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## TODAY'S HEADLINES

### SWEDEN

## GERMAN VICTORY IN STOCKHOLM CUP

Germany's national anthem struck up in the Bro Park winner's enclosure on Sunday after the Andreas Suborics-trained **Best Of Lips (The Gurkha)** held off a fast-closing **Hard One To Please (Fast Company)** to win the Gr.3 Stockholm Cup International, one of Scandinavia's most prestigious prizes.

The German visitor raced in mid-division for much of the 2400m contest before being ridden along as they prepared to swing into the home straight. He found the front inside the final hundred metres or so, holding off **Hard One To Please** by a short head and leaving Niels Petersen's **Mozart (Le Havre)** a length further back in third. Annikе Bye Hansen's **Hard One To Please** had attempted to repeat his 2022 heroics, when he won this race by a nose in another late swooping finish.

Suborics was not in attendance, it being Gr.3 Deutsches St Leger day at Dortmund, but he had told EBN in the run-up to Sunday's Bro Park feature that his charge was "consistent" and that he was "pleased" with how he had looked in training. He had also confirmed that the horse was a "good traveller".



German raider **Best Of Lips (The Gurkha)** held off the late challenge of **Hard One To Please (Fast Company)** to land the feature on Sunday's card at Bro Park, the Gr.3 Stockholm Cup International over 2400m. © Steve Cargill

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**171**

**Lots**

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SEPTEMBER SALE  
18 - 19 September

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**VIEW CATALOGUE**



Including Listed winner **MGHEERA**  
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A son of **The Gurkha**, who is resident at Co Galway's Roveagh Lodge Stud, the now six-year-old landed 2021's Gr.2 Union-Rennen at Cologne and was placed in the Gr.1 Grosser Preis von Berlin on his previous start to Sunday's success. Alongside shots at higher levels, he keeps several Gr.3 victories to his name.

Bred under the Stall Parthenaue banner, he is the only winner out of the dual winner **Beata (Silver Frost)**, a half-sister to the dual Gr.1 victrix **Bright Sky (Wolfhound)** and the two-time Gr.3 winner and multiple Gr.1-placed **Board Meeting (Anabaa)**. This family also includes Leopardstown's 2022 Gr.3 Derby Trial Stakes winner and multiple Gr.1-placed **Stone Age (Galileo)**.

Bought back for 90,000gns at Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, where he had been consigned by Skyline Thoroughbreds, the 2024 Stockholm Cup International hero runs in the colours of Stall Lintec. Suborics may have been absent, but the victor's owners were present at Bro Park to welcome in their star, their success embraced by a sun-soaked crowd.

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## LITTLE ARABELLA SLICES THROUGH RIVALS FOR FIRST PATTERN VICTORY

Bro Park-based trainer Patrick Wahl entered two fillies in Sunday evening's 1600m Listed Lanwades Stud Stakes, but it was **Little Arabella** who walked home with the spoils.

The daughter of **Karakontie**, who was bred by the central Swedish Rävansens Stuteri and is owned by Global Farm, raced in mid-division for much of Sunday's contest, finding a gap with a

few hundred metres left to travel. She remained a length clear of Jan-Erik Neuroth's **Mystery Night (Night Of Thunder)** on the line, with Niels Petersen's **Easywithme (El Kabeir)** finishing only a neck further back in third.

"She had the perfect trip and the perfect ride," said Wahl post-race. "The gap opened at the right time, and she went through."

This was a first Listed victory for the four-year-old, though she had finished third in the Listed Bloomers' Vase at this course in June, when **Mystery Night**, whom she relegated to second on Sunday, had emerged the victrix.

She is out of the unraced **Street Sense** mare **Sensitized**, who entered the Rävansens broodmare band after being knocked down for \$15,000 at the Keeneland November Sale of 2019. **Sensitized** is a half-sister to the dual Listed winner and Gr.2 Connaught Cup-placed **Blind Ambition (Tapit)**, while this family also includes the Gr.1 Pacific Classic Stakes victor **Tripoli (Kitten's Joy)**, the Gr.2 (then) Schuylerville Stakes winner **Touch Love (Not For Love)** and the multiple Listed-winning **Starfish Bay (Elusive Quality)**.

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NEW 2YO  
STAKES WINNER

**LAZIO**

wins the **Listed** Grosser Preis der Sparkasse at Hannover on Sunday.

*Congratulations to his breeder  
Roland Lerner.*

Also sire of **ELIM**  
2nd in the **Group 3**  
Sceptre Fillies' Stakes  
at Doncaster on Sunday.



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**Little Arabella (Karakontie)** landed the first black-type success of her career at Bro Park on Sunday in the Listed Lanwades Stud Stakes over 1600m. © Steve Cargill

### TWIRLING GHOST HOLDS ON TO COME AWAY WITH NICKES GLORY

With a display of front-running tactics, the Roy Arne Kvisla-trained **Twirling Ghost** secured his second Listed success through landing the Tattersalls Nickes Minneslöpning, Sunday's only race on the Bro Park dirt track. He got to the line in time to clinch victory by a neck.

The four-year-old was ridden into an early lead, putting plenty of daylight between him and his rivals as they turned into the

home straight and the closing stages of the 1600m contest. He held off a late challenge from **Falkor (Barocci)** and left Francisco Castro's **Pusjkin (Muhaarar)** five lengths further back in third.

"He's quick and he has 'gate speed' on the dirt," said Kvisla after accepting his prize from Chloe Pitts of Tattersalls, who had flown over to do the honours.

The **Twirling Candy** colt was bred by BD Gibbs Farm and Fleetwood Bloodstock and runs in the colours of Stall Poulard, having been picked up for \$30,000 at the Keeneland September Yearling Sale. He finished third in June's Listed Challenge Stakes, but went two better in the Listed Zawawi Cup a month later, which came on a rescheduled Derby Day at Jägersro.



**Twirling Ghost (Twirling Candy; green and gold colours on the right hand-side)** put in a bold front-running display to win Sunday's only dirt race at Bro Park, the Listed Tattersalls Nickes Minneslöpning over 1600m. © Steve Cargill

## EUROPE'S LEADING SOURCE OF CLASSIC/GR.1 WINNERS



**CHARYN**  
**PRIX JACQUES LE MAROIS, Group 1**  
**QUEEN ANNE STAKES, Group 1**  
*purchased at Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, Book 2*



**YOU GOT TO ME**  
**IRISH OAKS, Group 1**  
*purchased at Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, Book 1*

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A half-brother to five winners, he is out of the winning **Came Home** mare **Come Home Lady**, a half-sister to the dual Gr.2 victor and sire **Master Command (A P Indy)**, the two-time Gr.3 victrix **Aurora Lights (Pulpit)** and the Listed Joseph T Grace Handicap winner **Street Lad (Street Cry)**. This family also includes the Gr.1-winning sires **Al Mamoon (Believe It)**, **Honor In War (Lord At War)** and **Circus Maximus (Galileo)**.

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## KODIAC'S APHELIOS MAKES LIGHT WORK OF SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP

Annikke Bye Hansen's **Aphelios** needed little confirmation as the star of Scandinavian sprinting. Should there have been any lingering doubt, however, the son of **Kodiac** landed Sunday's 1200m Listed Bro Park Sprint Championship for Bye Hansen and her prominent owners Väsby Häst. After racing off the pace, he stormed down the stands' side to deliver another comfortable victory.

"I don't know about that!" the winning trainer laughed when asked if her five-year-old is the best Scandinavian sprinter to emerge in recent years. "The sprint elite isn't so good in Scandinavia at the moment, but the way he wins shows he's a good horse anyway."

Bye Hansen may not have heaped praise on the Scandinavian sprint elite, but her charge did not face insignificant opposition from both Scandinavia and elsewhere on Sunday. The Danish-trained **El Guanche (Power)** was amongst those challengers. He

finished two and a half lengths behind the victor, with Archie Watson's **Action Point (Blue Point)** coming home a length further back in third.

Trained by Mick Appleby until the backend of last year, the gelding was a 65,000gns purchase by Walter Buick at last year's Tattersalls Autumn Horses in Training Sale. He had gone unsold for 78,000gns at that sale a year earlier, while a spin through the ring at the Tattersalls July Sale of 2022 had seen him reach 70,000gns, knocked down to Jason Kelly Bloodstock and the Horse Watchers.

A useful charge for the Appleby stable, he brought the curtain down on his British career when returning the neck-long winner of a valuable handicap at York. His rise through the Scandinavian ranks, however, has been stratospheric, and he is now almost unbeaten from seven starts and counting, with his only loss accounted for by a dislike of the Jägersro dirt surface. Perhaps most impressively, he landed Øvrevoll's Listed Polar Cup last month by a whopping ten lengths, all whilst barely breaking a sweat.

Bred by Kingwood Stud, he is a half-brother to four winners, including the Gr.2 Al Fahidi Fort Stakes victor **Land Of Legends (Iffraaj)**. He is out of the unraced **Singspiel** mare **Homily**, a half-sister to Keeneland's Gr.2 Commonwealth Stakes-winning sire **Rebellion (Mozart)**.

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**Aphelios (Kodiac)** strides to a comfortable victory in the Listed Bro Park Sprint Championship over 1200m on Sunday. © Steve Cargill

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SEPTEMBER

AUCTAV  
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