



## GIANT'S CAUSEWAY (1997-2018)



Giant's Causeway | Coolmore photo

by Alan Carasso

After **Giant's Causeway** (Storm Cat--Mariah's Storm, by Rahy) dropped the narrowest of decisions in the 2000 GI Breeders' Cup Classic, following one of the greatest stretch battles in the history of the event, jockey Mick Kinane told the *Irish Times*: "If his progeny inherit a fraction of his speed and courage, the sport will be spoilt for champions." That statement could not have been more prescient about "The Iron Horse," who died after a brief illness at his birthplace at Ashford Stud in Versailles, Kentucky, the night of April 16, 2018. He was 21 years of age.

A sleek chestnut with a unique blaze, Giant's Causeway was the first foal for his brilliant dam, who was bought by the Coolmore connections for a 'mere' \$2.6 million at the 1996 Keeneland November sale carrying the Storm Cat foal in utero. Never worse than second in his 13 career appearances, including six Group 1 tallies, Giant's Causeway became a three-time leading sire, whose progeny excelled on all surfaces in all corners of the globe.

"To foal, raise and race a horse of Giant's Causeway's caliber is every owner/breeder's dream, so for him to stand as a stallion at his birthplace, and go on to be a three-time champion sire is nothing short of sensational," commented Coolmore America manager Dermot Ryan. **Cont. p3**

## A CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT FOR ONTARIO HORSEMAN LIMA by Perry Lefko

Sam Lima has been an ardent supporter of Canadian horse racing in a variety of capacities for more than 50 years, and now he is being rewarded for it with a special Sovereign Award to be presented Thursday night in Toronto. The 88-year-old will stand alongside the best in Canadian horse racing in 2017 while being recognized for his ongoing contributions as a horseman and an advocate for backstretch workers. Lima will be only the 11th recipient of the special Sovereign Award and the first one in 11 years.

Lima has owned horses for 55 years in addition to working tirelessly as an executive of the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association of Ontario. He has also been the longtime President of the Toronto Thoroughbred Racing Club (TTRC). Lima was nominated for the Sovereign Award by the Jockey Club of Canada stewards, although he doesn't know who specifically put forward his name. **Cont. p6**

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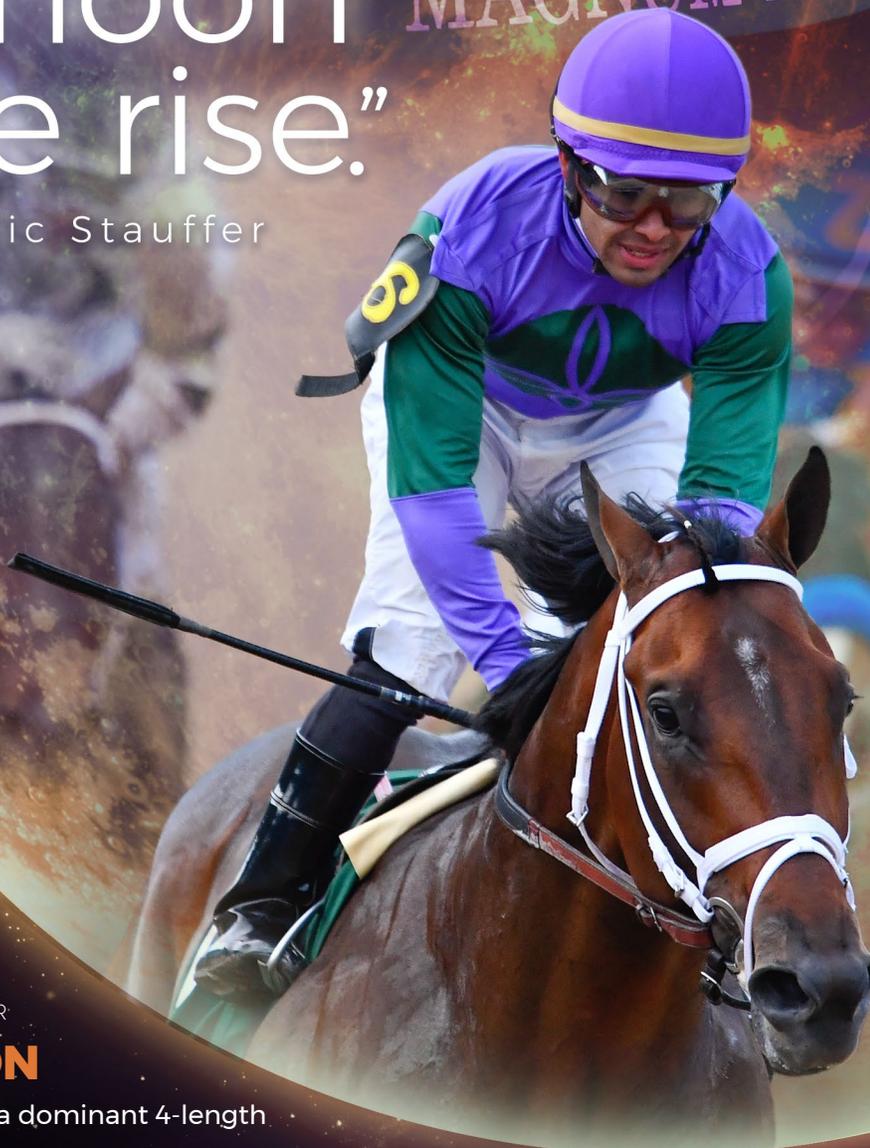
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**Back on track.** Blended Citizen (Proud Citizen) trains at Keeneland Tuesday morning. After initially being withdrawn from serious consideration for the May 5 GI Kentucky Derby, the Gill Jeff Ruby Steaks S. winner is now being pointed to the Run for the Roses after sliding up to 23rd on the qualifying points leaderboard. "Things have changed," said Jack Sisterson, assistant to trainer Doug O'Neill. "Doug called me yesterday afternoon and said, 'Let's point to the Kentucky Derby.'" | Coady photography

**ALPHA COLT FASTEST AT OBS TUESDAY**

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A colt from the first crop of New York-based multiple Grade I winner Alpha (Bernardini) breezed a quarter-mile in :20 3/5 to lead Tuesday's under-tack preview for next week's OBS April Sale. The New York-bred is the only horse consigned to the sale by Jose Munoz.

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**Giant's Causeway Dies cont.**

"Giant's Causeway was a once in a lifetime horse, and I would like to thank the owners, the Magnier and Tabor families, for entrusting us with his stud career. I would also like to extend my gratitude to all of the stallion handlers at Ashford past and present for providing the highest level of care for Giant, in particular Blaise Benjamin and Richard Barry. He will be a huge loss not just to us, but to the industry as a whole."

**A Deserved Nickname...**

Trained by Aidan O'Brien, Giant's Causeway was perfect in three starts as a juvenile, including the G1 Prix de la Salamandre, then maintained his unblemished mark when prepping for the European mile Classics in the G3 Gladness S. Runner-up as the favorite in the G1 Sagitta 2000 Guineas and in the Irish equivalent three weeks later, Giant's Causeway

bounced back with a gritty score in the G1 St James's Palace S. at Royal Ascot ([video](#)) before venturing outside of age-restricted company. Trying 10 furlongs for the first time in the 2000



Jockey Mick Kinane and trainer Aidan O'Brien speak after Giant's Causeway's win in the 2000 G1 St James's Palace S. at Royal Ascot  
*Racing Post/Mirrorpix*

G1 Coral-Eclipse S., Giant's Causeway proved a head better than future GI Breeders' Cup Turf hero Kalanisi (Ire) (Doyoun {GB}) ([video](#)), then dropped back to the mile to defeat Dansili (GB) (Danehill) in the G1 Sussex S. ([video](#)). With his dogged determination firmly on display, he outgamed Kalanisi in the G1 Juddmonte International S. ([video](#)) and made it five on the trot in the G1 Irish Champion S. ([video](#)). He concluded the European portion of his career two weeks later with a second-place finish in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. and was named

the Horse of the Year in Europe and highweight in England and Ireland (at 7-9.5f and 9.5-11f) for the season.

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### A Classic For the Ages...

While he would have been one of the choices in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile—a race in which Dansili was third—Giant's Causeway was allowed to take his chance in the Classic, given his dirt-oriented pedigree and his proven ability over the 10-furlong trip. Drawn widest in a field of 13, with fellow sophomore Tiznow (Cee's Tizzy) just to his inside, Giant's Causeway was prominent in the run, but was trapped three and four wide on the track as Tiznow argued the pace. Ridden along by Mick Kinane with 2 1/2 furlongs to race, Giant's Causeway grinded his way up into second entering the final eighth of a mile, but couldn't quite get to Tiznow ([video](#)).

"There you are, such is life," co-owner Michael Tabor told *Irish Times*. "At least we still live to tell the tale and he has run his heart out. He was made for this surface and I think he should never have been trained in Europe!"

### A Lasting Legacy at Stud...

Giant's Causeway retired initially to Coolmore's Ireland base with a record of 13-9-4-0 and earnings of \$3,078,989, but unprecedented demand from America saw him relocate to Ashford Stud.

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Giant's Causeway made one start on the dirt, a sensational runner-up effort to Tiznow in the 2000 Breeders' Cup Classic | *Horsephotos*

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### Giant's Causeway cont.

From a first crop that numbered 151 foals, Giant's Causeway was responsible for Shamardal, 2000 Guineas hero Footstepsinthesand (GB), G1 Coronation S. winner Maids Causeway (Ire), as well as Aragorn (Ire) and My Typhoon (Ire)--the latter a half-sister to Galileo (Ire)--in the United States. He was no one-hit wonder, as he transferred his stallion prowess to America, where he became the first horse since Danzig to top the U.S. general sires' list on three occasions (2009, 2010, 2012).

Overall, Giant's Causeway has accounted for no fewer than 31 Group 1/Grade I winners in nine countries (U.S, France, England, Germany, Australia, Japan, South Africa, Chile and Peru). Of his total of 178 black-type winners worldwide, fully 104 have come at the group/graded level. The sire of 1,276 winners worldwide, Giant's Causeway is responsible for eight champions and his progeny have earned in excess of \$165 million. Giant's Causeway also produced 2009 Breeders' Cup Marathon hero Man of Iron, a son of Better Than Honour now standing in Peru; and Take Charge Brandi, upset winner of the 2014 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies.

While the aforementioned Shamardal and Footstepsinthesand have flown the flag admirably for their sire, predominantly overseas, Giant's Causeway has become a reliable sire of sires in the United States as well. His Airdrie Stud-based son **Creative Cause** is the sire of GI Kentucky Derby hopeful My Boy Jack, while his other successful sons at stud include **First Samurai**, Eskendereya and Frost Giant. Several Central Kentucky nurseries can boast of young sons of Giant's Causeway in their stallion barns, including WinStar Farm's '**TDN Rising Star**' **Carpe Diem**, the same farm's **Fed Biz** and Spendthrift Farm's **Brody's Cause**.

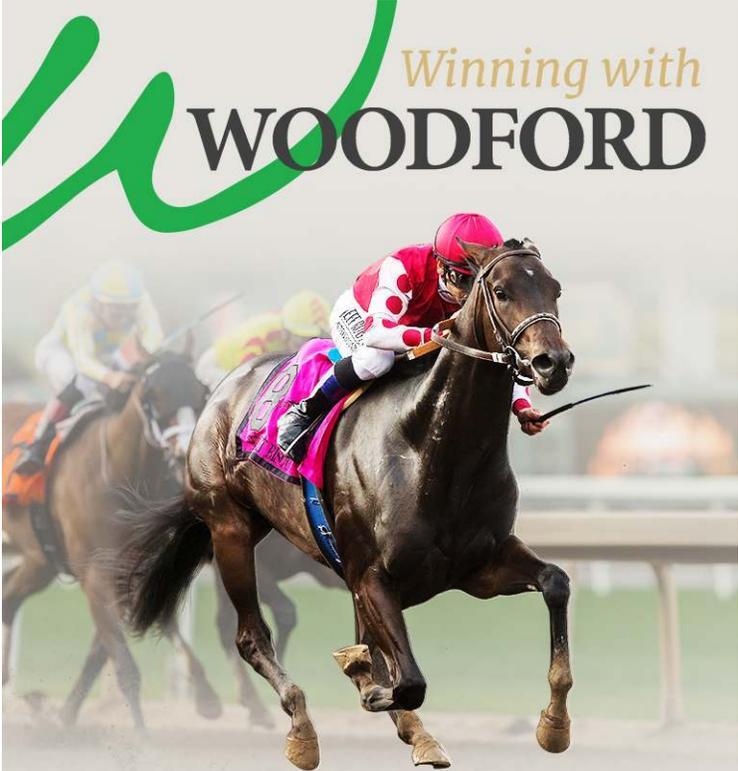
Daughters of Giant's Causeway have produced 89 black-type winners, of which 46 are group/graded winners. He is the broodmare sire of 16 Grade I/Group 1 winners, including 2017 U.S. Horse of the Year, champion older male and near \$16-million earner Gun Runner, the son of GSW Quiet Giant. Giant's Causeway was represented at the recent Dubai World Cup meeting by G1 Dubai Sheema Classic hero Hawkbill (Kitten's Joy), while dual Grade I winner Verrazano (More Than Ready)--a son of Enchanted Rock--will look to further Giant's Causeway's lofty reputation at Ashford.

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**Sam Lima cont. from p1**

When asked what it means to receive the award, Lima responded with his typical candor.

"It means a lot to me," he said. "All these years--I should have got an award a long time ago. No, no, it's true. What can I say? It's a great feeling to receive an award like this."

His wife, Frances, and daughter, Carolyn, the eldest of the Limas' four children, are especially proud of him for being recognized with the award. Carolyn helps Lima with his work with the TTRC.

"He's been on top of the world," Carolyn said. "He's so excited about this. Racing is truly his passion. It's really the love of the sport and promoting Thoroughbred racing as best as he can. That's what he encourages through his racing club. He's still going strong at his age."



**Sam Lima holding print photos of Fire n Desire's wins in the 1969 Manitoba Derby and Plate Trial.**

"He never missed a meeting at the HBPA in over 50 years--maybe one," Frances said.

In 2011, the TTRC presented him with a small booklet detailing many of his accomplishments. It was entitled *The Life and Racing Times of Sam Lima*. It was summed up at the end with two words: "A LEGEND!"

TTRC directors Patrick de Caires and Anthony Ceccanese, who co-authored the book, wrote: "His time and effort to help aid Thoroughbred racing is truly remarkable and difficult to imitate."

"I think a lot of people still affiliated with coming out to his club meetings have recognized how he has been an ambassador for racing," Carolyn said.

Frances added, "As a family man, he took his children every week to the races and his mother, who lived with us, too."

An advertisement for "Horse Racing Ireland Ownership". The background is a dark, moody photograph of four jockeys on horses, likely during a race. The text "YOUR PASSION STARTS HERE" is prominently displayed in white at the top. Below this, a circular graphic contains the text "WHY IRELAND?" followed by "10% Black Type Programme", "Record Prize-Money 2018", and "Minimum Race Value of €10,000". The "Horse Racing Ireland" logo is in the bottom right, and the word "OWNERSHIP" is written below it. At the very bottom, there is a dark blue bar with the website "www.racehorseownership.ie", the hashtag "#ExperienceIt", and social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

As an owner of a smoke shop that had many racing people as patrons, Lima became fascinated with horses. When his business was expropriated in 1962, he started up a billiard lounge. A year later, he took the plunge into buying and racing Thoroughbreds.

"It was a dream of his," Frances said. "He always wanted to buy a horse. So he bought a house, a horse and a car and had a baby [the couple's fourth child]."

She laughed as she recalled this memory, which only a horseperson could truly appreciate.

It would take him only six years to reach the pinnacle of Canadian horse racing, the Queen's Plate, as an owner. How it happened in 1969 with Fire n Desire--a horse he had claimed for \$12,500 as a 3-year-old--is the stuff of horse racing lore. Lima had his eye on the horse as a 2-year-old racing in Montreal and put in a claim for the son of Nearctic, who was running at Fort Erie Racetrack in his sophomore season. A former jockey, Morris Rose, who once won five races for Al Capone in Kentucky, wanted to go in with Lima for a third, but didn't want to tell his wife. So Lima put up the entire money (with Rose a silent partner) and claimed the horse, who ultimately won the race.

In Fire n Desire's first start for Lima, a change in riding tactics resulted in a last-place finish facing \$20,000 claimer--but the result did not deter Lima from entering the horse in the Queen's Plate Trial. **Cont. p7**

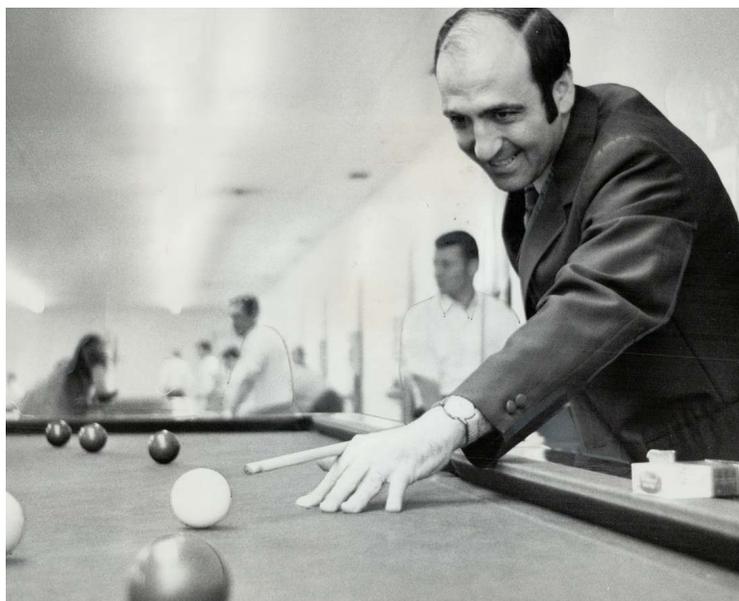
**Sam Lima cont.**

Fire n Desire, dismissed at 53-1 on the tote board that day, beat 11 other entrants. Lima had \$200 to win on the horse.

"I was a big bettor at one time, not now," Lima explained.

Fire n Desire, trained by Larry Moorhead, became known as the Cinderella horse and Lima's improbable story became a focus of attention leading up to the Queen's Plate.

"E.P. Taylor never even came near me because I claimed his horse," Lima said, speaking of the legendary Canadian owner/breeder who built Woodbine Racetrack and campaigned the great Northern Dancer. "E.P. Taylor would not look at me."



A *Toronto Star* photo shows Sam Lima shooting pool at one of his tables in the time leading up to the 1969 Queen's Plate, where Fire n Desire's upset bid put him in the public spotlight. | Getty Images

The Plate was run less than a week after the Plate Trial. By then, Rose had publicly proclaimed he owned a third of the horse and his wife, ironically enough, wore a mink coat for the Plate. Sitting in the private box he owned and accompanied by his family, Lima watched as Fire n Desire ran a credible third, depleted from his previous race.

But once again, Lima was not deterred.

Lima decided to take a shot in the Manitoba Derby, shipping the horse to the Western Canadian province for Assiniboia Downs's signature race. It was run the day before the historic walk on the moon by Neil Armstrong. It was going to be one small step for man and one giant leap for Fire n Desire, the favorite at just under 1-2 with the Downs' star jockey Dick Armstrong aboard.

Fire n Desire--one of five horses sired by Nearctic in the race--and Icy Song, the second choice in the field, battled from the opening quarter mile until the finish with neither horse giving up ground. In the end, Fire n Desire won by a head.

The headline in one of the paper's the next day said it all: "Fire n Desire Had Just Enough Of Both."

Lima would go on to have many future successes while maintaining a small-scale operation, including George of Canada, a \$12,500 claim who went on to be voted the TTRC's Claiming Horse Of The Year in 1975.

What Lima did for horsemen, in particular those on the backstretch, may be his greatest legacy. As a vice president of the HBPA, he battled through many political wars in the 1990s when the Thoroughbred industry in Ontario was struggling. Sam played a vital role in the construction of a dormitory at Woodbine to house backstretch workers and fought tirelessly for Fort Erie Racetrack, which is the annual site for the Prince of Wales S.--the second leg of the Canadian Triple Crown. Lima proudly wears a ring given to him for 25 years with the HBPA. He's been with the HBPA 46 years and said he is contemplating retirement after this season.

In its heyday, the Toronto Thoroughbred Racing Club took trips to various racetracks throughout North America and had regular meetings at a swanky Toronto hotel.

"We used to go all over the place and, you know what, we used to make money from the memberships and the trips," Lima said with pride. "We used to go to the best restaurants."

On Thursday night, at a posh celebration honoring the best in Canadian horse racing in 2017, Sam Lima will rightfully stand proud for all he has done and accept a richly deserved award.

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**ALPHA COLT FASTEST AT OBS TUESDAY**

By *Christie DeBernardis*



Hip 367 | Tibor Szlavik

A colt from the first crop of Alpha (**hip 367**) breezed a quarter-mile in a bullet :20 3/5 Tuesday during the second of six under-tack previews for next week's OBS April Sale.

### OBS Under-Tack Preview Day Two cont.

Bred in New York by Sequel Stallions, who stands Alpha, the bay colt is out of Forever Valentine (Silver Deputy), who also produced SW Force (Flatter) and GSP Beau's Valentine (Alphabet Soup). Hip 367 is the only horse in the sale consigned by Jose Munoz.

"I usually buy a few horses, one or two in partnership and one or two on my own," said Munoz. "I've been doing this for a while. I train them myself in a little barn at Eclipse Training Center, where the de Merics train. I keep mine there with Vicki Donnon."

The Mexico native, who has been living in Ocala for almost 20 years, continued, "I have two others at home. One was supposed to come in March, but I had to scratch him from the sale. He will come back in June. He is a good-looking colt by The Lumber Guy and is a New York-bred. I also have an Ontario-bred by Trappe Shot going to June."

Munoz picked up the colt for just \$18,000 at the OBS October Sale.

"I thought the price would be higher, considering Alpha did pretty good on the racetrack," Munoz said. "To tell you the truth, I was really happy when I got him. I liked that he was by Alpha, a fresh sire who performed good on the track. Secondly, he is a very athletic horse."

This is the first crop of juveniles for Alpha (Bernardini), a Godolphin homebred whose career highlights include a dead-heat victory in the 2012 GI Travers S. and a win in the 2013 GI Woodward S.

"I don't know to start with how a horse like him started in New York. I thought he should be in Kentucky," Munoz said of the stallion. "At first, I thought the Alphas would be too expensive for me, but I ended up buying him. There was another one I liked a lot, but I didn't like the idea of having two horses by the same sire."

Munoz has been very pleased with the way the colt has developed from October to now.

"He's always been a smart horse," Munoz said. "He might get a little bit tough on the track sometimes, but he's got a pretty good mind and he's always been a sound horse."

Munoz said he was not at all surprised by the colt's snappy work Tuesday.

"I did [expect that type of work]," he said. "We never asked him for all he had in the previous workouts, but we knew he was way faster than that. He had two or three eighth works and two or three 3/16ths and maybe two quarters and he always did good."

As for why he chose to breeze Hip 367 over a quarter-mile as opposed to an eighth, Munoz said, "You have to have faith in

what you do. I know this horse pretty well and I knew he would perform well at a quarter no matter what. You have to take your chances sometimes. For a small consignor like I am, you have to show a little bit extra. There are many horses at this sale that have more pedigree than mine, so you have to take your chances sometimes."

The bullet furlong work belonged to **Hip 370**, a filly by Street Boss out of For Passion (Not For Love), who is consigned by Grassroots Training and Sales.

The under-tack show continues through Saturday with sessions beginning daily at 8 a.m. The OBS April sale will be held Apr. 24 through 27.

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### Fastest Quarter-Mile Works

<b>:20 3/5</b>	<b>367</b>	colt	<b>Alpha</b>	<b>Forever Valentine</b>
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*Consigned by Jose Munoz*

<b>:20 4/5</b>	<b>211</b>	colt	<b>Uncaptured</b>	<b>Cold Forest</b>
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*Consigned by Craig L. Wheeler, Agent*

<b>:20 4/5</b>	<b>221</b>	colt	<b>Congrats</b>	<b>Corderosa</b>
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*Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent LIX*

<b>:20 4/5</b>	<b>313</b>	colt	<b>J P's Gusto</b>	<b>Ephyra</b>
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*Consigned by Journeyman Bloodstock Services Inc. (Brent & Crystal Fernung), Agent*

## SANTA ANITA HOSTING BREAKFAST FOR INJURED EXERCISE RIDER *by Jonathan Murrietta*

The racetrack community is coming together to support exercise rider Adrian Valenzuela, who sustained a spinal-cord injury in an accident during morning workouts March 31. Santa Anita will be hosting a pancake breakfast and raffle at Clockers' Corner April 19 at 10 a.m. as a fundraiser to support Adrian and his family.

Adrian is 21 years old and was attending Pasadena City College in the afternoons after riding and working in the mornings, with his father, Martin Valenzuela. Adrian also rode at the Los Alamitos nighttime meeting in 2016, winning one race from eight mounts. He was injured on the morning of March 31 when one of the bandages on the front legs of a horse he was working became unraveled, causing the horse to fall. Adrian will be undergoing rehabilitation in the coming days. **Cont. p9**



Adrian Valenzuela

"I've met [Adrian] a few times," said Santa Anita Vice President of racing Rick Hammerle, who helped spearhead the pancake breakfast. "He's a good, happy-go-lucky kid, well-liked around the racetrack and the Valenzuela name is so synonymous with Southern California racing; they are racetrack family.

Added Hammerle, "The family is so appreciative that the racetrack community is coming together to do this [breakfast and raffle]. I talked to his dad yesterday, and he said, 'Thanks so much.' He was just happy to hear people were thinking about his son."

Tickets to the breakfast are \$10 each, with 100% of the proceeds going to Adrian. Tickets are available at Clockers' Corner, Santa Anita's track kitchen, the Santa Anita racing office, Los Alamitos Racetrack, and San Luis Rey Downs. Tickets will also be available during the morning of the breakfast. In addition, Santa Anita will host a raffle and silent auction at the event. Raffle tickets are \$5 each and will be offered in advance as well. Del Mar and Santa Anita have already donated one of their suites for a day for the auction; other raffle items include a trip to Lake Tahoe, a TV, golf clubs, a drone, racetrack memorabilia and much more.

"Everybody's invited, come after training, it's casual, we made it simple," Hammerle said. "We printed 3,000 pancake tickets and we will be raffling off a lot of stuff; it's planned on a non-racing day so there's really no rush for people [from Santa Anita] to go home, and it's late enough for everyone at Los Alamitos to finish their chores early and get over here and be a part of it too, all can be involved to help support Adrian."

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Creative Cause</b> (2009) by Giant's Causeway	2	3	2	2	--	--	84	29	\$532,000 My Boy Jack	\$2,053,640
2	<b>Dialed In</b> (2008) by Mineshaft	1	3	1	2	--	1	58	15	\$1,300,000 Gunnevera	\$2,015,835
3	<b>Bodemeister</b> (2009) by Empire Maker	1	5	--	1	--	--	110	40	\$132,200 Christmas Sky	\$1,449,975
4	<b>Tapizar</b> (2008) by Tapit	1	2	1	2	1	1	75	24	\$420,000 Monomoy Girl	\$1,355,121
5	<b>Union Rags</b> (2009) by Dixie Union	--	2	--	2	--	--	95	26	\$197,200 Free Drop Billy	\$1,104,462
6	<b>Shackleford</b> (2008) by Forestry	3	3	1	1	--	--	88	25	\$248,080 Promises Fulfilled	\$1,092,143
7	<b>Gemologist</b> (2009) by Tiznow	--	1	--	--	--	--	85	34	\$60,220 Diamondcoat	\$1,051,770
8	<b>Stay Thirsty</b> (2008) by Bernardini	--	2	--	2	--	--	87	27	\$111,235 Powerful Ally	\$944,231
9	<b>Maclean's Music</b> (2008) by Distorted Humor	2	3	1	1	--	--	50	14	\$181,400 Swing and Sway	\$671,001
10	<b>Star Guitar</b> (2005) by Quiet American	1	3	--	--	--	--	43	14	\$85,000 Testing One Two	\$587,656
11	<b>Algorithms</b> (2009) by Bernardini	--	3	--	1	--	--	68	15	\$54,122 Deep Red	\$582,622
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13	<b>Mission Impazible</b> (2007) by Unbridled's Song	--	--	--	--	--	--	41	11	\$70,250 Dreams Are Pazible	\$535,712
14	<b>Jersey Town</b> (2006) by Speightstown	--	1	--	--	--	--	35	13	\$92,400 Bee Jersey	\$517,826
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**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**4th-IND, \$31,000, Msw, 4-17, 3, 4 & 5yo, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.68, gd.**

**MOLECULES (f, 3, Einstein {Brz}--Squawk, by Mountain Cat),** dismissed at 27-1 in this debut despite an upbeat worktab highlighted by a five-furlong gate move in 1:00 flat (6/40) Mar. 31 at Turfway, was a half-step slow and bumped at the break before shooting through to take command past a :23.10 quarter. Getting away from odds-on firster Unbridled Atlantic (Stormy Atlantic) on the turn, the dark bay saw off a brief challenge from second choice Chamade (Flatter) at the top of the lane and kicked clear to a 3 1/2-length upset. Chamade was clear for place honors, while the favorite faded to finish eighth. Sales History: \$1,500 Ylg '16 KEEJAN. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,600. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.** O-Morgan Thilo; B-Theodore Kuster (KY); T-Jay J. Holden.

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**King of Glory, g, 3, Ghostzapper--Goldfield, by Yes It's True.** Busan, 4-15, Hcp. (\$70k), 1400m. B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY). \*1/2 to Valadorna (Curlin), SW & GISP, \$498,920. \*\*\$125,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$155,000 2yo '17 FTMMAY.

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**Blue Wolf, f, 3, New Year's Day--Kissable, by Bernardini.** Seoul, 4-15, Hcp. (\$56k), 1300m. B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc (KY). \*\$4,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$40,000 2yo '17 FTMMAY.

**Neoraneun Chukje, c, 3, Poseidon's Warrior--Ghost River, by Ghostzapper.** Seoul, 4-14, Hcp. (\$70k), 1200m. B-R C Van Voorhees (FL). \*\$15,500 Ylg '16 OBSJAN; \$37,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR.

**East Palos, c, 3, To Honor and Serve--Silver Charades (GSW,**



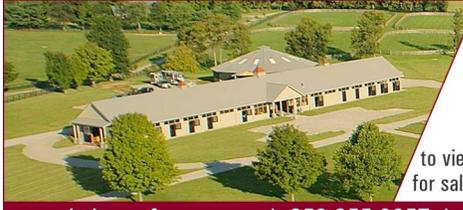
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\$250,645), by Broad Brush. Seoul, 4-15, Hcp. (\$70k), 1700m. B-Donarra Thoroughbreds LLC (FL). \*\$45,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR.  
**Great King, c, 4, Majestic Warrior--Margaret Smile, by Concerto.** Busan, 4-15, Hcp. (\$103k), 1800m. B-Kinsman Farm (FL). \*\$30,000 2yo '16 OBSJUN.  
**Bright Cat, c, 4, Wildcat Heir--Honestly, by Yes It's True.** Seoul, 4-15, Hcp. (\$103k), 1200m. B-Brent & Crystal Fernung, Eugene P Cahalan & Peter Loera (FL). \*\$35,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR.

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**Central Banker (Speightstown), McMahan of Saratoga** Thoroughbreds, \$7,500

74 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners

1-AQU, Msw 4 1/2f, THREE BIRDS, 20-1

\$21,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$11,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl; \$4,500 RNA EAS OCT yrl

**Honorable Dillon (Tapit), Rockridge Stud, \$5,000**

80 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners

1-AQU, Msw 4 1/2f, EMMY KNOWS, 15-1

\$1,000 FTN MIX wnl

**Second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, April 18**

**Big Band Sound (Bernstein), Gulf Coast Equine, \$2,500**

20 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners

3-EVD, Msw 7f, JUNE BERRIS SOUND, 12-1

**Bind (Pulpit), Red River Farms, \$1,500**

54 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner

3-EVD, Msw 7f, STUCK IN VEGAS, 5-1

**Data Link (War Front), Claiborne Farm, \$7,500**

186 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner

3-AQU, Aoc 1mT, FAIRY LINK, 10-1

\$3,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$10,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Denman (AUS) (Lonhro {Aus}), Darley, \$15,000**

47 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners

4-IND, Msw 5 1/2f, MANIFESTANT, 20-1

**Flat Out** (Flatter), Spendthrift Farm, \$10,000  
 230 foals of racing age/31 winners/1 black-type winner  
 3-KEE, Msw 4 1/2f, BIG BRUISER, 20-1  
 \$2,200 FTK OCT yrl

**Liaison** (Indian Charlie), Spendthrift Farm, \$10,000  
 166 foals of racing age/19 winners/2 black-type winners  
 3-EVD, Msw 7f, TENSAS TALK, 4-1  
 \$11,000 OBS AUG yrl; \$8,700 TTA APR 2yo

**Orb** (Malibu Moon), Claiborne Farm, \$25,000  
 195 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner  
 3-AQU, Aoc 1mT, RADIANT BEAUTY, 5-2  
 \$95,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$260,000 OBS MAR 2yo

**Overanalyze** (Dixie Union), WinStar Farm, \$10,000  
 193 foals of racing age/34 winners/5 black-type winners  
 1-AQU, Msw 4 1/2f, DISCLUDE, 7-5  
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**Society Rock (IRE)** (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud, \$8,000  
 200 foals of racing age/31 winners/2 black-type winners  
 3-AQU, Aoc 1mT, SO HI SOCIETY (IRE), 3-1  
 €5,000 TIR SEP yrl; £62,000 GOF BRE 2yo; €180,000 ARA RC 2yo

**Soldat** (War Front), Woodford Thoroughbreds, \$5,000  
 158 foals of racing age/20 winners/0 black-type winners  
 3-KEE, Msw 4 1/2f, JABBA JAWS, 20-1  
 \$1,000 FTK OCT yrl

**Take Charge Indy** (A.P. Indy), Kor, \$20,000  
 203 foals of racing age/38 winners/5 black-type winners  
 4-AQU, Msw 6f, LEM ME TEL YA, 3-1  
 \$55,000 EAS MAY 2yo

**Trinniberg** (Teuflesberg), Rockridge Stud, \$7,500  
 23 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner  
 5-AQU, Aoc 6f, VELVET TRINNI, 20-1



**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**7th-PRX, \$41,500**, (S), 4-17, (NW2BX), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:18.83, ft.

**FIELDER (g, 4, Sidney's Candy--Karakorum Fugitive {MSP, \$196,732}, by Ten Most Wanted)** Lifetime Record: 10-4-2-1, \$138,256. 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-IND, \$34,500**, (S), 4-17, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.58, ft.  
**CROSSED (f, 3, Anthony's Cross--Snap Happy, by Lion Heart)**  
 Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$47,897. O/B-Just For Fun Stable, Inc. (IN); T-Michelle Elliott.

**1st-MVR, \$33,700**, (S), (NW3X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 4-17, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.96, sy.

**FIREUPTHEJET (c, 4, City Zip--Floral Park, by Forest Wildcat)**  
 Lifetime Record: 14-5-4-1, \$125,663. O-Doyle Williams; B-Langsem Farm, Inc (OH); T-William D. Cowans. \*\$60,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT; \$70,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR. \*\*1/2 to Dougs Buddy (Badge of Silver), MSW & GSP, \$213,959; and Floral Sky (Sky Mesa), SW, \$206,732.

**4th-MVR, \$31,300**, (S), 4-17, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:42.50, sy.  
**FUNNEL CAKE (g, 3, Kettle Corn--Bluegrass Ellie, by Bluegrass Cat)** Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$37,410. O-Maggi Moss; B-John P. Hicks, William Hart & William Martin (OH); T-Thomas M. Amoss. \*\$18,000 Ylg '16 KEEJAN; \$35,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP.



**2nd-SUN, \$29,600**, (S), 4-17, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.09, ft.

**SOUTHWEST QUEEN (f, 3, Southwestern Heat--Samba Queen, by Giant's Causeway)** Lifetime Record: 7-2-3-2, \$53,120. O-Dale F. Taylor Racing, LLC.; B-R. D. Hubbard (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher. \*\$21,000 Ylg '16 RUIAUG. \*\*1/2 to Sippin (Swissle Stick), MSW, \$432,477.

**8th-WRD, \$26,400**, (S), 4-16, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.18, ft.

**NATALIE'S MISCHIEF (f, 4, Into Mischief--Miss Natalie {MSW, \$280,190}, by Fistfite)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 14-3-3-2, \$110,771. O/B-GAR Oil Corp. (OK); T-Joe S. Offolter.

**3rd-TUP, \$20,000**, 4-17, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:02.33, ft.

**LEADEM IN KEN (h, 8, Sky Mesa--Last Kitten, by Catienus)**  
 Lifetime Record: SW, 32-11-4-7, \$309,223. O-Tyree Jacqueline Wolesensky; B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY); T-Edward J. Kereluk. \*1/2 to Prissy (Unbridled's Song), SW, \$189,569.



**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Sunscreen**, g, 2, **Southwestern Heat**--Playoftheday, by Attila's Storm. SUN, 4-17, (S), 4 1/2f, :53.27. B-R. D. Hubbard (NM). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

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**Sundereya**, f, 3, **Eskendereya**--Come Sunday (SW, \$270,845), by Repent. MVR, 4-17, 1m, 1:41.70. B-Tommy G Ligon (KY). \*1/2 to Someday Soon (Proud Citizen), SW & GISP, \$291,812.

**Cash Kitten**, g, 3, **Kitten's Joy**--Blue Holiday, by Cure the Blues. WRD, 4-17, 1m, 1:40.93. B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY). \*\$65,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP. \*\*Full to Holiday for Kitten, GSW, \$327,250; 1/2 to Notonthesamepage (Catienus), SW, \$120,515.

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**Mill and Gloria**, f, 3, **Majestic Warrior**--Party Fever, by Stormin Fever. PRX, 4-17, (S), 7f, 1:27.01. B-Charles Zacney & Joseph Lerro (PA). \*1/2 to Big Feat (Mutakddim), SW, \$137,460.

**At It Early**, g, 4, **Early Flyer**--Toysintheatticus, by Atticus. WRD, 4-17, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.15. B-Colleen Davidson (OK). \*1/2 to Sooner Red (Ecton Park), SW, \$136,510.

**Princess Jazz**, f, 4, **Monterey Jazz**--Wooden Sky, by Sky Mesa. SUN, 4-17, (S), 6f, 1:13.12. B-Bart Hone (NM).

**Uncle Gib**, g, 4, **Noble's Promise**--Sky Heiress, by Skywalker. IND, 4-17, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.57. B-Rockfield Farm (IN). \*1/2 to Ms. Smitty (Moro Oro), SW, \$194,699.

**So Caught Up in U**, g, 4, **Skylord**--Trigger Fish Lane, by Petionville. IND, 4-17, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.48. B-Scott Arnold (IN). \*\$3,500 RNA Ylg '15 PEDIND.



**ANTHONY'S CROSS**, Crossed, f, 3, o/o Snap Happy, by Lion Heart. ALW, 4-17, Indiana Grand Race Course

**CITY ZIP**, Fireupthejet, c, 4, o/o Floral Park, by Forest Wildcat. AOC, 4-17, Mahoning Valley Race Course

**EARLY FLYER**, At It Early, g, 4, o/o Toysintheatticus, by Atticus. MSW, 4-17, Will Rogers

**EINSTEIN (BRZ)**, Molecules, f, 3, o/o Squawk, by Mountain Cat. MSW, 4-17, Indiana Grand Race Course

**ESKENDEREYA**, Sundereya, f, 3, o/o Come Sunday, by Repent. MSW, 4-17, Mahoning Valley Race Course

**INTO MISCHIEF**, Natalie's Mischief, f, 4, o/o Miss Natalie, by Fistfite. ALW, 4-16, Will Rogers

**KETTLE CORN**, Funnel Cake, g, 3, o/o Bluegrass Ellie, by Bluegrass Cat. ALW, 4-17, Mahoning Valley Race Course

**KITTEN'S JOY**, Cash Kitten, g, 3, o/o Blue Holiday, by Cure the Blues. MSW, 4-17, Will Rogers

**MAJESTIC WARRIOR**, Mill and Gloria, f, 3, o/o Party Fever, by Stormin Fever. MSW, 4-17, Parx Racing

**MONTEREY JAZZ**, Princess Jazz, f, 4, o/o Wooden Sky, by Sky Mesa. MSW, 4-17, Sunland Park

**NOBLE'S PROMISE**, Uncle Gib, g, 4, o/o Sky Heiress, by Skywalker. MSW, 4-17, Indiana Grand Race Course

**SIDNEY'S CANDY**, Fielder, g, 4, o/o Karakorum Fugitive, by Ten Most Wanted. ALW, 4-17, Parx Racing

**SKY MESA**, Leadem in Ken, h, 8, o/o Last Kitten, by Catienus. ALW, 4-17, Turf Paradise

**SKYLORD**, So Caught Up in U, g, 4, o/o Trigger Fish Lane, by Petionville. MSW, 4-17, Indiana Grand Race Course

**SOUTHWESTERN HEAT**, Southwest Queen, f, 3, o/o Samba Queen, by Giant's Causeway. ALW, 4-17, Sunland Park

**SOUTHWESTERN HEAT**, Sunscreen, g, 2, o/o Playoftheday, by Attila's Storm. MSW, 4-17, Sunland Park



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## MARKET SELECTIVE AT CRAVEN OPENER



Session-topping Scat Daddy colt breezing on Monday | Tattersalls

By Chris McGrath

NEWMARKET, UK--It was another all-or-nothing session; and once again, in what is proving a sticky round of sales for the sector, there was plenty of nothing.

But here was a colt who had it all—from the last crop of the great Scat Daddy, and prepared for the Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up by the great Willie Browne. And nobody had a better idea of the stakes involved in his breeze on Monday than the man in the saddle, John Egan, who had imported **Lot 71** in partnership with Robert Moss from Keeneland last September for \$270,000. It did not take long for those involved to know that those stakes, high as they were, were going to pay off. But once the bidding reached 400,000gns, it became a stand-off between just two camps: on the left of auctioneer Edmond Mahony, Jeremy Noseda standing with Amer Abdulaziz and other members of the Phoenix Thoroughbreds team; and, lurking in the stairwell opposite, Charlie Gordon-Watson. Time after time, as the pauses between each 25,000gns increment grew longer and longer, each imagined they had finally finished off the other. But each kept rebounding off the ropes: Gordon-Watson, phone to his ear, would eventually pop up again to wave a catalogue; and Noseda, on a signal from the Phoenix CEO, would essay one more brief nod.

Only when Gordon-Watson went to 800,000gns--the third highest price achieved at this sale--did Abdulaziz walk away.

"He has been bought for Dr Johnny Hon and his global brand," Gordon-Watson explained. "And he'll be joining Ed Dunlop. I didn't think he'd cost that much. I thought we nearly had him at 600. But I'd said the horse might cost '500 plus-plus-plus', so it turned out that each 'plus' was another 100! But the stallion's obviously amazing, the mare's done well and it goes back to that good Coolmore family of Together (Ire) and Jan Vermeer (Ire). And he looks a very fast horse."

The dam is Alegendinmyownmind (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), a daughter of Grade II winner Midnight Line (Kris S).

"It was a good price," Egan said. "And you never really know how far they'll go once they get to that kind of level. But listen, I think they've got themselves a very nice horse. He's done everything right all the way along, and he did a very progressive breeze—just the kind I'd like to see, if I wanted to buy a breeze-up horse."

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### GIANT'S CAUSEWAY DIES

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Egan added, "I couldn't pull him up, thought I'd end up on the Cambridge Road. I don't want to break the clock, I want them to go on and be racehorses, and I knew this was a horse that was going to go places. You want them to enjoy themselves, as you would with a horse having its first run. I've been going to Keeneland the last number of years. And I'm sure I'll be going back."

Keeneland pinhooks have become a mainstay of this market over the last couple of years but the problems evident in the two European sales already staged this spring were again manifest at this more exalted level. True, the very next lot through the ring, a Dabirsim colt consigned by Powerstown Stud (Lot 72), was transformed from €90,000 Arqana buyback to a 250,000gns investment by Blandford Bloodstock. Moreover there is, of course, another session to follow Wednesday night. But the indices for the evening were not encouraging.

Though the session catalogue had expanded from 76 to 88, 20 withdrawals meant that exactly the same number of horses were offered as last year. Of those 66 only 38 were sold, down from 49, for an aggregate 5,222,500gns—which was 25% down on 6,955,000gns in 2017. The average held steady, down 3% from 141,939gns to 137,434gns, but the median crashed 32% from 110,000gns to 75,000gns.

Anyone would envy the touch pulled off with lot 33 by David Egan and his wife Henrietta, who turned over a More Than Ready filly—unsold at Keeneland last September at \$45,000—to Katie Walsh at Greenhills Farm, and sold her here to Anthony Stroud on behalf of Godolphin for 500,000gns. But how many of us would match his modesty? "I was selling the horse beside her," Egan shrugged. "So it was more dumb-ass luck than anything I suppose."



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"She's just a gorgeous filly who was very well bought as a yearling, especially with her page," said Walsh, who made such an auspicious start to her career as a consignor when producing MGSW Caspar Netscher (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}) at this sale, sold for just 65,000gns, in 2011. "I've had her since January and she just has it, she's a natural, very straightforward. I'm delighted for David and Hen, and also that Anthony bought her. I hope she's very lucky."

"John [Gosden], David [Loder] and I thought she breezed really well," Stroud said. "She vetted well, the time was exceptional, and she's a strong filly by a very good stallion out of a Grade I winner. Katie does a great job and we thought this was the one tonight—the bull's eye."

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### **Craven cont.**

When first starting out in the game, Alex Elliott and Simon Callaghan must have dreamed of the kind of moment they shared—still with youth on their side, after all—when standing together to secure an Animal Kingdom colt for 420,000gns. At \$200,000 at Keeneland last September, **Lot 32** was a brave pinhook by Tally Ho Stud but proved to be one of characteristic acuity.

"We lived together for a while out at Hollywood Park, when I was assistant to Eoin Harty," Elliott said. "But this is the first time Simon has come over for this sale. The horse came highly recommended. He was a big turn as a yearling but he deserves his money today: his breeze was fantastic, he vetted great, he's a beautiful horse who had a big pedigree update. His half-brother Paved (Quality Road) is owned by Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, who also have horses with Simon, became the first filly to win the El Camino Real Derby at Golden Gate and has added to that since with some Grade III form."

Callaghan rates the filly as "a really nice turf horse for Del Mar for the summer onwards."



Alex Elliott | Alayna Cullen

The top lot was not the only Scat Daddy collector's item on the night. His son, consigned as **Lot 5** by Kilminfoyle House as agent, will break new ground after fetching 375,000gns from Mark Richards and Nick Columb of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

"He's the first [Scat Daddy] we've managed to get for Hong Kong—we're through the glass ceiling," said Columb. "As someone said the other day, he's the Snitzel of the Northern Hemisphere. This looks like he'll be a very quick horse, and he'll suit Hong Kong conditions. And though he's big and strong he's still a bit immature, he'll strengthen up. He's only a baby, a late April foal. He showed a great action and a good attitude, and for our purposes he's exactly what we want."



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**Craven cont.**

A Scat Daddy filly meanwhile raised 240,000gns as **Lot 54**, having been turned round from Keeneland last year at €130,000 by Yeomanstown Stud. The winning bid was made by Chris Dwyer, acting on behalf of Sheikh Rashed bin Humain, who will send her to Bob Baffert in the U.S.

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## AS SOMEBODY SAID THE OTHER DAY, SCAT DADDY IS THE SNITZEL OF THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE

Nick Columb

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Alastair Donald is hoping lightning will strike twice with another impressive Keeneland pinhook, **Lot 44**, after giving 240,000gns for Grove Stud's \$72,000 Stormy Atlantic colt. Three years ago he bought a colt from the same consignor, by the

same sire, for 200,000gns—and, as Stormy Antarctic (GB), he won the Craven S. up the road a year later for Ed Walker and owner P.K. Siu. He was duly acting for the same connections here.

"He's a bit of a clone," Donald said. "I was hoping he might slip through the net, because he didn't breeze very well—he stumbled and he's a big gangly horse to be going over that ground. But the consignor knows when he has a big one and he was pretty high on him."

Donald had been outbid by Dwayne Woods for the first lot through the ring, a model pinhook to set the tone for an evening of highs and lows. There was an immediate feelgood factor—following the withdrawal of Lot 1—for Johnny Hassett of the Bloodstock Connection when **Lot 2**, from the first crop of Moohaajim (himself a graduate of this sale at 200,000gns in 2012) ballooned from €16,000 to 145,000gns.

"I tried to buy him twice," Hassett said. "They bought him back [at Fairyhouse last September] because they wanted €30,000, which I didn't have for him. But then he showed up again in the Open Sale and I got him for 16—handy money, or handier anyway. I can't say I was thinking Craven Sale then. But



**Giant's Causeway (blue) gamely defeats Kalanisi (Ire) in the 2000 G1 Coral Eclipse S. at Sandown. The six-time Group 1 winner and three-time champion sire passed away Monday evening at Coolmore's Ashford Stud. He was 21. See the Headline News for a look back at his career on the track and in the breeding shed. | Racing Post Photo**

every time we went to work him, he always showed up. It was kind of Darwinian, first I was thinking Goresbridge and then Guineas and then we ended up here. A nice thing about it is that my lead rider Pat McLoughlin has a piece of him."

Woods had no doubt that the horse had evolved into an elite specimen. "Absolutely stunning," he said. "I've seen every colt on the premises and in my view he's the one you just couldn't fault, you really couldn't pick a hole in him. And it was a lovely breeze, low to the ground."

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## SESSION TOPPERS

### Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up Sale

#### Top Five Colts

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (gns)
71	c	<b>Scat Daddy</b>	Alegendinmyownmind	800,000gns
(\$270,000 yrl '17 KEESEP)				
Consigned by Mocklershill				
Purchased by Charlie Gordon-Watson Bloodstock				

[Top Fillies p6](#)

32	c	<b>Animal Kingdom</b>	Sirmione	420,000
(\$57,000 wnl '16 KEENOV; \$200,000 yrl '17 KEESEP)				
Consigned by Tally-Ho Stud				
Purchased by A C Elliott, Agent for Kaleem Shah				
5	c	<b>Scat Daddy</b>	Oxbow Lake	375,000
(\$140,000 RNA yrl '17 KEESEP)				
Consigned by Kilminfoyle House Stud				
Purchased by The Hong Kong Jockey Club				
72	c	<b>Dabirsim (Fr)</b>	Allure (Ger)	250,000
(€90,000 yrl '17 ARAAUG)				
Consigned by Powerstown Stud				
Purchased by Blandford Bloodstock				
44	c	<b>Stormy Atlantic</b>	Swanky Bubbles	240,000
(\$72,000 yrl '17 KEESEP)				
Consigned by Grove Stud				
Purchased by SackvilleDonald				



Last year's champion 3-year-old Cracksman (GB) (Frankel {GB}) gallops at Newmarket prior to the opening of the Craven meeting on Tuesday | [racingfotos.com](http://racingfotos.com)

**Top Five Fillies**

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (gns)
33	f	<b>More Than Ready</b>	<b>Sis City</b> <i>(\$45,000 RNA yrl '17 KEESEP)</i> Consigned by Greenhills Farm Purchased by Godolphin	500,000
54	f	<b>Scat Daddy</b>	<b>Tipping Point</b> <i>(\$130,000 yrl '17 KEESEP)</i> Consigned by Yeomanstown Stud Purchased by Chris Dwyer/Sheikh Rashed	240,000
38	f	<b>Dark Angel (Ire)</b>	<b>Speedy Sonata</b> <i>(€160,000 yrl '17 ARAAUG)</i> Consigned by Grove Stud Purchased by BBA Ireland	200,000
6	f	<b>Exceed and Excel (Aus)</b>	<b>Pale Mimosa (Ire)</b> <i>(100,000gns yrl '17 TATOCT)</i> Consigned by Grove Stud Purchased by Peter & Ross Doyle Bloodstock/Dean Ivory	145,000
53	f	<b>Dark Angel (Ire)</b>	<b>Tiger Mist (Ire)</b> <i>(£72,000 yrl '17GUKPRE)</i> Consigned by Brown Island Stables Purchased by Kern/Lillingston for Linda Juckette	125,000

# NOTHING BUT NET

## Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up Sale

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price
32	c	<b>Animal Kingdom</b>	<b>Sirmione</b>	420,000
44	c	<b>Stormy Atlantic</b>	<b>Swanky Bubbles</b>	240,000
58	c	<b>Farhh (GB)</b>	<b>Turmalin (Ire)</b>	155,000
71	c	<b>Scat Daddy</b>	<b>Alegendinmyownmind</b>	800,000

Two-hundred thousand is a bold price to pay for a pinhook, but the folks at Tally-Ho Stud proved on Tuesday why they are masters of their trade when turning around this \$200,000 Keeneland September colt for A\$420,000 to Alex Elliott on behalf of Kaleem Shah. The colt's value was no doubt boosted by the fact that his half-brother Paved (Quality Road) won the Listed El Camino Real S. in February and is also Grade III placed. It was the second time the Animal Kingdom colt had been a successful pinhook; he had also been a \$57,000 weanling.

Brendan Holland of Grove Stud spent \$72,000 on this full-brother to the graded winner Conquest Tsunami at Keeneland September. The brother has only improved the page in the meantime, adding a second graded win in the GIII Daytona S. on Feb. 24 and a third in the GI Al Quoz Sprint, and thus SackvilleDonald had to spend significantly more to secure him on Tuesday.

The Bloodstock Connection spent 28,000gns on this colt from the family of American champion sprinter Lit De Justice in this ring just four months ago at the Tattersalls December Yearling Sale, and they were well rewarded on Tuesday when Horizon Bloodstock picked him up for 155,000gns.

There aren't many Scat Daddy's left, and given the rarity it should be no surprise that it took a sustained battle for Charlie Gordon-Watson to secure this colt who, as a \$270,000 Keeneland September Yearling, is the latest pinhooking success story for Willie Browne's Mocklershill.

**CORRECTION:** White Star Line was inadvertently named a Keeneland graduate in Tuesday's Weekly Wrap. She was in fact bought by Sheikh Mohammed from the Newstead Farm Dispersal at Fasig-Tipton in 1985. We regret the error.



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**Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up Sale**

SESSION TOTALS	2018	2017
• Catalogued	86	76
• No. Offered	66	66
• No. Sold	38	49
• Buybacks	28	17
• Clearance Rate	58%	74%
• No. \$500K+	2	1
• High Price	800,000gns	575,000gns
• Gross	5,222,500gns	6,955,000gns
• Average (% change)	137,434gns (-3%)	141,939gns
• Median (% change)	75,000gns (-32%)	110,000gns

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## PINHOOK GUIDE

# TATTERSALLS CRAVEN BREEZE UP SALE - DAY 2

Lot	Sex	Pedigree	Price	Sale	Buyer
88	c	Farhh x Catchline	67,000	TATOCT3	Stroud Coleman BS
89	c	Kodiac x Caterina di Cesi	58,000	GOFORB	Kilronan Stud
90	c	Moohaajim x Cheherazad	27,000	GUKPRE	H Macauley
91	f	War Command x China In My Hands	35,000	TATIRESEP2	Greenhills Farm
92	c	Iffraaj x Chocolate Hills	60,000	TATOCT2	Brown Island Stables
93	c	No Nay Never x Choose Me Please	17,000	TATDECY	Con Marnane (P.S.)
94	c	Giant's Causeway x Circumstances	65,000	KEESEP	Margaret O'Toole Bloodstock
95	c	Slade Power x Classic Falcon	40,000	TATIRESEP	Church Farm
96	f	Kingman x Clenor	125,000	TATOCT1	Stephen Hillen BS
98	f	Exceed And Excel x Cold Cold Woman	58,000	GOFORB	MC Bloodstock
99	f	Kingman x Come Touch The Sun	55,000	TATOCT2	King Farm
100	f	Bated Breath x Coming Home	31,000	TATOCT2	Vendor
101	c	Showcasing x Copy-Cat	55,000	GUKPRE	KT BS
102	c	Heeraat x Coy	30,000	TATOCT2	All is well
103	c	Dark Angel x Crimson Cheer	75,000	TATOCT2	Vendor
104	c	Teofilo x Crossover	40,000	GOFORB	Vendor
106	c	Morpheus x Dafariyna	35,000	TATIRESEP	Larry Stratton
107	c	Kodiac x Damask	50,000	GOFSP0	C Marnane
108	f	Showcasing x Dark Skies	60,000	GOFORB	Church Farm (PS)
109	c	Nathaniel x Decorative	32,000	TATOCT2	Meadowview Stables
110	c	Kodiac x Dolly Coleman	125,000	TATOCT2	Vendor
111	c	Toronado x Dutch Diamond	55,000	GOFORB	Jamie B Bloodstock
112	c	Showcasing x Eastern Destiny	75,000	TATOCT2	Jeremy Brummitt
113	f	Pivotal x Ebtisama	75,000	GOFSP0	Equine Associates
114	f	Exceed And Excel x Elusive Girl	50,000	GOFORB	Vendor
115	c	Acclamation x Elusive Laurence	58,000	TATIRESEP	Vendor
117	f	Dark Angel x Extricate	75,000	GUKPRE	Vendor
118	c	Kyllachy x Fenella Rose	58,000	TATOCT2	Con Marnane
119	c	War Command x Fikrah	40,000	GUKPRE	Oaks Farm
120	c	New Approach x First City	33,000	TATOCT3	Vendor
121	c	Morpheus x Flamanda	23,000	GOFOPY	Kilronan Stud
122	c	Kodiac x Folegandros Island	260,000	GUKPRE	HKJC
123	c	Showcasing x Frigid	50,000	TATOCT2	Vendor
125	f	Iffraaj x Garden Row	55,000	TATOCT2	Con Marnane
127	c	Society Rock x Gift of Time	30,000	TATDECY	Con Marnane
128	c	Swiss Spirit x Gilt Linked	72,000	GUKPRE	M O'Toole
129	c	Declaration of War x Good Vibes	50,000	KEESEP	Margaret O'Toole Bloodstock
131	c	More Than Ready x Grandacious	70,000	KEESEP	Amy Marnane
132	f	Kodiac x Graphic Guest	80,000	TATIRESEP	Church Farm

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# TATTERSALLS CRAVEN BREEZE UP SALE - DAY 2

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133	c	Kodiac x Greek Easter	110,000	TATIRESEP	Gaelic BS
135	c	Australia x Happy Holly	190,000	TATOCT2	Jeremy Brummitt
136	f	Holy Roman Emperor x Heavenly Sound	27,000	TATOCT3	Colm Sharkey, Agent
137	c	Shamardal x Honour	28,000	TATOCT2	Howson & Houldsworth BS
138	c	Holy Roman Emperor x Humble And Pound	16,000	GOFORB	Colm Sharkey, Agent
139	f	Lope de Vega x Hypnology	35,000	GUKPRE	Jill Lamb BS
140	c	Munnings x Ice Crystal	55,000	KEESEP	Star Bloodstock
141	f	Exceed And Excel x Imperialistic Diva	17,000	TATOCT3	Ed Vaughan Racing
142	c	Violence x Indian Miss	100,000	KEESEP	Jamie B. Bloodstock
143	f	Orb x Innocent Love	60,000	KEESEP	Star Bloodstock
144	f	Dabirsim x Jambalaya	32,000	BBAGS	Powerstown Stud
145	f	Kheylef x Kadiania	70,000	OSASEP	C Marnane
147	c	Kitten's Joy x La Corona	40,000	KEESEP	Hunter Valley Farm
148	c	Kendargent x La Joie	72,000	ARQOCT	M O'Toole
149	f	Exceed And Excel x Lady Docker	30,000	TATOCT2	Vendor
151	c	Tapizar x Lady Siphonica	32,000	KEEJAN	Genesis Racing
153	c	Siyouni x Landing Site	75,000	ARQOCT	Brian Grassick BS
154	c	French Fifteen x Lasdramad	21,000	ARQOCT	Newminster Equine
156	f	Dandy Man x Lauren's Girl	40,000	GOFORB	Vendor
157	c	Wootton Bassett x Lemon Twist	105,000	OSASEP	C Marnane
159	c	Sea The Stars x Lily's Angel	230,000	TATDECFC	BBA Ireland
160	c	Noble Mission x Limonar	125,000	KEESEP	Lynch Bloodstock
161	f	Lemon Drop Kid x Lusaka	55,000	KEESEP	Ahmad Aldowaisan
162	c	Xtension x Lyca Ballerina	58,000	TATIRESEP2	Jamie B BS
164	c	Kodiac x Margarita	140,000	TATDECFC	Peter & Ross Doyle Bloodstock
165	f	Garswood x Marigay's Magic	10,000	TATOCT3	Sherbourne Lodge
166	c	War Front x Meandering	220,000	ARQAUG	Grove Stud
167	c	More Than Ready x Miss Lavinia	11,000	KEESEP	Star Bloodstock
168	f	Fast Company x Misscomplacent	17,000	TATASCY	P Moyles & C Martins
170	c	Pivotal x Moon Sister	115,000	TATOCT2	Powerstown Stud
171	c	Cape Cross x Moonlight Wish	95,000	GOFORB	Jamie B BS
172	c	Slade Power x Musical Bar	35,000	TATDECY	Malcolm Bastard BS (P.S.)

\*information sourced from Weatherbys \*\*Price is in currency of sale sold at

## KEY PLAYERS ON TRAIL OF CLASSIC SUCCESS



Nick Nugent, Ed Player and Peter Player | Emma Berry

By Tom Peacock

Should Headway (GB) (Havana Gold {Ire}) emerge triumphant in next month's G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas S., he will represent the culmination of more than 40 years of thoughtful endeavour by the Player family.

Whatton Manor Stud, halfway between Grantham and Nottingham, was "about 50 acres of nothing and a dozen cow boxes" when Peter Player first set eyes on it back in the early 1980s. Now, with his son Ed at the helm, it is 10 times the size and a thoroughly modern operation.

"Complacency is a terrible thing in any business and none more so than in the horse business," says Player. "Nowadays we have all the fields mapped by satellites, soil analysis, the grasses analysed to see how good or bad it is, and we've changed the feed. If you think you can't improve, you might as well pack it up."

Player snr forged links with some of the most cherished figures of the age, working for Douglas Gray at Sir David Wills's Hadrian Stud as well as starting his own business on a shoestrings in Newmarket.

"In about 1972 my wife and I managed to rent a tiny bit of ground from the Duke Of Sutherland," he explained. "Literally one mare cost 100 quid, another 300 and that was it—all on about nine acres. Talk about The Good Life, that's about what it was. We were down there all hours and eventually paid for horses in training by baling straw and then selling it into Newmarket. One year I think we carted 17,000 bales, all by ourselves."

It was an association with Sir Henry Cecil that really saw Player's fortunes change.

"We had a share of a horse with William Hastings-Bass and Henry came down one day and said 'I'm appalled to see you've

got a horse with William, why won't you have a horse with me? We're great friends, am I no good?"

"I'd said that I couldn't afford it and Henry said, in his usual sort of way, 'what can you afford?' I mentioned some ridiculous sum of money and he said 'any more horses you have with me, that's what I'm going to charge you.'"

Most notably came Upend (GB) (Main Reef {GB}), who Cecil trained to win the G3 St Simon S. and who has produced the likes of Group 1-placed Musicanna (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}) and grandsons such as Hungarian sprinting sensation Overdose (GB) (Starborough {GB}) and G1 Arkle Chase winner Contraband (GB) (Red Ransom).

"At the beginning of the 80s an aunt of mine suddenly out of the blue said 'I'm unmarried, I've got no children, I'm going to leave the farm to you up here in Nottinghamshire but in the meantime would you like to come up here and help me run it?' The Willises were cutting back and when we went up there, [Sir David] said, 'would you like to take my mares up there?' James Wigan arrived, we kept some for him and that went well, and then we kept some for George Strawbridge. In that time, we bred Eagle Mountain (GB) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}) for James, and Moonlight Cloud (GB) (Invincible Spirit {GB}) and Journey (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) were both bred at Whatton for Mr Strawbridge."

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IF YOU'RE NOT TRYING TO MODERNIZE  
AND TRYING TO IMPROVE, YOU'RE  
JUST GOING TO GET LEFT BEHIND.

Ed Player

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He continues: "It's an awful lot to do with luck, especially when you read about people who've not had a winner in over 30 years of owning horses. It was lucky that it wasn't long in the early days before we realised that Sharpen Up was a sleeper, rather in a similar vein to perhaps Siyouni (Fr). He was down about three or four thousand and Siyouni started at €7,000. We managed to buy some shares in him and it made a hell of a difference when he rose to the giddy heights of 20 or 25,000, which in those days was quite a lot of money. Our policy is to invest in either shares or breeding rights and luckily we saw the potential of Siyouni, and Showcasing as well."

None of this is probably quite as serendipitous as Player, who also found time to be chairman of The National Stud, British Racing School and Newmarket racecourse, has outlined so

modestly. He regained the surrounding land from tenant farmers, raised Longhorn cattle and managed the paddocks carefully.

“My father was very forward-thinking 20 years ago with all the arable land and planted shelter belts around it, so as we’ve brought more back into the stud, it’s already got lovely woodland around it,” says his son, who worked for Rosssdales veterinary practice and for Eddie O’Leary before moving back to Whatton Manor 13 years ago.



Headway after winning the Spring Cup | [racingfotos.com](http://racingfotos.com)

“What’s nice is that my father is still very involved but he’s away more often and lets me get on with the day-to-day running. Any major decisions we’ll sit down and discuss, much like Tally-Ho or Yeomanstown studs do, I imagine.”

Ed Player continues, “The industry as a whole, particularly prepping yearlings and the sales, has just moved on ten-fold. In the last 10 years it has become so competitive. If you’re not trying to modernise and trying to improve, you’re just going to get left behind. We’re always talking to other industry experts and cherry picking ideas, and we have a great team of people here.”

On the other hand, though, Peter’s experience is invaluable.

“I’m a great believer that even very old families often come back,” he adds. “Ones that the modern person doesn’t recognise, I can see them as Moller or Howard de Walden families, and a horse has to have a semblance of a pedigree, even though looks and conformation are important too. Combine them all and you’ve got a much better chance.”

“The rush for speed is the one area possibly where my son and I can have some robust discussions. There is a danger of breeding for nothing, and if you get a good stayer nowadays, you can win a lot of money and the programme is looking after them a bit more.”

He continues, “We try to have a broad spectrum of families, of speed and of a mile, mile-and-a-quarter horses. My son is more

commercial, but you have to be. I’ve nothing against a horse like Nathaniel (Ire) at all, he’s doing extremely well, but if you look at some of the trainers with large strings—Richard Fahey, Kevin Ryan, Richard Hannon—they want the faster horse, the Ascot 2-year-old who will probably be a miler in his 3-year-old career.”

The William Haggas-trained Headway, who was co-bred with Larry Stratton and Adam Driver, fits very much in that bracket. Last season’s G2 Coventry S. runner-up, who showed such a sharp turn of foot in the recent Spring Cup at Lingfield, was out of the Whatton Manor-bred, Cecil-trained On Her Way (GB) (Medicean (GB)).

“He was a lovely foal, very active, a good mover, and having discussed with the co-owners, we decided that the foal trade was strong and we were pretty pleased to get 38,000gns for him at Tattersalls,” Ed recalls. “We were thrilled he went to a proper farm in Pier House Stud and even more delighted that he later went to William Haggas.

“From quite early on, we were hearing positive reports about him. To nearly win at Royal Ascot and win like he did the other day—the time experts were saying his last furlong was exceptional—you get very excited. They’re extremely hard to breed, those good horses. I can’t believe he’ll be good enough to win a 2000 Guineas but to potentially line up with a chance would be fantastic.”

As the Players had bought On Her Way back at a handsome profit after she had finished racing, they accepted “a good offer” for her from Richard Brown of Blandford Bloodstock and a half-brother by Bated Breath (GB) went for an impressive 120,000gns at October Book 2 last year.

“We would be absolutely delighted if he did win a Classic as she was bought by a lovely person who is pretty new to the industry and he’s a great guy,” Ed says. “We still own a half-sister to On Her Way called Sunburnt. She’s had a Hot Streak (GB) yearling filly, a Mayson (GB) colt foal and is visiting Havana Gold.”

Currently there are around 50 mares at Whatton Manor Stud, half of which are owned by the Players, and other graduates to look out for this year are Journey’s half-sister Stream Song (GB) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) and the pinhooked Fighting Irish (Ire) (Camelot {GB}), both of whom could also go for European Classic trials.

It is a long way from that field in Newmarket in every sense.

“When my father was getting everything going he didn’t have the finances and was using cheap stallions or mares he bought very cheaply,” says Ed Player. “Now we’ve got some fantastic new clients and seriously good mares are coming on the place. Go down to any one field and there’ll be foals by top-quality stallions—Dark Angel, Sea The Stars. We’re very fortunate to be working with lovely horses.”

## NEW ORDA

Newmarket's G3 Lanwades Stud Nell Gwyn S. takes centre stage on Wednesday, when a clutch of 1000 Guineas contenders warm up headed by course-and-distance winner **Altyn Orda (Ire)** (Kyllachy {GB}). Nurlan Bizakov's homebred upstaged the well-regarded Juddmonte filly Gavota (GB) (Bated Breath {GB}) in the G3 Oh So Sharp S. in October and is reported in prime condition by trainer Roger Varian. "Altyn Orda is in good shape and it seemed logical to bring her back to Newmarket," he explained. "To break her maiden in that company was an excellent effort and the form and time of that race look solid. She is entitled to improve again this year and I am very much looking forward to running her."



Altyn Orda | Racing Post photo

Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum's **Threading (Ire)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) was impressive on desperate ground on debut at Glorious Goodwood in August and when following up at the expense of another Varian trainee in Madeline (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) in York's G2 Lowther S. later that month. Only seventh on her season finale in this venue's G1 Cheveley Park S. in September, she has proven pattern-race ability and a class edge if things fall right.

Godolphin rely on the mile Ascot novice stakes winner **Soliloquy (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) and trainer Charlie Appleby is keen to see how she fares as he weighs up his Guineas team.

"Soliloquy has wintered well and this looks a nice starting point to her 3-year-old season to see where to go for the rest of the campaign," he said. "She won over a mile at Ascot and will be doing her best work at the end of this race. Coming back in distance is not a concern, but we see her optimum distance as being over a mile or a mile and a quarter." Another who is open to improvement is Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's course-and-distance maiden scorer **Nawassi (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) from John Gosden's stable responsible for the last two winners of this.

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## DEAUVILLE IN SEFTON INTRO



Deauville | Coglianesse

Ballydoyle's presence continues at Newmarket's Craven meeting on Wednesday, with **Deauville (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) launching his season in the G3 bet365 Earl of Sefton S. Mainly consistent and reliable, the 2016 GI Belmont Derby Invitational S. winner was third in the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup at The Curragh in May, in Royal Ascot's G1 Queen Anne S. the following month and in the GI Arlington Million and a repeat of any of those displays would be sufficient to kick the year off with a win.

Another who is always threatening to break through at the top level for a second time is **Robin of Navan (Fr)** (American Post {GB}), the 2015 G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud hero who was second in the nine-furlong G1 Prix d'Ispahan at Chantilly in May. Third on his return to the subsequent listed scorer Hunaina (Ire) (Tamayuz {GB}) in Chantilly's Prix Montjeu conditions race over a mile on the Polytrack on Mar. 6, he has race-fitness on his side along with the promoted Feb. 24 G3 Winter Derby winner **Master the World (Ire)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}).

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## FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

**Wednesday, April 18:**

**UNITED KINGDOM**

**Bungle Inthetjungle (GB)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}),

Rathasker Stud

95 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners

13:40-BEVERLEY, 5f, BUNGLE BILLY (IRE)

€5,500 RNA Goffs February Mixed Sale 2017; £7,000 Goffs UK Silver Yearling Sale 2017

13:40-BEVERLEY, 5f, CAREY STREET (IRE)  
 €5,500 Goffs February Mixed Sale 2017; €13,000 Goffs Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2017  
 17:45-KEMPTON PARK, 5f, GEOGRAPHY TEACHER (IRE)  
 €6,500 RNA Goffs November Foals Sale 2016; €15,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2017  
 17:45-KEMPTON PARK, 5f, JUNGLE INTHEBUNGLE (IRE)  
 €8,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2017  
**Gale Force Ten (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}), Irish National Stud  
 98 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
 13:40-BEVERLEY, 5f, HURRICANE FIVE (IRE)  
 €6,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2016; £11,000 Goffs UK Silver Yearling Sale 2017

**Gregorian (IRE)** (Clodovil {Ire}), National Stud  
 85 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
 16:10-NEWMARKET, 5f, CHYNNA (GB)

**Heeraat (IRE)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), Mickley Stud  
 71 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
 16:10-NEWMARKET, 5f, COTUBANAMA (GB)  
 2,500gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2016

**Slade Power (Ire)** (Dutch Art {GB}), Kildangan Stud  
 99 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
 16:10-NEWMARKET, 5f, STRINGS OF LIFE (GB)  
 17:45-KEMPTON PARK, 5f, VERY STABLE GENIUS (IRE)  
 €15,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2017

## OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

**4.45 Newmarket, Mdn, £10,000, 3yo, f, 8ft**  
**AWARD WINNING (IRE) (Dubawi {Ire})** is another intriguing John Gosden newcomer, this time for Messrs Magnier, Tabor, Smith and Jooste. A 720,000gns foal at nearby Tattersalls December, she is a half-sister to the GSWs Royal Bench (Ire) (Whipper), Memphis Tennessee (Ire) (Hurricane Run {Ire}) and Mayhem (Ire) (Whipper) from the excellent family of Cerulean Sky (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}).

**7.45 Kempton, Cond, £6,000, 3yo, 7f (AWT)**  
**WUFUD (GB) (Dubawi {Ire})** is a half-brother to Shadwell's triple group 1-winning sprinting sensation Muhaarar (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) who debuts in those silks for John Gosden. He is joined by the yard's similarly-unraced **Mr Marrakech (GB) (Scat Daddy)**.

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**Koji Tsuruoka, Japan's ambassador to the United Kingdom, visited Shadwell's Nunnery Stud on Tuesday. He is pictured with champion sprinter Muhaarar.**

BRITAIN



**Wednesday, Newmarket, post time: 2.25 p.m.**

**BET365 EUROPEAN FREE H.-Listed, £50,000, 3yo, 7ft**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	1	Hey Jonesy (Ire)	Excelebration (Ire)	Stott	K Ryan	133
2	9	Nebo (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Dettori	Hills	131
3	2	Great Prospector (Ire)	Elzaam (Aus)	Hanagan	Fahey	129
4	10	Rufus King (GB)	Iffraaj (GB)	Fanning	Johnston	126
5	8	Another Batt (Ire)	Windsor Knot (Ire)	de Sousa	Scott	124
6	6	Finniston Farm (GB)	Helmet (Aus)	Kingscote	Dascombe	124
7	5	Folk Tale (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	124
8	7	Staxton (GB)	Equiano (Fr)	Allan	T Easterby	124
9	4	Anna Nerium (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Marquand	Hannon	123
10	3	Snazzy Jazzy (Ire)	Red Jazz	Crouch	Cox	123

**Tuesday's Results:**

**BET365 FEILDEN S.-Listed, £40,000, NEW, 4-17, 3yo, 9ft,**  
 1:53.67, g/s.

**1--MILDENBERGER (GB), 126, c, 3, by Teofilo (Ire)**

**1st Dam: Belle Josephine (GB), by Dubawi (Ire)**

**2nd Dam: Bella Lambada (GB), by Lammtarra**

**3rd Dam: Bella Colora (GB), by Bellypha (Ire)**

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Godolphin (GB); T-Mark Johnston; J-James Doyle. £22,684. Lifetime Record: MGSP-Eng, 6-4-0-2, \$111,423.

**2--Fortune's Pearl (Ire), 126, c, 3, Harbour Watch (Ire)--Princess Mood (Ger), by Muhtarram. (30,000gns Wlg '15 TATFOA).**  
 O-Qatar Racing Ltd. £8,600.

**3--Kew Gardens (Ire), 129, c, 3, Galileo (Ire)--Chelsea Rose (Ire), by Desert King (Ire). O-Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier & Michael Tabor. £4,304.**

Margins: HF, 6, 4. Odds: 2.75, 25.00, 1.75.

**Feilden S. cont.**

Also Ran: Dark Acclaim (Ire), New Show (Ire), Stage Magic (Ire), Arbalet (Ire), Msayyan (Ire). [Click for the Racing Post result.](#)

**Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

Coming off two wins to be third to Expert Eye (GB) (Acclamation {GB}) in the G2 Vintage S. over seven furlongs at Glorious Goodwood at the start of August, Mildenberger made heavy weather of winning the Listed Stonehenge S. on his first try at a mile at Salisbury in August prior to running third to Roaring Lion (Kitten's Joy) and Nelson (Ire) (Frankel {GB}) in the G2 Royal Lodge S. here in September. Well adrift of Fortune's Pearl throughout this return, the bay had to work to close the gap running down into the "dip" but stuck at his task to reel in that enterprisingly-ridden rival in the last 100 yards.



Mildenberger (left) overtakes Fortune's Pearl | [racingfotos.com](http://racingfotos.com)

Trainer Mark Johnston was collecting a fifth renewal and commented, "I thought he'd given the leader too much of a start but he's got to him well in the end, looks as though he'll stay every inch of the trip at least, which we always thought would be the case. The [G2] Dante's the obvious next step. He can get quite worked up beforehand, he wears a lip chain in the preliminaries but he has a great attitude once he gets out on the course."

Mildenberger, a half-brother to a yearling colt by Kyllachy (GB), is one of two juvenile winners and the leading performer out of a winning half-sister to Listed Height of Fashion S. and Listed Grand Prix de Fontainebleau victress Marsh Daisy (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), G3 Queen's Vase and G3 Curragh Cup placegetter Yankee Doodle (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}), and Listed Carnarvon S. runner-up Fontana Amorosa (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}). His third dam is G2 Prix de l'Opera heroine and G1 1000 Guineas third Bella Colora (GB) (Bellypha {Ire}), whose swathe of black-type descendants includes European highweight and MGSW sire Stagecraft (GB) (Sadler's Wells).

**4th-NEW, £15,000, Cond, 4-17, 3yo, 7fT, 1:27.93, g/s.**

**PURSER (c, 3, Mizzen Mast--Solo Piano, by Empire Maker)** was burdened with a seven-pound penalty for posting two juvenile scores and conceded weight all round coming off a third in the Oct. 14 G3 Autumn S. here and a Mar. 30 fourth at Newcastle on sophomore return last time. Disputing the lead with 4-6 chalk Symbolization (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}) throughout, the 2-1 second choice came under pressure approaching the final quarter mile and kept on strongly up the hill, with jockey Frankie Dettori reluctant to employ the persuader, to deny his long-time companion by a neck. The homebred bay is one of two scorers produced by a winning daughter of GI Kentucky Oaks and GI Alabama S. heroine Flute (Seattle Slew), who is also the dam of MGISP GII Goldikova S. victress Filimbi (Mizzen Mast), from a family which features MG1SW sire Brian Boru (GB) (Sadler's Wells). His dam Solo Piano (Empire Maker) has also produced the 2-year-old colt Clavichord (Super Saver) and a yearling colt by Mizzen Mast, and she was covered by Uncle Mo last year. Lifetime Record: GSP-Eng, 6-3-0-1, \$43,241. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY); T-John Gosden.



**1st-NEW, £10,000, Mdn, 4-17, 3yo, c/g, 7fT, 1:28.38, g/s.**

**AURUM (IRE) (c, 3, Exceed and Excel {Aus}--Rachelle {Ire}, by Mark of Esteem {Ire})** was positioned just off the pace in sixth for most of this first go. Asked to close approaching the quarter-mile marker, the 11-4 second favourite quickened smartly under urging inside the final furlong to comfortably assert by 2 3/4 lengths from Tilghman (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}). The homebred bay becomes the sixth winner from as many runners produced by Rachelle (Ire) (Mark of Esteem {Ire}), herself a winning daughter of stakes-winning G1 Oaks d'Italia second Rose Violet (Alleged). He is a full-brother to G3 Sirenia S. victor Rouleau (GB) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), and a half to G1 Middle Park S.-winning sire Amadeus Wolf (GB) (Mozart {Ire}), the 2-year-old filly Chamrousse (Ire) (Raven's Pass) and a yearling colt by Dark Angel (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$9,275. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O/B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Charlie Appleby.

**3rd-NEW, £8,000, Cond, 4-17, 2yo, 5fT, 1:01.63, g/s.**

**JACKSTAR (IRE) (c, 2, Dark Angel {Ire}--Starbright {Ire} {GSP-Ire}, by Duke of Marmalade {Ire})** exited the outside box and stalked the leading duo in third through halfway in this unveiling. Making smooth headway to loom ominously inside the two pole, the 11-4 second choice led soon after and was ridden out on the climb to the line to score by 1 3/4 lengths

from Ynys Mon (Ire) (Olympic Glory {Ire}). Kin to a yearling filly by Big Bad Bob (Ire), the €120,000 GOUKPR yearling is the lone racing performer out of G3 Park Express S. third Starbright (Ire) (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}), herself produced by a winning half-sister to GI Gamely S. heroine Tuscan Evening (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}), from a family featuring G1 Prix d'Ispahan-winning sire Sasuru (GB) (Most Welcome {GB}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,420. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** 1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Mrs Caroline Ingram; B-Skymarc Farm (IRE); T-Tom Dascombe.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Porth Swtan (Ire)**, c, 3, **Invincible Spirit (Ire)**--Propaganda (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. NEW, 4-17, 7fT, 1:28.04. B-Irish National Stud (IRE). \*€110,000 Ylg '16 GOFORB. \*\*Full to Shagah (Ire), GSP-Eng.

## FRANCE



#### Tuesday's Results:

**3rd-MLF, €27,000, Mdn**, 4-17, unraced 2yo, 5fT, 1:00.84, hy. **TROIS MATS (FR) (c, 2, Wootton Bassett {GB})--Tricky Bid, by Silver Hawk** was well away from an outer gate and raced in the vanguard throughout this debut. Scrubbed along to challenge at the quarter-mile marker, the 16-1 chance gained an outright lead with 300 metres remaining and was ridden out to just hold the rallying Kodiak Time (Ire) (Society Rock {Ire}) by a sliver. The €18,000 ARQNOV yearling becomes the eighth winner from as many foals to race produced by Tricky Bid (Silver Hawk) and he is a half-brother to Listed Criterium du Bequet third Tricky Week (Fr) (Sunday Break {Jpn}). Tricky Bid is a winning granddaughter of stakes-winning GIII Post-Deb S. runner-up Madame Premier (Raja Baba). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** 1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Mme Theresa Marnane; B-Jan Krauze (FR); T-Matthieu Palussiere.

#### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**2nd-MLF, €28,000, Cond**, 4-17, 4yo, 12 1/2fT, 2:48.68, hy. **ZOUK (FR) (f, 4, Delegator {GB})--Singapore Belle {Fr}, by Sagacity {Fr}** Lifetime Record: MSP-Fr, 14-3-3-1, €94,585. O-Ecurie Jaeckin, Pascal Adda, Laurent Cribier & Michel Meyer; B-Haras de la Huderie (FR); T-Pascal Adda. \*€20,000 Ylg '15 AROCT; €22,000 RNA 2yo '16 OSAMAY.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Vlatka (Ire)**, f, 3, **Dawn Approach (Ire)**--Sotka (GB) (SP-Fr), by Dutch Art (GB). MLF, 4-17, 7fT, 1:28.45. B-Zalim Bifov (IRE).

\*€80,000 Ylg '16 ARAUG. \*\*1/2 to Fas (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), GSW-Fr, \$125,806.

**Zaha's Eye (Fr)**, g, 3, **Orpen**--Leni Riefenstahl (Ire) (SP-Itly), by Mull of Kintyre. MLF, 4-17, 7fT, 1:26.84. B-Razza Della Sila SRL (FR). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

## EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

#### IN SOUTH AFRICA:

**Albacore (Ire)**, c, 4, **Fastnet Rock (Aus)**--Starfish (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). Turffontein, 4-17, Maiden Plate, 1600mT. O-Mrs M Slack & Mr M B Javett; B-Manister House Stud; T-Mike de Kock. \*1/2 to La Collina (Ire) (Strategic Prince {GB}), MG1SW-Ire, \$471,724; full to Entsar (Ire), SW-Eng. \*\*425,000gns Ylg '15 TATOCT.

## WORLDWIDE NEWS

### FIGURES UP AFTER EASTER FORTNIGHT

A fortnight of selling at Inglis's Riverside Stables in Sydney drew to a close on Tuesday with the third and final session of the Inglis Australian Broodmare and Weanling Sale. Topping trade on Tuesday was the 4-year-old Snitzel (Aus) mare **Wilcannia (Aus) (lot 510)**, who was bought by Boomer Bloodstock and Daandine Stud carrying her first foal, which is a member of the first crop of Flying Artie (Aus). Craig Rounsefell of Boomer Bloodstock also teamed with Daandine to buy the dam of the 2016 G1 Golden Slipper winner Capitalist (Aus) (Written Tycoon {Aus}) at auction in 2012.



Olly Tait's Twin Hills Stud sold the top lot on Tuesday | SDP Media

Wilcannia was consigned by Olly and Amber Tait’s Twin Hills Stud as part of its first public consignment. Twin Hills, which also last week announced it would add proven sire Smart Missile (Aus) to its roster next year alongside Odyssey Moon (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}), enjoyed a perfect four-for-four clearance rate at the sale. Olly Tait said, “The Snitzel was a lovely mare and she had a good profile, there was plenty of competition for her so we were thrilled to get that amount for her. I think she’s going to Queensland so I wish them the very best of luck. We’ve sold some, we’ve bought some, the business always keeps moving and we have to keep investing.” [Click here](#) for a recent TDN feature on Olly Tait and Twin Hills.

Paul Fudge of Waratah Thoroughbreds was dispersing his breeding stock at Inglis this week, and John Freyer took advantage when scooping up the three-time winner **Tap This** (Tapit) (lot 474) for A\$165,000. The daughter of the stakes-winning Stormy Publisher (Arg) (Bernstein) is barren after being covered by Air Force Blue in her first season at stud last year.

In the same situation was **Windradyne (GB)** (Sepoy {Aus}) (lot 512), who was barren after being covered by Fastnet Rock (Aus) in her first season last year. The soon-to-be 4-year-old has some good genes to gamble on, however, being a half-sister to the champion sprinter Sole Power (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}) and two other stakes horses. She was a 550,000gns buyback as a Tattersalls October Yearling and was picked up by Randwick Bloodstock Agency for A\$140,000 on Tuesday.

The Australian Broodmare and Weanling Sale closed with 471 lots sold for an average of A\$30,613, a clearance rate of 80% and a gross of A\$14,418,550.

With the conclusion of the Easter period of sales, A\$277,496,400 has been traded at Inglis sales thus far in 2018, up 9.25% from this stage last year. Of that, A\$235,370,000 has been traded in the yearling market, up 11% on last year.

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## SESSION TOPPERS

### Inglis Australian Broodmare and Weanling Sale Day Three

Lot	Name	Status	Price (A\$)
510	<b>Wilcannia (Aus)</b>	<b>i/f Flying Artie (Aus)</b>	<b>170,000</b>
	<i>(m, 4, Snitzel {Aus}--Ana’s Mail {Aus}, by Anabaa)</i>		
	<i>(A\$360,000 yrl ‘15 INGAPR)</i>		
	Consigned by Twin Hills Stud		
	Purchased by Boomer Bloodstock/Daandine Stud		

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**474 Tap This Barren 165,000**

*(m, 5, Tapit--Stormy Publisher {Arg}, by Bernstein)*

Consigned by Waratah Thoroughbreds (Unreserved Dispersal)

Purchased by Freyer Bloodstock

**512 Windradyne (GB) Barren 140,000**

*(f, 3, Sepoy {Aus}--Demerger {GB}, by Distant View)*

*(550,000gns RNA yrl ‘15 TATOCT)*

Consigned by Tyreel Stud (As Agent for the Estate of G. Russell)

Purchased by Randwick Bloodstock Agency

## AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

### IN SOUTH AFRICA:

**Streetfighting Man (Aus)**, g, 3, **So You Think (NZ)**--Quick Thinking (NZ), by Starcraft (NZ). Durbanville, 4-17, Maiden Plate, 1800mT, 1:50.04. O-Messrs E A Braun & K P & Mrs Jane Truter; B-Think Big Stud (NSW); T-Justin Snaith. \*A\$85,000 Ylg ‘16 INGSYD; R425,000 2yo ‘16 CTSRTR.

The catalogue for the Hokkaido Training Sale of 2-Year-Olds is online. [Click here](#) for the catalogue of the sale that produced six-time Group 1 winner Maurice (Jpn) (Screen Hero {Jpn}).

Wednesday, Newmarket, Britain, post time: 3.35 p.m.

LANWADES STUD NELL GWYN S.-G3, £60,000, 3yo, f, 7fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	8	Altyn Orda (Ire)	Kyllachy (GB)	de Sousa	Varian	126
2	4	Billesdon Brook (GB)	Champs Elysees (GB)	Levey	Hannon	126
3	2	Dramatically	War Front	Moore	A O'Brien	126
4	10	Eirene (GB)	Declaration of War	Winston	Ivory	126
5	9	Ertiyad (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Mosse	Haggas	126
6	11	Hikmaa (Ire)	Roderic O'Connor (Ire)	Murphy	Vaughan	126
7	6	Juliet Foxtrot (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Dettoni	Hills	126
8	12	Nawassi (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Crowley	Gosden	126
9	7	Nyaleti (Ire)	Arch	Fanning	Johnston	126
10	5	Soliloquy (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	126
11	1	Threading (Ire)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Doyle	Johnston	126
12	3	Zain Hana (GB)	Shamardal	Egan	Nosedad	126

Wednesday, Newmarket, Britain, post time: 3.00 p.m.

BET365 EARL OF SEFTON S.-G3, £60,000, 4yo/up, 9fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	4	Master The World (Ire)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Levey	Elsworth	128
2	1	Battle of Marathon 	War Front	Mosse	J Ryan	125
3	2	Cap'n (Ire)	Gamut (Ire)	Downing	Dyson	125
4	7	Deauville (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	A O'Brien	125
5	8	Euginio (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Atzeni	Hannon	125
6	3	Forest Ranger (Ire)	Lawman (Fr)	Hamilton	Fahey	125
7	6	Frankuus (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Dettoni	Johnston	125
8	9	Robin of Navan (Fr)	American Post (GB)	Doyle	H Dunlop	125
9	5	What About Carlo (Fr)	Creachadoir (Ire)	Bishop	Johnson Houghton	125



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