	Captain Cat (Ire)	Dylan Thomas (Ire)	Spencer	Charlton	126
4	8	Dark Emerald (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Kirby	Powell	126
5	7	Moohaarib (Ire)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Harley	M Botti	126
6	1	Shifting Power (GB)	Compton Place (GB)	Dobbs	Hannon	126
7	6	Short Squeeze (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Bentley	Palmer	126
8	5	Wannabe Yours (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Havlin	Gosden	126
9	2	Fanciful Angel (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Lane	M Botti	119
10	4	Kodi Bear (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Mosse	Cox	119
11	10	Mustadeem (Ire)	Arcano (Ire)	Hanagan	Meehan	119

Thursday, Leopardstown, Ireland, post time: 7.25 p.m.

INVESCO PENSION CONSULTANTS DESMOND S.-G3, €62,500, 3yo/up, 8fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	3	Bold Thady Quill (Ire)	Tale of the Cat	Smullen	Condon	135
2	2	Cougar Mountain (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	J O'Brien	A O'Brien	135
3	1	Convergence (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Keane	Lyons	131
4	4	Raydara (Ire)	Rck of Gibraltar (Ire)	Foley	Halford	125
5	5	Tamadhor (Ire)	Arcano (Ire)	Hayes	Prendergast	125

ASTAIRE SUCCUMBS TO COLIC

Angie Bailey's 2013 G1 Middle Park S. hero **Astaire (Ire)** (Intense Focus--Runway Dancer {GB}, by Dansili {GB}), was put down Sunday after suffering a bout of colic, according to a tweet by trainer Kevin Ryan. Bred by John O'Connor in Ireland, the 4-year-old also landed the G2 Gimcrack S. as a juvenile and added the



Astaire | *Racing Post*

G3 Abernant S. this April. A close third to American invader Undrafted (Purim) in the G1 Diamond Jubilee S. at Royal Ascot June 20, the 4-year-old was down the field in his latest start when 11th in the G1 Darley July Cup July 11.

Confirming the news on Twitter, Ryan said, "Sadly Astaire passed away on Sunday due to colic. He was tough and classy and will be sorely missed. Thank you to all who helped him."

The Irish-bred earned \$596,469 with a record of 17-5-2-1 from three seasons racing. Astaire's dam is a half to fellow G2 Gimcrack S. winner Bannister (GB) (Inchiner {GB}).

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European News cont.

'EAGLE' START IN INTERNATIONAL IN DOUBT

Moyglare Stud Farm homebred and G1SW **Free Eagle (Ire)** (High Chaparral {Ire}) is increasingly likely to sidestep next week's Juddmonte International at York Aug. 19 and wait for the G1 QIPCO Irish Champion S. at Leopardstown Sept. 12.



Free Eagle | *Racing Post*

Dermot Weld's 4-year-old fought off The Grey Gatsby (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) to make a winning start to his campaign in the G1 Prince of Wales's S. at Royal Ascot and would add further intrigue to next Wednesday's Group 1 feature if he were to line up alongside unbeaten G1 Derby hero Golden Horn (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}) and dual G1 2000 Guineas winner Gleneagles (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}).

However, the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp in October remains the primary objective for Free Eagle and connections are minded to give him just one run ahead of his trip to Paris.

Fiona Craig, breeding advisor for owners Moyglare Stud, said, "I think York is probably looking less likely. I'm not sure it's settled in stone, but he'll probably go straight to Leopardstown. He was very tired after he came home from Ascot. As everyone knows it was a bit of a rush to get him there anyway and he ran his heart out on the day. He worked on the racecourse at The Curragh on Monday morning as they'd had a bit of rain and it was beautiful ground."

"We'd like to get to the Arc and we just think to run at York and then Leopardstown and then go to Longchamp would be a fair bit of racing in a short space of time," continued Craig. "I think he'll probably stay in the York race [Juddmonte International S. Aug. 19] at the five-day stage, just in case it cuts up and the likes of Golden Horn and Gleneagles come out, but at the moment it looks like we'll wait for the autumn."

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GIMCRACK A POSSIBILITY FOR BURATINO

Godolphin's **Buratino (Ire)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) could make a surprise quick reappearance in the G2 Irish Thoroughbred Marketing Gimcrack S. at York on Saturday week. The Mark Johnston-trained youngster could go on a retrieval mission in the Group 2 after failing to back up his Royal Ascot G2 Coventry S. success when only third to Air Force Blue (War Front), whom he had beaten at Royal Ascot, in the G1 Phoenix S. at The Curragh Sunday.

The trainer's son, Charlie Johnston, said, "Dad needs to have a discussion with John Ferguson and the Godolphin team but at the moment it is not out the question that Buratino runs in the Gimcrack. It is worth £220,000 and with Shalaa (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and Air Force Blue likely to head to the [G1] Prix Morny [at Deauville Aug. 23], it



Buratino | *Racing Post*

makes the Gimcrack a very attractive option."

Added Johnston, "We felt that the slightly easy ground at The Curragh didn't suit him and you could tell at half-way that he was in trouble. He didn't travel with the same power as he did at Ascot. There is no disgrace in finishing third in a Group 1 and if he turns up at York on fast ground he would take all the beating."

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NYRA BOARD MEETS IN SARATOGA

By Mike Kane

There was mostly good news delivered Wednesday during the meeting of the New York Racing Association's Re-Organization Board in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.:

- Business was been remarkably strong during the opening two weeks of the 40-day Saratoga meet.
- The Belmont Stakes and Stars and Stripes programs NYRA exceeded budget expectations and produced positive results for the second quarter.
- However, NYRA's racing operations lost \$6.1 million for the first half of the year. It is \$1.2 million more than was lost during the same period in 2014. Harsh winter weather which forced 12 closings was blamed for the losses.
- NYRA President and CEO Chris Kay said that he expects that the association will finish in the black for the second consecutive year.
- The board's compensation committee announced that NYRA's administrative staff will receive three percent pay increases for 2015 and that Kay had qualified for his \$250,000 bonus. The three-percent raise pushes Kay's base salary to \$318,270 and his total income from NYRA to \$568,270.
- NYRA announced recently that it would cap attendance at 50,000 for the Travers on Aug. 29, regardless of whether Triple Crown winner American Pharoah competes in the track's signature event. All reserved seating is sold out and Kay said that at noon Wednesday, 5,867 of the approximately 25,000 general admission tickets were still available. Kay estimated that all tickets will be sold by the end of the week.
- Trainer Rick Violette, president of the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association and an ex officio member of the board, said that the actual number of people at Belmont Park on Belmont Stakes day was approximately 12,000 below the announced sell-out crowd of 90,000.

The trustees met at Holiday Inn on what was another beautiful, sunny summer day in upstate New York. Michael J. Del Giudice, vice-chairman of the board, ran the meeting. Kay reported on increases in year-over-year handle numbers at the Belmont Spring meet and quickly turned to Saratoga.

"We have hit the ground running at the Spa," Kay said, and reported that through the first 15 days of the season on Sunday, the on-track handle was up 18.7 percent, all-sources handle was up 19.8 percent, food and beverage revenue climbed 25.6 percent and merchandise sales were up 27.4 percent.

Kay said that paid attendance was 423,126. That figure includes the approximately 8,400 season tickets sold that NYRA counts every day, a total of about 126,000.

"The success of this year's meet to date is due to a number of factors, including world-class quality horse racing, large fields and outstanding weather," Kay said.



Chris Kay | *Mike Kane photo*

"We know the weather can and generally does create certain days when we need to take races off the turf courses, with the corresponding decreases in the field size and wagering on those days. We anticipate that we will have such days during the remainder of

the meet."

Kay noted that field sizes typically drop during the middle of the meet and that business can be expected to soften later in the meet because it closes on the latest possible date for Labor Day, Sept. 7.

"As a result, it is entirely possible that the current double-digit rate of increase in our handle will trend more toward our budget projections, which were purposely conservative," he said. "All kinds of things can and often happen in horse racing, but at this point in time we feel that we will perform equal to or better than budgeted for the meet. Certainly the start of the meet has been very strong in every respect."

Kay said that through Sunday, handle was running 17.8 percent ahead of the budgeted handle figure of \$612 million.

Board member Len Riggio applauded the strong early business but said that it is important to remember that numbers can be misleading because of the way the meet falls on the calendar. In 2014, the Saratoga meet started on the earliest day possible, a full seven days ahead of this year.

"We should all know that the budget for the entirety is one or two percent, not 17," Riggio said. "The chances are that we'll be giving all of that back because of the misalignment of the weeks. The misalignment is causing us to look a lot better. I don't want people to think that we're hitting a double-digit home run because we're not. Hopefully we'll keep a lot of the increase."

Riggio said he was concerned that NYRA will face pressure in September from Parx, the suburban Philadelphia track that has scheduled a racing festival featuring large purses.

"I'm simply saying that we're not out of the woods," Riggio said. "When you look at 17 percent..."

Del Giudice said: "All we're doing is just reporting the figures as they are now. Obviously, we have to keep focused on what we have to do. The point is to keep racing going and do it the right way."

Saratoga's handle and attendance are spectacular, Del Giudice agreed. **Cont. p2**

NYRA Board Meeting cont.

“Hopefully, it will continue at a pace that makes some good sense,” he said, “We’re not over-promising or under-promising. We’re just stating the facts. The point is that whatever the numbers are is what the numbers are going to be. Our job is to the best possible things to get the fans to the track and present the best possible racing. Period. That’s all we’re trying to do.”

American Pharoah’s run to the Triple Crown provided NYRA with a huge Belmont Stakes day. It has partnered with the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association (NYTHA) to raise the purse from \$1.2 million to \$1.6 million if the colt starts in the track’s signature race, the GI Travers S. Aug. 29. Trainer Bob Baffert has not committed to where the Zayat Stables’ colt will run next.

“We should know very soon whether American Pharoah will be racing at our historic Saratoga Race Course,” Kay said.

Andrew Rosen was welcomed to his first meeting as a member of the board, succeeding Charles Wait of Saratoga Spring, who resigned. Del Guidice said that Chris Mara has been selected to join the board. Mara is a senior vice-president of the NFL’s New York Giants and a partner in Starlight Racing.

Kay reported that the on-track handle for the 59-day Belmont spring meet of \$88.3 million was up 4.3 percent and the all-sources handle of \$636.6 million climbed 7.5 percent over 2014. Strong business during the Belmont Stakes festival and the Stars and Stripes Day on July 4 were important components of those increases.

NYTHA President Rick Violette, an a ex-officio member of the board, said that although NYRA officials announced that the Belmont Stakes was a sellout at 90,000, the on-track crowd did not reach that figure.

“I think we had 78,000 or 79,000 who were there at the racetrack,” he said. “Is there a way that we close that gap so where we actually get closer to the target number? Essentially there is a 25% difference from last year to this year when you go from 102,000 to 78,000.”

Kay shook his head as Violette was asking the question.

“I don’t believe the 77,000 number is accurate,” he said. “I’d be glad to show you off-line how we do do this. As far as the 50,000 cap is concerned. We’re doing the 50,000 on the assumption that almost all of those people who bought season passes will be here that day.”

Violette said the difference in the figures at the Belmont Stakes goes well beyond ticket sales.

“We want them to bet, buy some food and have a good day,” he said. “That 10,000 can be critical.”

Kay responded that the handle figures were the second-highest in history--trailing only the 2014 totals--but Violette countered that if NYRA is going to stay with caps for attendance it needs to do better to get to the target number.

In the second quarter, NYRA’s net income of \$10.6 million was up 7.2% over the budget figure for those three months and up 9.2% from 2014. The total handle of \$691 million was 1.6% above the budgeted number, but down \$7.7 million or 1.1% from last year. The net revenue from racing operations of \$45.3 million was 2.3% above the budget figure and 2.8% over the same period last year.

On Belmont Stakes day, featuring American Pharoah’s quest, NYRA earned \$11.2 million of operating income from racing operations. This was \$2.3 million higher than budget and \$1.4 million higher than last year. The total handle of \$138 million was up 31% from the budgeted number, but down \$15.5 million, 10.1% from 2014, due at least in some part to NYRA’s decision to cap on-track attendance. NYRA CFO Susanne Stover said that NYRA’s bottom line was improved by higher interstate simulcast host fees and revenue from increases in parking, admissions, seating and hospitality.

For the first six months of the year, NYRA lost \$6.1 million from racing operations. That was \$1.1 million better than the budgeted figure but \$1.2 million greater, 25.5 percent than last year. The first half figures were adversely affected by the dozen weather-related cancellations. Its net income of \$10.4 million for the first six months of the year - which includes revenue from the VLT casino at Aqueduct - was up 30 percent, \$2.4 million, from the budget and 16.7 percent from last year.



Saratoga

Wednesday’s Results:

BIRDSTONE S., \$100,000, SAR, 8-12, 3yo/up, 1 3/4m, 2:59.15, ft.

1--**#TACTICUS, 118, c, 4, A.P. Indy--Visions of Clarity (Ire) (SW-Fr), by Sadler’s Wells.** O/B-Flaxman Holdings Limited (KY); T-H. Graham Motion; J-Joel Rosario. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 11-3-0-3, \$77,571. *1/2 to Pathfork (Distorted Humor), Hwt. Colt at 2-Ire, G1SW-Ire, \$237,871.

2--**Turco Bravo (Chi), 116, g, 6, Caesarion (Ire)--Turkish Queen (Chi), by Barkerville.** O-Winning Move Stable; B-Haras Carioca (CHI); T-Gary C. Contessa. \$20,000.

3--**Desvelo (Arg), 116, g, 6, Sunray Spirit--Delambre (Brz), by Rainbow Corner (GB).** O-Ninety North Racing Stable; B-La Manija (ARG); T-Kelly Rubley. \$10,000. Margins: 2HF, 6 3/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 2.30, 5.10, 27.75.

Also Ran: Gridley Here, Cary Street, Village Warrior, Micromanage. Scratched: Northeast Bound. **Cont. p3**

Birdstone S. cont.

Winner of two of his nine starts in England for his well known previous trainer Lady Cecil, Tacticus finished sixth in his last start across the pond in a 1 5/16-mile Doncaster handicap Apr. 25. He was then shipped to America and placed in the care of Graham Motion, who also conditioned recently retired Flaxman homebred and dual Eclipse winner Main Sequence (Aldebaran). Fourth while making his first attempt on dirt in his debut for that barn here July 26, the bay was sent off as the bettors's second choice while receiving Lasix for the first time in this spot. Settled in mid-pack early, Tacticus edged into third after a mile in 1:42.28. At the head of affairs, Turco Bravo appeared home free turning for home, but Tacticus was just getting into gear and kicked past that rival late for a decisive score. "I was kind of impressed with how he did it, to be honest," Motion said. "I thought he did it pretty comfortably. Joel [Rosario] gave him a great ride and rode him very confidently. It looked like he was always going very well. The distance was the key; that's why they brought him over here originally." The winner's dam is a half to French, Irish and European Highweight Spinning World (Nureyev). This is also the family of European Highweight Chimes of Freedom (Private Account), champion Aldebaran (Mr. Prospector), sire of Main Sequence, and GISW Good Journey (Nureyev). **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

9th-SAR, \$90,000, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 8-12, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 3/16mT, 1:55.78, gd. REGARDEZ (GB) (f, 4, [Champs Elysees {GB}](#)--Look So {GB}, by Efsio {GB}), previously trained by Ralph Beckett during her European campaign, captured Newcastle's Hoppings S. in June 2014 and missed by just a neck when third in York's Lyric S. a month later. A close second in Ireland's G3 Cordel Lavarack and Lanwades Stud S. last September, she capped off her sophomore campaign with a fourth in Saint-Cloud's G3 Prix de Flore S. Oct. 30 and was sent to American trainer Chad Brown. Fourth as the favorite in her seasonal debut for the Brown barn in a grassy Belmont optional claimer May 3, the bay was well supported again last time there July 1, but could only manage fifth. Dispatched as the 5-2 second choice this time around, Regardez trailed the field as favored Radiator (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) ticked off early splits of :22.72 and :48.01. Progressing up the outside on the backstretch, the dark bay was third turning for home and unleashed a furious rally in the lane to overtake the chalk, as well as fellow Brown trainee Chocolatier (Fr) (Lawman {Fr}), and win by a commanding five lengths. Chocolatier edged clear of Radiator late to be second by a neck over that rival. Lifetime Record: SW & GSP-Eng, 13-3-3-2, \$157,842. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

O-J. H. Richmond-Watson; B-Lawn Stud (GB); T-C. Brown.

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7th-SAR, \$78,000, (S), Alw, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 8-12, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:03.32, gd. RUMBLE DOLL (f, 4, [Street Boss--Little Buttercup {MSP, \\$190,444}](#), by Labeeb {GB}), second in her two prior starts this term on the Belmont lawn June 7 and July 12, respectively, was dispatched at 5-1 in this return to Saratoga, where she scored two of her three previous wins. The bay bided her time near the back of the pack through sharp early splits of :21.58 and :44.85, and was blocked behind a wall of horses turning for home. Squeezing between rivals in mid-stretch, Rumble Doll went stride-for-stride with Sister Sophia (Tale of the Cat) in the final furlong and got her nose on the line just in time to score. Sales history: \$15,000 Ylg '12 KEESEP; \$65,000 2yo '13 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 14-4-2-3, \$187,700. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).** O-Robert Falcone & All Heart Racing Stables; B-Lawrence Goichman (NY); T-Robert N. Falcone Jr.

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5th-SAR, \$99,600, Msw, 8-12, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:04.89, ft.

+ BIG THRILL, f, 2, by Big Drama
1st Dam: Twilight Mirage (SP, \$159,829), by Jeblar
2nd Dam: Sassy'N Proud, by Al Nasr (Fr)
3rd Dam: Straight Street, by Never Bend

Big Thrill lived up to the hype and her name with an impressive last-to-first victory on debut at Saratoga Wednesday. Bought back by breeder/consignor Eddie Woods for \$47,000 at the OBS August sale last term, the dark bay brought \$410,000 from the Triumphant



Big Thrill | A. Coglianese

Trio, a newly formed ownership group consisting of trainer Linda Rice, Iris Smith and Sheila Rosenblum, at this year's OBS April sale after breezing a bullet quarter-mile in :20.3. (Click [here](#) for a sale story on Big Thrill and [here](#) for

a feature on Rosenblum and the Triumphant Trio) Displaying a solid string of works on the dirt both here and at Belmont, she was sent off as the 7-2 second choice behind \$440,000 KEESEP purchase Tizasong (Tiznow) in this off-the-turf unveiling. **Cont. p4**

Big Thrill cont.

Away slowest of all after hopping up in the gate at the start, Big Thrill caboosed the field through the initial stages, but was already starting to roll as they hit the first quarter in :22.18. Inhaling the field after a half in :46.14, the juvenile slipped through a seam to seize command in early stretch, and seemed to sprout wings as she effortlessly cruised clear under a hand ride from Jose Ortiz to win by four lengths. Big Thrill, a half-sister to Determinato (Closing Argument), MSW, \$405,112, is the sixth winner for her freshman sire (by Montbrook). J R Star (Eskendereya), who was entered for main track only, was the runner-up and Tizasong completed the trifecta. The winner's dam produced a full brother to Big Thrill last year and did not have a foal this year, but was bred back to Maclean's Music. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$59,760. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#), [the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). O-Lady Sheila Stable, Iris Smith Stable & Linda Rice. B-Quarter Pole Enterprises LLC (FL). T-Linda Rice.

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2 Perfect Freud	Freud	Castellano	Sciacca	12-1
3 Freudie Anne	Freud	J. Ortiz	Kenneally	5-2
4 Loon River	Freud	Lezcano	Sciacca	8-1
5 Dreamboat Annie	Freud	Velazquez	Gyarmati	3-1
6 Cosmic Serenity	Cosmonaut	Saez	Serpe	10-1
7 Rockin Alli	Stonesider	Serpa	Shaw	30-1
8 Amazing Anne	Freud	Alvarado	Morley	4-1
9 Arietta	Raffie's Majesty	Leparoux	Bond	50-1

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NYRA Schedules Allen Jerkens Day at the Spa:

The New York Racing Association will honor the late H. Allen Jerkens with a day of video tributes from his colleagues and jockeys, a special souvenir program cover and a winner's circle ceremony with his family following the day's eighth race. Video tributes from Hall of Fame jockeys Angel Cordero, Jr. and Eddie Maple, NYRA racing official Ralph Theroux, Jr., trainers Todd Pletcher, Leah Gyarmati and Mike Hushion and handicapper Andy Beyer will be played after each of the day's races prior to the eighth race. Jerkens's children--trainers Jimmy and Steve, his daughter Julie, and Allen, Jr. and their families--will participate in the winner's circle ceremony, which will begin with a moment of silence. They will be joined by Jerkens's fellow horsemen and friends.



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Allen Jerkens Day cont.

NYRA will also make a donation to the Backstretch Employee Services Team (B. E. S. T.) in the trainer's name. The Hall of Fame conditioner, who famously orchestrated Onion's upset of Secretariat in the 1973 GI Whitney H., passed away in Florida at the age of 85 Mar. 18.

Central U.S.

Wednesday's Results:

4th-IND, \$33,280, Msw, 8-12, 3, 4, /5yo, f/m, 6f, 1:11.96, ft.

+ **PURRFECT DIVA (f, 3, [Tale of the Cat](#)--Country Diva, by Songandaprayer)**, a close second choice at 9-5 in this unveiling, seized the early advantage and ticked off early splits of :22.75 and :46.60. Tipped off the fence a bit turning for home, the dark bay easily skipped clear in the lane without being asked by pilot Channing Hill and won by a geared down 3 1/4 lengths. Favored Lady Relaunch (Bright Launch) was second. Sales history: \$95,000 RNA Wlg '12 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,200. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#). O/B-Marablue Farm LLC (KY); T-Kellyn Gorder.

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Del Mar

Wednesday's Results:

6th-DMR, \$78,450, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 8-12, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.84, ft.

YIANNIS (r, 3, [Midshipman](#)--Eye'll Be Fine, by Montbrook), a debut winner in Arcadia Jan. 31 over now MGSW Gimme Da Lute (Midnight Lute), scored again next out in that venue's San Pedro S. Apr. 12. Fourth behind '**TDN Rising Star**' Kentuckian (Tiznow) in Santa Anita's Gill Lazaro Barrera S. May 10, the 4-5 chalk rushed up to sit in a stalking second through an opening quarter in :22.15 and a half in :45.41. Seizing command turning for home, the bay began to kick clear in the lane, and held safe a late charge from Athens (Giant's Causeway) to win by a neck. Sales history: \$65,000 Wlg '12 KEENOV; \$120,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP; \$560,000 2yo '14 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$132,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

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5th-DMR, \$70,750, Msw, 8-12, 2yo, 1mT, 1:35.72, fm. HOLLYWOOD DON (c, 2, [Tapit](#)--Ocean Drive {MGSW, \$803,986}, by [Belong to Me](#)) RNA'd for \$240,000 as a KEESEP yearling and for \$400,000 as a FTFMAR juvenile before ultimately selling for \$245,000 at the OBS April sale after breezing a furlong in [:10.1](#).

Seventh on debut at this course and distance after a slow start and wide trip July 26, the 7-2 shot broke on top and was hard pressed by Tiz a Billy (Tizway) and Dressed in Hermes (Hat Trick {Jpn}) every step of the way. Clocking opening fractions of :22.30 and :46.11, it was still a three-horse race at the top of the lane and Hollywood Don kept on finding to hold Tiz a Billy at bay by a neck. Dressed in Hermes stayed on for third. The winner is a half to West Ocean (Elusive Quality), MSW, \$355,840; and his dam is a half to MGSW & MGISP multi-millionaire Sun King (Charismatic). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$42,250. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Rockingham Ranch; B-SyBon Racing Stable LLC (KY); T-Peter Miller.



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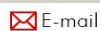


8th-DMR, \$71,250, Msw, 8-12, 2yo, 1mT, 1:37.49, fm. + ARCATURE (c, 2, [Archarcharch](#)--K. O. Kitty, by [Tale of the Cat](#)), a \$62,000 FTKJUL yearling, developed into a \$250,000 OBSAPR 2-year-old after breezing a furlong in [:10.1](#). Let go at 5-1 in this career bow, the bay saved ground near the back of the pack as the heavy favorite doled out early splits of :22.94 and :47.21.

Tipped out at the half, he began a steady advance up the outside and was let loose at the top of the stretch under a perfectly timed ride from Hall of Famer Gary Stevens. Arcature was quickly pursued by Recalibrating (Malibu Moon), but kept on finding to hold off that rival by a half-length. The winner is a half to Syria's Aong (Indian Charlie), MSP, \$239,433. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$42,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Arnold Zetcher LLC. B-Phillip, Hunter & Claire Hager (KY). T-Simon Callaghan.

McElroy Equine 2yo Auction Purchase



Espinoza Honored with Pincay Award:

Jockey Victor Espinoza, regular pilot of Triple Crown winner American Pharoah (Pioneer of the Nile), will be honored with the 2015 Laffit Pincay, Jr. Award at Del Mar Aug. 16. Hall of Famer Pincay will present the award--given to those who have served the sport "with integrity, extraordinary dedication, determination and distinction," in between races at the Del Mar winner's circle. The Laffit Pincay, Jr. Award originated at Hollywood Park in 2004 and switched to Del Mar after that track ceased to conduct racing. A 43-year-old Mexico City native, Espinoza has ridden 3,200 winners throughout his career.

In addition to Triple Crown hero American Pharoah (Pioneer of the Nile), he rode dual Classic winners War Emblem (Our Emblem) (2002) and Horse of the Year California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) (2014) to GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S. victories. The latter was trained by last year's Pincay Award recipient, trainer Art Sherman.

"Anytime I win an award of any kind I am honored and humbled," Espinoza said. "And an award like this is very special. I rode against Laffit for many seasons and he was not my friend on the racetrack; he was a tough customer out there. But we are friends now and for him to select me for this award is a true honor."

Pincay rode for 39 years and his mounts were first past the post in 9,530 races, a world record at that time. He was also an Eclipse Award Champion Jockey five times and is Del Mar's winningest rider with 1,011 victories at the time of his retirement in 2003.

"I am delighted to give this award to Victor Espinoza," Pincay remarked. "Victor has been a solid member of the racing community in California for more than two decades. He has been an exceptional rider whose Triple Crown victories of late have underscored just how good he is. And he also has shown himself to be a man of good heart who cares about others, especially those less fortunate. He is well deserving of this award as a person who has been a fine representative of horse racing."

Espinoza donated all of his rider shares from his Triple Crown wins to City of Hope hospital in Duarte, which treats young cancer patients. The jockey began to make contribute to the hospital a decade ago.

ROOKIES

First-crop starters to watch: Thursday, August 13

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2012 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

ADIOS CHARLIE (Indian Charlie), Ocala Stud Farm, \$4K, 23/0/0

10-GP, Mcl, 4 1/2f, +Let Love Rule, \$6K OBS OPN 2yo, 20-1

ARCHARCHARCH (Arch), Spendthrift Farm, \$10K, 122/4/0

3-DMR, Msw, 1mT, Joan of Arch, \$10K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1

ATTEMPTED HUMOR (Distorted Humor), 9/0/0

5-EVD, Msw, 6f, +Devilish Humor, 6-1

CROWN OF THORNS (Repent), Woodford Thoroughbreds, \$4K, 21/1/0

5-PEN, Msw, 5f, +Atara, \$30K RNA OBS APR 2yo, 5-2

DROSSELMAYER (Distorted Humor), WinStar Farm, \$18K, 94/2/0

5-EVD, Msw, 6f, Copper Cajun, \$25K EVA MAR 2yo, 12-1

GIROLAMO (A.P. Indy), Darley, \$15K, 87/3/0

10-GP, Mcl, 4 1/2f, +Drama Princess, \$16K OBS APR 2yo, 12-1

INTERACTIF (Broken Vow), Red River Farms, 32/0/0

5-EVD, Msw, 6f, +So Nilsson, \$2K ESL YRL yrl, 10-1

KENNEDY (A.P. Indy), Rockin' Z Ranch, \$3K, 13/1/0

5-PEN, Msw, 5f, +Candy Love, \$1K OBS AUG yrl, 8-1

PADDY O'PRADO (El Prado {Ire}), Spendthrift Farm, \$15K, 105/2/0

3-DMR, Msw, 1mT, Sutton's Smile, \$40K KEE NOV wnl, 10-1

SIDNEY'S CANDY (Candy Ride {Arg}), WinStar Farm, \$15K, 86/1/0

3-DMR, Msw, 1mT, Sheeza Milky Way, \$70K BAR MAR 2yo, 4-1

TEQUILAZO (Exchange Rate), 2/0/0

10-GP, Mcl, 4 1/2f, +She's a City Gal, 20-1

WILBURN (Bernardini), Spendthrift Farm, \$7K, 106/1/0

10-GP, Mcl, 4 1/2f, Sass Master, \$10K RNA OBS MAR 2yo, 3-1

Rookies cont.

First/second-crop starters to watch: Thursday, August 13

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2011 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*
WARRIOR'S REWARD (Medaglia d'Oro), Spendthrift Farm, \$13K, 173/412
 3-DMR, Msw, 1mT, +Hit List, \$170K OBS OPN 2yo, 10-1

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STAKES RESULTS:

GOVERNOR'S S., \$150,000, IND, 8-12, (S), 3yo, 1m 70y, 1:42.64, ft.

1--**#MEMPHISINMAY, 116, c, 3, Rockport Harbor--Traditionalist, by Aptitude.** (\$13,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP; \$55,000 2yo '14 OBSAPR). O-Brent Gasaway; B-Justice Farm & Greg Justice (IN); T-Kellyn Gorder; J-Joseph Rocco Jr. \$85,500. Lifetime Record: 12-3-1-1, \$146,086.

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2--**Son of a Nut, 120, g, 3, Unbridled Express--D Jamie's Peanut, by Stravinsky.** O-Sherri L. Greenhill; B-Greenhill Racing (IN); T-Jeffrey L. Greenhill. \$28,500.

3--**Daddy Justice, 120, g, 3, Lantana Mob--Moon Beamy, by Malibu Moon.** (\$10,000 RNA Ylg '13 FTKOCT). O-Cindy Patrick; B-Justice Farm & Greg Justice (IN); T-R. Gary Patrick. \$15,675.

Margins: HD, 3HF, NK. Odds: 11.70, 1.20, 4.70.
 Also Ran: Prince Grand, Academy Bay, Sky Pilot, Devil's Due West, Mabee a Double, Lucky Newton, Point After.
INDIANA FIRST LADY S., \$150,000, IND, 8-12, (S), 3yo, f, 1m 70y, 1:42.12, ft.

1--**#LADY FOG HORN, 116, f, 3, Zavata--Titia (SP, \$256,217), by Northern Spur (Ire).** O/B-The Elkstone Group LLC (IN); T-Anthony Granitz; J-Albin Jimenez. \$84,600. Lifetime Record: 11-5-1-2, \$179,065.

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2--**Heart's Song, 120, f, 3, Desert Party--Secret Psalm, by Cryptoclearance.** (\$31,000 Ylg '13 FTKJUL). O-Bernard G. Schaeffer; B-Justice Farm & Greg Justice (IN); T-William R. Connelly. \$28,200.

3--**Comforter, 118, f, 3, Nobiz Like Shobiz--Shepherd's Girl, by Rod and Staff.** (\$16,000 2yo '14 EASMAY). O-Romar LLC; B-Jim Plemmons (IN); T-Paul Holthus. \$15,510.

Margins: 1 1/4, HD, 6 3/4. Odds: 4.90, 1.60, 2.10.
 Also Ran: Hebe's Victory, Tupelo Tide, Joyous Lady, Amberly Village, Spooled, Nevertoomanykisses, Heronetta, Citrus Miss. Scratched: Wishful Dreamin.



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DINE S., (NB) \$50,000, SRP, 8-11, (S), 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:17.74, ft.

1--**GATOR HEAT, 120, g, 3, Southwestern Heat--Gator Prowl (SW, \$106,000), by Roar of the Tiger.** O/B-J. Kirk & Judy Robison (NM); T-Henry Dominguez; J-Enrique Portillo Gomez. \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 10-4-2-3, \$98,203.

2--**Picasso's Bro, 120, g, 3, Devon Lane--Starlight Meeting, by General Meeting.** O/B-Winnie Vick (NM); T-Eric D. Mikkelsen. \$10,500.

3--**Classey Cash, 120, g, 3, Fusaichi Zenon (Jpn)--Tessa Time, by Old Topper.** (\$2,500 Ylg '13 RUI MIX). O-Mark A. Roybal; B-Michael Weatherly (NM); T-Bernie A. Leyba. \$5,000.

Margins: 3HF, NK, 2HF. Odds: 3.40, 20.50, 47.10.
 Also Ran: Atilas Gift, Weappear, Southern Fire, Golly Gee, Francisco.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

2nd-DMR, \$72,750, (S), 8-12, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :56.57, fm.

DESERT STEEL (f, 3, Desert Code--Lujien Lujien, by Cozzene) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$122,764. O-Alice Bamford, Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Michael House; B-Harris Farms (CA); T-Simon Callaghan. *\$40,000 Ylg '13 BAROCT; \$130,000 2yo '14 BARMAR. **1/2 to Pretty Cozzy (Broken Vow), SW, \$218,760.

2nd-DEL, \$40,250, 8-12, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5f (off turf), :57.68, ft.

G G'S SECONDCHANCE (c, 3, Yes It's True--Star White, by Naevus) Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-1, \$93,100. O-Barry & Joni Butzow; B-Rose Hill Farm (KY); T-McLean Robertson. *\$165,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP. **1/2 to Starry Pursuit (Van Nistelrooy), MSW, \$194,685.

Breeders' Edition America cont.

2nd-IND, \$36,000, Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 8-12, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:36.53, ft.

SPELLING AGAIN (f, 4, Awesome Again--Spelling {GSP, \$161,710}, by Alphabet Soup) Lifetime Record: 12-3-3-2, \$106,026. O-Sea Jay Racing LLC; B-George Strawbridge (PA); T-Brad H. Cox. *1/2 to Sky Willow (Empire Maker), SW, \$114,979.

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4th-PEN, \$34,220, 8-12, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:34.91, fm.

NOBLE ROAD (g, 3, Partner's Hero--Ifyouknowwhatimean, by Trempolino) Lifetime Record: 12-5-0-2, \$94,734. O-W. M. T. Stable & Sylmar Farm; B-Gum Tree Stables LLC (PA); T-T. Bernard Houghton. *\$5,000 Ylg '13 EASSEP.

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7th-IND, \$34,000, Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 8-12, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :56.52, fm.

MELALEUCA (m, 5, Half Ours--Fleeting Melody, by Stravinsky) Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-2, \$62,290. O-Robert Ritchie Jr. & Brian Michael; B-Robert E. Ritchie (KY); T-Brian Michael.

7th-TDN, \$31,000, 8-12, (NW2X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.48, ft.

CHELLA (f, 4, Where's the Ring--Always Loving, by Hennessy) Lifetime Record: 23-11-2-3, \$151,939. O/T-Elliot Sullivan; B-Brian J. Cullen (ON).

5th-PID, \$30,690, 8-11, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:10.85, ft.

GLITTER N' JAZZ (g, 5, Deputy Rokeby--Glitter Glitter, by Texas Glitter) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$28,685. O/B/T-Marc J. Sharp (WV).

6th-TDN, \$29,000, 8-12, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:43.25, ft.

WOELF DEN (g, 4, Curlin--Gorgeous Goose {GSW, \$225,032}, by Mongoose) Lifetime Record: 22-4-2-2, \$96,381. O-Looch Racing Stables, Inc.; B-Mary Anne Denes & Mary Ellen Woelfel (FL); T-Anthony F. Rini.

8th-MNR, \$20,700, 8-11, (NW4LX), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.39, ft.

NORMANDY CROSSING (c, 4, English Channel--Donamour, by Langfuhr) Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-1, \$75,996. OThea & Wilson Green; B-Gwynedd Stable & Woodard Stable (KY); T-Joe Woodard.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Imaflashyfellow, g, 2, Fiber Sonde--Silverberry, by Gone West. CT, 8-12, (S), 4 1/2f, :53.21. B-John McKee (WV).

+ **Miss Guretta, f, 2, Giant Fun--Magical Mia**, by Gold Fever. EVD, 8-12, (S), 6f, 1:13.14. B-Gerard Perron (LA).

Happy Half Hour, c, 2, Half Ours--Tensas River, by Yonaguska. LAD, 8-12, (S), 4 1/2f, :53.22. B-Curt Leake (LA). *\$15,000 Ylg '14 ESLYRL.

Royal Marine, g, 3, Afleet Alex--Urban Dancer (MSW & GSP, \$300,935), by Citidancer. DEL, 8-12, 1m (off turf), 1:38.50. B-Tim & Janet Ritchey (PA). *Full to Alex's Vision, SW, \$201,962.

Sky City, c, 3, Colonel John--City Fire (MSW, \$377,717), by Carson City. TDN, 8-12, 5 1/2f, 1:07.04. B-Casner Racing LP (KY). *\$27,000 RNA Ylg '13 FTKOCT.

Egyptian Magic, f, 3, Eskendereya--Danzig's Dreamer, by Rubiano. SAR, 8-12, (C), 1mT, 1:36.71. B-Town & Country Farms Corp. (KY). *\$75,000 Ylg '13 KESEP; \$145,000 RNA 2yo '14 FTFMAR. **1/2 to Liam's Dream (Saint Liam), GSW, \$194,760; and Holdontoyourdreams (Proud Citizen), GSP, \$108,675.

Lady Daphne, f, 3, Harlan's Holiday--Littlebitabing (SW, \$117,340), by Carson City. SAR, 8-12, (S), (C), 6f, 1:11.41. B-Twin Creeks Farm (NY). *\$55,000 Wlg '12 KEENOV.

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+ **Heat Seeking, f, 3, Here's Zealous--Fuego Grande (SP, \$280,604)**, by Adonis. PEN, 8-12, (S), 6f, 1:12.28. B-Kaz Hill Farm (PA).

Gansett, f, 3, Jump Start--Star Forty Nine, by Luhuk. DEL, 8-12, 1m (off turf), 1:38.89. B-Dan Bearden (NY). *\$13,500 2yo '14 EASMAV.

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Wednesday's Result:

BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF UPAVON FILLIES

S.-Listed, £42,000, SAL, 8-12, 3yo/up, f/m, 9f 198yT, 2:04.06, g/f.

1--**#JOURNEY (GB), 119, f, 3, Dubawi (Ire)--Montare (Ire) (G1SW-Fr, \$852,544)**, by Montjeu (Ire).

O/B-George Strawbridge (GB); T-John Gosden; J-Robert Havlin. £23,818. Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-0, \$48,922.

2--**Suffused (GB), 119, f, 3, Champs Elysees (GB)--Scuffle (GB)**, by Daylami (Ire). O-Khalid Abdullah. £9,030.

3--**Tazffin (Ire), 119, f, 3, Ifraaj (GB)--Tarfshi (GB)**, by Mtoto (GB). O-Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum. £4,519. Margins: 2 1/4, 2HF, 2. Odds: 33.00, 1.85, 4.00.

Journey took five attempts to shed maiden status, which she did at Newbury June 11, and was let go at long odds here coming off an eighth in the June 26 Listed Hoppings S. at Newcastle. Showing plenty of early dash to stalk the pace in second, the homebred bay launched her bid with three furlongs remaining and saw off the persistent attention of Suffused under continued urging inside the final eighth before drawing off late to claim a career high in decisive fashion. "She did it nicely and stayed on well," commented racing manager James Wigan. "We are delighted that she has got her black-type. Her dam was a good mare, so it was nice to see her do it. [Trainer] John [Gosden] always thought she had ability, she has just taken her time to learn. She was a little bit nervous before, but she seems to be finally maturing. I don't know where she will go next, but she certainly wasn't stopping at the end." **Click for the [Racing Post result](#). [Video](#), sponsored by [Fasig-Tipton](#).**

Malabar Connections Considering U.S. Start:

Connections of **Malabar (GB)** (Raven's Pass) are seriously considering campaigning the filly in the United States after her victory over the colts at Glorious Goodwood in the G3 Thoroughbred S. July 31. Mick Channon's charge had taken on the best of her Classic generation with a creditable effort when fourth in the G1 QIPCO 1000 Guineas at Newmarket May 3. The Jon and Julia Aisbitt-owned sophomore ran eighth in the Irish equivalent later that month at The Curragh and ninth in the G1 Prix de Diane Longines at Chantilly June 14, prior to her Goodwood score.



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A trip across the Atlantic in search of a Grade I triumph now beckons for the winner of last year's G3 Prestige S., also at Goodwood.

"She's come out of it great," said Michael Channon, Jr., the trainer's son and assistant told *At The Races*. "I think it's certainly shook her up and given her plenty of confidence. We're looking at the States. There are plenty of races out there round those tight bends on turf. Hopefully she can be competitive at the top level there."

Added Channon, Jr., "Mick will speak with the Aisbitts about that. They take a very keen interest and they were the ones who flagged up the possibility of America. She's quite agile and she'll nip round those bends. She's obviously got a touch of class because she beat the boys last week."

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Wednesday's Results:

IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF HURRY HARRIET S.- Listed, €55,000, GOW, 8-12, 3yo/up, f, 9f 100yT, 2:01.79, gd.

1--**#EASTER (IRE)**, 126, f, 3, **Galileo (Ire)**--Missvinski (MSW & G1SP-Fr, SP-US, \$231,715), by **Stravinsky**. O-Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Missvinski Syndicate (Ire); T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Seamus Heffernan. €35,750. Lifetime Record: GSP-Ire, 7-2-1-3, \$75,286.

2--**Stellar Glow (Ire)**, 126, f, 3, Sea the Stars (Ire)--Glinting Desert (Ire), by Desert Prince (Ire). O-Mrs Patricia J Burns. €11,000.

3--**My Titania (Ire)**, 134, f, 4, Sea the Stars (Ire)--Fairy of The Night (Ire), by Danehill. O-Sunderland Holding Inc. €5,500.

Margins: 2, HF, HF. Odds: 5.00, 6.00, 4.50.

Easter, who ran fifth in the Mar. 29 G3 Park Express S. at The Curragh on sophomore return, hit the board in the June 24 Listed Naas Oaks Trial before doing so again in Killarney's July 13 Listed Cairn Rouge S. and Cork's G3 Give Thanks S. last time Aug. 4.

Settled in midfield until moving into contention on the home turn, she bounded to the front inside the two pole and ran on strongly under whipless cajoling to register a first black-type score in ultimately comfortable fashion. "I thought she was coming there to win at Cork last time and maybe the shorter trip suited her [here]," said trainer Aidan O'Brien. "I'd say she's progressing as well and we'll look for a group race now, maybe something like the [Aug. 30 G3] Dance Design S. [at The Curragh]. Seamie [Heffernan] gave her a lovely ride and she kept on well." **Click for the [Racing Post result](#). [Video](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

1st-GOW, €15,500, Mdn, 8-12, 2yo, 7fT, 1:28.29, gd. + ENJOY YOURSELF (GB) (f, 2, [Sir Percy {GB}](#)--Odense, by Medaglia d'Oro) was well away to hound the leader from the outset of this first go. Joining issue on the front end at the top of the stretch, the 40-1 outsider refused to buckle and kept on resolutely under a final-furlong drive to prevail by a neck from the fast-closing Al Mohalhal (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}). "She's a nice filly and I'm not surprised she won as she's been working well," admitted trainer John Oxx. "She was quite professional and it's not the easiest place to win on debut as there are lots of things to look at. She may go for the Listed Flame of Tara S. at The Curragh [Aug. 30]." Sales history: 7,000gns Wlg '13 TATFOA; 10,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$11,810. **[Video](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Riddle Me Ree Partnership; B-Mrs. Janet Sexton (GB); T-John Oxx.

Asia

Wednesday's Result:

Cluster Cup-Listed, ¥34,500,000 (US\$278,413), Morioka, 8-12, 3yo/up, 1200m, 1:11.10, gd.

1--**DANON LEGEND, 123, h, 5, by [Macho Uno](#)**

1st Dam: My Goodness, by Storm Cat

2nd Dam: Caressing, by Honour and Glory

3rd Dam: Lovin Touch, by Majestic Prince

(\$90,000 Ylg '11 KEESEP; \$385,000 2yo '12 BARMAR). O-Danox Inc; B-Colts Neck Stables LLC; T-Akira Murayama; J-Mirco Demuro; ¥23,000,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-Jpn, 22-9-3-2.

2--**Poison Black (Jpn)**, 119, h, 6, Meiner Love--Sunlight Chief (Jpn), by Chief Bearhart. O-Kensei Murakami; B-Deguchi Farm; ¥5,290,000.

3--**Love Bullet (Jpn)**, 119, c, 4, by Nobo Jack--Revival Girl (Jpn), by Bubble Gum Fellow (Jpn). O-Ichiro Uchiyama; B-Yuji Tsushima; ¥2,990,000.

Margins: 6, 4, HF. Odds: 0.40, 4.60, 44.30.

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

1st-VHY, €27,000, 8-12, 2yo, 7fT, 1:29.03, gd.
MAGARI (FR) (c, 2, Denon--Shakila {GB}, by Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 0 places, €24,500. O-Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-Mathieu Daguzan-Garros & Frederic Bragato (FR); T-Henri-Alex Pantall. *€15,000 Yrl '14 ARNOV.

6th-VHY, €27,000, 8-12, 4yo/up, 12fT, 2:30.42, gd.
GOLDEN GUEPARD (IRE) (c, 4, Hurricane Run {Ire}--Grey Lilas {Ire} {G1SW-Fr, \$553,860}, by Danehill) Lifetime Record: SW-Fr, 7 starts, 4 wins, 2 places, €90,100. O/B-Gestut Ammerland (Ire); T-Andre Fabre. *1/2 to Golden Lilac (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), MG1SW-Fr, \$1,479,358.

5th-NOT, £16,000, 8-11, 3yo/up, 5f 13yT, :58.99, g/f.
DESERT LAW (IRE) (g, 7, Oasis Dream {GB}--Speed Cop {GB} {SW & MGSP-Eng, \$113,346}, by Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) Lifetime Record: 34-5-4-4, \$271,657. O-Taylor's Bloodstock Ltd; B-Littleton Stud (Ire); T-Paul Midgley. *150,000gns 4yo '12 TA12; £32,000 6yo '14 DONNOV.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Drifting Spirit (Ire), f, 2, Clodovil (Ire)--Laureldean Spirit (Ire), by Whipper. BEV, 8-12, 7f 100yT, 1:32.72. B-Christopher Glynn (Ire). *38,000gns Wlg '13 TATFOA; 52,000gns Ylg '14 TATOCT.

Winter Rose (Ire), f, 2, Dark Angel (Ire)--Rose of Battle (GB), by Averti (Ire). KEM, 8-12, 7f (AWT), 1:26.21. B-Rossenarra Bloodstock Ltd (Ire). *50,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT.

Copacobana (GB), f, 2, Monsieur Bond (Ire)--Cocabana (GB), by Captain Rio (GB). BEV, 8-12, 5fT, 1:03.44. B-R C Dollar & Hellwood Stud Farm (GB). *10,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT.

Vibrant Chords (GB), g, 2, Poet's Voice (GB)--Lovely Thought (GB) (SP-Eng), by Dubai Destination. SAL, 8-12, 6fT, 1:14.53. B-Moyns Park Estate & Stud Ltd (GB). *£75,000 Ylg '14 DNPRM. **7th winner for freshman sire (by Dubawi {Ire}).


Saguna (Fr), f, 3, Le Havre (Ire)--Sandy Winner (Fr), by Priolo. KEM, 8-12, 7f (AWT), 1:28.28. B-Haras d'Haspel (Fr).

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