

PEDIGREE INSIGHTS: PROMISES FULFILLED



Promises Fulfilled | Lauren King

by Andrew Caulfield

Only a week ago, when discussing the long-term prospects for the survival of Storm Cat's male line, I wasn't sure whether to mention the Forestry branch alongside those of Harlan, Hennessy and Giant's Causeway. In the end I decided not to, but perhaps I should have--it was Forestry's son Shackleford who supplied **Promises Fulfilled**, the unexpected winner of Saturday's GII Fountain of Youth S.

Promises Fulfilled comes from only the second crop of 3-year-olds by the 2011 GI Preakness S. winner, and the first also produced a winner of a Grade II carrying 50 Kentucky Derby points to the winner. That was the Rebel S. winner Malagacy, who never made it to the Triple Crown.

My reluctance to include Forestry in last week's article reflected the doubts created by his topsy-turvy stallion career. After all, how many stallions have ever commanded a fee as high as \$125,000, only to plummet to as little as \$8,000 only six years later? By the end of 2014 it had been announced that Forestry would not be returning from his shuttle visit to Brazil.

Forestry's story could be described as a salutary warning to anyone (and this includes virtually everyone) who is tempted to get carried away by a stallion's early results.

Expectations were already high before Forestry had even had a runner, as he had hit the headlines both as a yearling and as a 3-year-old. **Cont. p3**

THE TDN DERBY TOP 12

by T.D. Thornton

We have a new No. 1 in the TDN Top 12 rankings, but for how long? The two previous early-season leaders couldn't quite live up to their advance billings when returning off layoffs, and we've seen a steady progression of sophomores advancing through the ranks more or less by default without witnessing one powerfully dominant "Wow!" performance yet this season. But the cadence will quicken and the plot will thicken this coming weekend, with a trifecta of coast-to-coast preps spanning California, Florida and New York. **Cont. p5 (click here)**

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Félicitations. Al Shaqab Racing and Haras de Bouquetot announced that two-time G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Trêve (Fr) (Motivator {GB}) foaled a filly by Shalaa on Sunday. See TDN Europe/International for story and more foaling news. | Zuzanna Lupa

BOLT D'ORO HAS FINAL DRILL FOR SAN FELIPE

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Multiple Grade I winner Bolt d'Oro (Medaglia d'Oro) breezed a half-mile in :46.40 Monday morning at Santa Anita in the final tuneup for his 3-year-old debut in Saturday's GII San Felipe S.

LA BIZNAGA DISPERSES BROODMARE STOCK

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Diego Mitagstein reports on Argentine mainstay Haras La Biznaga, which started the process of dispersing its racing and breeding stock by selling its broodmares Sunday.

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by Andrew Caulfield



(cont. from p1)

With Storm Cat as his sire and the Grade I winner Shared Interest as his dam, the young Forestry was guaranteed to attract considerable attention when he appeared at the 1997

Keeneland July Selected Sale--especially when Shared Interest's third and fifth dams were those famous mares Sequence and Myrtlewood. Even though the youngster was little more than 14 months old, he topped the sale at \$1,500,000 and was sent to Bob Baffert. All he needed to do was win a Grade I and he was going to be a very valuable stallion prospect.

Shared Interest hadn't become a Grade I winner until she was five and this fact, coupled with Forestry's May 9 birthday, helps explain why Forestry wasn't asked to race at two. His trainer once explained that, "when we bought him, he was medium-sized and got big quick. That's why I didn't want to push him too early."

Forestry soon rewarded his connections' patience, with his record standing at six wins, a second and a third after eight starts. He was winning for the fifth successive time when he landed the GI Dwyer S. over a mile and a sixteenth, but the step up to a mile and an eighth in the GI Haskell Invitational proved

just too much. Forestry weakened into third place in the closing stages after leading most of the way.

Forestry's search for that all-important Grade I victory saw him dropped back to seven furlongs in the King's Bishop S. and he seized his chance, winning well after covering the first half-mile in :43.59 and six furlongs in 1:07.68. Forestry started favorite for the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint on the strength of this victory but could finish only fourth behind Artax. Incidentally, his year-younger half-sister Cash Run had fared much better earlier on Breeders' Cup day, winning the Juvenile Fillies.

Forestry duly became the highest-priced new sire of 2000 when he retired to Taylor Made Farm at a fee of \$50,000. Judged purely on his first crop, you could be forgiven for thinking that Forestry had a good chance of following in Storm Cat's footsteps to the champion sire title. This crop contained 75 named foals, of which six (8%) became graded stakes winners and a further 19 finished second or third at the graded level. That's more than 21% graded stakes performers. It was Forest Danger, winner of the Carter H., who became his first Grade I winner in 2005.

Forestry's second crop, numbering only 56 named foals, produced another two graded winners and the Grade I winners Diplomat Lady and Discreet Cat emerged from an 82-strong third crop.

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Uncle Mo	\$125,000	8
Scat Daddy	Dead	8
Bernardini	\$85,000	8

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The 10 graded winners from these first three crops represented 4.7%, which encouraged the belief that even better was to come from the crops sired at ever-greater fees. However, there were no graded winners among the 2006 crop's 106 foals, sired at \$75,000; just one Grade III winner among the 2007 crop's 90 named foals, sired at \$100,000; and no graded winners among the 2009 crop's 94 foals, also sired at \$100,000.

The one bit of good news concerned Forestry's 2008 crop--his most expensive, at \$125,000. Its two graded winners were headed by Shackleford, who won a legion of admirers with his courage and his bold running style. In defeating Animal Kingdom to land the Preakness, Shackleford became the first colt by a son of Storm Cat to win a Triple Crown event, and he also trained on well enough to take the GI Metropolitan H. and GI Clark H. as a 4-year-old. His trail-blazing Met Mile success was especially admirable.

Shackleford also has the distinction of being out of Oatsee, a Broodmare of the Year who has produced graded stakes winners to four different stallions.

Promises Fulfilled follows Malagacy, Wellabled and Dream It Is as the fourth graded winner to emerge from Shackleford's first two crops, each of them sired at a fee of \$20,000 at Darby Dan. With more than 100 juveniles in his third crop, it is going to be interesting to see what the rest of 2018 holds for the 10-year-old stallion.

There's a good chance that we haven't yet seen the full extent of Promises Fulfilled's talent, as he has a May 11 birthday and has raced only four times. Shackleford would probably need a little help from his mares if he is to sire contenders for the GI Kentucky Derby or the GI Belmont S.

Promises Fulfilled's dam Marquee Delivery may be one such mare. This versatile mare, who showed her form on dirt, turf and all-weather, was third in the GIII Arlington Oaks over a mile and an eighth. She was bred to stay reasonably well, as her sire, the flashily-marked Marquetry, was a Grade I winner over a mile and a quarter and her dam, the stakes-winning Fast Delivery, was a daughter of Little Missouri, a Grade I winner over a mile and a half. The main cause for doubt is that Marquetry sired two Eclipse Award winners and both of them--Artax and Squirtle Squirt--were champion sprinters.

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1) MCKINZIE (c, Street Sense--Runway Model, by Petionville)

'TDN Rising Star' O-Karl Watson, Michael Pegram & Paul Weitman. B-Summer Wind Farm (KY). T-Bob Baffert. Sales History: \$170,000 yrl KEESEP '16. Lifetime Record: GISW, 3-3-0-0, \$270,000.

Feb. 27 TDN Top 12 Rank: 2

Last Start: 1st **GIII Sham S.**, SA, Jan. 6 Accomplishments Include:

1st, **GII Los Alamitos Futurity**, LRC, Dec. 9

Next Start: **GII San Felipe S.**, SA, Mar. 10

EquineLine PPs. Caulfield on McKinzie.

KY Derby Points: 20

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'TDN Rising Star' McKinzie makes his debut as the new No. 1 on this week's Top 12 list without having raced in two months. He inherits the kingpin slot with plenty of unrealized potential seemingly in his favor, but he'll have to do something his two *TDN* top-ranked predecessors—Good Magic (Curlin) and Catholic Boy (More Than Ready)—failed to do, which is to run an assertive, leave-no-doubt race off the layoff to retain that leader-of-the-pack status. Sunday, trainer Bob Baffert was satisfied enough with this \$170,000 KEESEP colt's second consecutive in-company, seven-furlong work—this one in 1:23.80 (1/2)—to declare that this coming Saturday's GII San Felipe S. at Santa Anita will be McKinzie's next afternoon target. This Street Sense (Street Cry {Ire}) colt will enter that 1 1/16-miles test undefeated (albeit with one win via DQ),

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looking to continue a linear developmental arc in which his strengths have been a nice in-race response when cued to quicken and a willingness to fight through the stretch. Baffert has won two of the past three runnings of the San Felipe (and six overall, with six different jockeys). But because McKinzie got off to a slightly later start (Oct. 29 debut), the timing of his races has thus far avoided a head-to-head clash with Eclipse Award juvenile finalist Bolt d'Oro (Medaglia d'Oro), who rates a very close second on this week's Top 12 and is likely to go off favored over McKinzie in the San Felipe. Either way, Saturday's stakes rates as the best head-to-head match-up of the season so far on the Derby trail.



McKinzie | Benoit

2) BOLT D'ORO (c, Medaglia d'Oro--Globe Trot, by A.P. Indy)

O-Ruis Racing. B-WinStar Farm (KY). T-Mick Ruis. Sales History: \$630,000 yrl FTSAUG '16. Lifetime Record: MGISW, 4-3-0-1, \$576,000.

Feb. 27 TDN Top 12 Rank: 3

Last Start: 3rd **GI Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile**, SA, Nov. 4
 Accomplishments Include: 1st, **GI Del Mar Futurity**, DMR, Sept. 4; 1st **GI FrontRunner S.**, SA, Sept. 30.

Next Start: GII San Felipe S., SA, Mar. 10 **Equineline PPs.**

Caulfield on Bolt d'Oro. KY

Derby Points: 14

Bolt d'Oro has waited 127 days to redeem himself after his compromised trip as the beaten favorite in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile and Saturday's San Felipe S. will be no slouch of a spot for his return to the races. He'll have to deal with the slightly fresher (but similarly lightly seasoned) No. 1-ranked McKinzie, among others, and the company lines in this test (and another presumed subsequent start before the

Derby) are going to look a lot tougher than the fields the \$630,000 FTSAUG yearling purchase by Medaglia d'Oro (El

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Prado {Ire}) pasted back in August and September. One tactical quirk that “Bolt” needs to address is his propensity for exiting the starting gate a step slowly, which is something he was able to overcome in the GI Del Mar Futurity, but not in the Breeders’ Cup, when he bobbed at the break, came out 11th, and got parked very wide on the clubhouse turn trying to catch up. Breaking tardily was something he also did in his most recent work from the gate last week, too, so it appears as if this issue is a work in progress. Then again, the raw talent this colt displayed last season has everyone on the Triple Crown trail on edge waiting to see how he’s developed from age two to three, and if he runs a lights-out race on Saturday, he’ll be a formidable foe with a target on his back just in time for the major remaining preps to stretch out to nine furlongs. He blitzed a half-mile Monday morning at Santa Anita in :46.40 (1/95) for his final San Felipe blowout.



Bolt d'Oro | Benoit

3) AVERY ISLAND (c, Street Sense--Kinda Spicy, by A.P. Indy)

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

Lifetime Record: GSW, 5-3-1-0, \$365,332.

Feb. 27 TDN Top 12 Rank: 4

Last Start: 1st **Gill Withers S.**, AQU, Feb. 3.

Accomplishments Include: 1st **Gill Nashua S.**, AQU, Nov. 5.

Next Start: Aiming for GII Louisiana Derby, FG, Mar. 24

EquineLine PPs.

KY Derby Points: 14

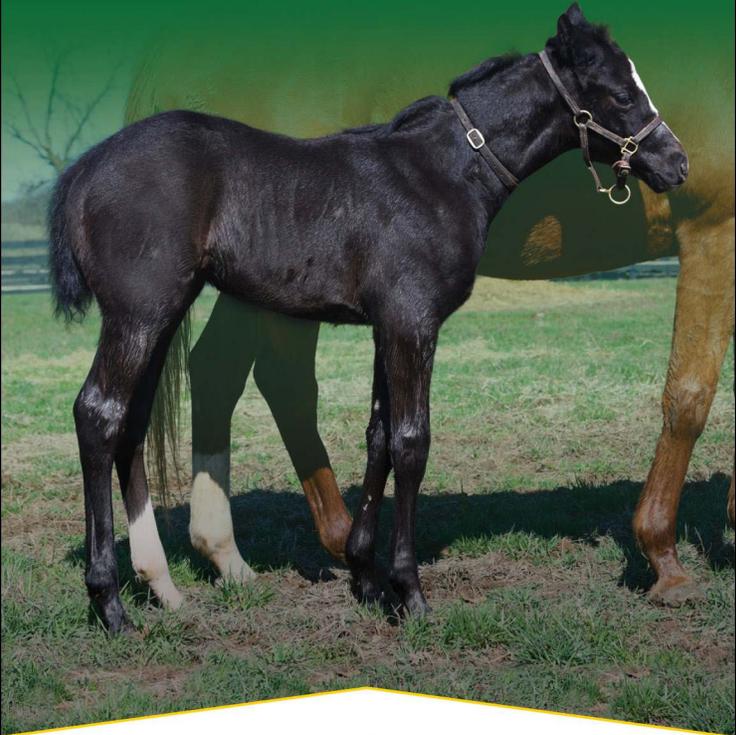
A solo half-mile breeze on Sunday in :48.40 (12/86) at Palm Meadows keeps this stout-framed son of Street Sense (Street Cry {Ire}) on target for the Mar. 24 GII Louisiana Derby. It is not difficult to envision this push-button stayer relishing every inch of the 1,346-foot Fair Grounds stretch based on his stamina-oriented pedigree. What remain open questions,



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however, are A) Will he be able to replicate his success outside of New York, where all three of his victories came in short (seven-, six-, and five-horse) fields? And B) Will his cruising speed evolve into a better-honed, more dangerous weapon to enable him to be more of a menacing in-race presence when forcing the issue in stalk mode? One small intangible in Avery Island's favor for his next race is that jockey Joe Bravo moved his tack to New Orleans this winter, perhaps affording him track-specific insights that could help in the Louisiana Derby.



Avery Island | Chelsea Durand

4) CATHOLIC BOY (c, More Than Ready--Song of Bernadette, by Bernardini)

O-Robert V. LaPenta & Madaket Stable. B-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding (KY). T-Jonathan Thomas. Sales History: \$170,000 PS yr1 KEEJAN '16. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 5-3-1-0, \$354,000.

Feb. 27 TDN Top 12 Rank: 5

Last Start: 2nd **GIII Sam F. Davis S.**, TAM, Feb. 10

Accomplishments Include: 1st **GII Remsen S.**, AQU, Dec. 2.; 1st **GIII With Anticipation S.**, SAR, Aug. 30.

Next Start: Possible for either **GII Louisiana Derby**, FG, Mar. 24 or **GI Florida Derby**, GP, Mar. 31

Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 14

Catholic Boy's trainer Jonathan Thomas tries to strike a balance between hands-on horse management and data-driven analysis when it comes to assessing his top sophomore. "What I'm seeing in front of me is he's improving physically," Thomas said last week when asked about Catholic Boy's progression following a second-place run in the GIII Sam F. Davis S. "But what I'm seeing numerically, his [speed figure] sheet numbers have consistently gotten stronger, and coming off a 10-week layoff, he ran his lifetime best. We're seeing a good, methodical improvement on numbers, which I like to see, but he's also a

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very generous training horse. Anything you ask him to do, he's a very willing participant. He's just intelligent, listens to his riders well, and I think when you get into these tougher races, those details become so much more important. I'm not saying you have to ride him like a turf horse, but I'd like to see him just taken back, get settled, and then get into a good rhythm and just produce a run, because the horse has a turn of foot. And I think if you kind of engage him too early you're just robbing him of the opportunity to tip out and make a run and finish up strong. That seems to be his style, and I'd like to reinforce that. Hindsight's 20/20--if I could go back to the Davis, I'd have told Manny [Franco] just to bury him far back, even if it was just second last, and just make one strong run instead of pecking at the pace. It's hard for horses to do that unless they're truly grinders, and he's not a grinder."



Catholic Boy | Sarah Andrew

5) GOOD MAGIC (c, Curlin--Glinda the Good, by Hard Spun)

O-e Five Thoroughbreds & Stonestreet Stables. B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings (KY). T-C Brown. Sales History: \$1 million yrl KEESEP '16. Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo, GISW, 4-1-2-1, \$1,255,000.

Feb. 27 TDN Top 12 Rank: 1

Last Start: 3rd, **GII Fountain of Youth S.**, GP, Mar. 3

Accomplishments Include: 1st **GI Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile**, SA, Nov. 4.; 2nd **GI Champagne S.**, BEL, Oct. 7.

Next Start: Possible for **GII Blue Grass S.**, KEE, Apr. 7

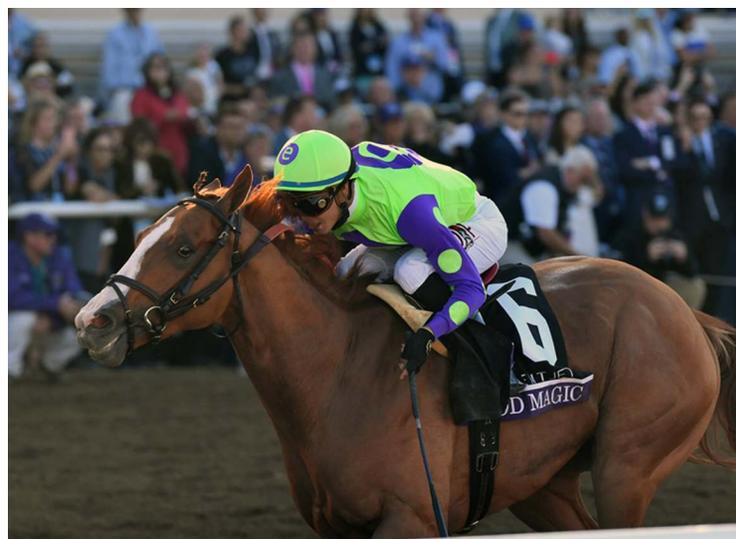
Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 34

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Good Magic not only carried jockey Jose Ortiz on his back in Saturday's **GII Fountain of Youth S.**, but the lightly raced, million-dollar KEESEP colt also had to bear the lofty expectations of being a **Breeders' Cup** winner and divisional champion making his highly anticipated seasonal debut, and that has to be

factored into any forward-thinking assessment.

No, Good Magic did not live up to the burdensome months of off-season hype based on his punchless third as the 7-10 favorite after looking primed to pounce through the first five furlongs of Saturday's race. But there is plenty for trainer Chard Brown to build upon here over the next two months, and you get the sense that diminished pressure to perform in spectacular fashion could work in this son of Curlin (**Smart Strike**)'s favor. Over the next few weeks, the fact that Good Magic couldn't reel in an 18-1 breakaway pacemaker over a traditionally speed-carrying track (with a short-stretch finish) will look more and more like a viable excuse for his subpar try, and my bet is this colt will cycle back into being a "now" horse by the time his next probable start in the **Apr. 7 GII Blue Grass S.** rolls around. "When it came time to run, I think he just kind of had enough with all the dirt. It's a new experience for him," Brown said post-race. "The horse came back a little tired. He was blowing pretty good. It looked like he needed the race. Hopefully, he got what he needed out of it and [will] go on to the next step."



Good Magic | Horsephotos

6) SOLOMINI (c, Curlin--Surf Song, by Storm Cat)

O-Zayat Stables LLC. B-Glenna R. Salyer (KY). T-Bob Baffert. Sales history: \$270,000 KEESEP '16 yrl. Lifetime Record: MGISP, 4-1-2-1, \$472,000

Feb. 27 TDN Top 12 Rank: 6

Last Start: 3rd **GI Los Alamitos Futurity**, LRC, Dec.9.

Accomplishments Include: 2nd **GI Fronrunner S.**, SA, Sept. 30;

2nd **GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile**, DMR, Nov. 4

Next Start: **GII Rebel S.**, OP, Mar. 17 **Equineline PPs.**

KY Derby Points: 14

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Trainer Bob Baffert told the Santa Anita press notes team Sunday that he's decided Solomini will be his GII Rebel S. representative at Oaklawn Park based off three consecutive bullet workouts at Santa Anita, the most recent a 1:11.40 (1/7) in-company drill Sunday. The placement makes sense from a timing perspective and based on Baffert's desire to keep A-list candidates McKinzie (who stays home for the San Felipe) and Solomini separated in races for the time being. Zayat Stables no doubt harbors positive vibes for Hot Springs considering the outfit's eventual Triple Crown hero American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile) launched his 2015 campaign there, also in the Rebel. But I have a sneaky feeling this year's edition is likely to come up as more difficult than envisioned in two weeks with at least three recent under-the-radar allowance winners from strong stables and a couple of other "On the Bubble" candidates lurking as legit upsetters. Solomini had a star-crossed juvenile campaign in which he mixed it up with some of the division's heavy hitters despite appearing a little unfocused at times, and he did have his number taken down in a controversial Grade I disqualification. But all of that can be chalked up to "learning experience" if he moves forward off of those 2017 tries and manages to conjure up a powerful performance in the Rebel that sets him up for a higher-seeded assault as the Derby nears.



Solomini | Benoit

7) PROMISES FULFILLED (c, Shackleford–Marquee Delivery, by Marquetry)

O-Robert J. Baron. B-David Jacobs (KY). T-Dale Romans. Sales history: \$37,000 yrl KEESEP '16. Lifetime Record: GSW, 4-3-0-1, \$327,280.

Feb. 27 TDN Top 12 Rank: N/A

Last Start: 1st **GII Fountain of Youth S.**, GP, Mar. 3.

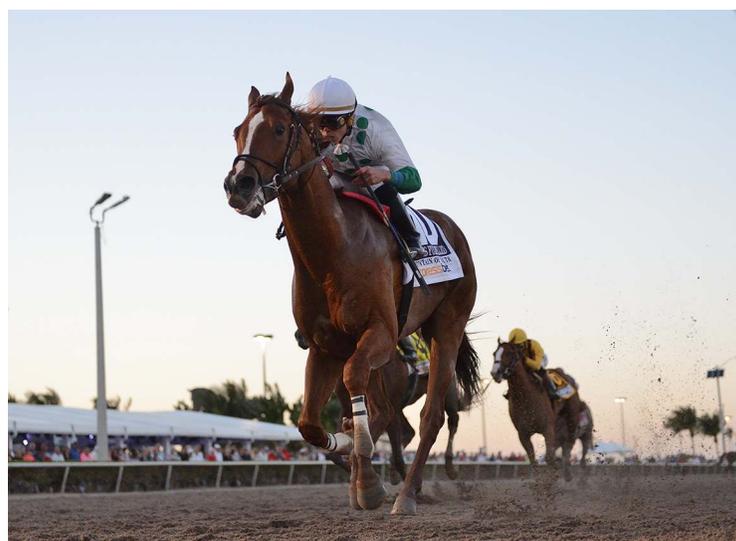
Next Start: Pointing towards GI Florida Derby, GP, Mar. 31

EquineLine PPs.

Kentucky Derby Points: 52



This \$37,000 KEESEP son of Shackleford (Forestry) sparked a Top 12 debut off an 18-1 wire-to-wire dismantling of the Fountain of Youth field that is best described as an efficient deployment of tactics rather than a blunt-force drubbing. After nimbly and responsively securing the lead from outermost post nine, jockey Irad Ortiz, Jr. moderated the tempo down the backstretch, quickened into the far turn while bracing for the attack of favorite Good Magic (that never materialized), then stayed on commendably through the short (first finish line) stretch of the 1 1/16 miles Gulfstream configuration. It was the lead-loving chestnut's first outing since running a better-than-looks third in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. Nov. 25, and he's now 3-for-4 lifetime with a likely return in the Florida Derby scheduled next. "They let him go in [:48.39] with his ears up, and I knew it was going to take a heck of a horse to pass him at that point," said trainer Dale Romans. "I think [the 3-year-old picture] is muddy water right now, but it'll start clearing itself up. This round of preps and the next round are the two where they all come together. Right now there's nobody just running away from the crop and that makes it exciting."



Promises Fulfilled | Coglianese

8) AUDIBLE (c, Into Mischief–Blue Devil Bel, by Gilded Time)

O-WinStar, China Horse Club & SF Racing. B-Oak Bluff Stables LLC (NY). T-Todd Pletcher. Sales history: \$175,000 FTNSAR yrl '16; \$500,000 FTFMAR 2yo '17. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-1, \$287,720

Feb. 27 TDN Top 12 Rank: 7

Last Start: 1st, **GII Holy Bull S.**, GP, Feb. 3.

Next Start: GI Florida Derby, GP, Mar. 31

EquineLine PPs.

KY Derby Points: 10



The plot thickened over the weekend for Audible in terms of his attempted parlay of the GII Holy Bull S. and Florida Derby, because we now know that the 1-2 finishers of the Fountain of Youth S. will be similarly aiming for that Mar. 31 stakes. This Todd Pletcher-trained \$500,000 FTFMAR son of Into Mischief (Harlan's Holiday) isn't a pure needs-the-lead type, but his running style slants toward forward placement, and you'd have to think some form of a fight with wire-to-wire Fountain of Youth winner Promises Fulfilled will materialize at some point in the Florida Derby. Audible gave us a good clue that his development arc is going in the right direction when he confidently quickened from stalk mode into a sweet overdrive gear when confronted at the head of the lane in the Holy Bull; it was a deft move that belied his light (four races) seasoning. But a chief concern moving forward is the fact that three well-regarded entrants in the Holy Bull never truly fired their "A" efforts, so it's hard to tell how much of Audible's visually impressive performance was attributable to his own skill set versus his being able to capitalize in a race where there were clearly several no-shows. The colt worked a :49.13 half mile (3/26) at Palm Beach Downs Saturday.



Audible | Lauren King

9) INSTILLED REGARD (c, Arch--Enhancing, by Forestry)

O-OXO Equine LLC. B-KatieRich Farms (KY). T-Jerry Hollendorfer. Sales history: \$110,000 RNA yr1 KEESep '16, \$1,050,000 2yo OBSMAR '17. Lifetime Record: GSW & GISP, 6-2-2-1, \$244,000. Feb. 27 TDN Top 12 Rank: 9
 Last Start: 4th, GII Risen Star S., FG, Feb. 17
 Accomplishments: 1st, GIII Lecomte S., FG, Jan. 13; 2nd, GI Los Alamitos Futurity, LRC, Dec. 9.
 Next Start: Uncommitted
 EquineLine PPs. Caulfield on Instilled Regard.
 KY Derby Points: 19

Within this week's Top 12, Good Magic, Catholic Boy, and Instilled Regard share similarities in that they all started the season seeded higher on this list, yet each underwhelmed in their most recent starts. But taking the medium-term view, none of their connections should be in panic mode with regard to prepping for the Derby because they all figure to get one more redemption race, probably at nine furlongs, to solidify both qualifying points status and their respective levels of conditioning. This \$1.05 million OBSMAR Arch (Kris S.) colt smoked the Jan. 13 GIII Lecomte S. field in impressive finished-with-authority fashion, and even though he did not replicate that effort when favored and fourth in the GII Risen Star S. a month later, that race as a whole could wind up being a toss-out deviant unless the 21-1 and 41-1 long shots who ran 1-2 prove they're no flukes in an anticipated Louisiana Derby rematch. As for Instilled Regard, no next-race plans have been publicly disclosed. But he'll go into his next start off a solid base of four consecutive route races, several of which signaled obvious talent, and trainer Jerry Hollendorfer will have the benefit of seeing how Saturday's San Felipe S. at Santa Anita shakes out before plotting a course for his top sophomore's next prep.



Instilled Regard | Amanda Hodges Weir

10) FREE DROP BILLY (c, Union Rags-Trensa, by Giant's Causeway)

O-Albaugh Family Stables LLC. B-Helen K. Groves Revokable Trust (KY). T-Dale Romans. Sales history: \$200,000 KEESep yr1 '16. Lifetime Record: GISW, 6-2-3-0, \$495,220. Feb. 27 TDN Top 12 Rank: 8
 Last Start: 2nd, GII Holy Bull S., GP, Feb. 3.
 Accomplishments Include: 1st, GI Breeders' Futurity, KEE, Oct. 7; 2nd, GI Hopeful S. Sept. 4.

Next Start: GIII Gotham S, AQU, Mar. 10

Equine PPs.

KY Derby Points: 14

Barry Berkelhammer 352•804•3000

Trainer Dale Romans had three horses entered in Saturday's Fountain of Youth S. and Free Drop Billy was the one who got redirected onto a different path by scratching the morning of the race. He instead breezed five furlongs in 1:02.55 (28/46) at Gulfstream, and the new plan is to reroute this \$200,000 KEESUP Union Rags (Dixie Union) colt to Aqueduct for this Saturday's one-turn mile GIII Gotham S. "The owner and I made the decision [to scratch]," Romans said. "He's already a Grade I winner, and we just wanted as easy a race as we can get going into the last round of preps, so we decided to go the New York way. [The Fountain of Youth] looked like it was coming up the toughest of the year, and I think it did [Romans won the race with 18-1 Promises Fulfilled]. It was just a strategy play." This May 3 foal broke his maiden at Churchill Downs last June, and the win-over-the-track angle could become important eight weeks down the road. But "Billy" is now winless in five months, and needs to produce a resounding race on a weekend that is loaded with chances for other contenders to snag his spot within the Top 12.



Free Drop Billy | Coady

11) FLAMEAWAY (c, Scat Daddy--Vulcan Rose, by Fusaichi Pegasus)

O-John C. Oxley. B-Phoenix Rising Farms (ON). T-Mark Casse. Sales History: \$150,000 yrl KEEJAN '16; \$400,000 yrl FTSAUG '16. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 7-5-0-0, \$434,834.

Feb. 27 TDN Top 12 Rank: 11

Last Start: 1st, GIII Sam F. Davis S., TAM, Feb. 10

Accomplishments Include: 1st, GIII Dixiana Bourbon S., KEE, Oct. 8; 1st, Kitten's Joy S., GP, Jan. 6

Next Start: GII Tampa Bay Derby, TAM, Mar. 10

Equine PPs. Caulfield on Flameaway.

KY Derby Points: 10

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Pre-race chatter about Saturday's GII Tampa Bay Derby has been relatively quiet, and I have a suspicion this could wind up being one of those prep stakes that attracts a couple of surprise last-minute "up and comer" entrants by closing time Wednesday. This \$400,000 FTSAUG colt ran the race of his life when fending off the well-regarded Catholic Boy in his wire-to-wire Davis S. win, but I don't think this recently transitioned Scat Daddy (Johannesburg) turfster has progressed to the point yet where he's scaring off any Tampa Derby rivals. Then again, Tampa is one of those offbeat, sand-based, dirt surfaces that has been known to elicit polarizing responses from horses who either really like or dislike the footing, and when you know a runner like Flameaway gets over it fine, you have to include that as a positive factor in his assessment. In fact, this Mark Casse trainee never seems to "need" a particular type of footing to fire his best shot, as evidenced by his being the only Top 12 contender to have won so far over fast dirt, firm turf, mud, slop, and a synthetic surface. He's also a nervy front-runner who can handle pace pressure, which adds another dimension to his long-shot appeal when thinking farther down the road to the first Saturday in May.



Flameaway | SV Photography

12) MY BOY JACK (c, **Creative Cause--Gold N Shaft**, by Mineshaft)

O-Don't Tell My Wife Stables & Monomoy Stables LLC. B-Brereton C. Jones (KY). T-Keith Desormeaux.

Sales History: \$14,000 RNA wlg KEENOV '15; \$20,000 yrl KEESEP '16. Lifetime Record: GSW, 8-2-3-1, \$425,145.

Feb. 27 TDN Top 12 Rank: 12

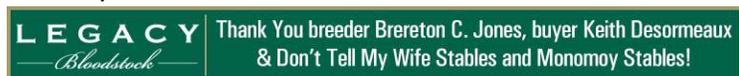
Last Start: 1st, **GIII Southwest S.**, OP, Feb. 19

Accomplishments Include: 3rd, **GIII Sham S.**, SA, Jan. 6; 1st, **Zuma Beach S.**, SA, Oct. 9

Next Start: Uncommitted

EquineLine PPs.

KY Derby Points: 12



“Have you news of my boy Jack? When d’you think that he’ll come back?” Those lines are part of the opening stanza of a 1916 Rudyard Kipling poem. Now, a touch more than a century later and in a very different context, they also ask an apt question about the \$20,000 KEESEP purchase who snared a breakthrough \$500,000 stakes score by rallying from next to last and skimming the rail under quagmire conditions in Oaklawn’s GIII Southwest S. This plucky, late-developing Creative Cause (Giant’s Causeway) colt relaxed off the bridle in that Feb. 19 try, and that ended up being a subtle clue to his improvement that jockey Kent Desormeaux said he definitely did not do when third behind McKinzie in the Sham S. back in January. It’s true that he’s never won over a fast dirt track or against top-shelf Derby competition. But “Jack” ran a deceptively good seventh in November in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf, coming up only three lengths short despite a five-wide run through the lane during which Desormeaux dropped his whip at the eighth pole. Being out of a Mineshaft (A.P. Indy) mare additionally solidifies any misconceptions about My Boy Jack’s stamina, and having the proverbial light bulb go on inside this colt’s head at the right time of year could make for an interesting next few weeks as trainer Keith Desormeaux plots a next-race plan.

On the Bubble (in alphabetical order):

Bravazo (Awesome Again): Lukas-trained 21-1 Risen Star S. upsetter will be in for a tougher battle in the nine-furlong Louisiana Derby.

Combatant (Scat Daddy): Five-eighths Oaklawn breeze was Sunday first work since muddy GIII Southwest S. second; shipper-infused Rebel S. likely next.

Curlin’s Honor (Curlin): Followed Keeneland debut win with Feb. 25 allowance score at Fair Grounds; now 2-for-2 and possibly headed to Oaklawn’s Rebel S. for Casse.

Enticed (Medaglia d’Oro): Listed by Aqueduct as “possible” for Gotham S.; in search of one-turn mile confidence boost after fourth as beaten Holy Bull S. fave.

Exclamation Point (Concord Point): 2-for-2 off stretch-out OP alw win; GI Arkansas Derby possible. Cox: “Work in progress, nice horse, tons of talent.”

Firenze Fire (Poseidon’s Warrior): Servis prior to Gotham: “He doesn’t get much respect...I don’t get it...I think if he’s ridden right, he’ll get a mile and a quarter. But he’s got to get the points first.”

Higher Power (Medaglia d’Oro): 2-for-3, with two route wins, and aiming for Mar. 17 Rebel S. at Oaklawn.

Hollywood Star (Malibu Moon): ‘Rising Star’ been breezing at GP last two weekends. So-so fourth in Davis at Tampa not indicative of his true ability.

Justify (Scat Daddy): Not sure where this ‘Rising Star’ will resurface off commanding debut win, but he’s attracting outsized attention in Vegas future books.

Kanthaka (Jimmy Creed): Will pass on planned trip to New York for Gotham in favor of tangling with tougher in San Felipe over home track at Santa Anita.

Lombo (Graydar): High-energy frontrunner will face far deeper talent pool in San Felipe while riding two-race win wave.

Magnum Moon (Malibu Moon): 2-for-2 ‘Rising Star’ for Pletcher could try Rebel S. for next step on Derby trail.

Marconi (Tapit): Never in it to win it against grain of speed-slanted GP profile. Can’t toss this stamina-oriented ‘Rising Star’ until we see a truer test at nine furlongs over different surface.

Mourinho (Super Saver): ‘Rising Star’ yet to resurface on worktab after arduous mud trip as beaten fave in Southwest S.

New York Central (Tapit): ‘Rising Star’ scored in OP quagmire in the race after the Southwest S.; the GIII Sunland Derby has been mentioned as next-out possibility.

Noble Indy (Take Charge Indy): First breeze at Palm Beach Downs Saturday since this ‘Rising Star’ was third in the Risen Star at Fair Grounds.

Quip (Distorted Humor): 2-for-3 ‘Rising Star’ listed Sunday by Aqu as “probable” for Gotham while same-day Tam release lists him as “expected entrant” for Tampa Derby.

Reride (Candy Ride {Arg}): ‘Rising Star’ now 4-for-5 with stakes wins at Delta and Sunland.

Retirement Fund (Eskendereya): After dead-heat seventh in sloppy Southwest, ‘Rising Star’ might try to get back on track at FG (where he’s 2-for-2) in Louisiana Derby.

Restoring Hope (Giant's Causeway): Been working in company recently with Solomini for Baffert for what figures to be an eventual stakes start.

Snapper Sinclair (City Zip): Breezed Monday at FG in prep for likely Louisiana Derby start; won't be 41-1 this time around.

Sporting Chance (Tiznow): GI Hopeful S. winner encountered trouble, but was tiring in stretch, off six-month Southwest S. layoff. A tighter colt in Rebel could be intriguing.

Storm Runner (Get Stormy): Checked when attempting tight rail run on backstretch of Fountain of Youth and retreated thereafter.

Strike Power (Speightstown): 'Rising Star' was commendable second in two-turn Fountain of Youth debut; Florida Derby a possible next target.

Sumahama (Jpn) (Neo Universe {Jpn}): Early speed, stamina pedigree, but after earning Japanese series points to qualify a Derby berth, he's still not Triple Crown nominated.

Tiz Mischief (Into Mischief): Could be sleeper in Saturday's Tampa Derby; one of numerous highly ranked sophomore hopefuls who didn't fire a big shot in his 2018 debut.

Untamed Domain (Animal Kingdom): West Point turf GSW has now breezed twice over Tampa dirt in prep for Tampa Derby start.

Vino Rosso (Curlin): He galloped out past top two in Davis S. and appears to be winding up for crackerjack effort in Tampa Derby. If other speed softens Flameaway, look out.

Zing Zang (Tapit): \$300K KEESEP colt breezed Sunday at Oaklawn with Rebel S. as next likely target for Asmussen.

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BOLT D'ORO HAS FINAL DRILL FOR SAN FELIPE

Multiple Grade I winner **Bolt d'Oro** (Medaglia d'Oro) completed major preparations for his 3-year-old debut Monday morning at Santa Anita with a sharp half-mile breeze in :46.40, earning the bullet from 95 workers at the distance. The bay colt is set to clash with undefeated 'TDN Rising Star' McKinzie (Street Sense) in Saturday's GII San Felipe S. in Arcadia.

"He's ready to go," said regular rider Victor Espinoza. "I'm impressed with how much he's improved since the last time I worked him. I knew we were going pretty quick, but he was doing it on his own. I encouraged him just a little bit. He's fit enough ... Hopefully, he can run a big race."

Winner of the GI Del Mar Futurity and GI FrontRunner S. as a juvenile, the \$630,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga graduate was last seen running third as the heavy favorite in the GI Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile Nov. 4. He is expected to use the San Felipe as a springboard to the Apr. 7 GI Santa Anita Derby.

"We have a plan," said owner/trainer Mick Ruis immediately following the work. "The San Felipe isn't really the race we're pointing for ... He's got a lot of talent. He'll be *really* good in the Santa Anita Derby."

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ARGENTINE MAINSTAY LA BIZNAGA DISPERSES BROODMARE STOCK



The scene at La Biznaga's broodmare dispersal

by *Diego Mitagstein*

One of Argentina's most famous and historic farms, Haras La Biznaga, dispersed its stock of broodmares Sunday at Sociedad Rural Argentina's Tattersalls, ending an era of 40 years in which the Blaquier family farm was deeply involved with the breeding and horse racing world.

It took auctioneer Carlos Ezcurra and his hammer barely more than six hours to break brick by brick a large piece of the modern history of Argentine racing and breeding, and nine of the 10 top prices were acquired to travel to other lands, with Carlos Heller's Haras Don Alberto buying six of those lots.

There was more than \$5 million collected by the end of the auction, necessitated by owner Carlos Blaquier's manager retiring and no interest from his sons to helm the business. The average price was \$37,430.

The two biggest prices represented a new local record for a public auction, with Don Alberto acquiring GSW Giant Remex and GSP Giant Marked, both by Giant's Causeway, for \$260,000 apiece.

Not far below them was Sand Puce (Footstepsinthesand {GB}--a winner of 18 races, nine of the graded stakes variety--who was bought by the same farm at \$235,000, \$5,000 more than it cost Carlos Heller and his people to secure Group 1 winner Boca Inc (Include).

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Federico Iguacel, as an agent, acquired Stormy Atorranta (Bernstein)--dam of Classic Winner Atomica Oro (Orpen)--and Stormy Pursuer (Bernstein)--the dam of champion Hat Puntano (Hat Trick {Jpn})--also for foreign clients, at \$160,000 and \$155,000, respectively, while GSW South Berk (Southern Halo) reached \$150,000, again for Don Alberto.

One has to go down to the eighth-highest price to find an Argentine farm, Diego Zavaleta's Embrujo, which with a final offer of \$135,000 left with Stormy Sober (Bernstein), the dam of Champion Sociologist Inc (Include).

La Biznaga, which raised Argentine Triple Crown winner Refinado Tom (Shy Tom) and stood champion sires Bernstein and Include among others, took the first step of three that make up its total settlement; they will sell their yearlings and weanlings in two different sales later in the year.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor's Note: The following was inspired by the TDN's recent 'Why Racing' series.

A family's move from Brooklyn to Floral Park, just a few hundred yards from Belmont's training track, would launch a remarkable career and life within the Sport of Kings. A move anywhere else would have changed the history of the sport.

Raymond DeStefano was not born into racing and had no background in it whatsoever. Had it not been for the move, he never would have become entrenched in it, and surely would have never been part of one of its historically most poignant moments.

It all started with the smell of manure, hardly a lure but combined with seeing horses galloping around the training track, young Ray became curious. Seeing the training, combined with hearing the roar of the crowd from Belmont's huge clubhouse and grandstand was all it took for Raymond to begin sneaking onto the grounds.

In 1962, Ray watched his first race after sneaking into Belmont as a boy and watching the Belmont Stakes from hedges on the backstretch near the seven-eighths pole. He saw Admiral's Voyage pass him ahead of Jaipur and the sound of the horses breathing and the riders chirping, along with the horses' powerful hooves hitting the Belmont dirt which would be called Big Sandy, had him hooked from that moment. Jaipur went on to win that Belmont under the legendary Bill Shoemaker. Ironically, 19 years later Ray, while working on the starting gate, handled champion John Henry and Bill Shoemaker, loading them

into the gate and standing in it with them for the 1982 Jockey Club Gold Cup.

During the summer of 1966, Ray was still a young man sneaking into Belmont. He visited with trainer Eddie Neloy and got to know Buckpasser, trainer John Nerud and Dr. Fager, one of if not the fastest racehorse ever. Mr. Nerud would years later have Ray in his home talking horses. He visited with Frank 'Pancho' Martin, who became his mentor and somewhat of his godfather on the track, not only giving Ray his first job in racing walking hots, but also helping him work for Murty Brothers Horse Transport and on the gate crew for NYRA.

While working for Murty Brothers, Ray traveled all over the world, escorting champions like Dahlia. He unloaded Secretariat off a plane after his final race and victory at Woodbine and still has a piece of his mane that wound up in his hand. That very piece was authenticated by the National Museum of Racing when they borrowed it and put it on display. Jean Cruguet, friendly with Ray from his time on the gate crew, gave him the goggles he wore when he won the Belmont S. and Triple Crown with Seattle Slew.

Ray flew out to California with Slew O' Gold for the inaugural Breeders' Cup Classic, where he took care of him and attended a party after the race with his owners, who celebrated as if they had won. He shared a bottle of champagne with actor Albert Finney outside when he arrived. He spent a time interning at Claiborne Farm and worked with the Hancock family and some of the best-bred horses to look through a starting gate.

Had the DeStefano family moved anywhere other than Floral Park, it would have been someone other than Raymond DeStefano who held the head and comforted the great champion Ruffian when she was euthanized after her match race with Foolish Pleasure. Ray was working as an assistant for Dr. William O. Reed at the time. Dr. Reed's hospital was right next to Belmont and when Ray saw what happened on television and heard the crowd, he rushed over to the hospital.

Ray was already at the hospital when Ruffian arrived. He helped prep her as much as they could as there was really no time for prepping. He was present throughout the operation and was with her in recovery along with her regular DVM, James Prendergast. Ray was tasked with holding her when the decision was made that all that could be done had been done. She went to sleep in Ray's arms and in the arms of a man who truly loves the game, all because of a move from Brooklyn to Floral Park.

--Jonathan Stettin

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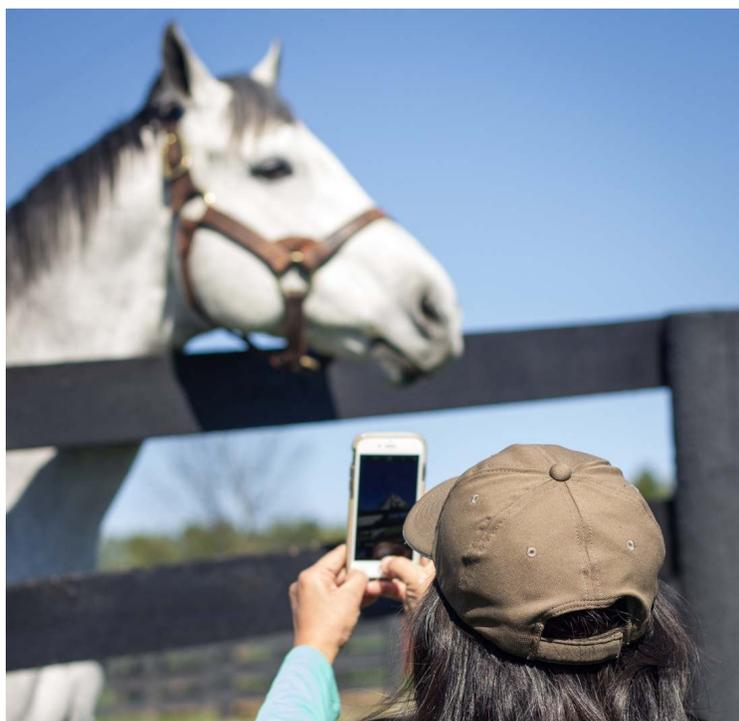


HORSE COUNTRY HOSTS 2ND ANNUAL MEET THE NEIGHBORS WEEKEND

by Jen Roytz

This past weekend stallion farms, veterinary hospitals, aftercare organizations and other Thoroughbred-related businesses welcomed visitors from around Central Kentucky during Horse Country's second annual "Meet the NEIGHbors" weekend, which offered complimentary tours at 24 of its member locations.

The event, which drew 1,500 visitors Saturday and Sunday, gave locals the opportunity to learn about their state's signature industry and play tourist in their own backyard.



Taylor Made stallion Graydar poses for visitors during the "Meet the Neighbors" event | Marisa Noe photo

"The Horse Country tours have made many different aspects of the industry available to the general public," said Holly Smith, who visited Hurstland Farm and Spendthrift as part of the Meet the NEIGHbors weekend. "Even though I have been around horses for most of my life, I still geek out when I get to see American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile) or days-old foals running around with their mothers."

Joyce Patci, who visited Darby Dan Farm Sunday, said the experience was as much about seeing the horses as it was learning about the farm's history and their approach to horse husbandry.

"An employee explained the breeding process to us and showed us the protective gear the mare and farm workers wear during the breeding," said Patci, a retiree who enjoys volunteering at Old Friends Farm. "Most of the people on our tour were racing fans, but they hadn't had the opportunity to get up close to these horse 'stars' until now."

While much of Horse Country's efforts typically focus on showcasing Central Kentucky's Thoroughbred heritage to out-of-town visitors, this weekend's events were aimed at giving locals the unique, up-close and personal experiences that thousands from around the world travel to their state each year to see.

"Most of our visitors throughout the year are tourists from out of state, so it's been wonderful to welcome local residents to Jonabell Farm, many of whom have lived in the area for years, but have never been inside the gates of a horse farm," said Brianne Sharp, Market Research Coordinator for Godolphin. "We hosted over 150 locals at Jonabell this past weekend and were able to give them a fun and educational 'behind the scenes' look at what we do here."

Created in 2015, Horse Country, Inc. coordinates tours of Thoroughbred farms and other equine-related businesses in an effort to create greater fan interest in Thoroughbred racing. Since its inception, Horse Country has hosted more than 50,000 visitors from all 50 states and 18 countries outside of the U.S.

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Congratulations to last week's **JockeyTalk360.com** Jockey of the Week Irad Ortiz, Jr., who won three graded stakes, including the GII Fountain of Youth S. aboard Promises Fulfilled (Shackleford).

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Midnight Poker (Smarty Jones) remains unbeaten with an impressive score Monday at Parx

EASTERN U.S.

Monday's Results:

5th-PRX, \$59,064, Alw, 3-5, (NW1X), 3yo, 7f, 1:28.41, ft.

MIDNIGHT POKER (g, 3, **Smarty Jones--Halo Hollie, by Halo's Image)** took his first two tries locally in gate-to-wire fashion when in for a \$30,000 tag Sept. 5 and against starter allowance foes Dec. 4. The 13-10 favorite wasn't able to go directly to the lead this time around as he stalked a length and a half off of pacesetter Black Stetson (More Than Ready) down the backside. He swung into the three path on the far turn and drew on even terms with that leader at the eighth pole before storming clear to a 5 3/4-length victory. Black Stetson was another 4 1/4 lengths clear for second. Midnight Poker is the first foal out of 11-time winner Halo Hollie, who also has a juvenile colt named Defibrillator (Jump Start) and a yearling filly by Afleet Alex. She visited Overanalyze last year. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$94,080. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Main Line Racing Stable; B-Four Bucks Racing (PA); T-John C. Servis.

2nd-LRL, \$47,760, Msw, 3-5, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.61, ft.

BELFOUR (g, 4, **Super Saver--Northern Babe {SW}, by Polish Numbers)** didn't begin his career until late as a 3-year-old, finishing third in special weight ranks here Dec. 26 before settling for the runner-up spot in his last two when in for a \$40,000 tag. The heavy 6-10 favorite was a length clear on the front end through an easy :24.73 opening quarter. He was pressured to his outside by Mutaraabit (Medaglia d'Oro) at the top of the stretch and worked hard throughout the straightaway to hold that rival at bay and graduate by a length. Belfour, who is the latest foal out of Northern Babe, hails from the family of MGSW Fairbanks (Giant's Causeway) and GSW and MGISP Darn That Alarm (Jig Time). Sales history: \$39,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEEJAN. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-1, \$53,378. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Brandon Moran; B-J. D. Stuart (MD); T-Cathal A. Lynch.



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Ramses Barows, c, 3, **Curlin--Devious Intent (GSW, \$279,041),** by Dixie Union. Nakayama, 3-4, Plate Race, 8ft. Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, \$168,868. O-Hirotsugu Inokuma; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Tetsuya Kimura. *\$425,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$350,000 2yo '17 OBSMAR. ***"He needed a bit of time to shift into top gear," said winning jockey Christophe Lemaire. "He is not a type of staying power horse, but he has long strides."

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Mozu Superflare, f, 3, **Speightstown--Christies Treasure (SP, \$113,602),** by Belong to Me. Kokura, 3-4, Moegi Sho, 6ft. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$191,88. O-Capital Systems; B-Alpha Delta Stables LLC (KY); T-Hidetaka Otonashi. *1/2 to Sacristy (Pulpit), GSW, \$252,112. **\$125,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP. ***"When I watched her replays, I thought taking the lead should be her best strategy," said winning reinsman Yuta Nakatani.



LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE



Blanc Megere, f, 4, **Hansen--Debit Or Credit, by Cat Thief.** Hanshin, 3-4, Plate Race, 7f. Lifetime Record: 11-2-3-3, \$236,792. O-Normandy Thoroughbred Racing; B-White Fox Farm (KY); T-Noboru Takagi. *\$260,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR. ***"I wanted to pull her up a bit, but she started to fight again when the others closed," said winning pilot Ryuji Wada.

Hurricane Barows, h, 5, **Uncle Mo--Naughty Mambo, by Kingmambo.** Kokura, 3-3, Plate Race, 8.5f. Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-0, \$244,340. O-Hirotsugu Inokuma; B-Dr. Naoya Yoshida & Bill Justice (KY); T-Katsuhiko Sumii. *\$120,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$300,000 2yo '15 FTFMAR.

T O Helios, h, 6, **Fusaichi Pegasus--Reagle Mary, by Afternoon Deelites.** Hanshin, 3-3, Harim S., 7f. Lifetime Record: 21-5-4-1, \$865,333. O-Tomoya Ozasa; B-Yanagawa Stud Ltd (KY); T-Tomoyuki Umeda. *1/2 to Alsviid (Officer), MGSW & G1SP, \$1,372,815. ***"He is a very powerful horse," said winning hoop Shu Ishibashi. "He broke well and set smart fractions throughout."

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215 foals of racing age/13 winners/3 black-type winners
7-PRX, Alw 6 1/2f, LOVELY TIME, 10-1
\$32,000 RNA OBS AUG yrl; \$10,000 EAS MAY 2yo

El Kingdom (El Prado {Ire})

20 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
9-HOU, Msw 1 1/16mT, HERITAGE SHAMARDAL, 20-1

Flat Out (Flatter), Spendthrift Farm, \$10,000

230 foals of racing age/28 winners/1 black-type winner
1-MVR, Msw 1m, TRUCKSTOP DIAMOND, 6-5
\$30,000 KEE SEP yrl

Hero of Order (Sharp Humor), Raut Farm, \$3,000

18 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
3-MVR, Msw 1m, HERO OF FIRE, 15-1

Liaison (Indian Charlie), Spendthrift Farm, \$10,000

166 foals of racing age/14 winners/2 black-type winners
9-HOU, Msw 1 1/16mT, AFFAIRE SECRETE, 20-1
\$5,000 KEE SEP yrl

Paynter (Awesome Again), WinStar Farm, \$25,000

218 foals of racing age/20 winners/1 black-type winner
5-HOU, Msw 5fT, ABSTRACT PAYNTER, 12-1
\$15,000 KEE SEP yrl
1-MVR, Msw 1m, DON'T TELL LYDIA, 2-1
\$5,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$8,000 E '17 KEE JAN
9-HOU, Msw 1 1/16mT, SASSY PLAY, 30-1
\$110,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$72,000 KEE SEP yrl

Poseidon's Warrior (Speightstown), Pleasant Acres Stallions, \$6,500

101 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner
7-PRX, Alw 6 1/2f, BELLA EL MILAGRO, 15-1

Violence (Medaglia d'Oro), Hill 'N' Dale Farms, \$15,000
248 foals of racing age/37 winners/5 black-type winners
7-PRX, Alw 6 1/2f, JOYCEE'S SPIRIT, 7-2
\$70,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$45,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$140,000 EAS
MAY 2yo
3-MVR, Msw 1m, SLANTED TRUTH, 8-5
\$35,000 FTK OCT yrl

Wolfcamp (El Prado {Ire}), Swifty Farms, \$3,000

12 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
5-HOU, Msw 5fT, CHASING JETT, 7-2

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-SA, \$58,388, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 3-4, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:49.02, gd.

CAUSEFORCOMMOTION (f, 4, Americain--Causey, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: 12-2-4-2, \$127,270. O-E. Dunham, J. Kruljac, Jim A. Reed, J. Sondereker & S. & D. Yip; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-J. Eric Kruljac. *\$40,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.



VINERY SALES GRADUATE



8th-PRX, \$47,000, 3-5, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 7f, 1:28.01, ft.

TIGHTEN UP (c, 4, Gemologist--Shining Tree, by Forestry) Lifetime Record: 13-4-2-0, \$100,430. O/T-Rolando Lima; B-Rosilyn Polan (KY). *\$37,000 RNA Ylg '15 EASOCT.

7th-PRX, \$42,250, (S), 3-5, (NW2X), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:42.36, ft.

MOE TROUBLE (h, 5, Uncle Mo--Sunup {SP, \$152,090}, by Smart Strike) Lifetime Record: 15-5-5-0, \$206,880. O/B-Michael W. Jester (PA); T-Claudio A. Gonzalez. *1/2 to You Need Me (Indian Charlie), SW & MSP, \$294,505.

8th-GG, \$33,930, 3-4, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:10.32, ft.

REBARULES AGAIN (m, 5, Tribal Rule--Reba Is Tops {MSW & MGSP, \$464,267}, by He's Tops) Lifetime Record: 20-3-2-5, \$121,882. O/B-Eric Schweiger, Gordy Jarnig & Kenny Marshall (CA); T-Tim McCanna.

5th-MVR, \$32,700, (S), 3-5, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.20, ft.

TOUCH OF BLING (m, 5, Tale of the Cat--Got Bling {MSP}, by Langfuhr) Lifetime Record: 18-3-6-1, \$181,733. O-Three Diamonds Farm; B-Langsem Farm, Inc (OH); T-Michael J. Maker. *\$100,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP.

4th-MVR, \$23,500, 3-5, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.38, ft.
ANECHOIC (g, 4, Mineshaft--Perfectly Quiet {SP, \$113,081}, by Quiet American) Lifetime Record: 7-4-0-0, \$39,910. O-Loooch Racing Stables, Inc.; B-J. S. McDonald (KY); T-Jeffrey A. Radosevich. *\$55,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEEJAN; \$32,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. **1/2 to Silent Moon (Malibu Moon), MSP, \$156,670.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

J T's A. T. M., g, 3, **Bold Chieftain**--Neon Princess, by Royal Anthem. GG, 3-4, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:03.08. B-John Tipton (CA).
Grazen Honor, f, 3, **Grazen**--Honored Gold (SP, \$160,485), by Double Honor. PRX, 3-5, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:21.98. B-Gordon Mitchnich (PA). *Full to Rocko's Wheel, SP, \$218,713.

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- GEMOLOGIST**, Tighten Up, c, 4, o/o Shining Tree, by Forestry. ALW, 3-5, Parx Racing
- GRAZEN**, Grazen Honor, f, 3, o/o Honored Gold, by Double Honor. MSW, 3-5, Parx Racing
- MINESHAFT**, Anechoic, g, 4, o/o Perfectly Quiet, by Quiet American. ALW, 3-5, Mahoning Valley Race Course
- SMARTY JONES**, Midnight Poker, g, 3, o/o Halo Hollie, by Halo's Image. ALW, 3-5, Parx Racing
- SUPER SAVER**, Belfour, g, 4, o/o Northern Babe, by Polish Numbers. MSW, 3-5, Laurel Park
- TALE OF THE CAT**, Touch of Bling, m, 5, o/o Got Bling, by Langfuhr. ALW, 3-5, Mahoning Valley Race Course
- TRIBAL RULE**, Rebarules Again, m, 5, o/o Reba Is Tops, by He's Tops. ALW, 3-4, Golden Gate
- UNCLE MO**, Moe Trouble, h, 5, o/o Sunup, by Smart Strike. ALW, 3-5, Parx Racing

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PETER STANLEY: LET'S MAKE IT PAY TO STAY



Peter Stanley & Ouija Board | Emma Berry

by Chris McGrath

It is not just genetics. There is a cultural legacy that abides, as well—whether in the aristocrat sitting here in his Newmarket drawing room, or in the other type of Thoroughbred stabled in the adjacent yard.

In Peter Stanley himself, that means strong opinions about the direction of the breed are just as soundly rooted as you would expect, in a great-grandson of the man who founded arguably its single most important stud, the 17th Earl of Derby. Or, come to that, in anyone who cherishes the heritage of the Turf sufficiently to have John Wootton's glorious panorama of the Heath hanging just behind his chair. Tregonwell Frampton, and all the other marvellous 18th Century characters clustered in the foreground of the canvas, appear to be craning forward and nodding as Stanley berates the reckless agenda of their modern successors.

For in Stanley's view, the commercial breeder of the 21st Century is unpicking some of the Thoroughbred's definitive wiring: all those Classic hallmarks that generations past strove to select, to replicate, to preserve.

"There is no doubt if you breed the stamina out of your mares, that's it, you can't get it back," he says animatedly. "If it's gone, it's gone. End of. And you'll end up like they are in Australia, where there's barely an Australian-bred winner in any of their staying races. Royal Ascot works for five days only because there are so many different types of race we look forward to and love. There are genuine sprinters, genuine stayers, genuine middle-distance horses. The day it's just an amalgam in the middle, you'll have sprinters running a mile and a half."

"In Australia, they have their Derbys and Oaks, and they're won by what they consider to be good horses," he says. "But I wonder how well these horses stay. With the importance of the Golden Slipper, the accent has been on sprint races, and in my opinions they breed the best sprinters in the world. But I would love Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}) to come over here. Firstly because it would be fascinating to see this remarkable mare; but also to see exactly how she measures up against international opposition. I fully expect Australian horses to win many of our top sprints—but I'd be genuinely surprised to see them win any of our best races at 10 furlongs or farther." [Cont. p2](#)



Lord & Lady Derby with Ouija Board after winning the Listed Pretty Polly S. | *Racing Post*

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Ouija Board, with Kieren Fallon in the irons, salutes in the Epsom Oaks in 2004. | *Racingfotos.com*

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If doubts about Winx's invincibility are received as sacrilege Down Under, then the obvious recourse would be to take up the gauntlet in the G1 Prince of Wales's S. over 10f. But Australians should resist discovering additional provocation in their patrician source. Yes, Stanley also supervises the stud of his brother, the 19th Earl of Derby; and duly takes credit for Ouija Board (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), the Oaks and Breeders' Cup winner who has since become dam of a Derby winner in Australia (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). But Stanley is no dilettante; quite the reverse, in fact. To make his New England Stud viable, he has to come to hard-headed terms with precisely those fashions he most deploras.

As such, he resembles a man adamant that the lifeboat is being pointed away from land, but with no choice but to wield his oar in unison with everyone else. The alternative, after all, is to throw yourself into the boat's icy wake, and hope against hope that you get picked up by one of the few seaworthy vessels travelling the right way.

Almost invariably, then, the 20-odd mares in which he has a stake are sent to sires chosen not so much on account of their eligibility to sire a Classic racehorse, as according to the

anticipated whims of the sales ring.

One of those mares was supposed to go to Coolmore to be covered by Australia (GB), only to be grounded by a touch of laminitis. An alternative from the same sire-line had to be found closer to home, and Stanley admits that strong consideration was given to a first-season sire before accepting the claims of Nathaniel (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}).

"There has to be something wrong in the mindset of breeders, if we think for a moment that an unproven stallion is somehow 'sexier' than the sire of the Arc winner and an out-and-out champion in his first crop," he says. "I mean, what more can you do than that? And it wasn't as though Enable (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}) was his only good horse, there were several other stakes winners. But that is the mindset breeders have. And we've got to change it, we really do."

Stanley admits a candid distaste for his own pragmatism. "As a commercial breeder, it doesn't matter what I like," he says. "I always had to ask myself what will the market like, two or three years hence; and what will it hate? So, no, I don't like some of my mating plans. There's far too much of an influence of speed and precocity." **Cont. p3**



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"Why aren't I rushing to use Nathaniel more? Because, rather remarkably, even after Enable, in commercial terms, he had a median of 37,000gns [2017 yearlings] compared with a nomination fee of £20,000. It's an awful thing to say, because this is a horse we should be rushing to; he should be chock-full. I bought a share in him because I believed in him; and I still believe in him, he looks like becoming a really significant sire. So I'm not demeaning Nathaniel, but the industry."

As it is, Stanley feels obliged to confine himself to polar opposites: either a proven sire or a complete rookie. But since "proven" means in the ring, too, that excludes the sires he considers best value of all: the likes of Champs Elysees (GB) (Danehill) or Mount Nelson (GB) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}).

Both moved on to National Hunt farms in Ireland last year after falling out of commercial favour. The staggering dividends of this switch--expanding their final books in Britain from 54 and 22 respectively to 241 and 210--causes Stanley to exclaim in bewilderment.

"How scary is that?" he says. "Of course, they'd still have every right to produce a good Flat horse, if sent the right mares. And if you were an owner-breeder, why wouldn't you? I think over time you could breed an Oaks winner, or something like that, from Champs Elysees. You're not going to get a sharp, whizzy 2-year-old. But you are going to get something with a chance."

"And these horses have a residual value," he says. "What do you with that little buzzy 2-year-old, sprint-bred and rated 78? Can't go jumping, can't go abroad. Whereas with a later-maturing horse, that keeps on improving, you've somewhere to go."

The obvious issue, as he acknowledges, is that you would often have to factor another year's training fees into that equation. Which is why, on the same pragmatic principle that governs his dealings with the market as it stands, Stanley believes that its prejudices can only be corrected by appealing to the bottom line.

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"The only way to get breeders to do the right thing is to make owners go to the marketplace wanting to buy the right kind of horse," he says. "And, for the first time ever, I do feel the industry is on side. All of us are alarmed and there's now a genuine will to do something. The question is what? I'm pushing for something, and I feel I'm a lot closer than a year ago--and that is a Plus 10 for older horses."

"Why are we running a Plus 10 which is ultimately designed to encourage whizzy 2-year-olds? That seems exactly the area of the market that needs no assistance. So perhaps we could agree not to have Plus 10 races before Royal Ascot, say, and instead fund maiden and conditions races for 3-year-olds at a mile and above--and to make some of

these races Plus 20, rather than Plus 10. I think that could dramatically increase the profile of those races."

"Yes, the BHA understand the problem and are putting on various extra [staying] races, with good prizemoney, and they're topping up races like the Jockey Club Cup. And that's helpful--but only in a tiny way, because it's a dozen or 20 races. We need to hit the mainstream. We want people saying: 'I don't want something that can run in May [at two] but a nice stayer. Because my friend had one last year, and he won a Plus 10 and a Plus 20, and then sold it to Australia for 80 grand; or even 800 grand.'"

The breeder's element of a Plus 20 prize, moreover, might well double the original covering fee: a tonic to morale, at the very least. After all, it is not as though the current dysfunctions of the market are helping many breeders to prosper. **Cont. p5**

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The happy connections of Australia (GB), after the son of Ouija Board won the G1 Investec Derby in 2014. | Racingfotos.com

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"Especially here," Stanley noted. "The English breeder is disappearing. One of the problems we have is that we no longer have an agrarian economy. If people don't do it themselves, they have to pay keep fees to the likes of me. And the awful thing is that it prices the smaller breeders out of the market, because the cost of keep is really too big for a potential return unless it's a frightfully smart mare--which, of course, most people can't afford. I think that's why we've so few smaller breeders in this country: at the bottom of the pile, it just doesn't add up."

"Whereas in Ireland, with so many horsemen, there's this huge enthusiasm to breed," says Stanley. "The small breeder has a friend with 10 acres and says can I keep a couple of horses with you, or shall we go into partnership on a mare, and they've a friend who'll prep it as a yearling or breeze it and take 10%. And that works. They're all helping each other, which is marvellous."

"Unfortunately, that then leads to overproduction, which costs all of us because it devalues the product. Some of the sires that fill are horses of no relevance. But they've stud masters behind them who are great salesmen, and market their stallions so well."

But if everyone recognises overproduction as a problem, might that at least mean Stanley can benefit from a buyer's market in mating his mares? After all, anecdotal evidence suggests many advertised fees are merely an opening gambit for negotiation.

"But that's only if you're happy not to go to the cr me de la cr me of the commercial market," Stanley says. "Because in reality there's a price to be paid, in three years' time, when you take your yearling to market. Then you'll discover why they were discounting the nomination 40%, or even giving it away. It's a buyers' market unless you want the premium product. And if you want that, you've got to pay through the nose."



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"It's unusual to have a marketplace in which you have something for sale that doesn't cost anything to produce. Literally: a bit of semen. So actually to cover an extra mare is zilch, it'll cost you fifty quid in labour or whatever. So if you're not full and give away a nomination, or discount it down, it's meaningless. By the beginning of May a nomination is only worth what you want to pay for it, because nobody else will be using it."

However stale he considers the forces driving the market, every year still represents a fresh challenge. Stanley plainly finds stimulation in having to box clever: to decide which among countless new sires will strike a lasting chord; or which of the proven sires will prove equal to the extra investment.

"I love to use a proven horse if I can, but they relatively quickly become unaffordable," he shrugs. "At what stage do you stop using Dark Angel (Ire) (Acclamation {GB})? He has been an amazing success, and I am sending him a couple of mares, but at some stage it will be impossible to make money. He's now up to a significant fee, at €85,000. So it's going to be fascinating to see whether he can make that quantum leap, can get a Guineas winner maybe."

"What's terrifying is that when I discuss matings with other professionals, we all home in on the same tiny group of stallions. And it's pathetic how small it is. Siyouni (Fr) (Pivotal {GB}), Dark Angel, Kodiak (GB) (Danehill). Okay, Australia. And Nathaniel maybe. Muhaarar (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}). Maybe some foal shares. New Approach (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) I love, I think he's very under-rated. His fee went way up quickly and has gone down just as quickly, it's all been a bit of a mess but any horse that can get three Royal Ascot winners in his first year, and then go on and have Classic winners, is a serious stallion. I think I'm sending three mares to him. So occasionally you do take a punt: Cape Cross (Ire) (Green Desert) I obviously had a lot of luck with, for instance, and I started using Pivotal (GB) (Polar Falcon {GB}) early." **Cont. p6**

Peter Stanley: Let's Make It Pay to Stay Cont.

By helping Evelyn de Rothschild with his broodmare band, Stanley can at least partly satisfy his yearning to plan matings on the outlandish premise that he might end up with a horse that can gallop, rather than one that can merely walk round a sales ring. And he does also accept that things could be so much worse. Everyone has by now heard that Galileo himself was designated T:T (i.e. an outright stamina profile) by the Equinome genetic testing--but that never stopped him producing Frankel (GB), and countless top-class juveniles.

And the farm that stands the most potent sire of his era, for all its commercial imperatives, has made a mighty stand for the values Stanley fears to be under threat--to the extent that Camelot (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}), himself making a fine start at stud, was given a crack at a Triple Crown.

"Which is surely telling you more about the horse, as a stallion prospect, than any amount of anything else," Stanley enthuses. "We're so lucky that Coolmore recognise that. They've been magnificent for middle-distance racing: Sadler's Wells, Galileo, Montjeu. They've supported the Derby more than any other race. And do you remember how, 15 years ago, the Gold Cup was in danger of being a little bit of a jumping race? By running all these wonderful mile-and-a-half horses, they've brought it back and made it a great spectacle again."

Coolmore raced Australia, of course, and now stand him too. For obvious reasons, Stanley would love to see Australia help to restore the commercial lustre of Classic assets: a Derby winner by a Derby winner out of an Oaks winner.

So while there's always the sale topper that wins a Classic, there'll also be a cheap one that wins something big as well. And in the end, that's what keeps us all going. Because the day the top lot is champion every year is the day there's no point any of us getting out of bed.

Peter Stanley

"With Galileo and Montjeu, you're talking about beautifully-bred Classic horses who did what it said on the tin," he remarks. "And I think it's brilliant for the industry that it's now happening with Frankel too. I'd love to see Australia become a champion stallion, of course I would. And he's getting very good-looking stock, the trainers are giving me very good vibes."

"But yes, we've all seen these horses crash, Dancing Brave, Entrepreneur, any number of them over the years. We're so often wrong. Good stallions can come from surprising places. Look at everything Dark Angel has achieved. And just look at how Sunday Silence, rejected by the American industry, has transformed the Japanese one. In fact, I can see the Japanese breeding the best stayers in the world in years to come--taking over a role traditionally held by British owner-breeders."

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GODOLPHIN BIG GUNS RETURN AT CHANTILLY

French trainer Andre Fabre sends out two of Godolphin's 2017 top older horses, G1 Longines Breeders' Cup Turf hero **Talismanic (GB)** (Medaglia d'Oro) and G1 Prix Ganay victor **Cloth Of Stars (Ire)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}) in the fourth race at Chantilly on Tuesday. Contested over 1900 metres on the all-weather, the Prix Darshaan will be the seasonal opener for the pair, who are aiming for Dubai World Cup Night on Mar. 31. Talismanic, who won the Breeders' Cup Turf in November, ran a credible second to Highland Reel (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase at Sha Tin on Dec. 10 and has been off since. The flashy bay receives the services of Maxime Guyon on Tuesday and is pointing to the G1 Dubai World Cup on dirt. Cloth Of Stars, France's highweight older horse at 11-14 furlongs last year, was runner-up in the G2 Prix Foy at Chantilly on Sept. 10, and filled that same spot behind the multiple champion Enable (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}) in the G1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on Oct. 1. Leaving from stall six on Tuesday, the dark bay has Mickael Barzalona at the controls and is targeting the G1 Sheema Classic on turf. Post time is 2:20 p.m. local time (8:20 a.m. EST/1:20 p.m. GMT).

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Tattersalls have released the catalogue for their Craven Breeze Up Sale [online](#) with hard copies to be available from this Friday. The sale will take place Apr. 16-18 and 172 juveniles have been catalogued. The auction has launched the careers of 41 group or listed winners since 2015, including last year's G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest winner Brando (GB) (Pivotal {GB}). Last year's Craven Sale, from a smaller catalogue of 152 lots, posted a stellar set of results highlighted by an aggregate of over 14 million guineas and the 675,000-gns sale of a Scat Daddy colt offered by Jim McCartan and bought by David Redvers Bloodstock.

Now called Kings Shield, the John Gosden trainee made a winning debut for Qatar racing last November and purchasers next month can look forward to nine 2-year-olds from the final crop of Scat Daddy. They include [lot 66](#) from Con Marnane's Bansha House, a grey or roan colt who is a half-brother to Japanese Group 1 winner A Shin Forward (Forest Wildcat) and one of 16 representing the vendor.



The Kevin Ryan-trained Brando was bought at the 2014 Craven Sale by Steven Hillen for 115,000gns | Scoop Dyga

The catalogue certainly doesn't lack sire power with another American elite stallion War Front represented by two colts; [lot 63](#), a half-brother to Group 1 winner Pathfork (Distorted Humor) and [lot 166](#), the first foal out of a Galileo (Ire) half-sister to Group 1 winner and stallion Dutch Art (GB).

The progeny of proven broodmares and top-class racemares are also plentiful with 27 2-year-olds out of group or listed winning mares and 29 own or half-brothers and sisters to stakes winners catalogued. These include; [lot 152](#) a Shamardal colt out of G1 EP Taylor S. winner Lahaleeb (Ire) (Redback {GB}); [lot 6](#), a filly by Exceed And Excel (Aus) out of G2 Lonsdale Cup winner Pale Mimosa (Ire) (Singspiel {Ire}); [lot 159](#), a colt by Sea The Stars (Ire) out of the prolific stakes winner Lily's Angel (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}); [lot 8](#), a colt by Street Sense who is a half-brother to G1 Fillies' Mile winner Certify (Elusive Quality) and [lot 22](#), a full-brother to Group 1 winner Dick Whittington (Ire) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}).

All the leading breeze up vendors such as Mocklershill, Gaybrook Lodge, Grove Stud, Tally-Ho, Malcolm Bastard, Church Farm/Horse Park Stud and Lynn Lodge, among others are all represented, as are all the top stallions while Tattersalls will offer a number of juveniles with added benefits. These include seven lots signed up to the £25,000 Tattersalls October Book 1 Bonus, two entered in each of the €300,000 Tattersalls Ireland Super Auction S. and the £150,000 Tattersalls October Auction S. and 56 which are Plus 10 qualified. In addition there are nine 2-year-olds qualified for French Owners' Premiums.

Commenting on the catalogue, Tattersalls Chairman Edmond Mahony said, "In 2017 Craven Breeze Up graduates continued to produce racecourse results achieving group or listed success in Britain, Ireland, France, Canada, Scandinavia, the Gulf Region, the USA and Macau. An increased catalogue of 172 this year is testament to the consistent support from the top British and Irish breeze-up consignors and buyers, both domestic and international, will as ever be attracted by 2-year-olds by many of the world's most sought after sires."

Horses will breeze up Newmarket's Rowley Mile Racecourse on Monday, Apr. 16 starting at 9:30 a.m. and the sale will take place the following two evenings, after the conclusion of racing on the first two days of Newmarket's three day Craven Meeting.

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10 ENTRIES FOR RESCHEDULED RACE

The Listed Patton S. at Dundalk this Friday, rescheduled from the previous week due to severe weather conditions, has received 10 entries, again including the highly rated Ballydoyle trio of GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf scorer **Mendelssohn** (Scat Daddy), **Seahenge** (Scat Daddy) and **Threeandfourpence** (War Front). The race forms part of the 'European Road To Kentucky Derby' series which also includes a conditions race rescheduled for Kempton on Wednesday and which offers a berth in the GI Kentucky Derby for the top scorer on the leaderboard. While Mendelsson and his two stablemates featured in the entry list for the Kempton Race, they have not been declared, which suggests one or more may tog out at Dundalk on Friday.

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FIRST MARES IN FOAL

ALMANZOR (FR), Haras d'Etream, France



Almanzor | Haras d'Etream

- Six of the first seven mares covered by Almanzor (Wootton Bassett {GB}) were tested in foal last week. Among them is Vadsariya (Fr), a stakes-placed daughter of Exceed And Excel (Aus); Sediciosa (Ire) (Rail Link {GB}), winner of the G3 Prix de Royaumont; and Maariyah (Fr), an Oasis Dream (GB) daughter of champion mare Ana Marie (Fr) (Anabaa).
- The European champion 3-year-old colt is standing his first season for €35,000 at Haras d'Etream in France.
- "We are delighted with those results and Amanzor has already covered about 40 mares," said Nicolas de

Chambure of Haras d'Etream. "He is very good and professional at his new job, showing a good attitude and a good libido. A very strong syndicate has been put together with breeders from Ireland, England, the United States, Germany, Switzerland and France, who will give Almanzor great support. The shareholders together are sending 70 mares and we have sold 70 nominations, as he is limited to 140. These include about 20 mares that have either produced a Group 1 performer or who are Group 1 performers themselves."

ULYSSES (IRE), Cheveley Park Stud, England

- English highweight Ulysses (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) has his first two mares covered scanned in foal. The first is Cheveley's Executrix (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), a half-sister to G1 Matron S. heroine Echelon (GB) (Danehill), herself dam of MG1SW Integral (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}). The second mare is the Niarchos Family's Dawning (Ire) (War Chant), a winning half-sister to GI Breeders' Cup Mile and French 2000 Guineas winner Karakontie (Jpn) (Bernstein).
- Ulysses commands a fee of £30,000 at Cheveley Park in his first season at stud.
- "Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Maria Niarcho-Gouaze and her family, are delighted that Ulysses has had his first mares scanned in foal," said Cheveley Park Stud Managing Director Chris Richardson. "Ulysses has a very exciting book of mares and in association with the Niarchos family, we all very much look forward to the future."

DECORATED KNIGHT (GB), Irish National Stud, Ireland

- The first four mares covered by G1 Irish Champions S. hero Decorated Knight (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) have been scanned in foal. The MG1SW, who stands at the Irish National Stud, has been well supported by the INS and his owner/breeders Blue Diamond Stud.
- Among the quartet is Native Picture (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), a half-sister to G1 Golden Jubilee S. hero Kingsgate Native (Ire) (Mujadil); Katch Me Katie (GB) (Danehill), dam of GSW Pale Mimosa (Ire) (Singspiel {Ire}) and MSW Nearly Caught (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}); the winning Cosmopolitan Girl (Ire) (Dream Ahead), a daughter of GSP Absolute Music (Consolidator); and Charming Loza (GB) (Lawman {Fr}), a half-sister to the SP Bournemouth Belle (GB) (Canford Cliffs {Ire}) from the family of High Heeled (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) and champion Just The Judge (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}).
- Decorated Knight stands for €15,000 in his first season.



Decorated Knight | Irish National Stud

SPILL THE BEANS (AUS), The National Stud, England

- The National Stud’s reverse shuttler Spill the Beans (Aus) (Sntizel {Aus}) had his first mare scanned in foal over the weekend. Boarded at Charlie Budgett’s Kirtling Park Stud, the mare is Elvira Delight (Ire) (Desert Style {Ire}), a winning half-sister to G1 King’s Stand S. hero Equiano (Fr) (Acclamation {GB}) and listed winners Encore D’or (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) and Evita Peron (GB) (Pivotal {GB}).
- A MGSW in his native Australia, Spill The Beans is the first son of Australian champion sire Snitzel (Aus) to stand in the Northern Hemisphere and he holds court for £6,000 in his first season at stud.
- “Spill The Beans has settled in to life at The National Stud really well and I’m delighted with the quality of mares that breeders are supporting him with,” said Billy Jackson-Stops of Atlas Stallions. “Even though we already knew his fertility was excellent, to have his first mare covered in foal is a great start to the season.”

STALLIONS' FIRST FOALS

SHALAA (IRE)

Al Shaqab Racing’s French and English highweighted juvenile colt Shalaa (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) has his first foals on the ground. Among them are: a filly out of dual Arc heroine Treve (Fr) (Motivator {GB}) foaled on Mar. 4, GI Vinery Madison S. victress Shotgun Gulch (Thunder Gulch) produced a filly just before Treve Sunday; and a few hours later G1SP Rjwa (Ire) (Muhtathir {GB}) produced a colt by the Haras de Bouquetot resident. Shalaa also has foals out of GSW Al Wathna (GB) (Nayef), a colt; a nice filly out of a half-sister to Zagora (Fr) (Green Tune) in Al Anqa (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) (pictured); and a colt out of GSP Gherdaiya (GB) (Shamardal).

“We are delighted with Shalaa’s first foals, which he stamps a lot,” said Haras de Bouquetot Manager Benoit Jeffroy. “His foals really stand out, with size, a lot of depth, strong backs and plenty of quality.”



Shalaa filly out of Al Anqa | Zuzanna Lupa/Al Shaqab Racing

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Kion (Ire), c, 3, Dragon Pulse (Ire)--Diamond Duchess (Ire), by Dubawi {Ire}. WOL, 3-5, 6f 20y (AWT), 1:14.21. B-Dr K.C. Tan (IRE). *£45,000 Ylg ‘16 GOUKPR; 35,000gns 2yo ‘17 TATAHI.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

RUBICK COLT HEADS INGLIS DAY 2

Day two of the Inglis Melbourne Premier Yearling Sale picked up where it left off on the opening day with strong demand for quality yearlings. It was Supreme Thoroughbreds who again consigned the top lot, when their colt by Rubick (Aus) was knocked down to trainer Gerald Ryan for A\$420,000. That figure, one of two yearlings to make A\$400,000 or more, contributed to an aggregate of A\$17,335,500, up on the first day due mainly to an increased number of yearlings offered. The clearance rate held steady at 80% while the average and median dipped slightly from the opening day figures to A\$119,555 and A\$100,000 respectively.

Rubick Colt Heads Inglis Day 2 Cont.

Cumulatively, the sale's aggregate and average are running slightly behind this time last year but the median is holding firm at A\$100,000.

Bloodstock Manager Simon Vivian was again satisfied with results to date and commented, "This sale has had nine continuous years of growth and we are on track to hold that again. There were some great sales today for our breeders and vendors and we look forward to more strong results on Day 3 tomorrow."

"Go and find the best looking Rubick you can and buy it for me." That was the instruction Gerald Ryan received from owner Mr. Yaseen of Teeley Assets in January and for Ryan it was **lot 300** that fit the bill for this particular order. The colt is the third produce out of the stakes winning mare Charm's Honour (Aus) (Strada {Aus}), whose career as a broodmare received a major boost from the recent exploits of her second produce Enbihaar (Aus) (Magnus {Aus}). That 2-year-old Shadwell colour-bearer won the G2 Blue Diamond Prelude at Caulfield Feb. 10 before finishing second in the G1 Blue Diamond S. two weeks later.

Rubick was bred by Teeley Assets and trained by Gerald Ryan and the trainer said, "This horse was the best Rubick of the year so far hands down. He's a great mover, great strength and has a nice page. He is the spitting image of his old man, albeit maybe a little taller than his father at the same age."

Ryan continued, "We've had a bit to do with the family obviously over the years and Mr. Yaseen has raced some of the best horses we have seen, so with a bit of luck this is his next one."



The Rubick colt lot 300 | Inglis

Like the Day 1 co-topping son of Pierró (Aus), Monday's Rubick colt was bred by Rob Crabtree of Dorrington Farm who was naturally delighted with the price. "He's a beautiful individual and you have to be delighted with the result. Teeley are such great supporters of Gerald and the industry so I'm glad he's gone to such a great home. I took a still photo off the Coolmore website of Rubick and he was a clone for our horse."

Monday also saw the sale's highest-priced filly so far and that accolade belonged to **lot 265**. Offered by Blue Gum Farm, who also consigned Sunday's joint top priced yearling, the Sepoy (Aus) filly was bought by Damon Gabbedy's Belmont Bloodstock Agency on behalf of Milburn Creek's John Muir for A\$400,000. The filly's dam Beauty World (Aus) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) has been a fantastic producer with four stakes winners, six stakes performers and eight winners from her eight foals to race so far.



Lot 265 | Inglis

"She's the only filly in the whole catalogue in my opinion with true, proper residual value," Damon Gabbedy told *Racing.com* after. That sale ensured Blue Gum ended Day 2 as the sale's leading vendor by aggregate with 17 sales for A\$2,525,000. The leading vendor by average is Yarraman Park at A\$247,500 from four sales.

Zoustar (Aus) is the leading sire by aggregate so far with 17 sold for a total of A\$3,205,000 and his sales on Monday were headed by **lot 271**, a colt purchased by Spicer Thoroughbreds/Noorilim Park Thoroughbreds for A\$360,000. The colt was offered by Bowness Stud out of Bionic Girl (Aus) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), whose first foal is the stakes placed colt Bionics (Aus) (Hinchinbrook {Aus}).

Brad Spicer of Spicer Thoroughbreds spoke to *Racing.com* after the sale and said, "He's a lovely colt. I've been following him the last couple of days and he's barely been in his box he's had that many inspections. I didn't think we'd have the budget but we managed to get him for Peter Carrick of Noorilim Park. Pete normally buys fillies but he really liked this colt and earmarked him as a potential stallion prospect so hopefully he can go on and win a nice race or two."

Rubick Colt Heads Inglis Day 2 Cont.

Yarraman Park are never far off the leader-board at the top yearling sales and their colt by I Am Invincible (Aus), offered as lot 318 proved popular when selling to Dean Hawthorne Bloodstock for A\$330,000. Less than an hour later the stud also parted with a filly by the same sire when the South African team of Form Bloodstock signed for lot 335 for A\$300,000. Day 3 of the sale commences at the same local time of 11 a.m. on Tuesday.

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SESSION TOPPERS

INGLIS MELBOURNE PREMIER YEARLING SALE - DAY 2 TOP LOTS

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
300	c	Rubick (Aus)	Charm's Honour (Aus) <i>B-Mr RJ Crabtree (Vic)</i>	420,000
Consigned by Supreme Thoroughbreds Purchased by G Ryan				
265	f	Sepoy (Aus)	Beauty World (Aus) <i>B-Oakland Park Stud (WA)</i>	400,000
Consigned by Blue Gum Farm Purchased by Belmont Bloodstock Agency				
271	c	Zoustar (Aus)	Bionic Girl (Aus) <i>B-Vieira Group Pty Ltd (NSW)</i>	360,000
Consigned by Bowness Stud Purchased by Spicer T'breeds/Noorilim Park T'breeds				
318	c	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Courtesan (NZ) <i>B-O T I Racing, Full Circle Racing, Fittock Stud (Vic)</i>	330,000
Consigned by Yarraman Park Stud Purchased by Dean Hawthorne Bloodstock/P Morgan				
229	c	Snitzel (Aus)	Ain'tnofallenstar (Aus) <i>B-Glentree Pastoral Pty Ltd (Vic)</i>	325,000
Consigned by Glentree Thoroughbreds Purchased by R Yiu				



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SESSION TOTALS	2018	2017
• Catalogued	202	200
• Number Offered	183	184
• Number Sold	145	147
• Not Sold	38	37
• Clearance Rate	80%	80%
• No. A\$500K+	0	3
• High Price	A\$420,000	A\$1,400,000
• Gross	A\$17,335,500	A\$19,129,500
• Average (% change)	A\$119,555 (-8%)	A\$130,133
• Median (% change)	A\$100,000	A\$100,000

CUMULATIVE	2018	2017
• Catalogued	362	350
• Number Offered	328	321
• Number Sold	267	263
• Not Sold	61	58
• Clearance Rate	81%	82%
• No. A\$500K+	0	4
• High Price	A\$420,000	A\$1,400,000
• Gross	A\$32,543,500	A\$33,333,000
• Average (% change)	A\$121,886 (-4%)	A\$126,730
• Median (% change)	A\$100,000	A\$100,000

WRITTEN BY TO SLIPPER

Following a gallop on the Mornington Peninsula Monday morning, undefeated G1 Blue Diamond hero **Written By (Aus)** (Written Tycoon {Aus}) will be pointed toward the Mar. 24 G1 Golden Slipper, reported *Racenet.com*. Trainer Grahame Begg indicated the chestnut will head straight for the Slipper and will work at Randwick on Tuesday week in preparation for the right-handed configuration of the track.

“He worked in great style this morning and we just wanted to see him tick that box,” Begg told AAP. “He galloped in company at Pinecliff and had a good gallop. He had a good little blow after it because he had a pretty soft week last week, but he’s all ready to go. We feel that he has come on again.”

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NO 'REIGN' IN NEWMARKET

Last year's G1 Golden Slipper winner **She Will Reign (Aus)** (Manhattan Rain {Aus}) will not line up for this weekend's G1 Newmarket H., her trainer Gary Portelli confirmed on Monday.

"I just don't think it's the right race for her," Portelli told *Racing.com*. "We've got other options and I don't want to knock her around before I have to."

Bargain yearling purchase She Will Reign has made two starts this year, winning the Inglis Sprint at Warwick Farm Feb. 10 before finishing a never nearer 10th in the G1 Ladbrokes Oakleigh Plate at Caulfield two weeks later. Instead of letting her take her chance this Saturday, Portelli has the G1 William Reid S. at Moonee Valley on Mar. 23 in mind for the filly and her performance there will determine future targets.

"We'll go to the William Reid and then work out where we go from there," he said. "If she ran well then she'll go to the T.J. Smith S. a couple of weeks later, but if we felt she needed to come back to her own grade there is the Arrowfield Sprint for 3-year-olds a week later."

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ECLIPSE EXPANDS TO OZ, KHAW HIRED AS DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

American-based Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, founded in 2011 by Aron Wellman, is expanding its Australian presence and has hired Su-Ann Khaw as director of business development Australasia, Eclipse announced on Monday. Part-owners of **Pinot (Aus)** (Pierro {Aus}), who won the G1 Kennedy Oaks in early November, the syndication company will be active at the upcoming Inglis Easter Yearling Sale.

"Eclipse is enthused about expanding our stable's presence in Australasia and since dipping our toe into the Australian market with the purchase of Pinot at the 2016 Inglis Easter Sale, we have been methodical about our approach to this move," Eclipse President, Aron Wellman said. "Bringing on to our team as Director of Business Development - Australasia, an individual with the credentials, class, and charisma of Su-Ann Khaw, whom we believe possesses a lot of synergy with the principles at the core of Eclipse's philosophy, is a major move to propel our program forward in Australia. Su-Ann has her finger on the pulse of the global markets, smart horsemanship skills and a keen understanding of the key hospitality amenities required to provide members of racing partnerships the optimum experience possible."



Su-Ann Khaw

Trained by Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott, Pinot is the first Australian Group 1 winner for Eclipse, who have also raced quality fillies like MGISW Curalina (Curlin) and GISWs In Lingerie (Empire Maker), Illuminant (Quality Road) and Byrama (Byron {GB}). Among the best of Eclipse's colts, is 2017 GI Belmont S. hero Tapwrit (Tapit), as well as narrow 2016 Belmont runner-up Destin (Giant's Causeway), both of whom they owned in partnership.

Added Khaw, "I've observed and marvelled at Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners' success on the track since meeting Aron and Eclipse Chairman, Brian Spearman, in Saratoga with Gai [Waterhouse] in 2015. Aron's horsemanship skills and eye for an athlete is a key attribute to Eclipse's success identifying a good horse. Combined with a professional and transparent approach to ensure partners are provided a service and every opportunity to enjoy a high level ownership experience, is what makes Eclipse a team I am elated to be a part of."

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Leading General Sires by Black-Type Horses

for stallions standing in Europe through Sunday, Mar. 4.

Earnings represent worldwide figures, stud fees listed are 2018 fees.

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Dubawi (Ire) <i>(2002) by Dubai Millennium (GB) FYR: 2007</i>	3	8	2	6	--	--	84	24	\$610,385	\$2,373,826
								Stands: Dalham Hall Stud Eng Fee: £250,000		The Blue Eye (GB)	
2	Exceed and Excel (Aus) <i>(2000) by Danehill FYR: 2006</i>	2	6	2	5	--	1	115	31	\$295,000	\$1,914,491
								Stands: Kildangan Stud Ire Fee: €50,000		Heavy Metal (GB)	
3	Siyouni (Fr) <i>(2007) by Pivotal (GB) FYR: 2012</i>	1	5	--	3	--	--	55	17	\$158,159	\$752,249
								Stands: Haras de Bonneval Fr Fee: €75,000		Pazeer (Fr)	
4	Shamardal <i>(2002) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2007</i>	1	3	--	3	--	--	108	24	\$843,480	\$1,965,158
								Stands: Kildangan Stud Ire Fee: Private		Ninas Shadow (Ger)	
5	Lope de Vega (Ire) <i>(2007) by Shamardal FYR: 2012</i>	1	3	1	2	--	--	67	16	\$242,720	\$1,032,611
								Stands: Ballylinch Stud Ire Fee: €60,000		Barwod (GB)	
6	Oasis Dream (GB) <i>(2000) by Green Desert FYR: 2005</i>	1	3	1	2	--	--	79	17	\$201,000	\$736,063
								Stands: Banstead Manor Stud Eng Fee: £30,000		Ertijaal (Ire)	
7	Elusive City <i>(2000) by Elusive Quality FYR: 2005</i>	1	3	--	1	--	--	93	24	\$84,414	\$703,383
								Stands: Haras d'Etream Fr Fee: €7,500		Fabulous One (NZ)	
8	Frankel (GB) <i>(2008) by Galileo (Ire) FYR: 2014</i>	--	3	--	3	--	--	27	4	\$151,632	\$473,256
								Stands: Banstead Manor Stud Eng Fee: £175,000		Senator (GB)	
9	Iffraaj (GB) <i>(2001) by Zafonic FYR: 2008</i>	1	3	1	2	--	--	95	8	\$150,000	\$471,880
								Stands: Dalham Hall Stud Eng Fee: £40,000		Jungle Cat (Ire)	
10	Mastercraftsman (Ire) <i>(2006) by Danehill Dancer (Ire) FYR: 2011</i>	2	2	1	1	--	--	78	15	\$317,715	\$1,121,175
								Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: €25,000		Packing Dragon (NZ)	
11	Invincible Spirit (Ire) <i>(1997) by Green Desert FYR: 2004</i>	--	2	--	1	--	--	81	12	\$120,202	\$460,247
								Stands: Irish National Stud Ire Fee: €120,000		High On Life (GB)	
12	Offlee Wild <i>(2000) by Wild Again FYR: 2007</i>	1	2	1	1	--	--	31	9	\$149,910	\$397,336
								Stands: TJC Silivri Stallion Complex EUR		Hogy	
13	Champs Elysees (GB) <i>(2003) by Danehill FYR: 2011</i>	1	2	1	2	--	--	41	11	\$89,280	\$395,300
								Stands: Castlehyde Stud Ire Fee: €6,500		Elysea's World (Ire)	
14	Dylan Thomas (Ire) <i>(2003) by Danehill FYR: 2009</i>	1	2	1	1	--	--	32	6	\$218,709	\$380,591
								Stands: Castle Hyde Stud Ire Fee: €5,000		Premiere (NZ)	
15	Azamour (Ire) <i>(2001) by Night Shift FYR: 2006</i>	1	2	--	--	--	--	20	9	\$128,512	\$345,172
								Stands: Giltown Stud EUR (Dead/Ret/Exp)		Double Bluff (Ire)	

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