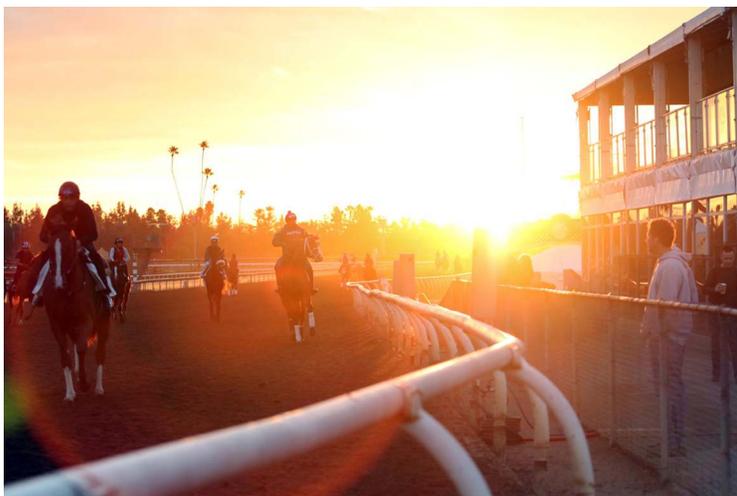




## WINDS OF CHANGE OR BREATH OF FRESH AIR AT SANTA ANITA?



Morning training at Santa Anita | Horsephotos

### The Week in Review, by T.D. Thornton

It was uncharacteristically windy at Santa Anita Park late last week. But it's unclear whether those gusts were caused by the rush of departing and incoming key employees (racing secretary, track superintendent, vice president of operations, and announcer all new since last meet) or if this was just the annual breath of fresh air that the Southern California circuit enjoys every Dec. 26 when the racing season opens anew with a stakes-laden program and high hopes for the coming year.

There will be plenty of time in 2019 to ponder whether the SoCal circuit is in danger of sliding off the grid or if the work-in-progress rescue operation by The Stronach Group (TSG) will be able to right the venerable Santa Anita ship before frantic bailing-out begins and the lifeboats are deployed. New condition-book and horse population strategies, plus a new roulette-styled wager, have accompanied the recent spate of firings and hirings, and the implementation of this sweeping TSG game plan is being played out against the backdrop of an ugly family lawsuit initiated by patriarch Frank Stronach against his daughter, Belinda Stronach, the chairman and president of the company.

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### ABREU ASCENSION

by Christina Bossinakis

When it comes to good horses, Jorge Abreu knows a thing or two because he's seen a thing or two. The 44-year-old, who served as a nine-year assistant to the juggernaut operation of Eclipse-Award winning trainer Chad Brown, branched out on his own in 2016, and since that time, has fashioned an enviable record. With over 200 starts under his belt, the horseman has amassed over \$2 million in earnings and claimed the first stakes victory of his career Saturday when **Espresso Shot** (Mission Impazible) rallied to victory in Aqueduct's East View S.

"I've had a great season so far," affirmed Abreu. "A lot of nice horses came to my barn this year compared to last year. I got a good mix of horses, like claiming, allowance, 2-year-olds and a couple of stakes horses--they haven't started yet, but they look like they're going to go that way."

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**Looking back: January 27, 2018.** Florent Geroux celebrates after Gun Runner (Candy Ride {Arg}) turns in another dominating performance to capture the 16-million GI Pegasus World Cup. | Coglianesse/Robert Mauhar

**NYRA TO OFFER WOOD MEM., SHIPPING BONUSES 10**

The New York Racing Association (NYRA) reactivated a bonus structure that could both increase the purse of the GI Wood Memorial S. to \$1 million on the same day the organization announced the return of a lucrative "ship and win" program for horsemen wintering in Arkansas and Florida.

**NEW 'RISING STAR' FOR PIONEER OF THE NILE RR**

Trainer Bob Baffert registered his 17<sup>th</sup> 'TDN Rising Star' of 2018 in the final days of the year, sending out first-time starter Anuket (Pioneer of the Nile) to victory for Juddmonte Farms in Santa Anita's fifth race Sunday.

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### The Week in Review (cont. from p1)

But on Day 1 of the new racing season at least, Santa Anita was able to rise above the chaos and worries, posting an all-sources handle of \$20.4 million that represents a 19% jump over a year ago while establishing an opening-day track record.

Wednesday's crowd of 41,373--up 3% from 2017--contributed a 5% betting increase over last year's on-track \$3.3 million (although a botched scheduling of mutuel tellers on 2017's opening day resulted in numerous shut-outs that skew any meaningful comparison).

And if you break out the opening-day feature race as an (admittedly ambitious) microcosm for what's to come in 2019, my only response is "More, please!" Full fields of 14 in a North American Grade I stakes are about as frequent as a blue moon, and I counted no fewer than seven middle-distance specialists who earlier in the year had been considered either

legitimate or wannabe contenders on the Triple Crown trail.

And the rip-roaring race winner **McKinzie** (Street Sense)? Is this the same horse who was a well-backed no-show when languishing home 12th in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic not even two months ago? The same highly heralded '**TDN Rising Star**' who, even in victories earlier in the season, swished his tail



McKinzie | Benoit photo

whenever he was put to pressure in stretch drives, never looking quite comfortable when asked for his all late in the lane?

Even by trainer Bob Baffert's demanding standards, McKinzie's 4 3/4-length, off-the-pace triumph as the 6-5 favorite represents a significant turnaround, as the colt looked sleek and mean while classily leaving a top-notch field in his wake.

"After the Breeders' Cup, [jockey] Mike [Smith] was like, 'Is he okay? He just quit,' Baffert

said in the Malibu aftermath. "And I told him, 'Don't worry about it, it was my fault.'"

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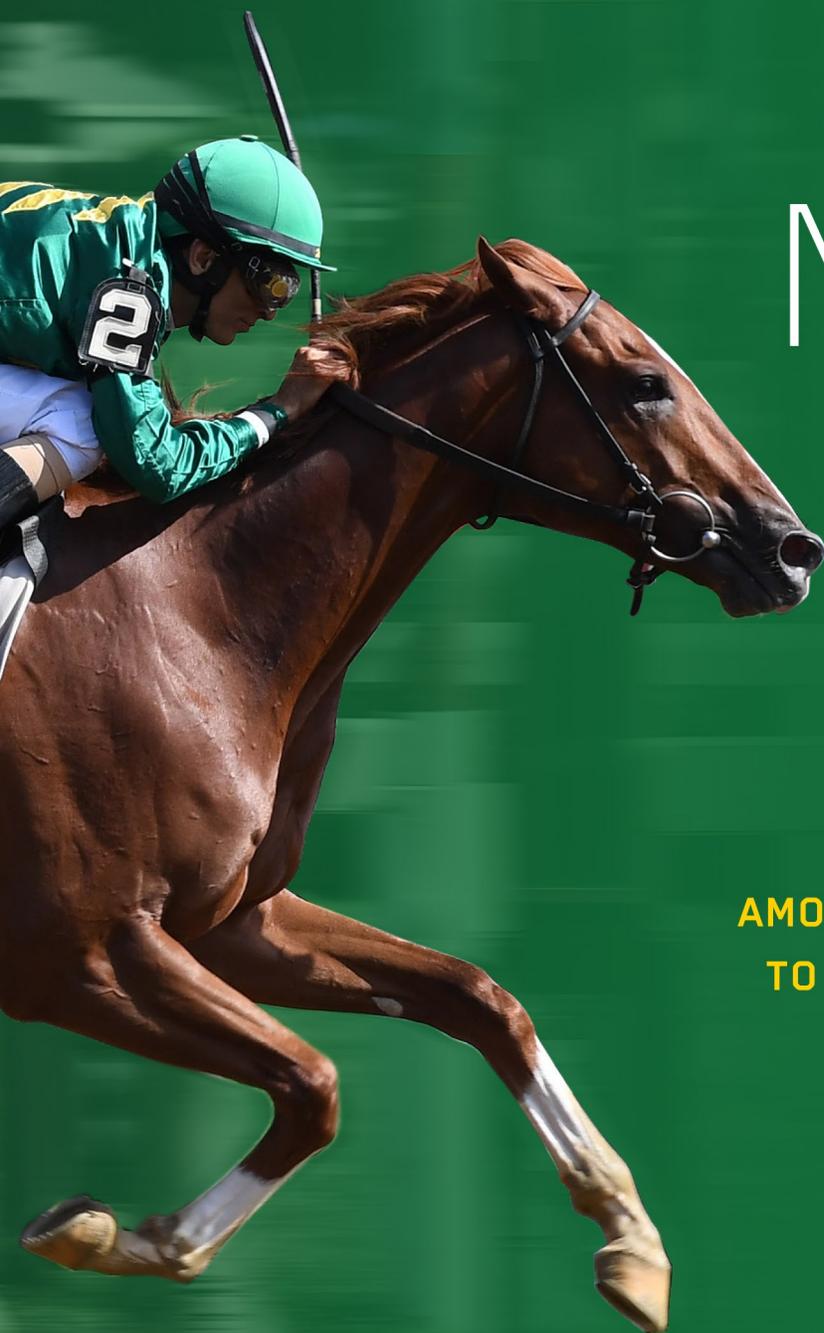
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Smith subsequently got aboard McKinzie for several morning workouts, and said he could immediately sense the bay was on the cusp of a positive turnaround.

“This horse really has something in store,” Smith said. “Bob brought him back here, gave him a little break and his energy came back up, his weight came back up, and he was ready to run. He was loaded from the word ‘Go.’ I’ve said all along that we haven’t seen the best of him yet. When he learns to put a few of these in a row together, we’re going to see something special.”

McKinzie’s connections have always regarded the colt loftily. He was named after their good friend Brad McKinzie, the longtime executive at Los Alamitos Race Course who died in August 2017 after battling cancer.

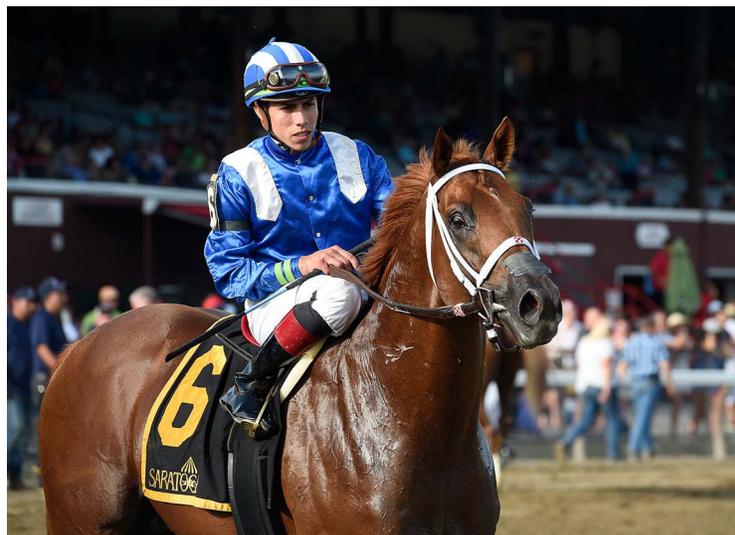
“When you name a horse for someone, you’ve got something invested beyond money,” said Mike Pegram, who co-owns McKinzie in partnership with Karl Watson and Paul Weitman. “It did my heart good to see this horse get lucky today.”

***It’s all about the money...***

Somewhere along the line--I’m not entirely sure when--the emphasis on being the “winningest” jockey in the nation shifted from ranking riders by actual trips to the winner’s circle to how much in purse earnings they’ve bankrolled.

To me, it seems as if an aesthetic has been lost in the shuffle with this change.

Think back to the 1940s and 50s, when the annual late-December rush to attain winningest jockey status in terms of victories generated a national publicity opportunity for the sport as riders (on the East Coast in particular) scrambled to land mounts down south after the northern race meets came to a close.



Irad Ortiz, Jr. aboard Qurbaan | Sarah K. Andrew

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- Desert Encounter (IRE)
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- Thunder Snow (IRE)



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In 1952, when 16-year-old whiz kid Tony DeSpirito established a then-record for 390 wins, the entire nation followed his chronicles as he zoomed south from New England and embarked on a whirlwind tour of tracks in Florida and Cuba. On the final day of the year, after he had broken the record for wins in a year set by Walter Miller in 1906, DeSpirito was rushed from Miami to New York just so he could appear on CBS's "Toast of the Town" with Ed Sullivan.

Three decades later, in 1982, the honor of being the leading jockey by wins was still enough of a big deal that determined 28-year-old Pat Day chartered a plane during a New Year's Eve storm to fly into Delta Downs just so he could secure the title by two victories, besting rival Angel Cordero Jr., 399-397.

And given the precipitous declines of both the annual foal crop and the number of races in North America, with each passing year it seems as if Kent Desormeaux's 1989 mark of 598 wins in one year edges closer to "record that will never be broken" status. Only one jockey since then--Edgar Prado with 536 in 1997--has eclipsed 500 victories.

For 2018, the wins/purses debate is a moot point. That's because Irad Ortiz, Jr. is the clear leader in both categories. Through six races Sunday, he had 346 wins and had amassed \$27,714,169 in earnings.

Ortiz can safely take Dec. 31 off without concern that those leads will be significantly eroded in his absence--but he need not sit around waiting for the modern-day equivalent of Ed Sullivan to call for a last-minute booking.

***New Jersey--the gift that keeps on giving?***

Although I have a strong suspicion that--like racinos--legalized sports betting will not be the long-term panacea that many within the racing industry project it to be, there is little doubt that New Jersey wins the 2018 award for sparking the biggest short-term cash influxes to its Thoroughbred industry.



Racing at Monmouth Park | Bill Denver/Equi-Photo



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First came the landmark May 14 Supreme Court ruling that struck down a federal law barring wagering on team sports, opening the floodgates for individual states to pursue legal sports betting as they wish. This long-shot victory was made possible chiefly by the perseverance of Monmouth Park’s management.

Then this month, the New Jersey Senate unanimously advanced a bill that would guarantee a five-year, \$10 million annual purse subsidy for Monmouth Park. The money would come from the state’s general fund, and there are separate windfalls for New Jersey’s two Standardbred tracks.

The State Assembly and Governor Phil Murphy still have to approve SB 2992 before it becomes law. But *The Press of Atlantic City* last week argued against giving more money to “wealthy horse breeders.”

According to the publication’s **Dec. 27 editorial**, “The last thing taxpayers need is a holiday gift they don’t want bought with their own money.... The Legislature already threw the state’s remaining three ailing horse-racing tracks a lifeline this year .... The sports betting revenue was supposed to allow the racetracks to offer bigger purses to create more popular racing events, and otherwise stabilize the diminishing industry.... New Jersey sports gambling has turned out to be stronger than expected and looks like it will be a \$2-billion industry next

year.... But apparently that’s not enough for the well-connected horse and racing people.”

The opinion piece summed up the pending legislation by stating, “Legislators have said taxpayers should support the horse-racing industry because it is historic and employs people--like every other failing industry. This one just happens to be well-connected politically. State Senate President Stephen Sweeney said legislators never promised that sports-betting revenue would be the end of what they would give New Jersey racetracks. If the subsidy bill passes the Assembly, Gov. Murphy should make that promise, side with the taxpayers and not the affluent horse breeders, and declare the sports betting windfall is enough help for the racetracks.”

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<b>Arrogate</b>	<b>7.37</b>
Uncle Mo	5.68
Pioneerof the Nile	5.18
Ghostzapper	4.94
Macho Uno	4.86
Quality Road	4.85
American Pharoah	4.77
Into Mischief	4.58



**Jorge Abreu (cont. from p1)**

Click above for TDN video with Jorge Abreu.

Among his most notable performers this season, **Stellar Agent** (More Than Ready), who broke her maiden sprinting over the Saratoga sod Aug. 31, finished third in both the GII Miss Grillo S. at Belmont Sept. 30 and the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf Nov. 2. In both graded stakes tries, the filly finished behind undefeated Newspaperofrecord (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}),

trained by Abreu's former boss, Chad Brown.

"It was a great experience being in the Breeders' Cup," recalled Abreu. "When the filly came to me, I really liked her since day one. I'm not going to lie to you and say that I thought she was going to be Breeders' Cup material, but when she showed up in the Miss Grillo S., we took the shot and ran her [at Churchill Downs]. And, I was pretty positive that she was going hit the board in the Breeders' Cup because she was training that way."

This season's team also consisted of GIII Florida Oaks runner up **Goodthingstaketime (Ire)** (Canford Cliffs {Ire}), winner of a Gulfstream allowance Dec. 7, in addition to **Pas de Soucis (Ire)** (Footstepsinthesand {GB}), third in the GIII Ladies Turf at Kentucky Downs in September.

**Horseman in the Making..**

A native of the Dominican Republic, Abreu was introduced to horses at a young age via his parents Reynaldo and Martha, and worked weekends on the backstretch for trainer Murray Garren after the family immigrated to the U.S. in 1984.

"Back home, my dad used to be a top rider [in the Dominican Republic] in the 1980s," explained Abreu. "When we got here in 1984, I used to come to the track with my mom and dad every Saturday and Sunday. I used to be around the shedrow with Murray Garren. I used to roll the bandages, wash the feed tubs and water buckets. And from there, that's all I know."

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Following his time with Garren, Abreu galloped for trainer Billy Badget, and later worked for John Terranova before joining Hall of Fame trainer Nick Zito. During his six-year tenure with Zito, Abreu became acquainted with a slew of graded winners, including GI Wood Memorial victor Bellamy Road and two-time GI Whitney hero Commentator.

Joining the fledgling Brown operation in May 2008, Abreu had the opportunity to view the Mechanicville, New York horseman's meteoric ascent to the top of the training ranks. While under the direction of the former assistant to legendary horseman Bobby Frankel, Abreu had a front-row seat to horses of the highest caliber, including Lady Eli, Big Blue Kitten, Stacelita, Flintshire, Stephanie's Kitten, Zagora, Dayatthespa and Bobby's Kitten.

"It was a great experience for me working for Chad," explained Abreu, whose brother Reynaldo is one of Brown's main assistants after several years of training on his own. "I learned a

lot over the years. We worked with a lot of different kind of horses. When we started, like everybody else, when you start your business of training horses, it's kind of slow. But then, over the years, we just kept doing better and better. It was good teamwork and I learned a lot from Chad."



**Goodthingstaketime at the 2017 Breeders' Cup**  
*Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportswire*

Steadily expanding his operation over the past two seasons, Abreu currently has 40 horses under his care, a long way off from the single-horse stable he started with. While still under the employ of Brown-- who collected his first Saratoga training title with a record 40 wins in 2016--Abreu was represented by a single runner, Woodville (Ghoszapper), who was two-for-two at the summer meet that season. Jumping in with both feet in 2017, Abreu runners won seven races from

68 starts while amassing earnings of \$315,949, but the horseman watched as those figures spiked this year when the stable accounted for 27 wins and earnings over \$1.6 million.

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“It was just time for me to make that move,” explained Abreu. “You know, I wanted to do things on my own. [Owners have] been supporting me and upgrading my horses and sending me different kinds of horses every year and putting their trust in me. So, I’m blessed.”

**Hope Springs Eternal...**

Following two seasons of steady growth, the horseman looks forward to what the new season may bring and hopes to continue the upward trend.

“Well, I’m going to run things the same way,” he said. “I think I have a better quality of horses right now, and I’ve got a couple promising 2-year-olds that haven’t started yet.”

Among the potential stars of the barn, 2-year-old **Moravia (GB)** (Siyouni {Fr}) graduated third-time out at Leopardstown June 7 before finishing runner up to Skitter Scatter (Scat Daddy) in the G3 Silver Flash S. July 26. The latter went on to add victories in The Curragh’s G2 Debutante S. and G1 Moyglare S. in September.

“[Moravia] was rated second-best 2-year-old over there to Skitter Skatter,” he explained. “I had her and she had a little step back, so we sent her to the farm and she’s back in training.”

Another European acquisition, **Ardara Belle (Fr)** (Anodin {Ire}), who won first out at Fountainbleu in September, has also given her trainer high hopes for 2019.

“We just had a new one named Ardara Belle (Fr) that came from France. She’s a good filly. I think she’s going to be making noise in 2019.”

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## NYRA TO OFFER WOOD MEMORIAL, “SHIP AND WIN” BONUSES



Aqueduct | Sarah K. Andrew

The New York Racing Association (NYRA) has reinstated a bonus program for potential starters in the Apr. 6 GII Wood Memorial S. at Aqueduct in a move that could increase the race’s total purse to \$1 million. As an incentive for the 1 1/8-mile Wood Memorial, a purse bonus of \$250,000 will be applied if any horse in the field that is declared an official starter

registers a Grade I or Group 1 victory prior to running in the race. Should a Grade or Group 1 winner become an official starter and trigger the increase, the Wood Memorial winner would earn \$535,000, with the runner-up garnering \$185,000 and third-place collecting \$100,000.

As part of the “Road to the Kentucky Derby” prep series, the Wood Memorial offers 100 qualifying points to the winner, 40 points to second, 20 to third and 10 to fourth as horses move toward potential starts in the GI Kentucky Derby May 4.

NYRA has also enacted a pair of shipping incentive programs that will return in 2019 at the Aqueduct and Belmont spring meets. Under the “ship and win” program, horses that made their previous start at Oaklawn Park are eligible for a 30% bonus for their first two starts in New York, as well as a \$1,500 shipping stipend for a start during either the Aqueduct spring or Belmont spring/summer meets, excluding stakes races.

Additionally, horses who made their previous start at either Gulfstream Park or Tampa Bay Downs may be eligible for a shipping subsidy for a start during the Aqueduct spring meet, excluding stakes races. Owners who ship horses from Florida and make their first start from Mar. 8 through Mar. 31 will receive \$2,000, while horses shipped in from the Sunshine State and make their first start from Apr. 5 through Apr. 20 will be credited \$1,500. First-time starters are ineligible for either program.

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# TDN Rising Star Watch 2019

Members of the TDN staff reveal what TDN Rising Star they're most excited to see race in 2019.

## COLISEUM



Bob Baffert had 17 'TDN Rising Stars' in 2018. Gainesway's super sire Tapit had eight. So when the two teamed up with a highly touted homebred from the powerhouse Godolphin operation, it was one of those Rising Stars that Brian DiDonato starts writing about while the horses are still in the paddock. If not the night before. **Coliseum** duly delivered with a jaw-dropping 6 3/4-length debut victory at Del Mar in November ([video](#)). And that was at seven furlongs. By a horse who will clearly get better around two turns and with a little more maturity. Godolphin teamed up with a two-time Triple Crown-winning trainer in search of its elusive first GI Kentucky Derby winner and Coliseum might just be the one. It should be fun watching what he does this spring, and the colt took an important step towards a potential start in the Jan. 5 GIII Sham S., working six furlongs in 1:12.40 at Santa Anita Sunday morning. --*Jessica Martini, Editor-in-Chief*

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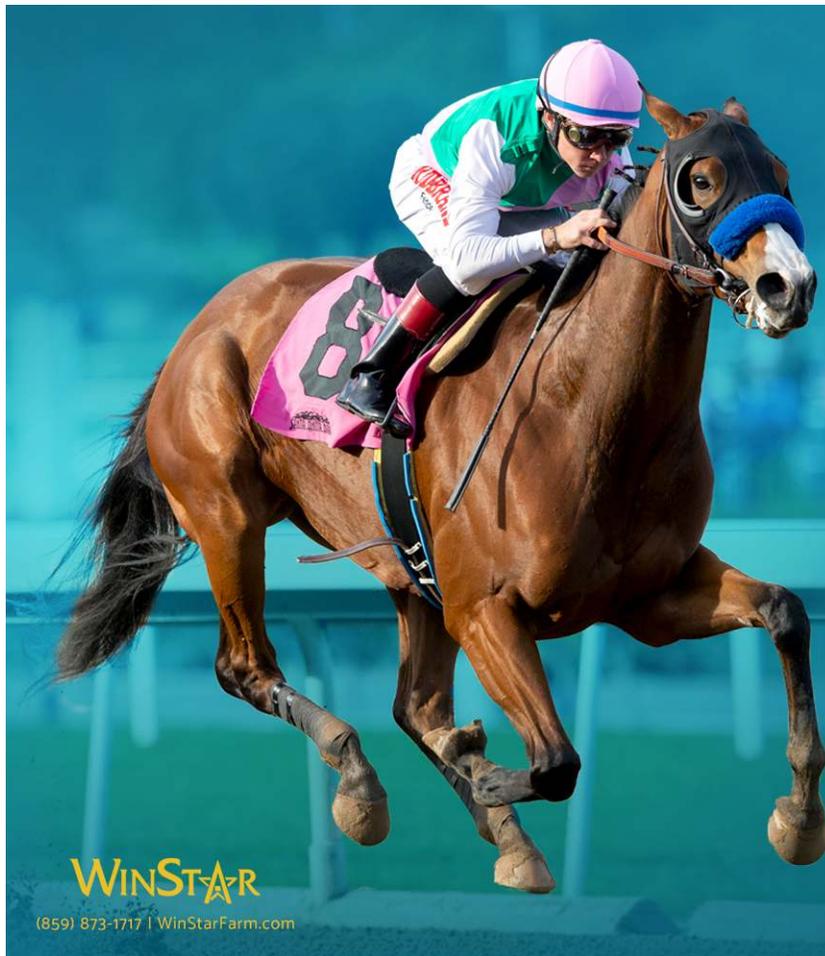
**Anuket** | Benoit

Juddmonte Farms' **Anuket**, a \$575,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling purchase, strode home an unchallenged 4 1/4-length winner of her debut at Santa Anita Sunday to become the newest 'TDN Rising Star.'

In the mix from the start, the 8-5 favorite contested the pace four wide down the backstretch through a quarter in :21.73. She took command at the top of the stretch after a half in :45.08 and strode clear effortlessly, completing the six furlongs in 1:10.59. Miss Ava's Union (Union Rags) was second and Bizwhacks (Fed Biz) was third.

Anuket is a daughter of graded stakes placed Rashnaa, a half-sister to stakes winner Mistda (Runaway Groom). The filly was bred by **Pollock Farms** and Town and Country Horse Farms, who purchased her dam for \$150,000 at the 2012 Keeneland November sale. The mare, who produced a colt by Medaglia d'Oro last year, died in 2018.

Juddmonte's Garrett O'Rourke **signed the ticket on Anuket at the 2017 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale** and the filly was part of a group of four fillies purchased there with the long-term plan of breeding to the operation's champion Arrogate (Unbridled's Song). The group also included a \$750,000 daughter of Curlin who is now named Deep Space. Still unraced, the filly worked four furlongs at Santa Anita Sunday in :50.00. Quotation, an unraced Congrats filly purchased for \$400,000 at the auction, worked five furlongs at Santa Anita Saturday in 1:01.80.



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2YO filly **ANUKET**,  
 a \$575,000 F-T Saratoga yearling, earned  
**TDN Rising Star** status in her career debut on  
 Sunday, taking command four wide on the far turn  
 and rolling to a 4 1/4-length MdSpWt score at  
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6th-Santa Anita, \$56,035, Msw, 12-30, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:10.59, ft.

**ANUKET, f, 2, by Pioneer of the Nile**



1st Dam: Rashnaa (GSP, \$394,723), by Tapit

2nd Dam: Tanuki, by Affirmed

3rd Dam: Silver Mink, by Vice Regent

\$575,000 Ylg '17 FTSAUG. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or and the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$33,000.

O-Juddmonte Farms, Inc.; B-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC & Pollock Farms (KY); T-Bob Baffert.

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**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**BAY RIDGE S.**, \$105,750, Aqueduct, 12-30, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:55.56, gd.

1--**SPLIT TIME, 124, f, 3, Take Charge Indy--Speed Dating, by Not For Love.** (\$62,000 Ylg '16 SARAUG). O-Tic Stables; B-Sequel Stallions New York LLC (NY); T-Linda Rice; J-Junior Alvarado. \$57,750. Lifetime Record: 11-6-2-2, \$384,450.

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2--**No Hayne No Gayne**, 123, f, 4, Haynesfield--Star Orchid, by Successful Appeal. O-Toby Sheets, ZBS Thoroughbreds & Paradise Farms Corp.; B-ZBS Thoroughbreds (NY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. \$21,000.

3--**Unbridledadventure**, 125, f, 4, Courageous Cat--Serene Ditty, by Unbridled's Song. O-Flying P Stable & Bruce Levine; B-Thomas J. Moran (NY); T-Bruce N. Levine. \$13,500.

**Graduate of Donna Freyer's Custom Care Equine LLC**

Margins: 1 1/4, 3HF, 2. Odds: 3.00, 33.75, 6.70.

Also Ran: Bonita Bianca, Frostie Anne, Pink Twist, Held Accountable, Pride of Saratoga. Scratched: Out of Orbit.

The consistent Split Time, looking for her fourth stakes win of 2018, suffered the first off-the-board finish of her career when tackling graded company in a fourth-place finish in the Nov. 23 GIII Comely S.

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Back against state-bred foes for this effort, the bay filly raced near the back of the field while under a snug hold along the rail. She made steady progress turning for home and skimmed the rail to take command at the top of the stretch before holding off the late-closing No Hayne No Gayne to the wire.

"She was pretty far back off of slow fractions, and I was a little concerned when they went :49 4/5 for the half," admitted winning trainer Linda Rice. "I thought it was going to be hard to beat the front end. But she's really trained well into this race and maturing nicely. She was very game today."

Of his trip, winning rider Junior Alvarado added, "It didn't look that easy from on top of the horse, but everything worked out. From the three-eighths pole when I asked her to run, everything opened up a little bit. It wasn't my intention to stay on the rail. It's been a little heavy today, but I didn't have any other choice. I thought I had enough horse to get through on the rail and swim out and that's what I did. When I asked her, she was there for me and made my job a little easier for me there."

SF Bloodstock purchased Speed Dating, in foal to Into Mischief, for \$200,000 at last month's Keeneland November sale. The mare is a half-sister to multiple stakes winner Saratoga Snacks (Tale of the Cat). Her 2-year-old colt by Alpha sold for \$12,000 at this year's OBS June sale. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

**BLUE NORTHER S.**, \$78,435, Santa Anita, 12-30, 2yo, f, 1mT, 1:34.64, fm.

1--**GIZA GODDESS, 120, f, 2, by Cairo Prince**

**1st Dam: Comfort and Joy, by Harlan's Holiday**

**2nd Dam: Comfort Zone, by Rubiano**

**3rd Dam: So Cozy, by Lyphard**

(\$200,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Mercedes Stables LLC, West Point Thoroughbreds, Scott Dilworth, Dorothy and David Ingordo & F. Steve Mooney; B-Clarkland Farm (KY); T-John A. Shirreffs; J-Brice Blanc. \$46,440. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, \$92,980. \*Second stakes winner for freshman sire (by Pioneerof the Nile).

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2--**Colonial Creed, 120, f, 2, Jimmy Creed**--Neverthesame, by Scat Daddy. (\$160,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP). O-Doug Branham, Richard Baltas & Jerry McClanahan; B-Doug & Felicia Branham (KY); T-Richard Baltas. \$15,480.

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3--**Thriving (GB), 120, f, 2, Kodiak (GB)**--Najam (GB), by Singspiel (Ire). (30,000gns Ylg '17 TAOCT; 110,000gns 2yo '18 TATAHI). O-Red Baron's Barn LLC and Rancho Temescal LLC; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (GB); T-Jeff Mullins. \$9,288.

Margins: HF, 2 1/4, HD. Odds: 5.60, 6.00, 4.30.

Also Ran: Lady Prancealot (Ire), Courteous, Splashy Kisses, Cedars of Lebanon (Ire), Data Storm Kitty.

Giza Goddess became freshman sire Cairo Prince's second stakes with a determined victory in the Blue Norther S. at Santa Anita Sunday. The gray filly was caught four wide going into the first turn before settling off the pace behind a quarter in :23.08. She rushed up to challenge for the lead after a half in :46.54, stuck a head in front in upper stretch. Three furlongs from home, Giza Goddess appeared to shift in about a half lane and at that point, Colonial Creed and Rafael Bejarano got shuffled back a bit. After holding Colonial Creed at bay for the half-length victory, Giza Goddess then survived an inquiry and a claim of foul by Bejarano. The stewards determined the incident did not cost Colonial Creed a better placing and no change was made.

"I was a little worried because she was leaning on horses today," admitted winning jockey Brice Blanc. "She's still a little green, but she's got a ton of potential. I've had the chance to ride her on the grass in all three of her most recent starts and she keeps improving every time. I think there's more potential. She still doesn't know exactly what she's supposed to do and that's what happened today when I passed Rafael. She started to lean a little bit and went on. It was enough to look a little tight."

Switched to the turf after opening her career with three off-the-board main-track efforts, Giza Goddess was third at Del Mar Nov. 10 before a resounding 5 1/4-length maiden victory at the oceanside oval Dec. 1.

"I think switching to the turf is what has moved her up," said winning trainer John Shirreffs. "It's made all the difference with this filly. It was nice to be able to run back again at a mile, but beating maidens is one thing and beating winners is another. After a maiden win you always wonder how they're going to do against winners. This was a big step up for her and in her last race, she had the outside post so she had to hustle to get to the lead. I was wondering if she'd settle well today, and she did."

Comfort and Joy, a half-sister to graded stakes winner The Pamplermousse (Kafwain), was bred to Cupid this year. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**8th-Santa Anita, \$67,451, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 12-30, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35.46, fm.**

**ENGLISH DANCER (f, 4, English Channel--Your Flame in Me {MSW & GSP, \$206,840}, by Boundary)** put together a string of three straight wins in the claiming ranks back east and added an allowance tally at Kentucky Downs in September for trainer Bill Mott and owner Rusty Jones, but the streak ended with a fourth-place effort in an Oct. 27 Keeneland allowance.

Shipped west to the Richard Baltas barn and adding Slam Dunk Racing and Michael Nentwig to the ownership line, the filly was third over the Del Mar lawn Nov. 24. Sent off at 2-1, English Dancer broke alertly and attended the pace through fractions of :23.81 and :47.96. She inched clear in upper stretch and held sway by half-length over late-rushing favorite Cordiality (Papa Clem). The favorite had a neck on Pulpit Rider (Lucky Pulpit) in third. English Dancer was a \$75,000 FTKJUL yearling. Your Flame in Me, in foal to California Chrome, sold for \$28,000 at last month's Keeneland November sale. Her 2-year-old colt by Shanghai Bobby sold for \$300,000 at this year's OBS April sale.

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O-Slam Dunk Racing, Turf Stable II, LLC (Rusty Jones) & Michael Nentwig; B-Woodlawn Breeding Inc (KY); T-Richard Baltas.

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**9th-Santa Anita, \$59,067, Alw, 12-30, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:17.05, ft.**

**AMUSE (f, 3, *Medaglia d'Oro*--Witty {GSW, \$162,600}, by Distorted Humor),** fourth going 1 1/16 miles over the Del Mar turf in her July 21 debut, graduated by 5 1/4 lengths when sprinting six furlongs over the main track Oct. 12 at Santa Anita and closed to be second after a bobbed start at that same distance at Del Mar last time out Nov. 22. The 9-5 favorite sat just off the early pace, waited for racing room approaching the lane and was tipped out five wide in upper stretch. She powered to the lead in the final furlong and strode home to an easy 2 1/4-length victory. Dulce Ride (Candy Ride {Arg}) was second. The winner is a half-sister to Bombard (War Front, SW, \$211,320). Graded stakes winner Witty, a half-sister to G1 Dubai World Cup winner Well Armed (Tiznow), died in 2015. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$78,600.

O-Claiborne Farm, Perry Bass II, Ramona Bass & Adele Dilschneider; B-Raydelz Stable (KY); T-Richard E. Mandella.

**8th-Penn National, \$29,120, Alw, 12-29, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.19, ft.**

**JIBBER JABBER (g, 3, D' Funnybone--Not for Long, by Devil's Bag)** was a debut winner at this oval in September of 2017 and resurfaced to defeat \$15,000 claimers here Dec. 5. The 9-2 shot chased the pace while three wide down the backstretch. Asked for run approaching the stretch, the bay gelding finished determinedly to best Jump Shift (Smarty Jones) by a half-length. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$53,310.

O-Fountain Springs Stable; B-P Capparell (NY); T-T. B Houghton.



#### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**10th-Santa Anita, \$66,625, Msw, 12-30, 2yo, f, 6 1/2ft, 1:12.98, fm.**

**APACHE PRINCESS (f, 2, Unusual Heat--Puskita {MSP}, by Indian Charlie),** a well-beaten second while facing state-bred company over the main track Oct. 4, was seventh in the Nov. 2 Golden State Juvenile S. and switched to the turf to miss by just a neck when second as the 9-5 favorite Nov. 10. Facing open company for the first time, the 2-1 shot settled off the pace as Posit (Cairo Prince) set the tempo through fractions of :21.26 and :43.34. Posit skipped clear at the top of the lane and looked home free, but Apache Princess stormed down the stretch to take the lead with authority. She was geared down late to win by 1 1/2 lengths as Unicorn (Bodemeister) closed for second. It was 1 3/4 lengths back to Posit in third. KMN Racing purchased Puskita, in foal to Philanthropist, for \$28,000 at the 2012 Keeneland November sale. The mare produced a filly by Fast Anna in 2017. She was bred to Straight Fire this spring. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$67,500.

O/B-KMN Racing LLC (CA); T-J. Keith Desormeaux.

**1st-Aqueduct, \$60,000, (S), Msw, 12-30, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:06.98, gd.**

**STONESINTHEROAD (f, 2, Bustin Stones--Dixie Talent, by Dixie Union),** the 7-5 favorite, stalked pacesetting Ja's Malibu (Freedom Child), overtook that rival at midstretch and drew clear to score by four lengths. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$33,000.

O/B-Team Penney Racing (NY); T-Jeremiah C. Englehart.

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**11th-Gulfstream, \$40,800, Msw, 12-30, 2yo, 1mT, 1:37.62, fm. PROLIFERATE (c, 2, Declaration of War--Rich City Girl {MSP, \$135,907}, by Carson City),** dismissed at 18-1, settled at midpack behind fractions of :23.75 and :50.18 while racing three wide. He surged into contention with a five-wide move into the lane and outbattled Sea of Hope (Quality Road) to the wire to win by a neck. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. O/B-Gabe Grossberg (KY); T-Mark E. Casse.

**4th-Gulfstream, \$42,200, Msw, 12-30, 2yo, 6f, 1:11.47, ft.**  
**ADMIRAL LYNCH (c, 2, Super Saver--Golden Production {SW, \$217,075}, by Exchange Rate)**, sixth on debut at Penn National Oct. 24, was second after contesting the pace over track and trip Dec. 9. The 3-5 favorite sat just off the early leaders through a quarter in :22.47 and rushed up three wide into contention leaving the backstretch before outbattling Sea Shark (Bernardini) to the wire to win by a head. A \$9,000 KEESF yearling, Admiral Lynch sold for \$77,000 after working a furlong in :10 2/5 at OBS March. Golden Production, purchased by WinStar Farm for \$160,000 at the 2015 Fasig-Tipton February sale, produced a filly by Into Mischief in 2018 and was bred back to Mastery. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$32,400. O-Joseph Besecker; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Jorge Navarro.



**8th-Gulfstream, \$40,800, Msw, 12-30, 2yo, f, 1mT, 1:37.00, fm.**  
**MISSION FROM ELLE (f, 2, Noble Mission {GB}--Wild as Elle, by Elnadim)**, sent off at 7-1, stalked the pace from the rail through an opening quarter in :23.17. Forced to steady behind foes down the backstretch, she waited for racing room turning for home before sneaking through along the hedge and bounding home a 2 1/2-length winner. Delta's Kingdom (Animal Kingdom) was second and Silver Kitten (Kitten's Joy) was third. Mission from Elle, who RNA'd for \$70,000 as a KEENOV weanling, is a half-sister to Cougar Ridge (Johannesburg, GSP-Ire & MSW-US, \$534,979). Wild as Elle's weanling colt by Verrazano RNA'd for \$33,000 at last month's Keeneland November sale. The mare, a half-sister to the dam of MGISW lotapa (Afleet Alex), was bred back to Classic Empire. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000.

O-Run Like Elle, LLC; B-Kelly Colliver & Wild as Elle LLC (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh.



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**8th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$20,250, Msw, 12-30, 2yo, f, 5ft, :56.54, fm.**  
**MISSMIZZ (f, 2, Mizzen Mast--Silimiss {GB}, by Dansili {GB})**, a \$32,000 FTKTUR yearling, was sent off at 4-1 in this unveiling. The gray filly stalked pacesetting Justabreathaway (Corfu), who zipped through a quarter in :20.99, and surged to the lead after a half in :44.62 before striding home a 2 3/4-length winner. Vada (More Than Ready) was second as Justabreathaway tired to fourth.

Silimiss, purchased for 62,000gns from the Juddmonte draft at the 2011 Tattersalls December sale, produced a full-brother to the winner this year and was bred back to Point of Entry. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$11,600.

O-DARRS, Inc.; B-Sangreal Investments (KY); T-Michael Stidham.



#### FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, DEC. 31

**Goldencents** (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000  
 121 foals of racing age/29 winners/2 black-type winners  
 8-Turfway, Msw 6 1/2f, GOLDEN JASMINE, 15-1  
 \$9,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

**Itsmyluckyday** (Lawyer Ron), Spendthrift Farm, \$8,000  
 82 foals of racing age/13 winners/0 black-type winners  
 8-Turfway, Msw 6 1/2f, LOVE IS ALIVE, 8-1

**Magician (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), Haras de Corlay, \$12,500  
 80 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners  
 7-Fair Grounds, Msw 5 1/2fT, MERLIN'S SONG, 12-1

**Noble Mission (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}), Lane's End Farm, \$25,000  
 112 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners  
 3-Turfway, Aoc 1m, NOBLE DESTINY, 30-1

**Real Solution** (Kitten's Joy), Blue Star Racing, \$12,500  
 41 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners  
 6-Laurel, Msw 6f, END RESULT, 3-1  
 \$35,000 EAS MAY 2yo

**Revolutionary** (War Pass), WinStar Farm, \$7,500  
 84 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner  
 8-Turfway, Msw 6 1/2f, CORONELA, 20-1  
 \$1,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

**Seville (Ger)** (Galileo {Ire}), Heritage Stallions, \$6,000  
 60 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
 6-Laurel, Msw 6f, LAS SETAS, 10-1  
 \$30,000 RNA EAS OCT yrl

**Strong Mandate** (Tiznow), Three Chimneys Farm, \$10,000  
 82 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners  
 7-Fair Grounds, Msw 5 1/2fT, FLAT CREEK, 6-1  
 \$90,000 KEE SEP yrl  
 8-Turfway, Msw 6 1/2f, HOPE AND A DREAM, 30-1  
 \$20,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$15,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

**Tritap** (Tapit), Heritage Stallions, \$2,500  
 34 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner  
 6-Laurel, Msw 6f, KIMBERLY B., 30-1

**Willcox Inn** (Harlan's Holiday), Saratoga Stud  
 16 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
 7-Aqueduct, \$100K Damon Runyon S., 1m, INVALUABLE WILL,  
 20-1

**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, DEC. 31**  
**Animal Kingdom** (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}), Darley, \$35,000  
 216 foals of racing age/56 winners/6 black-type winners  
 9-Golden Gate Fields, Msw 6f, BELIEVEMEJUSTWATCH, 20-1  
 \$4,000 KEE SEP yrl  
 6-Laurel, Msw 6f, PINK PEARL, 10-1  
 \$7,500 KEE SEP yrl  
 7-Aqueduct, \$100K Damon Runyon S., 1m, SOUTHERN KING, 4-1  
 \$137,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$15,000 OBS OPN 2yo

**Declaration of War** (War Front), Shizunai Stallion Station,  
 \$40,000  
 255 foals of racing age/71 winners/8 black-type winners  
 6-Laurel, Msw 6f, STRELLA'S WAR, 6-1  
 \$80,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$75,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

**Ez Effort** (In Excess {Ire}), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm, private  
 27 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner  
 6-Turf Paradise, \$35K ATBA Fall Sales S., 1m, FORTIFIED EFFORT,  
 4-5  
 \$35,000 ARZ NOV yrl



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**STAKES RESULTS:**

**B-CONNECTED S.**, \$65,000, Delta Downs, 12-29, (C), 3yo/up,  
 1m, 1:39.78, ft.  
**1--JUST STORMIN, 118, g, 6, Freud--Crypto Cream (SP), by  
 Cryptoclearance.** (\$15,000 Ylg '13 ESLYRL; \$55,000 2yo '14  
 EQL2YO). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Craig Drago; B-Tom Curtis &  
 Wayne Simpson (LA); T-Allen Landry; J-Kerwin D. Clark.  
 \$39,000. Lifetime Record: 46-8-1-9, \$246,355.  
**2--Imindycatbirdseat, 118, g, 4, Redding Colliery--Stage Five  
 Clinger, by Johannesburg.** O-Maggi Moss; B-Phyllis J. Hodges  
 (LA); T-Thomas M. Amoss. \$11,700.  
**3--Much Class, 119, g, 3, Midshipman--Asset Class, by Maria's  
 Mon.** (\$12,000 RNA 2yo '17 EASMAY). O-Alejandrino Prieto;  
 B-H. Allen & Ruth Poindexter, Veronica Hopkins & Robert  
 Stubbs (LA); T-Jose M. Camejo. \$6,500.  
 Margins: 1, 6, 1HF. Odds: 8.90, 3.90, 3.10.

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**7th-Laurel, \$59,514, 12-30, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03.07, ft.**  
**TRICKY LION (g, 6, Lion Hearted--Tricky Luck, by Norquestor)**  
 Lifetime Record: 40-6-4-7, \$196,666. O-See You Stable; B-Fred T.  
 Lewis (MD); T-Dale Capuano.

**9th-Golden Gate Fields, \$38,899, 12-29, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m,  
 6f (AWT), 1:09.97, ft.**

**COCO BEE (f, 3, Richard's Kid--Hope I Do, by Slewddledo)**  
 Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$44,685. O/B-Chappell Alpine Farms,  
 LLC (CA); T-Blaine D. Wright.

**8th-Golden Gate Fields, \$33,016, 12-30, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m,  
 1 1/16mT, 1:44.93, gd.**

**QAFILAH (IRE) (f, 3, Arcano {Ire}--Janina {GB} {SW-Eng}, by  
 Namid {GB})** Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-1, \$51,130. O-Ronald  
 Charles & Samuel Gordon; B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited  
 (IRE); T-Manuel Badilla. \*9,000gns 3yo '18 TATHIT.

**7th-Sunland, \$32,100, (S), (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$17,500), 12-30,  
 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38.17, ft.**

**UNBELIEVABULL (g, 4, King Bull--Tia Tia, by Pine Bluff)** Lifetime  
 Record: 18-4-1-4, \$66,277. O-Delinda Green & Mari Lou  
 Campbell; B-Greg & Delinda Green (NM); T-Greg Green.

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*Anuket (Pioneerof the Nile) delivers Rising Star  
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**7th-Charles Town, \$24,500, 12-29, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:48.55, ft.**

**SHROVE TUESDAY (f, 3, Kitten's Joy--Romance Project, by Not For Love)** Lifetime Record: 7-2-3-0, \$52,924. O-PathFinder Racing; B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY); T-Neil R. Morris. \*\$10,000 Ylg '16 EASOCT.

 **Another Yearling Graduate from Stuart Morris, Agent**

**7th-Turfway, \$22,160, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 12-29, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09.84, ft.**

**ZIPP ON BY (g, 4, City Zip--Cape Cod Girl {SP, \$108,610}, by Cherokee Run)** Lifetime Record: 16-4-3-3, \$135,109. O-Ed & Susie Orr; B-Mike & Pat Freeny (KY); T-Rey Hernandez. \*\$105,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.

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**Miss Marcela**, f, 2, **Bodemeister**--Back Bay Dixie, by Dixieland Band. Gulfstream, 12-30, (C), 6f, 1:12.30. B-Siena Farms LLC (KY). \*\$47,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP.

**Oakes Crossing**, g, 2, **Laugh Track**--Oh I Know, by You Know How It Is. Sunland, 12-30, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.31. B-Branda Howell Samuell & Ted Kidwill (NM).

**Hardaway**, g, 2, **Lemon Drop Kid**--Spellbound (GSW, \$231,750), by Bernardini. Tampa Bay Downs, 12-30, 1m 40y, 1:43.60. B-Raydelz Stable (KY). \*\$200,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.

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**Unbridled's Skye**, c, 2, **Old Fashioned**--Princess Lianna (SP, \$224,975), by American Chance. Golden Gate Fields, 12-30, 6f (AWT), 1:10.48. B-Andy & Marilyn Smolich (KY). \*1/2 to Krsto Skye (City Zip), SW, \$209,005.

**Woodbury**, c, 2, **Power Broker**--Phyllis Sassy Girl (SW, \$209,240), by Concerto. Aqueduct, 12-30, (S), 1m, 1:42.66. B-Kenneth M. White (NY). \*\$11,500 RNA Wlg '16 FTNMIX; \$50,000 Ylg '17 EASOCT; \$120,000 2yo '18 EASMAY.

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**Smart Step**, g, 3, **Gio Ponti**--Yo Ali, by Quiet American. Laurel, 12-30, 7f, 1:23.47. B-Anthony Warrender, Michael Barnett & Diane Curry (KY). \*\$15,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Night Tide (Malibu Moon), GSP, \$135,320.

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**Madaket Sunset**, f, 3, **Point of Entry**--Red Hot Buddha (MSW, \$234,401), by Buddha. Santa Anita, 12-29, (C), 6 1/2ft, 1:13.31. B-Popatoop, LLC (KY). \*\$150,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$210,000 2yo '17 OBSMAR.

**Huehue**, f, 4, **Limehouse**--Friendly Dreamer, by Friendly Lover. Charles Town, 12-29, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:21.69. B-Alix L. White (WV).



**ARCANO (IRE)**, Qafilah (Ire), f, 3, o/o Janina (GB), by Namid (GB). ALW, 12-30, Golden Gate

**BODEMEISTER**, Miss Marcela, f, 2, o/o Back Bay Dixie, by Dixieland Band. MCL, 12-30, Gulfstream

**BUSTIN STONES**, Stonesintheroad, f, 2, o/o Dixie Talent, by Dixie Union. MSW, 12-30, Aqueduct

**CAIRO PRINCE**, Giza Goddess, f, 2, o/o Comfort and Joy, by Harlan's Holiday. Blue Norther S., 12-30, Santa Anita

**CITY ZIP**, Zipp On By, g, 4, o/o Cape Cod Girl, by Cherokee Run. AOC, 12-29, Turfway

**D' FUNNYBONE**, Jibber Jabber, g, 3, o/o Not for Long, by Devil's Bag. ALW, 12-29, Penn National

**DECLARATION OF WAR**, Proliferate, c, 2, o/o Rich City Girl, by Carson City. MSW, 12-30, Gulfstream

**ENGLISH CHANNEL**, English Dancer, f, 4, o/o Your Flame in Me, by Boundary. AOC, 12-30, Santa Anita

**FREUD**, Just Stormin, g, 6, o/o Crypto Cream, by Cryptoclearance. B-Connected S., 12-29, Delta Downs

**GIO PONTI**, Smart Step, g, 3, o/o Yo Ali, by Quiet American. MSW, 12-30, Laurel

**KING BULL**, Unbelievabull, g, 4, o/o Tia Tia, by Pine Bluff. AOC, 12-30, Sunland

**KITTEN'S JOY**, Shrove Tuesday, f, 3, o/o Romance Project, by Not For Love. ALW, 12-29, Charles Town

**LAUGH TRACK**, Oakes Crossing, g, 2, o/o Oh I Know, by You Know How It Is. MSW, 12-30, Sunland

**LEMON DROP KID**, Hardaway, g, 2, o/o Spellbound, by Bernardini. MSW, 12-30, Tampa Bay

**LIMEHOUSE**, Huehue, f, 4, o/o Friendly Dreamer, by Friendly Lover. MSW, 12-29, Charles Town

**LION HEARTED**, Tricky Lion, g, 6, o/o Tricky Luck, by Norquestor. ALW, 12-30, Laurel

**MEDAGLIA D'ORO**, Amuse, f, 3, o/o Witty, by Distorted Humor. ALW, 12-30, Santa Anita

**MIZZEN MAST**, Missmizz, f, 2, o/o Silimiss (GB), by Dansili (GB). MSW, 12-30, Tampa Bay

**NOBLE MISSION (GB)**, Mission From Elle, f, 2, o/o Wild as Elle, by Elnadim. MSW, 12-30, Gulfstream

**OLD FASHIONED**, Unbridled's Skye, c, 2, o/o Princess Lianna, by American Chance. MSW, 12-30, Golden Gate

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## EUROPEAN VALUE SIRE: THE NEWCOMERS



Cracksman, rated 130 after winning the Champion S., enters stud at Darley's Dalham Hall next year for £25,000 | [racingfotos.com](http://racingfotos.com)

By Kelsey Riley

Your holiday shopping is complete for another year--now, how about a little treat for yourself? Can I suggest a booking to one of the best horses in the world of 2018 for £7,000--or, one of the best horses of the past decade for £25,000?

This column begins TDN Europe's annual value sires series, where we sift through stallions by sire crop and pull out a few dark horses that could provide a return on investment. We'll start this week with stallions retiring to stud in 2019 and progress through horses with first foals and yearlings, all the way through to the ones punching above their weight on the racecourse.

Before we dive in, it's worth reflecting on what constitutes value. In the business of breeding racehorses, value can mean two very different things, perhaps now more than ever. For the owner-breeder, it is finding that sire that first and foremost consistently turns out winners and horses that earn their keep. For the commercial breeder, it's about hitting a home run in the sales ring, whether that be with a fashionably bred yearling or by having tapped in early to the latest buzz horse at the foal sales.

For the purposes of this installment, we'll look at the new sires of 2019 on the merits of what they could be expected to produce on the racecourse. We'll single out stallions that could

perform better than their opening fees suggest. At the end we'll present a value sires podium with gold, silver and bronze recipients.

The incoming sire crop of 2019 is headed by a quintet of colts that were each standout runners in their own right. At the top of the table is Tweenhills Farm & Stud's **Roaring Lion** (Kitten's Joy), the four-time Group 1 winner from a mile to 10.5 furlongs that is priced at £40,000. Roaring Lion won his first three starts at two before missing by a neck to Saxon Warrior (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in the G1 Racing Post Trophy. It took him a few starts to find his feet again at three, but then a 4 1/2 length score in the G2 Dante S. and a third in the G1 Epsom Derby were followed by commanding performances in the G1 Coral-Eclipse, G1 Juddmonte International and G1 Irish Champion S. before he dropped back to a mile to seal his championship credentials in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. [Cont. p2](#)

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**European Value Sires Cont. from p1**

Roaring Lion looks an excellent chance to fulfill the dreams of Ken Ramsey by establishing a significant presence for his sire Kitten's Joy in Europe. The grey is out of Vionnet, a daughter of American 2-year-old champion and Kentucky Derby winner Street Sense who was placed in the GI Rodeo Drive S. on the dirt, but she is a half-sister to a pair of fillies that won the GI John C. Mabee S. going a mile on the turf. Roaring Lion is one of three sons of Kitten's Joy to retire in Europe this year, along with Darley's dual Group 1 winner **Hawkbill**, who displayed brilliance on more than one occasion and is priced at £7,500 at Dalham Hall; and five-time group winner **Taareef**, who joins the French ranks at Haras du Mezeray at €6,000.

Next highest-priced in Britain at £25,000 are Darley's Cracksman (GB) (Frankel {GB}), and Roaring Lion's Tweenhills studmate Zoustar (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus}).

**Cracksman** made rapid-fire progress during the second half of his 3-year-old season last year, recording open-length victories in the G2 Great Voltigeur S. and G2 Prix Niel before dismissing Poet's Word (GB) (Poet's Voice {GB}) by seven lengths in the G1 Champion S. to earn a Racing Post Rating of 131--the highest of any member of this sire crop. Despite starting off the year with a pair of Group 1 wins, there were fears that Cracksman had mentally gone off course after he scraped home from a 33-1 novice race winner in the G1 Coronation S., and allowed Poet's Word to tame him after being hustled by Frankie Dettori throughout the 1 1/4-mile Prince of Wales's S. Kept hidden by John Gosden for the summer, Cracksman returned with blinkers on in the latest edition of the Champion S. at Ascot in October. Those who backed him into short-priced favouritism likely suffered a few heart palpitations as Frankie once again niggled at him throughout the race, but when put to the true test at the two pole Cracksman responded to absolutely annihilate his rivals. His RPR of 131 matched last year's, and his official rating rose to 130, making him equal world's best with Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}). Just three European colts have been rated higher than Cracksman in the last 10 years: his sire Frankel (140), Sea The Stars (136) and Harbinger (135). We know about the accomplishments of Frankel, but Cracksman's female family is also riddled with class: his stakes-winning dam Rhadegunda (GB) is by the great broodmare sire Pivotal (GB); his second dam St Radekund (GB) is a daughter of Green Desert and his third dam is the G1 1000 Guineas and G1 Sussex S. winner On The House (Be My Guest). On all accounts, Cracksman looks like a whole lot of quality wrapped up in a £25,000 package.

**Zoustar** is, of course, unique among this group in that he already has a stud record to pull clues from, having been overwhelmingly the leading first-crop sire in Australia during the season that ended in July. **Cont. p3**

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**Zoustar has been dominant among his sire crop in Australia | Widden Stud**

### **European Value Sires Cont.**

It was not only the volume of winners and stakes winners that Zoustar was turning out, but the quality, and he continues to dominate this season, once again leading his old rival Spirit of Boom (Aus) on the second-season sires' table, but it's hardly a competition: he is almost A\$2-million clear by earnings. His three first-crop stakes winners have all trained on, and in fact in November they filled the trifecta in the G1 Coolmore Stud S., the Southern Hemisphere's most important 3-year-old sprint and a race won by Zoustar himself. And, he has added four new stakes winners this term.

Zoustar is doing things that are unheard of Down Under, but how will that translate to Europe? Well, let's look at the pedigrees of his seven stakes winners. Two of them, including his Group 1 winner Sunlight (Aus), have second dams by Danehill. A third is out of a daughter of Fastnet Rock (Aus), with a second dam by Distorted Humor, and a fourth is out of a daughter of Anabaa with Acatenango (Ger) as the sire of his second dam. His latest stakes winner, the Dec. 29 Group 3-winning 2-year-old Sun City (Aus), is out of a mare by Flying Spur (Aus), a son of Danehill. Plenty to resonate with European breeders there. Zoustar's sire Northern Meteor--who made a similarly impressive start at stud before a premature death--is a son of Encosta de Lago (Aus), who is by Sadler's Wells's full-brother Fairy King. Zoustar is himself out of a Redoute's Choice (Aus) mare, from that Shantha's Choice family that is regarded as one of the best in the world, and Fappiano even appears in his third generation: there is truly something for everyone in this pedigree.

Coolmore debuts two in the top echelon at its Irish headquarters in 2019: **Saxon Warrior (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) at €30,000 and **US Navy Flag** (War Front) at €25,000. **Cont. p4**



Sioux Nation shares many traits with No Nay Never | [racingfotos.com](http://racingfotos.com)

### European Value Sires Cont.

Both horses represent international sire lines that Coolmore has exploited as an option for its growing plethora of high-class Galileo mares, and indeed both horses are out of Group 1-winning daughters of the champion sire: Saxon Warrior a son of the G1 Moyglare Stud S. winner Maybe (Ire), and US Navy Flag out of the four-time Group 1 and Classic winner Misty For Me (Ire). The formula certainly worked on the racecourse: both horses were Group 1 winners at two and three, Saxon Warrior a Classic winner and US Navy Flag pillaging the sprinting ranks. While they won't provide a total Galileo outcross, Enable (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}) has once again been the poster child this year for close inbreeding to Sadler's Wells.

One who could be a valuable outcross to Galileo is **Sioux Nation**, the Group 1-winning son of Scat Daddy that Coolmore introduces at €12,500. Sioux Nation won the G2 Norfolk S. at Royal Ascot before following up at Group 1 level in the Phoenix S. Sound familiar? That is the same pattern followed by No Nay Never, who won the Prix Morny. Sioux Nation didn't quite build on that brilliance this year at three but he didn't disappoint, either: he won the G3 Lacken S. and was beaten just three-quarters of a length by fellow newcomer **Havana Grey (GB)** (Havana Gold {Ire}) when third in the G1 Flying Five S. No Nay Never, who started at €20,000, was slightly superior on ratings, but not markedly so, and with so many similarities to draw on it could be very worth taking a gamble at the price.

The aforementioned Havana Grey won the G3 Molecomb S. and two listed races at two, and built on that promise this year at three when winning the Flying Five and the G2 Sapphire S. He starts out at Whitsbury Manor Stud—the same farm that brought us the rags to riches Showcasing—for £8,000.

A trio of colts enter stud next year at £20,000/€20,000: GI Breeders' Cup Mile winner **Expert Eye (GB)** (Acclamation {GB}),

sprint champion Harry Angel (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) and dual hemisphere Group 1 winner Merchant Navy (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). Expert Eye looks to just about have it all on pedigree: by sire of sires Acclamation out of a Dansili mare who is out of a Classic-producing half-sister to those top American mares Sightseek and Tate's Creek—a stout Juddmonte family through-and-through. Expert Eye flashed brilliance early in his career and while he went a bit wayward at the start of his 3-year-old campaign, he could hardly have been more impressive when winning the G3 Jersey S. at Royal Ascot by 4 3/4 lengths and the Breeders' Cup Mile over a wet track he wouldn't have loved.

Remember that sire-making Coolmore Stud S. won by Zoustar? Well, it turns out he's not the only winner of that six-furlong sprint starting out in Europe this year—so is **Merchant Navy**, who put the icing on the cake with a win in the G1 Diamond Jubilee S. in July. It's a small bloodstock world, indeed. **Harry Angel** was plagued by a supposed Ascot curse, but he had no problem winning anywhere else, taking the G1 July Cup and G1 Sprint Cup of 2017 to be named champion sprinter. His two best RPRs of 128, posted at three and four, are well clear of anything recorded by Merchant Navy or Expert Eye—or, in fact, Roaring Lion, Saxon Warrior and US Navy Flag. Also a Group 2 winner at two, he was consistently brilliant throughout his racing career.

Dropping into the four-figure fees, we can really start to uncover some horses that might fly under the radar. The steal of the year has to be **Poet's Word (GB)** (Poet's Voice {GB}) at £7,000. Sure, he didn't win a stakes race until he was four, but he was second in the G1 Champion and Irish Champion S. at the tail end of 2017 before this year winning the Prince of Wales's S.—beating Cracksman—and the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S., both times earning RPRs of 128. He is rated equal to Roaring Lion at 127 and joint third on the world rankings.

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Harry Angel

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## European Value Sires Cont.

A 300,000gns yearling before the boom of his late sire at stud, Poet's Word's page is steeped in class: stakes winners under his Nashwan first dam include the G2 Railway S. winner Beckford (GB), and his Shirley Heights second dam is a half-sister to Inchinor. Other stakes winners under the third dam include Miss Keller (Ire), Harbour Law (GB) and Venus de Milo (Ire).

Showcasing's fee may have jumped to £55,000 for 2019, but breeders can access his son **Tasleet (GB)** alongside Poet's Word at Shadwell for £6,000. Tasleet is speed on speed, being out of a Cadeaux Genereux mare from the family of Battash (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) and he was a stakes winner at two, three and four, the highlight coming in last year's G2 Duke of York Clipper Logistics S. He was second in the G1 Sprint Cup and the G1 QIPCO British Champions Sprint S.

### How about **Lancaster Bomber**

(War Front) at €8,500? The horse just didn't seem to know how to run a bad race, and often when playing pacemaker for Churchill (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). In that role he picked up seconds in the G1 Dewhurst S. and G1 St James's Palace S., and he was also placed in the G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf, G1 Woodbine Mile, G1 Breeders' Cup Mile and G1 Lockinge S. before at last getting his day in the sun in this year's G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup. He is a half-brother to the very talented Excelebration (Ire) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}).

When it comes to battlers, how about **Jungle Cat (Ire)** (Iffraaj {GB}) at €8,000 at Darley's Kildangan Stud? His Group 1 sprint victories in Dubai and Australia this year will be foremost in the mind, but let's not forget that he broke his maiden in June of his 2-year-old year before placing behind The Wow Signal (Ire), Ivawood (GB), and Muhaarar (GB) in juvenile group races. Of the same ilk is Tweenhills's **Lightning Spear (GB)**, the apparently gorgeous son of Pivotal (GB) who won this year's G1 Sussex S. and three times posted RPRs of 122. He made just a pair of starts in his first two seasons but once he got a chance to really get going at four he was a factor in many of Europe's key races over the next three seasons before at last getting his Group 1 in August.

Exceed and Excel was this year represented by sire sons like Helmet (Aus), sire of G1 Dubai World Cup winner Thunder Snow

(Ire), and successful first-season sire Bungle Inthejungle (Ire), and the Darley shuttler's newest representative is Rathbarry Stud's **James Garfield (Ire)** at €7,000. The G2 Mill Reef S. winner recorded his best RPR (119) when beaten a half-length by Polydream in this year's G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest, and he comes from the sire-producing family of Invincible Spirit (Ire) and Kodiak (GB). That is the same family as Coolmore's G2 Superlative S. winner **Gustav Klimt (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), who starts out this year at €7,500. Gustav Klimt couldn't quite put it together for that elusive Group 1, but he stayed remarkably consistent while trying during a busy campaign this year, placing in the Irish 2000 Guineas, St James's Palace, Prix Jean Prat and Sprint Cup. Cheveley Park Stud debuts the best son of former champion first-season sire Society Rock (Ire), **Unfortunately (Ire)**, at £7,500. He is the only Group 1-winning 2-year-old to enter stud in Britain this year.



**Lancaster Bomber won the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup and was placed in six more Group 1s | [racingfotos.com](http://racingfotos.com)**

With something like 30 new sires taking up residence in France next year, breeders there certainly won't be lacking for choice. There is definitely some quality in addition to quantity, too, namely with the likes of **Recoletos (Fr)** (Whipper) and Cloth of Stars (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire})-- interestingly, both have the great mare Miesque in their third generation.

At €8,000 at Haras du Quesnay, Recoletos is the most expensive stallion to retire to France in 2019, and his CV

includes Group 1 wins in this year's Prix d'Isphahan and Prix du Moulin de Longchamp, which bookended a second to Alpha Centauri (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) in the G1 Prix Jacques le Marois. Recoletos's third dam produced Crimson Tide and is a half-sister to Derby winner Shahrastani. Reports from those who went to Quesnay to inspect him during Arqana's December Sale were that he is gorgeous, too.

It could be argued that if not for those super fillies Enable and Sea of Class (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}), **Cloth Of Stars** would be a dual Arc winner and thus not standing for €7,500 at Haras du Logis. Sure, you remove two horses and the complexion of the race changes, but nonetheless Cloth Of Stars was the first colt home when second and third in the last two Arcs. He was a group winner from two to four, his biggest moment in the sun coming in last year's G1 Prix Ganay. His top RPRs of 126 and 123 put him among the best of this sire crop. [Cont. p6](#)



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### European Value Sires Cont.

Cloth Of Stars comes from the very productive Niarchos family of Group 1 winners Shiva (Jpn), Light Shift, Ulysses (Ire), Main Sequence and Northern Trick.

Recoletos and Cloth Of Stars aren't the only newcomers offering value in Normandy. Take a closer look at Group 1 winner **Dschingis Secret (Ger)** (Soldier Hollow {GB}) at €4,000 at Haras de Saint Arnoult: a half-length third in the G1 Deutsches Derby, the following year he won the G2 Grosser Hansa-Preis, G1 Preis von Berlin and G2 Prix Foy, beating respectively Iquitos (Ger), Hawkbill and Cloth Of Stars. He added another Group 2 in July and was consistent throughout his two best seasons, recording RPRs of 120, 119 (twice) and 118 (twice).

Returning to Britain, a pair of colts are likely to draw plenty of support at £5,000: **Rajasinghe (Ire)** (Choisir {Aus}) at the National Stud and **Massaat (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}) at Mickley Stud.

Rajasinghe is by Choisir, whose sire sons include the proven Starspangledbanner and Olympic Glory, who made a very promising start this season. Rajasinghe won the G2 Coventry S. at Royal Ascot, posting the fastest six-furlong time ever at that course for a 2-year-old, and in his wake were G1 Irish 2000 Guineas winner Romanised (Ire) and US Navy Flag.

**Massaat** comes from a family choc-full of black-type: he is a half-brother to the G1 Commonwealth Cup winner Eqtidaar (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), and a plethora of stakes winners under the second dam include G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches winner Precieuse (Ire) (Tamayuz {GB}). He was second to Air Force Blue in the G1 Dewhurst and Galileo Gold (Ire) in the G1 2000 Guineas and, after winning the G2 Hungerford S. over subsequent Group 1 winner Librisa Breeze (GB), rounded out his career end of last year with placings behind Ribchester (Ire) and Limato (Ire).

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**CORRECTION:** With reference to the article titled '*Rafha's Influence*' which appeared in the *TDN* dated Dec. 30, 2018, we have been asked to make it clear that Rafha's owner/breeder Prince A. A. Faisal is HH Prince Abdulrahman A. Al Faisal and should not be confused with HRH Prince Faisal bin Salman. We would like to apologise for any confusion or offence which may have resulted.



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# FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

**Monday, Dec. 31, 2018:**

**UNITED KINGDOM**

**Coach House (Ire)** (Oasis Dream {GB}), Bucklands Farm & Stud (GB)

76 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners  
12:10-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, TWO FACED (GB)

**Gregorian (Ire)** (Clodovil {Ire}), National Stud

85 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners  
12:10-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, MISS COMMUNICATE (GB)

**Heeraat (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), Mickley Stud

72 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners  
12:10-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, BEG FOR MERCY (GB)  
7,000gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2016; 10,000gns  
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12:10-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, HANBURY DREAMS (GB)



**Coach House is hunting for his 11th winner at Lingfield on Monday. | Racing Post**



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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:**

**Twist (Ire)**, g, 3, **Invincible Spirit (Ire)**--Kahira (Ire), by King's Best. Lingfield, 12-30, 10f (AWT), 2:06.69. B-Mount Cootie Stud & Irish National Stud (IRE). \*42,000gns Ylg '16 TATOCT. \*\*1/2 to Queen Catrine (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), Hwt. Older Mare-Ity at 7-9 1/2f, GSW-Ire, G1SP-Fr, MGSP-Eng & SP-Ity, \$281,334.

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**Tuesday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 4:35 p.m.**

**CHINESE CLUB CHALLENGE CUP H-G3**, HK\$3,250,000 (£326,803/€362,670/A\$589,151/US\$414,998), 3yo/up, 1400mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Beauty Only (Ire)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Teetan	Cruz	133
2	1	Winner's Way (Aus)	Starcraft (NZ)	Purton	Cruz	133
3	10	Pingwu Spark (NZ)	Mastcraftsman (Ire)	Leung	Yung	129
4	4	Born In China (GB)	Shamardal	Whyte	Lui	123
5	3	Nothingilikemore (Aus)	Husson (Arg)	de Sousa	Size	121
6	2	Romantic Touch (Aus)	Northern Meteor (Aus)	Sanna	Cruz	120
7	7	California Whip 	Giant's Causeway	Ho	Cruz	119
8	6	Rattan (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Schofield	Gibson	119
9	11	Conte (Aus)	Starcraft (NZ)	Moreira	Size	117
10	8	What Else But You (Aus)	Duporth (Aus)	Rispoli	Size	117
11	12	Morethanlucky (NZ)	Per Incanto	Badel	Lor	113
12	9	Taking Aim (Aus)	Choisir (Aus)	Chadwick	Moore	113

**Saturday, Kenilworth, South Africa, post time: 4:35 p.m.**

**L'ORMARINS QUEEN'S PLATE-G1**, R1,500,000 (£81,686/€90,659/US\$103,725), 3yo/up, 1600mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	7	Legal Eagle (SAf)	Greys Inn	Marcus	Tarry	132
2	6	Do It Again (SAf)	Twice Over (GB)	Fourie	Snaith	132
3	5	Undercover Agent (SAf)	Captain Al (SAf)	Orffer	Crawford	132
4	9	Hat Puntano (Arg)	Hat Trick (Jpn)	Dillon	Ramsden	132
5	4	Rainbow Bridge (SAf)	Ideal World	Fayd'Herbe	Sands	132
6	2	Amazing Strike (SAf)	Ideal World	Cheyne	Sands	132
7	1	Infamous Fox (Aus)	Foxwedge (Aus)	Danielson	Dawson	132
8	10	Buffalo Bill Cody (Ire)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Lerena	de Kock	131
9	8	Snowdance (SAf)	Captain Al (SAf)	Hewitson	Snaith	127
10	3	Soqrat (Aus)	Epaulette (Aus)	Simons	de Kock	121



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## FRESH RHEINWOOD RETURNS TO THE GOLD COAST



Mares and foals graze at Rheinwood | Rheinwood Pastoral

by Bren O'Brien

Rheinwood Pastoral returns to the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale for the first time in two years in 2019 and operations manager Kirsty Willis feels its draft of seven offers a fresh opportunity for buyers.

Rheinwood, based in the Southern Highlands of NSW, has spent the last few years assessing and refreshing its broodmare band and as a result four of its draft for the Gold Coast sale are first foals, with the remaining three, second foals.

"We haven't had a draft at Magic Millions for the last two years, so we are very excited to get back up to the Gold Coast," Operations Manager Kirsty Willis told *TDN AusNZ*. "We're big believers on selecting the right horse for the right sale and we've worked hard on upgrading our broodmare band over the last couple of years. We've purchased some nice young mares that have all had very good foals."

As the year's first sale, the Magic Millions is always a competitive environment for both buyers and sellers. It can be difficult for the smaller operators to get noticed in the marketplace, but Willis has considerable faith in the quality Rheinwood is presenting.

### Pick of the Bunch

At the top of her list is **lot 453**, the colt by All Too Hard out of Cheyenne Sue (Zizou), who has already produced the stakes winning filly Let Me Sleep On It (Manhattan Rain). The dam is a

half-sister to G1 Coolmore Stud S, winner Headway out of stakes-placed mare Chatelaine (Flying Spur). But it his physical presence, as much as his pedigree page, which excites Willis.

"He is a beautiful animal and he is my pick of the draft. He's settled into prep so well. He licks his feed bowl clean, when he gets out and around the yard, he's so athletic, he moves so well and it helps that the first foal out of the mare has got black type to her name. I'd expect him to be really popular," she said. "All Too Hard has stamped him, but he's a bit more refined than some of the All Too Hards I've seen. He's thrown to Mum a bit more in that regard. He's got her athleticism."

### Filly Set to Shine

The lone filly in Rheinwood's draft, **lot 543**, by I Am Invincible out of Electric Charge (Charge Forward), is another one who will benefit from the deeds of an older sibling. Godolphin bought the older half sister by Shooting To Win for A\$170,000 at the 2018 Classic Sale, and now named Static, she looks an autumn 2-year-old prospect for James Cummings.

"We've heard good things out of the Godolphin stable about her. We were hopeful that she might trial before the sale, but we'll have to see. The Shooting To Wins are already making an impression and we were so pleased she ended up with Godolphin, it's great for our mare," she said. "This I Am Invincible filly is one of the nicest horses that we've taken to the sale. By the right stallion, and she's also out of a Charge Forward mare, just like Sunlight and the past two Golden Slipper winners, She Will Reign and Estijaab." **Cont. p2**

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Rheinwood's Kirsty Willis on lot 543

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### Trio of Colts by First-Season Sires

Continuing the fresh theme, Rheinwood is offering three colts by first-season sires in Headwater, Kermedec (NZ) and Super One. The colt by Headwater, **lot 123**, is out of She Has Arrived (Domesday), an unraced half sister to stakes-winner Best Yet To Come.

"He's been inspected a few times on the farm and well received by everyone that has seen him," Willis said. "He's a lovely colt. We're very hopeful given the Headwaters sold very well as weanlings, that will continue into the yearling sales."

Willis said **lot 779**, by Kermedec out of Majestic Faith (Denman), who is a three-quarter sister to listed winner Black Minx out of Group 2 winning mare Faith Hill (Danehill {USA}), is another big strong colt.

"He looks to my eye as a horse that will follow in his Dad's footsteps and get over some ground. With a first-season sire, it's all a little bit unknown, but he's a beautiful animal and from such a good running family," she said. "He has really bloomed over the yearling preparation and I couldn't be happier with him as we head to the Coast. I think buyers at Magic Millions will be pleasantly surprised by the Kermedecs."

### Super Incentive

Newgate has put up a A\$250,000 bonus for any buyers of the first crop of Super One at the major sales this season, should any of those horses go on to win either the Magic Millions 2YO Classic or the Inglis 2YO Millennium race in 2020. Willis said the incentive is another example of the terrific support Newgate is giving the smaller breeders.

"Newgate are really helping small breeders with their incentives. They do so much work in promoting their stallions to the market. They do a lot of the hard work creating a real buzz around their stallion's progeny come sales time," she said.



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"You know when you are sending a mare to one of their stallions that they will back them 100%, supporting and promoting them. That gives you great confidence to send a mare to Newgate."

Willis said Rheinwood's Super One colt, **lot 1057**, who is the first foal of Poised Lady (Ferocity) from the family of Given, Green Roller and Ugo Fascolo, should attract plenty of attention.

"He is a really good first foal. He's a beautiful strong individual he just keeps getting better and better the more work he does. He is blossoming," she said. "I think the Super Ones will have great appeal, given he was such a speed horse. And being by I Am Invincible, if you can't get an I Am Invincible, a Super One might be the next best thing."

A pair of well-grown colts round out the draft with **lot 917** by Smart Missile from a New Approach mare and **lot 1078** by Deep Field from a Sebring mare.

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