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MCPEEK FINDS ANOTHER GEM IN SIGNALMAN

Signalman | *Coady photo*

by Nathan Mayberg

It's been 16 years since trainer Ken McPeek had one of those whirlwind seasons where he seems to fire one bullet after another. With the 2-year-old **Signalman** (General Quarters), the impressive winner of the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. Nov. 24, McPeek is heading into the winter with the goods to make a run to the GI Kentucky Derby.

Signalman, who McPeek picked out as a yearling, has been the highlight of a banner year in which he has scored graded stakes wins with horses like **Restless Rider** (Distorted Humor), **Eskimo Kisses** (To Honor and Serve), **Princess Warrior** (Midshipman), **Cairo Cat** (Cairo Prince) and **Daddys Lil Darling** (Scat Daddy).

Signalman is his brightest star now, and his effort in vanquishing 13 rivals in the Kentucky Jockey Club has the veteran conditioner dreaming big. Signalman is owned by a partnership that includes McPeek's wife Sherri and their Magdalena Racing stable, as well as Tommie Lewis and David Bernsen.

"Overcoming a 14-horse field is pretty amazing," McPeek said. "He's gutsy."

Back in 2002, McPeek had a similar embarrassment of riches with studs like Harlan's Holiday, who was favored in the Kentucky Derby, but finished seventh. ***Cont. p3***

OP/ED: TIMES HAVE CHANGED: ECLIPSE AWARDS NEED RULES *By Bill Finley*

Since the Eclipse Awards were initiated in 1971 the only rule has been that there are no rules. Want to vote for a $12,500 claimer for Horse of the Year? Well, you'd be making a fool out of yourself, but nowhere does it say you can't do that. For the longest time, there was something almost endearing about a system that was so simple, and, much more often than not, the voters got it right.

But this is a far more complicated business than it was 47 years ago and there are some areas and categories that are now crying out for some sort of criteria to help guide the voters. That, and it's time to add a new category--turf sprint champion.

The Eclipse Award for leading owner has became a mess. By most standards, Sol Kumin had the best year among all owners in 2017. According to Liz Crow, Kumin's bloodstock advisor, Kumin and his various partnerships owned pieces of 26 graded stakes winners and seven Grade I winners. ***Cont. p5***

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McPeek Finds Another Gem in Signalman cont. from p1

He won the GII Louisiana Derby with Repent, who had already won the Kentucky Jockey Club but kept running second behind highly accomplished rivals such as War Emblem and Medaglia d'Oro. When War Emblem looked like he was going to take down the Triple Crown for fun, McPeek pulled into Elmont, New York with Sarava and spoiled the party to the tune of a 70-1 upset in the GI Belmont S. Meanwhile, 2002 also saw McPeek's Take Charge Lady annex six stakes races, including the GI Ashland S. and the GI Spinster S.

Since then, McPeek has had plenty of success but has not gone on this kind of a roll.

During a brief hiatus from training in 2005 to take care of his terminally ill mother, he famously picked out a yearling for $57,000 that turned out to be the Hall of Famer Curlin (Smart Strike). McPeek compares the looks of Signalman to that one in the sales ring favorably.

"Curlin had the body of a Greek God, but had a vet issue," McPeek said. "This horse had the body of a Greek God [but without any vet issues]."

Ken McPeek | *Coady photo*

In Signalman's case, the hammer price was even further discounted. At last year's Fasig-Tipton October sale, McPeek scooped the son of Turkey-based sire General Quarters (Sky Mesa) up for $32,000. In many ways, the modest price mirrors the story of General Quarters himself, who was bought as a yearling for $20,000 and claimed in his debut for $20,000 by the late trainer Thomas McCarthy. Those prices didn't prevent General Quarters from running off with the GI Toyota Blue Grass S. and GI Woodford Reserve Turf Classic S.

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Lewis (center) leads Signalman into the winner's circle after his win in the Kentucky Jockey Club. | *Coady photo*

To find gems like Signalman at the sales, McPeek fields a team that includes Dominic Brennan and farm manager Alan Shell, who employ a unique strategy that analyzes the speed genes of the young horses. "Going to a horse sale is the ultimate challenge," he said. "You have to get through your horses and your clients' budget. I won't buy one unless I think it has graded stakes ability."

McPeek liked the pedigree of Signalman and General Quarters. He noted the influence of Pulpit, the grandsire of General Quarters. Signalman also has the Hall of Fame turf runner Manila in his dam's family. But McPeek isn't focused as much on pedigree when he makes his purchases.

"I put a lot more emphasis on the conformation than the pedigree," McPeek said. "He can make his own pedigree."

Not to say he is dismissive of pedigrees. He's been studying them since he was growing up in Lexington with his father, a horse owner and homebuilder. McPeek bought his first racehorses in college when he saw a dispersal book laying around in a Kentucky bank, liked the pedigrees and flew out to Washington to buy some Thoroughbreds he ended up flipping for a profit.

He purchased Signalman in his own name and sold 40% to Lewis, a client of his whose promising graded stakes winner Ten City (Run Away and Hide) (another McPeek bargain find at $12,000) had fatally broken down in the GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity earlier that month.

Lewis named Signalman after her husband Travis, who was a signalman on destroyers and aircraft carriers in the Navy during the Vietnam War. Adding to the name's significance, General Quarters is the Naval code for "all hands on deck."

Lewis said she is "overwhelmed" at the colt's early success, which included a runner-up finish in the Breeders' Futurity and a strong third in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile prior to his breakout score in the Kentucky Jockey Club.

"I've been in the business 35 years and I've never had a horse of this caliber," said Lewis, an Oklahoma native whose father owned Quarter Horses. Lewis met her husband working for General Electric before they decided to pursue a living buying drive-in movie theaters in the 1970s.

Meanwhile, Signalman's minority owner David Bernsen, known for partnering with Rockingham Ranch and co-owning champion sprinter Roy H (More Than Ready) and two-time GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint winner Stormy Liberal (Stormy Atlantic), has known McPeek for years--but this is their first racehorse together. Several years ago, while Bernsen was doing consulting work, he invited McPeek out to Australia to see the racing farms and business there. After that visit, McPeek ended up building Magdalena Farm, where he trains and turns out horses in a way similar to the Australian approach.

McPeek thinks a lot of the success he is having lately is because he is picking out his own horses again at the sales after a period of letting others do the selecting. Some of his best horses were those that he selected at the sales, like Take Charge Lady, Repent and Tejano Run. Of his best runners, McPeek compares Signalman to Tejano Run, whom he bought for $20,000 at the 1993 Keeneland Yearling Sale and went on to run second in the 1995 Kentucky Derby.

While the plan for now is to give Signalman a rest before gearing up for a return in Gulfstream Park's GII Fountain of Youth S. Mar. 2, McPeek said the heavy lifting is over with Signalman. The foundation has been laid.

"I think the hard part's already done," McPeek said. "Now it's just a matter of timing."

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Crow said both totals were more than double the runner-up in each category. He rarely owns a horse without partners, sometimes multiple partners.

Yet, Kumin and the multiple stable names he runs under received 19 votes, 124 fewer than the winner. Juddmonte Farms. How is that possible?

It's because no one knows exactly how partnerships should be handled? What percentage did Kumin own of each horse? What about his partners within his partnerships? And why does he run under so many different stable names? That only further confused voters and likely cost him any chance of winning an Eclipse Award?

Kumin had another great year this year, but the same questions that dogged his candidacy last year will likely keep him from winning again.

Kumin is in the middle once again of what could be another Eclipse Award controversy. At the time **Justify** (Scat Daddy) started his career, his owners were WinStar Farm, China Horse Club and SF Racing LLC. Along the way, Kumin's Head of Plains Partners LLC and Starlight Racing bought in. In the needlessly secretive world of horse racing, we never were told what percentage the two newcomers owned and who owned what when it came to his racing career versus his stud career.

If you want to vote for Justify's owners for an Eclipse Award, should it be only the original three or the five that were there at the end? And if Voter A voted for the WinStar, China Horse Club and SF Racing LLC trio and Voter B voted for all five owners, should those votes count as one and the same? What if someone voted for just Kumin? Should that vote be included with all the other Justify owners?

"The growth of partnerships and hidden ownership interests, including the percentage controlled by each individual owner, has made it challenging to present a complete picture to Eclipse Awards voters," said NTRA Chief Operating Officer Keith Chamblin. "We continue to examine ways to improve the statistical data provided to voters, but there are no easy solutions."

Agreed. There is nothing anywhere close to an easy solution to this dilemma, but someone has to come up with an answer. It's too late for 2018, but for the following years, I believe a committee needs to be formed to study all possible Eclipse Award candidates in the ownership category, put out a detailed biography of exactly who they owned, how much of each horse they owned and how many graded and Grade I stakes they won. Only the people or stables chosen by the committee will be eligible for the award. Without that sort of information, it's impossible for a voter to make an educated choice. ***Cont. p6***

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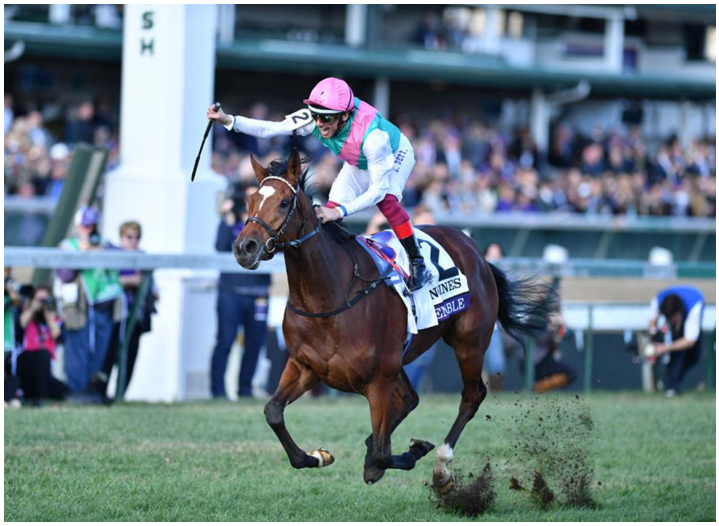
On this next point, not everyone will agree, but something needs to be done to make sure that the championships of North American racing are won by North American horses. Voters tend to fall in love with one-race wonders who come in from Europe and win a Breeders' Cup race on the grass. To me, nothing that a horse accomplishes outside of the U.S. or Canada should count one bit toward their Eclipse Award credentials. The G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe is a tremendous, prestigious race, but the last time I checked it is held in Paris, France and not Paris, Kentucky. So why should a horse get credit for winning that race--or any other foreign race--when it comes to deciding the championships of U.S. racing? Let's make American racing great again.



Enable winning the BC Turf | *Horsephotos*

American voters' love affair with foreign horses is going to be tested this year. There are some people that are so infatuated with Arc-GI Breeders' Cup Turf winner **Enable (GB)** (Nathaniel {Ire}) that they are prepared to vote for her for not just the filly and mare grass championship, but for Horse of the Year.

In some years, years where no American horse among a particular division did anything to distinguish themselves, you can make a valid case for voting for a European Breeders' Cup winner. But that's not the case this year. **Sistercharlie (Ire)** (Myboycharlie {Ire}) had an outstanding year. Trained by Chad Brown, she won four Grade I races, all of them on U.S. soil. That includes a win in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf.

Who's the better horse, Sistercharlie or Enable? Most likely, it's Enable. But that's not the point. What Sistercharlie accomplished in the U.S. far outweighs what Enable accomplished in the U.S. She should be a slam dunk choice for the Eclipse in her division, yet it would come as no surprise of she were to lose. ***Cont. p7***

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What's needed is an adoption of the rule used for Canada's championships, the Sovereign Awards. Because they don't want interlopers from the U.S. coming in, winning one big race and stealing a Sovereign Award from a deserving Canadian horse, no horse, age three or older, is eligible for a Canadian championship unless they have run at least three times in Canada. Two-year-olds must have had at least two starts in Canada. The same rules should apply to the Eclipse Awards, though Canadian races should be included.

Sol Kumin | *Sarah K. Andrew*

The Eclipse Award committee showed that it is willing to adapt to the times when it distinguished between the male and female turf and dirt championships in 2015. The problem was that turf horses were winning the championships for outstanding older filly and mare or horse. Not only had those awards traditionally been given to dirt horses, but once people started voting for grass horses in those categories there became an imbalance that had to be dealt with. A grass horse was eligible for two championships, the grass championship and the traditional older female or male championship. A dirt horse was restricted to only one Eclipse category.

It was an easy fix and reflected a changing time where grass racing has exploded in popularity. With grass racing more important now than ever and with the graded stakes committee having made a grass sprint, the Jaipur S. a Grade I, it's time to establish a grass sprint Eclipse Award. (I want to thank colleague John Pricci for coming up with this idea. He said he's fine with me stealing it from him).

The committee also upgraded five races to Grade IIs and three of them were turf sprints, the GII Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint, the GII Eddie D. and the GII Twin Sprites Turf Sprint. Turf sprints are no longer an afterthought in American racing and deserve their own championship.

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Bailey is an Eclipse Award voter.

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LONGTIME OAKLAWN ANNOUNCER TERRY WALLACE PASSES AWAY

Terry Wallace, Oaklawn's announcer for 37 years, passed away at age 74 following a lengthy illness. Known as "The Voice of Oaklawn" for decades, he began calling races at the Hot Springs track in 1975 and called a record 20,191 consecutive races before ending his streak Jan. 28, 2011. Wallace stepped down as announcer following the 2011 season, but remained a popular ambassador for the track until his retirement in 2017.

"Terry was one of the legends of Oaklawn," Senior Vice President Eric Jackson said. "For generations of Arkansas racing fans, he was the voice of Oaklawn and for a time he was the most recognized voice in the state. It's a very sad day for the Oaklawn family as we have lost an important part of our history."

Originally from Cincinnati, Wallace got his start announcing at River Downs in his hometown, as well as Great Barrington, Louisiana Downs, Ak-Sar-Ben and Horsemen's Park. He was inducted into the Nebraska Racing Hall of Fame and into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame.

Wallace was also active in the fight against cancer, serving on the boards of several local charities, including the Garland County chapter of the American Cancer Society Leadership Council and his efforts have helped raise nearly $3 million to fight the disease. He also worked diligently with the United Way. Wallace is survived by his wife, Alice, two sons, one daughter and four grandchildren.

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Upon entering the track at either the main Grandstand or Clubhouse entrance, fans will receive a contest entry blank. To participate, they must fill it out completely, then deposit it in a box corresponding to their selection for the seventh race. Anyone who correctly picks the winner becomes part of the "Tampa Bay Owners Club" fantasy syndicate. In the event of a dead-heat for first place, two sets of winners will be declared.

Winners will receive many of the perks associated with Thoroughbred ownership each time the winning horse returns to action during the current meeting, including free admission, a Tampa Bay Downs racing program, a mutuel voucher, concession-stand discounts and a pin identifying them as a "Tampa Bay Owners Club" member.

Members of the "Tampa Bay Owners Club" also will be admitted to the paddock before their horse's races and to the winner's circle whenever their horse wins again. Contest winners will be contacted via e-mail whenever their horse is entered at Tampa Bay Downs.

"We're hopeful a lot of fans will enter the contest and return to the track each time their new horse competes," Margo Flynn, Tampa's VP of Marketing and Publicity, said. "Along the way, we think being part of the 'Tampa Bay Owners Club' will give people a chance to learn about the myriad challenges and incredible rewards that come with owning a racehorse."

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WOOLF AWARD FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

Jockeys Joe Bravo, Kerwin Clark, Joe Davila, Jr., Julien Leparoux and Scott Stevens are the finalists for Santa Anita's George Woolf Memorial Jockey Award. The winner will be announced in late February.

The Woolf award can only be won once and recognizes riders whose careers and personal character earn esteem for the individual and Thoroughbred racing. The ballot for voting will be distributed to jockeys across the country.

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LONG ON VALUE TO STAND AT PLEASANT ACRES

Long On Value | *Sarah Andrew*

Grade I-winning millionaire **Long On Value** (Value Plus--Long Message, by Orientate) will stand in Florida at Pleasant Acres Stallions for $2,500 for the 2019 breeding season.

"Helen and I are excited to have the millionaire, Long on Value, join our roster here at Pleasant Acres Stallions, said Pleasant Acres' owner Joe Barbazon. "He brings stamina and resilience on dirt or turf--going short or long. Breeders should find a lot to like about Long On Value."

Winner of the 2014 GII Twilight Derby and 2015 GIII Canadian Turf S. during his tenure for Hall of Famer Bill Mott, Long On Value finished second in the 2017 G1 Al Quoz Sprint and third in that year's GI Ricoh Woodbine Mile. Purchased by trainer Brad Cox for $100,000 at that term's Keeneland November Sale, the 7-year-old made just two starts for his new conditioner, winning the Might Beau Overnight S. at Churchill June 2 and closing out his career on a high note in the GI Highlander S. at Woodbine June 30. The bay retires with a record or 32-9-5-5 and earnings of $1,136,253.

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Fans can have breakfast with Santa, get a free 2019 Maryland Jockey Club calendar and have a chance to choose from gifts valued at more than $10,000 Dec. 8 at Laurel Park. From 9:30 a.m. to noon, a breakfast buffet will be served in the sports bar and Santa will be there to take pictures.

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BARRY & SHERYL SCHWARTZ SUPPORT HORSERACING INTEGRITY ACT

New York owners and breeders Barry and Sheryl Schwartz have joined WHOA and expressed their support for the Horseracing Integrity Act.

"Sheryl and I would like very much to join WHOA," Schwartz said. "We have been in racing for more than 40 years now and never in that time has the need been greater for a regulatory bill to be put into effect. The general public is as skeptical as ever about drugs being used in racing and in many cases they are correct. When I was Chairman of New York Racing Association, I tried very hard to take back the penalty phase of dealing with violators. I was continually rebuffed by the state legislators. I believe if violations and penalties come under federal jurisdiction, we will take a major step in driving that element out of our industry. This is too great a game to be tarnished by a few bad apples."

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Thoroughbred Charities of America's 29th annual Stallion Season Auction and Celebration will be held Wednesday, Jan. 2 through Sunday, Jan. 6.

"Our annual auction is our most important event on the calendar as it raises the majority of the funds that we distribute to approved charities each year," said Erin Crady, executive director of TCA. "There are a variety of ways to support the auction including the donation of stallion seasons, the donation of non-season items for the silent auction, sponsorships, program advertising, and ticket purchases. Our grants are only possible because of the generosity of our donors."

The fundraiser opens with an online auction beginning at 9 a.m. Jan. 2 and continues through 3 p.m. Jan. 4. Bidding by telephone will be available Jan. 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Interested bidders may register on starquine.com or tca.org.

The majority of seasons will sell during the online auction, however approximately eight seasons will be sold in the live Select Season Auction & Celebration Jan. 6 at the Keeneland Entertainment Center in Lexington. Non-season items including experiences, services, and memorabilia will also be offered and will be available for online bidding.

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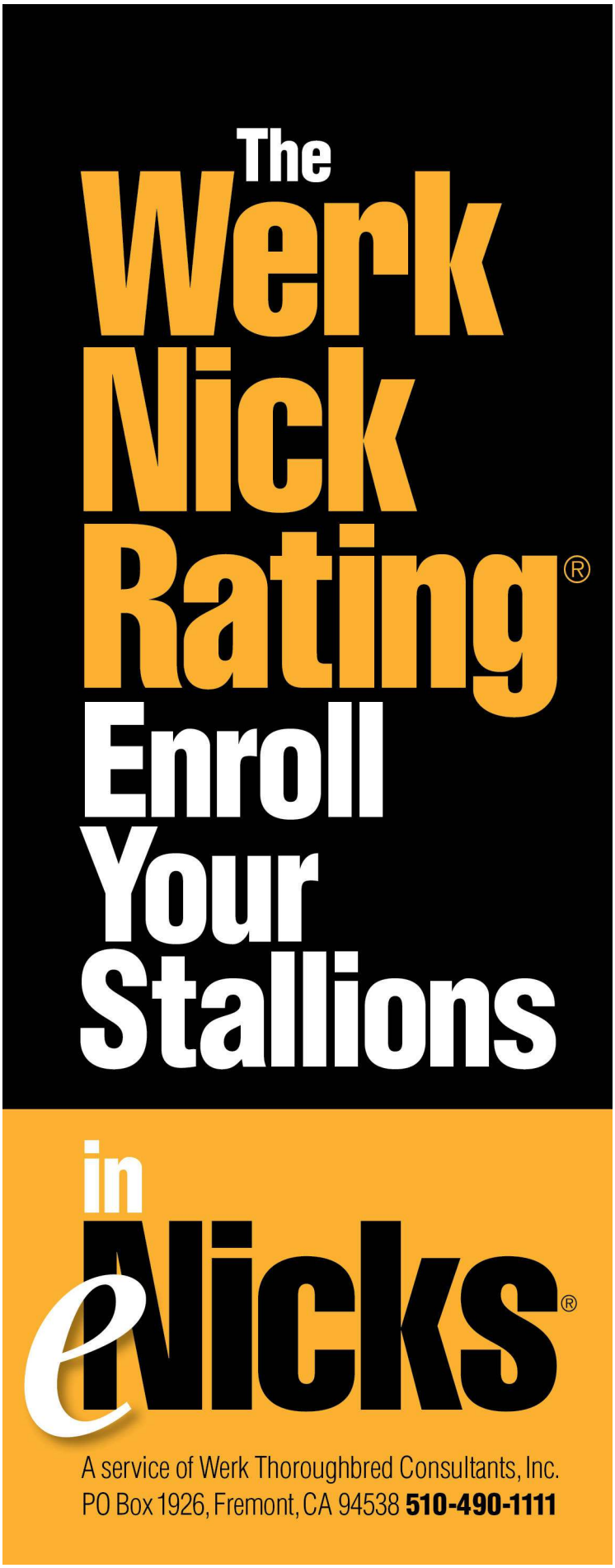

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STARLET S.-GI, $300,000, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Vibrance	Violence	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Daniell, Donna & Jim	McCarthy	Prat	120
2	Mother Mother	Pioneerof the Nile	Bolton, George, Hall, Barry, Lipman, Barry, Mathiesen, Mark & Molasky, Andrew	Baffert	Geroux	120
3	Sold It	The Factor	Dunne, Ciaran & Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Gutierrez	120
4	Oxy Lady	Oxbow	Calumet Farm	Sisterson	Cannon	120
5	Enaya Alrabb	Uncle Mo	Enaya Racing	O'Neill	Smith	120
6	Chasing Yesterday	Tapit	Summer Wind Equine	Baffert	Van Dyke	120

Breeders: 1-Jason Hall & Bill Vanlandingham, 2-T. F. VanMeter, 3-Jeanne Canty, Judy Hicks, Kathryn Nikkel& Pegasus Stud LLC, 4-Calumet Farm, 5-Tony Holmes & Dr. & Mrs. Walter Zent, 6-Summer Wind Equine

Sunday, Woodbine, post time: 4:38 p.m. EST

VALEDICTORY S.-GIII, C$125,000, 3yo/up, 1 3/4m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	English Illusion	English Channel	4U Thoroughbred Racing Stable Inc.	Pion	Hernandez	119
2	Bowsprit	Mast Track	Silhouette LLC	Milosevic	Kimura	115
3	Bangkok	Street Hero	Wood, Gail and Barbour, Ruth	Gracey	Boulanger	115
4	Vintage Matters	Tapit	Gallagher's Stud	Dickinson	Wilson	115
5	A. A. Azula's Arch	Arch	A & A Farms	Attard	Moreno	114
6	Seeking Albert	Einstein (Brz)	Zilli Racing Stables	De Paulo	Garcia	115
7	Melmich	Wilko	Chesney, Stephen and Hoffman, Cory S.	Attard	Contreras	115
8	Ethical Funds	Giant Gizmo	Oak Run Racing Inc.	Billers	Moran	115
9	Pumpkin Rumble	English Channel	Ulwelling, Al and Bill	Attard	Da Silva	115

Breeders: 1-Douglas J. Reddington, 2-Edmund T. Mudge IV, 3-Gail Wood & Dr. Ruth Barbour, 4-Gallagher's Shiraz LLC, 5-Fox Hill Farms, 6-Adena Springs, 7-Andrew Stronach, 8-Errol Bailey, 9-Smart Angle

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1	**Cross Traffic**	5	8	1	1	1	1	35	12	1,384,200	1,934,881
	(2009) by Unbridled's Song			*Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: $10,000*						*Jaywalk*	
2	**Goldencents**	2	6	--	--	--	--	56	22	150,400	1,056,941
	(2010) by Into Mischief			*Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: $20,000*						*Mr. Money*	
3	**Will Take Charge**	1	5	--	2	--	--	30	9	68,780	634,129
	(2010) by Unbridled's Song			*Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: $30,000*						*High Regard*	
4	**Fed Biz**	--	4	--	--	--	--	40	7	72,500	475,388
	(2009) by Giant's Causeway			*Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: $10,000*						*Family Biz*	
5	**Central Banker**	2	3	--	--	--	--	19	7	249,625	710,675
	(2010) by Speightstown			*Stands: McMahon of Saratoga T'breds NY Fee: $7,500*						*Bankit*	
6	**Tritap**	1	3	--	--	--	--	17	10	100,769	512,080
	(2009) by Tapit			*Stands: Heritage Stallions USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)*						*Belial*	
7	**Verrazano**	1	3	--	--	--	--	41	6	101,350	374,624
	(2010) by More Than Ready			*Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: $15,000*						*Seek and Destroy*	
8	**Abstraction**	1	3	--	--	--	--	17	5	165,143	338,443
	(2010) by Pulpit			*Stands: Doubletree Farm NM Fee: $3,500*						*Hustle Up*	
9	**Mucho Macho Man**	1	2	1	1	--	--	27	6	87,000	403,382
	(2008) by Macho Uno			*Stands: Adena Springs KY Fee: $10,000*						*Mucho Unusual*	
10	**Uncaptured**	2	2	1	1	--	--	15	5	138,939	366,516
	(2010) by Lion Heart			*Stands: Ocala Stud Farm FL Fee: $6,000*						*Catherinethegreat*	
11	**Mark Valeski**	1	2	--	1	--	--	13	6	136,750	310,469
	(2009) by Proud Citizen			*Stands: Airdrie Stud KY Fee: Private*						*Network Effect*	
12	**Atreides**	1	2	--	--	--	--	18	7	92,995	227,034
	(2011) by Medaglia d'Oro			*Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: $5,000*						*Caladan*	
13	**Bandbox**	1	2	--	--	--	--	7	3	118,320	214,492
	(2008) by Tapit			*Stands: Northview Stallion Station MD Fee: $2,500*						*Follow the Dog*	
14	**Guilt Trip**	1	2	--	--	--	--	10	5	71,500	169,605
	(2009) by Pulpit			*Stands: Red River Farms LA Fee: $2,500*						*Goodprofit*	
15	**Harlan's Pure**	1	2	--	--	--	--	4	2	65,922	125,809
	(2010) by Harlan's Holiday			*Stands: Hacienda Los Nietos PR Fee: Private*						*Ledoux*	

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NORTH AMERICAN ALLOWANCES

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

9th-Gulfstream, $41,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 12-6, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46.07, ft.

BRASSTOWN (g, 3, Tiznow--Mildly Offensive {MSW, $285,826}, by Sharp Humor) finished off the board in each of his first five career trips to the post, including four attempts for previous trainer Reade Baker. He took a huge step forward stretching back to two turns with a 3 1/4-length maiden win--good for a career-high Beyer Speed Figure of 83--in the Parx slop last time Oct. 27. Favored at 7-5 to make it two in a row, he went straight to the front, began to let it out a notch entering the far turn, and wasn't for catching in the stretch. It was 3 1/2 lengths back to Deputy Czar (Tapizar) in second. After producing a colt by Pioneerof the Nile this season, the winner's dam was bred back to Speightstown. Sales history: $230,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-0, $54,404. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Paul Braverman, Timothy Pinch & Imaginary Stables; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Jorge Navarro.

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8th-Gulfstream, $40,800, Msw, 12-6, 2yo, f, 7 1/2fT, 1:27.92, fm.

WHAT A BEAUT (f, 2, Beau Choix--D J Trip, by Trippi), completely overlooked at odds of 53-1 in this debut run, lit up the Gulfstream Park tote board here. She broke well from her outside draw and secured a perfect early spot chasing from the inside in third as favored Hidden Facts (The Factor) sped off through fractions of :22.97 and :46.25. The bay set her sights on the leader at the top of the stretch and surged late to get there by a neck over the aforementioned pacesetter. D J Trip, a maiden of three career starts, is also represented by an Amira's Prince (Ire) filly of 2017 and a Treasure Beach (GB) colt of 2018. Sales history: $4,700 RNA Ylg '17 OBSOCT; $155,000 2yo '18 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $24,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Gary Barber; B-Linda Evans (FL); T-Mark E. Casse.

4th-Los Alamitos, $40,345, Msw, 12-6, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:02.59, sy.

VALUE PLAY (c, 2, Algorithms--Extravaganza {SW, $174,500}, by Elusive Quality) brought $300,000 from owner Kaleem Shah after breezing an eighth in :10 2/5 at this year's FTFMAR juvenile sale. Sent off as the third-choice at 7-2 here, he set a pressured pace through sharp fractions of :21.71 and :44.46, and splashed his way clear in the stretch to graduate by four lengths in a sharp final clocking. Norski (Liaison) was second. Favored firster All Good (Will Take Charge) was last of six. The winner's dam produced back-to-back Lea offspring–a filly in 2017 and a colt in 2018–then was bred to Mastery. Value Play's third dam is GISW Buy The Firm (Affirmed). Sales history: $150,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; $300,000 2yo '18 FTFMAR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $24,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Kaleem Shah, Inc.; B-Stone Farm (KY); T-Simon Callaghan.

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8th-Fair Grounds, $38,000, Msw, 12-6, 2yo, 5 1/2fT, 1:04.47, fm.

PHILOSOPHY (c, 2, Speightstown--Scarlet Tango {SP}, by French Deputy) reported home a well-beaten third on debut sprinting over the soft going at Keeneland Oct. 27. Off at odds of 9-2 here, he broke sharply from post 11 and was hustled to the front by Shaun Bridgmohan. He showed the way through fractions of :22.36 and :46.72, and took off nicely in the stretch to stamp himself as one to watch en route to a 5 3/4-length decision. Vogt (Fed Biz) was second. The winner is a half-brother to Visionaire (Grand Slam), GISW, $465,882; Scarlet Strike (Smart Strike), GSW & MGISP, $421,530; Tara's Tango (Unbridled's Song), GISW, $806,004; and Madison's Luna (Tapit), GSW. Scarlet Tango is also represented by a Curlin colt of this year. Sales history: $285,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $29,500. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-Stonestreet Stables LLC; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Mark E. Casse.

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6th-Remington, $33,000, Msw, 12-5, 2yo, 6 1/2f, 1:19.64, ft. **DORRANCE (c, 2, Distorted Humor--Apologize, by Lemon Drop Kid)**, favored at 7-5 to begin his career with a victory, broke well from his outside draw and raced with the early leaders as they lined up through an opening quarter in :22.23. He gained a narrow advantage entering the far turn and powered clear in the stretch to graduate by 4 1/2 lengths. Sales history: $230,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $19,698. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
O-Samuel F. Henderson; B-Mt Brilliant Farm (KY); T-C. R. Trout.

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Alpha (Bernardini), Darley/Sequel, $8,500
44 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Aqueduct, Msw 5 1/2f, SEPTEMBER GURL, 10-1
$2,000 OBS OCT yrl; $35,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Central Banker (Speightstown), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, $7,500
75 foals of racing age/8 winners/2 black-type winners
5-Aqueduct, Aoc 1m, THREE BIRDS, 3-1
$21,000 KEE NOV wnl; $11,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl; $4,500 RNA EAS OCT yrl

Cross Traffic (Unbridled's Song), Spendthrift Farm, $12,500
91 foals of racing age/15 winners/5 black-type winners
6-Los Alamitos, Msw 5 1/2f, MESO, 10-1
$42,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Fed Biz (Giant's Causeway), WinStar Farm, $12,500
103 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Fair Grounds, Msw 5 1/2fT, INTHEMIDSTOFBIZ, 6-1

Flashback (Tapit), Hill 'N' Dale Farms, $7,500
105 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Aqueduct, Aoc 1m, FOREVER CHANGED, 7-5
$14,000 RNA EAS OCT yrl

Fort Loudon (Awesome of Course), Ocala Stud Farm, $4,000
8 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
10-Gulfstream, Msw 6f, LOUDON'S SONG, 15-1

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Guilt Trip (Pulpit), Red River Farms, $2,500
32 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner
2-Delta Downs, Alw 5f, MAMMA SAYS, 12-1
$8,500 RNA ESL YRL yrl

Handsome Mike (Scat Daddy), Pleasant Acres Stallions, $4,000
60 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 1m, BEST CHANCE YET, 15-1

He's Had Enough (Tapit), Woodford Thoroughbreds, $5,000
80 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
10-Gulfstream, Msw 6f, HE'S SMOKIN HOT, 9-2
$40,000 OBS APR 2yo

Itsmyluckyday (Lawyer Ron), Spendthrift Farm, $8,000
82 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Delta Downs, Alw 5f, COHENSCOLLEGEFUND, 4-1
$27,000 EQL 2YO 2yo
3-Turfway, Msw 6f, LOVE IS ALIVE, 7-2

King Tesa (Unbridled's Song)
1 foal of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Charles Town, Msw 6 1/2f, PAPA'S LITTLE GIRL, 4-1

Noble Mission (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), Lane's End Farm, $25,000
112 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Turfway, Aoc 1m, NOBLE DESTINY, 20-1
3-Turfway, Msw 6f, NOBLE LEGACY, 12-1
$77,000 KEE NOV wnl; $120,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $4,500 OBS OPN 2yo

Real Solution (Kitten's Joy), Blue Star Racing, $12,500
41 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Turfway, Aoc 1m, SPEEDY SOLUTION, 7-5

Revolutionary (War Pass), WinStar Farm, $7,500
84 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Turfway, Aoc 1m, MY TIME TO SHINE, 20-1
$5,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

Rookie Sensation (Unbridled's Song), Adena Springs North, $5,000
9 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Woodbine, Msw 7f, SKIPYS LEGACY, 15-1

Shakin It Up (Midnight Lute), Spendthrift Farm, $10,000
65 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Aqueduct, Msw 5 1/2f, STIRRED NOT SHAKIN, 12-1
$25,000 FTN MIX wnl; $60,000 FTK JUL yrl; $27,000 RNA EAS MAY 2yo; $44,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Strong Mandate (Tiznow), Three Chimneys Farm, $10,000
82 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 1m, FIRM, 9-5
$25,000 KEE NOV wnl; $82,000 FTK JUL yrl

Uncaptured (Lion Heart), Ocala Stud Farm, $6,000
77 foals of racing age/7 winners/2 black-type winners
10-Gulfstream, Msw 6f, FRANK ALONE, 15-1
$52,000 OBS WIN yrl
10-Gulfstream, Msw 6f, KONG STYLE, 12-1
$12,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Weekend Wildcat (Lion Heart)
5 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
8-Laurel, Aoc 5 1/2f, LADY'S WEEKEND, 20-1

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SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, DEC. 7

Freedom Child (Malibu Moon), Country Life Farm, $3,000
59 foals of racing age/20 winners/2 black-type winners
4-Aqueduct, Msw 5 1/2f, JA'S MALIBU, 20-1
$1,000 RNA EAS JAN yrl

Violence (Medaglia d'Oro), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, $15,000
249 foals of racing age/95 winners/11 black-type winners
3-Turfway, Msw 6f, DREAM BOAT ANNA, 7-2
$22,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; $80,000 KEE SEP yrl
6-Los Alamitos, Msw 5 1/2f, ENTHRALLED, 6-1
$25,000 KEE SEP yrl

IN UAE:

Walking Thunder, c, 2, **Violence**. See "*Middle East*".

Rodaini, g, 4, **Exchange Rate**--Blessings Count, by Pulpit. MEY, 12-6, Hcp. (AED190k), 1400m, 1:25.60, ft. Lifetime Record: SW-Eng, 17-6-2-2-, $130,121. O-Abdullah Saeed Al Naboodah; B-Greenwood Lodge Farm (KY); T-Ahmad bin Harmash. *$140,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; 340,000gns 2yo '16 TATAPR.

Heraldic, g, 5, **Discreet Cat**--Chilukki's Song, by Elusive Quality. MEY, 12-6, Hcp. (AED165k), 2200m, 2:21.93 ft. Lifetime Record: 29-3-2-5, $81,410. O-Al Bait Mutawahed Team; B-Darley (KY); T-Satish Seemar.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Delta Downs, $42,000, (S), 12-5, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:27.25, ft.
BIG BOY DAVE REX (g, 3, Ruler's Court--Dream Day, by Thunder Gulch) Lifetime Record: SP, 12-2-4-0, $74,025. O/T-Beverly Burress; B-J. E. Nichols (LA).

5th-Hawthorne, $28,500, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($18,000), 12-6, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:44.18, ft.
ROYAL'S POSITION (f, 3, Well Positioned--Wildwood Royal {MSW, $387,958}, by Royal Academy) Lifetime Record: MSP, 14-4-3-3, $109,623. O/B-William P. Stiritz (IL); T-Scott Becker.

7th-Charles Town, $24,000, (S), 12-5, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:26.43, ft.
PENGUIN POWER (g, 3, Fiber Sonde--Aye Robbin {MSP}, by Robb) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, $32,520. O-David M. Raim; B-John D. McKee (WV); T-Jeff C. Runco. *Full to Aye A Song, MSW, $172,605.

8th-Hawthorne, $20,000, (S), 12-6, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.00, ft.
ON THE LAM (c, 4, Run Away and Hide--Lampoon {SW, $231,301}, by Distorted Humor) Lifetime Record: 27-4-2-9, $125,602. O-Nancy A. Vanier & Cartwright Thoroughbreds V LLC; B-Nancy Vanier, Cartwright 5 & Bertram Culver III (IL); T-Brian Williamson. *1/2 to Chortle (Posse), SP, $216,737.

9th-Hawthorne, $20,000, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($18,000), 12-6, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:43.73, ft.
PEAR LEMONADE (c, 4, Lemon Drop Kid--Morena {Per} {Ch. 2yo & 3yo Filly & Older Mare-Per, MGSW & G1SP-Per, GISP-US, $270,699}, by Privately Held) Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-1, $37,734. O-Glockenburg LLC; B-Mt. Brilliant Broodmares I LLC (KY); T-Pavel Vashchenko. *$100,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. **1/2 to Creator (Tapit), MGISW, $1,610,320.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Brunette Princess, f, 2, **Bodemeister**--Giant's Princess, by Giant's Causeway. Gulfstream, 12-6, (S), 6f, 1:12.83. B-John David Zuidema (FL). *$25,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; $75,000 RNA 2yo '18 OBSAPR.

Our Philly Special, c, 2, **Smarty Jones**--Sweet Ginger Brown, by Smoke Glacken. Penn National, 12-5, 6f, 1:10.61. B-David Charlton (PA).
Its Five Somewhere, c, 2, **Stay Thirsty**--Silk Or Satin, by Medaglia d'Oro. Los Alamitos, 12-6, (S), (C), 5 1/2f, 1:03.70. B-Linda L Madsen & Joy Seifert (CA). *$7,500 Ylg '17 BARSEL.

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Room to Finish, f, 3, **Giant Oak**--Can't Roll a Seven, by Victory Gallop. Fair Grounds, 12-6, (S), 7 1/2fT, 1:34.59. B-Mike Meeks (LA).
Call Me Kayla, f, 3, **Quality Road**--Lady Micaela, by Empire Maker. Gulfstream, 12-6, (C), 1mT, 1:35.49. B-Mike Anderson (KY). *$22,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP.
Tapnow, g, 4, **Hansen**--Yamato Damashii, by Tiznow. Delta Downs, 12-5, 6 1/2f, 1:20.53. B-Gil Masters (KY).

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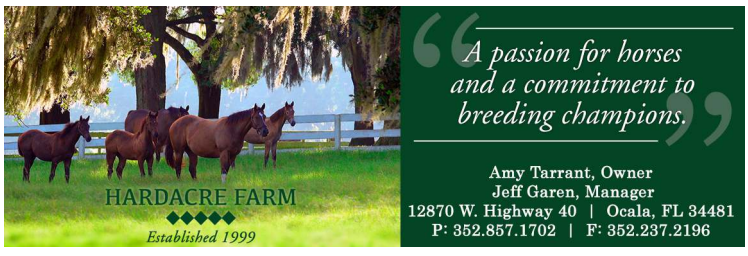
ALGORITHMS, Value Play, c, 2, o/o Extravaganza, by Elusive Quality. MSW, 12-6, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred
BEAU CHOIX, What a Beaut, f, 2, o/o D J Trip, by Trippi. MSW, 12-6, Gulfstream
BODEMEISTER, Brunette Princess, f, 2, o/o Giant's Princess, by Giant's Causeway. MSW, 12-6, Gulfstream
DISTORTED HUMOR, Dorrance, c, 2, o/o Apologize, by Lemon Drop Kid. MSW, 12-5, Remington
FIBER SONDE, Penguin Power, g, 3, o/o Aye Robbin, by Robb. ALW, 12-5, Charles Town
GIANT OAK, Room to Finish, f, 3, o/o Can't Roll a Seven, by Victory Gallop. MSW, 12-6, Fair Grounds
HANSEN, Tapnow, g, 4, o/o Yamato Damashii, by Tiznow. MSW, 12-5, Delta Downs
LEMON DROP KID, Pear Lemonade, c, 4, o/o Morena (Per), by Privately Held. AOC, 12-6, Hawthorne
QUALITY ROAD, Call Me Kayla, f, 3, o/o Lady Micaela, by Empire Maker. MCL, 12-6, Gulfstream
RULER'S COURT, Big Boy Dave Rex, g, 3, o/o Dream Day, by Thunder Gulch. ALW, 12-5, Delta Downs
RUN AWAY AND HIDE, On the Lam, c, 4, o/o Lampoon, by Distorted Humor. ALW, 12-6, Hawthorne
SMARTY JONES, Our Philly Special, c, 2, o/o Sweet Ginger Brown, by Smoke Glacken. MSW, 12-5, Penn National
SPEIGHTSTOWN, Philosophy, c, 2, o/o Scarlet Tango, by French Deputy. MSW, 12-6, Fair Grounds
STAY THIRSTY, Its Five Somewhere, c, 2, o/o Silk Or Satin, by Medaglia d'Oro. MCL, 12-6, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred
TIZNOW, Brasstown, g, 3, o/o Mildly Offensive, by Sharp Humor. AOC, 12-6, Gulfstream
WELL POSITIONED, Royal's Position, f, 3, o/o Wildwood Royal, by Royal Academy. AOC, 12-6, Hawthorne



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RAUSCHER MAKING HIS OWN LUCK

Ronald Rauscher offers a draft of 14 at Arqana this weekend | *Tattersalls photo*

by Tom Frary

Historical turnpikes have marked the career of Ronald Rauscher, forged during the 1970s and 1980s in the sacred acreage of Cologne's Gestut Rottgen and Oshawa's Windfields Farm. Present at the latter during the era of Vice Regent, the Canadian-born entrepreneur was carried by a rare wind from the outset. It blew him the way of Co. Kildare's Baronrath Stud in 1985, where he took up a managerial post under Rottgen's owner Maria Mehl-Mulhens and steered the birthplace of The Tetrarch and Dark Ronald which had also recently produced the luminaries Strong Gale and Star Appeal until setting up on his own at Barnane Stud in Co. Tipperary. It was from there that the G2 German 1000 Guineas heroine and G1 Prix de Diane-placed Tryphosa (Ire) (Be My Guest) emerged to promote the Rauscher name, which was firmly on the way to widespread recognition by the time he re-entered Germany in 1998.

Then came another of those relentless upturns that seem to have defined his vocation in the crowded seas of world bloodstock. Back then, Germany was far from the lucrative fishing waters for overseas investors that it is in the present day, but Rauscher saw an opportunity and--by leading the owner of the then dual Group 1 winner Caitano (GB) (Niniski) to Gary Tanaka--created a ripple that was to have far-reaching consequences. **Cont. p2**

'BEAUTY' DRAWS A MILE OFF THE INSIDE

by Alan Carasso

HONG KONG--During a Thursday morning press conference, about one hour prior to the barrier draw for Sunday's Longines Hong Kong International Races, trainer John Moore explained how reigning Horse of the Year **Beauty Generation (NZ)** (Road to Rock {Aus}), once pigeon-holed as a one-dimensional, need-the-lead type galloper, had matured into a more versatile sort. After landing gate 12 in a field of 14 for the G1 Hong Kong Mile, Zac Purton may just have to resort to plans B or perhaps even C from that wide alley.

During that presser, Moore had some very enlightening comments about Beauty Generation's feet and a potentially alarming penchant to drift in his races. The gelding was the easy winner of the G2 BOCHK WM Jockey Club Mile three weeks back, even as he was finishing off near the outside rail. **Cont. p13**

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MCPEEK FINDS ANOTHER GEM IN SIGNALMAN

Trainer Ken McPeek enjoyed a banner year in 2018, and Grade II winner Signalman (General Quarters) has the trainer dreaming of the first Saturday in May. **Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.**

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"I rang Ben Cecil, because he trained for Gary Tanaka and he put me in touch with his manager Andy Smith of Havana Horse and we got the deal together," Rauscher explained. "A few horses got sold and succeeded."

In the years to come, Tanaka's link with Germany would bear more fruit internationally via the likes of Moonlady (Ger) (Platini {Ger}), Epalo (Ger) (Lando {Ger}) and Noble Stella (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}), so this represented a true landmark moment in the fortunes of German bloodstock.

As the millennium approached, Rauscher was also forming a partnership with Dr. Christoph Berglar at the Union Stud near Cologne. "When I had seen it 10 years before it was fairly run-down and had been a little bit over-horsed," Rauscher explains. "He wanted to lease it and leave it, but I voted against it and together we had a very good time there. We decided not to stand stallions any more and cut back on the number of mares and I think it paid off. We also got a big portion of luck."

From this establishment sprung the substantial duo of international heavyweights Novellist (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}) and Protectionist (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}), but there was more to the new era than just fortune.

"It was a resurgence for Germany and people opened up," he adds. "In the old days, and by that I mean the seventies, eighties and into the nineties, nobody was going to sell anything out of Germany. When Lord Howard de Walden bought Slip Anchor's dam Sayonara and Daniel Wildenstein bought Sagace's ancestress Schonbrunn (Ger) it was a big thing; it didn't happen that often, really. I remember shipping Anna Paola (Ger) (Prince Ippi {Ger}) when she had been sold to Sheikh Mohammed at the very beginning of Dalham Hall accompanied by Strong Gale, who had been bought by Liam Cashman, and it was a very big thing."

Right place, right time could sum up the career of Rauscher but it cannot all be down to coincidence and fortune that he was there when it mattered. Success had led him to fulfil a personal dream by purchasing Kentucky's Stonereath Farm for the Berglar family in 2010. He charts the journey to the acquisition of the beautiful bluegrass "jewel."

"I used to pinhook in the States a fair bit at the end of the nineties with Peter Kavanagh and Brendan Hayes and we boarded the mares at Jim Fitzgerald's Knockgriffin Farm down the road from Stonereath," he recalls. "I used to drive past and think, 'wouldn't it be amazing to see that farm and to maybe one day own it?' And then Dr. Berglar said in 2010 that he wanted to do something else and wouldn't it be a great idea to have a farm in Florida. I questioned that, as he wasn't a breeze-up man and said, 'why don't we have a look at Kentucky?' and Stonereath was on the portfolio of the agents." **Cont. p3**

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"It was amazing that it came up and it is a great place," he said. "I think about Sex Appeal and Blush With Pride coming out of there and those great families which have had a great influence on the Thoroughbred industry."

With Stonereath handed over to the owner's son Peter Berglar to run, Rauscher went to the lucrative Australian market and was influential in starting the relationship with Australian bloodstock. "That came from Lucas Cranach (Ger) (Mamool {Ire}), who I arranged the sale of along with David Medbury and who was the first German horse bought by Australian bloodstock," he says. "I struck up a good relationship with Luke Murrell and Jamie Lovett and we have done plenty of business since. That opened up the German horses to Australia, with Protectionist after and sons of Monsun in general such as Fiorente (Ire). The distances have to be right for them and the races have to be tailor-made down there. Some German horses haven't quite adapted to racing there, especially on rock-hard ground."

WHAT DOES IT REALLY MEAN? IS IT THE MARE OWNERS OR THE STALLION OWNERS WHO ARE TO BLAME? WHERE DO WE CUT BOOKS? FIRST-SEASON SIRES COVERING OVER 200 MARES, IS THAT CORRECT?

Ronald Rauscher on overproduction

With all that heritage behind him, it is no surprise that Rauscher's consignments draw much attention at the major European sales. He has sold the important mares Mandellicht (Ire) (Be My Guest), Lady Marian (Ger), Rock My Soul (Ire) (Clodovil {Ire}, Wells Present (Ger) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) and Private Life (Fr) (Bering {GB}), respectively the dams of Manduro (Ger), this year's G2 Grand Prix de Deauville winner Loxley (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}), G3 Chester Vase winner Young Rascal (Fr) (Intello {Ger}), G1 Preis der Diana heroine Well Timed (Ger) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) and the millionaire stayer Stradivarius (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}).

Arqana's auctions are very important to the German bloodstock industry and Rauscher is keen to stress the link between the countries. **Cont. p4**

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"Quite a few German clients like Arqana, because they think the catalogue is smaller and therefore if you have something that is nice you can stand out a bit more there," he explains. "A lot of German horses run in France on a regular basis and there are sometimes days when there are about twenty German horses running there. Gestut Ammerland, for instance, are keeping a large amount of horses in France and in comparison, there are very few German faces at Tattersalls these days. At Deauville, the German attendance is quite big. I don't know exactly why that is, but it seems to be an ongoing trend."

Ronald Rauscher and connections with Peace In Motion after she won a listed race at Baden-Baden in August | *racingfotos.com*

Rauscher's draft at this weekend's Arqana's December Sale is made up of an intriguing mix of broodmares and racing prospects. In the former category is the G3 Grosser Preis der Mehl-Mulhens-Stiftung Gestut Rottgen winner **Good Donna (Ger)** (Doyen {Ire}), consigned as lot 126. From the family of Fame and Glory (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}) and Legatissimo (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), the 7-year-old is in foal to the first-crop sire sensation Kingman (GB).

"She is a big strong mare, was a good racemare and with Kingman starting off the way he has I think it's exciting," he says. "We are very pleased with her first progeny and she's coming on to the market because she has produced a couple of fillies. Doyen had a very good time in Germany and produced a very high-calibre collection of young mares while he was there, so from that angle I don't think we'll have too many people frowning even though he is covering national hunt mares these days."

Lot 163 is the 4-year-old filly **Peace In Motion** (Hat Trick {Jpn}), who captured the G3 Grosser Preis der Landeshauptstadt Dusseldorf in the Berglar silks in September, having finished runner-up in the previous year's G2 German 1000 Guineas.

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What progeny of the new stallions impressed you?

I liked the stock of **Gleneagles**- he has stamped them well as racey, well-balanced horses with a nice quality about them. I bought a very nice colt by **Gleneagles**.
Laurent Benoit

The **Gleneagles** colts sold by Newsells Park at Doncaster and Whatton Manor at Tattersalls Book 2 were lovely.
Geoffrey Howson

There were some very good-looking progeny of **Gleneagles**. The year of the eagle?
Grant Pritchard-Gordon

We saw some very nice stock by **Gleneagles**; they were good walkers with a nice outlook.
Peter Doyle

Source: TDN and Arqana

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Out of the dual Group 3 winner Peace Royale (Ger) (Sholokhov {Ire}), she carries great expectations.

"I think she is probably our main attraction," he admits. "She is still selling as a racing prospect, as although she is four she hasn't had that many starts in her career. She is a stand-out as an individual, she is very beautiful and the family is well known in France. It will be interesting to see if she can attract American or Japanese buyers--I think she can. Physically she is just that kind of filly that they will like."

Triple Group 3 winner Delectation | *racingfotos.com*

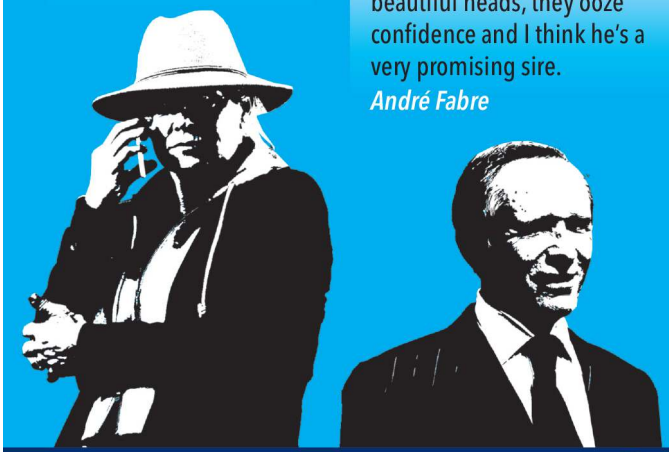
Rauscher is also selling the 4-year-old filly **Delectation (GB)** (Delegator {GB}) on behalf of Australian Bloodstock, and she is a triple Group 3 winner in Britain and Germany. Lot 192 is from the family of the G2 July S. scorer Captain Hurricane (GB) (Desert Style {Ire}) and top-class Niche (GB) (Risk Me {Fr}).

"My Australian business associates decided to take her to the States, which was understandable given that her distance was seven furlongs to a mile, but she didn't quite fulfil what we had hoped," he says. "She still has a very high rating and is open to a lot of matings and is a tall filly with plenty of scope and substance. She is out of a Pivotal mare from the family of Indian Ridge (Ire), so that also makes her interesting."

Also offered is lot 466, Gestut Ammerland's 12-year-old **Heart of Ice (Ire)** (Montjeu {Ire}), whose yearling filly by Sea the Moon (Ger) sold for 125,000gns to Stroud Coleman Bloodstock at the recent Tattersalls December Yearling Sale. She is in foal to Maxios (GB), as is the same operation's lot 705, the 8-year-old **Drawn To Run (Ire)** (Hurricane Run {Ger}). The relative of the smart Corre Caminos (Fr) (Montjeu {Ire}), Racinger (Fr) (Spectrum {Ire}) and Recital (Fr) (Montjeu {Ire} has received a boost after her 2-year-old daughter Dalika (Ger) (Pastorius {Ger}) was second in last month's Listed Prix Herod. Cont. p6

The yearlings by **Gleneagles** stood out; they were athletic types with a lot of presence.
Shawn Dugan

Everybody was expecting the **Gleneagles** to be nice yearlings and it was confirmed. What I really like about them is the balance they have and beautiful heads, they ooze confidence and I think he's a very promising sire.
André Fabre



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"She has a very nice update there and that should help her along a bit," he says, before adding, "We have a good mix, with **Lagoda (Ger)** (Dalakhani {Ire}) (selling as lot 492) and **Caesara (GB)** (Pivotal {GB}) (selling as lot 97) nice fillies, too."

With his wealth of experience of some of the main centres of Thoroughbred excellence internationally, Rauscher is well placed to view the current state of the industry as it heads towards a seemingly inevitable correction.

"There is over-production, there has to be when you have many foals selling for 700 or 800 guineas and you wonder where it is heading," he says. "What does it really mean? Is it the mare owners or the stallion owners who are to blame? Where do we cut books? First-season sires covering over 200 mares, is that correct? Racing as a product in Europe has such a strong cultural background and will always be part of everyday life, but I don't think it is what it was 30 to 40 years ago. When you see Italy and Germany with small foal crops of 850 a year, it has to be said that there is over-production in other areas but certainly not there. Where it is flourishing is Hong Kong, Japan and Australia, which are very far away. The market is very polarized and what it doesn't want is superfluous, which is awful because we are talking about live animals."

Rauscher sees the current situation as a new problem with new challenges. "There was a big correction from the mid-eighties to the beginning of the nineties, when it crashed down big-time. That was a huge change, but that was all about money from the banks. What makes the commercial market so unique these days is that there are a lot of people who should be buying yearlings to race who are buying and selling instead. That has driven it to new heights and that doesn't help the industry--the commercial aspect has become more important than the racing and sporting aspect. The same thing applies to retiring 2-year-olds; are they breeding to race or breeding to sell? I make a living off pinhooking, but others who don't need to do it still participate and I can't quite understand that. It doesn't help the industry in the long run."

Racing and breeding needs more Ronald Rauschers: people who appreciate the legacy of the sport and the gravity of tradition, with an eye also on the global market. Exercising enterprise within acceptable boundaries, buying and selling as part of a great tradition. Acting within the market with a focus on the beauty of racing and breeding at all times. While such folk are still playing the game, there is not yet need to despair.

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The Champion Juvenile by The King of Speed

His Sire, Grand Sire and Great Grand Sire are breed shapers. He is the **Champion 2YO** descended from them.

Champion at 2, won the **Gr.1** Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere by 4½ lengths, joining previous winners Holy Roman Emperor, Siyouni, Dabirsim, Rock of Gibraltar and Wootton Bassett.

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TATTERSALLS DECEMBER ENDS JUST BELOW RECORD 2017 EDITION

Following on the heels of a record Tattersalls December Foal Sale, the four-day run of the December Mare Sale concluded at Park Paddocks in Newmarket on Thursday with an overall December Sale aggregate of 99,837,357gns, just 5% below last year's record haul of 105,255,000gns. A total of 1,527 lots split between foals, yearlings, and fillies and mares, changed hands with a clearance rate of 76% , two ticks below 2017's 78%. The median settled at 22,000gns (-12%) and the average was only 4% lower than in 2017 at 65,381gns.

At the conclusion of the 2018 Tattersalls December Sale on Thursday, Tattersalls Chairman Edmond Mahony commented, "Annual turnover a fraction below last year's wide margin record of 331 million guineas, as well as record Tattersalls October Yearling and December Foal Sales are genuinely positive statistics to reflect upon, not only for Tattersalls, but also for the wider industry. Equally positive has been the sustained global demand we have experienced throughout a December Mares Sale which has provided a highly successful conclusion to the 2018 Tattersalls sales season and enhanced its reputation as probably the world's most international breeding stock sale.

"There have been numerous highlights in 2018, most notably market leaders in every category, including Europe's highest priced Breeze Up 2-year-old, the world's highest priced yearling, Europe's highest priced broodmare and horse in training and the 16 highest priced foals in Britain and Ireland, but the feature that has dominated the Tattersalls sales season has been the unrelenting demand for the best Thoroughbreds to be found in Europe, if not the world. The upper sector of the market has been truly vibrant in all categories and the abiding memory from this week has been the extraordinary competition for the outstanding fillies and broodmares which lit up the sale on Tuesday evening."

"We were conscious that the catalogue perhaps lacked the depth of the record breaking 2017 renewal which featured the Ballymacoll Dispersal and the likes of Marsha and Zhukova, but Tuesday's sale all but matched last year's spectacular levels, with buyers from every continent in the world all making a significant contribution to a truly memorable session," Mahony added. **Cont. p8**

THE CHOSEN SON CHAMPION 2YO

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LEADING FIRST CROP SIRES IN GB AND IRE 2018

Stallion	Sire	Wnrs	BT Wnrs	BTH Wnrs	GP	GPH
NO NAY NEVER	Scat Daddy	20	5	8	2	4
KINGMAN	Invincible Spirit	19	4	4	2	2
CHARM SPIRIT	Invincible Spirit	16	1	2	1	2

Table courtesy of www.thoroughbredstallionguide.com 01/11/18

LEADING AUSTRALIAN SIRES

Stallion	Runners	Wnrs	Wins	Stakes Wnrs	Stakes Wins	Earnings
I AM INVINCIBLE	170	64	82	10	13	AUS$4,509,765
SNITZEL	181	52	63	5	5	AUS$11,518,360

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Tattersalls December Mare Sale Cont.

"In addition to the seven fillies and mares selling for 1 million guineas or more, we had 22 break the 500,000-guineas mark, second only to last year's record number, and an unprecedented 79 and 147 lots selling for 200,000 guineas and 100,000 guineas or more.

"The huge number of overseas buyers has been particularly encouraging for all concerned with the top 20 lots selling to buyers from Britain, Ireland, China, Dubai, France, Japan, Kuwait and the USA, while a strong Australian and New Zealand contingent also made its presence felt. Equally gratifying has been the participation of buyers at all levels of the market from throughout the Gulf region as well as Germany, India, Morocco, Spain, Sweden, Turkey and Uzbekistan, all of whom have clearly demonstrated the unwavering demand for quality European bloodstock and contributed to the best December Sale clearance rate this century."

Thursday's topper, Poyle Dee Dee | *Tattersalls*

He concluded, "Tribute, as ever, must also be paid to the vendors who have brought some outstanding fillies and mares to the sale. It is their support which makes the Tattersalls December Sale an unmissable annual event for so many international buyers and it has been wonderful to see not only British and Irish breeders rewarded, but also their French, German and Italian counterparts who also recognise the Tattersalls December Sale as the premier sale of its type in Europe."

Despite the quieter nature of Thursday's sale, the Mare Sale's four-day run ended with 83% or 728 lots finding new homes, an increase on 2017's 79% clearance rate. They collectively grossed 60,712,100gns (-11%), while the four-day Mare Sale average (83,396gns) and median (20,500gns) were both down 18%. **Cont. p9**

Tattersalls December Mare Sale Cont.

The star of Thursday's action was **Poyle Dee Dee (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}) (lot 2305), who brought 68,000gns from Tweenhills and is a half-sister to G2 Lowther S. heroine Jemima (GB) (Owington {GB}). Already the dam of three winners, and in foal to Tweenhills's own Hot Streak (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}), the 13-year-old was consigned by The National Stud. She has a yearling Hot Streak colt who made 55,000gns on the bid of Tally-Ho Stud at the 2017 December Foal Sale, before reselling to Shadwell for 150,000gns during the Tattersalls October Sale.

"Her colt really was the pick of the Hot Streak yearlings," said Hannah Wall of Tweenhills. "He was bought by Shadwell and is going into training with John Gosden--he really is a lovely horse. This mare is back in foal to Hot Streak and will probably visit Zoustar (Aus) next spring."

A total of 113 lots sold on Thursday for an aggregate of 609,500gns (-7%) and a clearance rate of 74% (+1%). The median remained unchanged at 3,00gns, and the average rose 2% to 5,394gns.

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SESSION TOTALS	2018	2017
• Catalogued	203	228
• Number Offered	153	171
• Number Sold	113	124
• Not Sold	40	47
• Clearance Rate	74%	73%
• High Price	68,000gns	35,000gns
• Gross	609,500gns	656,400gns
• Average (% change)	5,394gns (+2%)	5,294gns
• Median (% change)	3,000gns (N/A)	3,000gns

CUMULATIVE	2018	2017
• Catalogued	1098	1087
• Number Offered	878	857
• Number Sold	728	675
• Not Sold	150	182
• Clearance Rate	83%	79%
• No. $500K+	22	24
• High Price	2,400,000gns	6,000,000gns
• Gross	60,712,100gns	68,315,300gns
• Average (% change)	83,396gns (-18%)	101,208gns
• Median (% change)	20,500gns (-18%)	25,000gns

TATTERSALLS DECEMBER MARE SALE

TOP 10 VENDORS BY AGGREGATE (3 OR MORE SOLD)

Vendor	Lots	Aggregate (gns)
The Castlebridge Consignment	47	6,064,000
New England Stud	18	4,910,500
Highclere Stud	15	4,073,000
Baroda & Colbinstown Studs, Ireland	19	3,877,000
Juddmonte Farms	35	3,753,000
European Sales Management	8	3,660,000
John Troy	7	3,187,000
Voute Sales Ltd.	25	2,768,000
Newsells Park Stud Ltd.	20	2,418,000
Jamie Railton	29	2,282,300

TOP 10 BUYERS BY AGGREGATE (3 OR MORE SOLD)

Buyer	Lots	Aggregate (gns)
Blue Diamond Stud Farm UK	11	4,673,000
Phoenix Thoroughbreds	5	2,800,000
LTS Agent For Erdenheim Farm	4	2,700,000
Hugo Lascelles Agent	3	2,100,000
Blandford Bloodstock	17	2,026,000
Katsumi Yoshida	3	1,650,000
Rabbah Bloodstock	8	1,227,000
BBA Ireland	24	1,176,100
Outsider Bloodstock	6	1,145,000
Stroud Coleman Bloodstock	9	1,097,500

Goffs UK December Sale Outs: 3, 4, 10, 14, 15, 16, 21, 29, 31, 33, 37, 41, 42, 43, 49, 55, 68, 82, 83, 84, 85, 93, 96, 98, 107, 122, 127, 139, 141, 148, 153, 156, 169, 171, 184, 196, 197, 201, 202, 204, 214, 216, 221, 233, 234

THE SERIES DETAILS UNVEILED BY CHAMPIONSHIP HORSE RACING

The Series, a new addition to the flat racing calendar that will see branded teams compete in 48 races across eight racecourses in England, Ireland and Scotland which was announced in February, moved one step closer to reality as Championship Horse Racing revealed more details on Thursday. Scheduled to be held on eight consecutive Thursday evening from July 25-Sept. 12, The Series will take place at Ayr, Epsom Downs, Goodwood, Haydock Park, Leopardstown, Newbury, Newmarket July Course and Sandown Park. Races will be worth over £100,000 each, and will be in addition to the British Racing Fixture List, requiring approval of the British Horseracing Association. Each team will have a racing manager, four jockeys and a squad of 30 horses.

Jeremy Wray, Chief Executive of CHR, said, "Agreeing the likely racecourse schedule is a key milestone for CHR. Over the next few months we'll be announcing the teams and the media partners who will broadcast The Series across the world. They are great locations and have superb facilities for summer evening racing that promises fans something they've never experienced before. Fans will be encouraged to engage with the teams and our aim is to help tell the stories about the10s of thousands of people involved in the sport."

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Friday, Dec. 7, 2018:

UNITED KINGDOM

Dunaden (Fr) (Nicobar {GB}), Overbury Stud
60 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
18:45-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, DUKE OF DUNABAR (GB)
7,500gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2016; £17,000 Goffs UK Silver Yearling Sale 2017; 34,286gns Tattersalls Ireland Ascot 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2018

Mukhadram (GB) (Shamardal), Nunnery Stud
92 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner
18:15-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, RISAALA (Ire)

Slade Power (Ire) (Dutch Art {GB}), Kildangan Stud
99 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners
18:45-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, DEBBONAIR (Ire)
€20,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2016; £27,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2017

FRANCE

Anodin (Ire) (Anabaa), Haras du Quesnay
102 foals of racing age/18 winners/2 black-type winners
5-LYON LA SOIE, 1800m, BEAUTE RAPIDE (Fr)
€2,000 Arqana Deauville Autumn Mixed Sale 2017
5-LYON LA SOIE, 1800m, SANDY DREAM (Fr)
€25,000 Osarus Sales La Teste Yearling Sale 2017

Rosendhal (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire})
5 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
6-LYON LA SOIE, 1800m, LYCAN (Fr)

Waldpark (Ger) (Dubawi {Ire}), Haras du Thenney
22 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
5-LYON LA SOIE, 1800m, LADY ARKADINA (Fr)
€36,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2017

First-Season Sires With Runners Cont.

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Charm Spirit (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Haras de Bonneval
105 foals of racing age/25 winners/1 black-type winner
2-DUNDALK, 7f, JUPITER ROAD (GB)
110,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2016; 210,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2017 - Book 2

Gregorian (Ire) (Clodovil {Ire}), National Stud
85 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
2-DUNDALK, 7f, GREGORIAN CHANT (GB)
7,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2016; €23,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2017

Heeraat (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Mickley Stud
72 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
2-DUNDALK, 7f, ELLAAT (GB)
9,500gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2017 - Book 3; 14,000gns RNA Tattersalls Guineas Breeze-Up & HIT Sale 2018

Morpheus (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Tally-Ho Stud
108 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
2-DUNDALK, 7f, DEEP HOUSE (Ire)
€16,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2017

Ruler of The World (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Coolmore Stud
43 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner
2-DUNDALK, 7f, BUT I LIKE IT (Ire)
€50,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2016; €17,000 RNA Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2017

Slade Power (Ire) (Dutch Art {GB}), Kildangan Stud
99 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners
2-DUNDALK, 7f, LIBRAS POWER (Ire)
€30,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2017

Verrazano (More Than Ready), Ashford Stud
135 foals of racing age/8 winners/2 black-type winners
1-BALLINA, 1005m, TRINZANNO (Aus)

Ruler of the World has a runner at Dundalk. | *Coolmore*

EUROPE

PLUS 10 REGISTRATION DEADLINE APPROACHING

The early bird deadline for yearlings registered for the Plus 10 bonus scheme is Dec. 31. The rate for the third and final owner registration is £300/€375. Beginning on Jan. 1, the third owner registration charge is £350/€437.50 and the final deadline is Feb. 28, 2019. Once the owner registration fee is paid, a qualified horse is eligible to win an additional £10,000 if it wins a race carrying the Plus 10 bonus. To date, the Plus 10 bonus scheme has paid out over £15 million since beginning in March of 2015.

BRITAIN

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Thursday's Result:

1st-Chelmsford City, £10,399, Cond, 12-6, 2yo, 6f (AWT), 1:11.45, st.

DEEP INTRIGUE (GB) (c, 2, Dark Angel {Ire}--Abbakova {Ire} {MSP-Ire}, by Dandy Man {Ire}), who graduated going five panels at Beverley last time May 15, broke sharply and led his two rivals from the outset of this belated return. Holding sway throughout, the 9-4 second choice was stirred into action off the home turn and driven out inside the final furlong to prevail by 1 3/4 lengths from Top Breeze (Ire) (Gale Force Ten {GB}). Kin to a yearling colt by Hot Streak (Ire) and a filly foal by Footstepsinthesand (GB), he is the first foal out of Listed Marble Hill S. and Listed Tipperary S. placegetter Abbakova (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}), herself the leading performer produced by a daughter of Listed October S. victress Well Beyond (Ire) (Don't Forget Me {Ire}), whose descendants also include G1 King's Stand S. hero Prohibit (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}). Sales history: 70,000gns Wlg '16 TATFOA; £200,000 Ylg '17 GOUKPR. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, $17,954. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**. O-Clipper Logistics; B-Mr & Mrs J Davis & P Mitchell Bloodstock (GB); T-Mark Johnston.

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BHA DIGITAL RACE ARCHIVE ASSISTING IN RESEARCH

The BHA's digital archive of previous race footage is currently being utilised in multiple research projects aimed at improving rider safety, the British Horseracing Authority announced on Thursday. Research projects at the University of Sydney (fall safety research), University College Dublin (helmet bounty project and concussion research) and the University of Bath (spinal injury prevention project), respectively, are using the footage created earlier in 2018 by the BHA to map and digitally reconstruct how jockeys fall. The goal is to come to a greater understanding of how falls can impact concussion and spinal injury, which may influence future equipment design, as well as train riders how to react in instinctive fashion and take protective action in the event of a fall.

"We're extremely pleased that the digital race archive can be used to assist a number of fascinating and potentially significant research projects to improve the wellbeing of riders," said Dr. Jerry Hill, Chief Medical Adviser at the BHA. "The universities involved will now be able to map and digitally re-construct falls in much greater detail enabling calculation of the forces involved and the effect of altering certain parameters. The knowledge gained from these projects could have a positive impact on the safety all those who ride horses, Thoroughbred or otherwise."

TOWCESTER JAN. 3 FIXTURE CANCELLED

The fixture scheduled for Jan. 3 at Towcester has been cancelled, the British Horseracing Authority announced on Thursday. Originally leased from the BHA on a one-year basis, within the terms of the lease, in circumstances where it is not possible for the racecourse to stage the fixture, it is given back back to the BHA, who will then offer it to alternative racecourses. Despite following this re-offering process, there were no application.

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HORSE RACING CHARITIES PRESENT AN AUDIENCE WITH JOE SCHMIDT

'An Audience with Joe Schmidt', hosted by the Irish Injured Jockeys, the Irish Horse Welfare Trust and the Drogheda Memorial Fund, will take place at the Keadeen Hotel in Newbridge, Co. Kildare on Jan. 17. Beginning at 1 p.m., Irish rugby's record-breaking head coach will discuss his love of horse racing, moving his family from New Zealand to Ireland and his transformation into one of rugby's top coaches, among other topics. Guests will be able to ask Schmidt questions in a Q & A session afterwards, and there will also be a charity auction. Tables for 10, which will include lunch, are priced at €1000.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Zuckerberg (Ger), c, 2, **Kamsin (Ger)**--Zazera (Fr) (SW-Ger), by Shamardal. Lyon La Soie, 12-6, 9f (AWT), 1:56.34. B-Gestut Karlshof (GER). *€22,000 Ylg '17 BBAGO.

Lyronada (GB), f, 2, **Toronado (Ire)**--Lyra's Daemon (GB), by Singspiel (Ire). Lyon La Soie, 12-6, 9f (AWT), 1:54.16. B-Horizon Bloodstock Ltd (GB). *24th winner for freshman sire (by High Chaparral {Ire}). **1,000gns Wlg '16 TATFOA; €7,500 Ylg '17 GOYRL; €12,000 2yo '18 GBMBR.

EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN UAE:

Key Bid (GB), g, 4, **Dubawi (Ire)**--Silca Chiave (GB) (G1SP-Eng & Ire, $127,283), by Pivotal (GB). MEY, 12-6, Hcp. (AED190k), 2000m, 2:07.55, ft. Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-2, $51,303. O-Sh Rashid bin Humaid Al Nuaimi; B-Aldridge Racing Partnership (GB); T-Ali Rashid Al Rayhi. *375,000gns Wlg '14 TATNOV.

Powderhouse (Ire), g, 4, **Raven's Pass**--Monday Show (SP-Ger), by Maria's Mon. MEY, 12-6, Mdn (AED165k), 2000m, 2:09.72, ft. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, $28,136. O-Ali A Aneizi; B-Darley (Ire); T-Doug Watson. *1/2 to Usherette (Ire) (Shamardal), Hwt. Older Mare-Eur at 7-9 1/2f, Hwt. Older Mare-Fr & Eng at 7-9 1/2f, SW & G1SP-Fr, MGSW-Eng, $405,084; and Show Day (Ire) (Shamardal), SW-Ger, GSP-Ity, $58,270.

Cachao (GB), g, 5, **New Approach (Ire)**--Mambo Halo, by Southern Halo. MEY, 12-6, Hcp. (AED170k), 1600m, 1:39.87, ft. Lifetime Record: 20-3-3-3, $89,927. O-Ali Muktar; B-Highclere Stud & Mr & Mrs G Middlebrook (GB); T-Satish Seemar. *120,000gns Ylg '14 TATOCT. **1/2 to earl of Leitrim (Ire) (Johannesburg), SW-Eng, $88,699.

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'Beauty' Draws a Mile Off the Inside Cont. from p1

"I think the horse is getting into a little bit of a habit--he has a tendency to get his head on the side on the right and tends to hang out that bit," Moore said. "When [jockey] Zac [Purton] rode him [Thursday] morning, he fanned on the corner and it appeared he was hanging out that little bit. But afterwards we went through with a fine-toothed comb--with the vet and the farriers--and as far as we're concerned he's sound."

Beauty Generation is one of three Hong Kong horses back to defend titles in their respective races. **Mr Stunning (Aus)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) proved narrowly best from gate four in last year's G1 Hong Kong Sprint, but is drawn further out in nine this time around. Now trained by Frankie Lor, the 6-year-old will have to contend with four former John Size stablemates, including **Hot King Prawn (Aus)** (Denman {Aus}), who will have to go from barrier 11 for Joao Moreira.

"It's always a concern with the draw, especially for the sprinters," said trainer John Size, shortly after being handed the wide berth for Hot King Prawn. "But he's got some speed so he can overcome most things with his natural pace. I haven't looked closely at the foreign horses, but normally you've got plenty of speed and normally he can go from the gate. He's been in that predicament and I think that with the pace that he's got he might begin smartly."

Time Warp (GB) (Archipenko) looks to put them back-to-back in the G1 Hong Kong Cup and will most certainly go forward from the seven hole beneath Purton.

Owner Martin Siu selects the post position for defending champion Time Warp in the Hong Kong Cup | *HKJC photo*

His year-younger full-brother **Glorious Forever (GB)** effectively dueled Time Warp into submission when the pair finished well down the field in the G2 BOCHK Jockey Club Cup Nov. 18, and there were intimations that there would be no such suicidal tactics in the Cup.

"We won't be going head-to-head with Time Warp," Lor insisted.

That plan could now be out the window, given that Glorious Forever was handed the inside box in the field, reduced to nine by the scratching of last year's runner-up Werther (NZ) (Tavistock {NZ}) with a tendon issue. If the pace is on, that could set things up nicely for the Moreira-ridden **Sungrazer (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}, gate six) or his compatriot **Deirdre (Jpn)** (Harbinger {GB}, gate two).

With the better part of 500 metres to the first turn, the draw for the G1 Hong Kong Vase is perhaps somewhat less consequential, but trainer Charlie Fellowes was not especially pleased with having drawn 14 of 14 for his stayer **Prince of Arran (GB)** (Shirocco {Ger}).

"The one job I've had to do since I arrived and I've messed it up," mused Fellowes.

The race's highest-rated runner, **Waldgeist (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}), secured a good spot in barrier four, while his protagonists **Eagle Way (Aus)** (More Than Ready), **Exultant (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}) and **Mirage Dancer (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) were assigned gates nine, 10 and 13, respectively. '**TDN Rising Star**' **Pakistan Star (Ger)** (Shamardal) should get a cushy run from gate two beneath William Buick. *(Click here to return to p1)*

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HKIR TRACKWORK--THURSDAY: COULD SUNDAY BE 'KNIGHT'S' DAY? *by Alan Carasso*

HONG KONG--The sun continued to play hide and seek Thursday morning at Sha Tin, but with the barrier draw conducted just after 11 a.m., there was a noticeably more sizeable crowd on hand as Sunday's Longines Hong Kong International Races drew ever closer.

As was reported in Thursday's TDN, a good many of the nine Japanese raiders were given a searching gallop through the final 400 metres of the Sha Tin turf course, and once again Thursday morning, it was a member of that contingent that turned in the day's most eyecatching piece of work.

They all face a tall task in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile against reigning Horse of the Year **Beauty Generation (NZ)** (Road to Rock {Aus}), but **Persian Knight (Jpn)** (Harbinger {GB}) suggested that he is not going to go down without a fight with a powerful move down the straight that was clocked in :22.3 for the final 400 metres. **Cont. p14**

HKIR Trackwork Cont.

The burly dark bay, whose owners G1 Racing Co. will also be represented by Sungrazer (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup, exits a troubled runner-up effort in the G1 Mile Championship S. at Kyoto Nov. 18, the same event used as a steppingstone to Hong Kong Mile success by Hat Trick (Jpn) (Sunday Silence) in 2005 and again by Maurice (Jpn) (Screen Hero {Jpn}) in 2015. Like Hat Trick, Persian Knight--and Sungrazer--are bred by Oiwake Farm.

Persian Knight | *AC photo*

Also blowing out was **Staphanos (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), who has his swansong run in the Cup. The 7-year-old, third to Maurice in the 2016 Cup, went 800m in :49.5, with a final quarter-mile in a sparkling :21.2. He makes his fourth career start in the Cup and fifth appearance overall at Sha Tin Sunday.

The two entrants in Sunday's G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase exiting the G1 Melbourne Cup each took to the turf course Thursday morning. **Prince of Arran (GB)** (Shirocco {Ger}) was an outstanding third in the Flemington feature backing up on three days' rest off a victory in the G3 Lexus S. The 5-year-old looked bright and alert coming through the stretch at a good clip and his busy schedule looks to have taken nothing out of him. Prince of Arran is the subject of a feature story in Sunday's TDN Europe/International. Wayne Lordan was in the plate on **Rostropovich (Ire)** (Frankel {GB}), one of three runners at the meet for his boom sire. Just 1 1/2 lengths in back of Prince of Arran in fifth in Melbourne, the 3-year-old also looked well despite two runs in Australia and a ship back to Ireland before coming to Hong Kong.

Ron Arculli served the Hong Kong Jockey Club as its chairman from 2002 to 2006 and celebrated one of his proudest moments as an owner when his beloved Red Cadeaux (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) won the 2012 Vase. **Red Verdon** (Lemon Drop Kid) carries the Arculli powder blue and red silks Sunday and the 5-year-old entire appeared well within himself in a spin over the Sha Tin all-weather track Thursday morning. James Doyle rides for Red Cadeaux's trainer Ed Dunlop, who sent out Ouija Board (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}) to victory in the 2005 Vase.

Beat the Bank (GB) (Paco Boy {Ire}) will be a decided outsider in Sunday's Mile--to be fair, most of the field will be as well--and represents the Andrew Balding stable, successful with Phoenix Reach (Ire) (Alhaarth {Ire}) in the 2004 Vase. Winner of seven of 13 lifetime and four at group level, the bay stretched out nicely beneath big-race rider Oisin Murphy.

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MIDDLE EAST

Thursday's Results:

THE GARHOUD SPRINT (SPONSORED BY AL TAYER MOTORS)-Listed, AED265,000, Meydan, 12-6, NH3yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1200m, 1:11.86, ft.

1--**DRAFTED, 126, g, 4, Field Commission--Keep the Profit, by Darn That Alarm**.
1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. ($19,000 RNA Ylg '15 OBSAUG; $35,000 2yo '16 OBSMAR; AED40,000 HRA '17 GODSEP). O-Misty Hollow Farm; B-John Foster, Barbara Hooker & Field Commission Partnership (FL); T-Doug Watson; J-Sam Hitchcott. AED159,000. Lifetime Record: 9-4-0-0, AED667,050.

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2--**Ibn Malik (Ire)**, 126, g, 5, Raven's Pass--Moon's Whisper, by Storm Cat. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum. AED53,000.

3--**Kimbear**, 128, c, 4, Temple City--Sky Dreamer, by Sky Mesa. ($30,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP). O-Sheikh Rashid bin Humaid Al Nuaimi. AED26,500.

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Margins: NO, 3, HF.

Also Ran: Raven's Corner (Ire), High On Life (GB), Wasim (Ire), Almanaara (Ire), Sutter County (GB), Circle Dream (Ire), Dutch Masterpiece (GB).

Picked up for AED40,000 out of the Godolphin Racing in Dubai September Sale last year, the one-time debut winner at Keeneland won twice at the handicap level over the local dirt in January and February. Cont. p15

Drafted (left) claws past Ibn Malik | *DRC/Andrew Watkins*

Listed Garhoud Sprint Cont.

He finished his spring with a sixth in the G3 Burj Nahaar in the wake of Kimbear two starts later on Mar. 10 and earned a career high at Meydan on Thursday. Caught four deep and several lengths off the lead through the early going, he was left without cover approaching the lone bend. Making a determined rally upon straightening, the grey dueled with new leader Ibn Malik inside the final 150 yards, before prevailing in a thriller.

"He was missing the break a bit last season, so we decided to take the visor off and he has broken much better today," said trainer Doug Watson, who also saddled Almanaara to a seventh-place finish. Sam has given him a great ride and timed his challenge perfectly. Drafted has probably tired in the final stages, but hung on gamely. Kimbear has also run very well over this shorter trip and that should put him spot on for the first round of the Maktoum Challenge in five weeks. Drafted will go on to the Dubawi."

The unraced Keep the Profit has exclusively visited Field Commission every season since producing Drafted, with winning 3-year-old gelding Keep the Commish and the unraced juvenile filly Lucre to show for it. **Click for the Emirates Racing chart or Emirates Racing video**.

3rd-Meydan, AED240,000, Cond., NH 2yo & SH 3yo, 1600m, 1:40.25, ft.

WALKING THUNDER (c, 2, Violence--Street Show, by Street Boss), a blowout 5 1/4-length winner going 1400 metres over this strip on Nov. 1, kept his perfect record upped a furlong on Thursday. Headstrong from the bell, Connor Beasley had his hands full restraining the hooded bay who eventually relaxed in fifth three off the fence. Given his cue 600 metres from home, Walking Thunder inhaled his opposition and swept to the front with a quarter mile remaining, before sailing across the line 4 1/2 lengths to the good of Bila Shak (Scat Daddy). The winner is a half to a yearling colt by Khozan. Street Show was covered by Forty Grams this spring. Sales history: $42,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $66,169. **Click for the Emirates Racing chart or Emirates Racing video**.

O-Phoenix Ladies Syndicate; B-Golden Legacy Stable (FL); T-Ahmad bin Harmash.

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LONGINES HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL RACES

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 4:30 p.m.

LONGINES HONG KONG CUP-G1, HK$28,000,000 *(£2,806,306/€3,161,777/A$4,896,849/US$3,578,605)*, 3yo/up, 2000mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	6	Sungrazer (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Moreira	Asami	126
2	7	Time Warp (GB)	Archipenko	Purton	A Cruz	126
3	9	Northern Superstar (SAf)	Count Dubois (GB)	Teetan	Millard	126
4	4	Seasons Bloom (Aus)	Captain Sonador (Aus)	Moore	Shum	126
5	5	Gold Mount (GB)	Excellent Art (GB)	Murphy	Gibson	126
6	8	Stormy Antarctic (GB)	Stormy Atlantic	Doyle	Walker	126
7	3	Staphanos (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Buick	Fujiwara	126
8	1	Glorious Forever (GB)	Archipenko	de Sousa	Lor	126
9	2	Deirdre (Jpn)	Harbinger (GB)	Lemaire	Hashida	122

Breeders: 1-Oiwake Farm; 2-Miss K Rausing; 3-Klawervlei Stud; 4-B M Nolan (Qld); 5-Mrs L H Field; 6-East Bloodstock Ltd; 7-Northern Racing; 8-Miss K Rausing; 9-Northern Farm

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 3:50 p.m.

LONGINES HONG KONG MILE-G1, HK$25,000,000 *(£2,506,695/€2,816,286/A$4,436,846/US$3,200,559)*, 3yo/up, 1600mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	12	Beauty Generation (NZ)	Road to Rock (Aus)	Purton	Moore	126
2	14	Persian Knight (Jpn)	Harbinger (GB)	Demuro	Ikee	126
3	13	Comin' Through (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Walker	Waller	126
4	2	Mozu Ascot	Frankel (GB)	Lemaire	Yahagi	126
5	9	Beauty Only (Ire)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Bowman	A Cruz	126
6	5	Beat the Bank (GB)	Paco Boy (Ire)	Murphy	Balding	126
7	4	Fifty Fifty (NZ)	Thorn Park (Aus)	McDonald	Ho	126
8	6	Singapore Sling (SAf)	Philanthropist	de Sousa	Millard	126
9	10	Southern Legend (Aus)	Not a Single Doubt (Aus)	Whyte	Fownes	126
10	3	Inns of Court (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Barzalona	Fabre	126
11	11	Nothingilikemore (Aus)	Husson (Arg)	Moreira	Size	126
12	1	What Else But You (Aus)	Duporth (Aus)	Teetan	Size	126
13	8	One Master (GB)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Moore	Haggas	122
14	7	Vivlos (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Buick	Tomomichi	122

Breeders: 1-Nearco Stud Ltd; 2-Oiwake Farm; 3-Go Bloodstock (NSW); 4-Summer Wind Farm (KY);5-Massimo Parri; 6-A S Denniff; 7-Miss J M, K J & Mrs M L Shaw; 8-Drakenstein Stud (Nom: Mrs G A Rupert); 9-Corumbene Stud (NSW); 10-Darley; 11-S Smith (NSW); 12-Miss V Chow (NSW); 13-Lael Stable; 14-Northern Racing

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 2:40 p.m.

LONGINES HONG KONG SPRINT-G1, HK$20,000,000 *(£2,004,715/€2,258,375/A$3,498,006/US$2,556,057)*, 3yo/up, 1200mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	6	Ivictory (Aus)	Mossman (Aus)	Lemaire	Size	126
2	9	Mr Stunning (Aus)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Teetan	Lor	126
3	2	D B Pin (NZ)	Darci Brahma (NZ)	Clipperton	Size	126
4	8	Beat the Clock (Aus)	Hinchinbrook (Aus)	Moore	Size	126
5	11	Hot King Prawn (Aus)	Denman (Aus)	Moreira	Size	126
6	12	Fine Needle (Jpn)	Admire Moon (Jpn)	Kawada	Takahashi	126
7	5	Sir Dancealot (Ire)	Sir Prancealot (Ire)	Mosse	Elsworth	126
8	1	Winner's Way (Aus)	Starcraft (NZ)	de Sousa	A Cruz	126
9	10	Pingwu Spark (NZ)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	McDonald	Yung	126
10	3	Lim's Cruiser (Aus)	Casino Prince (Aus)	Bowman	Gray	126
11	4	Born In China (GB)	Shamardal	Whyte	Lui	126
12	7	Little Giant (NZ)	Swiss Ace (Aus)	Purton	Hall	126

Breeders: 1-J Woods (NSW); 2-Makybe Racing & Breeding (Vic); 3-Mrs K N & W E Calder; 4-Miss J Henderson (NSW); 5-Torryburn Stud (NSW); 6-Darley Japan K K; 7-Vincent Duignan; 8-Bruce Reid Racing (NSW); 9-Mrs H G & W G Bax & Windsor Park Stud Ltd; 10-Patinack Farm (NSW); 11-George Strawbridge; 12-G Harvey

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 2:00 p.m.

LONGINES HONG KONG VASE-G1, HK$20,000,000 *(£2,004,715/€2,258,375/A$3,498,006/US$2,556,057)*, 3yo/up, 2400mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	4	Waldgeist (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	Boudot	Fabre	126
2	2	Pakistan Star (Ger)	Shamardal	Buick	A Cruz	126
3	5	Salouen (Ire)	Canford Cliffs (Ire)	Murphy	Kirk	126
4	10	Exultant (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Purton	Cruz	126
5	13	Mirage Dancer (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Moore	Stoute	126
6	9	Eagle Way (Aus)	More Than Ready	de Sousa	Moore	126
7	3	Red Verdon	Lemon Drop Kid	Doyle	Dunlop	126
8	14	Prince of Arran (GB)	Shirocco (Ger)	Walker	Fellowes	126
9	7	Ruthven (Aus)	Domesday (Aus)	Bowman	Lor	126
10	12	Lys Gracieux (Jpn)	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	Moreira	Yahagi	122
11	1	Crocosmia (Jpn)	Stay Gold (Jpn)	Iwata	Nishiura	122
12	8	Eziyra (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Lemaire	Weld	122
13	6	Latrobe (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	McDonald	J O'Brien	121
14	11	Rostropovich (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Lordan	A O'Brien	121

Breeders: 1-The Waldlerche Partnership; 2-Gestut Wittekindshof; 3-Silvercon Edgerodge Ltd; 4-Ballygallon Stud Limited; 5-Juddmonte Farms Ltd; 6-Segenhoe Thoroughbreds Australia Pty Ltd (NSW); 7-Liberty Road Stables (KY); 8-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited; 9-P Roach (Vic); 10-Northern Farm; 11-Hideo Takadraru; 12-His Highness The Aga Khan's Studs SC; 13-Sweetmans Bloodstock; 14-Epona Bloodstock Ltd

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No Nay Never | *Coolmore*

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The first crops of **Vancouver**, **Pride of Dubai** and **No Nay Never (USA)** highlight Coolmore's draft for next month's Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale. The sales season is much-anticipated by all the big studs, but for Coolmore, 2019 looms as especially significant with the first Australian crops of three of their high-profile stallions on offer.

The catalogue for next month's Magic Millions Yearling Sale will feature 35 lots each from Vancouver and Pride of Dubai and nine from No Nay Never, the boom first-season sire in Europe.

While the progeny of Golden Slipper S. winner Vancouver and Blue Diamond S. winner Pride of Dubai have been much anticipated, the emergence of No Nay Never as the premier first-season sire in Europe has given Coolmore as strong a hand as they could have hoped for in the Australian first season-sire market.

"In the case of No Nay Never, he has been a real talking horse since his first foals hit the ground in Europe. He has an incredibly powerful physique which is something that he consistently throws into his progeny," Coolmore's stud manager Jim Carey said. "As a result, it was a logical move to bring him down to Australia where he has always been popular with breeders. He has made an incredible start to his stud career with his first 2-year-olds in the Northern Hemisphere and is the sire of some of Europe's most talented juvenile performers in 2018, including G1 Middle Park S. winner Ten Sovereigns (Ire). He is a very important sire for Coolmore and we hope he can carry on from the late, great Scat Daddy (USA)."

Included among the Coolmore draft of eight No Nay Nevers for Magic Millions is lot 367, a colt out of Group 1 winner Aqua D'Amore (Danehill {USA}), while lot 234 and lot 333 are half-sisters to stakes-winners Dreams Aplenty (Dream Ahead {USA}) and Excelorada (Exceed and Excel) respectively.

Continuing Slipper Winners' Legacy

Vancouver, the champion 2-year-old of his year, and sold through Coolmore at this sale for A$185,000 five years ago, is looking to continue the tremendous success of Golden Slipper winners at stud.

"Vancouver is one of only four colts in history to go through his Golden Slipper winning 2-year-old campaign unbeaten," Carey said. "Golden Slipper winners have an unparalleled level of success at stud in Australia with 20 going on to sire Group 1 winners and Vancouver won it in very quick time despite being drawn barrier 16. We are very excited by his progeny as they have inherited his immense quality and athleticism. They are sure to be hugely popular at the very sale he himself was offered through the Coolmore draft."

Nine of the 35 Vancouvers in the Magic Millions are offered by Coolmore, with three of them out of stakes winners and one, lot 31, a half-brother to G2 winner Believe Yourself (Sebring).

"He covered an outstanding book of mares in his first season and we have been rewarded with a wonderful offering of yearlings in his first crop," Carey said. **Cont. p2**

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Lot 694 and lot 628 are fillies out of multiple stakes winners Jazz Song (Fastnet Rock) and Graceful Anna (Canny Lad) respectively, while lot 413 is out of listed winner Born To Rock (Fastnet Rock).

Bidders on the Gold Coast won't have to wait long to get their first look at a Vancouver with the filly out of Paris Who (Fusaichi Pegasus {USA}), the sister of Zizou from the family of Not A Single Doubt and Oohood, lot 2 in the sale.

Pride Presents a Quality Crop

Vancouver and Pride of Dubai never met on the racetrack despite being the best 2-year-olds of that year. Carey feels Pride of Dubai brings a strength of pedigree to his progeny which has allowed him to produce consistency across the board.

"Pride Of Dubai is the most accomplished 2-year-old by champion sire Street Cry (Ire), from a potent stallion producing pedigree," he said. "His elite race performance as a juvenile is coupled with a pedigree that includes two of Europe's best 2-year-old sires, in Invincible Spirit (Ire) and Kodiac (GB).

"As such, it is very encouraging that the Pride Of Dubais have the look of natural 2-year-old runners. They are extremely mature horses that look very precocious and we expect them to be well sought after."

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Coolmore will offer eight of them at the Magic Millions, with Carey predicting a strong across the board response from the market to his first offering.

"Pride of Dubai throws a very consistent type and as such it is hard to single out one or two 'stand outs' in our draft as we are very happy with them across the board," he said. "As types, we believe they are perfectly suited to the Australian market, particularly the Magic Millions in January where buyer focus is on speed and precocity. One that will create particular interest is the colt out of Danehill Smile (Danehill Dancer) (lot 498), whose dam was a one-time Golden Slipper favourite."

Fastnets, Pierros Highlight Rest of Draft

Of course Coolmore have plenty more to offer outside those three stallions, with 57 yearlings part of their draft.

"As always, Fastnet Rock is sure to be popular, given that he continues to be the most potent source of Group 1 winners in Australasia. He is a great sire and has enjoyed another stellar run through the deeds of Merchant Navy, Shoals, Unforgotten, Comin' Through, Avantage and Catchy," Carey said.

Of the six **Fastnet Rocks** on offer from Coolmore, three are out of stakes-winning mares.

They are also offering four lots by emerging star **Pierro**, with lot 736 and lot 69 colts by Group 1 winner Larrocha (Danehill) and her Group 2 winning daughter Rocha (Encosta de Lago).

"He has already proven himself as an extraordinarily versatile sire with the likes of Pierata, Levendi, Pinot and Tulip all coming from his first crop," Carey said.

Coolmore will also offer three of the 16 yearlings from the second-season crop of their stallion **Rubick**, who had 27 of his first crop sell at Magic Millions last year at an average of just under A$150,000. Their offering includes lot 513, a half-brother to Group 2 winner Man From Uncle.

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