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Background Information



Buccheri (USA)

Breeding: 6 ch h Kantharos (USA) – Meetmeontime (USA) (General Meeting (USA))

Breeder: Southern Chase Farm Inc & Karen Dodd

Born: March 13, 2012

Owner: Ironhorse Racing Stable LLC

Trainer: Tim Glyshaw USA

Jockey: Jose Ortiz

Form: 21/261210/231410110/12711145-323

*Entered in the G1 King's Stand Stakes (5f, June 19) at Royal Ascot & staying at Abington Place Stables in Newmarket.

*Placed in all three starts this year, the latest of which came when third in a five-furlong G3 contest at Churchill Downs on May 4.

*Runner-up to fellow Royal Ascot hope Bound For Nowhere (Wesley Ward) in G2 Shakertown Stakes over an extended five furlongs at Keeneland on April 7.

*Fourth behind Stormy Liberal in the G1 Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint at Del Mar in November.

*Won three starts in succession during 2017, including Indiana Grand's Brickyard Stakes (6f) for a second successive year, before capturing the G2 Woodford Stakes (5f 110y) at Keeneland when a 26/1 chance in October.

*Joined trained Tim Glyshaw in 2016 after starting his career with Michael Trombetta, winning two contests at Parx, and also had a spell with Heather Hall when winning over an extended mile on dirt at Indiana Grand in November, 2015.

*Was named the 2016 Older Indiana-Bred Horse of the Year and the 3YO Indiana-Bred Colt of the year in 2015.

*His dam, Meetmeontime, was rescued by the Marion County Humane Society in the summer of 2009 when she was found among 33 neglected horses on a farm in Ocala, Florida. Brought back to full health, she went on to produce five foals, the second of which was Buccheri.

Race record: Starts 27; Wins 10; 2nd 6; 3rd 3; Win & Place Prize Money: £574,916

Ironhorse Racing Stable LLC

Ironhorse Racing Stable LLC has owned horses since 2007. Ironhorse "prides itself on efficiently managing their horses to not only allow its partners to enjoy the thrill of horse racing but also the goal of a self-sustaining business." Ironhorse has horses with Tim Glyshaw, who trains mainly at Churchill Downs Racecourse in Louisville, Kentucky, and Michael Trombetta, who trains around 100 horses at Fair Hill, Laurel Park and Gulfstream Park in South Florida. Harlan Malter is the managing partner of Ironhorse Racing. He was brought up in Boston and his father would take him to Saratoga Racecourse each summer. He went to university and law school in New York City. He is a founding partner and now president of Saposh & Malter, a financial planning firm which started in 1998 and has offices in New York and California. Ironhorse describes Malter as "bringing the business and financial management tools needed to run an efficient racing stable with the target of financial sustainability." Along with G2 winner and Royal Ascot entry Buccheri, other notable horses owned by Ironhorse include Skyphos, a full-sister to Buccheri and one of six horses Ironhorse has in training

No previous Royal Ascot runners

Tim Glyshaw

Born: November 3, 1968, Evansville, Indiana **Background:** Tim Glyshaw finished Harrison High School in 1987, before graduating from Indiana University. Glyshaw became a teacher in Illinois for two years but, unhappy with his career, decided to enter horseracing. Glyshaw had grown up watching races at nearby Ellis Park but had not previously contemplated working in the racing industry. However, he saw a 1995 commercial for Kentucky-based Taylor Made Farm's internship programme and applied. After finishing the internship, Glyshaw became a hot walker for trainer Robert Holthus at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky and found himself grooming horses. Glyshaw became Holthus's assistant trainer and took 12 horses under his care to Hoosier Park, as well as looking after horses racing at Turfway Park and Ellis Park. In 2002, Glyshaw became assistant trainer in 2002 to Cole Norman, a prominent handler on the southwest circuit. In 2002, the stable had 266 winners and 290 the following year. Glyshaw started training in 2004 at Churchill Downs Racecourse, Louisville, Kentucky and his racing philosophy is "if you take care of the horses; they'll take care of you." Glyshaw is married to Natalie whose Louisiana-based father Ronald Ardoin rode as a jockey for 30 years and enjoyed 5,226 victories. Natalie attended Louisiana Tech University in Ruston before becoming a track photographer at Louisiana Downs, Lone Star Park, Ellis Park and Churchill Grounds. She also worked as an assistant to trainer Lou Hodges Jr. Glyshaw had his best year numerically with 58 winners (earning \$1,348,000) in 2015, while having 32 victories (\$1,154,000) in 2016 and 32 successes (\$1,571,000) in 2017. He has had nine winners so far in 2018 (up to June 12).

No previous Royal Ascot runners

Jose Ortiz

Born: October 2, 1993 in Trujillo Alto, Puerto Rico, **Background:** Ortiz' grandfather named Irad Ortiz, was a jockey, as was his uncle Ivan Ortiz. Along with his older brother Irad, Jose fostered an interest in horseracing from a young age and the brothers were encouraged by a family friend Efraim Rosa and mentored by Hall of Fame rider Angel Cordero Jr, who registered 7,057 career victories and became the first Puerto Rican jockey to be inducted into the American Hall of Fame and successful in all three of the American Triple Crown races, though not in the same year. Ortiz attended Puerto Rico's Escuela Vocacional Hípica, a school for prospective jockeys, then moved to the United States in 2012 to join Irad, who had already become a leading jockey. Jose made an instant impact registering 98 winners from 697 rides in his first season despite suffering multiple injuries, including a punctured lung. His first victory came aboard his first mount, Corofin on March 21, 2012. Jose registered his first G1 victory during 2013 aboard Strong Mandate in the Hopeful Stakes at Saratoga Springs and between 2013 and 2015 consistently averaged over 200 winners. Ortiz' career continued an upwards trajectory in 2016 with 351 wins, making him the leading jockey in North America by numbers and third by earnings. In 2016, he also gained his 1,000th career win aboard Moonlight Song in the John Morrissey Stakes at Saratoga (July 28, 2016), captured the Saratoga riding title, won his first Breeders' Cup contest (Juvenile Turf aboard Oscar Performance) and plundered his first New York Racing Association (NYRA) year-end title with 319 wins at Aqueduct, Belmont Park and Saratoga throughout the year. Ortiz enjoyed a stellar 2017, winning his first Triple Crown contest aboard Tapwrit in the G1 Belmont Stakes and finished the year as the leading jockey in the United States by earnings (\$27,318,875). He also won the Eclipse Award for Outstanding Jockey and registered his second Breeders' Cup win courtesy of Good Magic in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile. Since moving to the US, Ortiz has ridden over 1,540 winners and amassed more than \$110 million in prize money. Jose's brother Irad is another top-class jockey and the pair made headlines on January 20, 2013 when they won the first seven races on Aqueduct's card. He finished third to his brother in the National Earnings List for Jockeys in America in 2017 and has also enjoyed lots of top-level success. Jose has not ridden in England before, while Irad finished second in the 2015 G1 Nunthorpe Stakes at York on Acapulco, trained by Wesley Ward, on his only British mount.

No previous Royal Ascot rides

Redkirk Warrior

Breeding: 7 ch g Notnowcato - Flag (Selkirk (USA))

Breeder: Lenore (Lennie) Peacock

Born: April 6, 2011

Owner: Edmond Lee & Jenny Tam

Trainer: David Hayes, Ben Hayes & Tom Dabernig AUS

Jockey: Frankie Dettori

Form: 11/512/05/21/105100-11

*Set to run in the G1 Diamond Jubilee Stakes (6f, June 23) at Royal Ascot.

*Stabled in the same box at Abington Place Stables, Newmarket, ahead of Royal Ascot, that Black Caviar occupied in 2012.

*Won on his latest start, holding on by a short-head, when enjoying a second successive victory in the G1 Lexus Newmarket Handicap over six furlongs at Flemington on March 10.

*Relished his first start over five furlongs getting up close home by a short-head in the G1 Black Caviar Lightning Stakes on February 17, 2018.

*Australia's four previous winners of the King's Stand Stakes each won the Lightning Stakes in the same year – Choisir (2003), Takeover Target (2006), Miss Andretti (2007) and Scenic Blast (2009). Black Caviar also won the Lightning Stakes in 2012 before capturing the 2012 Diamond Jubilee Stakes at Royal Ascot.

*Won on his second and third starts in Australia, capturing a G3 event (7f 110y) at Sandown in November, 2016 – with a throat operation for an entrapped epiglottis in between – and the G1 Lexus Newmarket Handicap (6f) in March, 2017.

*David Hayes has had one previous runner in the King's Stand Stakes, with 2009 Lightning Stakes winner Nicconi finishing fourth in 2010.

*Redkirk Warrior had five runs for trainer Chris So in Hong Kong, including a nose second in the Hong Kong Classic Cup (1m 1f) in February 2015 and 11th when favourite for the Hong Kong Derby (1m 2f) at Sha Tin in March, 2015. He had foot problems and was sent to Australia.

*Started career in England as Redkirk, winning his two starts, both over 10 furlongs, for Newmarket trainer William Haggas as a three-year-old in June and July 2014, with the victories coming easily in a Yarmouth maiden by five lengths and then a six-runner handicap at Ascot by three quarters of a length, with Seb Sanders up both times. Subsequently bought privately by bloodstock agent Alastair Donald to go to Hong Kong.

*Redkirk Warrior was bred in North Yorkshire, England, at Manor House Stud, Middleham, by the late Lenore (Lennie) Peacock, who died in March this year aged 97.

Race record: Starts 17; Wins 8; 2nd 2; 3rd -; Win & Place Prize Money: £1,574,000

Edmond Lee & Jenny Tam

Edmond Lee is based in Hong Kong and is Chief Executive Officer of Lee & Man Paper Manufacturing Limited. He joined his family's business – Lee & Man Paper Manufacturing Limited in 2003 and has been the Chief Executive Officer

since 2013, overseeing the entire operations and production facilities of the Group. Lee & Man Paper's core business is the manufacturing of pulp products, kraft liner board and coated white liners. He has been actively involved in community services in both Hong Kong and China. He has a bachelor's degree of Applied Science in Chemical Engineering from the University of British Columbia in Canada. He was awarded the "Young Industrialist Award of Hong Kong 2015" and is the founding chairman of Hong Kong New Youth Energy Think Tank. He is a leading owner in Hong Kong and has formed a fruitful partnership with bloodstock agent Alastair Donald who has sourced a number of Group winners for Lee, included 2015 G1 Australian Cup winner Spillway, Redkirk Warrior, 2018 G1 Australia Cup victor Harlem as well as Packing Llaregyb and Packing Whiz, both stakes winners in Hong Kong. Many of his horses have Packing as part of their names. **Jenny Tam** is also based in Hong Kong and is a director of one of Hong Kong's best-known charities Po Leung Kuk. Tam got to know Edmond Lee through the charity and this is the pair's first foray into joint-ownership. Tam's first purchase, Syber Warrior was only rated 52 and never raced when trained in Hong Kong by Chris So, who also originally trained Redkirk Warrior following the horse's purchase from England. Tam was awarded a Bachelor degree in Business Administration from the University of Southern California, before achieving a Masters Degree from the same University. Tam is also an Honorary Vice President of the Hong Kong Girl Guides Association, Managing Director of Digital Century Holdings Limited and is on the board of directors at Jet Li One Foundation and SBI E2-Capital Limited.

No previous Royal Ascot runners

David Hayes, Ben Hayes & Tom Dabernig (Lindsay Park, Euroa, Victoria, Australia)

David Hayes - Born: October 22, 1962 **Background:** David is a son of legendary Australian trainer Colin Hayes (1924-1999), who won 41 metropolitan titles and trained a record 10 winners in a single day in January, 1982. Colin moved his stables from the Adelaide suburb of Semaphore in 1965 and set up a new training establishment, Lindsay Park Stables, in the Barossa Valley, after seeing how horses in the UK were trained in the country. David was involved in the day-to-day running of the yard from an early age, although he had fleeting aspirations of becoming a professional sportsman – he was a state champion triple-jumper and played Australian rules football. He became assistant trainer to his father at the age of 21 and took over the licence at the start of the 1990/91 season following Colin's retirement. In his first season, Hayes won the Cox Plate and Japan Cup with Better Loosen Up and sent out an unprecedented six winners on Derby Day at Flemington. Moved to Hong Kong in 1996 and trained 458 winners in the territory during a nine-year spell, including 17 G1 races. Returned to Australia in 2005 and moved his principal yard in 2008 from the Barossa Valley to his 1,200-acre property – Lindsay Park Euroa – 150 kilometres north-east of Melbourne. He is the owner and chief trainer of Lindsay Park's stables. David is married to Prue and they have four children – Ben, who spent time in Newmarket as assistant to John Gosden, now trains in partnership with his father, Sophie, J.D. and William. At the start of the 2014/2015 season, David's nephew Tom Dabernig became part of the training set-up. Tom is the son of David's sister Jan and has been part of the operation since 1993 and assistant trainer since 2009. **Accolades:** David has trained over 3,000 winners, including 91 G1 contests; youngest trainer ever to be inducted into the Australian Racing Hall of Fame in 2008; twice Champion Trainer in Hong Kong (1997/98, 1998/99) **Big Race Wins Include:** Melbourne Cup (1994 Jeune), Caulfield Cup (1993 Fraar, 2006 Tawqeet, 2017 Boom Time), Cox Plate (1990 Better Loosen Up 1990, 2006 Fields Of Omagh), Golden Slipper (2006 Miss Finland), Hong Kong International Sprint (2002 All Thrills Too), Hong Kong Derby (2003 Elegant Fashion), Japan Cup (1990 Better Loosen Up), Newmarket Handicap (1993 Primacy, 2017 & 2018 Redkirk Warrior), Lightning Stakes (2010 Nicconi, 2018 Redkirk Warrior)

Royal Ascot Record: 2010 Nicconi (4th King's Stand Stakes); 2015 Criterion (4th Prince Of Wales's Stakes)

Frankie Dettori

Born: December 15, 1970, Milan, Italy. **Background:** the son of Gianfranco, 13-time champion jockey in Italy. Frankie (christened Lanfranco) Dettori arrived from his homeland to join Luca Cumani's Newmarket yard as an apprentice in July, 1985. His first success came on Rif at Turin, Italy, on November 16, 1986, and he rode his first British winner on Lizzy Hare at Goodwood on June 9, 1987. He passed 100 winners for the first time in 1990 when recording 141 successes and created history when riding all seven winners on the Saturday at the Ascot Festival in September, 1996. Dettori survived a horrific plane crash at Newmarket in 2000 in which the pilot was killed. He was retained by Sheikh Mohammed's Godolphin operation in 1993, but it was announced in September, 2012, that the retainer would not be renewed. It was subsequently revealed he had failed a drugs test whilst riding in France. On December 5, 2012, Dettori was suspended from riding for six months after being found guilty of taking a prohibited substance, believed to be cocaine. He returned from his ban at the 2013 Investec Derby Festival and became retained rider for Sheikh Joaan Al Thani in July, 2013, whose horses run under the Al Shaqab Racing banner. He is married to Catherine and they have five children. His best total of British winners - 233 - came in 1994 and he has ridden over 3,000 winners in Britain. **Accolades/achievements:** British champion apprentice in 1989 and champion jockey three times (1994, 1995 and 2004). Awarded an honorary MBE in December, 2000. He is the most successful current jockey at Royal Ascot with 56 successes. **British Classic Wins (17):** QIPCO 2000 Guineas (1996 Mark Of Esteem, 1999 Island Sands, 2016 Galileo Gold), QIPCO 1000 Guineas (1998 Cape Verdi, 2002 Kazzia, 2011 Blue Bunting), Investec Derby (2007 Authorized, 2015 Golden Horn), Investec Oaks (1994 Balanchine, 1995 Moonshell, 2002 Kazzia, 2017 Enable), St Leger (1995 Classic Cliché, 1996 Shantou, 2005 Scorpion, 2006 Sixties Icon, 2008 Conduit). **Big-Race Wins include:** Breeders' Cup Classic (2008 Raven's Pass), Dubai World Cup (2000 Dubai Millennium, 2003 Moon Ballad, 2006 Electrocutonist),

King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes (1995 Lammtarra, 1998 Swain, 1999 Daylami, 2004 Doyen, 2017 Enable), Japan Cup (1996 Singspiel, 2002 Falbrav, 2005 Alkaased), Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (1995 Lammtarra, 2001 Sakhee, 2002 Marienbard, 2017 Enable), Gold Cup (1992 & 93 Drum Taps, 1998 Kayf Tara, 2004 Papineau, 2012 Colour Vision), St James's Palace Stakes (1997 Starborough, 2016 Galileo Gold)), King's Stand Stakes (1994 Lochsong), Prince of Wales's Stakes (2001 Fantastic Light, 2002 Grandera, 2011 Rewilding), Diamond Jubilee Stakes (1995 So Factual, 2015 Undrafted), Queen Anne Stakes (1990 Markofdistinction, 1997 Allied Forces, 1998 Inktikhab, 2003 Dubai Destination, 2004 Refuse To Bend, 2007 Ramonti), QIPCO Champion Stakes (2017 Cracksman)

56 Royal Ascot wins (most successful current jockey)

Yoshida (JPN)

Breeding: 4 b c Heart's Cry (JPN) – Hilda's Passion (USA) (Canadian Frontier (USA))

Breeder: Northern Farm

Born: February 24, 2014

Owner: WinStar Farm, China Horse Club, SF Racing, Head of Plains Partners

Trainer: Bill Mott USA

Jockey: Jose Ortiz

Form: 2/115221-1

*Entered in the G1 Queen Anne Stakes (straight mile, June 19) at Royal Ascot & stabled at Abington Place, Newmarket.

*Victorious in the Old Forester Turf Classic Stakes (1m 1f) by three quarters of a length on officially yielding turf at Churchill Downs, Louisville, Kentucky on his reappearance on May 5 under Jose Ortiz.

*Ended 2017 with a neck victory in the G3 Hill Prince Stakes (1m 1f) at Belmont Park in October.

*Finished second at Saratoga in August (G2) and September(G3), 2017, having previously been fifth in the G1 Belmont Derby Invitational Stakes (1m 2f) at Belmont Park in July, 2017.

*A second runner at Royal Ascot for legendary trainer Bill Mott. Long On Value represented the NY handler in the Diamond Jubilee Stakes at last year's Royal Meeting (finished 12th).

*Japanese-bred colt from Katsumi Yoshida's Northern Farm.

Race record: Starts 8; Wins 4; 2nd 3; 3rd -; Win & Place Prize Money: £665,274

WinStar Farm

Background: Based near Versailles, Kentucky, USA, WinStar Farm was established in 2000 by long-standing racehorse owners and business partners Kenny Troutt and Bill Casner. Troutt and Casner dissolved their partnership in 2010, leaving Troutt as the sole owner. Dallas-based Troutt founded Excel Communications in 1988, which he later sold to Teleglobe for \$3.5 billion. The farm is comprised of over 2,400 acres, having started out with 400 acres in 2000, and currently houses 21 stallions. They include Distorted Humor, inherited from the site's previous owner Prestonwood Farm, Speightstown and Tiznow, the farm's first major stallion acquisition in 2002.

Accolades: Eclipse Award for Outstanding Owner (2010), Eclipse Award for Outstanding Breeder (2016) **Notable homebred runners/winners:** Colonel John (2008 Haskell Invitational), Well Armed (2009 Dubai World Cup), Super Saver (2010 Kentucky Derby), Drosselmeyer (2010 Belmont Stakes & 2011 Breeders' Cup Classic), Creator (2016 Belmont Stakes), Tourist (2016 Breeders' Cup Mile). WinStar Farm has also bred and sold 15 future G1 scorers, notably 2003 Kentucky Derby & Preakness Stakes hero Funny Cide and the Aidan O'Brien-trained One Cool Cat.

Royal Ascot Record: 2017 American Patriot (11th Queen Anne Stakes)

China Horse Club

The China Horse Club (CHC) aims to bring thoroughbred racing to mainland China. Established five years ago, it has a membership of around 200, with members primarily drawn from mainland China. The club's most familiar face is Teo Ah Khing, chairman of Desert Star Holdings Ltd and managing director of Teo A Khing Design Consultants (TAK). TAK designed and built Meydan racecourse in Dubai. The club has enjoyed significant success, with G1 success Australia, Britian, France, Ireland, Singapore and the USA. Most of its horses are owned in partnership, with the biggest victories coming with Justify, winner of the 2018 US Triple Crown. Teo Ah King was also part owner of Australia, the 2014 Derby winner at Epsom Downs.

No previous Royal Ascot runners

Head of Plains

Background: Head of Plains was set up by Solomon Kumin (born May 13, 1975 in Boston). Kumin's wife Elizabeth is listed as part owner of 2015 Diamond Jubilee Stakes winner Undrafted, co-owned with former New England Patriots wide receiver Wes Welker. Kumin is the founder and CEO of Folger Hill Asset Management, an equity hedge fund launched in 2014. Prior to launching Folger, Kumin spent 10 years with SAC Capital advisors as their chief operating officer. Kumin is a graduate of John Hopkins University in Baltimore, where he earned a bachelor's degree in political science and government; he now serves on the board of John Hopkins' school of arts and sciences. Kumin bought his first horse in 2014 and registered his first win with Madaket Millie at Gulfstream Park. During his time in racing, Kumin has helped form six racing partnerships, Sheep Pong Group, which purchased subsequent 2014 Breeders' Cup Fillies Juvenile Turf victor Lady Eli in 2014. Other partnerships formed include: Head of Plains Partners, Beacon Hill Partners,

Great Point Stables, Madaket Stables and Nantucket Thoroughbred Partners. Under Head of Plains Partners, Kumin has ownership interests in around 65 horses including 2018 Triple Crown winner Justify, Audible, Yoshida, 2016 Preakness winner Exaggerator, and 2015 Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint winner Wavell Avenue. Kumin has used an array of trainers including Chad Brown, Richard Baltas, David Jacobson, Bill Mott, Jeff Mullins, Doug O'Neill, Todd Pletcher, Rudy Rodriguez and Wesley Ward. Kumin and his wife have three children, a daughter Corey and two sons, Sam and Jax.

No previous Royal Ascot runners

SF Racing LLC represents the racing interests of the Soros Fund, founded by Hungarian-American investor George Soros. It has owned horses in America for a number of years, entering into a number of partnerships with horses including Bob Baffert's Triple Crown winner Justify, Yoshida, Graded winners Quip, One Liner, Audible, Good Samaritan, American Anthem, Illuminant and National Flag as well as Smashing Serena, Miminegash, and Hedge Fund. SF Racing LLC have been involved in partnerships with groups such as Sol Kumin's Head of Plains Partners, China Horse Club, Winstar Farm LLC, Al Shaqab Racing, Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Kumin's Madaket Stables, St. Elias Stable, Baccari Racing Stable LLC and Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC.

No previous Royal Ascot runners

Bill Mott USA (Saratoga Springs, New York)

Born: July 29, 1953, Mobridge, South Dakota **Background:** Son of veterinarian Dr Tom Mott. He grew up surrounded by horses and trained his first winner My Assets, purchased for him by his father for US\$320, at the age of 15. Worked for local trainers Ray Geohring and Keith Asmussen (father of jockey Cash) before a three-year stint with Omaha handler Jack Van Berg. Started training under his own name in 1978. **Racing Accolades:** Became the youngest ever trainer to be inducted into the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame when aged 45 in 1998. Has trained seven US champions – Ajina (1987 Three-Year-Old Filly), Theatrical (1987 Turf Male), Paradise Creek (1994 Turf Male), Cigar (1995 & 1996 Horse of the Year), Escena (1998 Older Female), Royal Delta (2011 Three-Year-Old Filly, 2012 & 2013 Older Female) and Close Hatches (2014 Older Female). Responsible for 10 Breeders' Cup winners include two victories in the Breeders' Cup Classic – Cigar (1995) and Drosselmeyer (2011). Cigar won a record-equalling 16 consecutive races, including the inaugural Dubai World Cup in 1996, while Drosselmeyer provided the trainer with a first (and so far only) Triple Crown race success when taking the 2010 Belmont Stakes. He has won three top trainer Eclipse Awards (1995, 1996 & 2011) and is responsible for over 4,800 winners and prize money of more than \$256 million. Currently has a stable of approximately 100 horses, based primarily in New York and Kentucky. He is assisted by his son Riley.

Royal Ascot Record: Long On Value (12th Diamond Jubilee Stakes)

Jose Ortiz (see Bucchero)

Gidu (IRE)

Breeding: 3 ro/g c Frankel – Manerbe (USA) (Unbridled's Song (USA))

Breeder: Ecurie Des Monceaux

Born: March 13, 2015

Owner: Zayat Stables Ltd

Trainer: Todd Pletcher USA

Form: 21-211

*Entered in G1 Commonwealth Cup (6f, June 22) and left the USA on Monday, June 11.

*Landed non-graded Paradise Creek Stakes over seven furlongs on turf (all his races have been on grass) at Belmont Park on May 26 last time out.

*Gained a comfortable length and three-quarter victory at Tampa Bay Downs in non-graded Columbia Stakes over a mile on March 10.

*Head second on first start of 2018 over a mile in G3 Dania Beach Stakes at Gulfstream Park on February 3.

*Second on debut in August as a two-year-old before landing five-furlong maiden at Gulfstream Park in December.

Race record: Starts 5; Wins 3; 2nd 2; 3rd -; Win & Place Prize Money: £125,984

Ahmed Zayat

Background: Born August 31, 1962, Ahmed Zayat is an Egyptian-American entrepreneur who is described by the New York Times as "one of the most successful and flamboyant owners in thoroughbred racing." Born in Cairo, Zayat learned to ride horses at his local country club, competing in showjumping and winning national titles as a child. Zayat moved to the United States at 18 where, after college, he earned an undergraduate degree from Yeshivva University and procured a master's degree in business and public health from Boston University. Zayat originally settled down in New York working in commercial real estate before returning to Egypt to run the Al-Ahram Beverages Company, which he purchased whilst heading an investment group in 1997. The company was bought by Heineken in 2002 for \$280 million, in what was then the largest corporate buyout in Egyptian history. He returned to the US in 2007 and made Zayat stables

his main focus. Zayat lives in Teaneck, New Jersey, with his wife Joanne. They have four children: Ashley, Justin, Benjamin and Emma. Zayat still has other business interests in Egypt, including being the majority shareholder of Mir Glass Manufacturing, which is Egypt's largest maker of glass containers. **Racing interests:** Established Zayat stables in 2005. Zayat Stables has owned up to 200 horses at any one time and often finished in the top 10 of America's leading owners by prize money from 2006. In 2008, Zayat was North America's leading owner by earnings. Zayat's broodmares and stallions are based mainly in Kentucky, whilst his horseracing operation is in Hackensack, New Jersey. Zayat has horses in training with Bob Baffert, Mark Casse, D Wayne Lukas, Todd Pletcher and Dale Romans among others. Zayat is the owner of American Pharoah, who became the first horse to win the American Triple Crown since Affirmed in 1978, capturing the 2015 Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont Stakes. American Pharoah also went on to land the 2015 Breeders' Cup Classic. Zayat has also owned 2012 Haskell Invitational victor Paynter, three-time G1 winner Zensational, 2012 Arkansas Derby winner Bodemeister, 2009 Santa Anita Derby victor Pioneerof the Nile, 2010 Wood Memorial winner Eskendereya and 2017 Breeders' Cup Juvenile scorer Solomini. Zayat Stables has had over 760 North American winners in its own colours, with more coming through partnerships.

No previous Royal Ascot runners

Todd Pletcher (New York)

Born: June 26, 1967, Dallas, Texas. **Background:** One of North America's leading trainers. Father Jake trained both thoroughbreds and quarter horses and Pletcher was hot walking horses at age seven. While studying at college, Pletcher spent his summers working for trainers Henry Moreno, D Wayne Lukas and Charlie Whittingham. On graduating from the University of Arizona with a degree in animal science, he went to work for D Wayne Lukas in New York, initially as a foreman before becoming an assistant trainer in 1991. During his seven years with Lukas, he worked on the East Coast and was associated with champions such as Thunder Gulch, Harlan, Serena's Song, A Wild Ride and Flanders.

Training career: He took out his own licence in December, 1995, with seven horses and enjoyed a first winner with Majestic Number, in February, 1996, at Gulfstream Park, Florida. The first major success came with Ashado in the 2004 Kentucky Oaks and the filly subsequently won the Breeders' Cup Distaff and took the Eclipse Award for Outstanding Three-Year-Old Filly in 2004. In 2005, Pletcher enjoyed 10 G1 victories and set a single season earnings record of \$20,867,842. However, that record lasted just one year when Pletcher topped it in 2006 with earnings of \$27,670,243. That year, he trained a record 93 stakes winners, made up of 52 graded successes and 17 G1 victories. In 2007, he gained a first Triple Crown race victory with Rags To Riches, who became the first filly to win the Belmont Stakes since 1905. He has sent out over 4,570 winners in North America and his horses have earned more than \$361 million.

Triple Crown race wins (5): Kentucky Derby (2010 Super Saver, 2017 Always Dreaming); Belmont Stakes (2007 Rags To Riches, 2013 Palice Malice, 2017 Tapwrit).

Accolades: Eclipse Award for Outstanding Trainer (2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2013, 2014). Pletcher has a team of over 200 horses with his main base being at Belmont Park and he lives in Garden City, New York. He employs assistants in New York, Florida, the Midwest and New Jersey. He is married to Tracy and they have two sons, Payton and Kyle and a daughter Hannah. His first runner in Britain, Starfish Bay, finished unplaced in the G2 King George Stakes (5f) at Glorious Goodwood in 2010. **Royal Ascot record: 2011 Bridgetown (9th King's Stand Stakes), More Than Real (11th Coronation Stakes); 2017 American Patriot (11th Queen Anne Stakes)**

John Velazquez

Born: November 24, 1971, Carolina, Puerto Rico. **Background:** Learnt his trade in Puerto Rico, recording his first winner there in January, 1990. Moved to New York State the same year. Breakthrough season in 2001 when he became the leading rider in New York. Set a Saratoga record when he won six races on September 3, that year. His father-in-law is trainer Leo O'Brien and brother-in-law is former jockey Keith O'Brien. His wife Leona and he have two children, Lerina and Michael. He has ridden over 5,900 winners and his mounts have earned over US\$386 million. His long-time agent is leading ex-jockey Angel Cordero. **Accolades:** He is the leading jockey of all-time in the USA by earnings surpassing Pat Day's record of \$297,914,839 at Belmont Park on October 13, 2013. Eclipse Award for Outstanding Jockey (2004, 2005), inducted into the Hall Of Fame in 2012. He has had 15 Breeders' Cup winners. **American Triple Crown Wins (4):** Kentucky Derby (2011 Animal Kingdom, 2017 Always Dreaming), Belmont Stakes (2007 Rags To Riches, 2012 Union Rags). **Big Race Wins Include:** Breeder's Cup Turf (2007 English Channel, 2014 Main Sequence), Breeders' Cup Distaff (2004 Ashado, 2017 Forever Unbridled), Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf (2002 Starine, 2011 Perfect Shirl), Breeders' Cup Juvenile (2010 Uncle Mo), Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies' (2000 Caressing, 2002 Storm Flag Flying), Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies' Turf (2011 Stephanie's Kitten), Breeders' Cup Marathon (2010 Eldaafer, 2017 Destin), Breeders' Cup Mile (1998 Da Hoss, 2012 Wise Dan, 2017 World Approval), Breeders' Cup Sprint (2004 Speightstown), Dubai World Cup (2005 Roses In May), EP Taylor Stakes (2004 Commercante, 2005 Honey Ryder, 2011 Miss Keller), Florida Derby (2009 Quality Road, 2013 Orb, 2017 Always Dreaming, 2018 Audible), Haskell Invitational Stakes (2006 Bluegrass Cat), Travers Stakes (2005 Flower Alley), Woodbine Mile (2000 Riviera, 2005 Leroidesanimaux, 2012 Wise Dan, 2017 World Approval), Cigar Mile (2001 Left Bank, 2015 Tonalist), Donn Handicap (2003 Harlan's Holiday, 2010 Quality Road, 2012 Hymn Book, 2016 Msawish), Wood Memorial Stakes (2010 Eskendereya, 2013 Verrazano, 2016 Outwork), Man O'War Stakes (2013 Boisterous, 2016 Wake Forest, 2017 Zhukova), Hollywood Derby (1998 Vergennes, 2017 Mo Town), Jenny Wiley Stakes (2018 Sistercharlie)

Royal Ascot Wins (3):

2009 Windsor Castle Stakes (STRIKE THE TIGER), Queen Mary Stakes (JEALOUS AGAIN)

2017 King's Stand Stakes (LADY AURELIA)

Wesley Ward-trained contenders

Stabled at Paul Cole's yard, Whatcombe, Oxfordshire

Wesley Ward (Glendora, California, & Gulfstream Park, Florida)

Born: March 3, 1968, Saleh, Washington State **Background:** Grandson of long-serving New York outrider and former jump jockey Jim Dailey and son of former apprentice and trainer Dennis Ward. Left school at 14 and moved to New York to ride when he was just 15. Enjoyed a sensational first year, partnering 335 winners and becoming leading jockey at the Belmont, Aqueduct and Meadowlands fall meetings. Received the Eclipse Award for leading apprentice when he was just 16 in 1984. Spells riding in Italy, Singapore, Malaysia, Illinois and Canada followed and Ward was in the plate when subsequent Kentucky Derby hero Ferdinand lost his maiden tag in 1985. A growth spurt and weight problems forced Ward to quit riding in 1989. **Training career:** Assisted his father for four years prior to starting out on his own in 1991. **Accolades:** Pioneered the American challenge on Royal Ascot. Became the first US-based trainer to saddle a winner at Royal Ascot when Strike The Tiger won the Windsor Castle Stakes at odds of 33/1 on June 16, 2009 – his Royal Ascot win total is now nine. Responsible for One Hot Wish, who set a new world record for of 48.87 seconds for 4.5 furlongs on her debut at Keeneland in April, 2007. Became only the third American-based trainer to win a European Group One when No Nay Never captured the Prix Morny at Deauville in August, 2013, following Leo O'Brien (Fourstars Allstar, 1992 Irish 2,000 Guineas) and Bert Michell (Count Reigh, 1929 Coronation Cup). Enjoyed a first Breeders' Cup success in 2014 with Hootenanny, who beat stable companion Luck Of The Kitten in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf. He has had close to 1,700 North American winners.

Royal Ascot Wins (9)

2009 Windsor Castle Stakes (STRIKE THE TIGER), Queen Mary Stakes (JEALOUS AGAIN)

2013 Norfolk Stakes (NO NAY NEVER)

2014 Windsor Castle Stakes (HOOTENANNY)

2015 Queen Mary Stakes (ACAPULCO), Diamond Jubilee Stakes (UNDRAFTED)

2016 Queen Mary Stakes (LADY AURELIA)

2017 King's Stand Stakes (LADY AURELIA), Sandringham Handicap (CON TE PARTIRO)

Bound For Nowhere (USA)

Breeding: 4 b c The Factor (USA) – Fancy Deed (USA) (Alydeed (CAN))

Breeder: Wayne Lyster, Gray Lyster & Bryan Lyster

Born: May 4, 2014

Owner: Wesley Ward USA

Trainer: Wesley Ward (USA)

Form: 1140-11

*Entered in the G1 Diamond Jubilee Stakes (6f, June 23) at Royal Ascot.

*Recorded impressive four-length victory over fellow Royal Ascot contender Bucchero in the G2 Shakertown Stakes at Keeneland over an extended five furlongs on April 7.

*Began 2018 with success in allowance race (6f) on Polytrack at Turfway Park on March 4.

*Staying-on fourth behind Caravaggio in the G1 Commonwealth Cup at the 2017 Royal Meeting, before finishing 10th in the G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest at Deauville in August.

*Followed up debut victory on the All-Weather at Turfway Park (6f) in January, 2017 with an impressive success over an extended five furlongs at Keeneland in April, 2017.

Race record: Starts 6; Wins 4; 2nd -; 3rd -; Win & Place Prize Money: £163,946

Hemp Hemp Hurray (CAN)

Breeding: 3 b c Artie Schiller (USA) – Druidess (USA) (Malibu Moon (USA))

Breeder: Bernard & Karen McCormack

Born: February 26, 2015

Owner: Kenneth & Sarah Ramsey

Trainer: Wesley Ward USA

Jockey: Joel Rosario

Form: 1120-41

*Entered in the G1 Commonwealth Cup (6f, June 23) at Royal Ascot and also has the option of the G3 Jersey Stakes (7f, June 20). The latter race is his preferred target.

*Two starts so far in 2018, both over an extended six furlongs, the latest of which was a near 12-length victory in a minor contest on Polytrack at Turfway Park on March 31.

*Neck second in the G2 Summer Stakes at Woodbine over a mile in September 2017, before finishing last of 14 behind Mendelssohn in the G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf (1m) at Del Mar in November.

*Started career with wide-margin victories in minor turf contests at Belmont Park and Monmouth in July (6f) and August (5f 110y) respectively last year.

Race record: Starts 6; Wins 3; 2nd 1; 3rd -; Win & Place Prize Money: £119,506

Kenneth & Sarah Ramsey

Both Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey grew up in Artemus, Kentucky. After graduating from the University Of Kentucky, Kenneth worked for several trucking firms before trying his hand as an estate agent. Disillusioned with selling houses, he started setting up his own franchises specialising in mobile phones in the late 1980s and soon had a string of stores throughout north-eastern Georgia and south-eastern Kentucky. He sold the business for around \$38 million in 1994 and decide to return to his hobby of horseracing. Kenneth had previously had a limited interest in racing, having claimed a horse called Red Redeemer at Louisville in 1969 and briefly held a trainer's licence before deciding to concentrate on his business interests. In 1994, Kenneth and Sarah purchased the historic Almahurst Farm, birthplace of 1918 Kentucky Derby winner Exterminator, and renamed it Ramsey Farm. The couple have since gone on to enormous success as owners and breeders, headed by the home-bred pair of Kitten's Joy and Roses In May. Many of the Ramsey's horses have the suffix "Kitten" – Ken gave his wife the nickname while they were first dating. **Racing Awards:** Eclipse Award for Outstanding Owner (2004, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014), Eclipse Award for Outstanding Breeder (2013, 2014), 12 leading owner titles at Churchill Downs (a record); leading owner titles at Gulfstream Park, Keeneland, and Turfway Park and Saratoga. They have owned over 2,000 winners in North America. **Big Race Wins Include:** Whitney Handicap (2004 Roses In May), Secretariat Stakes (2004 Kitten's Joy, 2013 Admiral Kitten), Shadwell Turf Mile (2004 Nothing To Lose), Dubai World Cup (2005 Roses In May), Breeders' Futurity (2005 Dawn Of War, 2013 We Miss Artie), John C Mabee Handicap (2007 Precious Kitten), Matriarch Stakes (2007 Precious Kitten), Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (2009 Furthest Land), Alcibiades Stakes (2011 Stephanie's Kitten), Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf (2011 Stephanie's Kitten), Just A Game Stakes (2013 Stephanie's Kitten), United Nations Stakes (2013 Big Blue Kitten), Sword Dancer Invitational (2013 Big Blue Kitten), Arlington Million (2013 Real Solution), Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup (2013 Kittern's Dumplings), Manhattan Stakes (2014 Real Solution), Flower Bowl Stakes (2014 & 2015 Stephanie's Kitten), Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (2014 Bobby's Kitten), EP Taylor Stakes (2016 Al's Girl), Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf (2015 Stephanie's Kitten), Joe Hirsch Turf Classic (2015 Big Blue Kitten), United Nations Stakes (2015 Big Blue Kitten)

Royal Ascot Record: 2009 Honor In Peace (16th Chesham Stakes), Cannonball (4th King's Stand Stakes, 2nd Golden Jubilee Stakes); 2011 Honey Of A Kitten (23rd Britannia Handicap), Holiday For Kitten (13th King's Stand Stakes); 2012 Hyper (9th Wolferton Handicap), Big Blue Kitten (10th Prince Of Wales's Stakes); 2014 Crown The Kitten (10th Chesham Stakes); 2015 Love The Kitten (11th Chesham Stakes), Luck Of The Kitten (11th Jersey Stakes)

Joel Rosario

Born: January 14, 1985 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. **Background:** Grew up on a farm and attended jockey school at the age of 13. After six months, he turned professional and was the leading rider in the Dominican Republic on four occasions, before moving to California in 2006. Enjoyed a breakthrough season in 2009, partnering 284 winners and amassing earnings of US \$13,073,777, the fifth best in North America. Has continued among the top six riders by earnings every year since. **Accolades:** Rode six winners in a day at Hollywood Park on December 11, 2009. Only equalled by Hall of Fame riders Bill Shoemaker, Laffit Pincay and Kent Desormeaux. Married to wife Briana, one daughter, Jasmine and one son, Jason. Has ridden 2,500 North American winners, earning close to US \$172 million. **US Triple Crown Wins (2):** Kentucky Derby (2013 Orb), Belmont Stakes (2014 Tonalist) **Breeders' Cup Wins (7):** Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (2010 Dakota Phone), Breeders' Cup Sprint (2009 Dancing In Silks, Stormy Liberal), Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint (2015 Wavell Avenue), Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (2014 Bobby's Kitten, 2017 Stormy Liberal), Breeders' Cup Mile (2016 Tourist) **Other Big Race Wins include:** Dubai World Cup (2013 Animal Kingdom), Alabama Stakes (2010 Blind Luck), Blue Grass Stakes (2011 Brilliant Speed), Jockey Club Gold Cup (2012 Flat Out, 2014 Tonalist), Pacific Classic (2012 Dullahan), Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup (2010 Harmonius), Mother Goose Stakes (2013 Close Hatches), EP Taylor Stakes (2013 Tannery), Donn Handicap (2014 Lea), Ashland Stakes (2014 Rosalind), Apple Blossom Handicap (2014 Close Hatches), Man o' War Stakes (2014 Imagining), Ogden Phipps Stakes (2014 Close Hatches), Belmont Oaks (2014 Minborette), Personal Ensign Stakes (2014 Close Hatches), Matriarch Stakes (2010 Gypsy's Warning, 2014 La Tia, 2017 Off Limits), Wood Memorial Stakes (2015 Frosted), Belmont Derby (2015 Force The Pass), Metropolitan Handicap (2013 Sahara Sky, 2016 Frosted), Whitney Stakes (2016 Frosted), Fourstar Dave Handicap (2014 Seek Again, 2016 Tourist), Beldame Stakes (2016 Forever Unbridled), Champagne Stakes (2016 Practical Joke), Malibu Stakes (2016 Mind Your Biscuits), Gulfstream Park Handicap (2017 Almanaar), Dubai Golden Shaheen (2017 Mind Your Biscuits), Joe Hirsch Turf Classic (2017 Beach Patrol), Arlington Million (2017 Beach Patrol) **Royal Ascot Wins (1):** Norfolk Stakes (2013 No Nay Never)

Royal Ascot Record: 2013 Ogermeister (15th Windsor Castle Stakes), Sweet Emma Rose (2nd Queen Mary Stakes), NO NAY NEVER (WON NORFOLK STAKES), Red Avenger (13th Britannia Handicap); 2015 Ruby Notion (5th Windsor Castle Stakes), Back At The Ranch (9th Albany Stakes), Love The Kitten (11th Chesham Stakes), Luck Of The Kitten (11th Jersey Stakes), Quick Defence (7th Britannia Handicap); 2017 Long On Value (12th Diamond Jubilee Stakes)

Lady Aurelia (USA)

Breeding: 4 b f Scat Daddy (USA) - D'Wildcat Speed (USA) (Forest Wildcat (USA))

Breeder: Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC

Born: January 27, 2014

Owner: Stonestreet Stables LLC & Peter Leidel

Trainer: Wesley Ward USA

Jockey: John Velazquez

Form: 1113/1120-2

*One of the finest sprinters in the world who is going for her third successive victory at Royal Ascot. Entered this year in G1 King's Stand Stakes (5f, June 19) and G1 Diamond Jubilee Stakes (6f, June 23).

*Finished second on her comeback this year in the Listed Giant's Causeway Stakes, a contest she won in 2017, over an extended five furlongs at Keeneland on April 14.

*Produced a breath-taking performance to capture the G1 King's Stand Stakes (5f) by three lengths under John Velazquez at the 2017 Royal Meeting.

*Beaten a nose by the Sir Mark Prescott-trained Marsha in the G1 Coolmore Nunthorpe Stakes (5f) at York in August 2017, before disappointing on final three-year-old start when 10th in the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint at Del Mar in November.

*Unbeaten in first three starts as two-year-old, which included a devastating seven-length victory in the G2 Queen Mary Stakes (5f) at Royal Ascot in 2016.

Race record: Starts 9; Wins 5; 2nd 2; 3rd 1; Win & Place Prize Money: £614,894

Stonestreet Stables LLC & Peter Leidel

Stonestreet Stables was established by the late Jess Stonestreet Jackson jnr in 2003. Jackson founded Jackson Family Wines in 1982, which, under the Kendall-Jackson brand, has since become one of the most popular labels in the US. Jackson died in 2011, with the wine and racing businesses now managed by his wife of 25 years Barbara Banke. Forbes estimated his net worth \$1.85 billion. Stonestreet has three properties in the bluegrass region of Kentucky totalling 1,800 acres, and a further 1,700 acres in Florida, including the Stonestreet Training & Rehabilitation Centre near Ocala. Notable runners for Stonestreet include Curlin, American Horse Of The Year in 2007 and 2008, and Rachel Alexandra, who took the same honour in 2009 after becoming the first filly in 85 years to win the Preakness Stakes during a memorable campaign. **Peter Leidel** is an energy investor based in New York. He is a founder and partner at private equity and venture capital firm Yorktown Partners LLC.

Royal Ascot Wins (2):

2016 Queen Mary Stakes (LADY AURELIA)

2017 King's Stand Stakes (LADY AURELIA)

John Velazquez (see Gidu)

Master Merion (USA)

Breeding: 4 b g Quality Road (USA) – High Maintenance (Danehill (USA))

Breeder: Lynch Bages & Edgeridge Ltd

Born: April 27, 2014

Owner: Vivienne Day & Kate Rose

Trainer: Wesley Ward USA

Form: 22/2321111-24

*Entered in the Royal Hunt Cup (Heritage Handicap, 1m str, June 20 at Royal Ascot.

*Last seen out when finishing fourth on dirt in a G3 mile contest at Arlington Park on May 12.

*Four career victories have all been on turf, the latest of which was in the non-graded Let It Ride Stakes over mile at Del Mar in November.

*Proved versatility when scoring on a yielding turf track at Keeneland in September.

Race record: Starts 11; Wins 4; 2nd 5; 3rd 1; Win & Place Prize Money: £287,700

Vivienne Day & Kate Rose

Kate Rose is married to golfer Justin Rose MBE, who won the 2013 US Open and the gold medal for the United Kingdom in the inaugural men's individual tournament at the 2016 Rio Olympics. Rose has also finished second in both the 2015 and 2017 Masters at Augusta. Kate Rose was born in the UK and attended Godolphin and Latymer Upper School for Girls as a child before going to the University of Sussex. The couple have two children, a son Leo, born in February, 2009 and a daughter Lottie, born in January, 2012. Kate was an international gymnast and the pair married in December 2006. The American connection stems from the couple having a house in Lake Nona Golf & Country Club in Orlando, Florida. Kate also used to work as an assistant at IMG, the firm that represents Justin, following her

retirement from gymnastics in the early 2000s. Kate is the President of the Kate & Justin Rose Foundation, which aims to help disadvantaged children and their families. The foundation provides food, education and life experiences for those in need. **Vivienne Day** is married to husband Chris. Her brother Paul Smith owned 2013 St Leger winner Kingston Hill. Day's father, Derrick Smith, forms part of the Coolmore triumvirate alongside Michael Tabor and John/Sue Magnier.

No previous Royal Ascot runners

Undrafted (USA)

Breeding: 8 ch g Pirum (USA) – French Jeannette (USA) (French Deputy (SA))

Breeder: Catesby W Clay Investment LLC

Born: February 17, 2010

Owner: Wes Welker & Elizabeth Kumin

Trainer: Wesley Ward USA

Jockey: Frankie Dettori

Form: 131/3330514/3521433/32125/163468/64321-3

*Entered in the Wokingham Handicap (Heritage Handicap, 6f, June 23) as he chases a second victory at Royal Ascot.

*Captured the 2015 G1 Diamond Jubilee Stakes (6f) by a half-length under Frankie Dettori. Sixth when bidding for a repeat victory in 2016.

*Latest success came in a five-furlong event at Churchill Downs in November.

*Creditable third on return in a seven-furlong Listed event at Belmont Park on April 28.

*Undrafted is part-owned by former New England Patriots and Denver Broncos wide receiver Wes Welker who named the horses after his status in the 2004 NFL draft when he was not selected.

Race record: Starts 35; Wins 8; 2nd 4; 3rd 11; Win & Place Prize Money: £959,595

Wes Welker & Sol Kumin

Wes Welker, who was born May 1, 1981 in Oklahoma, enjoyed a highly-successful career as a wide-receiver in the National Football League. He played college football for Texas Tech, where he earned the nickname “The Natural” for his versatility prowess in big games and received the Mosi Tatupu Award for America’s top college player of the year in 2003. Despite his success, Welker, who is considered short for the sport at 5’9”, was not selected in the 2004 NFL Draft – his horse Undrafted takes his name from this episode. Following a one-game stint with the San Diego Chargers, Welker spent three seasons with the Miami Dolphins before moving on to the New England Patriots in 2007. He retired in 2015 following time at the Denver Broncos and St. Louis Rams. Welker has gained a wealth of accolades as a player – he holds a plethora of franchise records for both the Miami Dolphins and the New England Patriots. He holds the record for most receptions by any undrafted player in NFL history. He appeared in three Superbowl finals without success. Welker became interested in racing through a family friend and goes to the Kentucky Derby every year. He was a part-owner in the Wesley Ward-trained Gypsy Robin, who was seventh in the 2011 Queen Mary Stakes at Royal Ascot before going on to a pair of G2 victories at Keeneland. Undrafted, who was purchased for US\$50,000, was the first horse that Welker was the lead owner. Undrafted gave him his biggest success as an owner when winning the 2015 Diamond Jubilee Stakes.

Elizabeth Kumin is the wife of Sol Kumin (born May 13, 1995). Sol Kumin is the CEO and founder of Folger Hill Asset Management, an equity hedge fund that was launched March 2014. Prior to founding Folger Hill, he spent 10 years with SAC Capital Advisors, most recently as chief operating officer. Kumin purchased his first racehorse in 2014 and his first win came in March of that year with Madaket Millie at Gulfstream Park for trainer Chad Brown. In his relatively short time in the sport, Kumin has helped various racing partnerships including Beacon Hill Partners, Great Point Stables, Head of Plains Partners, Madaket Stables, Nantucket Thoroughbred Partners, and Sheep Pond Partners. The best horses owned by the Kumins include Breeders’ Cup winners Lady Eli and Undrafted, plus this year’s US Triple Crown hero Justify.

Royal Ascot Record: 2011 Gypsy Robin (7th Queen Mary Stakes); 2015 UNDRAFTED (WON Diamond Jubilee Stakes)

Frankie Dettori (see Redkirk Warrior)

Wesley Ward Two-Year-Olds

Chelsea Cloisters (USA)

Breeding: 2 b f First Samurai (USA) – Postulant (USA) (Pulpit (USA))

Breeder: Alastair Thoroughbred Co

Born: March 1, 2016

Owner: Hat Creek Racing

Trainer: Wesley Ward USA

Form: 1

*Aiming at the G2 Queen Mary Stakes (5f, June 20) at Royal Ascot.

*Impressive winner of an extended four-furlong dirt maiden at Keeneland on April 19, quickening up smartly in the straight to win by eight lengths.

Race record: Starts 1; Wins 1; 2nd -; 3rd -; Win & Place Prize Money: £26,667

Moonlight Romance (USA)

Breeding: 2 b f Liaison (USA) – Envious Moon (USA) (Malibu Moon (USA))

Breeder: Spendthrift Farm LLC

Born: February 10, 2016

Owner: Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey

Trainer: Wesley Ward USA

Form: 21

*Justified favouritism with a five and a half-length success at Belmont Park on turf under Joel Rosario over five furlongs on May 24.

*Second on dirt to stable companion Shang Shang Shang on debut at Keeneland on April 26.

*Bought for \$42,000 at the 2017 September Yearling Sales at Keeneland.

Race record: Starts 2; Wins 1; 2nd 1; 3rd -; Win & Place Prize Money: £37,037

Our Passion (USA)

Breeding: 2 b f Elusive Quality (USA) – Our Drama Queen (USA) (Danehill Dancer (USA))

Breeder: Don Alberto Corporation

Born: April 13, 2016

Owner: Don Alberto Stable

Trainer: Wesley Ward USA

Form: 1

*Aiming at Listed Windsor Castle Stakes (5f, June 23).

*Knuckled down well to score gamely on debut at Belmont Park in a five-furlong turf maiden on May 3.

*Bought for \$30,000 at the 2017 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Turf Showcase.

Race record: Starts 1; Wins 1; 2nd -; 3rd -; Win & Place Prize Money: £33,333

Shang Shang Shang (USA)

Breeding: 2 b f Shangai Bobby (USA) – Yankee Victoria (USA) (Yankee Victor (USA))

Breeder: Kris R Del Giudice

Born: April 1, 2016

Owner: Breeze Easy LLC

Trainer: Wesley Ward USA

Form: 1

*Aiming at G2 Norfolk Stakes (5f, June 21) at Royal Ascot.

*Became another debut winner for Ward when accounting for 11 rivals in an extended four-furlong dirt maiden at Keeneland on April 26.

*The Shanghai Bobby filly is a two-time OBS graduate, sold by Summerfield for \$110,000 at the 2017 Winter Mixed Sale and then purchased at OBS March by Breeze Easy for \$200,000 out of the SBM Training & Sales consignment

Race record: Starts 1; Wins 1; 2nd -; 3rd -; Win & Place Prize Money: £19,867

Stillwater Cove (USA)

Breeding: 2 b f Quality Road (USA) – Celibateire (USA) Broken Vow (USA)

Breeder: Lofts Hall Stud & Ben Sangster

Born: February 15, 2016

Owner: Marcus Stables LLC

Trainer: Wesley Ward USA

Jockey:

Form: 1

*Aiming at G3 Albany Stakes (6f, June 22) at Royal Ascot.

*Quickened up smartly to win on debut over an extended four furlongs on dirt at Keeneland on April 8.

*Led out unsold at \$45,000 at the Keeneland 2017 September Yearling Sale.

Race record: Starts 1; Wins 1; 2nd -; 3rd -; Win & Place Prize Money: £26,667