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TAKING STOCK: STALLIONS BY NON-ELITE SIRES

Candy Ride (Arg) | *Lane's End*

by Sid Fernando

Two columns back on Accelerate (Lookin At Lucky), I wrote this: "There's been a bit of a trend lately for farms to stand accomplished horses by stallions that aren't 'big names.' WinStar's Tiznow (Cee's Tizzy, by Relaunch) and Lane's End's Candy Ride (Arg) (Ride the Rails, by Cryptoclearance, by Fappiano) are older successful examples of this, but recent ones include Taylor Made's California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit, by Pulpit) and Hill 'n' Dale's Bayern (Offlee Wild, by Wild Again). Accelerate fits with this group."

There are at least 20 Kentucky-based stallions entering stud this year or with first foals no older than two that fit this pattern (see chart on page 5), and except for California Chrome ($35,000 fee in 2019) and Accelerate ($20,000), none of them stands for more than $15,000. Most are Grade I winners and physical standouts, and they offer value because their sires don't have the elite names that would jack up a stud fee. Based on past history, some of them may make it as stallions. For example, Tiznow, who stands as a Taylor Made/WinStar venture, started out at $30,000 and is a good comparison to California Chrome, while Army Mule (Friesan Fire) at $10,000 is a comp to, say, Candy Ride, who started out at $10,000 at Hill 'n' Dale, where Army Mule stands.

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EQUINE INFLUENZA AND HOW TO MINIMIZE YOUR RISK

by Jen Roytz

Biosecurity should be a year-round concern for any farm, equine competition venue or other location in which horses are kept, but recent outbreaks of communicable diseases around the world have horsemen on heightened alert.

More recently, an outbreak of equine influenza in an active training yard prompted the cancellation of racing at tracks throughout Britain. More locally, nine horses have now been confirmed positive for equine influenza after being stabled at the World Equestrian Center, an equestrian competition venue in Columbus, Ohio. Several other horses who had recently competed at the facility were diagnosed with the virus once they returned to their home base in Indiana. ***Cont. p6***

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Champion racemare Abel Tasman (Quality Road), pictured with yard foreperson Eva Haller, arrived at Coolmore Stud Ireland earlier this week and will visit Champion sire Galileo. | *Coolmore*

POSSIBLE SURFACE SWITCH FOR EGYPTIAN STORM

West Point Thoroughbreds and Robert S. Evans's Egyptian Storm (Pioneerof the Nile), a half-sister to Triple Crown champion Justify (Scat Daddy) who finished a disappointing fifth debuting on the Tampa turf Wednesday, could be headed to dirt next, according to West Point's Terry Finley. Check out the story in our North American Racing section.

TAKING STOCK

by Sid Fernando

Stallions by Non-Elite Sires cont. from p1

There are too many successful examples of this type of stallion--and some of their sires may have been top horses who died young or were exported--to list them all, but here's a random group from both here and abroad going back some 50 years: Dr. Fager (Rough'n Tumble), Damascus (Sword Dancer), Ack Ack (Battle Joined), Seattle Slew (Bold Reasoning), Blushing Groom (Fr) (Red God), Vaguely Noble (Ire) (Vienna {GB}), Caro (Ire) (Fortino {Fr}), Sharpen Up (GB) (Atan), Linamix (Fr) (Mendez {Fr}), Pivotal (GB) (Polar Falcon), Maria's Mon (Wavering Monarch), Lord At War (Arg) (General {Fr}), Meadowlake (Hold Your Peace), Holy Bull (Great Above), Indian Charlie (In Excess {Ire}), Kantharos (Lion Heart), Scat Daddy (Johannesburg), Harlan's Holiday (Harlan), Yes It's True (Is It True), Midnight Lute (Real Quiet), and Le Havre (Ire) (Noverre).

Icons such as Dr. Fager, Damascus, and Seattle Slew were always going to get their chances at stud at the top end of the game, but some horses, like Linamix--a leading sire in France--and Lord At War, an influential import, succeeded primarily because of the backing of their owners. That's a valuable clue sometimes when deciding whether to back a horse like this.

Linamix was a homebred for Jean-Luc Lagardere and won the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains, the French 2000 Guineas equivalent, in 1990. He had the race credentials but ostensibly not the right sire to make it. The owner engineered the stallion's success by buying American mares specifically handpicked for his horse. Linamix, who traced back to outstanding sire Lyphard through his sire Mendez and grandsire Bellypha (Fr), was, during his time in the limelight, the last major sire of the Lyphard line in the Northern Hemisphere (Lyphard's son Ghadeer {Fr} was an iconic stallion in Brazil). He was an unlikely candidate to carry the Lyphard line forward--as Indian Charlie, to use a recent example, was for the Caro line in North America--but sometimes the race record and physicality of the horse and the wherewithal of the owner backing him can trump the sire or the sire line. That was also the case with Lord At War.

Bred in Argentina by Peter and Diane Perkins at the couple's Haras San Francisco del Pila, Lord At War was a member of an even more obscure sire line than Linamix. Like Forli (Arg) before him and Candy Ride after, Lord At War was an undefeated champion in his native land, where he won the important Group 1 Gran Premio Joaquin S. de Anchorena before coming to the States.

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Based in California here, he was a multiple Grade I winner for the Perkinses before entering stud at Walmac Int'l in the mid 1980s. After a moderate start at stud, he was moved to his owners' Wimborne Farm in Paris, Kentucky, where the Perkinses orchestrated a successful career for the son of the little-known sire General (who, I believe, the owners stood at stud in Argentina). General was a European Group 3 winner by the top racehorse, but mediocre sire Brigadier Gerard (GB) (Queen's Hussar {GB}), whose own sire wasn't a major stallion, either. This obscure line was kept alive internationally through Lord At War, whose influence nowadays is in the interior of pedigrees through his daughters, who have produced such as War Emblem and Pioneerof the Nile.

Midnight Lute in the 2008 Breeders' Cup | *Sarah Andrew*

Certain stud farms--Brereton Jones's Airdrie and John Sikura's Hill 'n' Dale are notable examples--have also been associated with similar types. Airdrie stood Indian Charlie for an initial fee of $10,000 in 1999 and saw the California-bred great-grandson of top sire Caro scale the heights before his premature death at 16. Indian Charlie left behind Uncle Mo, one of the top young sires in North America and an even better sire than his own sire.

Hill 'n' Dale currently stands two successful horses that fit this profile: Midnight Lute, who started off at the farm, and Kantharos, who came to Kentucky after making his name in Florida. As noted earlier, Candy Ride began his career at the farm, and in the wings are Army Mule ($10,000), Bayern ($15,000), and Secret Circle (Eddington) ($5,000). All three are accomplished Grade I winners that would have stood for far more had their sires been big names, but Sikura, more than anyone else in Kentucky these days, it seems, has made a career going against the grain--something borne by necessity instead of preference, I'm sure. It takes a lot of money to chase the most desirable stallion prospects with the "right" sires affixed to them, but Sikura's "Moneyball" approach and track record makes this trio worth the play at the stud fees. ***Cont. p5***

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"As American racing moves more towards the turf, both series of races should enhance the value of turf stallions, mares, and quality turf runners." **Martin Panza**

"Any time you can create significant purse opportunities and graded stakes opportunities for turf horses, it deepens the reasons for owning and breeding a turf horse." **John Sikura**

"If there will be big grass races like this, more grass sires will be retired to stand in America, and that will improve that aspect of the breed." **Barry Irwin**

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Sikura also started off the once-raced Maclean's Music (Distorted Humor) at Hill 'n' Dale, and that sire's first-crop GI Preakness S. winner Cloud Computing entered stud at B. Wayne Hughes's Spendthrift this year for $7,500, along with Mor Spirit (Eskendereya) ($10,000). The farm also stands Danza (Street Boss) ($3,500), whose first crop races this year.

Hughes has experience making inexpensive stallions. He started off the non-stakes winner Malibu Moon (A.P. Indy) for $3,000 in Maryland and Into Mischief (Harlan's Holiday) for $7,500 at Spendthrift and now stands both for $75,000 and $150,000, respectively. The latter was part of Spendthrift's "Share the Upside" program that allowed breeders to get a free lifetime breeding right to Into Mischief by breeding to him in his first two years, and that has obviously paid a huge dividend to those that participated. Into Mischief's sire Harlan's Holiday, by the way, was made at Airdrie before moving to WinStar, and he was the only notable stallion for the inexpensive Storm Cat horse Harlan--another unlikely link in carrying this illustrious sire line forward.

The Storm Cat line has another surprising link in Gainesway's Karakontie (Jpn) (Bernstein) ($10,000). Under John Gaines, Gainesway stood Vaguely Noble, Blushing Groom (Fr) and Sharpen Up, and in Karakontie, the farm now stands another European-raced import without an elite sire. He not only has the support of owner Antony Beck, but also of the horse's breeder and owner, the Niarchos family's Flaxman Holdings. His first foals will race this year and with the rising number of turf races in North America, he'll have domestic opportunities that his illustrious predecessors at Gainesway didn't have, plus Europe, where Flaxman primarily races.

Like Flaxman, Canadian Chuck Fipke is an owner-breeder, and he has two new homebred sires at stud at Darby Dan in 2019, Bee Jersey (Jersey Town) ($5,000) and Tale of Verve (Tale of Ekati) ($2,000). Both are by Fipke homebreds, too. Fipke has a powerful broodmare band and will support both horses--which is a positive for anyone else who wants to ride along--and his track record of making noise with his own horses speaks for itself. His current star, Seeking the Soul, is a son of his homebred Grade I winner Perfect Soul (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), and before that, Fipke had the gumption to support Perfect Soul's unraced brother Not Impossible (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), who delivered Queen's Plate winner Not Bourbon for him. Bee Jersey, particularly, is an exceptional physical, the winner of the GI Metropolitan H., and from the family of A.P. Indy. Fipke turned down a significant offer from Japan to roll the dice with him here because he thinks that much of him.

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KY Stallions by Non-Elite Sires, First Foals 2017 or Younger

Farm	Horse	2019 Fee	Sire	Racing Class	First Foals
Gainesway	Karakontie (Jpn)	$10,000	Bernstein	G1 winner	2017
Taylor Made	California Chrome	$35,000	Lucky Pulpit	G1 winner	2018
Hill 'N' Dale	Army Mule	$10,000	Friesan Fire	G1 winner	2020
Hill 'N' Dale	Bayern	$15,000	Offlee Wild	G1 winner	2017
Hill 'N' Dale	Secret Circle	$5,000	Eddington	G1 winner	2016
Claiborne	Lea*	$7,500	First Samurai	G1 winner	2017
Calumet	Bal A Bali (Brz)	$15,000	Put It Back	G1 winner	2019
Calumet	Slumber (GB)	$5,000	Cacique (Ire)	G1 winner	2018
Calumet	Producer (GB)	Private	Dutch Art (GB)	G2 winner	2019
Spendthrift	Mor Spirit	$10,000	Eskendereya	G1 winner	2020
Spendthrift	Danza	$3,500	Street Boss	G1 winner	2017
Spendthrift	Cloud Computing	$7,500	Maclean's Music	G1 winner	2020
Three Chimneys	Sharp Azteca	$10,000	Freud	G1 winner	2020
Lane's End	Accelerate	$20,000	Lookin at Lucky	G1 winner	2020
Buck Pond Farm	Wildcat Red	$7,500	D'wildcat	G2 winner/ G1 placed	2019
Crestwood	Firing Line	$5,000	Line of David	G3 winner/ G1 placed	2018
Crestwood	Texas Red	$10,000	Afleet Alex	G1 winner	2018
Crestwood	The Player	$2,500	Street Hero	G2 winner	2020
Darby Dan	Bee Jersey	$5,000	Jersey Town	G1 winner	2020
Darby Dan	Tale of Verve	$2,000	Tale of Ekati	G1 placed	2020

Bill Farish, who stands Candy Ride at Lane's End, is a pragmatist and will readily admit that Accelerate would stand for twice the fee if he'd been a son, and not a grandson, of Smart Strike, who, importantly for Farish, was a top stallion who'd been made at Lane's End. But he believes that Accelerate's sire Lookin At Lucky, a champion racehorse, is underrated. The farm at one time also stood the Smart Strike stallions Curlin and English Channel, and Accelerate, aside from his physique and race record, is bred on the exact pattern of Curlin: Smart Strike/Deputy Minister.

The bottom line is that these types of stallions offer Grade I race records and top physicals with discounts on stud fee, and history has shown that shrewd breeders can take advantage of price and sometimes go to the bank with them.

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HORSE HEALTH

by Jen Roytz

Equine Influenza and How to Minimize Your Risk cont. from p1

Endemic to most countries throughout the world, equine influenza is a highly-contagious airborne virus that causes respiratory issues in horses. It can be spread by horses in close proximity, but can also be spread by people who work with horses via clothing and stable equipment and by horses coming in contact with surfaces that have not been properly disinfected, such as in trailers or stalls/barns.

"Equine influenza is considered by many to be the most contagious equine disease, so it's important to pay attention to all entries on your farm, such as trucks, people, suppliers and such, but ironically the virus is not very resistant in the air and long-term on surfaces," said Camille Vercken of Equiways, an international equine biosecurity consulting company based in France. "Direct contact between horses is the biggest threat, but materials and people can carry it as well, so often the biggest risks come from horses in close proximity at the races and during training, transport, at the sales and in the breeding shed--everywhere horses meet and see each other within a cough's reach." ***Cont. p7***

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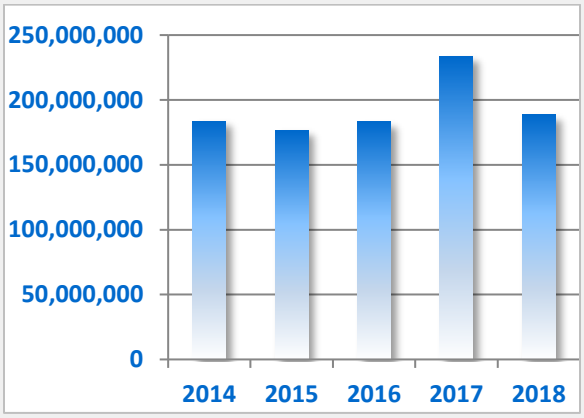

"The February mixed sales are an extension of the November breeding stock sales, and while a polarized market carried over there were enough positives to take from Tattersalls, Goffs and Arqana's February sales. While numbers catalogued were down, the all-important clearance rate held steady at 75.5%, the highest since 2014. These sales are always a victim or beneficiary of whatever breeders decide to put on the market, and while Tattersalls stats felt the effects of a more workmanlike catalogue, Arqana reaped the benefits of a pair of high-profile dispersals."
-Kelsey Riley

YEAR	CAT	OUT	%OUT/CAT	RING	SOLD	% S/R	GROSS	AVE
2014	8069	1305	16.17	6764	5242	77.49	$183,731,686.7	$35,049.9
2015	8615	1491	17.3	7124	5304	74.45	$176,478,525.5	$33,272.7
2016	9853	1685	17.1	8168	5967	73.05	$183,168,017.1	$30,696.8
2017	9907	1711	17.27	8196	6164	75.2	$233,462,137.9	$37,875.1
2018	7773	1522	19.58	6251	4725	75.58	$188,563,533.0	$39,907.6

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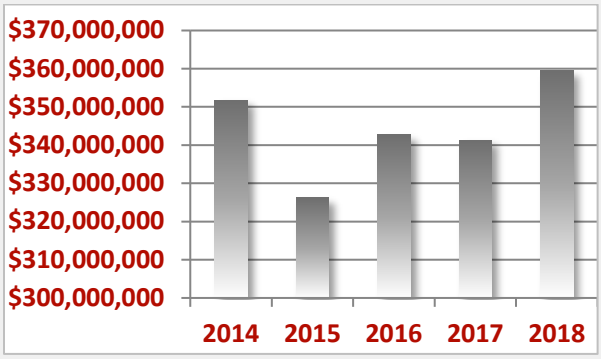

"Taken as a whole, the auctions proved demand remains high in the marketplace, particularly, and by now predictably, at the upper end. The 2018/2019 breeding stock sales recorded the highest gross and average of the last five years and, with the start of the breeding season looming, bidding remained competitive to the end, offering glimmers of a broadening marketplace."
-Jessica Martini

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2014	9853	1867	18.94	7986	6022	75.4	$351,750,676.8	$58,410.9
2015	10205	2118	20.75	8087	5954	73.62	$326,190,291.1	$54,785.1
2016	10635	2308	21.7	8327	5864	70.42	$342,692,807.8	$58,440.1
2017	9428	1902	20.17	7526	5512	73.23	$341,305,873.2	$61,920.5
2018	9754	2111	21.64	7643	5631	73.67	$359,486,284.0	$63,840.6

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CUMULATIVE MIXED SALES FIGURES, 2014-2018

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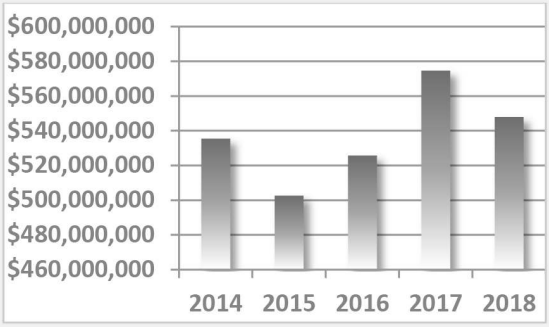

"The midwinter mixed sales enjoyed a solid season transatlantically, with the combined average at a five-year high and the clearance rate of 74.5% the highest it has been since 2014. While both sides of the pond are experiencing some polarity, it is less pronounced in the U.S., where the demand for foals (short yearlings) remained high off a strong November. On both sides, a wide spread of buyers showed up for each of the five sales."
-Kelsey Riley

YEAR	CAT	OUT	%OUT/CAT	RING	SOLD	% S/R	GROSS	AVE
2014	17922	3172	17.69	14750	11264	76.36	$535,482,363.5	$47,539.3
2015	18820	3609	19.17	15211	11258	74.01	$502,668,816.7	$44,649.9
2016	20488	3993	19.48	16495	11831	71.72	$525,860,824.9	$44,447.7
2017	19335	3613	18.68	15722	11676	74.26	$574,768,011.1	$49,226.4
2018	17527	3633	20.72	13894	10356	74.53	$548,049,817.0	$52,921.0

Horses are required to be vaccinated for equine influenza to be stabled at most major venues throughout the U. S., including racetracks and U. S. Equestrian Federation-sanctioned events, however much like the flu vaccine for humans, the vaccine only covers the most common strains of the disease. It also cannot unequivocally prevent the disease; however it can lessen the clinical symptoms, effects and duration of the disease.

Equine influenza test tubes and swabs | *Racing Post*

"This virus can mutate quickly and vaccination is not as efficient in the case of mutation, but it still greatly reduces the probability of the severity of the sickness when horses become infected," said Vercken.

Typically, horses infected with equine influenza first present with a fever, which is when they are also shedding large quantities of the virus into the environment and are most contagious. Soon thereafter horses can develop depression, loss of appetite, weight loss, a dry cough and decreased body condition. Depending on the severity of the symptoms, it can take the respiratory tract 50 to 100 days to fully recover. Returning a horse to work prior to full recovery can jeopardize a horse's long-term health.

"The results of an equine influenza infection can be devastating," said Vercken. "It can take an adult horse out of work for weeks, can cause temporary infertility in stallions due to the fever, and can be fatal to foals and young stock due to threat of pulmonary infections. Common sense biosecurity is key, such as not sharing equipment from one horse to the next, cleaning hands between horses and, of course, vaccination. Close monitoring, including taking temperatures twice a day, for early detection remains one's best ally at times like these, in order to ensure immediate measures are taken if a horse becomes infected."

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HORSEMEN WOULD HAVE SAY ON NEW OKLAHOMA DRUG COMMITTEE

by T.D. Thornton

A bill that passed 42-3 Thursday in the Oklahoma Senate would create a new Medication Advisory Committee whose purpose would be to make recommendations to the state racing commission prior to the adoption of any new rules related to equine medications and drug testing.

If the bill gets signed into law, horsemen would now have a formal say in Oklahoma's equine drug-related rulemaking process, as SB 633 mandates that two of the new committee's 13 members be representatives "from each of the recognized horsemen's representative organizations."

Remington Park | *Coady photo*

The other committee members would be: Four members from the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission (OHRC); one commission veterinarian; one commission steward; three representatives from "currently licensed organization licensees," and two practicing veterinarians (one selected by Thoroughbred horsemen, the other by non-Thoroughbred horsemen).

Although the bill does not give the new committee any specific power to overrule the commission on any policy, it states that "any rule or change in rule made by the OHRC related to equine medications and drugs or drug testing of a horse prior to or during a race including, but not limited to, threshold levels for therapeutic medications and drugs shall require such rule to be reviewed by the Medication Advisory Committee with a requirement that the Committee recommendations shall be presented to the OHRC during a public meeting of the Commission prior to adoption."

The law authorizing the new committee, if passed, would take effect Nov. 1, 2019.

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2019 Leading Second-Crop Sires by Cumulative Earnings

for stallions standing in North America through Wednesday, Feb. 20

Earnings and Black-type represents worldwide figures & stud fees are for 2019

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	**Cross Traffic**	5	8	1	1	1	1	52	23	$1,384,200	$2,255,718
	(2009) by Unbridled's Song		*Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: $25,000*							*Jaywalk*	
2	**Cairo Prince**	4	6	1	2	--	--	68	24	$133,750	$1,733,764
	(2011) by Pioneerof the Nile		*Stands: Airdrie Stud KY Fee: $25,000*							*Cairo Cat*	
3	**Goldencents**	2	6	--	--	--	--	78	33	$154,400	$1,672,594
	(2010) by Into Mischief		*Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: $20,000*							*Mr. Money*	
4	**Central Banker**	2	3	--	--	--	--	45	13	$345,625	$1,221,526
	(2010) by Speightstown		*Stands: McMahon of Saratoga NY Fee: $7,500*							*Bankit*	
5	**Will Take Charge**	1	7	--	4	--	--	52	15	$145,285	$1,139,211
	(2010) by Unbridled's Song		*Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: $30,000*							*Lightscameraaction*	
6	**Mucho Macho Man**	2	3	1	2	--	1	37	13	$234,000	$1,014,669
	(2008) by Macho Uno		*Stands: Adena Springs KY Fee: $10,000*							*Mucho Gusto*	
7	**Fed Biz**	1	7	--	1	--	--	53	18	$106,770	$1,012,229
	(2009) by Giant's Causeway		*Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: $10,000*							*Zenden*	
8	**Verrazano**	2	4	--	--	--	--	70	20	$108,105	$971,200
	(2010) by More Than Ready		*Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: $15,000*							*Stirling Drive*	
9	**Noble Mission (GB)**	--	2	--	1	--	1	64	16	$151,700	$899,700
	(2009) by Galileo (Ire)		*Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: $15,000*							*Code of Honor*	
10	**Uncaptured**	3	3	1	2	--	--	32	11	$138,939	$743,906
	(2010) by Lion Heart		*Stands: Ocala Stud Farm FL Fee: $6,000*							*Catherinethegreat*	
11	**Flashback**	--	2	--	2	--	1	44	17	$112,440	$706,116
	(2010) by Tapit		*Stands: Diamond B Farm PA Fee: $3,500*							*Boujie Girl*	
12	**He's Had Enough**	--	--	--	--	--	--	51	14	$60,050	$658,782
	(2010) by Tapit		*Stands: Woodford Thoroughbreds FL Fee: $2,500*							*He's Smokin Hot*	
13	**Tritap**	1	3	--	--	--	--	18	11	$119,169	$640,410
	(2009) by Tapit		*Stands: Heritage Stallions USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)*							*Belial*	
14	**Strong Mandate**	--	1	--	--	--	--	46	13	$81,730	$633,622
	(2011) by Tiznow		*Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: $10,000*							*Gotta Be Strong*	
15	**Itsmyluckyday**	--	1	--	--	--	--	46	17	$133,606	$593,508
	(2010) by Lawyer Ron		*Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: $3,500*							*Itsmyluckycharm*	

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Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 7:00 p.m. EST

BUENA VISTA S.-GII, $200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Take These Chains (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Gunther, John D. and Eurowest Bloodstock Services	Cox	Pereira	120
2	Ms Bad Behavior	Blame	Sayjay Racing LLC, Hall, Greg and Hubbard, Brooke	Baltas	Smith	120
3	Zaffinah (Ire)	Casamento (Ire)	Red Baron's Barn LLC and Rancho Temescal LLC	Carava	Bejarano	120
4	Fahan Mura	English Channel	Bran Jam Stables and Clark, David W.	Cerin	Maldonado	122
5	Compelled	War Front	Glen Hill Farm	Proctor	Talamo	120
6	Amandine (GB)	Shamardal	Red Baron's Barn, LLC, Rancho Temescal, LLC & Shanderella Stables	Mullins	Van Dyke	120
7	English Dancer	English Channel	Slam Dunk Racing, Turf Stable II LLC & Michael Nentwig	Baltas	Desormeaux	120
8	Elysea's World (Ire)	Champs Elysees (GB)	Sheep Pond Partners and All Pro Racing LLC	Baltas	Rosario	122
9	Vasilika	Skipshot	All Schlaich Stables, Hollendorfer, Gatto Racing & G. Todaro	Hollendorfer	Prat	124
10	Streak of Luck	Old Fashioned	Roncelli Family Trust	Chew	Baze	120

Breeders: 1-Eurowest Bloodstock, 2-Ron Clarkson, 3-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited, 4-Michael J. Moran, 5-Glen Hill Farm, 6-Lordship Stud, 7-Woodlawn Breeding Inc, 8-Haras D'Haspel, 9-Mikhail Yanakov, 10-Roncelli Family Trust

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 4:58 p.m. EST

HAL'S HOPE S.-GIII, $100,000, 4yo/up, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Tale of Silence	Tale of the Cat	Charles E. Fipke	Tagg	Leparoux	117
2	Fellowship	Awesome of Course	Jacks or Better Farm, Inc.	Decker	Ortiz, Jr.	119
3	Breaking Lucky	Lookin At Lucky	West Point Thoroughbreds, Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, Eric Young & R. A. Hill Stable	Weaver	Saez	119
4	Wild Shot	Trappe Shot	Calumet Farm	Arnold, II	Albarado	117
5	Quip	Distorted Humor	WinStar Farm LLC, China Horse Club International Ltd. and SF Racing LLC	Brisset	Ortiz	117
6	Mr. Jordan	Kantharos	Melin, David, Ellman, Leon and Plesa, Laurie	Plesa, Jr.	Lopez	121
7	Copper Town	Speightstown	China Horse Club International Ltd., WinStar Farm,LLC, Head of Plains Partners LLC	Pletcher	Castellano	117
8	Sir Anthony	Mineshaft	Richard Otto Stables, Inc.	Mitchell	Hernandez, Jr.	123
9	Prince Lucky	Corinthian	Daniel McConnell	Pletcher	Velazquez	119

Breeders: 1-Charles Fipke, 2-Jacks or Better Farm Inc., 3-Christine Hayden, 4-Calumet Farm, 5-WinStar Farm, LLC, 6-Philip Matthews & Karen Matthews, 7-WinStar Farm, LLC, 8-R. Otto Stables, Inc., 9-Daniel W. McConnell Sr.

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NORTH AMERICAN RACING
Friday, February 22, 2019

FRIDAY'S RACING INSIGHTS: WELL-BRED SPINOFF MAKES SEASONAL BOW AT TAMPA

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Zaftig defeated champion Indian Blessing in the 2008 GI Acorn S.
Adam Coglianese

2nd-TAM, $27.5K, Opt. Clm., 3yo, 1m 40yds, 1:16 p.m.

Wertheimer and Frere homebred **SPINOFF (Hard Spun)** looks to get his sophomore season started off on the right hoof here. A debut winner at Gulfstream June 23, the chestnut checked in third in the GII Saratoga Special S. when last seen Aug. 12 and tries to two turns for the first time in this test. Out of GISW Zaftig (Gone West), the Todd Pletcher pupil is a half to SP '**TDN Rising Star**' Rugbyman (Tapit). His second dam is GISW Zoftig (Cozzene), who produced GISW Zo Impressive (Hard Spun), the dam of GSW '**TDN Rising Star**' Souper Tapit (Tapit). **TJCIS PPs**

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POSSIBLE SURFACE SWITCH FOR EGYPTIAN STORM

Justify (Scat Daddy)'s year-younger half-sister **Egyptian Storm** (Pioneerof the Nile) made her career bow Wednesday at Tampa Bay Downs with a disappointing fifth on the turf, but connections are still hopeful for her future on the track.

"We thought she would run better," admitted part-owner Terry Finley. "Sometimes you scratch your head a little bit and turn the page. Mr. Evans, Christophe [Clement] and I will sit down and we will see. She certainly has shown more in the mornings than she showed [Wednesday] at Tampa. We know she can run a little bit."

Given she is a half-sibling to an undefeated Triple Crown winner, as well as The Lieutenant (Street Sense), who is a Grade III winner on dirt, a switch to the main track could be in the cards for Egyptian Storm.

"She trains at Payson on the dirt and moves very, very well on the turf," Finley said. "We thought we'd try turf just to get her started. We certainly have dirt in our outlook for her. She has changed in the last four months. She has really grown into a big, beautiful filly. We know from a pedigree standpoint she has been successful, now she has to show it on the racetrack."

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Trainer Christophe Clement and Egyptian Storm | *Patty Wolfe*

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ALLOWANCES

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-Oaklawn, $84,000, Alw (NW1X), Opt. Clm ($62,500), 2-21, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11.64, my.

ISTAN COUNCIL (f, 3, Istan--Tribal Council, by Indian Charlie) earned a field-best 85 Beyer when graduating by an impressive 5 1/2 lengths at Keeneland last October, but she had hit the skids of late, finishing well down the track in the Dec. 22 Letellier Memorial S. at the Fair Grounds and in a first-level allowance over this strip Jan. 25. Duly dismissed at 23-1, the homebred was straight out the back and wide on the track, but she nevertheless made good headway entering the turn. She tugged 10-pound apprentice Kelsi Harr towards the lead while zipping around rivals with three furlongs to travel and the pair hit the front in upper stretch before splashing home a convincing 3 3/4-length winner. It was Harr's first win of the meet. A half-sister to a Creative Cause filly that fetched $250,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale, Istan Council is out of a full-sister to MGSW turf sprinter and Oklahoma stallion Mr. Nightlinger and SW Prosico (Siphon {Brz}). Tribal Council foaled a Majesticperfection filly in 2018 and was most recently bred to Cairo Prince. Sales history: $15,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, $106,865. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Brereton C Jones (KY); T-J Larry Jones.

Istan Council gave apprentice Kelsi Harr her first Oaklawn riding victory Thursday | *Coady*

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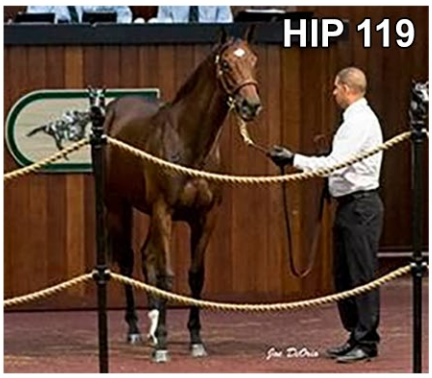

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MAIDENS

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

2nd-Aqueduct, $65,960, Msw, 2-21, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:41.35, sy. **FANCY THAT (f, 3, Street Sense--Sara Louise {MGSW, $400,435}, by Malibu Moon)**, a full-sister to Sara Street, GSP, $211,600, was a running-on fifth to Horse of the Year Havre de Grace's daughter Graceful Princess (Tapit) on Saratoga debut last September and bombed the break in a course-and-distance maiden Jan. 4 before finishing well to finish a meritorious third. Favored at 65 cents on the dollar, the homebred settled in behind the leading trio before angling out into the clear with a half-mile to travel. She advanced in hand while four deep on the turn, hooked up with Team Win (Malibu Moon) at the head of the lane and finally put away that stubborn rival in the final 50 yards to graduate by 1 1/2 lengths. It was nearly nine lengths back to slow-starting firster Moon Tweet (Malibu Moon) and Reigning Fire (Friesan Fire), who dead-heated for third. Sara Louise, campaigned through the first four starts of her career by Eldon Farm and trained by Dale Romans, defeated none other than Rachel Alexandra (Medaglia d'Oro) in the 2008 GIII Pocahontas S. before dropping one spot behind the future Horse of the Year and Hall of Famer in the GII Golden Rod S. Acquired by Godolphin shortly thereafter, she made seven starts over the next two seasons, including victories in the GIII Victory Ride S. and GII Top Flight H. at three. The dam of Fancy That's 2-year-old full-sister Spa City, Sara Louise produced a colt by Into Mischief last season and is due to another Darley-domiciled Kentucky Derby winner, Nyquist. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, $48,960. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Godolphin Racing LLC; B-Godolphin LLC (KY); T-Kiaran P McLaughlin.

Fancy That | *Adam Coglianese*

4th-Gulfstream, $50,140, Msw, 2-21, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09.83, ft. **FAST TALKING (c, 4, Flatter--Puzzling {SP}, by Ghostzapper)** had just one previous start to his credit, a speed-and-fade seventh last St. Patrick's Day to Central Command (Into Mischief), who recently returned from a similarly long layoff to earn a 102 Beyer in a narrow first-level allowance defeat last month. The 22-5 fifth choice in the field of six, Fast Talking was outsprinted early on by Leinster (Majestic Warrior), but went after the front-runner in earnest turning for home, poked a head in front at the furlong grounds and edged clear to take it by two lengths. Fast Talking is out of a stakes-placed half-sister to GISW Dancing Forever (Rahy)--a stallion in India--whose GISP dam Dancinginmydreams (Storm Cat) was a full-sister to champion Heavenly Prize. Puzzling is the dam of 2-year-old filly Star Command (Orb), a yearling Munnings colt and was most recently served by Runhappy. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $31,180. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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Divine Image, f, 3, **Scat Daddy**. See "Worldwide".
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In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this weekend running at Hanshin, Kokura and Nakayama Racecourses:

Saturday, February 23, 2019
2nd-NAK, ¥9,550,000 *($86k)*, Maiden, 3yo, 1800m
PRIMO SPADE (f, 3, Tiznow--Tempestra, by Tale of the Cat) gave a good account of herself when third to fellow US-bred Cafe Crown (Mineshaft) on her 1600-meter debut at Toyko Jan. 27 (video, gate 16) and gets a bit more ground to work with in this second go. A $37K Keeneland November weanling, this half-sister to GSW Travesura (Limehouse) is bred on the same cross over Storm Cat responsible for champion Folklore and additional GSWs Informed, American Lion and Enstone. *B-Millennium Farms & Tiznow Syndicate (KY)*

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5th-HSN, ¥13,720,000 *($124k)*, Allowance, 3yo, 1400m

BOSTON TESORO (f, 3, Temple City--Spirited Away, by Awesome Again) has never finished outside the top three on the dirt, having graduated at third asking in December (video, gate 2) before just missing in her first start against winners at Toyko three weeks ago. The $130K KEESEP yearling is a half-sister to MGSW Prospective (Malibu Moon) and her third dam is champion and MGISW North Sider (Topsider). *B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY)*

Sunday, February 24, 2019

4th-KOK, ¥9,550,000 *($86k)*, Maiden, 3yo, 1800mT

MARECHIARE (f, 3, Pioneerof the Nile--K. D.'s Shady Lady, by Maria's Mon) was beaten 4 1/2 lengths into third by subsequent GSW Val d'Isere (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}) in a grass maiden over a mile in November (video, gate 11), but she failed to handle the dirt when well-beaten in her most recent appearance. The half-sister to GISW Lady of Fifty (After Market), a $150K KEESEP RNA turned $300K OBS March breezer, returns to what appears to be her preferred surface for this seasonal debut. *B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY)*

9th-NAK, ¥19,000,000 *($172k)*, Allowance, 3yo, 1600mT

HAKUMOKUREN (f, 3, Shanghai Bobby--Conway Two Step, by Spanish Steps) was hammered into 4-5 favoritism for her Dec. 15 bow at Nakayama and made no mistakes, drawing clear to score by nearly two lengths (video, gate 3). She switches to the turf for her 2019 debut, but has some pedigree for it, as her stakes-winning dam is kin to Glittering Tax (Artax), who produced treble GISW Miss Temple City (Temple City) as well as GSW Pricedtoperfection (Temple City). The latter was purchased by Katsumi Yoshida for $750K at FTKNOV last fall. *B-Loren Nichols (FL)*

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SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Cairo Prince (Pioneerof the Nile), Airdrie Stud, $10,000
228 foals of racing age/24 winners/4 black-type winners
1-Aqueduct, Msw 7f, CASTLE CASANOVA, 6-5
$225,000 SAR AUG yrl; $140,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Cross Traffic (Unbridled's Song), Spendthrift Farm, $12,500
162 foals of racing age/23 winners/5 black-type winners
8-Laurel, Aoc 1 1/16m, PAT'S NO FOOL, 2-1
$35,000 KEE SEP yrl

Drill (Lawyer Ron), Get Away Farm, $4,500
79 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Laurel, Aoc 1 1/16m, DESTINY OVER FATE, 8-1
$150,000 OBS APR 2yo

Fed Biz (Giant's Causeway), WinStar Farm, $12,500
187 foals of racing age/18 winners/1 black-type winner
2-Tampa Bay Downs, Aoc 1m, FED FEVER, 9-2
$170,000 KEE NOV wnl; $275,000 FTS AUG yrl; $220,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo; $280,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Goldencents (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, $15,000
256 foals of racing age/33 winners/2 black-type winners
8-Laurel, Aoc 1 1/16m, GOLDEN GALA, 6-1
$40,000 FTK JUL yrl; $55,000 OBS APR 2yo
8-Turfway, Msw 1m, GOLDEN JASMINE, 12-1
$9,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

He's Had Enough (Tapit), Woodford Thoroughbreds, $5,000
139 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Gulfstream, Aoc 7f, ELGIN ESCAPE, 5-1
$105,000 OBS OCT yrl
5-Gulfstream, Aoc 7f, HE'S SMOKIN HOT, 7-5
$40,000 OBS APR 2yo

Honorable Dillon (Tapit), Rockridge Stud, $5,000
107 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Charles Town, Msw 6 1/2f, ADONAI LOVE, 20-1
$1,000 OBS OCT yrl; $5,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo

Revolutionary (War Pass), WinStar Farm, $7,500
148 foals of racing age/20 winners/2 black-type winners
8-Laurel, Aoc 1 1/16m, RIGHTEOUS RUBY, 20-1
$1,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

Uncaptured (Lion Heart), Ocala Stud Farm, $6,000
141 foals of racing age/11 winners/3 black-type winners
5-Gulfstream, Aoc 7f, JUSTCALLMENORMAN, 6-1

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Aqueduct, $74,148, 2-21, (NW1$X), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:36.76, sy.
MR. DOUGIE FRESH (g, 5, Ghostzapper--Patience Drive {SP}, by Pulpit) Lifetime Record: 23-5-4-3, $257,146. O-M and A Racing Ltd; B-Stephen J McDonald (KY); T-Jason Servis. *$200,000 Wlg '14 FTKNOV; $175,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. **1/2 to Crescent Drive (Flower Alley), MSP, $156,856.

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6th-Laurel, $50,442, Opt. Clm ($50,000), 2-21, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:44.96, my.
RED GUM (g, 3, Sky Mesa--Amber Comet, by Amerrico's Bullet) Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-1, $89,143. O/B-The Elkstone Group LLC (Stuart Grant) (MD); T-Kelly Rubley. *1/2 to Comet of Love (Not For Love), SW, $266,805; and Heather (Not For Love), MSP, $191,172.

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2nd-Delta Downs, $47,000, (S), 2-20, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 5f, :59.20, ft.
D'MONEY HONEY (g, 4, D'wildcat--Taste of Honey, by Bernardini) Lifetime Record: 17-6-2-1, $78,795. O-E R Racing Stables LLC; B-Circle H Farms (LA); T-Eduardo Ramirez.

10th-Gulfstream, $44,240, Opt. Clm ($25,000), 2-21, 4yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :56.01, fm.
A GREAT TIME (m, 5, Street Magician--Short Time {GSP, $191,667}, by Clever Trick) Lifetime Record: 14-2-4-1, $112,391. O/B-R Larry Johnson (MD); T-Michael J Trombetta. *1/2 to Clever Strike (Smart Strike), GSP, $170,580; and Victor's Cry (Street Cry {Ire}), GISW, $612,021.

5th-Gulfstream, $44,120, (S), Opt. Clm ($12,500), 2-21, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:36.84, ft.
CHARLIE THE GREEK (g, 5, Adios Charlie--Mothra, by Formal Dinner) Lifetime Record: 37-7-9-4, $193,010. O-Double L Racing Stable; B-Suzanne Sharra-Maxwell (FL); T-Joseph C Catanese III. *$1,000 Ylg '15 OBSWIN.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Lunera (Mex), f, 3, **Drover**--Luna (Mex), by Mr. Greeley. Sam Houston Race, 2-20, 6f, 1:13.34. B-Rancho Pozo de Luna (MEX).
Avalina, f, 3, **Tale of Ekati**--Perfect Nodouble, by Perfect Soul (Ire). Aqueduct, 2-21, (C), 6 1/2f, 1:18.74. B-Charles Fipke (KY). *$15,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. **1ST TIME STARTER. ***Won by 12 lengths.
Seethisquick, h, 5, **Discreet Cat**--Pahlmuhree, by Gone West. Aqueduct, 2-21, (C), 6 1/2f, 1:18.39. B-Peter Berglar (KY). *$40,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; $12,000 2yo '16 EASMAY.

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D'WILDCAT, D'money Honey, g, 4, o/o Taste of Honey, by Bernardini. ALW, 2-20, Delta Downs
DISCREET CAT, Seethisquick, h, 5, o/o Pahlmuhree, by Gone West. MCL, 2-21, Aqueduct
DROVER, Lunera (Mex), f, 3, o/o Luna (Mex), by Mr. Greeley. MSW, 2-20, Sam Houston
FLATTER, Fast Talking, c, 4, o/o Puzzling, by Ghostzapper. MSW, 2-21, Gulfstream
GHOSTZAPPER, Mr. Dougie Fresh, g, 5, o/o Patience Drive, by Pulpit. ALW, 2-21, Aqueduct
ISTAN, Istan Council, f, 3, o/o Tribal Council, by Indian Charlie. AOC, 2-21, Oaklawn
SKY MESA, Red Gum, g, 3, o/o Amber Comet, by Amerrico's Bullet. AOC, 2-21, Laurel
STREET MAGICIAN, A Great Time, m, 5, o/o Short Time, by Clever Trick. AOC, 2-21, Gulfstream
STREET SENSE, Fancy That, f, 3, o/o Sara Louise, by Malibu Moon. MSW, 2-21, Aqueduct
TALE OF EKATI, Avalina, f, 3, o/o Perfect Nodouble, by Perfect Soul (Ire). MCL, 2-21, Aqueduct

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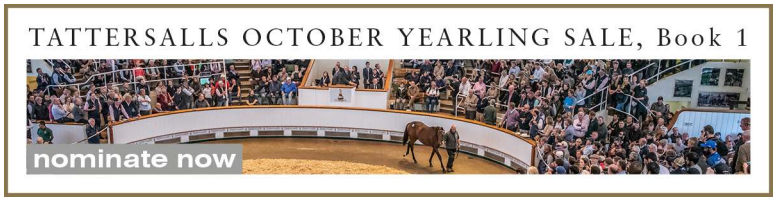

ARC FEELS BACKLASH OVER PRIZE-MONEY CUTS

Lingfield, part of the ARC group of racecourses | *Racing Post*

By Emma Berry

The UK's largest racecourse group Arena Racing Company (ARC) has been given a taste of how badly its reduction in prize-money has been received with two novice races at Lingfield's Saturday meeting attracting a combined total of one declared runner.

Both Class 5 events with an advertised total prize fund of £4,500 each, the 1m novice stakes, which had received 18 entries, became a walkover at the declaration stage--the Nick Littmoden-trained Greybychoice (Ire) being the sole intended runner--while the five-furlong contest will have no runners. Particularly embarrassing for ARC is the fact that these two races are on one of its highest-profile cards of the year featuring the G3 Betway Winter Derby.

Britain's winningmost trainer Mark Johnston told *TDN* on Thursday morning, "I had two runners entered for the same race. I looked at the prize-money and I regretted entering. I took one to Chelmsford instead, where the prize-money was more than 50% better, and the other one will be entered for a median auction maiden at Southwell worth £8,000. It's getting to the point where it's embarrassing to take horses to some of these races. I'll be monitoring the prize-money levels closely before entering." **Cont. p2**

DEFRA CALLS FOR RECIPROCATION ON EU HORSE MOVEMENT

By Emma Berry

The British government has confirmed that horses being transported from EU member countries to the UK after Mar. 29 will be able to travel under the regulations currently in place, but equine traffic going in the opposite direction could be halted unless Britain is granted listed status by the European Commission.

The government's Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) on Thursday issued guidance pertaining to the movement of horses between EU countries in the case of a 'no-deal' Brexit.

With just 36 days remaining before Britain is to leave the EU, uncertainty remains as to the manner of its departure, with the potential for Britain to exit without a deal with EU member states becoming an increasing concern.

This lack of clarity naturally affects not just the sport of horseracing, but breeders looking to move mares for cover during the height of the breeding season. **Cont. p3**

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TAKING STOCK: STALLIONS BY NON-ELITE SIRES

In his latest column, Sid Fernando discusses successful stallions by non-elite sires. **Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.**

ARC Feels Backlash Over Prize-Money Cuts Cont. from p1

Just less than a year after the British Horseracing Authority was able to announce a significant increase in prize-money for grassroots level racing, ARC let it be known in December that it would slash £3 million from its prize-money budget for 2019 as a response to the British government's decision to cut the maximum stake on FOBT machines in betting shops from £100 to £2. Bookmakers have estimated that around 4,000 betting shops may close as a result of this, which would lead to a significant shortfall in the media rights payments received by racecourses, currently calculated on a 'per-shop' basis.

This decrease in ARC's executive contribution to prize-money in lower-grade contests--affecting Class 4, 5 and 6 races on the Flat--means that the company is unable to 'unlock' extra funding made available to racecourses through the Race Incentive Fund (RIF) and the Appearance Money Scheme (AMS), which were introduced from the start of 2018 to extend prize-money payments to placed horses.

A spokesman for ARC said on Thursday, "We have been open about the fact that, unlike 2018, we are no longer in a position to further invest to unlock Levy funding for grassroots racing. The Racecourse Association has made a proposal that will allow ARC, and all other racecourses, to continue to access the Levy funds assigned to support prize-money in this important area of the race programme. This amounts to £4.5 million across our group.

"It is disappointing that this situation has occurred in the middle of these constructive talks between horsemen, BHA and racecourses but we very much hope that they can progress and that this funding situation can be sorted as soon as possible."

In a statement announcing the prize-money decreases released in December, ARC's Chief Executive Officer Martin Cruddace said, "The British racing industry is today in a considerably different position than when we underwent the funding review of 2017 which came about as a direct result of the increase in Levy income to the sport, itself a result of the Levy being extended to cover online betting companies. We fully understand the importance of prize-money across the industry, and do not take such a decision lightly."

> IT'S GETTING TO THE POINT WHERE IT'S EMBARRASSING TO TAKE HORSES TO SOME OF THESE RACES.
>
> Mark Johnston

It is a decision which has been greeted with frustration by a range of owners and trainers. Phil McEntee, who deliberately targets the all-weather season for his small Newmarket-based string with notable success, said of the lack of support for Saturday's races, "This is clearly a stand against ARC. Prize-money levels aren't acceptable and it's good to see that some of the bigger trainers who had runners entered have not declared for the races. This isn't just about the smaller owners and trainers but it does hit the smaller yards harder. We've had five winners on the all-weather so far this season and the extra money that is available for placed horses and through the AMF really does make a difference to my owners and to my staff. It trickles in and helps the business model."

With 16 racecourses in its portfolio, including four of Britain's six all-weather tracks, ARC stages more than 500 race meetings each year and in 2013 it launched the £1-million All Weather Championships Finals Day on Good Friday. The introduction of Europe's richest non-turf race meeting was designed to encourage owners to keep more Flat horses in training through the winter, though recent cuts may end up having the opposite effect.

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ARC Feels Backlash Over Prize-Money Cuts Cont.

Laurence Bellman, who has 15 horses in training in Britain, admits that he has considered retiring several members of his string. He said, "I am in that category where I have a lot of all-weather runners. I love my horses and I'm not in this for the money but I don't want to be running for less than we were last year, and I imagine 100% of owners feel the same.

"I still have a great time having a winner at Southwell, or wherever it is, and I love to go racing to watch my horses, but as an owner I feel we can't take a decrease in prize-money--none of the costs of having a horse in training have decreased."

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DEFRA Calls For Reciprocation on EU Horse Movement Cont. from p1

Free movement of Thoroughbreds between Britain, Ireland and France is currently allowed under the Tripartite Agreement (TPA), which Britain will no longer able be able to benefit from after it ceases to be a member of the EU. However, if Britain leaves the EU with a deal, then the TPA would continue throughout the agreed transition period until the end of 2020.

The statement from DEFRA read, "Leaving the EU with a deal remains the government's top priority. This has not changed. We are continuing with our 'no-deal' preparations to ensure the country is prepared for every eventuality.

"The UK has already committed to allowing continued movement on all equine animals from EU member states to support the industries that rely on these animals and ahead of major horseracing events, such as the Grand National Festival at Aintree.

"The government is continuing to negotiate with the European Commission on securing listed status for the UK, which would enable the continued movement of equines to EU member states. The guidance published today is designed to give the owners of horses and other equine animals as much time to prepare for these new processes and factor in any extra travel time they may require when travelling to and from the EU."

The key concern now for the racing industry will be that the UK is granted listed status by the European Commission after its departure from the EU on Mar. 29. Movement of horses from the UK to the EU will not be possible after that date until listed status is secured.

"Delivering a negotiated deal with the EU remains the government's top priority, but it is our job to responsibly ensure we are prepared for all scenarios, including no deal," said Animal Welfare Minister David Rutley. "This guidance will help businesses and owners prepare for life after Mar. 29 if we do leave without a deal." Cont. p4

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SPOTIFY

c. 2014 Redoute's Choice x Gwenseb

Dubai Millenium Stakes (Gr.3), Meydan

Owner ..... Godolphin
Trainer ..... Charlie Appleby
Breeder ..... Wertheimer & Frère

THE ARC SALE 2018

Price €250.000
Buyer ..... Stroud Coleman Bloodstock Limited
Vendor ..... Wertheimer & Frère

DIVINE IMAGE

f. 2016 Scat Daddy x Sure Route

UAE Oaks (Gr.3), Meydan

Owner ..... Godolphin
Trainer ..... Charlie Appleby
Breeder ..... Peter Magnier

BREEZE UP 2018

Price €360.000
Buyer ..... Godolphin Ireland
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DUBAI DOUBLE BY ARQANA

DEFRA Calls For Reciprocation on EU Horse Movement Cont.

He added, “However, it is in the interest of the EU to reciprocate our commitment on the movement of horses. This will ensure horseracing and competition events across the continent can continue to be attended by all of Europe's top equine talent."

Since the EU referendum in June 2016, the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) has been working closely with Horse Racing Ireland (HRI) and France Galop in presenting racing's case to the governments of the three nations.

"DEFRA have submitted the application and the EU has indicated that it will act quickly to list the UK for entry of live animals to the EU but none has yet been given," said Ross Hamilton, Corporate Affairs Manager for the BHA. "We'd obviously be keen to see a deal, which would avoid any disruption given that the transition period extends to the end of 2020."

Britain agreeing to a deal with the EU before departure, or a delay to Article 50 deferring its departure date, are also the preferred options from the perspective of Irish horsemen, according to Brian Kavanagh, Chief Executive of HRI.

He said, "If either of those two options occur the Tripartite Agreement will effectively continue through the transition period. In the case of a no-deal Brexit, we obviously hope that Britain will be listed in the highest category to allow horse movement to continue. Horses coming into Ireland would have to go through Border Inspection Posts and will require health certificates, and that would obviously entail extra red tape and extra costs. To lose out on the transition period would be very disappointing."

The majority of horse transport between Britain and Ireland is conducted via ferry and only two Border Inspection Posts exist in Ireland, at Dublin and Shannon airports. A third is currently under construction at Dublin's ferry port.

Speaking on behalf of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, Chairman Julian Richmond-Watson said, "We fully support the government's welcome and pragmatic position to allow continued equine movement under current systems from EU member states to the UK in a no-deal scenario."

In the event of a no-deal Brexit, DEFRA has advised that after Mar. 29, horses travelling from the UK to the EU may need to undergo additional blood tests, which will need to be carried out within 30 days or less of travelling to satisfy EU regulations. Owners should consult a vet at least six weeks before the planned date of travel. All horses will also need an Export Health Certificate and some equines will also need a government-issued travel ID document in addition to an existing equine passport.

A full list of the guidelines issued for a no-deal Brexit can be found here.

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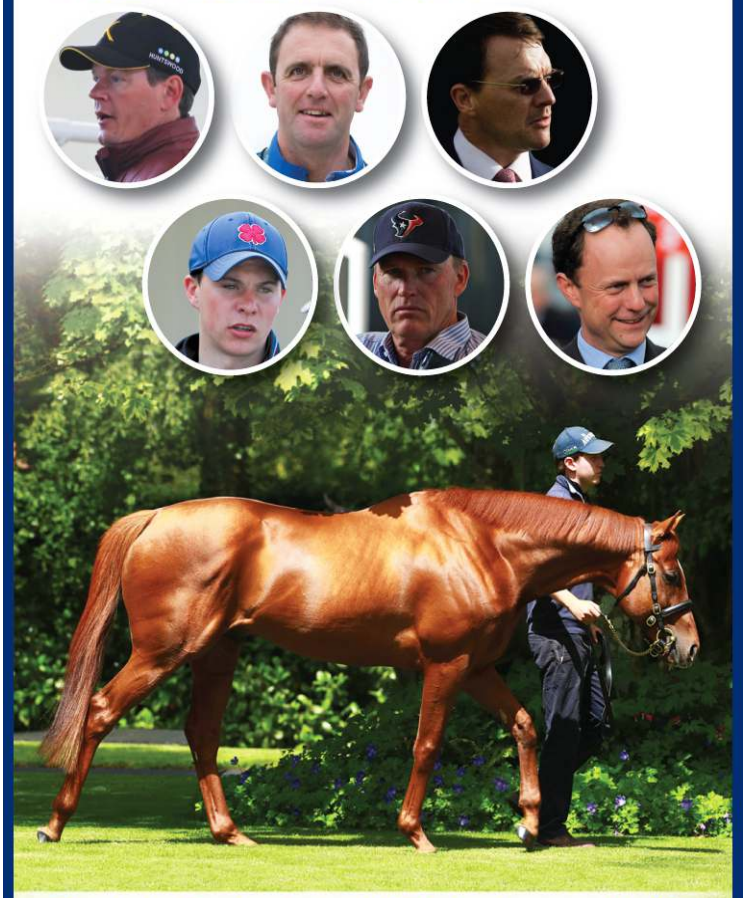
A Classic winner. And a Classic sire, in the making.

Wednesday's French Classic entries include...

Bangkok (A Balding), **Beyond Reason** (C Appleby), **Broome** (AP O'Brien), **Grandmaster Flash** (JP O'Brien), **I Remember You** (AP O'Brien), **Kosciuszko** (J Gosden), **Lake McKenzie** (AP O'Brien), **Macquarie** (AP O'Brien), **Malika I Jahan** (D Lanigan), **Stratification** (J Gosden), **Sydney Opera House** (AP O'Brien), **Western Australia** (AP O'Brien).



The John Gosden trained **Elisheba** became his 20th first-crop winner with an eye-catching success in the Fillies' Novice Stakes at Wolverhampton on Tuesday.

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Epsom Derby winner by sire of sires Galileo

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AFTER THE FINISH LINE

After The Finish Line is a new TDN video series, presented by Alayna Cullen, which will find out how retired racing legends are enjoying their days after leaving their training yards. In the first episode Alayna speaks with trainer Eddie Lynam about Sole Power.

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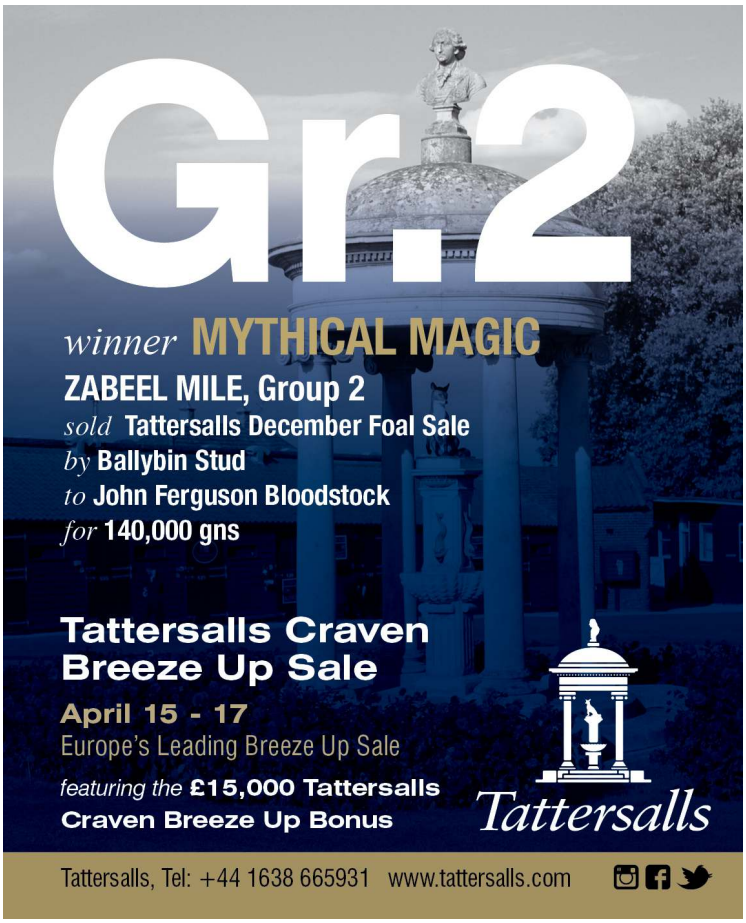
WIDE RECEIVER STARS AT CHELTENHAM FEBRUARY

The single-day Tattersalls Cheltenham February Sale showcased sales topper **Wide Receiver (Ire)** (Sholokov {Ire}) (lot 36), who was knocked down for £410,000 equaling 2018's top price, the joint second highest price for a point-to-pointer. Consigned by Cormac Farrell's Leamore Horses, the Feb. 10 Cragmore debut winner, who won his lone start by eight lengths, went to Tom Malone and Gordon Elliott. The 4-year-old gelding was originally purchased for €25,000 out of the Tattersalls Derby Sale last June.

Wide Receiver was one of 10 lots to make six figures on Thursday, with lot 34, **Ferny Hollow (Ire)** (Westerner {GB}) taking second-place honours at £300,000 from Colin Bowe's Milestone Stables. Harold Kirk and Willie Mullins were the buyers of the wildcard entry who powered home a 15-length



winner in a maiden point-to-point at Knockanard on Feb. 17. That buying duo also struck for **Deploy The Getaway (Ire)** (Getaway {Ger}) (lot 17) from the yard of Donnchadh Doyle of Monbeg Stables for £200,000. Yet another first-out winner in a point-to-point, this time at Tallow on Feb. 10, the gelding is from the same family as Grade 1 winner Special Tiara (GB) (Kayf Tara {GB}).

The last-named's price was equaled later in the session by **Fado des Brosses (Fr)** (Balko {Fr}) (lot 31). Out of a half-sister to to listed National Hunt victress Sarah des Brosses (Fr) (Freedom Cry {GB}), the 4-year-old gelding demolished a Belharbour point-to-point at first asking by 15 lengths on Feb. 3. Consigned by Pat Doyle's Suirview Stables, he caught the eye of Evan Williams.

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Wide Receiver | *Tattersalls Cheltenham*

Wide Receiver Stars at Cheltenham February Cont.

Overall, 25 lots sold for a gross of £2,542,000. The average was £101,680 (-3.7%) and the median was £66,000 (+1.5%).

"It is a true testament to this sale that for the second year running it sells the joint second highest-priced point-to-pointer on record," said Tattersalls Director of Horses in Training Sales Richard Pugh. "But these results don't come without the success on the track which has been evident by recent graduates. Just 12 months previous, the current Cheltenham Champion Bumper favourite Envoi Allen was purchased at this sale."

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Thursday's Result:

8th-Chantilly, €18,000, Cond, 2-21, 4yo, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:54.47, st.

MAGNY COURS (c, 4, Medaglia d'Oro--Indy Five Hundred {GISW-US, $244,510}, by A.P. Indy), not seen since finishing fifth in the G3 Prix la Force at ParisLongchamp last April, was under restraint from the outset behind the leading trio. Travelling much the best turning for home, the 4-5 favourite was in total command from 1 1/2 furlongs out and drew away for a confidence-restoring 3 1/2-length success from Mahoe (Fr) (Doctor Dino {Fr}). The dam, who took the GI Garden City Breeders' Cup H., was snapped up by this operation for $3 million at the 2007 Fasig-Tipton November Sale. She has supplied them with the G2 Superlative S. runner-up Ecliptic (Kingmambo) and has an as-yet unrated 3-year-old colt by Pioneerof the Nile named Incheon Chief and a 2-year-old colt by Street Sense named Albert Park. Bred to Cairo Prince, she is a daughter of the G2 Nassau S. scorer Lyphard's Delta (Lyphard) who is also the dam of the G1 Gran Criterium winner Biondetti (Bernardini) and the MGSW Delta Princess, also by A.P. Indy. She is herself responsible for the formidable multiple champion Royal Delta (Empire Maker), the GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup heroine Crown Queen (Smart Strike) and the GII King Edward S. scorer and MGISP Delta Prince (Street Cry {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €26,500. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Godolphin SNC; B-Godolphin (KY); T-Andre Fabre.

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

2nd-Chantilly, €28,000, 2-21, 3yo, 7f (AWT), 1:24.98, st.

BECQUAGOLD (FR) (c, 3, Orpen--Berangele {Fr}, by Medaaly {GB}) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, €28,900. O-Virginie Becquart, R Schlienger & P Schlienger (FR); B-B Becquart, R Schlienger & P Schlienger (FR); T-Olivier Trigodet.

5th-Chantilly, €21,000, 2-21, 4yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:37.46, st.

PRETREVILLE (FR) (c, 4, Acclamation {GB}--Pegase Hurry, by Fusaichi Pegasus) Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-1, €38,600. O-Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-S Boucheron (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. *€100,000 Ylg '16 AROCT.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Fair Alibi (GB), g, 3, **Paco Boy (Ire)**--Alybgood (SW-US, $187,084), by Alydeed. Southwell, 2-21, 4f 214y (AWT), :59.33. B-Biddestone Stud Ltd (GB). 84,500gns Wlg '16 TATFOA; €15,000 Ylg '17 TIRSEP; 15,000gns 2yo '18 TATHIT.

Colony Queen (GB), f, 3, Gregorian (Ire)--Queen Margrethe (GB), by Grand Lodge. Wolverhampton, 2-21, 9f 104y (AWT), 2:03.08. B-Mrs J. A. Cornwell (GB). *24,000gns 2yo '18 TATHIT.

Kinver Edge, g, 3, **Speightstown**--Peace Preserver (GSW-US, $382,166), by War Front. Chelmsford City, 2-21, 8f (AWT), 1:38.32. B-Bridlewood Farm (FL). *$350,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.

Bridlewood Farm Training Graduate

Masked Identity (GB), g, 4, **Intello (Ger)**--Red Bloom (GB) (G1SW-Eng, MGSW & MG1SP-Ire, MGSP-Fr, $762,557), by Selkirk. Wolverhampton, 2-21, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:29.49. B-Cheveley Park Stud, Ltd (GB). *210,000gns Ylg '16 TATOCT; £12,000 3yo '18 TATIAS. **1/2 to Senator (GB) (Frankel {GB}), GSW-HK, $1,055,082.

EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN QATAR:

Tawahid (GB), c, 4, **Delegator (GB)**--Show Flower (GB), by Shamardal. Al Rayyan, 2-21, Hcp., 1600mT, 1:36.39. B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited. *£27,000 2yo '17 GOFNOV; 75,000gns HIT '18 TATJUL. **VIDEO**

Haloul (Fr), c, 4, **Galileo (Ire)**--Eden's Moon (TDN Rising Star, GISW, $387,216), by Malibu Moon. Al Rayyan, 2-21, Hcp., 2000mT, 2:02.26. B-Al Shaqab Racing. **VIDEO**

Receding Waves (GB), h, 6, **Dick Turpin (Ire)**--Welanga (GB), by Dansili (GB). Al Rayyan, 2-21, Hcp., 1200mT, 1:11.79. B-Genesis Green Stud & John Troy. *22,000gns Ylg '14 TATOCT; £80,000 2yo '15 DONNOV. **VIDEO**

IN SOUTH AFRICA:

Boutique (Ire), f, 4, **Mastercraftsman (Ire)**--Bright Sapphire (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). Vaal, 2-21, Maiden Plate, 1200mT, 1:10.47. O-Mauritzfontein (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Miss J B Slack); B-Charlie Brooks; T-Alec Laird. *1/2 to Wall of Fire (Ire) (Canford Cliffs {Ire}), GSP-Aus & Eng, $272,494. **€130,000 Ylg '16 GOFORB.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

GODOLPHIN/APPLEBY LAND MEYDAN GROUP HAT TRICK *by Heather Anderson*

Mythical Magic (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}) completed a Godolphin/Charlie Appleby clean sweep of the three Meydan group races on Thursday, as he drew off by three lengths in the G2 Zabeel Mile over a good turf course. The 1600-metre $250,000 affair was the second consecutive group victory for jockey William Buick, who had piloted Divine Image (Scat Daddy) to a win in the G3 UAE Oaks one race earlier.

Mythical Magic | *Erika Rasmussen/DRC*

Sitting in fourth two back and two deep as **Top Score (GB)** (Hard Spun) towed the field down the backstretch, the 4-year-old gelding improved to third on his own merits and drew within a length of new leader **Century Dream (Ire)** (Cape Cross {Ire}) through five panels in 1:00.25. He edged up to even terms with that foe a quarter mile from home and, given a few right-handers, asserted to score by three lengths. Century Dream held second, three-parts of a length better than fellow Appleby trainee **First Contact (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}).

"It was an excellent performance," said Buick. "He's a beautiful, imposing horse and he's getting things together now. His last run over seven furlongs in the Al Fahidi Fort was obviously an eye-catching run. Century Dream was the horse to beat without a question, but I think Mythical Magic had a fitness edge with a run under his belt."

Added Appleby, "I thought he would come forward. He went to his girth there and stayed on nicely in the Al Fahidi Fort and we thought the step up in trip was going to suit. We'll have a chat [about the Dubai Turf]. He could maybe go to Australia for the Doncaster, but obviously we'll get back and regroup and see where we are. Very pleasing night. When you're on the kind of roll that we're on now, the confidence certainly flows throughout the stable."

A winner of the Listed Prix Francois Boutin at Deauville in August of 2017 prior to placing in the G2 Champagne S. and G3 Horris Hill S. later that year as a juvenile, Mythical Magic played the bridesmaid in the Listed Prix Millkom at La Teste de Buch last September and was second in the Listed Prix Matchem at Saint-Cloud on Oct. 5. The bay was runner-up to Century Dream in the G2 Al Fahidi Fort on Jan. 24 when making his Meydan debut.

Pedigree Notes...

After winning the Zabeel, the 140,000gns TATFOA grad is the 31st group winner for his sire Iffraaj, as well as one of 65 black-type winners split between both hemispheres. The ninth foal from his winning dam, Mythical Magic is a half-brother to G3 Nell Gwyn S. heroine Esentepe (Ire) (Oratorio {Ire}) and four other winners. Mythie, a half-sister to Prix Saraca victress Mytographie (Fr) (Anabaa), foaled full-sisters by Gleneagles in 2017 and 2018. Under the third dam is G3 Prix Perth scorer Malaspina (Ire) (Bellypha {Ire}), as well as SW and GI Sword Dancer Invitational H. third L'Hermine (GB) (Slip Anchor {GB}). **Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

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Thursday, Meydan, Dubai

ZABEEL MILE SPONSORED BY AL TAYER MOTORS-G2, $250,000, Meydan, 2-21, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1600mT, 1:36.39, gd.

1--**MYTHICAL MAGIC (IRE), 126, g, 4, by Iffraaj (GB)**

1st Dam: Mythie (Fr), by Octagonal (NZ)

2nd Dam: Mythologie (Fr), by Bering (GB)

3rd Dam: Mondovision (Fr), by Luthier (Fr)

1ST GROUP WIN. (140,000gns Wlg '15 TATFOA). O-Godolphin; B-Peter Kelly and Ms Wendy Daly (IRE); T-Charlie Appleby; J-William Buick. $150,000. Lifetime Record: MGSP-Eng, SW-Fr, 9-3-3-2, $305,867. *1/2 to Esentepe (Ire) (Oratorio {Ire}), GSW-Eng, $150,934. **Werk Nick Rating: A+. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Century Dream (Ire)**, 126, h, 5, Cape Cross (Ire)--Salacia (Ire), by Echo of Light (GB). O-Abdulla Belhabb; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Simon Crisford. $50,000.
3--**First Contact (Ire)**, 126, g, 4, Dark Angel (Ire)--Vanishing Grey (Ire), by Verglas (Ire). (€300,000 Wlg '15 GOFNOV). O-Godolphin; B-Peter McCutcheon & Andrew Rosen (IRE); T-Charlie Appleby. $25,000.
Margins: 3, 3/4, HD.
Also Ran: Wootton (Fr), Marinaresco (SAf), Janoobi (SAf), Comin' Through (Aus), Championship (Ire), Top Score (GB).
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SCAT DADDY FILLY 'DIVINE' IN OAKS

by Heather Anderson

Godolphin trainer Charlie Appleby was enjoying a top-notch night after saddling Spotify (Fr) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) to take the G3 Dubai Millennium S. at Meydan on Thursday, and the evening continued to improve as Scat Daddy filly **Divine Image** saluted in the $250,000 G3 UAE Oaks over 1900 metres. It was the first win in the race for Appleby, and His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum was on hand to witness his stable's successes.

A bit reluctant to load, Divine Image perched in fifth in between horses as **Swift Rose (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) secured a half-length lead past the stands the first time. Closely shadowed by Listed UAE 1000 Guineas heroine **Silva (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}), Swift Rose was traveling easily and set fractions of :25.53, :49.75 and 1:14.36. Asked for her best effort 500 metres out, Divine Image was produced well out in the center of the track in upper stretch, collared Saeed bin Suroor trainee Swift Rose five jumps from the post and kicked on to win by a neck. **Razeena** (Malibu Moon), four wide the whole way, ran a brave race to take third another 3 1/2 lengths behind, while covering 16 more metres than the winner according to Trakus.

"She was perfect away and I obviously asked her to get her position early," said William Buick. "Coming into the first turn it is a short run, so I just took her back. She has a big stride and I just wanted to get her out running. Once I pulled her out, I was confident I was always going to get there. She is fiery and that is probably what makes her the filly she is. It is only her third run tonight and she is bound to improve on experience on every level."

Added Appleby of the Dec. 13 Chelmsford novice victress, "I have to say, turning in, I thought Hayley [Turner] had rode a nice race [on Swift Rose] and I thought she would skip away from the field, but once William got our filly leveled out, I was confident in the last furlong because she'd be running along strongly. The [UAE Derby] is certainly under consideration. I'd say she's not flashy in what she does, but you can't fault the way she gallops out there."

Divine Image was runner-up to the aforementioned Silva in the Listed UAE 1000 Guineas testing the Meydan dirt for the first time on Jan. 31.

Pedigree Notes...

Divine Image is the 112th black-type winner and 69th group winner for her late Ashford Stud-based sire. Out of the MSP Sure Route, under her third dam is the GSW Motor City (Street Sense), in addition to MSW Winter Book (Any Given Saturday), and SW and G3 Sweet Solera S. third Satulagi (Officer). Three-time Classic-placed Star of Gdansk (Danzig Connection) is under the stakes-winning fourth dam Star Empress (Young Emperor {GB}). Sure Route foaled a colt by Union Rags in 2017 and a filly by Air Force Blue last year. She visited the latter stallion again last spring. **Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

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Thursday, Meydan, Dubai
UAE OAKS SPONSORED BY RANGE ROVER-G3, $250,000, Meydan, 2-21, 3yo, f, 1900m, 2:01.76, ft.
1--**DIVINE IMAGE, 126, f, 3, by Scat Daddy**
1st Dam: Sure Route (GB) (MSP-US, $201,163), by Ishiguru
2nd Dam: Shore Light, by Gulch
3rd Dam: Shawgatny, by Danzig Connection
1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN. ($195,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP; $125,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT; €360,000 2yo '18 ARQMAY). O-Godolphin; B-Peter Magnier (KY); T-Charlie Appleby; J-William Buick. $150,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, $206,535. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**
Werk Nick Rating: C.

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2--**Swift Rose (Ire)**, 126, f, 3, Invincible Spirit (Ire)--Tulips (Ire), by Pivotal (GB). O/B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Saeed bin Suroor. $50,000.
3--**Razeena**, 126, f, 3, Malibu Moon--Pink Palace, by Empire Maker. ($27,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP; $185,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR). O-Sheikh Rashid bin Humaid Al Nuaimi; B-Anderson Farms Ont Inc (ON); T-Doug Watson. $25,000.

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Also Ran: Habah, Al Hayette, Al Shamkhah, Starry Eyes, Silva (Ire), Dream With You (Fr), Mulhima (Ire), Dubai Beauty (Ire).
Scratched: Lady Parma.
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Divine Image | *Erika Rasmussen/DRC*

SPOTIFY ON SONG AT MEYDAN

By Kelsey Riley

With six of the eight runners in Thursday's G3 Dubai Millennium S. at Meydan carrying the Godolphin blue, the odds were always very much in favour of Sheikh Mohammed's stables, and in the end it was Charlie Appleby's **Spotify (Fr)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) who made it two on the bounce at the carnival, turning back a late drive from Saeed bin Suroor's **Racing History (Ire)** (Pivotal {GB}).

Racing as a homebred for breeders the Wertheimer brothers through his first three seasons, Spotify had been twice Group 3-placed at three and was fourth in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains. He picked up a listed win at Cagnes-Sur-Mer over the all-weather just about a year ago and was picked up by Godolphin for €250,000 at Arqana's Arc Sale after finishing third in the G3 La Coupe de Maisons-Laffitte. Transferred from Christophe Ferland to Charlie Appleby, Spotify resurfaced at Meydan on Jan. 24 with a turf handicap victory and was dropped back a quarter-mile here. The bay took command down the backstretch under James Doyle and was never headed, although Racing History, after racing on his heels throughout, put in a valiant effort in the lane. The elder Racing History diminished the margin to a short head on the line, but still Spotify appeared to be holding him strongly.

"It was a great ride by James on the front end," said Appleby. "He got him into a nice rhythm. The horse digs deep when they come to him. Full credit to him. We thought he came forward from that last start and coming back in trip would suit.

"That might be his carnival wrapped up for him. We will point him to a European campaign. As always, we'll get them back and see how they are and regroup. We had a strong team of horses in there and it was always going to be a tactical race and James got his fractions right on the front end."

Pedigree Notes

A member of the first of two French-conceived crops for the Australian champion sire Redoute's Choice (Aus), Spotify is out of the four-time group winner Gwenseb (Fr) (Green Tune). He is one of four stakes winners for that mare, who is also responsible for multiple Group 3 winner Attendu (Fr) (Acclamation {GB}), the G2 Prix Daniel Wildenstein and G2 Prix de Sandringham victress Impassable (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and the listed-winning Foreign Tune (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). Gwenseb has a 2-year-old colt by Oasis Dream (GB) named Thirsty (Ire) and a yearling filly by Dark Angel. **Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

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Spotify (rail) | *DRC/Erika Rasmussen*

Thursday, Meydan, Dubai
DUBAI MILLENNIUM S. SPONSORED BY JAGUAR-G3, $200,000, Meydan, 2-21, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 2000mT, 2:05.55, gd.
1--**SPOTIFY (FR), 126, h, 5, by Redoute's Choice (Aus)**
1st Dam: Gwenseb (Fr) (MGSW-Fr, $297,177), by Green Tune
2nd Dam: La Popesse, by St. Jovite
3rd Dam: Madonna Sprite (GB), by Saint Cyrien (Fr)
1ST GROUP WIN. (€250,000 HRA '18 ARQARC). O-Godolphin; B-Wertheimer Et Frere (FR); T-Charlie Appleby; J-James Doyle. $120,000. Lifetime Record: SW & MGSP-Fr, 14-6-1-2, $383,739. *1/2 to Foreign Tune (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), SW &

GSP-Fr, $161,614; Impassable (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), MGSW-Fr, $269,064; Attendu (Fr) (Acclamation {GB}), MGSW-Fr, $292,686. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: F.**

2--**Racing History (Ire)**, 126, h, 7, Pivotal (GB)--Gonbarda (Ger), by Lando (Ger). O-Godolphin; B-Darley (IRE); T-Saeed bin Suroor. $40,000.

3--**First Nation (GB)**, 126, g, 5, Dubawi (Ire)--Moyesii, by Diesis (GB). O-Godolphin; B-Darley (GB); T-Charlie Appleby. $20,000.

Margins: SHD, 1HF, NO.

Also Ran: Team Talk (GB), Oasis Charm (GB), Muzdawaj (GB), Vintager (GB), Connect (GB).

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VAZIRABAD WILL NOT COMPETE AT MEYDAN

His Highness the Aga Khan's MG1SW **Vazirabad (Fr)** (Manduro {Ger}) will not compete at the Dubai World Cup this season, *Jour de Galop* reported on Thursday. Last seen running second in the G1 Gold Cup at Royal Ascot and pulling up with an injury last June, the three-time Group 1 winner was pointing for the G2 Dubai Gold Cup on Dubai World Cup night, a race he has won the past three seasons.

"Vazirabad will not go to Dubai," trainer Alain de Royer Dupre told *Jour de Galop* of the 7-year-old gelding. "He will not be ready to go straight into a Group 2, especially since he has not run since the month of July. He will return in the G3 Prix de Barbeville at ParisLongchamp [on Apr. 28].

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DUBAI

Friday, Jebel Ali, UAE, post time: 3.30 p.m.

JEBEL ALI S., AED500,000 *(£104,209/€120,038/US$136,147)*, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 1950m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Bois de Bologne	Street Cry (Ire)	Cosgrave	Jadhav
2	Galles	Bernardini	Ziana	Jadhav
3	Just a Penny (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	O'Neill	Watson
4	Key Bid (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Jara	Al Rayhi
5	Montsarrat (Ire)	Poet's Voice (GB)	Ffrench	Jadhav
6	Shamaal Nibras	First Samurai	Dobbs	Watson
7	Surfer	Distorted Humor	O'Shea	Seemar
8	Tried and True	Medaglia d'Oro	Hitchcott	Watson
9	Broadcast	Distorted Humor	Mullen	Seemar
10	Masaarr	Distorted Humor	Hayes	Bachalard
11	Moqaraar	Exchange Rate	Crowley	Charpy

All carry 126 pounds, bar Broadcast, Masaarr & Moqaraar, 125.

Friday, Jebel Ali, UAE, post time: 3.30 p.m.

JEBEL ALI SPRINT S., AED500,000 *(£104,209/€120,038/US$136,147)*, NH/SH3yo/up, 1000m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Alfolk (Aus)	Lonhro (Aus)	Fayd'Herbe	de Kock
2	Draco	Astrology	Hayes	Bachalard
3	Ghaamer	Hard Spun	Mazur	Bouresly
4	High On Life (GB)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Ffrench	Jadhav
5	My Catch (Ire)	Camacho (GB)	Dobbs	Watson
6	Shajjy (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	O'Neill	Al Mheri
7	Thammin (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Crowley	Al Mheri

All carry 126 pounds.

Thursday's Results:

1st-Meydan, $135,000, Hcp., 2-21, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 1400m, 1:25.26, ft.

RODAINI (g, 5, Exchange Rate--Blessings Count, by Pulpit). Sales history: $140,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; 340,000gns 2yo '16 TATAPR. Lifetime Record: SW-Eng, 21-7-2-2, $217,333. O-Abdullah Saeed Al Naboodah; B-Greenwood Lodge Farm (KY); T-Ahmad bin Harmash. *1/2 to Minds Eyes (Macho Uno), SP-US, $167,504.

2nd-Meydan, $135,000, Hcp., 2-21, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 1200mT, 1:10.18, gd.

EKHTIYAAR (GB) (g, 5, Bated Breath {GB}--Bayja {Ire}, by Giant's Causeway) Sales history: 110,000gns Ylg '15 TAOOCT. Lifetime Record: 13-4-2-3, $236,531. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-James Ortega Bloodstock (GB); T-Doug Watson. *1/2 to New Providence (GB) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}), MGSW-Eng, $298,500.

3rd-Meydan, $135,000, Hcp., 2-21, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 1600mT, 1:37.19, gd.

MAJOR PARTNERSHIP (IRE) (c, 4, Iffraaj {GB}--Roystonea {GB} {SP-Fr}, by Polish Precedent) Sales history: 200,000gns Wlg '15 TATNOV. Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-1, $107,495. O-Godolphin; B-Eyrefield Stud (Ire); T-Saeed bin Suroor. *1/2 to Foundation (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}), GSW & G1SP-Eng, $221,861.

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MIDDLE EAST

Friday, Al Rayyan, Qatar, post time: 7.15 p.m.

IRISH THOROUGHBRED MARKETING CUP (NB), $200,000, 4/up, 1600mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	11	Al Mohalhal (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Hamel	Al Jehani
2	3	Black Granite (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Murphy	Ghazali
3	10	Copleys Walk (Ire)	Excellent Art (GB)	C Demuro	Afroz
4	5	Diplomat (Ger)	Teofilo (Ire)	Hardouin	Fey
5	9	Hammerindown	Put It Back	Al Rasbi	Al Farsi
6	6	Marianafoot (Fr)	Ftstepsinthesnd (GB)	Boudot	Reynier
7	2	Nordic Dream (Ire)	Dream Ahead	Guillambert	Ghazali
8	13	Qatari Gold	Lemon Drop Kid	Bachelot	Ibido
9	7	Roman Legend (Ire)	Hly Rmn Emprr (Ire)	Avranche	Ghazali
10	8	Salateen (GB)	Dutch Art (GB)	Doyle	O'Meara
11	1	Top Face	Tiznow	Lukasek	Al Ramzani
12	4	Topsy Turvy (Ire)	Pivotal (GB)	Pedroza	Al Malki
13	14	Vitally Important (Ire)	Pivotal (GB)	Thomas	Al Ramzani
14	12	Warring States (Jpn)	Victoire Pisa (Jpn)	Bentley	Ghazali
15	15	Yu Change (Jpn)	Swift Current (Jpn)	Abe	Mori

All carry 128 pounds.

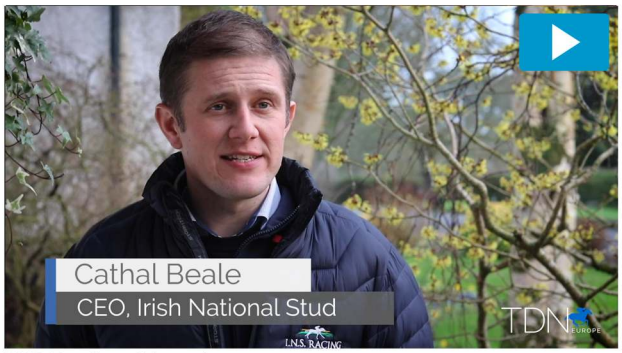
Saturday, Al Rayyan, Qatar, post time: 4.15 p.m.

H.H. THE AMIR TROPHY, $1,000,000, 4yo/up, 2400mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	4	Al Shaman	War Front	Bachelot	Smart
2	7	Duke of Dundee (Fr)	Duke of Mrmalde (Ire)	de Vries	de Mieulle
3	1	Heshem (Ire)	Footstepsinthesnd (GB)	Bughanaim	de Mieulle
4	5	Liam the Charmer	Smart Strike	Gaffalione	McCarthy
5	12	Noor Al Hawa (Fr)	Makfi (GB)	Guyon	Mikhalides
6	11	Pazeer (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Pedroza	al Malki
7	8	Royal Julius (Ire)	Royal Applause (GB)	Mosse	Reynier
8	10	The Blue Eye (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Bentley	Ghazali
9	14	Veranda (Fr)	Canford Cliffs (Ire)	C Demuro	Ibido
10	3	Alhazm (Fr)	Acclamation (GB)	Thomas	de Mieulle
11	2	Es'hail	Giant's Causeway	Avranche	al Jehani
12	9	French King (GB)	French Fifteen (Fr)	Peslier	Pantall
13	13	Giuseppe Garibaldi (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Curatolo	Kobeissi
14	6	Hunting Horn (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Moore	O'Brien
15	15	Raymond Tusk (Ire)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Spencer	Hannon

JAPANESE GROUP RACES –2019

Date	Race	Track
Feb. 24	Nakayama Kinen (G2)	Nakayama
	Hankyu Hai (G3)	Hanshin
Mar. 2	Ocean S. (G3)	Nakayama
	Tulip Sho (G2)	Hanshin
Mar. 3	Yayoi Sho (G2)	Nakayama
Mar. 9	Nakayama Himba S. (G3)	Nakayama
Mar. 10	Fillies' Revue (G2)	Hanshin



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ALL-STAR MILE TOP TEN CONFIRMED

Balf's Choice | *Bronwen Healy*

by Bren O'Brien

Group 1 winners **Grunt (NZ)** (O'Reilly {NZ}), **Alizee** {Sepoy), **Amphitrite** (Sebring) and **Foundry (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) are among the 10 horses which have been granted entry into the inaugural A$5-million All-Star Mile at Flemington after the results of the popular vote were released. Over 140,000 people voted as part of competition to select 10 of the 14 runners for the race, with Adelaide listed winner **Balf's Choice** (Written Tycoon) gathering the most votes of any horse with 9793 votes, clear of the Chris Munce-trained **Urban Ruler** (Street Boss {USA}) on 8428 votes.

The four Group 1 winners made up the next four positions in the field, with G1 Australian Guineas and Makybe Diva S. winner Grunt gathering 7097 votes to finish third. Alizee, a winner of the G1 Flight S and the G1 Queen Of The Turf in her 3-year-old year, finished fourth on 6744 votes, nearly 100 more than last year's G1 Thousand Guineas Amphitrite, who at this stage is the only 3-year-old in the field. Foundry, the 2017 G1 The Metropolitan winner, has not started since November 2017 but new trainer Terry Kelly, who bought him for A$8,500 last September, is readying him for a racetrack return. With the help of the Ballarat Rodeo community, he got 5558 votes.

The four others that make up the field are last year's G2 Perth Cup winner **Material Man** (Vital Equine {Ire}), listed winner **Man Of His Word** (Lope De Vega {Ire}), dual Group 3 winner **Moss 'n' Dale (NZ)** (Castledale {Ire}) and **Mr Money Bags** (Written Tycoon). All in all, the 10 horses have won six Group 1s, five Group 2s, six Group 3s, and nine listed races between them. There is one 3-year-old, three 4-year-olds, one 5-year-old, three 6-year-olds, one 7-year-old and one 9-year old.

The first of the four wildcards has also been awarded, with confirmation that three-time G1 winner **Happy Clapper** (Teofilo {Ire}) is also in the field, having finished 12th in the public vote.

"I'm so lucky he arrived on my doorstep and this is another feather in his cap. I've got to say I'm very excited," his trainer Pat Webster said.

G1 Victoria Derby winner **Extra Brut** (Domesday) finished in 11th spot, just missing out on an invite by 265 votes, while 13th was G1 Toorak H. winner **Land of Plenty** (Stratum), 14th was Tassie filly **Mystic Journey** (Needs Further) and 15th was **Tom Melbourne (Ire)** (Dylan Thomas {Ire}). The Autumn Sun (Redoute's Choice) would have made the field easily but connections chose not to contest the race.

Contention Around Quality

The voting system has drawn its fair degree of scrutiny with admissions from Racing Victoria that a significant amount of votes were removed when it was discovered some people had placed votes on multiple occasions. The vote count went into blackout mode last Friday before voting closed on Monday. Racing Victoria Executive General Manager-Racing Greg Carpenter said that all aspects of the process would be reviewed and changes may be made for 2020. **Cont. p2**

Urban Ruler | *Bronwen Healy*

All-Star Mile Cont. from p1

"The review will include things like the minimum rating it would take to get in and whether we'd be able to accommodate international voting and take the race global, the voting process itself and the length of time it is open," Carpenter told *Racenet*. "We're open to everyone's feedback and we'll take everyone's learnings as they come in and take them on board when working on the Ts and Cs (terms and conditions) for All-Star Mile 2020. One part of the voting review will be whether the international voting participation can incorporate winning the prizes."

New Zealand connections were shut out of voting for the All-Star Mile this year and Carpenter admitted that international blackout was a hindrance to any prospects of attracting overseas runners in the future. The remaining three wildcards will be announced by Monday March 4.

THE ROB WATERHOUSE 2-YEAR-OLD FREE H.

by Rob Waterhouse

Form analyst Rob Waterhouse provides *TDN AusNZ* with his rating analysis of the current crop of 2-year-olds and an explanation of the 'free handicap' system. It is Golden Slipper time in Australia as the all-important 2-year-old race is but a month away, to be run on Mar. 23rd. The race is Australia's "breed shaper." If the winner is a colt, he'll likely be acquired by a stallion station for around A$40m. I don't think there are many other races in the world where that could be said. Future sale-toppers will be bred from the Slipper stars.

Consequently, all the racing discussion is of the relative merits of this year's 2-year-old crop. Form students, like me, like to publish their 2-year-old "free handicap" or set of ratings. I must warn you, we all disagree.

Defining the Free H.

Tassort | *Bronwen Healy*

Interestingly, the expression "free handicap" comes from the 3-year-old handicap race, run in April (at the very start of the season) at the Craven Meeting at Newmarket for the last ninety years, called simply the Free H. The weights, based on their 2-year-old form, are declared each January, their winter after the 2-year-old season has closed.

By definition, handicaps are supposed to make all horses equal chances. The Newmarket Free H. is normally won by the horse making the most improvement from being a 2-year-old.

Fascinatingly, the word 'handicap' comes from the ancient practice of the nominators (normally in match races i.e. two runners) having to place their hands, holding the nomination stake, in the cap (of the handicapper) as the weights were declared. If unhappy with the weight he awarded, a nominator would abandon that stake in the cap. If the other runner 'accepted', he received his opponent's forfeit. If both were dissatisfied, the handicapper was rewarded with both stakes. Rare to find a business where you are only rewarded when everyone hates your work.

Of course, form students have strong views of how a Free H. (FH) should be done. Most include a weight-for-age component (WFA). I don't really approve of this as most horses don't make the allowed or expected for weight-for-age improvement. In any event, I idiosyncratically produce for myself four different 'FHs': one orthodox or traditional (with WFA), one without WFA, one with a cleverer WFA and last just on time ratings. Time ratings for 2-year-olds are very important.

Here is My 'Composite' Free H.:

Rob Waterhouse's 'Composite' Free H.

Horse	Trainer	Rating	Sex
Exhilarates	Cummings	118	Filly
Microphone	Cummings	118	Gelding
Accession	Waller	115	Colt
Time To Reign	Portelli	114	Colt
Dawn Passage	Waterhouse/Bott	114	Colt
Catch Me	Snowden	113	Filly
Tassort	Cummings	110	Colt
I Am Immortal	Freedman	110	Colt
Dubious	Maher/Eustace	110	Filly
Castelvecchio	Litt	109	Colt
Athiri	Cummings	109	Filly
Unite & Conquer	Waterhouse/Bott	109	Colt
Lyre	Freedman	106	Filly
Vinicunca	Waterhouse/Bott	105	Filly
Jedastar	Kennewell	104	Filly
Brooklyn Hustle	Warren	104	Filly

By Way of Comment

1. Four points can be added to the fillies, because that is what they'll receive in races, i.e. two kilos. This makes a big difference.

2. At the moment, the filly Exhilarates is, after adding the four points, clearly the best 2-year-old in my book.

3. The Slipper favourite, Tassort, whose only race start was in the spring in a four-horse race, in my view, is presently over-rated. The time was sound but not outstanding. His three opponents have all been subsequently beaten. His trial was good last week at Rosehill but he has to make more than normal weight-for-age improvement to justify his place in the Slipper betting.

4. Conversely, last Saturday's winner, lightly-raced Microphone, is underrated, I say. A great race time.

5. What a good job Cummings has done to have four horses in the list.

6. I think this season's 2-year-olds are about par at this stage with other years.

Having written all the above, I know my good wife will raise her eyebrows and say, "It will have to be a good horse to beat Faretti in the Slipper." American Jon Kelly's Faretti (I Am Invincible) is a dual trial winner but is lining up in Saturday's Silver Slipper. Gai might be right, again.

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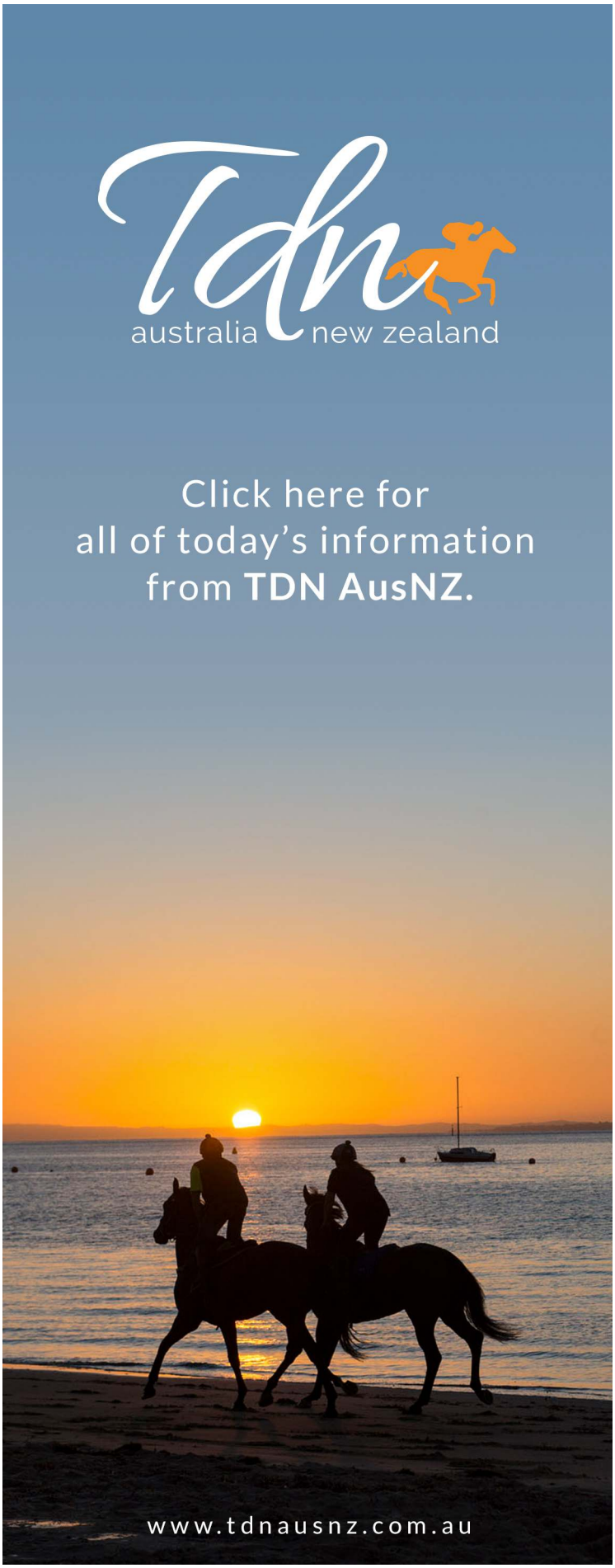
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