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TODAY'S HEADLINES

RACING PREVIEW

MINNIE HAUKE FINELY TUNED FOR OAKS DOUBLE AT THE CURRAGH

The Gr.1 Irish Oaks field has the tones of a procession, pre-race at least, with just six rivals daring to take on the Gr.1 Oaks winner **Minnie Hauke**, three of which also hail from Ballydoyle.

The progressive daughter of **Frankel** could not have received a better form boost when the narrow Epsom runner-up **Whirl (Wootton Bassett)** downed the Gr.1 winner **Kalpana (Study Of Man)** in the Gr.1 Pretty Polly Stakes on Gr.1 Irish Derby weekend. Racing in the Derrick Smith colours for the Coolmore partners, the €1.85m Goffs Orby graduate bids for her fourth win in a row and evidence suggests she only needs to turn up to secure it.

She has only ever been beaten once in four starts and the filly holding those honours, **Wemightakelongway (Australia)**, appears the only real threat to her mission. Joseph O'Brien's filly won the Gr.3 Salsabil Stakes before two creditable efforts in both the Oaks and the Pretty Polly Stakes, twice finishing fourth, but the mount of Dylan Browne McMonagle has to find significant improvement to catch the Epsom victrix, who has done nothing but improve since that debut second last season.



Graduates of the Osarus La Teste Yearling Sale include top-class stayer **Trueshan (Planteur)**; pictured).

Read about this year's catalogue on [page 5](#). © Steve Cargill

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This was an eighth win for **Bullace**, who began his career with Ralph Beckett and finished third in the Listed Heron Stakes behind **Mostahdaf (Frankel)** in 2021. Sourced by current connections for 45,000gns at the 2022 Tattersalls Autumn Horses In Training Sale, he has proven to be a real money-spinner in France following a very fleeting spell in Dubai, notably winning a valuable Chantilly handicap on Prix de Diane day last month and finishing third in the Gr.3 Prix Bertrand du Breuil last season. He was also third in this corresponding race a year ago.

Owned by Sheikh Khalifa bin Hasher Al Maktoum and bred by previous owners A D G Oldrey and G C Hartigan, **Bullace** was not sold at just €10,000 when making his most recent sales ring appearance at the 2023 Arqana Autumn Sale. He is the best of four winners out of the Gr.3 Fred Darling Stakes winner **Redstart (Cockney Rebel)**, while the deeper family includes the Listed winner and Gr.1 Irish St Leger third **Waterfield (Le Moss)**.

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LA TESTE YEARLING SALE CATALOGUE NOW ONLINE

The 18th edition of the Osarus Yearling Sale will take place at La Teste in the Southwest of France on Wednesday, 10th September 2025 at 1pm (local time).

The catalogue, which is composed of 147 lots, is available to be viewed online [HERE](#). Ninety-nine per cent of the lots are qualified for owners' premiums in France.

Graduates of the sale include the likes of current stallion **Sands Of Mali**, **Trueshan**, **Chic Colombine**, **Gemix**, **Master Dino**, recent Longchamp winner **Ferrari Fever** and Gr.3 Prix Noailles third **Sirius Brown**.

This year 57 stallions will be represented in the catalogue, including **Almanzor**, **Bated Breath**, **Cloth Of Stars**, **Dabirsim**, **Flintshire**, **Footstepsinthesand**, **Galileo Gold**, **Goken**, **Kendargent**, **Muhaarar**, **Nathaniel**, **Seabhac**, **Seahenge**, **Ten Sovereigns** and **Zelzal**.

Young stallions, whose first crop are two- or three-year-olds, that will be featured include **Armor**, **Ghaiyyath**, **Golden Horde**, **Hello Youmzain**, **Hey Gaman**, **Latrobe**, **Madhmoon**, **Motamarris**, **Persian King**, **Romanised**, **Space Blues**, **St Mark's Basilica**, **Threat**, **Victor Ludorum** and **Wooded**, as well as yearlings from the first crop of **Dicaprio**, **Ebro River**, **Marianafoot**, **Sealiway**, **Texas** and **Thunder Moon**.

The largest consignments will come from Haras de la Haie Neuve (18 lots), Haras de Montaigu (17), Haras du Taillis (12) and Windermere Stud (10).

RACING NEWS

BRITAIN

NEW APPRENTICE-ONLY RACEDAY TO TAKE PLACE AT REDCAR ON SUNDAY

A newly-formed fixture limited to apprentice jockeys will take place at Redcar on Sunday, 20th July.

The fixture will be the only Flat meeting taking place in Britain on Sunday, with Jump fixtures also scheduled at Stratford and Newton Abbot.

This is an initiative which has been developed alongside the Professional Jockeys Association (PJA) and Redcar Racecourse to provide apprentice riders with the opportunity to demonstrate their abilities, have an extended book of rides and a chance to make connections with new trainers and owners.

In addition, the apprentice-only raceday delivers what will in effect be a day off from riding for senior Flat jockeys, in the interests of jockey wellbeing.

Tom Byrne, Head of Racing and Betting at the British Horseracing Authority (BHA), said: "We are delighted to implement this raceday solely for apprentice jockeys, which is a new addition this year, joining the meeting at Goodwood in June in the fixture list."

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