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Peace Rules, shown winning the 2003 GII Louisiana Derby for trainer Bobby Frankel, ranked among the leading sires in South Korea in 2017. | *Horsephotos*

by Robert D. Fierro

One might conclude from all the medal-tossing and justifiable kudos that Norway invaded South Korea last month and came home with a holy grail. Not so fast, folks.

Despite the experts opining that the United States underachieved in the Winter Olympics, and notwithstanding the dancing and sweeping and brushing on the ice and swooshing and boarding on the snow that those brave forces achieved, there was virtually no coverage of a substantial triumph racked up by other highly talented athletes in that country just before the Olympic Games began. The fact that those athletes happen to have four legs and their achievements were based on their records as progenitors matters mightily to our discussion, and here they are:

- 1) Eighteen of the Top 20 Korean-based sires in 2017 were bred in the United States, another was bred in Brazil and sired by a GI Kentucky Derby winner who stood in Florida before being exported, and the 20th was bred in Japan.
- 2) Leading Sire for the sixth straight year was Menifee, a son of Harlan (by Storm Cat).

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CATHOLIC BOY TO THE FLORIDA DERBY

Robert LaPenta and Madaket Stables' GIII Sam F. Davis S. runner-up **Catholic Boy** (More Than Ready) will make his next start in the Mar. 31 GI Florida Derby, according to LaPenta's racing manager John Panagot. This story was originally reported by the *Daily Racing Form*.

"This was our original plan and the horse gave us no reason to call any audibles," Panagot said. "We felt the spacing from the Sam Davis to the Florida Derby would allow him to recover from his off-the-layoff effort in the Sam Davis. The Davis was a new top for him and we figured the seven weeks would give him every chance to recover from that."

Catholic Boy made his first three starts on the turf, including a win in Saratoga's GIII With Anticipation S. He made his first start on dirt a winning one with a decisive score in the GII Remsen S. at Aqueduct Dec. 2, after which Sol Kumin's Madaket Stables bought in. The bay kicked off his sophomore campaign Feb. 10 with a runner-up effort behind Flameaway (Scat Daddy) in the Sam Davis at Tampa. [\(Click to continue to p4\)](#)

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Instant friends. The Kentucky Derby Museum's star mini Winston (left) has officially retired. He arrived at Old Friends Thoroughbred Retirement Farm in Georgetown, KY on March 5th where he met Old Friends resident spokeshorse Little Silver Charm for the first time. | Mary Greene

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BODY & SOUL

by Bob Fierro

"USA! USA! USA!" *(cont. from p1)*

This is an exceptional record, but not unusual in a country which has literally built its racing industry on American sire-lines. But it is the evolution of the quality of the stallions, and what it took to get there, that is the real story here. Some background is necessary, however.

Your correspondent is not an expert on Korean racing, but was involved in a brief search in the late 1990s for high-quality stallion prospects which raced in North America, working with a very prominent international bloodstock agent and a team of Korean veterinarians.

After being shown more than half-dozen Group 1 winners at Belmont Park, and hearing their race records, the vets were exasperated. Why? All of them were middle to long-distance Group 1 winners on the turf. Problem is there is no turf in Korea, and the vast majority of races used to be at six furlongs.

(Noting that they were just this side of being depressed, and knowing one of them understood some English, your correspondent asked if they were hungry. I told them that we were only a few miles from Flushing, Queens--at that time the

home of the largest concentration of Korean-Americans in the United States. They beamed and almost danced out of the car on Main Street and one supposes vanquished their depression, and hunger, in a ton of poached octopus, bar-b-que and kimchi).

That vignette is more easily understood by looking at the Leading Sire list in Korea last year (at right). Note that there are no readily recognizable turf horses on the list, but there has been a major shift in selection which will become apparent as we go on.

1) Menifee (USA)	Harlan
2) Ecton Park (USA)	Forty Niner
3) Officer (USA)	Bertrando
4) Vicar (USA)	Wild Again
5) Peace Rules	Jules
6) Forest Camp	Deputy Minister
7) Sharp Humor	Distorted Humor
8) Colors Flying	A.P. Indy
9) Exploit (USA)	Storm Cat
10) Ingrandire (JPN)	White Muzzle (GB)
11) One Cool Cat	Storm Cat
12) Whywhywhy	Mr. Greeley
13) Chapel Royal	Montbrook
14) Rock Hard Ten	Kris S.
15) Cowboy Cal	Giant's Causeway
16) Didyme (USA)	Dixieland Band
17) Hawk Wing (USA)	Woodman
18) Simon Pure (USA)	Silver Deputy
19) Hansen (USA)	Tapit
20) Pico Central (BRZ)	Spend a Buck

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NOTES: There is a wide distribution of sire lines on this list, and for the most part the relative high quality of racing careers, and sometimes very decent sire records in North America. Most of these horses are familiar to North American breeders except, perhaps, for **Colors Flying** (winner of one race out of champion Storm Flag Flying). The Japanese stallion's sire, White Muzzle, is a son of Dancing Brave (Lyphard). Note also that Hansen makes the list despite having only 2-year-olds (Menifee was ahead of him as leading juvenile sire).

What is most interesting about this list, however, is how it compares to those since 2000. [Here](#) is a link to the Leading Sires lists in Korea.

If you work your way to or from 2000 you will see that the Koreans decided to diversify the aptitudes of their sires as they diversified their racing program. Though many of the leading sires from the early 2000s were bred in North America, one would think that many are not quite familiar.

What is most telling, however, is the way the country's Triple Crown has demonstrated the sharp contrast in the way the stallion population has developed. It is not quite clear if the Triple Crown was officially adopted in 2010 or 2011. But what is quite clear is that except for four Japanese-breds (Biwa Shinseiki, Ingrandire Hat Trick and Meisei Opera), all the winners were sired by American-breds who were noted in this country for getting horses that could excel at all distances. The list that follows shows these races in the order in which they are run, from left to right. (In 2016, Menifee's son Power Blade won the Triple Crown).

Except for Menifee, there is a wide diversity of bloodlines in this group, a sign of a shift in cultural as well as aptitude values

on the part of the South Korean Thoroughbred industry. It is that same diversity that has built the American Thoroughbred population over the past century, much in the same way that its human population has developed.

And while we may have lost the overall rush for the gold to Norway in Pyeongchang, there were more than a few U.S. medal winners and competitors from the upper Midwest with some (or lots of) Norwegian in their genes--some of which were blended with the DNA of other lands, other cultures, other races, to build a winning team.

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Catholic Boy to Florida Derby (Cont. from p1)

"We like the fact that the shipping is convenient, given he trains just up the road in Ocala [at Bridlewood Farm]," Panagot said. "We have discussed sending him to Gulfstream nine or 10 days prior to the Florida Derby, so he can situate himself, breeze there and school that week. We'll let [trainer] Jonathan Thomas finalize those details; he has managed this horse's training with precision to this point in the horse's career."

Panagot added, "The race will be tough, as it should be for a \$1 million Grade I. Hopefully Catholic Boy keeps improving for us. He'll have to as there are a few horses penciled in for the race that seem to be doing just that."

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SIRES OF TRIPLE CROWN RACE WINNERS

Year	KRA Cup Mile	Korean Derby 1800m	Minister's Cup 2000m
2017	Biwa Shinseiki (Forty Niner)	Menifee (Storm Cat)	Colors Flying (A.P. Indy)
2016	Menifee (Storm Cat)	Menifee (Storm Cat)	Menifee (Storm Cat)
2015	Colors Flying (A.P. Indy)	Menifee (Storm Cat)	Ecton Park (Forty Niner)
2014	Volponi (Cryptoclearance)	Menifee (Storm Cat)	Ecton Park (Forty Niner)
2013	Forest Camp (Deputy Minister)	Menifee (Storm Cat)	Menifee (Storm Cat)
2012	Hat Trick (Sunday Silence)	Ingrandire (White Muzzle)	Ingrandire (White Muzzle)
2011	Meisei Opera (Grand Opera)	Vicar (Wild Again)	Vicar (Wild Again)
2010	Newsprint (Gone West)	Creek Cat (Storm Cat)	Newsprint (Gone West)

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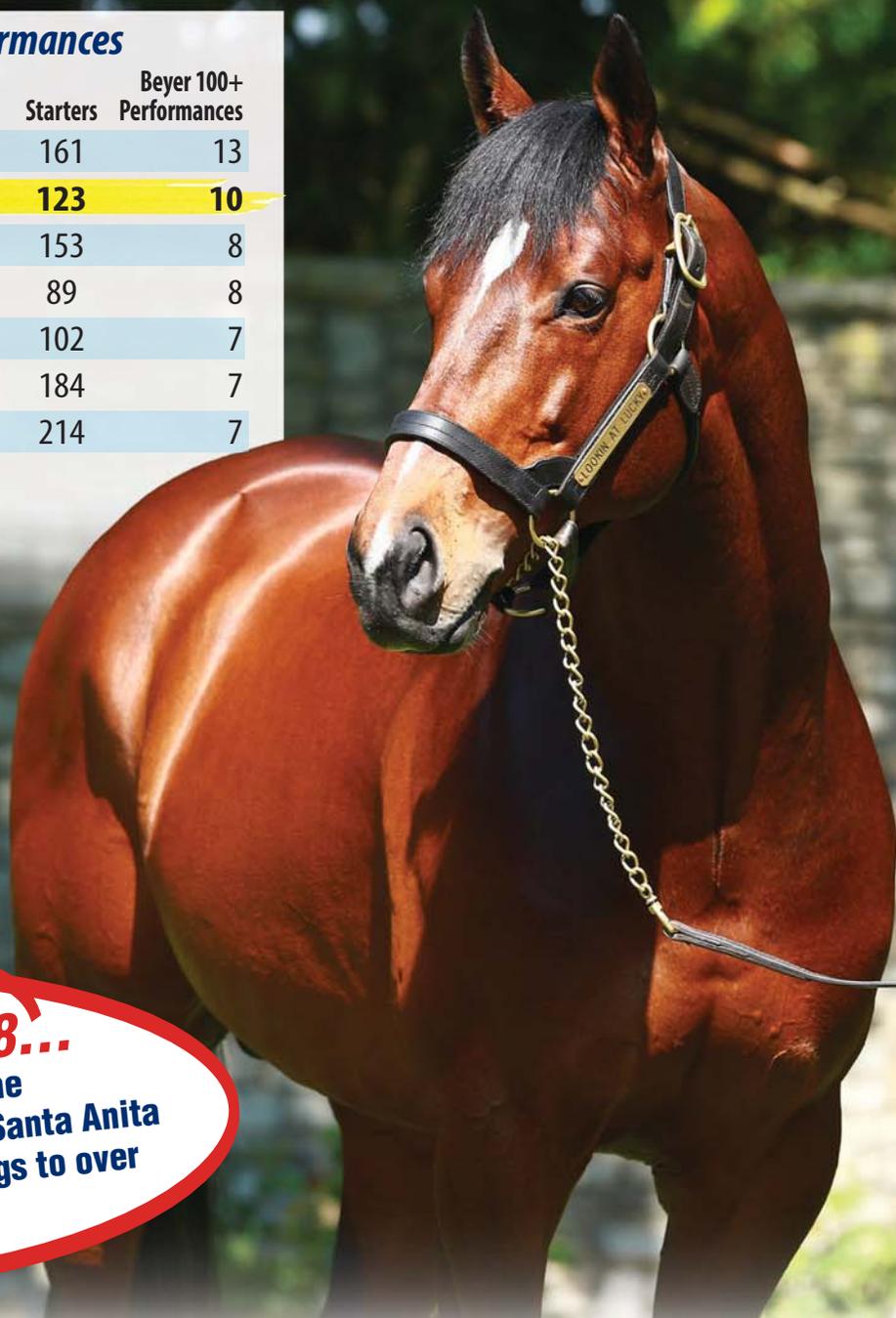
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3	BERNARDINI (\$85,000)	153	8
4	SMART STRIKE (Died)	89	8
5	UNBRIDLED'S SONG (Died)	102	7
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7	TAPIT (\$300,000)	214	7

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BILL NADER RETURNING TO HONG KONG

by Bill Finley

Some two years after he left his position as the executive director of racing for the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Bill Nader is returning to his old job. He begins Monday.

“It’s an exciting place to be,” Nader said. “If you are involved in horse racing, I’m not sure there’s a more exciting place to be than in Hong Kong. The country has such a great passion for horse racing. I’m thrilled to be going back.”

The position opened up after Nader's replacement, Tony Kelly, announced his resignation last week, citing personal reasons.

Nader’s new title will be Director of Racing, Business Operations, but he said it is virtually the same job he had when first working in Hong Kong.

Nader came to Hong Kong originally from the New York Racing Association, where he worked his way up from head of simulcasting to the No. 2 executive position in the organization. After nearly 13 years there, he left to accept the Hong Kong job. He returned to the U.S. in January, 2016 in order to spend more time with his family and “to simply have a break for a while.”



Bill Nader

Nader let it be known that he was interested in returning to racetrack management in the U.S., but never quite found the right fit. He was brought on by a team looking to re-open Colonial Downs in Virginia and was poised to become CEO there if the track began racing again.

“I was a little disappointed,” he said of his not finding a job in the U.S. racing industry. “Everything seemed to come late, toward the end. There was the Colonial job and there was another offer from a track I don’t feel comfortable mentioning. Instead, I kind of went with the sure thing. I know the Hong Kong deal. I know the people. I know the job. It’s a good fit for me and going back there is like rolling back into my second home.”

Nader said Hong Kong Jockey Club CEO Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges first broached the idea of his returning in December.

“It came together quickly,” he said. “I was over there in December for the international races and had lunch with Winfried and he said, ‘What do you think about the possibility of coming back at some point in some capacity.’ But we didn’t get specific about what the role would be.”

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“Then as things shook out with the sudden departure of Tony, he said, ‘What about coming back and resuming your old responsibilities and the same job,’” Nader continued. “It was really quite sudden.

“Given the situation with Tony, we thought it best to bring in someone who knows the business,” Engelbrecht-Bresges told the *South China Morning Post*. “We looked at what options we had, and for me the natural person for the role was Bill because he is familiar with the situation. He loves Hong Kong, he loves Hong Kong racing and he has huge credibility with stakeholders. Bill never lost touch because he is passionate about Hong Kong racing. So we maintained a dialogue after he left and when Bill saw the chance to be reunited with Hong Kong racing he jumped at the opportunity. Bill is also a Hong Kong resident, so it was an easy process to bring him in on short notice.”

Hong Kong racing is arguably the most successful racing operation in the world and Nader believes it will get even better. He said the opening of a new training center named Conghua will bring significant advances to Hong Kong racing.

“Conghua will allow the Jockey Club to expand the horse population and it will introduce a world-class training center,” Nader said. “There will be a mile-and-a-quarter turf track, an American style dirt track to train on and also an uphill turf gallop. It will be an extraordinary place to train horses. It will open in the summer and it is the single most important strategic initiative in the history of the Jockey Club.”

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TDN Q&A: XPRESSBET PRESIDENT RON LUNIEWSKI

by Christina Bossinakis

Xpressbet has established itself as a key player among the nation's Advanced Deposit Wagering platforms since its creation two decades ago and President Ron Luniewski has played a significant part in the company's expansion. Brought on board by The Stronach Group (previously Magna Entertainment) after his departure from Yobet in 2002, Luniewski has led the company through an era of growth by driving expansion on a host of fronts, including technological infrastructure, informational services and channels of distribution. Moreover, Xpressbet has expanded its reach through the advent of XBTV, an online video platform that provides morning workouts, trainer interviews and handicapping analysis, among a myriad of other features.



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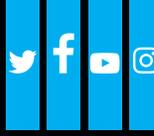


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In the process of expanding, Xpressbet has become more than just a wagering platform. Supported by the other branches and entities that fall under the far-reaching Stronach umbrella, Xpressbet has extended into new distribution sectors, expanded its informational resources and has also made a significant commitment to the refinement of its technological infrastructure and by extension, its feature and functionality. TDN correspondent Christina Bossinakis sat down with Luniewski to get some insight into Xpressbet, its leader and the future of the interactive wagering business.



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TDN: When you started, Youbet did not own the product. Now, however, The Stronach Group which owns Xpressbet, owns its own product, i.e. Gulfstream, Santa Anita, Golden Gate etc. How important is that in terms of what you are able to accomplish?

RL: Frank Stronach has invested heavily in the racing industry, so if you work in The Stronach Group, the idea of 'How do I support racing?' becomes ingrained in your everyday thinking. When you look at it from our perspective, we are trying to transition the audience from 'casual racing observer' to 'racing fan' to 'horseplayer.' Because that culture exists throughout The Stronach Group, it's easy for a company like Xpressbet to support our tracks' initiatives, and it's easy for them to help us, as we all work under the same directive. On the Xpressbet side of things, if you have a customer who goes to the track once a month yet wagers every day from home, we'll invite them to come to the track and partake in an Xpressbet or XBTV event or offer them an experiential reward or a giveaway. When they are on track, we want their wagering experience to be similar to what they are used to at home, but with the added benefit that they can enjoy a day at Santa Anita, Gulfstream, etc.

TDN: XBTV was launched in 2016; what was the inspiration behind XBTV?

RL: Xpressbet learned from both core customers and casual fans that horseplayers want more than past performances and 'picks'--they also want insights. And with XBTV, we're able to deliver that. We have a phenomenal broadcast team that is incredibly horse racing savvy, and they're able to create, package and distribute content that consumers want. By giving bettors access to workouts, expert handicapping previews and live broadcasts, we're looking to arm our viewers with all of the information they need to hit big.



TDN: How is XBTV different than other networks?

RL: At XBTV, we try to deliver as much as possible, as quickly as possible. My father liked to read the newspaper cover-to-cover, but that's just not the way of the world anymore. With everything we do, we try to focus on getting our viewers the information they need, whether it's a workout, editorial or race preview, without taking up their entire day. That's what consumers want, and that's what we're focused on delivering.

TDN: Can you tell us about your background in business prior to getting into horse racing?

RL: Out of college I started with a company called EDS (Electronic Data Systems), as a software developer which was a substantial Information Technology company owned by Ross Perot. I was with EDS for 14 years and ended up building and managing the group that created most of the initial websites for GM, including Chevrolet, Buick and Oldsmobile.

TDN: How did you transition to racing?

RL: The two founders, who are true entrepreneurs, of Youbet.com approached me with a new and groundbreaking concept for horse racing. This was around 1994 when the internet was just getting started; AOL was dominant. The idea was to package everything that went into making a bet--wagering pathways, data, video and insights--into a single website that people could use to bet the races. As a sports fan and a tech buff, I fell in love with the idea instantly. I had always been intrigued by horse racing, and this felt like the right time to leave EDS for a chance to start something from scratch. I was the fifth guy in at Youbet in 1995 and left in 2002 as the CEO. Youbet was purchased by Churchill Downs Incorporated in November of 2009 for \$126 million.

TDN: How do you think your experiences prior to entering racing prepared you for the next phase of your career?

RL: I strongly feel that working with EDS during such a pivotal time in technology granted me a wealth of experience and knowledge that I would not have otherwise gained. By building the initial websites for massive international brands like Chevy and Buick, I was also forced to learn about user experience and interfacing, which is still something I lean on today. In the Advance Deposit Wagering (ADW) industry, most of what we do is technology-based, from the interface and user experience to the scalability, network throughputs, ability to process secure transactions and creating, building and implementing different features.

TDN: You were a big part of the development of Youbet.com's online pari-mutuel technology: Would you please explain what online the pari-mutuel product looked in 1998 and how has it evolved over the last two decades?

RL: When we started, the internet was in its relative infancy. It was dial-up technology, so the network speed simply wasn't there. Live video stopped and buffered repeatedly. We spent a tremendous amount of resources to alleviate that and ended up developing our own proprietary technology for video. Fast forward to today, the technology has advanced so much that it really just isn't an issue. Customers can simultaneously stream multiple HD feeds on their laptop. As a result of the technology 'catching up,' we're now able to devote more time and resources to developing customer-facing 'features' that we were not able to do 15 or even five years ago.

TDN: How has the online wagering customer experience changed over the past 20 years?

RL: What was true 20 years ago is still true today--betting on horse races is a very cerebral game. It's like putting together the pieces of a puzzle where you think you are smarter than other guy. That hasn't fundamentally changed from the beginning of ADW, or even the beginning of pari-mutuel wagering. If you look at the sophistication of an ADW from 1995 to 2005 to 2015, the ability to integrate the necessary components to play the game has become infinitely better for the customer. Everything from the way we display odds to the way we stream multiple videos to the way we can create customer interfaces that cater to individual customers is something we could have only dreamt about decades ago. Simply put, technology has allowed the game to become more entertaining for consumers.

TDN: Rewards have become an important tool for tracks and ADWs looking to attract high-volume players. How does Xpressbet compete in this sphere?

RL: We have a points-based rewards system called XB Rewards that all of our customers are automatically enrolled in. Customers receive points for every bet they make and every day they wager, and we offer bonuses and promotions on certain days so people can accumulate rewards points even faster. Since Xpressbet is a member of The Stronach Group, we wake up every day thinking of ways we can support live racing, so a lot of our rewards are centered around experiences at the track. Stuff like watching a race with the track announcer, going to the Preakness or Pegasus World Cup, or watching a race from the winner's circle.

Fans want these experiences and we try to give them the access. We offer all levels of rewards and at is something all of our regular players can benefit from. As for our higher-volume players, we've found that instead of having the experiential rewards, they would rather have money back, which we are also able to accommodate in our rewards program. To us, rewards and rebates are one in the same.



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TDN: What would you say is your target demographic when recruiting new racing fans?

RL: This is an area I'm passionate about. In racing, we always seem to be asking, 'How do we get young people--kids in their teens and early-twenties--into the sport?' And I'll be honest--it's really, really hard, but I give the industry a lot of credit. We're working hard to attract that demographic, but I also believe that there are other groups we need to be targeting. What is wrong with the 50+ crowd that doesn't know racing? They have disposable time and income, which is something the younger audiences often don't. Handicapping horse races is often a time-consuming process and betting the races costs money. Why not try to convert the people we know have both into new fans?

TDN: What have been some of the key factors prompting the evolution of online wagering and technology?

RL: At this point in time, the evolution of online wagering and technology is about leveraging the features and functionality you get when you're betting on your home computer or your smartphone. We need to find ways to make it more convenient to bet at the track, and bring ADW features to the track. I'm not simply saying that we should make it simpler for a customer to use their personal tablet or phone while they're sitting in a grandstand. In the future, I think we'll start seeing even more sophisticated technology at the track, and The Stronach Group owns a pair of powerful assets--Xpressbet and Amtote--that will continue to allow this to happen.

TDN: Some may not be aware that Xpressbet furnishes American racing internationally: how did this come about and what are some of the markets you distribute to?

RL: At its core, Xpressbet delivers track video, data and wagering pathways to end consumers in the United States. We realized a few years ago that The Stronach Group and Xpressbet were in a great position to increase the distribution of North American content (not just Stronach tracks, but many U.S. and Canadian tracks) outside of North America using those three pathways. We target countries that have racing in its fabric, and if we look at it today, we are in all of the 10,000 bet shops in the United Kingdom and have a relationship with Sky Sports in the U.K. We also have partnerships that take U.S. racing as far east as Turkey and we've built out a substantial distribution network and have begun heavily investing in those channels. Our ultimate goal is to introduce tote betting into those nations to boost our domestic pools.

TDN: Any plans to expand this area?

RL: Our goal is to build as much distribution of North American racing outside of the U.S. as possible, to countries in Europe, Asia, Oceania and beyond. Working for the Stronach family, we are investing in that shareability because it really supports the underlying sport of horse racing. We have invested millions of dollars in distribution and have taken North American racing further than anyone else. Unfortunately, every new jurisdiction we look to partner in comes with inherent hurdles, like technology, regulatory and consumer preferences.

TDN: Where do you expect to see racing in 10 years and in which areas would you hope to see Xpressbet and its related products expand to meet the challenges of the future?

RL: I think racing is in a really good position for growth. Technology continues to improve and if you look into the future, there are so many ways we can utilize it to make the game even more attractive and fun. I'm eager to continue leading Xpressbet into the future and look forward to seeing what's next for the industry.

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O p / E D Feedback

Shawn Smeallie, Executive Director of The Coalition for Horse Racing Integrity

I agree with Eric Hamelback in his [Feb. 28 essay in Thoroughbred Daily News](#) that a common thread among horsemen is that they are not cheaters and are dedicated to their horses. I also agree that racing faces problems and our regulation and testing system is broken and inconsistent. Unfortunately, I have a difficult time agreeing with much else he wrote.

I will explain by giving you the facts.

First, as we all know, the debate about how to fix our broken system has been going on for years. We, the Coalition for Horse Racing Integrity and its supporters, have had many discussions with the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association and other industry groups about the best way to fix it and, be assured, we will continue to do so. In fact, based upon those discussions, dating back to 2015, substantial changes in the legislation were considered and made. Looking forward, however, we still believe the Horse Racing Integrity Act is the best, most comprehensive solution to the problem at hand--and sharing the facts about it is vital to its success.



Shawn Smeallie | *The Jockey Club photo*

As Eric wrote, our national regulation and testing system is broken and inconsistent. Our industry has been working on this since anyone in the industry today can remember, and the status quo has not fixed the problem. It has barely made a dent. We have 38 jurisdictions with different regulations, testing programs, and penalties.

Despite the best efforts of many well-intentioned individuals and organizations to improve the uneven regulations, this is not a model that should be emulated--and it is not a model that horsemen should have to continue to endure.

The Horseracing Integrity Act would create the Horseracing Anti-Doping and Medication Control Authority (HADA), a private, non-governmental, independent horse racing anti-doping authority responsible for developing and administering a nationwide anti-doping program for horse racing.

Erik was dead wrong when he stated, "This bill places our industry in the hands of a Horse Racing Authority Board whose appointed members have nothing to do with our industry." To the contrary, the bill clearly requires HADA's board to include six horse-racing industry representatives with specific racing expertise (in addition to seven others sourced from USADA). The bill also requires that the day-to-day operations of HADA be carried out by persons who are highly experienced in equine-related anti-doping and medication control matters. USADA will provide anti-doping experts. That's what USADA is. That's why USADA manages the anti-doping program for U.S. Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American, and Parapan American sport, and the UFC. That's why "anti-doping" is part of its name. I urge you to visit usada.org to learn more about USADA, what it is, and what it stands for.

HADA will make common-sense distinctions between performance-enhancing drugs and those that aren't. HADA will develop a uniform, nationwide anti-doping and medication control program with the assistance of racing industry experts, including uniform medication and drug rules, sample collection processes, an out-of-competition testing program, laboratory standards, procedures for investigations and adjudications, and a penalty structure.

Under the Horseracing Integrity Act, all violations that are appealed will be reviewed in full by an independent administrative law judge (ALJ) appointed by the Federal Trade Commission. ALJs must be free of conflict and demonstrate significant knowledge of horse racing and anti-doping matters before they can hear any medication violation case.

The HADA system is designed to alleviate concerns that trainers may have regarding objectivity and due process during adjudication. And, based upon USADA's experiences in human sports, the adjudication process will be more quickly resolved--saving time and money for everyone involved. Best of all, it will be the same process for everyone, whether they are in Kentucky, Iowa or Minnesota.

The estimated incremental cost of the anti-doping program will be approximately \$40-\$45 per starter, the largest part of which is due to expanded and improved out-of-competition testing. Recall that out-of-competition testing has already been identified by many leaders in racing as a vital tool for catching cheaters--but again, only a handful of states have adopted even a minimal program. Many other functions, such as sample-taking and investigations, will be delegated to the state commissions, so those costs will remain consistent with current costs.

The fact is our model is broken. It is not working. We have tried to fix it, but we have failed.

I do agree with Eric that we need more involvement from industry members: we need a call to action. It is time for owners and trainers to stand up. Contact your representatives. Inform them about our broken regulation and testing system. Find your voice and share your perspective.

Tell them it is time to support the Horseracing Integrity Act of 2017.

Shawn Smeallie, Executive Director of The Coalition for Horse Racing Integrity

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PROMISES FULFILLED ADDS TO SMALL-SCALE BREEDER'S SUCCESS

by *Liane Crossley*

The value of David Jacobs's modest bloodstock portfolio rose again last Saturday when **Promises Fulfilled** (Shackleford) won the GII Fountain of Youth S. at Gulfstream Park just hours after his half-sister **Marquee Miss** (Cowboy Cal) was runner-up in the Spring Fever S. at Oaklawn Park.

"It was pretty spectacular; I was excited about it," said Jacobs, who was inundated with congratulatory messages, calls and handshakes at his central Kentucky home.

Same-day success is not new to the horses' dam, Marquee Delivery (Marquetry). On Dec. 3, 2016, she achieved a milestone for which there are no statistics when Marquee Miss and her full-sister Marquee Cal Gal finished first and second, respectively, in the Holiday Inaugural S. at Turfway Park. Jacobs channeled homebred Marquees Cal Gal into his small racing division, but sold the younger Marquee Miss for \$19,000 at the 2014 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October yearling sale.

That decision deviated from his usual business model of retaining fillies to eventually breed and selling colts as unraced prospects. He made the exception because he saw no reason to have two broodmares with identical bloodlines. Despite the subsequent status of Marquee Miss--a stakes winner with a \$300,658 bankroll--Jacobs has no regrets.

"I thought I was doing the right thing at the time and that is all you can go on," he said.

Jacobs's broodmare band expanded to three following the recent retirement of Marquee Cal Gal, whose mate for the 2018 breeding season is 2016 GI Preakness S. winner Exaggerator. The 7-year-old mare was multiple stakes-placed and banked \$249,209 with her 11-6-4 record from 30 starts. She joined her dam and 21-year-old granddam Fast Delivery (Little Missouri) at Crowning Point Farm in Paris, Kentucky, which is owned and operated by the husband-and-wife team of Rob Nowak and Julie Rini.

Jacobs has been associated with them for about 25 years. He credits the Crowning Point crew for its dedication in raising Promises Fulfilled after he experienced complications as a newborn.

“Julie sat up a lot of nights taking care of Promises Fulfilled when he was a baby to get him back into good health,” he said.

In keeping with his strategy, Jacobs sent Promises Fulfilled to the 2016 Keeneland September yearling sale where trainer Dale Romans, as agent, bought him for \$37,000.

“I thought the price was a little too cheap but I let him go anyway,” Jacobs said. “When people ask me why I let him go so cheap, I should probably ask them ‘Well, why didn’t you buy him?’ In hindsight, it was way too cheap but I didn’t know that at the time. People who didn’t buy him didn’t know it either.”

Jacobs held on to Marquee Delivery’s unnamed 2016 Gemologist filly and plans to race her. He cashed in early on his star broodmare’s 2017 Tiznow colt, who was sold as a weanling for \$100,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky November mixed sale last year. The youngster was bred in partnership on a foal sharing agreement.

Marquee Delivery has no foal for 2018 after losing her pregnancy to Dialed In last year. Her mate for this breeding season is once again Shackleford.



Promises Fulfilled | *Lauren King*

“I try to be fairly conservative,” he said. “I don’t want to be one of those people who blows what they made in another profession on horses and I have seen that happen a few times. I try to be cautious and have a little fun along the way but not get too overwhelmed.”

Since retiring from the temporary staffing and home health care industries, Jacobs continues to oversee 1,200 acres of land on four separate tracts in Stamping Ground, about 25 miles northwest of Lexington.

“I mess around on my farm a little bit and drive a tractor occasionally,” he said. “I have workers on the farm, but I do a little myself, mostly mowing. I like to be outside, especially in the spring when it is not real hot and not real cold. I don’t do any strenuous labor, but I still use the tractor.”

In addition to corn earmarked for cattle feed, Jacobs raises alfalfa hay. In a bartering agreement with Crowning Point Farm, he trades the hay for some of his boarding bill.

When Promises Fulfilled stamped himself as a GI Kentucky Derby contender with his Fountain of Youth score for owner Robert J. Baron, he also enhanced the value of his relatives. Jacobs has a virtual monopoly on the female members with a blend of proven producers and younger prospects, but two days after the race, he had not received any offers to purchase

them.

Promises Fulfilled could improve their pedigree pages further. He is likely to make his next start in the GI Xpressbet.com Florida Derby Mar. 31 at Gulfstream.

From the second crop of Shackleford, Promises Fulfilled has solidified his sire’s place as a sought-after stallion. Jacobs has both sides of the equation covered in his bloodstock portfolio. For now, Jacobs is just relishing the attention while still reaping rewards from the honest blue-collar mare Copelan’s Girl who brought him into the Thoroughbred business and kept him in business for nearly three decades.

“I haven’t made a fortune, but I haven’t lost much either,” he said.

Making a Marquee Empire

Jacobs’s mini-dynasty of stakes horses traces to his 1991 entrance into Thoroughbred ownership. A friend convinced him to purchase Copelan’s Girl (Copelan), a durable low-level performer in Kentucky and Ohio who picked up a few victories for Jacobs and his late wife Andrea. When the one-horse stable retired, Jacobs opted to breed her and race the offspring.

One of her first foals was Fast Delivery, a three-time stakes winner at Turfway Park and an overall earner of \$263,835. Retired to Jacobs’s broodmare band, Fast Delivery produced Marquee Delivery in 2004. She also became a stakes performer and pocketed a nearly identical bankroll as her dam. With a record that included a pair of graded placings, she followed the family tradition and joined Jacobs’s breeding division. Her first foal, born in 2011, is Marquee Cal Gal.

Jacobs views his breeding and racing operation as a hobby and is practical with his decisions.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Oaklawn Updates EHV-1 Policy:

Oaklawn Park has updated its policy on horses shipping in from areas where there have been incidences of EHV-1. Effective Tuesday, Oaklawn will allow horses from Turfway Park to ship into the Arkansas track if they have a health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian that includes the following statement: "I have examined all the animals identified on this certificate within 72 hours of shipment date and found them to be free from signs of Equine Herpesvirus Myeloencephalopathy (EHM). During the last 28 days, these animals have not been exposed to EHM or located on an EHM confirmed or an EHM suspected premises." Turfway shippers should also have a valid rectal temperature at time of inspection and evidence of vaccination with a USDA approved modified live or killed virus vaccine for EHV-1 and Equine Influenza, administered not less than 14 days and not more than 90 days prior to the date of entry.

Beginning Mar. 15, horses from Turf Paradise will be allowed in the Oaklawn barn area under those same conditions.

However, until further notice, any horse that has been at the Thoroughbred Training Center in Lexington or at Belmont Park for the past 28 days will not be allowed on the Oaklawn grounds.

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New Vocations to Host Open Barn Event:

New Vocations' Racehorse Adoption Program will host its annual Open Barn and BBQ Event Apr. 27 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. To be held at New Vocations' Lexington facility on Mereworth Farm, guests can tour the facility and meet adoptable horses. The evening will include a Southern-style dinner, drinks and live music, followed by an hour-long educational demonstration in the indoor arena. Adoptable horses will be presented in-hand, after which professional horsemen will discuss a Thoroughbred's life experiences, including farm life, sales prep, breaking and track life, as well as how New Vocations prepares retired racehorses for second careers. A Q&A session on off-track Thoroughbred behavior will round out the evening. Guest of honor Donna Brothers will moderate the sessions. For more information and for tickets, visit newvocations.org. Proceeds from the event will benefit New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program, a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization.

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Guenthner Named Executive Director of BC Host Committee:

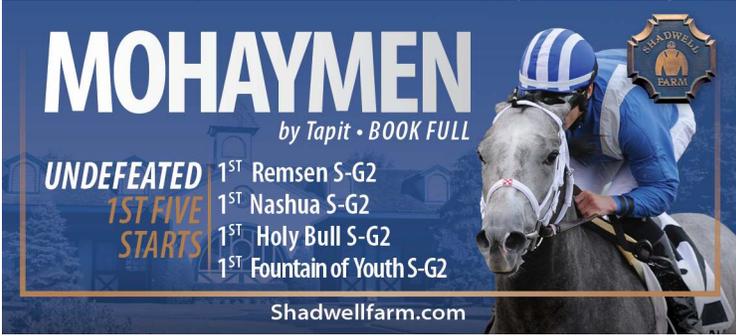
Tara Guenther, Chief Inspiration Officer of Hipp Inspired, a full-service meeting planning and event design management firm, has been appointed the executive director for the Host Committee of the 2018 Breeders' Cup championships in Louisville. The committee, made up of leaders from the public and private sectors, is responsible for coordinating and creating partnerships and events surrounding championship weekend.

"I look forward to working with the Louisville Breeders' Cup Host Committee to welcome the Breeders' Cup back to Louisville," said Guenther. "We've begun working with many in the community to prepare for an enjoyable week of events and we look forward to announcing our plans in the near future."

Guenther joins Host Committee Co-Chairs Jonathan Blue, chairman and managing director of Louisville's Blue Equity; Bruce Lunsford, chairman and CEO of Lunsford Capital; Dr. J. David Richardson, professor and vice chairman of surgery for the University of Louisville Physicians and Surgery; and Alex Rankin, chairman of Sterling G. Thompson Co. and newly elected chairman of the Churchill Downs Inc. board of directors.

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IRISH SWEEPSTAKES, 7, Any Given Saturday--Miss Blarney Stone, by Dynaformer

Foal born Jan. 24, a colt by War Dancer (first produce).

Will be bred back to War Dancer.

Owned by Robin Malatino, Saratoga Springs, NY.

Accomplishments: SP, \$189,677.

SOMALIA, 11, Mineshaft--Cosmic Wing, by Halo

Foal born Jan. 24, a colt by American Pharoah.

Will be bred back to Gun Runner.

Owned by Ross Kinder & Erv Woolsey.

Accomplishments: Dam of Miss Mo Mentum (Uncle Mo), SW, \$139,988.

BOUNDING (AUS), 7, Lonhro (Aus)--Believe'N'Succeed (Aus), by Exceed And Excel (Aus)

Foal born Feb. 1, a colt by Curlin.

Will be bred back to War Front.

Owned by and boarded at Stonestreet Farm.

Accomplishments: Ch. Sprinter & Ch. 3yo Filly-NZ, G1SW-NZ, GSW-Aus.

MACHA, 8, Majestic Warrior--Giant Leap, by Giant's Causeway

Foal born Feb. 2, a filly by More Than Ready.

Will be bred back to Classic Empire.

Owned by/boarded at Woodford Thoroughbreds, KY.

Accomplishments: GSP, \$156,015.

2018 Kentucky Derby Future Wager Pool 3

March 9-11

#	Horse	Morning Line Odds
1	Audible (Into Mischief)	8-1
2	Avery Island (Street Sense)	30-1
3	Bolt d'Oro (Medaglia d'Oro)	6-1
4	Bravazo (Awesome Again)	30-1
5	Catholic Boy (More Than Ready)	30-1
6	Combatant (Scat Daddy)	50-1
7	Flameway (Scat Daddy)	30-1
8	Free Drop Billy (Union Rags)	15-1
9	Gold Town (GB) (Street Cry {Ire})	30-1
10	Good Magic (Curlin)	15-1
11	Instilled Regard (Arch)	30-1
12	Justify (Scat Daddy)	15-1
13	Kanthaka (Jimmy Creed)	20-1
14	Magnum Moon (Malibu Moon)	30-1
15	McKinzie (Street Sense)	8-1
16	Mendelssohn (Scat Daddy)	30-1
17	My Boy Jack (Creative Cause)	30-1
18	Noble Indy (Take Charge Indy)	50-1
19	Promises Fulfilled (Shackleford)	8-1
20	Solomini (Curlin)	15-1
21	Sporting Chance (Tiznow)	30-1
22	Strike Power (Speightstown)	15-1
23	Vino Rosso (Curlin)	50-1
24	All Others	6-1

2018 Kentucky Oaks Future Wager

March 9-11

#	Horse	Morning Line Odds
1	Amy's Challenge (Artie Schiller)	30-1
2	Best Performance (Broken Vow)	30-1
3	C.S. Incharge (Take Charge Indy)	30-1
4	Caledonia Road (Quality Road)	10-1
5	Classy Act (Into Mischief)	15-1
6	Coach Rocks (Oxbow)	30-1
7	Cosmic Burst (Violence)	50-1
8	Dream Tree (Uncle Mo)	6-1
9	Eskimo Kisses (To Honor and Serve)	12-1
10	Gas Station Sushi (Into Mischief)	30-1
11	Heavenhasmynikki (Majestic Warrior)	30-1
12	Midnight Bisou (Midnight Lute)	6-1
13	Midnight Disguise (Midnight Lute)	30-1
14	Monomoy Girl (Tapizar)	5-1
15	Patrona Margarita (Special Rate)	50-1
16	Paved (Quality Road)	30-1
17	Rayya (Tiz Wonderful)	50-1
18	Red Ruby (Tiznow)	20-1
19	Sassy Sienna (Midshipman)	50-1
20	Spring Lily (Union Rags)	30-1
21	Take Charge Paula (Take Charge Indy)	15-1
22	Thirteen Squared (Liaison)	20-1
23	Wonder Gadot (Medaglia d'Oro)	30-1
24	All Others	8-1

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1	Tapit <i>(2001) by Pulpit FYR: 2006</i>	3	14	2	11	--	--	146	32	\$120,000	\$1,765,455
				<i>Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$300,000</i>						<i>Unique Bella</i>	
2	Candy Ride (Arg) <i>(1999) by Ride the Rails FYR: 2006</i>	6	9	2	3	1	1	112	36	\$7,000,000	\$8,355,518
				<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$80,000</i>						<i>Gun Runner</i>	
3	Into Mischief <i>(2005) by Harlan's Holiday FYR: 2010</i>	2	9	1	3	--	--	151	42	\$208,320	\$1,843,288
				<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$100,000</i>						<i>Audible</i>	
4	Blame <i>(2006) by Arch FYR: 2012</i>	3	9	2	4	--	--	84	27	\$120,000	\$1,135,610
				<i>Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$12,500</i>						<i>Fault</i>	
5	More Than Ready <i>(1997) by Southern Halo FYR: 2002</i>	3	8	2	5	--	--	123	33	\$262,835	\$1,700,333
				<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$60,000</i>						<i>Eagle Way (Aus)</i>	
6	Curlin <i>(2004) by Smart Strike FYR: 2010</i>	1	8	--	5	--	--	108	22	\$650,000	\$1,584,810
				<i>Stands: Hill 'N' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$150,000</i>						<i>Stellar Wind</i>	
7	Speightstown <i>(1998) by Gone West FYR: 2006</i>	3	7	1	3	--	--	103	29	\$350,202	\$1,574,875
				<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$100,000</i>						<i>Matera Sky</i>	
8	Medaglia d'Oro <i>(1999) by El Prado (Ire) FYR: 2006</i>	--	7	--	2	--	--	100	28	\$135,494	\$1,288,742
				<i>Stands: Jonabell Farm KY Fee: \$250,000</i>						<i>Classic Emperor</i>	
9	Bernardini <i>(2003) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2008</i>	--	7	--	4	--	--	129	21	\$81,600	\$992,574
				<i>Stands: Jonabell Farm KY Fee: \$85,000</i>						<i>Westwood</i>	
10	Street Sense <i>(2004) by Street Cry (Ire) FYR: 2009</i>	4	6	3	4	--	--	123	32	\$240,000	\$1,592,441
				<i>Stands: Jonabell Farm KY Fee: \$35,000</i>						<i>Tiger Moth</i>	
11	Malibu Moon <i>(1997) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2001</i>	3	6	1	2	--	--	152	30	\$146,680	\$1,330,999
				<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$75,000</i>						<i>Fly So High</i>	
12	Ghostzapper <i>(2000) by Awesome Again FYR: 2007</i>	2	6	1	2	--	--	106	28	\$118,740	\$1,035,267
				<i>Stands: Adena Springs KY Fee: \$85,000</i>						<i>Holy Helena</i>	
13	Giant's Causeway <i>(1997) by Storm Cat FYR: 2002</i>	1	6	--	3	--	--	123	22	\$89,080	\$921,001
				<i>Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$75,000</i>						<i>Chief Whip</i>	
14	Tiznow <i>(1997) by Cee's Tizzy FYR: 2003</i>	2	6	--	2	--	--	78	20	\$75,000	\$764,348
				<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$50,000</i>						<i>Red Ruby</i>	
15	War Front <i>(2002) by Danzig FYR: 2008</i>	2	6	--	4	--	--	68	11	\$57,617	\$568,292
				<i>Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$250,000</i>						<i>Homesman</i>	

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Finest Warrior, g, 3, **Majestic Warrior**--Won Perfect Rose, by Air Forbes Won. Busan, 3-4, Hcp. (\$85k), 1200m. B-Seth Gregory (NY). *Won by four lengths as the 1-5 favorite. *1/2 to Gold and Roses (Gold Token), MSW, \$877,966. **\$25,000 Ylg '16 FTNAUG; \$75,000 2yo '17 OBSMAR; \$80,000 2yo '17 FTMMAY.

Op Seven, c, 3, **Tale of Ekati**--Groundbreaker, by War Front. Seoul, 3-4, Hcp. (\$85k), 1200m. B-Douglas Arnold (KY). *\$19,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEEJAN; \$25,000 Ylg '16 FTKOCT.

Drop the Beat, c, 4, **Mad Flatter**--Kylie's Dream, by Valid Expectations. Busan, 3-4, Hcp. (\$104k), 1400m. B-Glenn E Brok LLC (PA). *\$40,000 2yo '16 FTMMAY.

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Samjung Tapit, g, 4, **Trappe Shot**--Pure Sarah, by Pure Prize. Seoul, 3-4, Hcp. (\$71k), 1400m. B-E H Beau Lane III (KY). *Won by six lengths as the 17-10 chalk. **\$37,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.

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IN BARBADOS:

Celestial Storm, f, 4, **Get Stormy**--Raging Storm, by Unbridled Energy. Garrison Savannah, 3-3, Sandy Lane Spa Sprint Stakes & Trophy (NB) (\$39k), 1100mT, 1:06.2. B-Pope McLean, Pope McLean Jr & Marc McLean (KY). *\$8,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$14,000 2yo '16 OBSJUN. **VIDEO**

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2 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-HOU, Msw 5fT, STORMY WORLD, 20-1

Holiday Promise (Harlan's Holiday)

13 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
 9-HOU, Msw 1 1/16mT, HOLIDAY JOKE, 10-1

Morning Line (Tiznow), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000

134 foals of racing age/19 winners/2 black-type winners
 6-DED, Aoc 7f, TIZ ALLUPTOME NOW, 8-1
 \$14,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl; \$15,500 TTA APR 2yo

New Year's Day (Street Cry {Ire}), Hill 'N' Dale Farms, \$12,500

112 foals of racing age/16 winners/0 black-type winners
 6-DED, Aoc 7f, MAGNANIMUS MAN, 15-1
 \$31,000 KEE JAN yrl

Overanalyze (Dixie Union), WinStar Farm, \$10,000

193 foals of racing age/32 winners/4 black-type winners
 6-DED, Aoc 7f, TOO TALL TONY, 6-1
 \$30,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$14,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl; \$23,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$20,000 RNA TTA APR 2yo

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-PRX, \$59,560, 3-6, (NW1X), 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:21.12, ft.

DIXIE SERENADE (f, 3, Uptowncharlybrown--Moonlight Serenade, by Malibu Moon) Lifetime Record: 8-2-4-0, \$126,520.
 O-Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC; B-Fantasy Lane Stable (PA);
 T-Edward J. Coletti, Jr.

4th-SUN, \$37,000, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 3-6, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:36.87, ft.

THUNDER DOME (g, 4, Dome--Lauren Lynn {MSP, \$123,137}, by Hadif) Lifetime Record: SW, 18-5-10-1, \$279,563. O-Carson, Sr. W. D., Carson, M. H. and Leach Racing LLC; B-Frank Richardson & Mooring (NM); T-Dallas J. Barton.

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8th-SUN, \$32,100, (S), 3-6, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03.45, ft. WAR WOUNDS (g, 5, Golden Ransom--Shasta T, by Forestry)
 Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-2, \$64,040. O-Gallegos Del Norte Racing; B-R Legacy Racing, Inc. (NM); T-Jose R. Gonzalez, Jr.

7th-HOU, \$22,000, 3-6, (C), 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:37.71, fm. POTOMAC RIVER (h, 9, English Channel--Reba's Approval, by With Approval) Lifetime Record: MGSW, 40-8-2-6, \$425,712.
 O-Maggie Camejo; B-Mereworth Farm (KY); T-Jose M. Camejo. *\$2,300 3yo '12 FTKFEB.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

B B's Busted, f, 3, **Bustin Stones**--B.b.'s Maze, by Monarch's Maze. PRX, 3-6, 6 1/2f, 1:22.70. B-John A Witte (NY).
Heritage Shamardal, f, 3, **El Kingdom**--Shame On You (Ire), by Shamardal. HOU, 3-6, 1 1/16mT, 1:47.07. B-Jose Luis Espinoza (KY).

Over Priced, c, 3, **Gemologist**--Beyond Price, by King of Kings (Ire). HOU, 3-6, 5fT, :59.27. B-Lantern Hill Farm LLC (KY). *\$25,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$65,000 RNA 2yo '17 EASMAY.

Smart Stuff, f, 3, **To Honor and Serve**--Smart Farming, by Smart Strike. MVR, 3-6, 1m, 1:45.58. B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. (KY). *\$23,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP.

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Slanted Truth, g, 3, **Violence**--Palm Beach Story, by Fusaichi Pegasus. MVR, 3-6, 1m, 1:42.56. B-T/C Stable, LLC (KY). *\$35,000 Ylg '16 FTKOCT.

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- BUSTIN STONES**, B B's Busted, f, 3, o/o B.b.'s Maze, by Monarch's Maze. MSW, 3-6, Parx Racing
- DOME**, Thunder Dome, g, 4, o/o Lauren Lynn, by Hadif. AOC, 3-6, Sunland Park
- EL KINGDOM**, Heritage Shamardal, f, 3, o/o Shame On You (Ire), by Shamardal. MSW, 3-6, Sam Houston
- ENGLISH CHANNEL**, Potomac River, h, 9, o/o Reba's Approval, by With Approval. ALW, 3-6, Sam Houston
- GEMOLOGIST**, Over Priced, c, 3, o/o Beyond Price, by King of Kings (Ire). MSW, 3-6, Sam Houston
- GOLDEN RANSOM**, War Wounds, g, 5, o/o Shasta T, by Forestry. ALW, 3-6, Sunland Park
- TO HONOR AND SERVE**, Smart Stuff, f, 3, o/o Smart Farming, by Smart Strike. MSW, 3-6, Mahoning Valley Race Course
- UPTOWNCHARLYBROWN**, Dixie Serenade, f, 3, o/o Moonlight Serenade, by Malibu Moon. ALW, 3-6, Parx Racing
- VIOLENCE**, Slanted Truth, g, 3, o/o Palm Beach Story, by Fusaichi Pegasus. MSW, 3-6, Mahoning Valley Race Course



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by Dan Ross

It was a trip that did it. Stopped the clock. Sealed the deal. Shot Cupid's arrow straight through the left ventricle.

"It was a real life-changing experience, because, at the time, I was already really falling in love with American racing, and the whole industry here," says Santa Anita-based trainer Dan Blacker, about a journey he took with his Darley Flying Start cohorts to the USA. The venue? Churchill Downs, that first Saturday in May, the year the ill-fated and unbeaten Barbaro did the honours in the style of a legend he would later become.

For a young Brit nourished on the bucolic tranquility of Oxfordshire's hills and dales, the mad bacchanal of Kentucky Derby day hit him with the force of a blunt trauma injury.

"It just blew me away," he says. The carnival theatrics. "The intensity." The sense of occasion. "The passion of the people who worked in the industry." It wasn't just one thing--it was the whole gestalt.

"America's the land of opportunity," he says, about a certain takeaway from that trip, which would be confirmed in spades over the years to come. "I felt like I would have opportunities here that I wouldn't have back home."

If Blacker, 35, sounds like a born-again who's proselytizing on behalf of the American consulate, that's because he has good reason to. Since taking out his trainer's licence in California, he's steadily grown the firepower in his stable, which began with three horses in 2011. No mean feat, especially during a time when racetracks in the state have been shuttered and finances rocky. Last year, he posted by far his best season yet, with 13 winners and over \$500,000 in earnings.

What's more, numbers on the home front have been steadily growing, too. Blacker married TVG host Christina Olivares in 2012, and they have three young daughters: Margo, four, Violet, two, and Eliza, a weanling.

"I started with nothing, and I think Americans are very open to giving young people a chance, whereas back home, it's much harder. You need more backing, a big name behind you," he says. "Here, if you're passionate, and you show you can win races, people will give you a shot. It doesn't matter where you're from, what your last name is, if you're winning, people are going to give you a shot. That's what I love most about America." [Cont. p2](#)

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What's intriguing, however, is to compare the certainty and conviction of the 2018 Blacker with the uncertainty and ambivalence of the younger version.

His father is world-renowned equine sculptor Philip Blacker, who, prior to picking up the rasp and riffler was an accomplished jump jockey--he of Pollardstown fame (winner of the 1979 Triumph Hurdle). There was no helicopter parenting with Philip. The young Blacker messed around with horses, did a bit of showjumping, helped out at trainer Nicky Henderson's stable.

"But my father never encouraged me to go into racing," he says. Instead, Blacker eventually found himself, with the encouragement of a teacher, attending Edinburgh University, pursuing a degree in environmental geoscience. What could he do with that? Oil and gas exploration was one possible path. But it was during his time

at Edinburgh that the roots of Blacker's actual career were dug and planted.

For a bit of spare cash, Blacker formed one third of an unholy trinity of students from Edinburgh--which included Sam Waley-Cohen (future Cheltenham Gold Cup-winning amateur jump jockey), and Ed Sackville (future bloodstock agent)--who rode out for nearby trainer Peter Monteith. "They were good times," he recalls.

Back then, "I wasn't really sure I wanted to be a trainer," he admits. But he was able to appreciate the unusual alchemy of Monteith's outfit, noted for sweetening the soured outcasts from other stables--in particular, those horses owner David Johnson would shift from Martin

Pipe's conveyor belt of winners. "We'd get these horses that would come in three-legged, and he would really just nurse them back," says Blacker.



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Monteith was a "great trainer, great horseman," he says. And the horses, "when they got to the races they were so tough. We would gallop around this ploughed field, and they'd be knee-deep in a bog. Gallop up a hill that was 45 degrees. And they'd get turned out in a huge paddock all day and night to run around."

In 2010, Monteith took his own life. "It's just so sad that he was so miserable inside. He's another example of someone you'd least suspect. He was always so happy, really positive." Indeed, Blacker credits Monteith with being "so influential" in his decision to eventually train--a decision that found another gear when Blacker was accepted into the Darley Flying Start programme, in 2005.

"Flying Start, that was a major turning point in my life, from not being totally sure what I wanted to do to being totally sure," he states.

Blacker speaks in epochs. The life-changing culture shock of the Kentucky Derby. Monteith's reform school for equine misfits that turned him away from oil and gas back towards hay, oats and saddle soap. The flying start given to him by Flying Start. When Blacker spent, as part of that programme, three months with the California-based, Hall of Fame-inducted Gandalf of the training game, Richard Mandella, "that's when I fell in love with California, and Californian racing," he says.

After Mandella, Blacker spent time with, among others, Australian trainer David Hayes--part of his Flemington string, back when Miss Finland was Queen Bee of Aussie racing (and Winx was a mere twinkle in Street Cry's eye). And in England with Jeremy Noseda, back when Sixties Icon and Fleeting Spirit were winning Group 1 races at both ends of the stamina spectrum. But Blacker couldn't shake the memory of Mandella. And so, when his two-year Flying Start placement was over, like a boomerang he rounded back on Southern California, to Mandella, as assistant.

So, what was it about Mandella that Blacker found so instructive?

"I'd grown up around horses, I felt like I knew horses, and was pretty confident that I really understood horses," he says. "But when I worked for Mandella, I realised that I had so much more to learn. There was this whole other aspect of horsemanship I didn't know about." Mandella, Blacker says, is a problem solver. "When he sees a problem, he wants to fix it. I'd like to think that I am partially in that mindset as well."

He believes a science degree helps with this analytical side of modern training. "I have a lot of conversations with my vet that I don't think I'd be able to unless I have that scientific manner," says Blacker. "We try and eliminate every variable that could be causing an issue, and approach the problem in a manner that makes sense scientifically." **Cont. p4**

Dan Blacker: A California Convert Cont.

Perhaps it's not surprising, then--if you see improvement as commensurate with evolution--that he says he's evolved as a trainer.

"When you start training, you have an idea of how you would like things to work. But you're constantly tweaking the system to improve it. I've probably morphed into a more California-style trainer than when I started, because you've got to do what works, and what produces winners."

By "California-style trainer," Blacker means one thing in particular: speed. "California's a really tough place to keep horses sound--tougher than the East Coast, even. The way we train. The speed. It produces winners, but one of the downsides of that is the high attrition rate."

This helps to explain why Blacker believes America, and California in particular, is a must-do for aspiring trainers looking for a one-stop-shop instruction course. "We train hard here, and consequently we see more problems," he says. "It really changed the way I think about training. It's a very intensive way of learning."

Certain horses are more equipped to handle this environment than others, and when Blacker goes shopping in Europe, he carries a wish list for horses that have or like: fast ground, a turn of foot, "nice to see them come from behind," lightness on feet, and a lighter frame.

He says, "Generally, the big heavy types don't work here. You have to have a good mind. When they come here, it's so intense, if you have a really nervous one over there, it's only going to be more pronounced."

It would be fair to say, too, that Blacker's own mental equilibrium endured a testing time during his first few years with a licence. He started well, enjoyed a few nice winners, but then, "I maybe rested on my laurels a bit," he says. "Things slowed down a bit."

He started hustling for new owners--something he should have done when the winners were easier to come by, he admits. "Trying to get new owners and horses to your barn when you're not really doing well, that's almost impossible."

But the perseverance has paid off. A turning point was when Brad Kelley's Calumet Farm joined the fold. "When I got a big Kentucky name behind me, I think people saw that, and I think that was the start of the success I enjoyed last year."

Indeed, Blacker's patron list now includes Spendthrift Farm, Bourbon Lane Stables, and the Melbourne 10 syndicate. Special mention, he says, should go to John Harris, of Harris Farms. "He's probably been my biggest supporter right from the beginning. I probably wouldn't be training today were it not for him."

And special mention, too, to his wife, Christina: "I know it's a cliché, but she really has been my rock throughout all of this." People often ask Blacker whether he intends returning to the UK to train. His response? "My wife's American. My children are basically American. They're going to go to school here. I don't think it's a likely scenario. But, never say never. This business is so fickle."

He does return home "once or twice a year" for the Tattersalls Horses in Training sales and also for holidays. "I took the family back home for Christmas." Staying in touch with old friends is a sticky business. "I'm just so busy. I have my children, now. A year goes by, two years, three years. When you're on the

racetrack, you never get time to do anything that's considered normal."

He surfs a bit. Skis even less. Between training and family, there's time for little else. But you get the sense that that's not a terribly big problem--and, when he talks about the effect the California gold-dust has on the European horses that arrive in America, it might, just might, be a subconscious metaphor for the effect it's had on himself.



Blacker pictured with successful Spendthrift stallion and Mandella trainee Into Mischief after the GI CashCall Futurity in 2007.

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Dan Blacker: A California Convert Cont.

He says, "When they come over here, they just have this affinity with the way we train. The way we feed. The climate. The track surface. The sunshine. All these things. They just flourish. They go through this transformation and become a better racehorse."

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FRANCE

**Tuesday's Results:**

4th-CHY, €40,000, 3-6, 4yo/up, 1 3/16m (AWT), 1:55.95, st. TALISMANIC (GB) (h, 5, **Medaglia d'Oro--Magic Mission {GB} {GSW & GISP-US, GSP-Fr, \$398,111}, by Machiavellian), the 2017 GI Breeders' Cup Turf hero who was returning from a brief winter break having finished second in the G1 Hong Kong Vase in December, raced keenly in second initially. Gaining the advantage and first run on stable companion Cloth of Stars (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}) with a quarter mile to race, the 13-10 second favourite surged away from him from the furlong pole**

and registered an ultimately-decisive 1 3/4-length success. Godolphin's Lisa-Jane Graffard outlined Dubai plans for both.

"That was a nice introduction for both horses and both will definitely ship to Dubai next, with Talismanic set for the Dubai World Cup and Cloth of Stars heading to the Sheema Classic. For Talismanic, it will be his first time on dirt and we hope everything will go well."

A half-brother to the winning dam of G3 Prix des Chenes heroine Stage Magic (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Talismanic's third dam is Grade III winner Capo Di Monte (Ire) (Final Straw {GB}). The last named is a half-sister to German highweight Wind in Her Hair (Ire) (Alzao), responsible for two-time Japanese Horse of the Year and Japan's current superstar sire Deep Impact (Jpn) (Sunday Silence), his full-brother, SW and Group 1 sire Black Tide (Jpn) (Sunday Silence) and two other SWs. Magic Mission had the unraced 4-year-old Pivotal Mission (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) and the winning sophomore gelding Edef Xam (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}) to follow Talismanic, but her 2016 Invincible Spirit (Ire) colt died. She was barren to Muhaarar (GB) last spring. Lifetime Record: GISW-US, GSW-Fr & G1SP-HK, 18-7-6-1, €2,947,793. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Godolphin; B-Darley (GB); T-Andre Fabre.

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Talismanic (Medaglia d'Oro) defeating Cloth of Stars (Sea the Stars) at Chantilly. [Click here for race replay](#) | Scoop Dyga

French Report Cont.

2nd-CHY, €40,000, 3-6, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.49, st.

CITY LIGHT (FR) (c, 4, Siyouni {Fr}--Light Saber {Fr}, by Kendor {Fr}), who finished runner-up in the G3 Prix Texanita at Maisons-Laffitte last May, was last seen finishing second in the Listed Prix Luthier over 7 1/2 furlongs on Deauville' Polytrack in December and raced with enthusiasm in a close-up second throughout the early stages. Sent to the lead with 300 metres remaining, the 7-1 shot stayed on to secure a comfortable 3/4-of-a-length success from Rosa Imperial (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}). "I'm delighted with that performance and he was trained especially for that," trainer Stephane Wattel commented. "He likes the surface and the trip and I think he won convincingly. He will now be invited for the All-Weather Championships Finals Day [at Lingfield Mar. 30] and will likely go there." The dam, who also has a 2-year-old colt by Authorized (Ire), is like the MSW and MGSP Athanor (Fr) (Ashkalani {Ire}) a product of Leariva (Irish River {Fr}). Successful in the G1 Budweiser International and G2 Prix d'Astarte, she is in turn a daughter of the G2 Prix de Malleret-winning French highweight Leandra (Fr) (Luthier {Fr}) who also threw the GII Buena Vista H. scorer Lexa (Fr) (Sanglamore). Sales history: €55,000 Ylg '15 ARQOCT. Lifetime Record: GSP-Fr, 11-3-5-0, €107,150. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Ecurie Jean-Louis Bouchard; B-SARL Jedburgh Stud & Mme I Corbani (FR); T-Stephane Wattel.

6th-CHY, €40,000, 3-6, 3yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:42.28, st.

HUNAINA (IRE) (f, 4, Tamayuz {GB}--Hanakiyya {Ire}, by Danehill Dancer {Ire}), who was purchased for €140,000 out of the Aga Khan's draft at the Goffs November Sale, had repaid that investment instantly when dead-heating for third in the 7 1/2-furlong Listed Prix Miss Satamixa on the Polytrack at Deauville Jan. 5 and took a lead from the classy Robin of Navan (Fr) (American Post {GB}) throughout the early stages. Edging ahead of that rival with 300 metres to race, the 5-1 shot kicked clear and was kept up to her work to score by 3/4 of a length from last year's G3 Prix Paul de Moussac winner and G1 Prix Jean Prat runner-up Trais Fluors (GB) (Dansili {GB}). "She had improved a lot since her last run and is a lovely-looking filly who was ready for that," trainer Henri-Francois Devin explained. "She was also receiving a lot of weight [10 pounds] from a horse who had not run for a long time, so that probably made the difference. She is in a listed race at Kempton in a month's time and later she could develop into a group winner on good ground."



Hunaina beating a small but select field at Chantilly | Scoop Dyga

Hunaina, who has three half-siblings yet to race for her breeder in the 3-year-old filly Hanvarana (Ire) (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}), a 2-year-old filly by Sea the Moon (Ger) and a yearling colt by Australia (GB), could prove a bargain purchase as she hails from the family of the G1 English and Irish Derby hero Harzand (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}). Her dam is a half to the smart pair of black-type performers Hanabad (Ire) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) and Hamairi (Ire) (Spectrum {Ire}) and the dam of Seal of Approval (GB) (Authorized {Ire}) who captured the G1 British Champions Fillies & Mares S. Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 15-4-5-1, €79,772. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Trevor C Stewart; B-His Highness The Aga Khan's Studs S C (IRE); T-Henri-Francois Devin.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

1st-NTS, €22,000, 3-6, 3yo, 8fT, 1:49.22, vhy.

CALISTE (GB) (c, 3, Intense Focus--Russian Hill {GB} {SW & MGSP-Fr, \$217,127}, by Indian Ridge {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, €20,350. O-Baron Edouard de Rothschild; B-Societe Civile de L'Ecurie de Meautry (GB); T-Henri-Alex Pantall. *1/2 to Russian Soul (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), GSW-Ire & SW-UAE, \$559,580.

4th-NTS, €22,000, 3-6, 3yo, 11fT, 2:39.68, vhy.

FRENCH KING (GB) (c, 3, French Fifteen {Fr}--Marina Piccola {Ire}, by Halling) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-2, €27,600. O-H H Sheikh Abdulla bin Khalifa Al Thani; B-Umm Qarn Farms (GB); T-Henri-Alex Pantall. *€50,000 Wlg '15 ARDEC.

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NORDIC LIGHTS (GB) (Intello {Ger}) makes his belated debut for Godolphin and Charlie Appleby, having cost 575,000gns at the Craven Breeze-Up last April. The half-brother to the black-type performers Sabratah (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) and Raw Impulse (GB) (Makfi {GB}), he is joined by the stable's 500,000gns TATOCT graduate **Night Story (GB) (Shamardal)**, a gelded son of the G3 Princess Royal S. winner Love Everlasting (GB) (Pursuit of Love {GB}).

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- Recorder (GB) has his first five mares scanned in foal, among them G1SP La Hogue (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}); Lidana (Ire) (King's Best), the dam of G1SW Mont Ormel (Fr) (Air Chief Marshal {Ire}); and Belle De Belle (Fr) (Big Bad Bob {Ire}), who was SP as a juvenile.
- "Recorder has a great mind, like many sons of Galileo (Ire), and everything he does is easy," said Mathieu Alex of Haras de Montfort and Preaux. "He is very professional already and starts the breeding season fantastic as the first five mares scanned are all in foal. We are very excited and honoured to stand this well-bred group winning 2-year-old. Thanks to Her Majesty

the Queen and many breeders from France and abroad, Recorder will cover a very nice book of mares and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support."

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INGLIS BOOK 1 ENDS ON A HIGH

The final session of Book 1 of the Inglis Melbourne Premier Yearling Sale took place on Tuesday and it was a case of saving the best for last, as the two highest priced yearlings of the sale changed hands. Although some way removed from last year's A\$1.4-million sale topper, the A\$500,000 that Godolphin paid for a daughter (lot 470) of Coolmore stallion Fastnet Rock (Aus) on Tuesday still helped the sale keep tabs on last year's figures. Aggregate for Book 1 amounted to A\$49,936,500, just under A\$3-million shy of last year when six yearlings made A\$500k or more compared to one this year. The clearance rate dipped two points to 83% and the average of A\$118,333 represented a 4% decrease on 2017. The median however settled at A\$100,000, the same as 2017.

"Last year was the best Premier Yearling Sale we have ever had and this year's version is right on par with that, so we must be satisfied with that," Inglis' Victorian Bloodstock Manager Simon Vivian said. "There were many fantastic results for many people, both vendors and buyers. To the team at Woodside Park especially, to be overall leading vendor and have your two stallions in Written Tycoon and Zoustar lead the way on the sires' list as well is a magnificent achievement."

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Lot 470 by Fastnet Rock | Inglis

Inglis Book 1 Ends on a High Cont.

“She’s a quality filly by a champion stallion out of a Group 3-winning mare,” Godolphin’s Racing and Bloodstock Manager Jason Walsh said after the team had acquired the sale-topping filly, offered by Rushton Park as **lot 470**.

The bay is out of the five time winner Lady Melksham (Aus) (Artie Schiller) whose victories included the G3 WW Cockram S. over six furlongs at Caulfield. “One of the things we’re trying to source this year is a bit of diversity and top-class racing prospects that can hopefully do it on the racecourse and ultimately join our broodmare program and we thought she was a filly capable of doing both those things.”

Lot 528 earned the distinction of being the sale’s second highest price yearling when selling to Darren Weir Racing and John Foote Bloodstock for A\$450,000. The colt, by Snitzel (Aus),



Lot 528 | Inglis

was offered by Mill Park Stud out of Miss With Attitude (Aus) (Galileo {Ire}) whose five-race winning career also included several placings at group level.

Speaking to *Racing.com* after the sale John Foote said, “You’d always like to pay less but we knew we’d have to give something like that. Yulong were underbidders and they made us work for him, but we wanted this particular colt for a client in Hong Kong and we are very happy to get him.”

When asked what drew him to the colt Foote added, “He’s by Snitzel who is the best sire in the country, he’s out of a good mare and he is a good looking horse so he ticked all the boxes.”

Three other yearlings on Tuesday made A\$400k or more including a pair by I Am Invincible (Aus). The first of these, **lot 550**, from Rosemont Stud was knocked down to Cloud 9 Thoroughbreds for A\$400,000.

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SNITZEL
 2017 Season

Australia's Champion Sire
 Champion 3YO Sire
 Champion 2YO Sire
 Record progeny earnings
 of \$16,220,135
 Record 32 individual 2YO winners
 Record-equalling 26 individual
 stakeswinners
 G1 Galaxy Stakes quinella
 & G1 Sires' Produce Stakes trifecta

Inglis Book 1 Ends on a High Cont.

Just two hips later **lot 552**, a colt offered by Yarraman Park Stud and a half-brother to a champion filly in Alinghi (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}), sold for the same amount to Blue Sky Bloodstock. This sale helped Yarraman Park end up as leading vendor by average with a figure of A\$258,750.

Woodside Park Stud sold A\$3,945,000 worth of yearlings, more than any other vendor and the stud's Murray Tillet was thrilled with his farm's overall results. "Leading vendor is a great credit to the staff. This is our main sale of the year, we're a Victorian farm, this will always be where we try and sell the quality of the VOBIS horses that we've got," he said. Woodside had further reason for cheer as their resident stallions Zoustar (Aus) and Written Tycoon (Aus) finished up the leading sires by aggregate with receipts of A\$4,855,000 and A\$4,367,500 respectively.

"People do have to remember these Written Tycoons are off a service fee of A\$18,000," Tillet said. "We know what he's got on the ground next year off a A\$45,000 service fee, wait until you see what happens with them down here next year at Oaklands."

Tony McEvoy of McEvoy Mitchell Racing was leading buyer by aggregate, spending \$1,820,000 while Chinese owner Zhang Yuesheng continued his increasing global investment in racing

through his Yu Long Investments, purchasing 14 lots in total. The single session Book 2 of the Melbourne Premier Yearling Sale begins at 11 a.m. local time tomorrow with 206 yearlings catalogued.

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SESSION TOPPERS

INGLIS MELBOURNE PREMIER YEARLING SALE - DAY 3 TOP LOTS

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
470	f	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Lady Melksham (Aus)	500,000
<i>B-Campolina Pty Ltd, Coolmore Pty Ltd (Vic)</i>				
Consigned by Rushton Park				
Purchased by Godolphin Australia				
528	c	Snitzel (Aus)	Miss With Attitude (Aus)	450,000
<i>B-Mill Park, L Bibbo (SA)</i>				
Consigned by Mill Park Stud				
Purchased by Darren Weir/John Foote Bloodstock				





SNITZEL

2018 Season
with five months remaining

Australia's Leading Sire
by over \$7.7 million

Leading 3YO Sire

Record progeny earnings
of over \$18 million

21 individual stakeswinners,
6 from breaking the record

G1 Oakleigh Plate quinella

Toppers Cont.

488 f Fastnet Rock (Aus) Lonhpresso (Aus) 400,000
B-D & E Dance, Bungam ST Tbreeds (Vic)
 Consigned by Esker Lodge
 Purchased by Griffiths Racing/CB Bloodstock

550 f I Am Invincible (Aus) Oasis Bloom (Aus) 400,000
B-Saconi Thoroughbreds, Bing Ong Tan, A Zagami (Vic)
 Consigned by Rosemont Stud
 Purchased by Cloud 9 Thoroughbreds

552 c I Am Invincible (Aus) Oceanfast (Aus) 400,000
B-Yarraman Park Stud Pty Ltd, Miller Thoroughbreds (NSW)
 Consigned by Yarraman Park
 Purchased by Blue Sky Bloodstock



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INGLIS MELBOURNE PREMIER YEARLING SALE

SESSION TOTALS	2018	2017
• Catalogued	202	200
• Number Offered	182	187
• Number Sold	143	156
• Not Sold	39	31
• Clearance Rate	79%	83%
• No. A\$500K+	1	2
• High Price	A\$500,000	A\$6250,000
• Gross	A\$16,343,000	A\$18,552,500
• Average (% change)	A\$114,287 (-3%)	A\$118,926
• Median (% change)	A\$95,000 (+5%)	A\$90,000
CUMULATIVE	2018	2017
• Catalogued	564	550
• Number Offered	510	508
• Number Sold	422	431
• Not Sold	88	77
• Clearance Rate	83%	85%
• No. A\$500K+	1	6
• High Price	A\$500,000	A\$1,400,000
• Gross	A\$49,936,500	A\$52,927,500
• Average (% change)	A\$118,333 (-4%)	A\$122,802
• Median (% change)	A\$100,000	A\$100,000



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ROYAL ASCOT ON AGENDA FOR 'NAVY'

Group 1 winner **Merchant Navy (Aus)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) has Royal Ascot on his agenda assuming he comes through his weekend assignment in the G1 Newmarket H. The Aaron Purcell-trained colt will likely target the G1 Diamond Jubilee S. on the final day of Royal Ascot in June, but the trainer is hopeful the colt can add to his Group 1 tally in the 1200m event at Flemington on Saturday.

"I think he's spot on," Purcell told *Racing.com*. "He galloped this morning at Sandown and it's probably the best he's galloped this preparation. He looks terrific and his weight's great."

Merchant Navy already staked his claim as a future stallion when winning the G1 Coolmore Stud S. at Flemington last November, a victory that led to the colt being purchased by Coolmore Stud and leased back to his current ownership group to continue his racing career. A prominent display on Saturday will see Purcell planning a raid on the English race that Australia last plundered with Black Caviar (Aus) (Bel Esprit {Aus}) in 2012.

"If he wins or runs well, I'm sure the Ascot trip will be spoken about and it's definitely on the cards," Purcell confirmed.

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Merchant Navy | *Racing.com*

RETIREMENT BECKONS FOR LINDOP

Multiple Group 1 winning jockey Clare Lindop has announced her intention to retire from the saddle in May after this year's Adelaide Racing Carnival. In a career spanning 23 years Lindop has ridden over 1,400 winners with four of those coming at the top level and over 50 in stakes races. Lindop has also been a pioneer for female jockeys, becoming the first Australian woman to ride in the G1 Melbourne Cup, the first woman to win the Adelaide Premiership and also the first to win the G1 Victoria Derby.

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Retirement Beckons for Lindop Cont.

“I want to thank everyone who has helped and supported me throughout my career. I’ve enjoyed the journey and have been privileged to work with some wonderful colleagues, trainers, officials and administrators, many of whom I consider dear friends,” Lindop said on Tuesday.

Lindop got married last year and is keeping her options open over what path she will follow when she hangs up her saddle. “Since marrying Damien Wilton last year I have been thinking about my future beyond racing. I’m excited for my next chapter, whether I remain involved in the racing community, or pursue new challenges in business or parenthood. I’m extremely passionate about racing, women in sport and I hope to become more actively involved with charity work,” she added.

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AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

IN SOUTH KOREA:

Dubai Teukgeup (Aus), g, 3, **Poet’s Voice (GB)**--Pentelikon (Aus) (MSP-Aus, A\$217,350), by Vettori (Ire). Busan, 3-4, Hcp. (A\$90k), 1400m. B-MacQuarie Stud (NSW). *A\$14,000 RNA Wlg ‘15 INGWBS; A\$21,000 Ylg ‘16 MMNAT; A\$65,000 2yo ‘16 MMGC2YO.

Storm Navy Seal (Aus), c, 3, **Sepoy (Aus)**--Shiny Mai (Aus), by Keltrice (Aus). Seoul, 3-3, Hcp. (A\$72k), 1300m. B-D & E Dance & Partners (Vic). *1/2 to Uxorious (Aus) (Choiris {Aus}), GSW-Aus, A\$287,088; and Shiny Buttons (Aus) (Reset {Aus}), GSP-Aus, A\$256,343. **A\$70,000 Ylg ‘16 INGMEL.

IN SOUTH AFRICA:

My Favourite Brown (Aus), g, 5, **Big Brown--Collodi (Aus)**, by Testa Rossa (Aus). Vaal, 3-6, Hcp., 1800mT, 1:49.91. O-Messrs J F & L M F Wernars; B-L Tall (NSW); T-J A Janse van Vuuren. *A\$60,000 Ylg ‘14 INGMEL.

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A Daily Roundup of Racing Articles in Non-Industry Media

Macau Has Horse Racing?

Macau’s infamous Canidrome greyhound track is to close in July but the gambling hub’s racecourse has committed to a major investment with a focus on leisure, entertainment and sports. **Michael Cox, South China Morning Post**

AUSTRALIAN GROUP 1 RACES – 2017/2018		
Date	Race	Track
Mar. 10	Randwick Guineas	Randwick
	Canterbury S.	Randwick
	Australian Cup	Flemington
	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
	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
Apr. 14	Queen Elizabeth S.	Randwick
	Sydney Cup	Randwick
	ATC Oaks	Randwick
Apr. 21	All Aged S.	Randwick
	Champagne S.	Randwick
	Queen of the Turf S.	Randwick
May 5	Schweppes Oaks	Morphettville
	UBET Classic	Morphettville
May 12	Doomben 10,000 S.	Doomben

Saturday, Meydan, United Arab Emirates, post time: 6:55 p.m. (9:55 a.m. EST/2:55 p.m. GMT)

AL MAKTOUM CHALLENGE R3 SPONSORED BY EMIRATES AIRLINE-G1, \$400,000 (£288,042/€322,674), NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 2000m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Furia Cruzada (Chi)	Newfoundland	Charpy	Fresu	121
2	Thunder Snow (Ire)	Helmet (Aus)	bin Suroor	Murphy	125
3	Second Summer 	Summer Bird	Watson	Dobbs	125
4	Montsarrat (Ire)	Poet's Voice (GB)	bin Ghadayer	Ziani	125
5	Capezzano	Bernardini	bin Ghadayer	Barzalona	125
6	North America (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Seemar	Mullen	125
7	Cosmo Charlie	Stay Thirsty	Watson	Hitchcott	125
8	Team Talk (GB)	Teofilo (Ire)	bin Suroor	Cosgrave	125
9	Saltarin Dubai (Arg)	E Dubai	Seemar	De Sousa	125
10	Eragon (Arg)	Offlee Wild	Murphy	O'Shea	125
11	Boynnton 	More Than Ready	Appleby	Buick	125
12	Special Fighter (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Al Mheiri	Jara	125

Saturday, Meydan, United Arab Emirates, post time: 6:20 p.m. (9:20 a.m. EST/2:20 p.m. GMT)

JEBEL HATTA SPONSORED BY EMIRATES AIRLINE-G1, \$300,000 (£215,984/€241,894), NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 1800mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Promising Run	Hard Spun	bin Suroor	Bentley	121
2	Folkswood (GB)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	Appleby	Buick	125
3	Blair House (Ire)	Pivotal (GB)	Appleby	Doyle	125
4	Rodaini 	Exchange Rate	bin Harmash	De Sousa	125
5	GM Hopkins (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Ramadhan	Atzeni	125
6	Eqiraan (Ire)	Helmet (Aus)	Al Rayhi	O'Neill	125
7	Leshlaa	Street Cry (Ire)	bin Suroor	Cosgrave	125
8	Janoobi (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	de Kock	Crowley	125
9	Whisky Baron (Aus)	Manhattan Rain (Aus)	Crawford	O'Donoghue	125
10	Benbatl (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	bin Suroor	Murphy	125
11	Above N Beyond (GB)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	bin Harmash	Mosse	125

Saturday, Meydan, United Arab Emirates, post time: 7:30 p.m. (10:30 a.m. EST/3:30 p.m. GMT)

DUBAI CITY OF GOLD S. SPONSORED BY EMIRATES SKYCARGO-G2, \$250,000 (£180,002/€201,583), NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 2410mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Earnshaw	Medaglia d'Oro	bin Ghadayer	Barzalona	126
2	Frontiersman (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Appleby	Doyle	126
3	Called to the Bar (Ire)	Henrythenavigator	Brandt	Guyon	123
4	Janszoon (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Al Rayhi	De Sousa	123
5	Elhaame (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	bin Suroor	Murphy	126
6	Gold Star (GB)	Nathaniel (GB)	bin Suroor	Crowley	123
7	Newlands (Aus)	Mugharreb	Gray	Mullen	126
8	Memorial Day (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	bin Suroor	Mosse	126
9	Trouble of Course (Fr)	Rajsaman (Fr)	Petersen	Graberg	126
10	Al Sahem (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	de Kock	O'Donoghue	126
11	Hawkbill 	Kitten's Joy	Appleby	Buick	126
12	Gilt Complex (NZ)	Gold Centre (Aus)	Brown	de Vries	126
13	Treasure Notes (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Fresu	bin Harmash	126
14	Best Solution (Ire)	Kodiak (GB)	bin Suroor	Cosgrave	123

Saturday, Meydan, United Arab Emirates, post time: 4:35 p.m. (7:35 a.m. EST/12:35 p.m. GMT)

MAHAB AL SHIMAAL S. SPONSORED BY EMIRATES SKYWARDS-G3, \$200,000 (£144,010/€161,299), NH/SH3yo/up, 1200m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Krypton Factor (GB)	Kyllachy (GB)	Nass	Fresu	126
2	Wonder of Qatar (Ire)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Bouresly	O'Shea	126
3	Comicas	Distorted Humor	Appleby	Buick	126
4	Jordan Sport (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Nass	de Vries	126
5	Taamol (Ire)	Helmet (Aus)	Al Rayhi	Crowley	126
6	United Color 	Ghostzapper	G Selvaratnam	B Doyle	126
7	Wild Dude	Wildcat Heir	bin Harmash	De Sousa	126
8	Yalta (Ire)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	bin Ghadayer	Barzalona	126
9	Dubai One (Ire)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	bin Suroor	Murphy	121
10	My Catch (Ire)	Camacho (GB)	Watson	Dobbs	126
11	Raven's Corner (Ire)	Raven's Pass	Seemar	Mullen	126

Saturday, Meydan, United Arab Emirates, post time: 5:45 p.m. (8:45 a.m. EST/1:45 p.m. GMT)

BURJ NAHAAR SPONSORED BY EMIRATES HOLIDAYS-G3, \$200,000 (£143,990/€161,264), NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 1600m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Kimbear 	Temple City	Watson	Dobbs	125
2	Ross (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Schiergen	De Vries	125
3	Top Clearance	Majestic Warrior	Selvaratnam	Doyle	125
4	Drafted	Field Commission	Watson	Hitchcott	125
5	Musawaat (GB)	Equiano (Fr)	Nass	De Sousa	125
6	God's Speed (Ire)	Oratorio (Ire)	Bruss	Fayd'Herbe	125
7	Classic Emperor 	Medaglia d'Oro	So	Murphy	125
8	Grey Britain (GB)	Arcano (Ire)	Ryan	Mosse	125
9	Fantastic Four (Arg)	Forestry	Bruss	Doyle	125
10	Secret Ambition (GB)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	Seemar	Mullen	125
11	Daily Bulletin 	Medaglia d'Oro	Al Rayhi	O'Shea	125
12	Dream Castle (GB)	Frankel (GB)	bin Suroor	Cosgrave	125
13	Heavy Metal (GB)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	bin Ghadayer	Barzalona	125



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