

HILL DELVES INTO WORLD OF THOROUGHBRED GENETICS



Emmeline Hill

by Bill Finley

When it comes to the equine world and science, Emmeline Hill is one of Ireland's--if not the world's--brightest minds. She is an Associate Professor of Equine Science at University College Dublin as well as the Chief Science Officer for Plusvital Ltd., a world leader in the development and provision of genetic tests for the international thoroughbred breeding and horse racing industries. Hill has found ways to study the genes and DNA patterns of race horses and believes they provide a wealth of useful knowledge. Her biggest breakthrough so far has been the identification of the "speed gene." She can now tell with a high degree of accuracy if a horse will do its best running as a sprinter, a middle distance horse or a router. Hill was the guest on this week's *Thoroughbred Daily News* podcast, brought to you by Taylor Made, and we present here some of the more noteworthy excerpts.

TDN: At least here in the US, this is not a sport that embraces new ideas. How much resistance did you run into when you started to introduce your ideas and began throwing around scientific terms most trainers had probably never heard of?

EH: The interesting thing is everybody really understands genetics, whether they realize it or not. Any time you look at a

pedigree page you are trying to infer, or make a best guess, about the genes that have been passed down from ancestors in a pedigree to the individual. Many people really intuitively understand genetics even if they don't necessarily know or need to know the details of how we found these genes. We didn't meet with a lot of resistance. We have a growing, expanding company that's been going for the best part of eight years now, we have clients in over 30 countries and in all the major bloodstock regions in the world. And many of the top trainers and top owner-breeders in the world are using our genetic tests to inform their management practices. But, yes, it is a giant leap from the traditional way of doing things. The feedback that we get is that everybody who has used it has found some benefit from it because not always will they be able to tell from the pedigree page what genetics will tell them. Rather than looking at the engine from outside the car, what we can do is open the hood and look inside the engine. [Cont. p2](#)

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TDN: The discovery of the speed gene was a huge breakthrough. What's on the drawing board now and what do you hope will be your next breakthrough?

EH: The speed gene is a single gene contributing to a specific trait, which is distance. We are able to now capture genetic information from all of the genes in the genome and package that information into predictions of a range of different traits, one of which is we can predict the horses that are most likely to be elite performers, we can make predictions about whether a horse is best suited to dirt or turf surfaces. We have been able to identify genes that contribute to the chances of a horse having a racecourse start as a 2-year-old versus as a 3-year-old. That's a very interesting test because we found that the genes that are contributing to that aren't necessarily physiological or metabolic genes but in fact

genes that may be contributing to the temperament of the horse. What's on the horizon? We're now working toward the developments of tests for health traits of importance in the thoroughbred. You mentioned early on that there may be resistance within the industry to these performances tests. It's probably worth pointing out that there is caution, particularly among industry bodies. The International Thoroughbred Breeders' Federation last year established a policy on genomics and genetic testing and

concluded that they saw no value in the widespread use of using genomics for performance testing. But they said there is potential value in the application of these tools when it comes to the development of tests for important health traits.

TDN: You just touched on this, but what would obviously be the biggest breakthrough would be your ability through your scientific tests to figure out whether or not the horse is likely to become an elite performer on the racetrack or not. At this point, prior to the horse going into the sales ring, can you look at its genes and DNA and make an accurate determination as to whether or not it is going to be a good race horse?

EH: We can do that. We don't offer that at the sale because the tests we do are quite complicated and in the laboratory and are

quite time consuming because we are assessing all of the genes, 20,000 genes in the genome. Because of the particular chemistry involved in that we are not able to offer that at the point of sale. But we have in the past tested yearlings in advance of the sales for clients to help inform their buying decisions. We hope in the future to develop the technology where we can have a situation where we have a stall side testing.

TDN: These tests, the ones that try to predict future success on the racetrack, how accurate have you found them to be?

EH: The speed gene test is extremely accurate. Depending on which region of the world you are talking about, 98% of the horses we say will fall into a particular category fall into that category. With the other tests, there is a different range in the accuracy of those. With the elite performer tests, if the

individual is what we refer to as a Class 1 horse, then that individual has in the order of 2.5 times a greater chance of being an elite performer than a horse that is categorized as a Class 4 horse.

TDN: One of the best examples of how horses with the exact same pedigree can differ in their ability is Barbaro and his brothers. Barbaro was a great horse. He had four full-brothers and none of them were very successful. From a scientific standpoint, how is that possible?

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Dr. Emmeline Hill

EH: It's absolutely fascinating. For such a long time, centuries, breeders have relied on pedigrees to inform them about the potential of a horse and how it will perform on the racetrack. If you are looking at the pedigrees of full-siblings those pedigree pages look exactly the same. But what they might have inherited from their parents can be very, very different. That's because each individual only receives one copy of a chromosome from their sire and their dam and either one of those pairs of parental chromosomes can be passed down to the individual. That means there is a 50-50 chance of getting one or other pair of the parental chromosomes. Also, complicating the matter, is that when gametes are produced, that is the sperm and egg cells that go into making a foal, during that process there is something that goes on called recombination. [Cont. p3](#)



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EH: What that does is it actually mixes up the genetic material from the grandparents, so it's not exactly the same in the production of the gametes. The long and the short of that is no two individuals inherit the same DNA from their parents. They only have 50% sharing from their parents and then that's diluted again from the next generation, worth a quarter, an eighth, a sixteenth and so on. Breeding is very much like a genetic lottery. You never know what is going to be passed down from the sire and the dam to that individual.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

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MCLERNON EARNS TOP STABLE STAFF HONOUR

Jessica McLernon, assistant trainer to Richard Fahey, took home the Employee of the Year Award, as well as the Leadership Award, at the Godolphin Stud and Stable Staff Awards at the Jumeirah Carlton Tower Hotel in London on Monday evening. McLernon received the Godolphin Trophy as well as a £40,000 cheque, half of which will be shared amongst the staff at Fahey's Musley Bank Stables.

McLernon, 25, has rapidly risen through the ranks at Musley Bank since 2011, and she now manages day-to-day duties includes rotas, allocating staff to go racing and managing veterinary visits.

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Employee of the Year Jessica McLernon

McLernon Earns Top Stable Staff Honour Cont.

“The panel’s job was as tough as ever with some inspiring stories of dedication, commitment and hard work amongst this year’s finalists,” said Brough Scott, chairman of the judging panel. “However, we had to reach a final decision and Jessica is a hugely deserving winner for the amazing progress she has made in her career so far.”

Nick Rust, chief executive of the BHA, added, “Jessica’s achievement in being named Employee of the Year should not be underestimated. This sport employs 6,000 people whose job it is to provide first-class care and attention to the 14,000 horses in training at any one time. To be named as the pinnacle of that remarkable, dedicated workforce is quite a feat.”

The other category winners on the night were Adrian Stewart of David Lougnane Racing who took the David Nicholson newcomer award; Petra Sebestikova of Luca Cumani’s Bedford House Stables, who was successful in the Rider/Groom category; Sarah Taylor of Mickley Stud who landed the Stud Staff award and William Reddy, whose years of service with the Johnson Houghton family earned him the Dedication to Racing award. Each received £5,000, with an additional £5,000 going to the winners’ yard or stud, with the exception of Stewart, who gets £2,000, with the same amount going to the yard, and a five-day educational trip to Dubai.

Also honoured were John and Jackie Porter, formerly of the Injured Jockeys’ Fund, who landed the Rory MacDonald Community award for their work at Lambourn’s Oaksey House. They received £5,000, with an additional £5,000 going to the charity of their choice.

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THE SOCIAL ANGLE

WITH BJORN BAKER

By Alex Cairns

The odds were stacked against New Zealand-born trainer Bjorn Baker when he moved to Sydney in 2011. With just two horses in his stable, making a name for himself in a competitive market was going to be a serious challenge. When the ability of these horses proved limited, Baker was under pressure.

Thankfully for Baker, the skills he had developed working with his father Murray Baker, one of New Zealand’s most successful trainers, saw him through. He purchased the gelding Sky Gaze (NZ) for A\$6,000 and landed his first winner as a sole trainer with the horse on Sept. 26, 2011 at Bathurst.



Bjorn Baker | Getty

Since then, Baker’s string has grown to number 92, thanks to an impressive strike rate and increasing numbers of stakes winners. In May 2016 he took his first Group 1 prize, winning the Doomben 10,000 with Music Magnate (NZ) (Written Tycoon {Aus}). Baker was also the purchaser of Music Magnate, adding additional depth to his satisfaction.

Another key aspect of Baker’s success has been his approach to communication. Effectively employing social media and video, he has an open, client-focused approach. This has seen him garner healthy numbers of followers online and increase his client base as a result. At the same time, he is keen to share behind-the-scenes content with fans and promote the sport to a wider public.

With more and more businesses in the Thoroughbred industry using social media to strengthen their brand and reach out to current and potential clients, *TDN* asked Baker to share his insights on social media marketing.

TDN: What are the benefits of social media marketing for businesses in the Thoroughbred industry?

BB: The benefits are several and include the ability to build on existing relationships, keep our clients engaged and connected, extend our network and increase brand awareness.

TDN: What are your aims with your social media marketing?

BB: Our aims are closely tied into the benefits of social media and include growing our social presence, building on current relationships, and seeking new connections.

TDN: Which social channels do you prefer and what type of content do you post on each platform?

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Baker advertises yearlings in a video on a recent Facebook post

The Social Angle: With Bjorn Baker Cont.

BB: At the moment we are focusing on Facebook, Twitter, and most recently Instagram. We are still refining how we use each platform, but it does line up with most users' expectations of the type of information they glean from these channels: Twitter is the news broadcast; with Facebook we're after increasing interactions and getting in front of people currently outside of the industry; and Instagram is about creating the aspirational story of owning a Thoroughbred racehorse.

TDN: Do you look at other organisations, inside or outside the Thoroughbred world, for inspiration?

BB: Yes, for sure. This is still an area of learning for us and the tech world is ever-evolving. We look at most others in the industry, from industry bodies to studs and breeders, to bloodstock agents and syndicators, and other trainers. There is a lot to learn from each other and we also can create synergy by tagging and sharing others posts, which is good for the industry as a whole. We have also turned our focus outwards, to see what is best practice and what we can emulate moving forward.

TDN: How do you measure success? Can you convert social media followers into clients?

BB: This is still an area of infancy for us; we start with the overt information about how many followers we have across the platforms, and then look a little deeper into the analytics from there. We hope this will translate to more owners, better bloodstock, and ultimately more wins.

TDN: How did you develop your social media skills?

BB: We initially employed someone within the industry on a contract basis. She has provided the steady presence we have needed. We also have clients from all walks of life, some of whom are marketing experts. They have given us some great pointers. We are still watching and learning, researching and listening to podcasts. It seems that despite our early success, the more you scratch the surface, the more there is to learn, and if we can figure out how to harness the influence of social media it could be an immensely powerful tool for us.

TDN: What are the biggest mistakes to avoid making?

BB: Social media is able to suck plenty of hours that could be used elsewhere in your business, so it is important to stay focused and targeted on what you would like to achieve.

TDN: Can social media be a distraction?

BB: Yes it can, but I have a great team around me who help in managing this, so most of my input can be quite rapid. Believe it or not, most of our videos are done in one take, and there are only one or two photos taken for each shot posted. I simply don't have the time to spend hours getting a shot just right.

TDN: Going forward, what social media trends are you following?

BB: I think at this stage you might be overestimating my social media nous. Maybe more live posts. Perhaps check back in six months when we have explored it further.

TDN: Do you think social media marketing will continue to expand?

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Bjorn Baker

The Social Angle: With Bjorn Baker Cont.

BB: Absolutely. It seems that across all industries, as technology advances, people's appetites to share information and experiences in new ways will only increase. Businesses will continue to want to use this to get their products and services, whatever they may be, in front of an audience.

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BRITAIN



SHADWELL TO OFFER EXCLUSIVE TOURS

Shadwell, in partnership with Discover Newmarket, will offer behind-the-scenes tours of its Nunnery Stud to the public on May. 23 and June 26. The tours, which cost £120 per person, include a visit to the Newmarket gallops, trainer Roger Varian's Carlburg Stables, Palace House and the National Heritage Centre for Horseracing and Sporting Art, a three-course lunch at The Kings Head in Dullingham and Nunnery Stud.

Richard Lancaster, Stud Director at Shadwell Estates, said, "Shadwell are delighted to be working in conjunction with Discover Newmarket for the first time in 2018 and I hope it is a relationship that can evolve further in the coming years. It's imperative we continue to showcase our industry to a wider audience and Shadwell are delighted to be involved with anything that can potentially increase participation in racing and increase awareness of what Newmarket and surrounding areas has to offer."

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

3rd-WOL, £5,800, Cond, 2-20, 3yo, 9f 104y (AWT), 2:01.30, st.

DESERT WIND (IRE) (c, 3, Worthadd {Ire}--Matula {Ire}, by Halling) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, \$15,493. O-Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum; B-Irish National Stud (IRE); T-E. F. Vaughan. €10,000 Ylg '16 GOFSP; £62,000 2yo '17 GOFBRE.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Regina Nostra (GB), f, 3, Pivotal (GB)--Regina (GB), by Green Desert. WOL, 2-20, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:30.45. B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB).

Fabianski (Ire), f, 3, Raven's Pass--Fabia (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. WOL, 2-20, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:29.29. B-Cahermorris Stables Ltd (IRE). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **€38,000 Ylg '16 GOFORB.

FRANCE



ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Tout En Finesse (Ire), f, 3, Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)--Virtuosity (GB), by Pivotal (GB). LYS, 2-20, 9f (AWT), 1:55.65. B-Ecurie Haras du Cadran & Ecurie Melanie (IRE). *€44,000 Ylg '16 AROCT.

Petit Fils (Fr), g, 3, Makfi (GB)--Mamie Zane (Fr), by Orpen. LYS, 2-20, 9f (AWT), 1:54.81. B-Mathieu Offenstadt, Sylvain Fargeon & Rodolphe Collet (FR).

EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN UNITED STATES:

The Tulip (Ire), m, 5, Lawman (Fr)--Lady Slippers (Ire), by Royal Academy. Santa Anita Park, 2-18, Opt. Clm. (\$57,380), 1mT, 1:35.79. B-Airlie Stud (Ire). *€125,000 Ylg '14 GOFORB.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

BEST-EVER PERTH SALE CONCLUDES

The Magic Millions Perth Yearling Sale wrapped up its best-ever renewal with a single session Book 2 on Tuesday. Combined Book 1 and 2 statistics showed records across the board. The total number of yearlings sold (254) was the exact same as last year, but the aggregate rose 24.4% to A\$11,644,000. The clearance rate was 91% compared to 75% last year, and the clearance rate for Book 1 at the end of the sale sat at 96%. The average was up 24.4% to A\$45,842, while the median climbed 38.5% to A\$36,000.

"It was another great day of selling today," Magic Millions Managing Director Barry Bowditch said after Tuesday's session. "After yesterday's phenomenal sale, which is now clearing 96%, today just went on from that. All the way through today's Book 2 sale there was strong interest. This is the most positive sale we've had here in the west for a long, long time. Congratulations to the vendors on the presentation of their drafts and I hope they now have the confidence to reinvest and continue to improve their product."

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Book 2-topping Snippetson colt | Magic Millions

SESSION TOPPERS

MAGIC MILLIONS PERTH YEARLING SALE

Book 2

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
254	c	Snippetson (Aus)	Ortessa (Aus)	100,000
<i>B-Scenic Lodge Thoroughbred Stud</i>				
Consigned by Scenic Lodge				
Purchased by Adam Durrant				
219	f	Oratorio (Aus)	Haste (Aus)	90,000
<i>B-Mr. I Riley</i>				
Consigned by Western Breeders Alliance				
Purchased by Trevor Andrews				
203	f	Oratorio (Aus)	Deb's Delight (Aus)	75,000
<i>B-Mungrup Stud</i>				
Consigned by Mungrup Stud				
Purchased by Harvey Racing				

Best-Ever Perth Sale Concludes Cont.

Local trainer Adam Durrant handles the Jan. 1 maiden winner Assetro (Aus) (Blackfriars {Aus}), and he went to A\$100,000 on Tuesday to secure her Snippetson (Aus) half-brother (lot 254), a homebred from Scenic Lodge.

"I train the half sister Assetro and I have a big opinion of her," Durrant said. "I thought he was one to target. He looks like he will run early. I was hoping to get him a bit cheaper but there were obviously a few people on him."

"It's been a really strong sale," Durrant added. "The nice horses have had plenty of people on them and you've really had to fight for them if you liked them."

Oratorio (Aus) sired the two highest-priced fillies on the day at A\$90,000 and A\$75,000. The former (lot 219) was purchased by local trainer Trevor Andrews, who said the sale was stronger than he expected.

"I didn't expect to be paying the amount of money for the horses that we had to," he said. "If you don't meet the market and step up and pay more you're not going to go home with the horses you want."

Another local trainer, Neville Parnham, said the past success of Western Australian horses on the national, and even international, stage gave him confidence to invest.

"I got the feeling about three days ago that it was much stronger than we had here last year," Parnham said. "We are very happy to buy the nice WA-bred horses as we know they can produce horses like Black Heart Bart, Playing God, Scenic Shot, Scenic Blast, etc, etc."

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MAGIC MILLIONS PERTH YEARLING SALE

CUMULATIVE	2018	2017
• Catalogued	302	368
• Number Offered	279	338
• Number Sold	254	254
• Not Sold	25	84
• Clearance Rate	91%	75%
• High Price	A\$210,000	A\$325,000
• Gross	A\$11,644,000	A\$9,359,000
• Average (% change)	A\$45,842 (+24.4%)	A\$36,846
• Median (% change)	A\$36,000 (+38.5%)	A\$26,000

AQUANITA TEXTS RELEASED

Melbourne's *Herald Sun* has released a string of text messages allegedly sent by disgraced Aquanita Racing trainers Liam Birchley and Robert Smerdon with former Aquanita staff member Greg Nelligan. In the texts, Birchley and Smerdon were allegedly communicating with Nelligan about the doping of horses under their care, a case which currently carries 271 combined charges for those involved, also including trainers Tony Vasil, Stuart Webb, Trent Pennuto, stable employee Danny Garland and office worker Denise Nelligan. **Cont. p8**

Aquanita Texts Released Cont.

Texts between Smerdon and Nelligan reference treating horses including multiple Group 1 winner Mosheen (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), while Nelligan also converses with Birchley about doping Melbourne Cup runners. The scandal was uncovered last spring when Nelligan was caught attempting to treat Lovani (Aus) (Lonhro {Aus}), trained by Smerdon, on G1 Turnbull S. day at Flemington.

The next step in the case is a second directions hearing to take place on Mar. 1.

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QATAR

Friday, Doha, Qatar, post time: 7:15 p.m. (11:15 a.m. ET/2:15 p.m. BST)

IRISH THOROUGHBRED MARKETING CUP (NB), US\$200,000, 3yo/up, 1600mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Pleaseletmewin (Ire)	Power (GB)	Harley	Ghazali
2	Diplomat (Ger)	Teofilo (Ire)	Pietsch	Hofer
3	Vitally Important (Ire)	Pivotal (GB)	Bughanaim	Al Ramzani
4	Parkes and Ride (Ire)	Pivotal (GB)	Fiocchi	Al Naimi
5	Notalot (Ire)	Sir Prancealot (Ire)	Convertino	Kobeissi
6	Skate (GB)	Verglas (Ire)	Avranche	Ibido
7	Gordon Lord Byron (Ire)	Byron (GB)	Lee	Hogan
8	Topsy Turvy (Ire)	Pivotal (GB)	Golam	Al Malki
9	Black Granite (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Bentley	Ghazali
10	Al Mohalhal (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Hamel	Mehaoued
11	Third Dimension (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Guillambert	Ghazali
12	Oryx (Fr)	Dansili (GB)	Bachelot	Smart
13	Sir Guy Porteous (Ire)	Shamardal	Murphy	Ghazali
14	Neguev (Ire)	So You Think (NZ)	Peslier	de Mieulle

All carry 132 pounds.

Saturday, Doha, Qatar, post time: 2:00 p.m. (6:00 a.m. ET/11:00 a.m. BST)

DUKHAN SPRINT (Sponsored by Breeders' Cup) (NB), US\$250,000,

3yo/up, 1200mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Final Venture (GB)	Equiano (Fr)	Mulrennan	Midgley
2	My Sharona (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Guillambert	Ghazali
3	Gulliver (GB)	Sayif (Ire)	Atzeni	Palmer
4	Sandbetweenourtoes (Ire)	Footstepsinthesand (GB)	Murphy	Kasim
5	Caspian Prince (Ire)	Dylan Thomas (Ire)	Curtis	Brooke
6	Harry's Dancer (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Golam	Al-Dafea
7	Izzthatright (Ire)	Moss Vale (Ire)	Bentley	Ghazali
8	Risk Adjusted (Ire)	Bushranger (Ire)	Bachelot	Afroz
9	Victory Laurel (Ire)	Holy Rmn Empr (Ire)	Pedroza	Al Malik
10	Chilworth Icon (GB)	Sixties Icon (GB)	Bughanaim	Abdulmalik
11	Binzart (Ire)	Dandy Man (Ire)	C Demuro	Al Naimi
12	Intisaab (GB)	Elnadim	Harley	O'Meara

All carry 132 pounds, bar Harry's Dancer, My Sharona, 128.

Saturday, Doha, Qatar, post time: 2:35 p.m. (6:35 a.m. ET/11:35 a.m. BST)

AL BIDDAAH MILE (NB), US\$250,000, 3yo, 1600mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Es'hail	Giant's Causeway	Ladjadj	Al-Mohannadi
2	Poets Dream (Ire)	Poet's Voice (GB)	Avranche	Afroz
3	Kynoch	Kitten's Joy	Bachelot	Smart
4	Mualah (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Bentley	Ghazali
5	Berkeley Square (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Atzeni	Al Ramzani
6	Tip Two Win (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Probert	Teal
7	Darkanna (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Pedroza	Afroz
8	Shawwal (GB)	Harbour Watch (Ire)	C Demuro	Ibido
9	Holy Shambles (Ire)	Holy Romn Empr (Ire)	Bughanaim	Al Ramzani
10	Anima Rock (Fr)	Shamalgan (Fr)	Murphy	Ghazali

All carry 128 pounds, bar Darkanna, Mualah, 123.

AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

IN SOUTH AFRICA:

Tigerlace (Aus), f, 3, Where's That Tiger--Titania (Aus), by Jade Hunter. Vaal, 2-20, Hcp., 1800mT, 1:49.60. O-Messrs L M Nestadt, A W Bott & B Kantor; B-Evergreen Stud Farm, Larry Nestadt & Bernard Kantor (NSW); T-Ormond Ferraris.

AUSTRALIAN GROUP 1 RACES – 2017/2018

Date	Race	Track
Feb. 24	Blue Diamond S.	Caulfield
	Futurity S.	Caulfield
	Oakleigh Plate	Caulfield
Mar. 3	Chipping Norton S.	Warwick Farm
	Surround S.	Warwick Farm
Mar. 10	Australian Guineas	Flemington
	Randwick Guineas	Randwick
	Canterbury S.	Randwick
	Australian Cup	Flemington
Mar. 17	Newmarket H.	Flemington
Mar. 17	Coolmore Classic	Rosehill
Mar. 23	William Reid S.	Moonee Valley
Mar. 24	Golden Slipper S.	Rosehill
	George Ryder S.	Rosehill
	Ranvet S.	Rosehill
	The Galaxy	Rosehill
	Rosehill Guineas	Rosehill
Mar. 31	The BMW	Rosehill
	Vinery Stud S.	Rosehill

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Apr. 7	Doncaster H.	Randwick
	T J Smith S.	Randwick
	ATC Australian Derby	Randwick
	ATC Sires' Produce S.	Randwick

Thursday, Meydan, United Arab Emirates, post time: 8:50 p.m. (11:50 a.m. EST/4:50 p.m. BST)

ZABEEL MILE SPONSORED BY DISTRICT ONE LEGACY-G2, \$250,000 (£178,287/€202,412), NH & SH 3yo/up, 1600mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	GM Hopkins (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Ramadhan	Levey	125
2	Treasury Notes (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	bin Harmash	Beasley	125
3	Noah From Goa (SAf)	Tiger Ridge	de Kock	Soumillon	125
4	Janoobi (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	de Kock	Crowley	125
5	Hornsby (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	bin Ghadayer	Barzalona	125
6	Bay Of Poets (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Appleby	Buick	125
7	Another Touch (GB)	Arcano (Ire)	Fahey	Doyle	125
8	Dream Castle (GB)	Frankel (GB)	bin Suroor	Cosgrave	125
9	Whisky Baron (Aus)	Manhattan Rain (Aus)	Crawford	O'Donoghue	125

Thursday, Meydan, United Arab Emirates, post time: 6:30 p.m. (9:30 a.m. EST/2:30 p.m. BST)

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Fityaan (GB)	Haafhd (GB)	Ritchie	Jara	125
2	Blue Point (Ire)	Shamardal	Appleby	Buick	125
3	Out Do (GB)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	O'Meara	De Vries	125
4	Ertijaal (Ire)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Al Rayhi	Crowley	125
5	Sir Maximilian (Ire)	Royal Applause (GB)	Williams	O'Shea	125
6	Hit the Bid (GB)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	Bunyan	Murphy	125

Thursday, Meydan, United Arab Emirates, post time: 8:15 p.m. (11:15 a.m. EST/4:15 p.m. BST)

DUBAI MILLENNIUM S. SPONSORED BY DISTRICT ONE-G3, \$200,000 (£142,625/€161,921), NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 200mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Folkswood (GB)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	Appleby	Buick	125
2	Carry On Deryck (GB)	Halling	bin Suroor	Mosse	125
3	Leshlaa	Street Cry (Ire)	bin Suroor	Cosgrave	124
4	Gilt Complex (NZ)	Gold Centre (Aus)	Brown	Fayd'Herbe	125
5	Team Talk (GB)	Teofilo (Ire)	bin Suroor	Murphy	125
6	Earnshaw	Medaglia d'Oro	bin Ghadayer	Barzalona	125
7	Jubilance (Ire)	Oratorio (Ire)	Olsen	Chaves	125
8	Special Fighter (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Ritchie	Jara	125
9	Al Sahem (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	de Kock	O'Donoghue	124
10	Light the Lights (SAf)	Western Winter	de Kock	Soumillon	125

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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	7	Long Leaf (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	D&B Hayes/Dabernig	McEvoy	124
2	18	Written By (Aus)	Written Tycoon (Aus)	Begg	Childs	124
3	2	Run Naan (Aus)	Makfi (GB)	McEvoy	Mallyon	124
4	1	Prairie Fire (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Price	Zahra	124
5	3	Ollivander (Aus)	Charge Forward (Aus)	Ellerton/Zahra	Symons	124
6	15	Encryption (Aus)	Lonhro (Aus)	Cummings	No Rider	124
7	20	Native Soldier (Aus)	Sepoy (Aus)	Weir	Rawiller	124
8	6	Plague Stone (Aus)	Lonhro (Aus)	Cummings	No Rider	124
9	5	Grand Symphony (Aus)	Glass Harmonium (Ire)	Griffiths	McNeil	124
10	19	Enbihaar (Aus)	Magnus (Aus)	D&B Hayes/Dabernig	Parish	120
11	14	Kinky Boom (Aus)	Spirit Of Boom (Aus)	McEvoy	Williams	120
12	12	Lady Horseowner (Aus)	Equiano (Fr)	Eurell	Beriman	120
13	4	Ennis Hill (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	D&B Hayes/Dabernig	Baster	120
14	9	Crossing the Abbey (Aus)	Helmet (Aus)	Hughes	Nolen	120
15	16	Qafila (Aus)	Not A Single Doubt (Aus)	D&B Hayes/Dabernig	Dunn	120
16	10	Oohood (Aus)	I Am Invincible (Aus)	McEvoy	Currie	120
<i>Emergencies:</i>						
17	17	Aristocratic Miss (Aus)	Foxwedge (Aus)	McEvoy	Kah	120
18	8	More Than Exceed (NZ)	More Than Ready	Stokes	Tourneur	124
19	13	Roobeena (Aus)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	McEvoy	No Rider	120
20	11	Melveen (Aus)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Dwyer	Thornton	120

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Good Magic has yet to make his 2018 debut but moves into the top spot of this week's rankings | *Horsephotos*

by T.D. Thornton

With favorites losing five of the last six Road to the GI Kentucky Derby points races, this week marks a subtle shift in the *TDN* Top 12 rankings. Yet even as well-meant contenders meet defeat, their spots in the rankings haven't entirely been commandeered by long-shot winners of those races. Instead, the forefront of the list remains anchored by sophomores who have yet to debut in 2018. This coming weekend is a quiet one on the 3-stakes scene. But circle the weekends of Mar. 3 and 10 as the first major "shaking out" in terms of which horses either solidify their status or fail to live up to the pre-Derby hype.

1) GOOD MAGIC (c, Curlin--Glinda the Good, by Hard Spun)
O-e Five Thoroughbreds & Stonestreet Stables. B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings (KY). T-Chad Brown. Sales History: \$1,000,000 yr1 KESEP '16. Lifetime Record: GISW, 3-1-2-0, \$1,216,600.

Feb. 6 TDN Top 12 Rank: 2

Last Start: 1st, **GI Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile**, SA, Nov. 4.

Accomplishments Include: 2nd, **GI Champagne S.**, BEL, Oct. 7.

Next Start: GII Fountain of Youth S., GP, Mar. 3

EquineLine PPs. KY Derby Points: 24

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BODY AND SOUL: "YO, BRO...WHAT'S UP?"

by Robert D. Fierro

The next time you have a major family gathering where your crazy Uncle Henry--the one who can't shut up about politics and religion--is present, conjure up your DNA instinct, look around, and ask: Does Uncle Henry have a full (not step) brother? How many of the family units have two or more full brothers? How many of those full brothers resemble each other physically? And most importantly, how many of those full brothers are, or have been, on similar life tracks, and passed that on, in contrast to their siblings or other family members? (Note: Twins don't count).

If any of them have nicknames like "Mike the Bull Dog," or "His Majesty Fred," or "Ziggy Freud," you might want to check for hooves and tails. **Cont. p3**

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Hal's legacy. Pictured above with owner Harold Rose, career victories of Florida-bred millionaire Hal's Hope (Jolie's Halo) included the GI Florida Derby, GI Gulfstream Park H., GIII Holy Bull S., and GIII Creme Fraiche H. In 2003, the Creme Fraiche H. was renamed the Hal's Hope S. This year's running of the race takes place on Saturday, February 24. | Horsephotos

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BODY & SOUL

by Bob Fierro

We live in interesting times, and when it comes to Thoroughbred breeding, somewhat unusual times given the sudden dominance of a few sire lines in North America that seem to spawn every major stakes winner and champion.

But hidden in those records is something the archivers have never seen: At the end of 2017, there were two pairs of full brothers who finished in the top 40 sires in North America by earnings--**Giant's Causeway** and his brother **Freud** (Storm Cat--Mariah's Storm, by Rahy), and **Flatter** and his brother **Congrats** (A.P. Indy--Praise, by Mr. Prospector).

Indeed, full brothers have not been that successful since Graustark and His Majesty more than 30 years ago. Those two were the first to come along in over half a century when Selene's sons Pharamond II (grandsire of Tom Fool) and Sickle (great-grandsire of Native Dancer), and Plucky Liege's dynamic French-bred duo of *Bull Dog and *Sir Gallahad III were successful.

Full brothers at stud are not uncommon--there have been hundreds of examples through the years, but full brothers who were among the leading sires of their era are rare, indeed. For

example, consider Mr. Prospector and Red Ryder. On looks, the former resembled Count Fleet, sire of his second dam and that entire female family, that of Myrtlewood. Red Ryder, on the other hand, was a spitting image of Raise a Native--but not nearly as efficiently made; he was eventually sold to South Africa.

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records that might not have been present in others. We do have these records for Graustark (an apparently burly chestnut), and His Majesty (an apparently more elegant bay) and discovered that "apparently" hardly applies. That's because both had biomechanical measurements and profiles that were almost identical--they were the same Phenotype--and they bred on almost identically. Graustark only got one son who carried on--Key to the Mint--while His Majesty had Pleasant Colony and Cormorant who made some subsequent noise.

Thus, when we analyzed the current quartet, we were somewhat taken aback that the full brothers were very similar in Phenotype, almost the same size in most key biomechanical measurements, and their overall profiles as potentially successful sires also quite similar. This does not happen often among pairs of full brothers that we have analyzed in the past, or present.

Ironically, we wouldn't be in this situation if some people didn't take some risks. By most standards, neither Freud nor Flatter should have gone to stud with as much confidence from their connections as they obviously had. Flatter, for example, never won a stakes and placed in just a Grade II event, but he went to stud at Claiborne before his year-younger brother Congrats emerged as a Grade II winner and overall serious racehorse. Similarly, Freud, who also placed in a Group 2 event, went to stud in New York a year after Giant's Causeway settled in at Ashford Stud.

Granting the fact that Giant's Causeway had the opportunities, he certainly has taken advantage of them with an 8% stakes winner strike rate in the Northern Hemisphere and a 6% rate in

Argentina. His son Shamardal is a major stallion in Europe, and he has plenty of other successful sons at stud all over the place, ranging from the well-established **First Samurai** to the newcomer **Creative Cause**.

On the other hand, the results have been quite eye-opening for the other three. Freud has moved well beyond being the most successful stallion ever to retire directly to stud in New York with Grade I winners at NYRA and in Argentina and a class Kentucky-bred in Sharp Azteca among his 46 stakes winners to date.

Congrats hit his stride immediately with two Grade I-winning fillies in his first crop, Turbulent Descent and Wickedly Perfect. Indeed, nine of his 10 top earners are fillies.

Flatter is the one who has become the surprise star. He has 43 stakes winners thus far and six out of his top 10 are colts. They include 2017 Eclipse champion 3-year-old colt West Coast and the high-class **Flat Out, Upstart, and Kobe's Back**--now all at stud.

There you have it. Something to jaw over at the next family barbecue or wedding, or Thanksgiving dinner. Do us a favor, however: don't tell your crazy Uncle Henry.

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The TDN Derby Top 12 (cont. from p1)

The GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner and Eclipse Award 2-year-old champ edges up to the top slot in this week's rankings despite being one of only three horses within the current Top 12 who have yet to start in 2018. Thus, his ascension to kingpin status at the 74-day mark to the Derby is as much about the speculative promise of what might be in the pipeline as the impressive (but limited) dossier of credentials Good Magic assembled in three starts as a juvenile. Gulfstream's Mar. 3 Gil Fountain of Youth S. is the target for this million-dollar KEESEP colt's first sophomore start, and trainer Chad Brown has been working this efficient mover in company with the 5-year-old MGSP Economic Model (Flatter) the past two Saturdays at Palm

Meadows. This son of Curlin (Smart Strike) was parked on the rail with outside pressure from his older mate in both of those morning moves, with the most recent in-hand work resulting in a clocking of 1:01.45 (3/20). If Good Magic sticks to Brown's stated schedule and manages to win the Derby with only two 3-year-old starts, he will be adding to the less-is-more prep trend: Between 1984 and 2006, horses with only two sophomore preps were a collective 0-for-38 in the Derby. But since then, horses with exactly two 3-year-old preps have won the Derby an attention-getting eight times (2007-12 and 2015-16).

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'TDN Rising Star' O-Karl Watson, Michael Pegram & Paul Weitman. B-Summer Wind Farm (KY). T-Bob Baffert. Sales History: \$170,000 yrl KEESEP '16. Lifetime Record: GISW, 3-3-0-0, \$270,000.
 Feb. 6 TDN Top 12 Rank: 3
 Last Start: 1st, **Gill Sham S.**, SA, Jan. 6
 Accomplishments Include: 1st, **GI Los Alamitos Futurity**, LRC, Dec. 9. Next Start: Possible for either **GII San Felipe S.**, SA, Mar. 10 or **GII Rebel S.**, OP, Mar. 17
 EquineLine PPs. **Caulfield on McKinzie**. KY Derby Points: 20

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'TDN Rising Star' McKinzie continued his meticulously planned march toward Louisville with an in-company bullet six furlongs in 1:12.60 (1/18) at Santa Anita Saturday under Drayden Van Dyke. Undefeated in three starts (with one win via DQ), this \$170,000 KEESEP Street Sense (Street Cry {Ire}) colt boasts a solid racing foundation built on a seven-furlong debut score, a two-turn stakes win that featured a prolonged battle through the long Los Alamitos stretch, and a sharp, pace-pressing victory over a mile in the **Gill Sham S.** Blinkers were removed for McKinzie's last start, and the equipment change appeared to contribute to push-button response when cued to quicken by jockey Mike Smith. Trainer Bob Baffert has him under consideration for either the **GII San Felipe S.** at Santa Anita Mar. 10 or the **GII Rebel S.** at Oaklawn Park Mar. 17. Baffert has won two of the past three runnings of the San Felipe and six of the last eight renewals of the Rebel. McKinzie's form got a mild flattering on Monday when 8-1 upsetter **My Boy Jack** (Creative Cause) followed up his third-place Sham S. try with a win in the **GIII Southwest S.** at Oaklawn Park.



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

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

Feb. 6 TDN Top 12 Rank: 4

Last Start: 3rd, **GI Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile**, SA, Nov. 4

Accomplishments Include: 1st, **GI Del Mar Futurity**, DMR, Sept. 4; 1st **GI FrontRunner S.**, SA, Sept. 30.

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

EquineLine PPs. Caulfield on Bolt d'Oro.

KY Derby Points: 14

Bolt d'Oro will likely get the last at-bat, so to speak, in terms of being the final horse who has been consistently ranked inside the Derby Top 12 to make his 2018 debut. Last summer and autumn, this \$630,000 son of Medaglia d'Oro (El Prado {Ire}) ran up the score in "man against boys" fashion, throttling overmatched West Coast foes with three wins in his first three career tries. Now he's aiming for the Mar. 10 GII San Felipe S. for his sophomore debut, which will represent a gap of 127 days between starts since his debacle of a trip when third in the Nov. 4 Breeders' Cup Juvenile. Trainer Mick Ruis's winning percentage with horses off longer than 90 days hovers around the 14% mark, but the conditioner has been running uncharacteristically cold of late with a 1-for-28 record so far in



Bolt d'Oro | Benoit photo

2018. The gifted bay worked five furlongs Tuesday morning in 1:10/20 (7/18) at Santa Anita, and next Monday morning Bolt d'Oro is scheduled to partner with jockey Javier Castellano, who has been named as his new afternoon rider and will fly in specifically to work the colt six furlongs from the gate.

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World 'Top Six'!

“We can say with a good deal of confidence that the 'top four' who have dominated the last four years – Galileo and Dubawi in Europe, Tapit and War Front in North America – is about to become a 'top six', with the addition of Uncle Mo for America and Frankel for Europe..”

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

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

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

Feb. 6 TDN Top 12 Rank: 6

Last Start: 1st, **GIII Withers S.**, AQU, Feb. 3.Accomplishments Include: 1st, **GII Nashua S.**, AQU, Nov. 5.

Next Start: Uncommitted

Equine PPs.

KY Derby Points: 14

**Avery Island** | Chelsea Durand

It will be interesting to see where Avery Island resurfaces on the Derby trail following his nine-furlong GIII Withers S. win at Aqueduct Feb. 3. The New York preps this year are scheduled in such a manner that the next graded route for 3-year-olds in New York, the GIII Gotham S. on Mar 10, cuts back to a one-turn mile, and longer races, not shorter attempts, better fit the running style of this strapping, Godolphin-owned-and-bred son of Street Sense (Street Cry {Ire}). Taking into account the colt's affinity for Aqueduct (two wins and a second there from three starts), trainer Kiaran McLaughlin could skip the Gotham and wait for the GII Wood Memorial on Apr. 7. But that would create a 64-day gap between starts, with another four-week gap until the Derby. So another option would be to aim for a Florida prep (Avery Island is stabled at Palm Meadows) at either Gulfstream Park or Tampa Bay Downs. This brawny, long-striding colt's physical tools are already apparent; his mental makeup is the part that will be this winter and spring's work-in-progress project so the two attributes are in sync at the right time come the first Saturday in May.

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

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Feb. 6 TDN Top 12 Rank: 1

Last Start: 2nd, **GIII Sam F. Davis S.**, TAM, Feb. 10Accomplishments Include: 1st, **GII Remsen S.**, AQU, Dec. 2.; 1st, **GIII With Anticipation S.**, SAR, Aug. 30.

Next Start: Uncommitted

Equine PPs.

KY Derby Points: 14

Catholic Boy's 2018 debut was a "sideways" effort at best, and although it cost him the top ranking he had held in the *TDN* Derby Top 12 since the season started, it hardly derailed him from the Derby path. The GIII Sam F. Davis S. at Tampa Bay Downs Feb. 10 was a conservative launch point for this More Than Ready colt, and it represented his chance to build off of the proven ability at nine furlongs he displayed in his 2017 finale. But the 7-10 favorite was three wide on both turns over the sandy, often-tricky Tampa surface while tracking lead-loving overachiever Flameaway (Scat Daddy), and when jockey Jose Lezcano sent Catholic Boy after that speedster at the quarter pole, the power punch we saw in the GII Remsen S. (and other 2-year-old tries) never materialized, with Catholic Boy bearing in late under right-handed encouragement. Trainer Jonathan Thomas, who initially purchased Catholic Boy privately for



Catholic Boy | Sarah K. Andrew

\$170,000 after the 2016 KEEJAN sale, said it's now "important to not panic or try to force the issue," explaining that no firm plans have been set for a next start beyond indicating that he and the colt's current owners might be eyeing just one more Derby prep. Catholic Boy shipped back to his home base of Bridlewood Farm in Ocala after the race.

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

O-Zayat Stables LLC. B-Glenna R. Salyer (KY). T-Bob Baffert. Sales history: \$270,000 KEESEP yr. Lifetime Record: MGISP, 4-1-2-1, \$472,000

Feb. 6 TDN Top 12 Rank: 10

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

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

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

Next Start: Possible for either **GII San Felipe S.**, SA, Mar. 10 or **GII Rebel S.**, OP, Mar. 17

Equine PPs.

KY Derby Points: 14

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Solomini certainly lays claim to the "way better than it looks" past performance block of this bunch. His 1-2-1 record from four starts doesn't exactly leap off the page, but he actually crossed the finish wire first (and was demoted two spots via DQ) in one of those stakes efforts, and a skimming of his company lines reveals the likes of Good Magic, Bolt d'Oro and McKinzie, all of whom are rated higher on this week's version of the Top 12. Yes, you can make the argument that this \$270,000 KEESEP colt was pasted by open lengths in his tries against Good Magic and "Bolt," and that he's displayed a lack of focus in several of his

stretch runs. But this Apr. 29 foal will enter his 2018 debut with three months of spacing between starts at ages two and three, and trainer Bob Baffert seems confident that this son of Curlin can hang with the division's heavy hitters so long as the colt makes expected mental maturity adjustments. Solomini fired a Saturday bullet at Santa Anita in anticipation of his yet-to-be-revealed March start, drilling :59.40 for five furlongs (1/57) while in company with recent maiden-breaking filly (and \$500,000 KEESEP purchase) Cognitive (Uncle Mo). Regular rider Flavien Part was aboard for that morning move, which was the fastest of the day for five furlongs by more than two full seconds.

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

O-WinStar, China Horse Club & SF Racing. B-Oak Bluff Stables LLC (NY). T-Todd Pletcher. Sales history: \$175,000 FTNSAR yr.; \$500,000 FTFMAR 2yo. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-1, \$287,720

Feb. 6 TDN Top 12 Rank: 8

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

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

Equine PPs.

KY Derby Points: 10

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Trainer Todd Pletcher confirmed last week that the 3-for-4 Audible will try to parlay his runaway 5 1/2-length win in the **GII Holy Bull S.** at Gulfstream on Feb. 3 into a **GI Florida Derby** win there on Mar. 31 without another prep start in between. "We were expecting him to run well [in the Holy Bull]. We liked the way he fit in the race and the way he was training, but I think the final outcome exceeded even our expectations," Pletcher told Christie DeBernardis of the *TDN*. In the past 20 years, only three horses--Dialo In (Mineshaft) in 2011, Hal's Hope (Jolie's Halo) in 2000, and Cape Town (Seeking the Gold) in 1998--have pulled off the difficult Holy Bull/Florida Derby double. But in three of the past four years, Pletcher trainees using other prep paths have all won Florida Derbies, so it's safe to say he has a grasp on what it takes to win that race. Audible's confident ability to switch from stalk mode into a deft overdrive gear when confronted at the head of the lane in the Holy Bull ranks as a definite plus for this \$500,000 FTFMAR New York-bred. But the fact that three well-regarded entrants in that race never truly fired their "A" efforts makes it a bit of a conundrum when trying to figure out just how much of Audible's breakout performance was attributable to his own prowess versus how much his competitors' subpar efforts made the task all the more easier for him.

8) FREE DROP BILLY (c, Union Rags–Trensa, by Giant’s Causeway)

O-Albaugh Family Stables LLC. B-Helen K. Groves Revokable Trust (KY). T-Dale Romans. Sales history: \$200,000 KEESEP yrl. Lifetime Record: GISW, 6-2-3-0, \$495,220. Feb. 6 TDN Top 12 Rank: 12
 Last Start: 2nd, **GII Holy Bull S.**, GP, Feb. 3.
 Accomplishments Include: 1st, **GI Breeders’ Futurity**, KEE, Oct. 7; 2nd, **GI Hopeful S.** Sept. 4.
 Next Start: Aiming for **GII Fountain of Youth S.**, GP, Mar. 3
EquineLine PPs.
 KY Derby Points: 14

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Free Drop Billy | *Coady photo*

Free Drop Billy could be looming somewhat under the radar as the next Top 12 candidate to run a breakthrough race. This \$200,000 KEESEP son of Union Rags could go next in the Mar. 3 **GII Fountain of Youth S.**, where he will be expected to improve off his even-paced second in his 2018 debut behind rip-away winner Audible (who will not be contesting that next Gulfstream prep). Free Drop Billy’s juvenile record features nothing but wins and seconds--except for that glaring, inexplicable drubbing of nearly 30 lengths in the **Breeders’ Cup Juvenile**. That loss has confounded even his connections, but trainer Dale Romans sees no reason to dwell on it, and it may well prove to be an uncharacteristic throwout as his colt progresses. “Billy” breezed :48.13 at Gulfstream on Sunday for four furlongs (9/69), and his form benefitted from a slight company-line uptick over the weekend when Bravazo (Awesome Again)--the horse who ran second to Billy in the **GI Breeders’ Futurity** at Keeneland--upset the **GII Risen Star S.** at Fair Grounds at 21-1 odds.

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

O-OXO Equine LLC. B-KatieRich Farms (KY). T-Jerry Hollendorfer. Sales history: \$110,000 RNA yrl KEESEP ‘16, \$1,050,000 2yo OBSMAR ‘17. Lifetime Record: GSW & GISP, 6-2-2-1, \$244,000. Feb. 6 TDN Top 12 Rank: 5
 Last Start: 4th, **GII Risen Star S.**, FG, Feb. 17
 Accomplishments: 1st, **GIII LeComte S.**, FG, Jan. 13; 2nd, **GI Los Alamitos Futurity**, LRC, Dec. 9
 Next Start: Uncommitted
EquineLine PPs. **Caulfield on Instilled Regard.**
 KY Derby Points: 19

I’m inclined to believe Instilled Regard’s lackluster fourth in Saturday’s **GII Risen Star S.** is not indicative of his true ability and that it shouldn’t cause him to drop off the Top 12 rankings entirely. This \$1.05-million OBSMAR Arch colt was deservedly favored at 7-5 and appeared primed to pounce with a no-excuses stalking trip behind two longshot pacemakers. But, as jockey Javier Castellano explained, “those two horses never came back to me at all. I had the same trip as I did [in the colt’s 3 3/4-length **GIII LeComte S.** score Jan. 13]. He relaxed behind horses and I looked for that kick, but he never gave it to me today. He felt good and healthy but unfortunately today wasn’t the day.” Perhaps the two cross-country shipping experiences from California to Louisiana played an unseen negative role in the colt’s failure to fire, but that’s pure speculation at this point. Trainer Jerry Hollendorfer, when reached by phone Monday afternoon, said Instilled Regard shipped back to him “perfect.” But the Hall-of-Fame conditioner opted not to comment when asked for his assessment of the race.



Instilled Regard | *Hodges photo*

10) FIRENZE FIRE (c, Poseidon's Warrior--My Every Wish, by Langfuhr)

O/B-Mr. Amore Stables (FL). T-Jason Servis. Lifetime Record: GISW, 7-4-1-0, \$589,100.

Feb. 6 TDN Top 12 Rank: 11

Last Start: 2nd, GIII Withers S., AQU, Feb. 3

Accomplishments Include: 1st, **GI Champagne S.**, BEL, Oct. 7; 1st, **GIII Sanford S.**, SAR, July 22; 1st, **Jerome S.**, AQU, Jan. 13.

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

EquineLine PPs.

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Firenze Fire | Anette Jasko

Firenze Fire is the sole New York-stabled Derby candidate within the Top 12 at this juncture of the season, and if he stays on that path he'll soon face increased competition from shippers from other jurisdictions who perceive the remaining Aqueduct preps as easier pickings. On the plus side, this Poseidon's Warrior homebred has demonstrated an admirable, grind-it-out, style that has allowed him to overachieve in spots where the competition has been tough and/or he's been up against the grain of the way the pace has unfolded in his races. On the concerning side (at least from a Triple Crown perspective), his pedigree is slanted toward sprinting on both sides, and he's yet to win a two-turn race. Still, this colt's only two off-the-board finishes came in races where he was later documented as being ill (cough before the GI Hopeful fourth; fever prior to Breeders' Cup seventh), and the fact that he has run no worse than second in his five other starts has to count for something in a season when more lightly raced prospects keep sliding off the Classics grid.

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

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

Feb. 6 TDN Top 12 Rank: N/A. Last Start: 1st, **GIII Sam F. Davis S.**,

TAM, Feb. 10. Accomplishments Include: 1st, **GIII Dixiana Bourbon S.**, KEE, Oct. 8; 1st, **Kitten's Joy S.**, GP, Jan. 6. Next Start: GII Tampa Bay Derby, TAM, Mar. 10. **EquineLine PPs.**

Caulfield on Flameaway. KY Derby Points: 10

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Flameaway cracks the Top 12 this week off a gutsy, overachieving turf-to-dirt win in the GIII Sam F. Davis S. at Tampa Bay Downs, a race in which he both spoiled the 2018 coming-out-party for highly rated Catholic Boy and caused his connections to reconsider their previous decision not to make him an early Triple Crown nominee. This trim, athletic colt carries himself confidently while leading under pressure--his turf score in the Kitten's Joy S., which he won by a neck in a six-way photo, is actually a better example than the Davis wire job--and this \$400,000 FTSAUG colt also gets merit points for being the only Top 12 contender to have won so far over "fast" dirt, turf, mud, and synthetic surfaces. There are tons of options with this Ontario-bred son of Scat Daddy (Johannesburg), but trainer Mark Casse wasted no time in committing Flameaway to a return engagement in the Tampa Bay Derby Mar. 10. It's important to note, though, that Tampa's two graded Derby preps are both carded at 1 1/16 miles, so we'll have to wait and see if a potential future start at nine furlongs is in the offing to give us an indication that Flameaway can carry his speed over anything approaching Classics distances.



Flameaway | SV Photography

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

O-Don't Tell My Wife Stables & Monomoy Stables LLC. B-Brereton C. Jones (KY). T-Keith Desormeaux.
 Sales History: \$14,000 RNA wlg KEENOV '15; \$20,000 yr1 KEESEP '16. Lifetime Record: GSW, 8-2-3-1, \$425,145.
 Feb. 6 TDN Top 12 Rank: N/A
 Last Start: 1st, **GIII Southwest S.**, OP, Feb. 19
 Accomplishments Include: 3rd, **GIII Sham S.**, SA, Jan. 6; 1st, **Zuma Beach S.**, SA, Oct. 9
 Next Start: Uncommitted
EquineLine PPs.
 KY Derby Points: 12

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My Boy Jack | *Coady photo*

A California shipper won Monday's GIII Southwest S. at Oaklawn Park by open lengths, but it wasn't the one who was heavily favored to do so. While speedster Mourinho (Super Saver) faltered under stretch pressure at 6-5 odds, the 8-1 deep closer My Boy Jack bided his time from well back and benefitted from a ground-saving gift trip and a sealed muddy surface that he appeared to relish. Jockey Kent Desormeaux, riding for his trainer brother Keith, said the way that this \$20,000 KEESEP colt conserved his energy compared to his last effort (third to McKinzie in the GIII Sham S.) was the difference maker. "He was absolutely off the bridle [and] galloped to that quarter pole where I had to slow him down and start biding my time, trying to pick a path for him," the rider said.

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“The track’s consistency is like peanut butter, and I’m telling you their feet go into that ground and it’s trying to suck their shoes off. It’s pretty sticky.” This son of Creative Cause (Giant’s Causeway) still has yet to win on a fast dirt track or against A-level Triple Crown competition. But he did finish just three lengths off the winner in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf. Plus, his affinity for both grass and sticky-type mud makes you think he’ll be the sort of horse who is not likely to “need” a certain type of footing underneath him to fire his best shot. As we saw in 2017, this can be a huge deal on Derby Day if the track comes up wet.

On the Bubble (in alphabetical order)

Bravazo (Awesome Again): Prevailed for Calumet/Lukas in Risen Star at 21-1, but top two faves failed to fire in that race.

Combatant (Scat Daddy): OK second in mud-mired Southwest for Asmussen.

Copper Bullet (More Than Ready): GII Saratoga Special-winning ‘Rising Star’ plots comeback for Asmussen; bullet move Feb. 12.

Enticed (Medaglia d’Oro): Beaten fave in Holy Bull; too talented as a 2YO not to consider in another 3YO prep.

Exclamation Point (Concord Point): OP-based half to Classic Empire could stretch out off 6F MSW debut score.

Hollywood Star (Malibu Moon): ‘Rising Star’ never looked entirely comfortable when fourth in Davis at Tampa; could be sleeper in second start of year.

Justify (Scat Daddy): ‘Rising Star’ on SA debut with Feb. 18 MSW win after “brilliance in the morning” per Baffert.

Kanthaka (Jimmy Creed): Gotham at Aqueduct next for Hollendorfer-trained GII San Vicente S. winner.

Lombo (Graydar): San Felipe next for ambitious wire-to-wire GIII Lewis S. winner.

Magnum Moon (Malibu Moon): 2-for-2 colt dubbed ‘Rising Star’ off near-track-record TAM allowance route last Thursday.

Marconi (Tapit): The longer the better for this ‘Rising Star’ off Withers third.

Mourinho (Super Saver): ‘Rising Star’ caved as fave in Southwest, but sticky mud could have been issue.

Noble Indy (Take Charge Indy): Per jockey Velazquez, Risen Star third was “good schooling” for this ‘Rising Star.’

Quip (Distorted Humor): 2-for-3 2-year-old ‘Rising Star’ training at FG but could resurface in Gotham or Tampa Derby.

Restoring Hope (Giant’s Causeway): Recent MSW winner for Baffert could soon take stakes plunge.

Snapper Sinclair (City Zip): Beaten a nose at 41-1 in perplexing renewal of Risen Star.

Storm Runner (Get Stormy): Fountain of Youth next for Romans trainee.

Strike Power (Speightstown): 2-for-2 ‘Rising Star’ could aim for

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Tiz Mischief (Into Mischief): Nice 4F breeze (3/68) Sunday looking to rebound off so-so third in Holy Bull.

Untamed Domain (Animal Kingdom): ‘Rising Star’ turfer could get crack at dirt in Tampa Derby.

Vino Rosso (Curlin): Pletcher trainee galloped out past top two when third in Davis S.

World of Trouble (Kantharos): Romped by 13 3/4 lengths in Jan. 20 Pasco at TAM but unworked since.

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2018 Leading Third-Crop Sires by Earnings

for stallions standing in North America through Monday, February 19th

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Dialed In <i>(2008) by Mineshaft</i>	1	3	1	2	--	1	44	9	\$1,300,000 <i>Gunnevera</i>	\$1,822,467
										<i>Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY Fee: \$25,000</i>	
2	Bodemeister <i>(2009) by Empire Maker</i>	--	2	--	--	--	--	88	22	\$44,000 <i>Christmas Sky</i>	\$633,934
										<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$40,000</i>	
3	Creative Cause <i>(2009) by Giant's Causeway</i>	1	1	1	1	--	--	60	11	\$312,000 <i>My Boy Jack</i>	\$604,759
										<i>Stands: Airdrie Stud KY Fee: \$20,000</i>	
4	Union Rags <i>(2009) by Dixie Union</i>	--	1	--	1	--	--	69	19	\$67,200 <i>Free Drop Billy</i>	\$555,766
										<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$60,000</i>	
5	Tapizar <i>(2008) by Tapit</i>	1	1	1	1	--	--	64	13	\$120,000 <i>Monomoy Girl</i>	\$502,631
										<i>Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$12,500</i>	
6	Gemologist <i>(2009) by Tiznow</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	63	19	\$36,240 <i>Stormologist</i>	\$426,731
										<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$15,000</i>	
7	To Honor And Serve <i>(2008) by Bernardini</i>	--	1	--	--	--	--	57	13	\$60,000 <i>Eskimo Kisses</i>	\$378,632
										<i>Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$7,500</i>	
8	Stay Thirsty <i>(2008) by Bernardini</i>	--	1	--	1	--	--	64	9	\$61,800 <i>Powerful Ally</i>	\$371,715
										<i>Stands: Lovacres Ranch CA Fee: \$5,000</i>	
9	Shackleford <i>(2008) by Forestry</i>	1	1	--	--	--	--	67	7	\$53,400 <i>Kiss of Dahpespe</i>	\$322,025
										<i>Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY Fee: \$20,000</i>	
10	Algorithms <i>(2009) by Bernardini</i>	--	3	--	1	--	--	59	9	\$51,122 <i>Deep Red</i>	\$320,456
										<i>Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$7,500</i>	
11	Mission Impazible <i>(2007) by Unbridled's Song</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	32	5	\$67,200 <i>Midnight Mission</i>	\$267,634
										<i>Stands: Sequel Stallions New York NY Fee: \$7,500</i>	
12	Acclamation <i>(2006) by Unusual Heat</i>	1	2	--	--	--	--	15	4	\$170,000 <i>Heck Yeah</i>	\$242,728
										<i>Stands: Old English Rancho CA Fee: \$15,000</i>	
13	Star Guitar <i>(2005) by Quiet American</i>	1	3	--	--	--	--	33	7	\$40,000 <i>Testing One Two</i>	\$237,584
										<i>Stands: Clear Creek Stud LA Fee: \$7,500</i>	
14	Jersey Town <i>(2006) by Speightstown</i>	--	1	--	--	--	--	25	5	\$45,600 <i>Bee Jersey</i>	\$202,641
										<i>Stands: Road's End Farm BC Fee: 2,000</i>	
15	Boys At Tosconova <i>(2008) by Officer</i>	1	1	--	--	--	--	9	4	\$120,000 <i>My Boy Tate</i>	\$196,734
										<i>Stands: Questroyal North NY Fee: \$2,500</i>	

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MID-ATLANTIC TRACKS STRIKE A MATCH, REVIVE BONUS SERIES



Racing at Laurel Park | Maryland Jockey Club

by T.D. Thornton

Tracks and horsemen's associations in Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey have united to reignite the Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred Championships (MATCH) series in 2018, a May-through-September regional schedule of races that will feature a \$450,000 bonus pool for owners and trainers atop a \$2.9 million stakes structure.

The MATCH Series previously existed in a similar format for five years starting in 1997, but disputes over purses and conflicts with racing dates derailed the series.

Alan Foreman, the creator of the MATCH concept and chairman of the Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (THA), cited ownership changes at many of the region's tracks and a new, collective spirit of unification in the face of declining horse populations as catalysts for reviving the series.

The purses for the stakes will be paid out of each track's respective purse accounts. Horsemen have agreed to put up \$450,000 for the bonus pool. Tracks will be responsible for the administration and advertising costs. The exact amount that each entity contributes is based on a sliding scale, Foreman said.

"[The tracks are] doing it at different levels. It's not 'same size fits all,'" Foreman said. "And on the horsemen's side, it's the [various regional] THA groups and the Pennsylvania HBPA, and each group is contributing at a different level because we're not all similarly situated insofar as our purse accounts are concerned. At Delaware and Monmouth, the horsemen are far more challenged than they might be in Maryland or Pennsylvania. But that \$450,000 bonus pool is coming from the

horsemen's organizations, and that's the engine that drives the series."

Horses competing in the MATCH series will earn points based on participation and order of finish, and the leading points earners in each of the divisions, as well as the overall owner and trainer points leaders, earn bonus money.

The 2018 series will be contested among five divisions, with five races for each division, at Pimlico Race Course, Laurel Park, Monmouth Park, Delaware Park, Penn National, Parx, and Presque Isle Downs. The complete schedule and rules can be viewed [here](#).

The first, second and third-place owners, respectively, in each division will earn \$20,000, \$15,000, and \$10,000. The top three earning trainers will earn \$15,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000, respectively. The MATCH series overall top-earning owner will win \$50,000, while the top-earning trainer will earn \$25,000. Previous series winners included trainers H. Graham Motion and Ben Perkins Jr., and owners Arthur Appleton and Sam Huff.

Foreman said there had been attempts in recent years to revive the MATCH series, most notably in 2014, when the various entities came "very close" to doing so. This past fall, when representatives from tracks and horsemen's groups held an annual meeting to discuss regional strategies, MATCH talks began in earnest, with commitments crystallizing in December.

"The tracks took the position that for the series to be successful, it requires the bonus pool, and that [means] financial contributions from the horsemen's organizations," Foreman explained. "And so [it was discussed that if] the horsemen's organizations would commit to the bonus pool, the tracks would take a serious look at funding it from their side; they have historically provided the funding for marketing and promotion.

"And then we had to get the racing directors together to see if it was possible to coordinate a series in terms of what would be the best divisions and whether the tracks would agree to put the puzzle together by not scheduling [conflicting] races on top of series races," Foreman continued. "From the horsemen's perspective, it was important to have a road map for the length of the series and [to know] that the tracks wouldn't be fighting for horses because they were competing against each other."

Asked to pinpoint a specific change that helped to bring MATCH back, Foreman cited the turnover in track ownerships.

"One of the things is that the ownership groups of all the tracks, except for Delaware Park, have changed. So we're dealing with different ownership groups, some of whom are more progressive than their previous ownerships and are starting to think outside the box on what's going to be necessary for this industry to move forward," Foreman said.



Alan Foreman | Horsephotos

“Everyone who came to the meeting had to put aside whatever agendas they had if they wanted the series to go forward. Because if that didn’t happen, or if the horsemen were not willing to take money from their purse accounts for that bonus pool that drives the series, this wasn’t going to work,” Foreman said. “And if the tracks didn’t think that they could move races, or card a new race, this wouldn’t have happened. And in every instance nobody said no, so we were able to go ahead each step of the way.”

Foreman also said that in terms of marketing and promotion, another big change is the now-ubiquitous presence of the internet and social media, which were only in nascent forms when MATCH last existed.

“Compared to today’s world, it was the Dark Ages,” Foreman said. “This time, we’re going to be able to do most of our marketing and promotion on the internet and through social media. We’ll be able to pop that stuff out for a lot less money. We’re going to be lean and mean. We’re going to demonstrate that there’s value in this series, and then we’ll try and build on it.”

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CENTRAL U.S.

Monday’s Results:

6th-HOU, \$20,500, Alw, 2-20, (NW2L), 3yo, f, 7f, 1:24.45, ft. CHARGE BACK (f, 3, Take Charge Indy--Jackpot Joanie, by Giant’s Causeway) graduated first out going two turns at Remington Sept. 30, but couldn’t make an impact when fifth in an allowance/optional claimer there Dec. 1. Made the 6-5

favorite to rebound turning back in this spot, the homebred was bumped outwardly at the break and briefly led before relenting to be a close-up second through a :23.37 quarter. Turning up the heat past a :46.06 half, the bay repelled sandwiching challengers at the top of the lane and kicked clear past the eighth pole to win unthreatened from there by 2 3/4 lengths. Light Up the Devil (Light Up the Score) finished with interest to complete the exacta. The winner is a half-sister to these connections’ Taxable (Tapit), GSP, \$221,881. Her dam, a \$540,000 Keeneland September buy in 2008, is a half-sister to Summerly (Summer Squall), who carried the Winchell colors to victory in the 2005 GI Kentucky Oaks and sold to WinStar for \$3.3 million at Fasig-Tipton November the following year. Jackpot Joanie is responsible for a juvenile filly by Tapizar and was bred to Tapit last spring. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$32,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O/B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

KENTUCKY

Churchill Downs Continues Partnership to Support Local Women’s Breast Health Program:

Churchill Downs, Derby Divas and Norton Cancer Institute have announced that they will partner again this year to raise funds during the GI Kentucky Oaks to help provide care to local women who lack access to breast health screenings and services.

The partnership, which began in 2017, and Survivors Parade are the centerpieces of the Oaks Day Pink Out celebration to raise funds and drive breast and ovarian health awareness. Pink Out has raised \$845,000 over the past nine years. This year, Churchill Downs will donate \$50,000 to the Breast Health Program at Norton Cancer Institute.

“One in eight women will develop breast cancer in her lifetime, so the continued partnership presents significant opportunity to bring hope to women across our community,” said Lynn Meyer, Ed.D, R.N., CFRE, Norton Healthcare senior vice president and chief development officer.

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INDUSTRY INFO

Gluck Study to Examine Injury Rate:

The University of Kentucky's Gluck Equine Research Center is conducting a study to examine the rate of injury and illness in North American 2-year-old Thoroughbreds in training. The goal of the project is to determine the rate of injuries in these young horses through early July 2018. Click [here](#) for more information and an enrollment form.

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Alternation (Distorted Humor), Pin Oak Stud, \$7,500
143 foals of racing age/16 winners/0 black-type winners
4-SUN, Msw 5 1/2f, JUDY'S JAM, 3-1
\$35,000 FTK OCT yrl

El Kingdom (El Prado {Ire})
20 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
6-HOU, Alw 7f, KINGDOM PURITY, 12-1

Flat Out (Flatter), Spendthrift Farm, \$10,000
230 foals of racing age/25 winners/1 black-type winner
3-MVR, Msw 5 1/2f, FLAT OUT SUPER, 5-1
\$6,500 FTK OCT yrl

Hoorayforhollywood (Storm Cat), Milky Way Farm, \$2,000
23 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
4-SUN, Msw 5 1/2f, HOLLYWOOD DIVA, 15-1

Shanghai Bobby (Harlan's Holiday), Ashford Stud, \$20,000
237 foals of racing age/17 winners/3 black-type winners
3-MVR, Msw 5 1/2f, TORN APART, 5-2

Take Charge Indy (A.P. Indy), Kor, \$20,000
202 foals of racing age/35 winners/3 black-type winners
6-HOU, Alw 7f, CHARGE BACK, 9-5

Violence (Medaglia d'Oro), Hill 'N' Dale Farms, \$15,000
248 foals of racing age/37 winners/5 black-type winners
4-SUN, Msw 5 1/2f, LOVABLE LILLY, 4-1
\$22,000 RNA BAR MAR 2yo

BREEDERS' EDITION

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-PRX, \$57,440, 2-20, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:06.02, my.
FIELDER (g, 4, Sidney's Candy--Karakorum Fugitive {MSP, \$196,732}, by Ten Most Wanted) Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-1, \$90,256. O-Waldorf Racing Stables LLC; B-HnR Nothhaft Horseracing LLC (PA); T-Marya K. Montoya. *\$47,000 RNA Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$180,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$70,000 3yo '17 FTKHRA.

6th-PRX, \$51,510, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 2-20, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:39.64, my.

BELIEVE IN LUCK (g, 5, Afleet Alex--Tell Me All, by Vindication) Lifetime Record: 18-5-3-1, \$175,710. O-Cash is King LLC; B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. (KY); T-John C. Servis. *\$160,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP.

2nd-MVR, \$32,700, (S), 2-20, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:13.13, my.
SHOW SLIDING HOME (g, 4, Alcindor--Slide Show {MSW & MGSP, \$347,917}, by Slewacide) Lifetime Record: 18-4-2-2, \$93,915. O-Irish Charm Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Larry Byer (OH); T-Gary L. Johnson. *1/2 to Voodoo (Petionville), GSW & MGISP, \$686,194.

2nd-SUN, \$32,100, (S), 2-20, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41.22, ft.
PRIMO PRO (g, 5, Pro Prado--Aquarellist {SP}, by Ole') Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-2, \$52,949. O/B-C. P. Hourigan (NM); T-Bart G. Hone. *1/2 to Cali Baby (Thatsusintheolbean), MSW, \$535,709.

7th-HOU, \$20,500, (S), 2-20, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:39.91, fm.

SONGS SUNG BLUE (f, 4, My Golden Song--Katy Elder, by Open Forum) Lifetime Record: 19-3-1-5, \$50,350. O/B-Evelyn Bean (TX); T-Allen C. Dupuy.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Go, f, 3, **Congrats**--Belleofthebridle (MSP), by Yes It's True. MVR, 2-20, 5 1/2f, 1:06.83. B-Bruce & Laurie Berenson (KY). *\$42,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP.

Casting Factor, f, 3, **The Factor**--Daily Cast, by Curlin. SUN, 2-20, 5 1/2f, 1:05.54. B-William S. Farish (KY). *\$65,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP.



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Val's Lemon Drop, f, 4, **Lemon Drop Kid**--Untoward (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). HOU, 2-20, 1 1/16mT, 1:47.80. B-SF Bloodstock LLC (KY). *\$22,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.