LONG IN THE MAKING, HOPEFUL WIN A FAMILY AFFAIR

by Joe Bianca

Thanks in large part to its insular nature, horse racing is an institution with deep family traditions. It’s pretty difficult to enter the game on your own and create a legacy, so when one does, it makes sense that they would want to pass that legacy on to the next generation in their lineage. Those who share our blood and name are most likely to feel the connection to, and pride in, our heritage of racing. Clans like the O’Briens at Ballydoyle, the Hancocks at Claiborne and the Farishes at Lane’s End come to mind. But every size of track or farm has incumbent racing families trying to keep the torch burning in their corner of the world.

John Brunetti, Sr. and Bill Sacco made their mark in the sport independently way back in the 1940s and ‘50s. Brunetti as an owner in the sunshine of South Florida and Sacco as a trainer in the quiet shore towns of New Jersey. Over a half-century later, their names live on through their sons, and Monday, those sons accomplished something which confirmed, unlike anything else has, that all the sacrifices of their predecessors were made in service of a truly meaningful legacy.

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TDN Q&A: NED TOFFEY TALKS INTO MISCHIEF AND BEHOLDER
by Lucas Marquardt

From the remarkable rise of Into Mischief (Harlan’s Holiday) to the top of the stallion ranks to the presence of his four-time champion half-sister Beholder (Henny Hughes) in her new career as a broodmare, 2018 is an exciting time to be at Spendthrift Farm. Fresh off the graded stakes success of Into Mischief’s scintillating ‘TDN Rising Star’ Instagrand, and as the Keeneland September Sale approaches—where the super-sire’s best-bred crop yet will make their way into the sales ring—the TDN’s Lucas Marquardt sat down with Spendthrift general manager Ned Toffey, who discusses his outlook for Into Mischief going forward and provides an update on Beholder, currently in foal to Curlin.

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TAYLOR MADE TO OFFER FIRST EURO CONSIGNMENT

Taylor Made Sales Agency announced Tuesday that it will offer its first-ever European consignment at the Tattersalls December Mare sale.

HANA TRACK RATINGS TO INCORPORATE AFTERCARE

T.D. Thornton talks to Jeff Platt of the Horseplayers Association of North America as he prepares to incorporate tracks’ dedication to aftercare into HANA’s popular track ratings system.
In 2015, Red Oak Stable, the brainchild of Brunetti now run by his sons Steve and John, Jr., paired their homebred stakes winner Feel That Fire to Stay Thirsty, and the result was a stocky colt by the name of Mind Control. When it was time for him to head to racetrack training, the Brunettis did what they usually do with their babies: gave him to longtime friend of the family Greg Sacco, son of Bill. Monday at Saratoga, the crew, effectively part of the same ancestry now, shipped their colt up to Saratoga, where he pulled off a 10-1 upset in the most prestigious 2-year-old race outside of the Breeders’ Cup Juvenile, the Hopeful. It was the first Grade I win for the Sacco family. To do it, the small stable had to knock off heavily-favored Bill Mott ‘TDN Rising Star’ Mucho (Blame), as well as runners from the Todd Pletcher, Steve Asmussen and Mark Casse barns.

“I’ve won a lot of stakes and a couple graded stakes, but a Grade I is elusive and is always a goal for a trainer,” Sacco said less than 24 hours after the pinnacle of his career thus far. “It’s tough to win one, so it was gratifying. It’s difficult at Saratoga, because it’s the creme de la creme of trainers, horses, jockeys, and they all converge there every meet. It’s a competitive place, it always has been and it’s getting tougher with the outfits that have 200 horses. Whether it’s a claiming race or anything, they have the numbers, so it’s very, very tough. It’s an historic place and winning a race there is an accomplishment. Winning a Grade I there is almost beyond your wildest dreams.”

Mind Control debuted July 5 at Delaware and ran a good second at 13-1, beaten 2 1/4 lengths while finishing 13 1/2 lengths clear of the third finisher. Then, two results on Aug. 12 set in motion a path to the Hopeful for the bay. First, Mind Control took care of business with a convincing three-length graduation back home at Monmouth. Then, a few hours later, Call Paul (Friesan Fire), who beat him in his debut, returned to capture the GII Saratoga Special S.

“When Call Paul came back and won the Saratoga Special, that was flattering,” Sacco said. “And the way we won, it was a small field, but the way he did it and the way he galloped out that day was most impressive. He went 1:09 3/5, drew off at the end and galloped out really strong. Subsequently, he came back right after that race and worked really, really super last week. He went a little faster than we wanted, but worked great and galloped out strong and came out of the work great. We could’ve run in the Sapling at Monmouth, but we felt that he’s special and deserved a shot at the Hopeful. We knew it was tough going in, we knew Mucho was the horse to beat and there were some other talented horses–Mark Casse’s horse was preparing for that race for a couple months off his Churchill maiden win--but we felt we belonged, and Mind Control proved us right.” Cont. p4
9 INDIVIDUAL GRADE 1 WINNERS FROM JUST FIVE CROPS

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According to Sacco, the horse’s name fits him, as he has always been a fast learner whose discipline and intelligence, as much as his talent, has allowed him to progress into a Grade I winner.

“He’s never been precocious in the way of wanting to go, go, go,” Sacco said. “The thing about him is he’s so smart. We shipped him to Delaware that day and you never know how you’re going to ship—it was a hot day and he just took everything in like a pro, and in his training, he does everything you ask of him. He can accelerate, decelerate, he’s very easy to train and he has gears. All horses don’t have gears. He’ll work in :50, but he can gallop out in 1:01 if you just smooch to him. He’s a beautiful horse, medium-sized, doesn’t have any wasted energy and acts like an older horse. Almost like an old soul. For a 2-year-old, he’s got it all going for him.”

Sacco has been training for the Brunetti family for over 25 years, and has known them for much longer, with John Brunetti, Sr. being a longtime friend of Bill Sacco despite never having horses with him. Greg was given a few to train for Red Oak in the early 1990s, the best of which was Enjoy the Silence (Valid Appeal), who was the first horse Steve Brunetti picked out at auction.

“He was a six-time stakes winner and that was our initiation, but Mr. Brunetti was a staple to me, a man I held in high regard even when I wasn’t training for him,” Sacco said. “He and his sons were my biggest supporters over the years and my relationship with them is very close. I work for them, but we’re dear friends and Mr. Brunetti was almost like a second dad to my brother and me.”

Brunetti was best known for buying and keeping storied Hialeah Park in business for decades despite the constant threat of being bought out by developers that comes with owning any large plot of land in South Florida. That persistence and dedication to the long-serving home of racing in the region particularly drew Sacco’s admiration.

“I always loved Hialeah and knew that he basically had saved Hialeah, because it was going to be demolished if he didn’t come along and buy it,” he said. “There are a lot of variations to the story with that, but they were going to demolish it. So he kept Hialeah alive for another almost 25 years, from ‘77 to 2000. He knew it was a losing battle geographically going into it.”

It was an emotional scene in the winner’s circle Monday at Saratoga for Sacco, his brother Rick, who runs Red Oak’s operation in Ocala, and the Brunettis. It took on greater significance given that the elder Brunetti passed away in March at the age of 87, fittingly the same age as Bill Sacco when he died in 2009.

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“It was a great feeling with my friends, family and Steve and his family there,” Sacco said. “The only thing missing was Mr. Brunetti. It would’ve been unbelievable for him to be there, but I’m sure he was there with us in spirit and I’m sure he’s proud of John and Steve for carrying on the tradition.”

Just as surely, Brunetti and Bill Sacco would’ve been plenty proud of Greg too.

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TDN: When Into Mischief first came to Spendthrift, he stood inexpensively and he made an impressive rise through the stallion ranks. Talk about how his success has corresponded with the rebirth of the Spendthrift stallion operation.

NT: Quite frankly, when Into Mischief first got to Spendthrift, he wasn't especially well-received by breeders. He got here in the winter. He physically didn't look the way he looks now, and Harlan's Holiday wasn't what he became at that time. So he was a tough one for breeders to accept. He's obviously changed things around considerably since then.

TDN: One of Into Mischief’s most notable runners this year has been Audible, who won the GI Florida Derby and ran third in the GI Kentucky Derby. Is Into Mischief starting to stamp himself as a true Classic sire? Are breeders responding by sending him Classic-type mares?

NT: I think that as the stud fee has gone up, we've seen the caliber of mare and maybe the type of mare change a little bit over the years. I think you are seeing a little bit more Classic-type mares come in, and I think the results will follow. Into Mischief has been a tremendously consistent sprint sire, a sire of sprinter-milers. He certainly has had his share of Classic horses, but I think you'll continue to see him get runners at all distances of all types as his career unfolds.

TDN: Glancing through the Keeneland September catalog, there isn't a wealth of Spendthrift-bred horses by Into Mischief. Is this because you have been breeding fewer of your own mares to him to allow outside breeders more access to him?

NT: We are a stud farm, first and foremost, and Mr. [B. Wayne] Hughes has always been adamant that he wants to make room for the breeders. So it's quite routine for us to start off the year with a number of mares booked to a given stallion--whether it's Into Mischief or anybody else. And as the demand rises for that stallion, we may back our own mares off of his book. Into Mischief's stud fee has gone up almost every year. He was $100,000 last year. We've already announced him at $125,000 this year going into 2019, and he's never missed a beat. His books filled up quickly every year.

TDN: What is your outlook for the September Sale?

NT: We're really looking forward to the Keeneland September sale this year. Into Mischief is represented by his best-bred crop again of yearlings, and we expect the results to follow.
**TDN:** You both race and stand stallions. Shifting our focus to Beholder, what do you think it meant to Mr. Hughes and the farm to have such a special racemare carry the orange and purple colors?

**NT:** I think we always felt like Beholder was a wonderful filly. I think that the far turn at Del Mar in 2015 during the GI Pacific Classic was a seminal moment for Mr. Hughes. I think he went from thinking of Beholder as a really nice filly to being something really, really special. He talked about the pride of ownership that he felt with her after the race that day, and I think that has been something that he can carry with him for years.

**TDN:** And how is Beholder doing in her new career as a broodmare at the farm?

**NT:** Beholder is in year two of her career as a broodmare. She’s got a very nice Uncle Mo colt who’s been weaned and is doing well, and she’s back in foal to Curlin on one cover—so she continues to do things the right way. She is carrying a filly, so we’re very excited about that. It’s a pleasure to have Beholder here on the farm. She’s settled in beautifully to her routine as a broodmare, and we treat her very much the same way we would treat any broodmare here at Spendthrift. While she had her foal by her side, the routine was that they would be outside overnight, come in first thing in the morning and get fed and checked over, and spend a couple of hours inside before going back out.

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**TAYLOR MADE TO OFFER FIRST EUROPEAN CONSIGNMENT AT TATTERSALLS DECEMBER**

Taylor Made Sales Agency will offer its first European consignment at the Tattersalls December Mare Sale, presenting race fillies and mares with group/graded success on both sides of the Atlantic. The announcement comes on the heels of Taylor Made raised and sales graduate Roaring Lion (Kitten’s Joy) capturing multiple Group 1s in Europe this year and fellow grad Shang Shang Shang (Shanghai Bobby) winning at Royal Ascot.

“We are always looking for ways to improve our customer’s chances for success.” said Taylor Made’s Vice President of Public Sales Mark Taylor. “The Thoroughbred marketplace is becoming more interconnected than ever before. We believe that our initial consignment at Tattersalls will maximize the value of our customer’s horses while also opening up many new relationships.

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His 2018 three-year-olds include an Eclipse finalist, a Sovereign Award winner, three G1 horses, three G2 winners and two millionaires.
We have also developed a working relationship with Haras De Gouffern, whom we will present a consignment with at Arqana in 2019. We will be releasing more details in the near future regarding that venture.”

Edmond Mahony, Chairman of Tattersalls, added, “Taylor Made is synonymous with quality bloodstock and consummate professionalism and we are proud that they have chosen the Tattersalls December Sale for their first-ever consignment in Europe.”

STOKES OF GOOD LUCK

by Jessica Martini

When Beryl “Sonny” Stokes, Jr. retired from his family’s seafood company after 55 years at the helm, the Floridian was in search of a hobby and his son-in-law, former Quarter Horse jockey Leroy McClurge, introduced him to the pinhooking game. What started out with a small investment in a single horse some seven years ago has only gotten bigger, culminating this spring with the $400,000 sale of a colt by Goldencents at the OBS March sale. Stokes will be hoping the run of good luck continues when he offers eight yearlings at the upcoming Keeneland September Sale, even as his yearling-to-juvenile pinhooking partner Hoby Kight shops for another crop of youngsters ahead of another round of juvenile auctions next year.

“I was looking for something to do and Leroy called me up one day and said, ‘I’ve got a horse here and a guy wants to sell half of it. I wondered if you’d want to buy half a horse,’” he recalled. “I asked, ‘How much is it going to cost.’ and he said, ‘$2,750.’ So I said OK. We bought the horse and then sold it for $10,000. I got half of that and I thought, there is nothing to this, let’s try it again.” Cont. p8
Stokes added with a chuckle, “And this from a guy who didn’t know which part of a horse was supposed to go first.”

McClurge and Stokes continued to partner for the next few years, expanding a bit each season.

“My son-in-law decided to buy another a horse the next season, which he did, and we made a little money on that,” he said. “So the next year we bought two or three. We didn’t lose any money, we didn’t make very much, but I just kept going on.”

McClurge made the introduction to veteran pinhooker Kight last year.

“Leroy had known him for years and used to work for him,” Stokes said. “I asked Leroy if Hoby might buy a horse for me and train him. It just so happened, Hoby had lost the guy who had partnered with him and he asked me if I wanted to partner with him. So I said, ‘Sure.’ That was last year, so we’ve been partners for two seasons.”

At last year’s September sale, Stokes and McClurge paid $115,000 for a son from the first crop of two-time GI Breeders’ Cup Dirt Mile winner Goldencents.

“Last year, Leroy started training the Goldencents and a Curlin and another horse that we hadn’t sold from the year before,” Stokes said. “But he was kicked in the forearm and broke his arm, so he had to quit training. I gave the horses to Hoby and he finished training them and put them in the sale for us.”

The Goldencents colt (hip 567) turned heads at the OBS March sale when he zipped a quarter in :20 1/5 before selling to Winchell Thoroughbreds for $400,000. Named Bano Solo, the youngster was tabbed a ‘TDN Rising Star’ with a debut victory at Churchill Downs in June.

“I was hoping that might happen,” Stokes said of the March result. “Everybody in the business keeps hoping for the big one, I guess.”

Last November, Stokes purchased nine yearlings. Eight have been entered in the September sale, while one is scheduled to sell at the Fasig-Tipton October sale. His September Book 1 offerings include a filly by Into Mischief (hip 38), a $100,000 purchase at the Keeneland November sale who is consigned by Eaton Sales; a Union Rags colt (hip 281) acquired for $75,000 who is consigned by Woodford Thoroughbreds; a City Zip colt (hip 739) purchased for $52,000 and consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency; and a Ghostzapper filly (hip 851) acquired for $57,000 and consigned by Eaton Sales.

“They are the best crop I’ve ever had,” Stokes said. “So I’m hoping they do well, but a lot can change. This business is the most undependable type of thing that I’ve ever gotten into. You think you’ve got something and the buyers who don’t like it, so you don’t have anything really. But everybody has seen the horses has complimented me on them. They say they are a nice group of horses.” Cont. p9
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Asked if he pinhooked both weanlings as yearlings to diversify his investment, Stokes admitted, “Well that a little. But I just like the little babies for one thing. I love watching them grow and mature. And they go fast and it’s amazing watching them play in the paddock and the fields. It’s just a thrill to me. My daughter Lauren and Leroy have moved into a farm in Summerfield, just south of Ocala. They have 17 acres and 11 paddocks and a nice barn. They have three of my weanlings. They raised them. In fact, I’m picking them up tomorrow and we’re going to take them up to Keeneland. We’ll be up there Thursday morning with three babies for the sale.”

While shopping for weanlings last fall, Stokes decided to add a broodmare to his portfolio, purchasing Forestry’s Magic (Forestry) (hip 516) for $50,000.

“Last year, Hoby and I were at the November sale and I said, ‘You know, I’d kind of like to buy a mare. My daughter would love to have a baby on the farm. So we bought one and left it up in Kentucky and foaled it out in February and got a beautiful little Super Saver colt which I am going to put in the weanling sale in November.”

“I’m just a novice who doesn’t know what he’s doing,” Stokes, who started working at the Stokes Fish Company his father opened in 1930 when he got out of the Air Force in 1954, said humbly. “But I’ve learned a lot and the Lord’s been good to me, I guess. I try not to make dumb mistakes. But in this business, nothing is certain, that’s for sure.”

In addition to his sale offerings at Keeneland in the next two weeks, Stokes will be walking the barns with Kight.

“I’ll be at the sale, I walk the barns,” he said. “I’m kind of old to be doing it, but I love it. Hoby has an unusual eye and I’m not there by any means. I’m a long way from being there. He can spot one a mile off. But I just don’t see what he sees, I don’t see with his eye. That’s for sure. So I’m grateful to have him, because without him, I wouldn’t have much success. I guarantee it.”

The Keeneland September sale starts next Monday with the first of four Book 1 sessions beginning at 11 a.m. After a dark day Friday, the sale resumes again Saturday at 10 a.m.
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‘AFTERCARE GRADE’ TO BE NEW COMPONENT OF HANA TRACK RATINGS
by T.D. Thornton

Horseplayers who want to factor in how well--or poorly--a certain track treats its Thoroughbred population before deciding whether or not to bet that track’s product will soon be able to refer to a new analytical rating system that will assign grades to tracks based on the scope and effectiveness of their aftercare initiatives.

The new ratings will be included in the upcoming 2018 release of the increasingly popular Track Rating System, which has been published by the Horseplayers Association of North America (HANA) every year since 2009.

The scoring could take the form of an A-through-F letter grade or a 1-through-100 percentile rating. Either way, the system will assign the highest rankings to best-practice tracks while failing the jurisdictions that make little or no aftercare effort.

Jeff Platt, the president of HANA, confirmed in a Tuesday phone interview that the changes are in the works.

HANA’s annual Track Rating System has evolved over the past decade from being an interesting compilation of hard-to-find, bettor-centric takeout and handle information into a widely referred-to pari-mutuel marketplace snapshot whose methodologies incorporate other quantitative factors such as field size and simulcast signal distribution to come up with rankings of all North American pari-mutuel Thoroughbred venues.

Betters now increasingly refer to the HANA ratings to see which tracks give them the most bang for their buck, and industry executives have collectively become more and more cognizant of their track’s placement on the list.

Platt said the idea for trying to quantify seemingly subjective aftercare initiatives into a reliable, analytical score that reflects what is really going on behind the scenes came to him earlier this spring when he was disturbed by reports out of Louisiana about Thoroughbreds bound for slaughter, and at times being “ransomed” from kill pens by unscrupulous middlemen.

“I started getting reports that horses were showing up in kill pens as the Delta Downs meet was winding down,” Platt said.

“But it wasn’t just Delta--it was every track in Louisiana, that their horses were ending up there.

“What I’m reading on social media is that there’s a whole black-market economy going on where these kill pen operators know they can get three or four times market value for a horse for somebody wanting to rescue it than they can if they take it across the [United States] border and process it for meat,” Platt continued. Cont. p11
“And there’s something very inherently wrong with that. When a Thoroughbred racehorse, within a few days of its last race at a meet that’s winding down, ends up in a kill lot, that’s a red flag that something is very, very wrong with our game.

“My impetus behind this is to put a spotlight on these practices in the hope that there will be a concerted effort between racing commissions and track owners to implement accredited aftercare programs and to educate and make every horsemen on the grounds aware that if you have an unwanted horse, you need to get it in the hands of an accredited aftercare program,” Platt explained.

Platt said he was not at liberty to divulge the exact algorithmic structure of how the aftercare ratings would be created, referring to the process as being mathematically akin to “a secret sauce.” But he did shed some light on which tracks might be in line for high or low ratings.

“In racing jurisdictions like New York, Maryland, Kentucky and California, where they have well-established, accredited aftercare programs, tracks in those racing jurisdictions are automatically going to get an A-plus or a score of 100, depending on whether we issue a letter grade or a percentile. A track like Delta Downs? Unless something has changed drastically in the last few days that I’m not aware of, they’re going to get a low score.

“And other states where there are mixed reports of horses disappearing from tracks and ending up in kill lots? I won’t mention specific states because we’re still working that out. We’re still trying to get verifiable information. But those tracks are going to get D scores, or C-minuses at best,” Platt said.

Platt acknowledged that HANA is being extra cautious in compiling the aftercare ratings prior to releasing the 2018 version of the full list. The annual ratings generally come out in April, and the list is now four-plus months late in being made public because of the tweaking of the new aftercare component. (You can view the 2017 ratings here).

“I’ve got them on hold,” Platt said. “I bear the responsibility for not getting the 2018 rankings out yet. I’m going to get [the aftercare ratings] as right as we can possibly get them before we hit the ‘submit’ button and make the links public.

“It’s not going to be perfect the first time around. And I’m going to take a lot of flak and negative feedback if I get it wrong,” Platt summed up. “But I’m willing to put my neck out there and go out on a limb in the hope of shining a spotlight on it. And if I do get a rating wrong, and somebody calls me on it, and they can show me [evidence for] a higher grade, I’ll make a change and give them a higher grade.”
HANDLE UP AGAIN AT DEL MAR

All-sources handle at the Del Mar summer meeting, which concluded Monday, rose 6.8% to $13.4 million per day, which follows a 5.1% increase from 2016 to 2017. Off-track wagering accounted for much of the spike, with a 10.8% increase in betting by out-of-state patrons and a 14.1% jump from California ADW customers.

“Across the board, we've hit all our marks with a wonderful display of teamwork in a group effort,” said Del Mar Thoroughbred Club CEO Joe Harper. “Our owners, our trainers, our jockeys—everyone is pulling their oars in the same direction. It is amazing what positive things can happen when we all get on the same page to put on a first-rate show. The bar was set very high in 2017, but here we've gone and jumped far over it in a very gratifying summer.”

Field size ticked up slightly from 8.6 runners per race to 8.7 over the seven-week season, following an increase from 8.3 in 2017.

“The response from our horsemen and horsewomen to our program at Del Mar has been just terrific,” said executive vice president for racing Tom Robbins. “We have a wonderful partnership going right now and we'll continue to work to make it even better.”

VAN DYKE, MILLER, HRONISES TAKE DEL MAR MEET TITLES

Drayden Van Dyke was six wins back in the Del Mar rider standings Aug. 18, but he jumped into the lead with a track record-tying seven wins the following day and never looked back to earn his first major Southern California riding championship at the 79th Del Mar summer meeting.

The 23-year-old native of Louisville, Ky. overtook Flavien Prat and finished the meet with 42 wins to Prat’s 37. Van Dyke had captured titles at the brief Los Alamitos meetings during an Eclipse Award-winning apprentice campaign in 2014, but the championship was a first at Del Mar or Santa Anita in five years on the circuit. He also triumphed in nine stakes and led all riders in earnings with $2,754,118.

On the training side, Peter Miller, who led for the majority of the meeting, finished as easily the summer’s top conditioner with 31 victories from 114 starters, 10 wins ahead of Doug O’Neill. The total tied for the second-most at Del Mar this century, one behind the 32 tallies Bob Baffert posted in 2000. John Sadler, who finished sixth with 15 wins, saw eight of those come in stakes, highlighted by Accelerate (Lookin At Lucky)’s dominant victory in the GI TVG Pacific Classic.

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The funeral procession for John Asher, the beloved Churchill Downs executive who passed away unexpectedly last week at 62, gives the lifelong racetracker one last trip around the historic oval. Churchill Downs’s bugler played “My Old Kentucky Home” when the hearse passed the wire. Funeral services are set for 2 p.m Wednesday at Cathedral of the Assumption in Louisville.

In the owner standings, Kosta and Pete Hronis’s Hronis Racing narrowly beat back the challenge of Rockingham Ranch to pick up their fourth title in the past six years at Del Mar. The pair, from Delano, Ca., topped all owners with 11 victories and—buoyed by Acclerate’s heroics—$1,277,954 in purses, proving best in both departments for the second year in a row. Rockingham Ranch finished one back with 10 scores.

**SHARP AZTECA RETIRED**

Gelfenstein Farm’s Grade I winner Sharp Azteca (Freud–So Sharp, by Saint Liam) has been retired from racing, according to a post on trainer Jorge Navarro’s website. Capturing the GI Cigar Mile H. as one of four graded stakes victories last season, the dark bay hadn’t raced since finishing eighth in the GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational Jan. 27 at Gulfstream. No decision has been made yet on where the 5-year-old will stand stud.

“It has been an honor for me to train a horse like Sharp Azteca,” said Navarro. “He’s the type of horse that every trainer wants to have in his barn. Winner of six stakes races, including the Cigar Mile, one of the most prestigious races in America run over a mile on dirt. From the first day I saw Sharp Azteca, I knew that he was a special horse. Together, we managed to compete at the highest level at 10 different racetracks. I would like to thank Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Scharf for entrusting me with the care of Sharp Azteca, a horse that I will always carry in my heart. I’m pretty sure that, just as he was a brilliant runner, he will also be an extraordinary stallion.”
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The Thoroughbred Women’s Network is set to host a networking event Sunday, Sept. 9 as part of the Keeneland September Yearling Sale. The “Meet and Mingle” will be held on the Keeneland sales grounds between Taylor Made’s Yearling sale barns 2 and 6 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Eastern. All are invited to this casual mixer, after the inspection day has ended.

Recognizing a need in the Thoroughbred racing and breeding industry to address the difficulties many newcomers experience in becoming professionally involved in the sport, the TWN hopes the ice breaker-style event will offer interested individuals the chance to learn more about TWN, as well as meet like-minded Thoroughbred industry professionals, role models, and potential mentors. Light snacks and refreshments will be served, courtesy of Taylor Made Sales.

Attendees are encouraged to mix with current TWN board members and participants, register, exchange information, network with peers, and sign up for a mentorship program the TWN expects to unveil in the near future. Registration and information tables will be set up for those interested in learning more about various professions in the Thoroughbred industry. Topics will include: On the Farm, At the Track, Marketing, and Industry Services.
Saturday, Kentucky Downs, post time: 6:59 p.m. EDT

CALUMET FARM KENTUCKY TURF CUP S.-GIII, $750,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT

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Saturday, Kentucky Downs, post time: 5:26 p.m. EDT

KENTUCKY DOWNS LADIES TURF S.-GIII, $500,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT

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### Saturday, Kentucky Downs, post time: 6:29 p.m. EDT
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### Saturday, Kentucky Downs, post time: 5:57 p.m. EDT
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### Saturday, Parx Racing, post time: 4:04 p.m. EDT
#### DR. JAMES PENNY MEMORIAL S.-GIII, $200,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:
2nd-Thistledown, $25,500, Msw, 9-4, 2yo, 6f, 1:13.86, ft.
WHO DAT MO (g, 2, Uncle Mo--Carly’s City, by Carson City), a $15,000 KEESEP yearling, was sent off at 3-1 in this unveiling. Away well, the gelding settled in mid-pack in a strung-out field. He reeled in the pacesetters down the lane and just got his nose in front of favored Buckititlewave (Dialed In) on the line. The winner’s third dam, Thorough Fair (Quiet American), produced multiple graded stakes winner Spellbinder (Tale of the Cat) and Grade I winner Whywhywhy (Mr. Greeley). Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $13,500.
O-Keys to Riches Stable; B-Langsem Farm, Inc (OH); T-Shane Meyers.

3rd-Thistledown, $24,500, Msw, 9-4, 2yo, 6f, 1:13.04, ft.
OUTANDUP (g, 2, Strong Mandate--Sekmet, by Empire Maker) closed to miss by just a neck when second in his debut at this track July 17 and was 13 lengths back in third last time out Aug. 4. Adding an extra half-furlong here, the 8-5 favorite split the field through an opening quarter in :22.20. The bay gelding ranged up four wide approaching the stretch and surged to the lead before powering clear down the lane to score by 8 1/2 lengths. Outandup became the fifth winner for freshman sire (by Tiznow). Sekmet, in foal to Fast Anna, RNA’d for $17,000 at the 2016 Keeneland November sale. She produced a filly by that sire in 2017 and, with no foal reported in 2018, was bred back to Moro Tap. Sekmet, a full-sister to Grade I winner In Lingerie, is a daughter of graded winner Cat Chat (Storm Cat), who was a daughter of champion Phone Chatter (Phone Trick) and was a half to the dam of Grade I winner Dixie Chatter (Dixie Union) and graded winner Rumor (Indian Charlie). Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, $20,250.
O-Blazing Meadows Farm LLC; B-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC & Besilu Stables, LLC (KY); T-Timothy E. Hamm.

Animal Kingdom’s second-crop two-year-olds include debut maiden winners Intanga Rose, Bohemian Queen and Jungle Warrior – all Stronach homebreds. Plus there’s Godolphin’s Saratoga Stakes-placed Elsa, who steps up to Graded company next.
IN SOUTH KOREA:

I.B.S. Queen (Kor), f, 2, Exchange Rate—George's Prayer, by Songandaprayer. Seoul, 9-2, Hcp. ($54k), 1000m. B-Kim Gi Seok. *$15,000 in utero ’15 KEENOV. VIDEO

IN SOUTH KOREA:

Spring Back, g, 2, Gemologist—Frangible, by Broken Vow. Seoul, 9-1, Hcp. ($67k), 1400m. B-WinStar Farm, LLC, Burden Creek Farm & Clifton Farm LLC (KY). *Won by three lengths as the 6-5 favorite to remain perfect in two career starts. *$140,000 Wlg ’16 KEENOV; $90,000 2yo ’18 OBSAPR. VIDEO

Moonhak Chief, c, 3, Pioneerof the Nile—Talullah Lula (GSP), by Old Trieste. Seoul, 9-1, Hcp. ($98k), 1800m. B-Whit Fox Farm (KY). *Ch. 2yo Colt-Kor. *$37,000 RNA Ylg ’16 KEENOV. VIDEO

IN RUSSIA:

Mahabbat T N, f, 2, Magician (Ire)—Measure, by Seeking the Gold. Kazan, 8-30, Cond., 1200m. B-Tower Bloodstock (KY). *1/2 to Quaintly (Giant’s Causeway), MGSP, $124,252; and Courtofversailles (Giant’s Causeway), SW-Qat, $481,484. **$55,000 Ylg ’17 KEESEP.

Temple of Groom, c, 2, Temple City—Marco Groom, by Marco Bay. Pyatigorsk, 9-2, Nikolayeva S. (NB), 1600m. B-Lisa & Larry Nowicki & Charlie & Jessica Rimer (KY). *Won by nine lengths to take his record to two-for-two. **$28,000 Ylg ’17 KEESEP. VIDEO


Unofine, f, 4, Macho Uno—Fineness, by Smart Strike. Pyatigorsk, 9-2, Criterium S. (NB), 1000m. B-Vartan Vartanov (KY). VIDEO

IN TRINIDAD:

Commanding Fashion, c, 3, Creative Cause—Mons Venus, by Maria’s Mon. Arima Race Club, 8-31, Independence Cup (NB), 1800mT. B-Brereton C Jones & WinStar Farm LLC (KY). *1/2 to Caracortado (Cat Dreams), MGSW & MGISP, $885,775; He’ll Pay (Haynesfield), SW & MGSP, $211,619; and full to Pavel, GISW, $1,375,000. **$80,000 Ylg ’15 KEESEP; $18,000 2yo ’17 OBSJUN. VIDEO

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FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 5

Cairo Prince (Pioneerof the Nile), Airdrie Stud, $10,000 120 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners 6-Presque Isle Downs, Aoc 1m, LANDOFTHEPHARAOHS, 7-2 $10,500 FTK OCT yrl

Can the Man (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, $5,000 67 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners 1-Indiana Grand, Msw 5f, CAKE INA CAN, 9-5

Cross Traffic (Unbridled'S Song), Spendthrift Farm, $12,500 89 foals of racing age/10 winners/2 black-type winners 6-Presque Isle Downs, Aoc 1m, CROSSTOWN SHOOTOUT, 5-2

Fed Biz (Giant's Causeway), WinStar Farm, $12,500 103 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners 6-Indiana Grand, Msw 5ft, MYSTIC DREAMER, 8-5 $72,000 KEE SEP yrl

Flashback (Tapit), Hill ’N' Dale Farms, $7,500 105 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners 4-Presque Isle Downs, Msw 6f, SILVER DESTROYER, 10-1 $19,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; $11,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl; $12,000 OBS OPN 2yo
Handsome Mike (Scat Daddy), Pleasant Acres Stallions, $4,000
60 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Presque Isle Downs, Msw 6f, J'S HANDSOME FANA, 12-1
$4,500 OBS OPN 2yo

He's Had Enough (Tapit), Woodford Thoroughbreds, $5,000
78 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Indiana Grand, Msw 5fT, SHE WANTS MORE, 20-1

Itsmyluckyday (Lawyer Ron), Spendthrift Farm, $8,000
81 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Presque Isle Downs, Msw 6f, KOBE'S TRAFFIC, 8-1
$1,500 KEE NOV wnl

Sum of the Parts (Speightstown), Red River Farms, $2,000
13 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Louisiana Downs, Msw 5fT, OTTO PARTS, 12-1
$1,700 ESL MIX wnl; $14,000 TTA APR 2yo

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 5
Animal Kingdom (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}), Jonabell Farm,
$35,000
216 foals of racing age/42 winners/4 black-type winners
8-Indiana Grand, $200K Caesars S., 1mT, UNTAMED DOMAIN, 5-2
$90,000 KEE SEP yrl

Data Link (War Front), Claiborne Farm, $7,500
186 foals of racing age/35 winners/3 black-type winners
9-Indiana Grand, $200K Indiana Grand S., 1mT, HIGH TECH, 20-1
$62,000 KEE SEP yrl

Liaison (Indian Charlie), Spendthrift Farm, $10,000
166 foals of racing age/37 winners/2 black-type winners
6-Indiana Grand, Msw 5fT, HOLDONAMINIT, 9-2
$30,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl

New Year's Day (Street Cry {Ire}), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, $7,500
112 foals of racing age/34 winners/1 black-type winner
2-Hastings Racecourse, Msw 6 1/2f, DAY FLYER, 8-1

Rattlesnake Bridge (Tapit), Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds LLC, $7,500
94 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Indiana Grand, Msw 5fT, DUSTY MILLER, 4-1
$32,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo

Take Charge Indy (A.P. Indy), Kor, $20,000
205 foals of racing age/63 winners/5 black-type winners
4-Presque Isle Downs, Msw 6f, TAKE ME HOME, 8-1

Treasure Beach (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), Pleasant Acres Stallions,
$10,000
129 foals of racing age/27 winners/1 black-type winner
9-Indiana Grand, $200K Indiana Grand S., 1mT, BEACH WALTZ, 20-1

STAKES RESULTS:
A. J. FOYT S., (NB) $107,950, Indiana Grand, 9-4, (S), 3yo/up,
1 1/16mT, 1:43.88, yl.
1--BIZERK, 122, g, 6, Drinkwiththedevil--More Than Music, by
More Than Ready. O-Marvin A. Johnson LLC; B/T-Marvin A.
Johnson (IN); J-Jesus Lopez Castanon. $60,236. Lifetime
Record: 44-8-9-7, $248,716.
2--Rebel Bull, 118, g, 5, Flashy Bull--Marina, by Theatrical (Ire).
O/B-Bone Doctors Stable (IN); T-Aaron M. West. $20,079.
3--Retrospection, 124, g, 4, Daaher--Atherbest, by Silver Hawk.
O-Beth Burkett; B-R Burkett (IN); T-Michael Maker. $11,043.

FLORENCE HENDERSON S., $106,300, Indiana Grand, 9-4, (S),
3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:45.05, yl.
1--MARINA'S LEGACY, 124, f, 4, Divine Park--Marina, by Theatrical (Ire).
O/B-Bone Doctors Stable (IN); T-Aaron M. West;
J-Jesus Lopez Castanon. $59,315. Lifetime Record:
15-6-2-1, $336,770.
2--Miss Artie, 118, m, 7, Artie Schiller--Arab Miss, by Awad.
($40,000 RNA Ylg '12 KEESEP). O-Roger Browning, Ralph Hill &
John Napariu; B-Rhonda Kay Day & David Hornsby (IN); T-Tim
Glyshaw. $19,772.

3--Express Run, 124, m, 5, Unbridled Express--Miss Carmelite,
by Mutakddim. O/B-L.T.B. Inc & Hillerich Racing, Inc. (IN);
T-Bernard S. Flint. $10,874.
ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
7th-Parx Racing, $60,314, 9-4, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:36.34, fm.
MISSIN THE BIG DOG (c, 3, Archarcharch--Merry Princess (MSW, $319,164), by Polish Numbers) Lifetime Record: 12-3-4-4, $171,050. O-Ultra Championship Racing LLC; B-Pewter Stable (PA); T-Juan Carlos Guerrero. *$16,000 Ylg '16 EASIAN; $27,000 Ylg '16 EASOCT. **1/2 to Merry's Honor (Congressional Honor), SW, $292,933.

8th-Parx Racing, $46,500, 9-4, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:44.52, ft.
ROAMING UNION (c, 3, Union Rags--Double Gelato, by Bernardini) Lifetime Record: SP, 13-2-3-2, $142,150. O-George E. Hall; B-G. Watts Humphrey Jr. & W. S. Farish (KY); T-Kelly J. Breen. *$12,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP.

5th-Thistledown, $34,200, (S), 9-4, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.22, wf.
FUNNEL CAKE (g, 3, Kettle Corn--Bluegrass Ellie, by Bluegrass Cat) Lifetime Record: 11-3-0-1, $63,876. O-Loooch Racing Stables, Inc.; B-John P Hicks, William Hart & William Martin (OH); T-Jeffrey A. Radosevich. *$18,000 Ylg '16 KEEJAN; $35,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP.

7th-Thistledown, $33,500, 9-4, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.40, wf.
CALI DREAM (f, 4, Cowboy Cal--Afternoon Dreams (GSP, $104,232), by Afternoon Deelites) Lifetime Record: MSP, 26-6-5-4, $192,187. O-Marion F. Gorham; B-Robert Gorham & Mast Thoroughbreds LLC (OH); T-Robert M. Gorham. *$10,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP.

6th-Thistledown, $27,000, 9-4, (NW4L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.62, wf.
KEYED ON TOP (g, 3, To Honor and Serve--Alegra, by Exchange Rate) Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-0, $49,064. O-LCR Stable & Justice Farm; B-Justice Farm, Greg Justice (KY); T-Ethan W. West. *$10,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Mutawasem (Ire), g, 3, Society Rock (Ire)--Its In The Air (Ire), by Whipper. Parx Racing, 9-4, 1mT, 1:38.68. B-Philip & Orla Hore (IRE). *€26,000 Ylg '16 GOFFEB; 200,000gns Ylg '16 TAOC; 9,000gns 2yo '17 TATAH.
Highlight Show, g, 4, Good Journey--Southern Oasis (GSP, $186,403), by Southern Halo. Del Mar, 9-3, (S), 1 1/16mT, 1:42.74. B-Janis R. Whitham (CA). *$140,000 Ylg '15 BAROCT. **1/2 to Neveradoubt (Decarchy), SW, $254,269.

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Outandup (Strong Mandate) cruises to maiden score at Thistledown Tuesday.
ARCHARCHARCH, Missin the Big Dog, c, 3, o/o Merry Princess, by Polish Numbers. ALW, 9-4, Parx Racing
CANDY RIDE (ARG), Game Winner, c, 2, o/o Indyan Giving, by A.P. Indy. GI Del Mar Futurity, 9-3, Del Mar
COWBOY CAL, Cali Dream, f, 4, o/o Afternoon Dreams, by Afternoon Deelites. ALW, 9-4, Thistledown
DIVINE PARK, Marina's Legacy, f, 4, o/o Marina, by Theatrical (Ire). Florence Henderson S., 9-4, Indiana Grand
DRINKWITHTHEDEVIL, Bizerk, g, 6, o/o More Than Music, by More Than Ready. A. J. Foyt S., 9-4, Indiana Grand
GOOD JOURNEY, Highlight Show, g, 4, o/o Southern Oasis, by Southern Halo. MSW, 9-3, Del Mar
GUILL TRIP, Mamma Says, f, 2, o/o Mamselle Nanette, by Southern Halo. MSW, 9-4, Louisiana Downs
KETTLE CORN, Funnel Cake, g, 3, o/o Bluegrass Ellie, by Bluegrass Cat. ALW, 9-4, Thistledown
SOCIETY ROCK (IRE), Mutawasem (Ire), g, 3, o/o Its In The Air (Ire), by Whipper. MSW, 9-4, Parx Racing
STRONG MANDATE, Outandup, g, 2, o/o Sekmet, by Empire Maker. MSW, 9-4, Thistledown
TO HONOR AND SERVE, Keyed On Top, g, 3, o/o Alegra, by Exchange Rate. ALW, 9-4, Thistledown
UNCLE MO, Who Dat Mo, g, 2, o/o Carly's City, by Carson City. MSW, 9-4, Thistledown
UNION RAGS, Roaming Union, c, 3, o/o Double Gelato, by Bernardini. ALW, 9-4, Parx Racing
**SEA OF CLASS ARC BID**

**GROUND DEPENDENT**

G1 Irish Oaks and G1 Yorkshire Oaks winner Sea Of Class (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) is likely to train up to the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on Oct. 7, but whether the 3-year-old filly and current ante-post favourite is ultimately supplemented could depend on the ground.

"I don't think she'll run before [the Arc]; she's in the Prix Vermeille [on Sept. 16] but I don't fancy that," trainer William Haggas told At The Races. "I think there's every likelihood that if she's OK, she'll be supplemented for the Arc, but I'm very concerned about the ground. I can't believe its still dry and it's not going to stay dry for long I'm sure."

"If the ground is good or faster on Arc day and she's OK, then she'll be there," the trainer added. “Very few horses are very effective on fast and soft ground. I suspect she won't like [soft ground]; her action suggests she flicks off the top of the ground. There's every chance now we're going to keep her as a 4-year-old so if it's soft, it's a lot of money to supplement and we can go next year."

Should Sea Of Class line up in the Arc this year, she will be looking to emulate the feat of her sire, who won the famed race as a 3-year-old in 2009. After finishing second on debut at Newmarket in April, Sea Of Class has gone unbeaten in four starts: two listed stakes and two Group 1s.

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**WERTHEIMERS LAND TOP OSARUS COLT**

*By Emma Berry*

LA TESTE DE BUCH, France--Trade took a while to hit its stride during the first session of the Osarus September Yearling Sale but it finished with a bit of a flourish as Pierre Yves-Bureau went to €115,000 for a second-crop colt by Anodin (Ire) to race in the colours of stallion's breeders, Gerard and Alain Wertheimer.

Sold as lot 126 through Haras de l'Hotellerie, the half-brother to six multiple winners is a son of the Woodman mare Bahia Gold, herself a daughter of the G2 Prix d'Astarte victrix Lady Winner (Fr) (Fabulous Dancer) from a family that includes Juddmonte's Group 1 winner Aryenne (Fr).

"There are a lot of nice Anodin yearlings in the sale but this is the one I liked the best," said Bureau, who divulged that the Wertheimers have sent the young Haras du Quesnay resident another 25 mares this year.

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Wertheimers Land Top Osarus Colt cont. from p1

"We want to continue to support the stallion as we did at the [Arqana] V.2, and as we have done with Intello (Ger). It's our way of thanking the breeders, like Haras de l'Hotellerie, who have supported Anodin. We're very pleased with the start he has made with his first runners."

That first crop includes another Wertheimer yearling purchase, Harmless (Fr), bought in Deauville for €35,000 and now the winner of the Listed Prix Roland de Chambure with an entry for the G1 Qatar Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere on Arc day.

Making their first visit to La Teste for this sale, Peter and Ross Doyle made their presence felt when signing for the second-top lot of the session on behalf of Middleham Park Racing. The Haras de Grandcamp consignee by the farm's resident sire Dabirsim (Fr) (lot 110) brought the hammer down at €98,000. Out of the Tertullian mare Amazing Bounty (Fr), a half-sister to the German listed winner Amazing Beauty (Ger) (Bahamian Bounty (GB)), the colt's full-brother All This Time (Ger) is already a winner and listed-placed in France.

"He's a very nice colt, very easy on the eye, and a good mover who looks like he'll make a nice 2-year-old type," said Ross Doyle, who added that, like Middleham Park Racing's unbeaten juvenile Boitron (Fr) (Le Havre (Ire)), the colt will be trained in England by Richard Hannon.

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WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ANODIN, AS WE HAVE DONE WITH INTELLO. IT’S OUR WAY OF THANKING THE BREEDERS.

Pierre Yves-Bureau

Marc-Antoine Berghgracht went to €45,000 for lot 61, a colt by Makfi (GB) whose full-brother Mon Cheri (Fr) is a Slovakian Derby winner and whose dam Skysweeper (Fr) (Hurricane Run {Ire}) is a half-sister to Royal Hunt Cup and listed winner GM Hopkins (GB), by Makfi’s sire Dubawi (Ire).

Along with a range of French owners and trainers, international support for Osarus came from Tom Biggs of Blandford Bloodstock, attending the sale with trainer Archie Watson, who signed for three yearlings including a first-crop colt by Haras de Colleville’s Galiway (GB) (lot 26). Mark Johnston and Gay Kelleway both made multiple purchases, while breeze-up pinhookers Ambrose O’Mullane and Mary Reynolds of Ardglas Stables, Thomond O’Mara, Katie Walsh and Con Marnane were all on the list of buyers.

In line with the market trend elsewhere in Europe this season, figures dipped a little overall during the first day, though the median held steady at €16,000. Cont. p4
The average was down to €20,280 from €21,636, and the aggregate stood at €1,920,000, down from €2,437,000. The clearance rate dropped four points but was still a reasonably encouraging 79% for 100 horses sold from 127 offered.

The second session of the sale commences slightly earlier on Wednesday at 12 p.m.

**SESSION TOPPERS**

**OSARUS YEARLING SALE**

**TUESDAY’S TOP THREE LOTS**

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WELLS FARHH GO OUT FOR THE YEAR

G1 St Leger candidate Wells Farhh Go (Ire) (Farhh {GB}) has been ruled out of that Sept. 15 Classic and the remainder of the year after suffering a fracture on the gallops on Tuesday morning.

"It's a real sickener, he cantered this morning and came back lame behind," said trainer Tim Easterby. "It turns out it's a stress fracture and that's his season finished. Hopefully he'll be back next year, but you can obviously not say these things for certain. I suppose the saving grace is that it's not a tendon."

"If everything does go to plan with how it heals, I'd like to think he'd be back for the start of next season, but obviously you just don't know at this stage," Easterby added.

Wells Farhh Go won the G3 Acomb S. last year and had scooped the G3 Bahrain Trophy in July before finishing fourth in the Aug. 22 G2 Great Voltigeur S.

FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Wednesday, Sept. 5:

UNITED KINGDOM

Alhebayeb (IRE) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Tara Stud
128 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
18:00-FFOS LAS, 7.5f, DARK GLORY (IRE)
€8,500 Goffs November Foals Sale 2016; €30,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2017
16:30-FFOS LAS, 5f, TOMAHAWK RIDGE (IRE)
€12,000 RNA Goffs UK Silver Yearling Sale 2017

Battle of Marengo (IRE) (Galileo {Ire}), Ballyhane Stud
67 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
14:10-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, MERINGUE (IRE)
€16,500 Goffs November Foals Sale 2016; €20,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2017

Bungle Inthejungle (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Rathasker Stud
95 foals of racing age/20 winners/2 black-type winners
15:00-BATH, 5.75f, BUNGLE INTHEBISTRO (GB)
16:30-FFOS LAS, 5f, KG PASSION (IRE)
€20,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2017

Charm Spirit (IRE) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Haras de Bonneval
105 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners
16:30-FFOS LAS, 5f, GLORIOUS CHARMER (IRE)
52,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2017 - Book 2

Coach House (IRE) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Bucklands Farm & Stud (GB)
76 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
15:00-BATH, 5.75f, BLUEBELL TIME (IRE)
17:50-WOLVERHAMPTON, 6f, JILL ROSE (GB)

Gale Force Ten (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Irish National Stud
98 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
18:50-WOLVERHAMPTON, 7.25f, ELSIE VIOLET (IRE)
€20,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2017

Gregorian (IRE) (Clodovil {Ire}), National Stud
85 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners
17:50-WOLVERHAMPTON, 6f, SYMPHONY (IRE)
45,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2017 - Book 2

Kingman (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Banstead Manor Stud
116 foals of racing age/11 winners/2 black-type winners
18:00-FFOS LAS, 7.5f, WINTERKOENIGN (GB)
€120,000 RNA Arqana Deauville August Yearlings 2017 (FR)

Kuroshio (AUS) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Darley Northwood Park
22 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
18:00-FFOS LAS, 7.5f, LADY WOLF (GB)

Olympic Glory (IRE) (Choisir {Aus}), Haras de Bouquetot
119 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners
18:00-FFOS LAS, 7.5f, DELICIOUS (GB)
60,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2016; 68,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2017 - Book 2

Slade Power (IRE) (Dutch Art {GB}), Kildangan Stud
99 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners
18:50-WOLVERHAMPTON, 7.25f, COMEONFEELTHEFORCE (IRE)
€10,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2017;
14,286gns Tattersalls Ireland Ascot 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2018
Toronado (IRE) (High Chaparral {Ire}), Haras de Bouquetot
121 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners

**18:20-WOLVERHAMPTON, 6f, DRUMMER JACK (IRE)**
€14,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2016; €16,000 Goffs
Sportsman’s Yearling Sale 2017; 10,000gns Tattersalls Ireland
Ascot 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2018
18:00-FFOS LAS, 7.5f, KORCHO (GB)
50,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2017 - Book 1

**War Command** (War Front), Coolmore Stud
112 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner

**18:00-FFOS LAS, 7.5f, FLYING DRAGON (FR)**
€35,000 Arqana Deauville August Yearlings 2017 (FR); €175,000
Goffs UK Goodwood 2018 Sale
18:00-FFOS LAS, 7.5f, SHELLEBEAU (IRE)
€50,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2017

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**IRELAND**

**Australia (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}), Coolmore Stud
125 foals of racing age/7 winners/1 black-type winner

**3-GOWRAN PARK, 7f, WESTERN AUSTRALIA (IRE)**
260,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2017 - Book 1

**Olympic Glory (IRE)** (Choisir {Aus}), Haras de Bouquetot
119 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners
3-GOWRAN PARK, 7f, OLYMPIC HONOUR (FR)

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**Tuesday’s Results:**

**3rd-Goodwood, £25,000, Mdn, 9-4, 2yo, 8fT, 1:38.26, gd.**

**LINE OF DUTY (IRE)** (c, 2, Galileo (IRE)--Jacqueline Quest (IRE)
{MG1SP-Eng, $210,459}, by Rock of Gibraltar (IRE)), second in
starts over seven panels at Sandown first up July 6 and Haydock
last time July 21, made a slick getaway from the inside box and
stalked the leaders in a close-up third through halfway in this
one. Coming under pressure with three furlongs remaining,
the 6-5 chalk was fourth when switched to the far-side rail entering
the final eighth and ran on strongly for forceful urging in the
latter stages to prevail by a half length from Pablo Escobarr (Ire)
(Galileo (Ire)). The chestnut is the third winner from as many
runners out of Jacqueline Quest (IRE) (Rock of Gibraltar (IRE)),
who was infamously demoted to second in the G1 1000 Guineas
before running third in the G1 Coronation S., and he is kin to
Listed Brown Panther S. runner-up Hibiscus (IRE) (Galileo (IRE)), a
yearling filly by Dubawi (IRE) and a colt foal by Galileo (IRE). Sales
history: 400,000gns Ylg ’17 TATOCR. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0,
$25,349. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
O-Godolphin; B-Triermore Stud (IRE); T-Charlie Appleby.

**2nd-Goodwood, £7,000, Cond, 9-4, 2yo, f, 7fT, 1:26.34, gd.**

**GLANCE (GB)** (f, 2, Dansili (GB)--Look So (GB), by Efisio (GB)),
who finished off the board in her Aug. 24 debut over this trip at
Newmarket last time, was sharply into stride and led from the
outset of this return. Nudged along approaching the two pole,
the 14-1 chance kept on resolutely under a continued drive
when threatened by Sunday Star (GB) (Kodiac (GB)) inside the
final quarter mile to hold that rival by a head. She becomes the
fourth scorer produced by a winning half to G1 Epsom Oaks
heroine Look Here (GB) (Hernando (Fr)) and the homebred bay
is kin to MGSP Listed Hoppings S. victress Regardez (GB)
(Champs Elysees (GB)), the stakes-placed Compton (GB)
(Compton Place (GB)) and a colt foal by Teofilo (Ire). Lifetime
Record: 2-1-0-0, $5,828. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
O-J H Richmond-Watson; B-Lawn Stud (GB); T-Ralph Beckett.

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**7th-Goodwood, £8,000, Cond, 9-4, 3yo/up, 9f 197yT, 2:08.93, gd.**

**AUTUMN WAR (IRE)** (c, 3, Declaration of War--Autumn Leaves
{Fr}, by Muhtathir (GB)) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, $12,410.
O-Chi Un Fred Ma; B-B Sangster & Freynestown Stud (IRE);
T-Charles Hills. *70,000gns Ylg ’16 TATOCR.
ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Blame Roberta, f, 2, Blame--Royal Parisian (GB), by Royal Applause (GB). Leicester, 9-4, 5fT, :59.84. B-Tracy Farmer (KY). *S$5,000 Wlg ‘16 KEENOV; $27,000 Ylg ‘17 KEESEP.
Alba Del Sole (Ire), f, 3, Dandy Man (Ire)--Winterwell, by First Defence. Kempton, 9-4, 6f (AWT), 1:12.86. B-Fortbarrington Stud (IRE). *28,000gns 2yo ‘17 TATHIT; 4,000gns HRA ‘18 TATFEB.

LINEUP SET FOR COMMENTARY COMPETITION

This year’s Trainers Commentary Competition will be held Sept. 22 in Newmarket and will see local trainers and racing journalists try their hand at calling a race for charity. The sixth confirmed participants are trainers Charlie Fellowes, George Scott, Richard Spencer and Ed Vaughan, as well as journalist Lee Mottershead and presenter Hayley Moore. A seventh and final participant will be announced at a later date. Each participant will raise funds in aid of Newmarket Open Weekend beneficiaries, and the top fundraiser will receive the Julian Wilson Memorial Trophy and lunch for six at the Rowley Mile’s Champions Gallery at the 2019 Craven meeting.

Fellowes, chairman of the Open Weekend, said, “The Trainers Commentary Competition is a fantastic annual occasion and we are very pleased to welcome another round of eager participants for 2018. We are particularly excited to welcome Lee Mottershead and Hayley Moore, who excel in their day-to-day roles but who are both keen to experiment with commenting on a race.”

“Once again our commentary competition is raising money for a range of worthy causes in Newmarket and I am calling on the support of the racing community to help us raise as much money as possible. Newmarket Racecourses has again generously offered a fantastic prize to the winner and we hope that provides participants with an added incentive to raise money via their Just Giving pages. I would like to thank all this year’s participants for their time and commitment to the competition in support of the beneficiaries for the 32Red Newmarket Open Weekend--may the best man or woman win!”

Tuesday’s Results:
5th-Naas, €15,000, Cond, 9-4, 3yo/up, 12fT, 2:33.40, gd. SARACEN KNIGHT (IRE) (c, 3, Camelot (GB)--Za’hara (Ire), by Raven’s Pass), off since finishing fifth in the Listed Eyrefield S. at Leopardstown in October, was in front from the outset. Turning the screw in midstraight, the 4-1 shot hit the line with 3 3/4 lengths to spare over Boho (Ire) (Big Bad Bob (Ire)). The winner is the first foal out of a half-sister to the GI Arlington Million hero Debussy (Ire) (Diesis (GB)) and last year’s G3 Princess Elizabeth S. scorer Laugh Aloud (GB) (Dubawi (Ire)). From the family of Belmez (El Gran Senor), she has a 2-year-old filly by Camelot (GB) named Kenica (Ire) and a yearling filly by Australia (GB). Sales history: i 230,000 Ylg > 16 GOFORB. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-2, $27,719. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith & Mrs John Magnier; B-Lisbrook (IRE); T-Aidan O’Brien.

3rd-Naas, €16,500, Mdn, 9-4, 2yo, 5fT, :59.28, gd. ISLE OF INNISFREE (c, 2, Scat Daddy--Dream the Blues (Ire), by Oasis Dream (GB)) lost shoes in each of his last two starts--at Bellewstown July 5 and at Navan last time July 14--and raced under a firm grip on the front end from flagfall here. Shaken up to gain a slender advantage passing the two pole, the 12-1 chance was driven out in the closing stages to hold the late surge of stablemate All The King’s Men (Ire) (No Nay Never) by a head. He is a full-brother to last term’s G1 Phoenix S. hero Sioux Nation and half to a yearling colt by Declaration of War and a colt foal by Air Force Blue. His dam is a winning daughter of MGSW dual Irish highweight Catch The Blues (Ire) (Bluebird). Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-0, $16,100. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith & Mrs John Magnier; B-Lisbrook (IRE); T-Aidan O’Brien.

Charlie Fellowes will participate in the Trainers Commentary Competition | Emma Berry
CHANNON TAKES ON NATIONAL STUD ROLE

Anne Channon has been appointed Education Development Manager at the Irish National Stud. Anne’s new role will include managing the world renowned Thoroughbred Breeding Course and developing new industry related courses at the stud.
Applications are now open for the 2019 Thoroughbred Breeding Course and will close on Oct. 5.

PLUS 10 DEADLINE EXTENDED

The Plus 10 foal registration deadline has been extended until Sept. 11 due a to a delay in the postal service which was sending registration forms to a number of breeders in Ireland. Should you have any queries about registering your foal, please contact Fiona Goor on +87 675 5232.

Her descendants include the Hong Kong champion Bullish Luck (Royal Academy) and Slim Shadey (GB) (Val Royal (Fr)), winner of the GII San Marcos S. twice and the GII John Henry Turf Championship. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €8,000. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-Mme Andre Fabre; B-Ecurie Peregrine SAS (FR); T-Andre Fabre.

5th-Le Croise-Laroche, €16,000, Mdn, 9-4, 2yo, c/g, 9fT, 1:56.80, g/s.
PRINCE HAMLET (FR) (c, 2, Sommerabend {GB}--Calle A Venise {Ire}, by Invincible Spirit {Ire}), third on debut at Deauville Aug. 7, raced keenly in second throughout the early stages. Surging ahead with 300 metres remaining, the even-money favourite bested Ale Tango (Fr) (Myboycharlie {Ire}) to become the fourth winner for his first-season sire (by Shamardal). The unraced dam, who also has a yearling filly by Stormy River (Fr) named Tabasco Forte (Fr), is a half to the stakes winner Maxxi Arte (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) who in turn is the second dam of the recent G2 Gimcrack S. runner-up Legends of War (Scat Daddy). Under the third dam Lisana (Ire) (Alleged) are the dual group 1-winning sire Linngari (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}), the G1 Grand Prix de Paris hero Mont Ormel (Fr) (Air Chief Marshal {Ire}) and the classy Linnga (Ire) (Shardari {Ire}), Bello Matteo (Fr) (Montmartre {Fr}), Liyoun (Ire) (Shernazar {Ire}) and Livadiya (Ire) (Shernazar {Ire}). Sales history: €15,000 Wlg ‘16 ARDEC. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, €12,050. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-Ecurie Pandora Racing & Ahmed Mouknass; B-Mlle L Kneip & Mlle S Grevet (FR); T-Mauricio Delcher Sanchez.

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**IN MAINLAND CHINA:**

Club Star (AUS), g, 7, Starcraft (NZ)--Quick Blush (AUS), by Redoute’s Choice (AUS). Yulong, 9-1, 1200m, Sand Track, 1:13.01. Purse: 500,000 RMB. O-JI Song. B-Wilkes Thoroughbreeds Pty Ltd, NSW. *A$115,000 yrl ‘13 MMLJAN. Video.

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By John Boyce

The Thoroughbred racehorse is the result of centuries of careful grafting of the best bloodlines, or so the story goes. But even the most ardent fan of the Thoroughbred cannot believe that this is always the case. There's no doubt that the drivers of racehorse development in recent times are perhaps not quite the same as those that sent the Thoroughbred on its way centuries ago.

The commercial imperative is now quite clearly in the driver's seat. In Australia the rush for horses that can compete successfully at up to 1600m, particularly at the age of two, has seen neglect in the development of stayers. Just examine the makeup of recent Melbourne Cup fields. Owners looking for success in the big weight-for-age and Cup races are now looking increasingly to Japan and Europe for horses good enough to compete. It will take plenty of time and effort to drive buyers back to the sales in search of such horses and it is open to question whether that's even possible.

Even within the breeding industry, individual breeders in their efforts to sustain their businesses make decisions that can lead the industry if not their businesses into a corner. Take, for instance, the phenomenal success of Sadler's Wells and Galileo in the northern hemisphere.

There comes a point when even an organisation as successful as Coolmore is left pondering the way forward for their broodmare band that contains so much Sadler's Wells and Galileo blood. In Australia, it is the same story with the great Danehill, the stallion most responsible for intense focus on speed lines in Australia in the last 20 years. Danehill blood is now so pervasive in Australia that it can cause breeders to scratch their heads when looking to mate mares that carry his genes. Many of the very best sires that the top breeders crave also carry the same Danehill blood. And here's the problem. Top-class racehorses inbred to Danehill have been conspicuous by their absence. To date, there have been 3,406 runners foaled in Australasia inbred to Danehill within five generations.
Rather surprisingly, only 2.2% of them were good enough to win a black-type race. And only 33, or just less than 1%, were talented enough to win a group race. Incredibly, there are only six Group 1 winners in Australia inbred to Danehill—the most recent being dual Group 1 winner Alizee and back-to-back Champagne heroes The Mission and Seabrook. Whilst it is true that, as Danehill recedes into pedigrees, there will doubtless be many more top-flight racehorses, the inescapable conclusion is that so many breeders have been enticed down a road that has proved unsuccessful in the main. Just over 2% of the whole population are black-type winners, so inbreeding to Danehill on such a scale clearly doesn’t bestow any advantage whatsoever.

TOP-CLASS RACEHORSES INBRED TO DANEHILL HAVE BEEN CONSPICUOUS BY THEIR ABSENCE

Perhaps a clearer picture can be had from looking at the 36 stallions that have had 25 or more runners inbred to Danehill. The 36 in question have had 12,640 runners from all their mares and produced 623 black-type winners, which gives us a strike rate of 4.9%. Among these 12,640 horses are 1,815 that carry at least two duplications of Danehill within five generations. This sub group contains only 58 black-type winners, or 3.2% of the total.

There are a handful of sires that have benefitted from doubling up on Danehill. Beneteau from 21 runners has sired four (19%) black-type winners, including group-winning brother and sister Prompt Response and Prompt Return. All four of these stakes winners have Danehill in the third or fourth remove of their pedigrees. Another to do very well is Not A Single Doubt, whose seven black-type winners inbred to Danehill represent 13.2% of the runners inbred. This compares very favourably with Not A Single Doubt’s overall strike rate of 7.4% stakes winners. Again, the fact that Danehill is in Not A Single Doubt’s third generation means that the inbreeding in his seven stakes winners is further back in the pedigree. Five are inbred 3x4 and two are inbred 3x3. Spirit Of Boom (Danehill in his third generation) has also got an impressive strike rate with Danehill blood. His three black-type winners represent 13.2% of his runners, well ahead of the 8.3% recorded so far from all his runners. With the great Danehill, it just goes to show that it is indeed possible to have too much of a good thing too soon!