



## LITTLE SIGN OF VERTIGO AS MARKET SOARS



Keeneland sales barns | Keeneland photo

by Chris McGrath

Off the charts, no question. You just have to hope that it doesn't turn out to be off the rails, too.

Indices measuring the business done at Keeneland over the past fortnight trail sparks and smoke. Pondering the state of the market before the September Sale, it had been clear that to maintain the arc set by Fasig-Tipton's summer yearling sales would require something "fairly historic." In the event, the market carried right on through the roof. The numbers strewn behind the world's biggest bloodstock auction represent the statistical equivalent of splintered rafters and shattered tiles.

A \$129,335 average represented another 7.3% gain on last year's record. Total turnover weighed out at \$377,130,400, up a giddy 22.5% and the fourth highest ever at a sale that has, over the years, seen it all. As the table on page 3 shows, the aggregate between Fasig-Tipton's sales summer and Keeneland September reached a staggering \$478,188,900, up from \$393,161,000 last year-and \$347,889,000 in 2016.

These are pretty wild numbers. The cauldron, heated by a post-crash decade of central banks kindling the economy with cashflow, just keeps bubbling away. With a bunch of tax breaks now also lobbed onto the fire, the market's biggest players were able to maintain their unflinching fidelity to a handful of mega-sires. **Cont. p3**

## GOOD MAGIC RETIRED TO HILL 'N' DALE

Last year's champion 2-year-old **Good Magic** (Curlin--Glinda the Good, by Hard Spun) has been retired from racing and will join his sire at Hill 'n' Dale Farm. He will stand the 2019 season for a fee of \$30,000.

"Good Magic is a fantastic addition to our stallion roster," said John Sikura, president of Hill 'n' Dale. "It is rare indeed for a champion 2-year-old to retain his Grade I form at three, which was witnessed by Good Magic's narrow defeat by super horse Justify in the GI Kentucky Derby. We sold Good Magic for breeder Stonestreet for \$1 million as a yearling and he was a beautiful horse. I remember him as medium sized, a great mover and completely correct. Valiant, supremely talented and by Curlin--breeders will love him."

Good Magic, a \$1-million Keeneland September yearling, claimed his Eclipse statuette with a win in last year's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile for owners e Five Racing Thoroughbreds and Stonestreet Stables and trainer Chad Brown.

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*(cont. from p1)*

Never in the history of the universe, of course, has a horse sale ended with each and every consignor totally satisfied. And the September median did slip back from last year's \$57,000 record, to \$50,000. That was all about the second week, and perhaps echoed warning signs in the early European sales about the impact of overproduction on the lower tier.

### U.S. SUMMER YEARLING MARKET PERFORMANCE 2012-2018

	FASIG-TIPTON JULY SARATOGA SELECT NEW YORK			KEENELAND SEPTEMBER			TOTALS		
	Sold	Gross	Ave	Sold	Gross	Ave	Sold	Gross	Ave
2018	538	101,048,500	187,822	2,916	377,140,400	129,335	3,454	478,188,900	138,445
2017	510	85,316,000	167,286	2,555	307,845,000	120,487	3,065	393,161,000	128,274
2016	516	74,998,500	145,346	2,792	272,890,500	97,740	3,308	347,889,000	105,166
2015	532	81,636,500	153,452	2,745	281,496,100	102,549	3,277	363,132,600	110,812
2014	452	62,636,000	138,575	2,819	279,960,000	99,312	3,271	342,596,000	104,737
2013	467	60,711,000	130,002	2,744	280,491,300	102,220	3,211	341,202,300	106,260
2012	434	55,996,000	129,023	2,516	219,723,000	87,330	2,950	275,719,000	93,464

At the top end of the sale, however, it was hard to give much credence to anyone reprising the perennial complaint that the market reserves its love only for a faultless specimen. Across the opening two Books, in fact, the median rocketed from \$200,000 to \$300,000.

Albeit with fewer sales (596 against 681), that's as near as we can get to comparing like-with-like, after the switch from last year's single-session Book 1 and three-day Book 2 to a four-day Book 1.

The latest change of format prompted several consignors to confide discomfort in parading borderline Book 2 types alongside their show-stoppers.



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Some agents also seemed vexed, though perhaps their moods had simply been soured by the appalling viewing weather that lucklessly hit the eve of the sale. Who can say what these people will spend on a horse, if someday everybody leaves town without anything to grumble about?

Another thing you often hear is that the rise of heavyweight partnerships has eroded the prices that might be paid if each partner were instead bidding in opposition. But this table suggests that the trend is sooner a reaction to the sheer rate of inflation at the top of the market:

**MILLIONAIRES' ROW:  
TOP OF THE KEESEP MARKET 2013-2018**

Year	\$1M-Plus Hips			Top 10 Buyers		
	Aggregate	Hips	% of Gross	Aggregate	Hips	% of Gross
2018	36,525,000	27	9.68%	86,820,000	166	23.02%
2017	19,950,000	13	6.48%	66,950,000	162	21.75%
2016	13,900,000	9	5.09%	53,386,000	152	19.56%
2015	14,525,000	11	5.16%	43,340,000	147	16.11%
2014	18,300,000	13	6.54%	51,180,000	130	18.28%
2013	25,250,000	18	9%	50,974,000	146	18.17%

Year-on-year, the number of seven-figure docketed more than doubled from 13 to 27. And, as a share of the gross, the "millionaire" hips represented nearly twice the proportion of two years ago.

Even rich guys, it seems, might nowadays need a little help to stay competitive amid this kind of spending. The top 10 buyers have naturally been spending more, in step with the rising gross; nonetheless their share of that gross has risen, over the past six years, from 18.17% to 23.02%.

One significant factor here was the return, in person, of Sheikh Mohammed after an absence of several years. Godolphin (together with its Japanese arm) edged out his brother Sheikh Hamdan's Shadwell operation at the head of the spending table, committing \$19,960,000 to 27 hips. Compare this with two years ago, when John Ferguson bought the Godolphin boss just five yearlings at \$2,245,000.

Needless to say, the industry is long indebted to the faithful support of the Maktoum brothers. Phoenix Thoroughbreds, in contrast, remain a startling novelty—but they continued their purposeful start with 21 hips for \$8,790,000, the fourth highest spend, one spot behind SF Bloodstock/Starlight West with 19 at \$9,315,000.

Next came Ben Glass, whom I salute for including three of the four top yearlings by Giant's Causeway among his 27 purchases for \$7,775,000. This great sire only covered 48 mares in 2016, so his stock were already becoming collector's items before his death in April.

Judging from his overall shopping list, Glass seems to like a stallion who has earned his stripes.

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As such, this business could do with a few more of his ilk. Because we all know that it is crazy to devote so much attention and investment to unproven young sires who, in most cases, will never again stand at their opening fees.

In principle, the beauty of a market should be that if you are wrong to clamber aboard the latest, newly painted bandwagon--ignoring sires of proven roadworthiness--then you will pay a price when the wheels come off, on the track. Unfortunately, however, it won't quite work that way when so many commercial matings are chosen according to results in the ring.

**Lookin At Lucky** (Smart Strike), for instance, has now got his breakout star to underline his extremely consistent stats in producing elite runners--but was still only able to average \$59,344 for his 16 sales at Keeneland.



Lookin at Lucky | Coolmore photo

And did the Europeans finally come stampeding for **Kitten's Joy** (El Prado {Ire}) after finding the best 3-year-old colt in Europe here a couple of years ago for \$160,000? Well, Shadwell bought one for \$725,000, but his average came in at \$107,489, i.e. their conception fee and some keep. Let's hope his transfer to Hill 'n' Dale, with a wider client base and reduced fee, will bring the horse the European support he so plainly deserves.

Even the young guns who hit the bull's eye can't seem to guarantee the attention of the feckless commercial market. The averages achieved by **Bodemeister** (Empire Maker) and **Maclean's Music** (Distorted Humor), a year after producing GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S. winners at the first attempt, were surpassed by 12 and 19 untested new sires, respectively.

**Uncle Mo** (Indian Charlie) has proved a rare example of a sire able to multiply his opening fee since introducing his first yearlings to market in 2014.

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Conceived at \$35,000, they realized an average to place him second in the rookies' table--and he now commands \$125,000.

But the horse who topped the averages that year was **Trappe Shot** (Tapit), who had five yearlings sell over the past couple of weeks for an average \$19,200; third was **Gio Ponti** (Tale of the Cat), whose fee has fallen from an opening \$20,000 to \$5,000; next came **Tizway** (Tiznow), likewise now a quarter of his debut fee; and then came **Cape Blanco (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), since shipped off to Japan.

Of course, there will be stronger and weaker intakes. But the sales mega-sires have generally earned their reputations on the track first: **War Front** (Danzig) having done so from a base of \$10,000, **Tapit** (Pulpti) from \$12,500, and **Into Mischief** (Harlan's Holiday) from \$7,500.

In fairness, we had an unusually important newcomer this time in the first Triple Crown winner since the 1970s. By managing to process 47 animals at an average more than twice the advertised fee of their conception, **American Pharoah** (Pioneerof the Nile) continued a debut impressive enough to make his 2019 fee of \$110,000 look eminently workable.

He leads a warmly received bunch of newcomers overall. Let's take a closer look at how they fared--measured not by average per horse sold, as is conventional, but by average per horse offered. **(See table on following page)**

# FIRST-SEASON SIRES AT KEENELAND SEPTEMBER SALE RANKED BY PRICES PER HORSE OFFERED

Sire	2016 fee	Ring	Sold	RNA	% Sold	Gross	Ave/Sold	Ave/Ring
American Pharoah	200,000	62	47	15	75.8	19,585,000	416,702	315,887
Honor Code	40,000	53	42	11	79.2	9,580,000	228,095	180,757
Liam's Map	25,000	51	41	10	80.4	7,179,000	175,098	140,765
Carpe Diem	25,000	64	51	13	79.7	6,687,000	131,118	104,484
Bayern	15,000	42	35	7	83.3	3,611,000	103,171	85,976
Lea	12,500	33	26	7	78.8	2,532,700	97,412	76,748
Tonalist	30,000	36	24	12	66.7	2,740,000	114,167	76,111
Fast Anna	7,500	17	15	2	88.2	1,006,000	67,067	59,176
Constitution	25,000	62	46	16	74.2	3,506,500	76,228	56,556
Secret Circle	5,000	9	9	0	100	445,700	49,522	49,522
Palace Malice	20,000	48	31	17	64.6	2,370,500	76,468	49,385
Tapiture	7,500	40	32	8	80	1,796,200	56,131	44,905
Conveyance	5,000	4	4	0	100	169,000	42,250	42,250
Majestic City	3,500	1	1	0	100	40,000	40,000	40,000
Commissioner	7,500	35	29	6	82.9	1,326,500	45,741	37,900
Sky Kingdom	5,000	6	6	0	100	227,000	37,833	37,833
Karakontie	15,000	39	32	7	82	1,468,000	45,875	37,641
Summer Front	10,000	44	31	13	70.4	1,653,000	53,323	37,568
Wicked Strong	10,000	28	22	6	78.6	1,020,700	46,395	36,454
Competitive Edge	12,500	39	29	10	74.4	1,308,700	45,128	33,556
Palace	6,000	17	12	5	70.6	518,000	43,167	30,471
Race Day	7,000	20	16	4	80	559,500	34,969	27,975
Daredevil	12,500	31	21	10	67.7	839,100	39,957	27,068
Mr Speaker	10,000	26	23	3	88.5	659,500	28,674	25,365
Danza	4,000	12	10	2	83.3	249,200	24,920	20,767
Seek Again	8,500	1	1	0	100	20,000	20,000	20,000
Medal Count	5,000	13	10	3	76.9	229,500	22,950	17,654
Frac Daddy	4,000(Can)	6	5	1	83.3	92,000	18,400	15,333
Jack Milton	6,500	17	13	4	76.5	185,400	14,262	10,906
Conquest Curlinate	5,000(Can)	6	5	1	83.3	34,200	6,840	5,700
Hampton Court	6,000	6	6	0	100	28,200	4,700	4,700
Silver Max	4,000(Can)	7	2	5	28.6	25,500	12,750	3,643
The Big Beast	6,000	1	1	0	100	3,000	3,000	3,000
Hakkasan	priv	2	1	1	50	1,500	1,500	750
Normandy Invasion	5,000	2	1	1	50	1,500	1,500	750
Chitu	3,000	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Micromanage	5,000	1	0	1	0	0	0	0

I always feel it strange that a stallion should in effect be rewarded, in terms of his sales averages, for failing to sell his least attractive stock. True, the odd RNA will only reflect the reluctance of vendors to part with such a paragon. But we all know those will be an exception to prove the rule.

I'm not saying whether the market's right or wrong about any of these. Some who are struggling to get started retain every right to become the next Into Mischief, as their fees dwindle. Because, as so many seem to forget, these horses should be going to stud in order to produce racehorses, not showponies.

Among the established sires, meanwhile, the usual suspects were to the fore in War Front (Danzig), Tapit (Pulpit) and **Medaglia d'Oro** (El Prado {Ire}).



**Medaglia d'Oro** | Darley photo

These were the top three by average, but their relatively controlled books accommodate many end-users and the three busiest American sires of 2016--Uncle Mo, Into Mischief and American Pharoah, with 253, 218 and 208 covers--duly finished the sale as first, fourth and third respectively by gross. Medaglia d'Oro managed to join them in second. These four stallions alone processed \$80,720,000 of stock, or 21.4 cents of every dollar paid at the sale.

In contrast with the Fasig-Tipton Select Sale, the big money was concentrated on colts. Only two of the top dozen docket, in fact, were for fillies. So it looks as though the striking demand for fillies at Saratoga must simply have reflected a random preponderance possible in any boutique catalogue.

The notion that some big investors might be contemplating a more sustainable programme for their stables in the medium term, by seeking potential broodmares, looks a rather fond one in view of the clamour for home-run colts here.

Mind you, the whole point about bloodstock values is that they have their own, self-fulfilling logic. The more expensive yearlings remain, the more expensive it will be to acquire a stallion prospect off the track. It was interesting to see the Arqana August Sale, for instance, topped by a colt purchased for Ballylinch Stud. When an astute outfit so astute in its stallion recruitment takes such a punt on a yearling with a plausible page, perhaps it is time to take notice.

As for the overall boom, we should not forget how faithfully this market registers the precarious loading of the economic recovery, following the crash of 2008.

No less than in the markets for classic cars or collectable art, the quantitative easing decade has favoured precisely those few already blessed with the affluence adequate to this expensive game of ours. And though many of them--as we are fortunate to know, in a game that is also a great leveller--are terribly decent people, nobody can afford to be complacent when the global political landscape is so unstable.

In last Tuesday's *TDN*, we read how the previous day's trade (only the seventh of 13 sessions) had already taken the sale gross past last year's figure. But other publications, with the less gratifying duty of recording events in the wider world, had meanwhile been full of anxious commentaries on the 10th anniversary of the crash.

These noted how fiscal stimulus from the incoming administration in 2009, along with cash steroids prescribed by central banks, had helped the economy to bulge again. Yet that success found voters unforgiving. For the time being, populist emotion on both sides of the Atlantic has been directed outwards, for instance in the resentment and obstruction of free trade and migration. But it may yet turn inwards.

If it does, the spending of the most affluent is unlikely to remain so unfettered. You know what they say about the berries on the holly tree. The more cheerfully and copiously they grow, the harder the winter ahead.

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## Good Magic Retired to Hill 'n' Dale

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After a third-place finish while making his sophomore debut in the Mar. 3 GII Fountain of Youth S., he tuned up for the GI Kentucky Derby with a victory in the Apr. 7 GII Toyota Blue Grass S. Second behind Justify in the Derby, he battled the Triple Crown winner in the GI Preakness S. before grudgingly settling for fourth on a muddy day at Pimlico. Good Magic rebounded with a dominant victory in the July 29 GI Haskell Invitational at Monmouth Park.

On the board in seven of nine starts, Good Magic won three times and earned \$2,945,000.



Good Magic | Sarah K Andrew

“Good Magic showed incredible talent and durability as I put him through the most demanding campaign of any horse I’ve ever trained,” Brown said. “He’s an extremely rare colt and should make a top stallion.”

E Five Racing’s Bob Edwards added, “It is a bittersweet day. Good Magic had a tremendous effect on my family, friends, our racing connections and his fans. His heart and determination were second to none. Good Magic was a consummate professional throughout his racing career. My family and I look forward to seeing his offspring race at the highest level.”

Barbara Banke’s Stonestreet bred and co-owned the champion.

“Good Magic is the embodiment of the breeding philosophy we have at Stonestreet,” Banke said. “We are proud to stand a champion son of our two-time Horse of the Year Curlin.”

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## MATCH SERIES A HIT IN ITS RETURN, LIKELY TO GROW NEXT YEAR

by Bill Finley

From a financial and artistic standpoint, the return of the Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred Championships (MATCH) proved to be a success in 2018. Organizers will meet in mid-October to go over the numbers for 2018 and plan for next year. All indications are that the series will undergo several changes next year and likely grow.

The championship came down to the final day, Saturday at Laurel, but **Jessica Krupnick** (Uncle Mo) held on to win the overall MATCH championship to earn a \$50,000 bonus for owner Sycamore Racing V and a \$25,000 bonus for trainer Tres Abbott.

The final day proved to be good theater Saturday, as four horses, three of whom were running at Laurel, had a chance to either win the points title outright or finish in a tie.

It will be a dramatic finish to the series, but the MATCH staff said it was even more pleased with the way the MATCH series improved handle for the races it included and helped increase field size. A series that was brought back this year after an 18-year absence, it consisted of 25 races split into five divisions.

“The handle went through the roof for the MATCH races Saturday at Laurel and the series came down to the final race,” said MATCH founder Alan Foreman “You can’t plan it any better. All in all, everyone is pleased. We have gotten great comments from the horsemen. The tracks were pleased because our goal was not just to increase field size, but to increase handle and I think across the board there were significant increases to handle. I thought we brought an event to racing that it hadn’t had in a long time and was very good for racing.”

There were three MATCH races at Laurel Saturday and handle for the GIII DeFrancis Memorial dash was up 199.5%; the handle for the Laurel Dash increased by 38.7%; and the Sensible Lady Turf Dash saw an increase in handle of 8.3%. The number for the DeFrancis is skewed because a quarantine issue in New York last year limited the field to four horses. This year there were eight.

The series got off to a tough start as the initial races were scheduled during the week of the GI Preakness S. and heavy rains both washed races off the grass or created short fields run over sloppy tracks.

Foreman said the MATCH team will now take a look back at 2018 and see what worked, what didn’t and how it can be improved upon. He said the primary complaint he heard from horsemen was that its reestablishment was announced too late, which didn’t leave time to plan a schedule that revolved around series races or acquire horses they felt would be a good fit for MATCH. He also said there is a chance that Charles Town may be added to the lineup of tracks involved and there is also a chance there will be MATCH races at NYRA, as well.

"We want to hear comments from everyone, horsemen, tracks, media fans," he said. "We want to hear from horsemen who didn't participate and what kept them from competing. What worked and what didn't work. What can we do better?"

This year the divisions were 3-year-old & up sprint - turf division; 3-year-old & up fillies and mares sprint - turf division; 3-year-old & up sprint - dirt division; 3-year-old & up long - dirt division; 3-year-old & up fillies and mares sprint - turf division.

"We have to rethink the divisions," Foreman said. "I'm not sure the divisions we selected this year necessarily worked. The horse inventory may not have been there. I think we will tweak it next year. Some of the divisions worked, some I thought were rather weak."

Foreman said the major goal will be to figure out how to grow the amount of money available to the participants. He knows that bigger bonuses will attract more horses and better horses.

"Everybody wanted to get their feet wet; now that everyone has gotten some experience, I'd like to have a bigger series, like to have more money and more money to market and promote. And we want to grow the bonus pool because that's what stimulates the series from a horsemen's standpoint and gets them to participate."

Foreman added that there is some chance all the races will be held at the same track next year and that Monmouth has shown an interest in being the permanent home of the MATCH races.

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## NUMBERS GAME: LIVING TO BREED

### ANOTHER SEASON *by Dan Liebman*

While watching a yearling sell for \$10,000 last Thursday at Keeneland, I was reminded of a day about 30 years ago when I bumped into Ted Bassett during one of the final days of an exhaustive fall sale.

"See the guy signing that ticket," Bassett, then the president of Keeneland, said to me. "So happy he made that last bid. So happy he got that filly."

I looked up at the bid board, where the word "SOLD" was illuminated; the price \$12,500.

I remember thinking that earlier in the sale I had watched countless yearlings sell for much more. At the July sale that year, numerous had been hammered down for seven figures. I was confused.

So I asked. And as he always did, Bassett explained.

"We don't just want to be the place where you come to buy a yearling by Northern Dancer for a million dollars," Bassett said. "We also want to be the place where you come to buy a \$12,500 yearling."

I still didn't get it. Professor Bassett continued.



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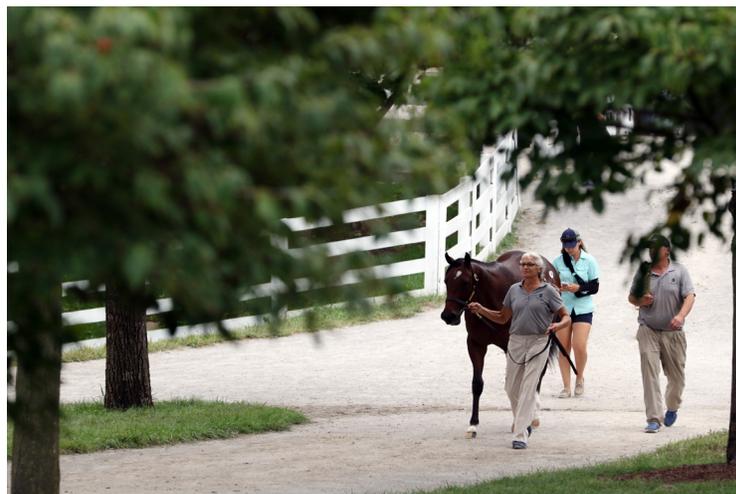
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The message was becoming clear. The deep-pocketed owners and trainers need horses. But so, too, do the guys pulling their own trailers.



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The media writes about the high-priced horses, the superstar stallions, the buyers who park their private planes across the road.

Those things are, of course, immensely important. But, as Bassett explained, so, too, are the \$12,500 yearlings. The buyer of a \$12,500 yearling has no illusion he is purchasing a future Grade I winner. It does happen, but for that buyer the goal is a useful allowance horse.

While speaking with Bassett, we were joined by a small breeder.

"Taking one home Ted," he said. "Had seven in the sale. Hit a home run with one, turned a nice profit on three, broke about even on one, gave one away, going to race one. Lived to breed another season."

As the man walked away, Bassett said to me, "A hitter is deemed a Hall of Famer if he bats .300."

In other words, no matter if you are selling in Book 1 or Book Last, or throughout the entire sale, it's a numbers game. No one hits the ball out of the park every time up.

An hour later, I saw that same small breeder standing near the back walking ring. I wanted to hear more. Make that *learn* more.

"If I have \$15,000 in a yearling and get \$25,000, I'm happy," he said. "May not seem like a big profit to you but it lets me keep playing the game."

"At this sale, I had \$15,000 in one and got \$75,000. I'm a small breeder. For me, that sale was a home run. I got 10 times the stud fee. But the one that brought \$25,000 is also important because I don't own him any more."

"I can go back to my banker and show what my crop brought, talk about who I want to breed my mares to next year," he continued. "When Keeneland pays me, I pay the bank. If there is a little left over, I may buy a mare in November, I might replace some fencing or replace a piece of equipment."

Sometimes we forget the yearling sales involve bringing a crop to market because the process is so different than selling, say, hogs or corn.

Someone looks at your corn and pays so much per ton. But the evaluation of a horse's pedigree and conformation is much more subjective.

Rarely will any seller and/or consignor have a "perfect" sale: no outs; no injuries; no buy-backs; no misjudged reserve; no horses selling for less than the stud fee.

And, not every consignor will have a home run. Which is why the singles, doubles and triples are so critically important. The big buyer makes his purchases. The guy with the two-horse trailer leaves with it full.

And the breeder lives to breed another season.

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## NEW YORK CLAIM PRICE-TO-PURSE RATIO UP FOR REVISION *by T.D. Thornton*

The current New York Thoroughbred rule that mandates a minimum claiming price of 50% of the purse for any given race could soon be relaxed by a modest amount on a case-by-case basis in an attempt to allow the New York Racing Association (NYRA) to better compete for entries.

The New York State Gaming Commission (NYSGC) voted unanimously Monday to advance an amendment to the 60-day public commentary period that would tweak a rule enacted in 2012 that aimed to dis-incentivize owners and trainers from entering lame or uncompetitive horses in lower-level races bolstered by gaming-inflated purses.

The proposed amendment reads as follows, with the new language added to the existing rule highlighted in bold:

"The minimum price for which a horse may be entered in a claiming race shall not be less than 50% of the value of the purse for the race, **unless the commission approves a request from a franchised or licensed corporation conducting thoroughbred racing for a lower minimum price for all or a portion of a race meeting. The commission shall not approve such a request unless the track has implemented increased measures required by the commission to ensure close examination of the competitiveness, soundness and safety of each horse entered in such race.**"

NYSGC equine medical director Scott Palmer, VMD, advocated for the rule change at Monday's meeting, underscoring his support for the change based on other protective measures that have since been successfully incorporated to try and cut down on injuries and fatalities.

"The claiming rule price ratio that we set up in 2012 was an emergency measure to address a specific situation at Aqueduct Racetrack, where there were purse-to-claim [price] ratios of up to four times the value, and it really was a tough situation there," Palmer said.

Now, Palmer added, "The circumstances are different than they were in 2012. In 2012, there was an enormous influx of money into the purse structure at Aqueduct. And a \$10,000 claiming horse could be running for \$40,000 purses. That was way inappropriate, and it completely distorted the normal level of risk aversion [with regard to entering potentially unsound horses]. What we're talking about here is a very modest change. Not four times... Maybe we go [to a ratio of] 2.4 for certain races. There really are only two classes of races that NYRA has requested to make these changes in."

Palmer continued: “Also, I would say to you that at that time, there was no scientific evidence...to really prove that four times the purse-to-claim ratio was more dangerous than two [times the price]. But it seemed intuitive, we had to do something, and we did a lot of things in a hurry because we had to stop fatalities and injuries in lower-level claiming races.”

Palmer said he was confident that other protective policies, most notably the NYSGC’s “out of competition scrutiny” system that centers on more detailed veterinary investigation of at-risk horses, would allow the claiming price ratio to be changed without triggering a spike in injuries or fatalities.

“We have in place right now what I like to think of as an ongoing quality-control program where every single fatality is investigated...and we do real-time assessments and interventions,” Palmer said. “So it’s a constant real-time evaluation and adjustment capability that makes me believe that we can put this amendment in place without making a significant increase in risk for the horses.”

This agenda item generated the most discussion among commissioners at Monday’s meeting, and the general tone was cautionary about not wanting to roll back safety initiatives for the sake of getting more entries if the end result could be harm to horses.

“Believe me, I’ve studied this carefully,” Palmer emphasized. “Because I’m on the line for this, and that’s my job to make sure that doesn’t happen.”

In the only other Thoroughbred-related item of Monday’s agenda, there was zero discussion among commissioners prior to voting unanimously to advance a new rule that would allow “jackpot” or “rainbow” pick six wagers at the state’s Thoroughbred tracks. This measure, like the claiming price rule, now advances to a 60-day public commentary period before a final NYSGC vote can be taken to adopt it.

According to a brief written by NYSGC general counsel Edmund Burns that was included in the informational packet for Monday’s meeting, this type of bet “appeals to bettors by giving a larger prize when there is only one winning wager from a pool.”

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**Congratulations to last week’s [JockeyTalk360.com](#) Jockey of the Week Mike Smith, who swept the Grade 1s at Parx Saturday, taking the GI Cotillion S. with Midnight Bisou and the GI Pennsylvania Derby with McKinzie.**

## BARRETT'S FALL CATALOGUE ONLINE

The catalogue for the upcoming Barretts Fall Yearling and Horses of All Ages Sale is now available online at [www.barretts.com](http://www.barretts.com). The sale will be held Oct. 16 at Fairplex in Pomona, California, with bidding slated to begin at 11 a.m. A total of 286 head have been catalogued for the auction, with yearlings selling as hips 1-231, broodmares and weanlings as hips 232-269 and horses of racing age as hips 270-286. Print catalogues will be available Sept. 27 and supplemental entries for the sale are being accepted through Oct. 2.

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## ITM NAMED BREEDERS' CUP PARTNER

The Breeders’ Cup and Irish Thoroughbred Marketing have extended a multi-year agreement for ITM to continue as an official partner of the Breeders’ Cup World Championships. As part of the agreement, which began in 2017, ITM will have branding rights to the Horsemen’s Enclosure at the Breeders’ Cup. The enclosure is a private lounge providing an enhanced experience on the Plaza balcony overlooking the paddock at Churchill Downs.

“We are delighted with the renewed commitment of Irish Thoroughbred Marketing to partner with us and the Breeders’ Cup World Championships,” said Bryan Pettigrew, Breeders’ Cup Chief Marketing Officer. “Both of our organizations share the goals of promoting the sport of Thoroughbred racing to a wider audience with bold initiatives and innovative programs to reach new and existing fans.”

Charles O’Neill, CEO of ITM, added, “ITM’s partnership with the Breeders’ Cup World Championships began very successfully in 2017 and we are very much looking forward to building on that strong first impression at one of sport’s most iconic venues, Churchill Downs. Horses bred, trained and owned in Ireland have a terrific record in the Breeders’ Cup, by far the best outside the United States, and there will be many more carrying Irish hopes in Kentucky during the first weekend of November.”

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## T.I.P. PROGRAM AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The Jockey Club Thoroughbred Incentive Program has announced the T.I.P. Thoroughbred of the Year Award recipient and the T.I.P. Young Rider of the Year Award winner for 2018.

Fly, registered as Hadifly, is the organizations Thoroughbred of the Year, an award which recognizes a Thoroughbred that has excelled in a non-competitive career, such as equine-assisted therapy or police work.

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A 20-year-old gelding who raced 48 times and competed in three-day eventing, Fly now serves as a riding horse at the New Mexico Center for Therapeutic Riding (NMCTR). NMCTR works with students from the Santa Fe Public Schools and the New Mexico School for the Deaf, at-risk teens, and other clients with cognitive, emotional, and physical special needs.

The Thoroughbred of the Year Award includes a \$5,000 grant to the non-profit organization associated with the horse.

The young rider award, which recognizes riders 18 or younger who own or lease a Thoroughbred for use in 4-H, Pony Club, or other activities, has been awarded to Lottie Crawford, Katelynn Krieger, Katie Kalfayan, and Caitlin McFarland.

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**Sunday, Hipodromo de Monterrico, Peru**

**CLASICO ENRIQUE AYULO PARDO-G1**, PER\$142,500 (US\$43,155), Hipodromo de Monterrico, 9-23, 3yo, f, 2000m, 2:06.22, ft.

1--**JULIANA (PER)**, 119, f, 3, by **Eye on Jacob**

**1st Dam: Flight To Cash, by Pine Bluff**

**2nd Dam: Vasquez, by Coronado's Quest**

**3rd Dam: Long Silence, by Alleged**

O-Stud Puerta Cerrada; B-Haras Los Eucaliptos (Per); T-Juan Suarez. J-Martin Chuan. Per\$40,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1.

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2--**Karmi (Per)**, 119, f, 3, Timely Advice--Iquena, by Vindication.

O-Stud Maku; B-Haras Barlovento (Per); T-Camilo Traverso II. Per\$12,000.

3--**Reina Leona (Arg)**, 119, f, 3, **Violence**--Wild Fantasy, by Roar.

O-Stud Dona Licha; B-Haras La Pasion (Arg); T-Arturo Morales. Per\$8,000.

Margins: 5 3/4, 17, 8HF. Odds: 0.70.

Also Ran: Prorroga (Per), Arequipa Mia (Per), First Movie (Arg), Bahira (Per).

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## Leading 2018 Sires of Yearlings

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Rank	Name	FYr	Loc	2016 Fee	Ring	Sold	Avg	Median
1	War Front	F08	KY	\$200,000	29	20	\$783,000	\$687,500
2	Medaglia d'Oro	F06	KY	\$150,000	53	42	\$618,068	\$487,500
3	Tapit	F06	KY	\$300,000	41	33	\$591,969	\$525,000
4	American Pharoah	F17	KY	\$200,000	79	62	\$471,598	\$325,000
5	Curlin	F10	KY	\$100,000	52	40	\$456,300	\$350,000
6	Pioneerof the Nile	F11	KY	\$125,000	50	36	\$394,833	\$362,500
7	Empire Maker	F05	KY	\$100,000	47	39	\$375,641	\$300,000
8	Quality Road	F12	KY	\$35,000	47	44	\$338,522	\$300,000
9	Uncle Mo	F13	KY	\$75,000	103	79	\$338,117	\$250,000
10	Into Mischief	F10	KY	\$45,000	97	87	\$298,310	\$250,000
11	Ghostzapper	F07	KY	\$60,000	39	28	\$274,500	\$220,000
12	Speightstown	F06	KY	\$100,000	44	32	\$263,531	\$202,500
13	Unusual Heat	F99	CA	\$20,000	5	1	\$250,000	\$250,000
14	Honor Code	F17	KY	\$40,000	67	54	\$240,370	\$250,000
15	Candy Ride (Arg)	F06	KY	\$60,000	54	43	\$232,069	\$150,000

## Leading 2018 Freshmen Sires of Yearlings

*by cumulative average price for stallions standing in North America*

Rank	Name	Sire's Sire	Loc	2016 Fee	Ring	Sold	Avg	Median
1	American Pharoah	Pioneerof the Nile	KY	\$200,000	79	62	\$471,598	\$325,000
2	Honor Code	A.P. Indy	KY	\$40,000	67	54	\$240,370	\$250,000
3	Liam's Map	Unbridled's Song	KY	\$25,000	68	54	\$174,514	\$150,000
4	Carpe Diem	Giant's Causeway	KY	\$25,000	79	62	\$142,660	\$115,000
5	Bayern	Offlee Wild	KY	\$15,000	52	44	\$120,590	\$87,500
6	Tonalist	Tapit	KY	\$30,000	44	30	\$118,500	\$92,500
7	Lea	First Samurai	KY	\$12,500	43	33	\$98,869	\$50,000
8	Palace Malice	Curlin	KY	\$20,000	63	43	\$91,174	\$75,000
9	Constitution	Tapit	KY	\$25,000	78	58	\$79,646	\$53,500
10	Fast Anna	Medaglia d'Oro	KY	\$7,500	27	22	\$71,522	\$40,000
11	Majestic City	City Zip	NY	\$3,500	3	2	\$70,000	\$70,000
12	Tapiture	Tapit	KY	\$7,500	60	44	\$61,932	\$35,000
13	Summer Front	War Front	KY	\$10,000	55	40	\$60,712	\$37,500
14	Normandy Invasion	Tapit	NY	\$5,000	7	4	\$60,375	\$35,000
15	Micromanage	Medaglia d'Oro	NY	\$5,000	8	5	\$54,400	\$45,000

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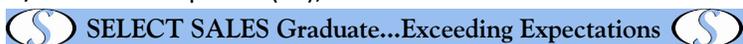
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**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**5th-Delaware, \$34,250, Msw, 9-24, 3yo/up, 1m (off turf), 1:41.13, sy.**

**TAPIR (c, 3, Tapizar--Lost Badge, by Badge of Silver)** raced evenly in his local six-furlong career debut Aug. 20 and was allowed to meet the starter after this race was rained off the turf. Sent postward as the 6-5 second choice, the chestnut steadied in the early stages and raced just off the pace behind a half-mile in a modest :50.30. Picking up steam on the outside on the far turn, he launched a prolonged rally and got up to score by a half-length over favored Bernardian (Bernardini). Sales History: \$70,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESSEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$22,440. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Jose Luis Espinoza (KY); T-Jerenesto Torrez.



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 1-Zia, Msw 5 1/2f, SALT CRYSTAL, 8-1  
 \$4,000 RNA RUI AUG yrl

**Laugh Track** (Distorted Humor), Double LI Farm  
 34 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
 1-Zia, Msw 5 1/2f, DARK DANCER, 20-1  
 1-Zia, Msw 5 1/2f, SASSY SPITFIRE, 20-1  
 \$7,000 RUI AUG yrl  
 5-Zia, Msw 5 1/2f, TOUCH ME ILL DANCE, 20-1  
 \$10,000 RUI AUG yrl

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**World Renowned** (A.P. Indy), EF1 Farms, \$2,000  
 28 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
 7-Parx Racing, Msw 5 1/2f, GAMBIT'S GIRL, 5-1  
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**Alexa Rose**, f, 2, **Distorted Humor**. See "Britain".  
**Turf War**, f, 2, **War Front**. See "France".

**IN JAPAN:**

**Mozu Superflare**, f, 3, **Speightstown**-- Christies Treasure (SP-US, \$113,602), by Belong to Me. Nakayama, 9-22, September S., 6fT. Lifetime Record: 10-4-0-0, \$513,540. O-Capital System; B-Alpha Delta Stables LLC (KY); T-Hidetaka Otonashi. \*1/2 to Sacristy (Pulpit), GSW-US, \$252,112. \*\*\$125,000 Ylg '16 KEESSEP. \*\*\*"If there was no speed, I thought I would take the lead," said winning jockey Yutaka Take. "She had a nice trip."  
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**IN JAPAN:**

**Smart Drake**, c, 2, **Distorted Humor**--Lookalike, by Dynaformer. Hanshin, 9-24, Novice Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$61,947. O-Toru Okawa; B-Anderson Farms Ont Inc, Rod Ferguson Farms Ltd & Donald Ferguson (ON); T-Akira Murayama. \*\$65,000 Ylg '17 KESEEP. **VIDEO.**

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**STAKES RESULTS:**

**GETAWAY DAY S.**, \$100,000, Emerald Downs, 9-23, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:40.61, ft.

1--**YULONG WARRIOR**, 124, c, 3, **Street Cry (Ire)**--Mahkama, by Bernardini. (\$180,000 Ylg '16 KESEEP; £360,000 2yo '17 GOFLO). O-Yuesheng Zhang; B-Mossarosa, LLC (FL); T-Doug F. O'Neill; J-Evin A. Roman. \$53,350. Lifetime Record: SW-UAE and SW-US, 10-3-3-1, \$247,931.

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2--**Weekend Wizard**, 124, g, 3, Rosberg--Gosailgo, by Finality. (C\$47,000 Ylg '16 BRCSEP). O-Riversedge Racing Stables, Ltd.; B-Foundation Racing Stable (BC); T-Craig MacPherson. \$19,400.

3--**Boundary Bay**, 122, g, 3, Harbor the Gold--Flying Memo, by Memo (Chi). (\$32,000 Ylg '16 WASSEP). O-North American Thoroughbred Racing Co. Inc.; B-Bret Christopherson (WA); T-Sandi Gann. \$14,550.

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**GOTTSTEIN FUTURITY**, \$90,000, Emerald Downs, 9-23, 2yo, 1 1/16m, 1:44.99, ft.

1--**NORTHWEST FACTOR**, 118, f, 2, **The Factor**--East Side Charley, by Mr. Greeley. (\$32,000 RNA Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$15,500 Ylg '17 WASSEP). O-How We Roll #4; B-Watershed Bloodstock LLC (KY); T-Steve Bullock; J-Gary Wales. \$47,850. Lifetime Record: MSW, 6-2-2-2, \$95,700.

2--**Palladium**, 120, c, 2, **Graydar**--Lilies So Fair, by Giant's Causeway. (\$20,000 Ylg '17 KESEEP). O-C T R Stables LLC, Westside Racing Stable & Mark Schlesinger; B-Lee & Mary McMillin & David Thorner (KY); T-Doug F. O'Neill. \$9,400.

3--**Fuzzy Dolphin**, 120, g, 2, Harbor the Gold--Silver City Lilly, by Tiffany Ice. (\$21,000 Ylg '17 WASSEP). O-JK Racing; B-Bar C Racing Stables, Inc. (WA); T-Frank Lucarelli. \$15,050. Margins: HD, 4HF, 1 3/4. Odds: 24.40, 3.20, 8.60.

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**6th-Parx Racing**, \$49,250, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 9-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.88, my.

**SHE'S STUNNING** (f, 4, **Adios Charlie**--Comacina {MSW, \$169,105}, by Dixie Union) Lifetime Record: 27-8-4-3, \$262,396. O-Jaime Bravo-Estrada; B-Our Sugar Bear Stable, Ocala Stud & White Owl Stable (FL); T-Juan Serey. \*\$45,000 RNA 2yo '16 OBSAPR.

**8th-Delaware**, \$41,100, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$65,000), 9-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:42.95, sy.

**FOREVER LIESL** (f, 4, **Mineshaft**--Ava Pie, by Distorted Humor) Lifetime Record: MSP, 13-4-4-3, \$198,564. O-Kallenberg Farms; B-Farm III (FL); T-Michelle Nevin. \*\$67,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT; \$80,000 RNA 2yo '16 OBSOPN.

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**8th-Golden Gate Fields**, \$39,165, 9-23, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:38.10, ft.

**BELLA LUMA** (f, 4, **Ministers Wild Cat**--Bold Roberta {MSW, \$449,704}, by Bold Badgett) Lifetime Record: SW, 17-5-2-2, \$167,775. O-Fairview, LLC & Linda J. Brown; B-Thomas W Bachman (CA); T-Ed Moger, Jr.

**7th-Golden Gate Fields**, \$32,985, 9-23, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:38.09, fm.

**DESERT SMOKE** (m, 5, **Marino Marini**--Desert Dearest, by Easy Thunder) Lifetime Record: 24-7-5-2, \$76,975. O-Johnny Taboada; B-Baseline Equine LLC (CA); T-Jonathan Wong.

**7th-Presque Isle Downs**, \$28,960, 9-23, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.35, ft.

**THE CURT FOX** (GB) (g, 4, **Foxwedge** {Aus}--Regal Curtsy {GB}, by Royal Applause {GB}) Lifetime Record: 11-6-1-2, \$68,475. O-Shirley Dullea; B-Mrs Z. C. Campbell-Harris (GB); T-John Guciardo. \*\$33,000gns Wlg '14 TATFOA.

**4th-Thistledown, \$27,000**, 9-24, (NW4L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.04, ft.

**VERTRAZZO (f, 3, Trappe Shot--She'll Heir {SW}, by Wildcat Heir)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 8-4-1-3, \$88,590. O-Michael A. Foster; B-Douglas Arnold (KY); T-William D. Cowans. \*\$72,000 Ylg '16 FTKOCT.

**6th-Hastings Racecourse, C\$22,000**, (NW3L)/Opt. Clm (\$17,422-\$19,358), 9-23, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:44.04, wf.

**BRAVE NATION (c, 3, Pioneerof the Nile--Pull Dancer {MSP, \$152,937}, by Pulpit)** Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-1, \$34,662. O-Gordon Christoff; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-John Snow. \*\$190,000 3yo '18 FTKHRA. \*\*1/2 to Good Samaritan (Harlan's Holiday), MGSW & MGISP, \$1,309,450.



**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**U Know I B Lion**, f, 2, **American Lion**--I's a Fact (SP), by Is It True. Presque Isle Downs, 9-23, 6f (AWT), 1:12.61. B-Ponder Hill, Inc., Denise Purvis & David Purvis (KY). \*\$5,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT.

**Diabolical Ruler**, g, 2, **Diabolical**--West Ruler (MSP, \$271,306), by Tribal Rule. Zia, 9-24, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04.37. B-J. Kirk & Judy Robison (NM).

**Jimi's a Star**, g, 2, **Star Guitar**--Unusual Strike, by Unusual Heat. Louisiana Downs, 9-24, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:47.60. B-James Boyd (LA). \*1/2 to Berniestrike (Wilburn), SW, \$169,470.

**My Friend Frank**, g, 3, **Offlee Wild**--Tacky Affair (SP, \$256,889), by Mutakddim. Parx Racing, 9-24, 1m 70y, 1:46.38. B-Ocean Breezes Racing Stable (PA).

**Smokin Hot Energy**, g, 3, **Unbridled Energy**--Storm in Philly, by Smoke Glacken. Thistledown, 9-24, 5 1/2f, 1:06.06. B-Williams Racing Corp (WV).



**ADIOS CHARLIE**, She's Stunning, f, 4, o/o Comacina, by Dixie Union. AOC, 9-24, Parx Racing

**AMERICAN LION**, U Know I B Lion, f, 2, o/o I's a Fact, by Is It True. MSW, 9-23, Presque Isle Downs

**DIABOLICAL**, Cherry Way, g, 3, o/o Cherry One, by Sir Cherokee. ALW, 9-24, Zia

**DIABOLICAL**, Diabolical Ruler, g, 2, o/o West Ruler, by Tribal Rule. MSW, 9-24, Zia

**FOXWEDGE (AUS)**, The Curt Fox (GB), g, 4, o/o Regal Curtsy (GB), by Royal Applause (GB). ALW, 9-23, Presque Isle Downs

**MARINO MARINI**, Desert Smoke, m, 5, o/o Desert Dearest, by Easy Thunder. ALW, 9-23, Golden Gate

**MINESHAFT**, Forever Liesl, f, 4, o/o Ava Pie, by Distorted Humor. AOC, 9-24, Delaware

**MINISTERS WILD CAT**, Bella Luma, f, 4, o/o Bold Roberta, by Bold Badgett. ALW, 9-23, Golden Gate

**OFFLEE WILD**, My Friend Frank, g, 3, o/o Tacky Affair, by Mutakddim. MSW, 9-24, Parx Racing

**PIONEEROF THE NILE**, Brave Nation, c, 3, o/o Pull Dancer, by Pulpit. AOC, 9-23, Hastings

**STAR GUITAR**, Jimi's a Star, g, 2, o/o Unusual Strike, by Unusual Heat. MSW, 9-24, Louisiana Downs

**STREET CRY (IRE)**, Yulong Warrior, c, 3, o/o Mahkama, by Bernardini. Getaway Day S., 9-23, Emerald Downs

**TAPIZAR**, Tapir, c, 3, o/o Lost Badge, by Badge of Silver. MSW, 9-24, Delaware

**THE FACTOR**, Northwest Factor, f, 2, o/o East Side Charley, by Mr. Greeley. Gottstein Futurity, 9-23, Emerald Downs

**TRAPPE SHOT**, Vertrazzo, f, 3, o/o She'll Heir, by Wildcat Heir. ALW, 9-24, Thistledown

**UNBRIDLED ENERGY**, Smokin Hot Energy, g, 3, o/o Storm in Philly, by Smoke Glacken. MSW, 9-24, Thistledown

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A yearling walks prior to the start of the Tattersalls Ireland Yearling Sale. | *Tattersalls Ireland*

by *Daithí Harvey*

Tattersalls Ireland reported recently about the massive number of applications it received for the 845 slots available for this week's September Yearling Sale including Part II, with the auction house forced to turn down twice as many horses as catalogued. While on one hand such a scenario suggests there will be a lot of yearlings struggling to find new homes this year it also implies that Tattersalls Ireland should have been able to put together a catalogue as high on quality as it has ever done so. That theory is endorsed by the company's new CEO Matt Mitchell, who took over the running of Tattersalls Ireland in July. Despite facing into his first Irish flat yearling sale with the company Mitchell is far from a stranger to such a prospect having headed up both Goffs and Brightwells in the past and he is hopeful of building on the impressive gains the sale has posted the last eight years.

"We have to be optimistic," Mitchell said. "Certainly the feeling so far from speaking to people about the catalogue is that it has improved each year and this year is no different. The sale has transformed in the last five years and purchasers have become aware that winners and good winners are coming out of this sale. The bigger catalogue this year will present a challenge as there are more horses to sell but we think we will have a sufficiency of buyers here to offset the rise in numbers."

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## THE WEEKLY WRAP: THE RASCAL RETURNS

by *Emma Berry*

The Derby can often take its toll on young Thoroughbreds and, according to William Haggas, it "knocked the stuffing out of" **Young Rascal (Fr)** (Intello {Ger}), who finished seventh at Epsom after winning the G3 Chester Vase.

Bernard Kantor, for whom a Derby win would have been extra special as sponsor of the race for 10 years through Investec, gained some compensation in seeing his colt return in encouraging fashion at Newbury, where he won the G3 Dubai Duty Free Legacy Cup, formerly known as the Arc Trial, in testing conditions.

Bred by Elisabeth Fabre, Young Rascal may now return to his home country on Arc weekend, though not for the Arc itself. Haggas has the G2 Prix Chaudenay in mind as long as the ground stays soft. **Cont. p4**

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**Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling Sale Preview Cont. from p1**

Mitchell had been sitting on the board of Tattersalls Ireland since the company took over the bloodstock division of Brightwells in 2015, so he very much landed running when elevated to the position of CEO a couple of months ago.

"I'd like to think my knowledge of the business before I came on board was substantial," he said. "Though obviously there is no substitute for being on the ground and seeing how things work and I'm fortunate that the team here has vast experience of both the market and how to operate each individual sale. It's more a case of continuing the great work that goes on rather than making drastic changes."

Mitchell is keen to focus on the positive aspects of the bloodstock market rather than talking in glass half empty terms and he is hoping that the domestic market will provide plenty of competition for the international buyers who have historically been so strong at this sale.

"I am hoping Irish trainers and owners will be a bit more active than they have been in the past," Mitchell said. "Syndicate ownership is definitely making a comeback and we are embracing this concept by working with the ownership department in HRI to invite syndicate members to the sale to give them a clearer insight to what goes on here. We can guide them around the complex and explain how the system works. For many this is where the ownership dream starts so we want to open it up so people can get involved right from the beginning."

2017 saw the September Yearling Sale register an eight-figure

aggregate for the second year in a row and with an extra 73 lots catalogued on Tuesday and Wednesday, there must be a strong chance that last year's total of just under €11.5 million will be eclipsed. The beefed up catalogue will however put the clearance rate to the test and a repeat of last year's impressive 89% of yearlings sold will be a hard act to follow. The 2017 average of €28,556 and median of €23,000 were also significantly up on the corresponding figures a year earlier and they set a high barometer. Last year a Ballyphilip Stud consigned

son of Showcasing (GB) topped the sale when purchased by Grovendale Advisory Services for €230,000 and there are a number of yearlings catalogued over the next two days that have the pedigrees and sire power to match or surpass that figure.

A son of Gleneagles (Ire) has already topped a European yearling sale this year and Ballylinch Stud offer a colt from the first crop of the Coolmore sire as **lot 17**. The March-born bay is the first foal out of the speedy One Chance (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) who won

twice and was third in the G2 Queen Mary S. at Royal Ascot.

**Lot 115** is the only yearling by Golden Horn (GB) catalogued and this filly from Simmonstown Stud is out of the stakes placed Simonetta (Ire) (Lil's Boy) from the family of Intense Focus (Giant's Causeway) and Skitter Skatter (Scat Daddy). An hour later Paul and Marie McCartan's Ballyphilip Stud offer a half-brother to last year's sale topper who is now called Venture (GB) (Showcasing {GB}) and who was recently entered to make his debut for trainer Clive Cox and owner Malih Al Basti. **Lot 142** is by Juddmonte stallion Bated Breath (GB). **Cont. p3**



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**Lot 115, the sole yearling by Golden Horn in the catalogue | Tattersalls**

### **Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling Sale Preview Cont.**

Bear Cheek (Ire) (Kodiak {GB}) was a speedy type for Qatar Racing a few years ago, winning the G3 Curragh S. and Yeomanstown Stud offer her first produce by the stud's Dark Angel (Ire) as **lot 257**. The same stallion crops up soon after as sire of **lot 270** from The Castlebridge Consignment. This bay colt is out of the three time winner Blockade (Ire) (Kheleyf) who was also second in the G2 Rockfel S.

No Nay Never is leading first-season sire in Ireland and Britain by all metrics and those breeders who were shrewd enough to support him in his second season will be feeling good about themselves this sales season. Among the 15 catalogued by No Nay Never is **lot 330** from Manister House Stud. The filly is out of the stakes winner Crystal Crossing (Ire) (Royal Academy), best known as the dam of champion stayer and G1 St Leger winner Rule Of Law (Kingmambo).

Irish nurseries don't come any more famed than the Burns family's Lodge Park Stud and **lot 400** from the Kilkenny farm is a New Approach (Ire) colt out of Flashing Green (GB) (Green Desert). The mare has produced three stakes performers including this colt's full-brother Tha'lr (Ire) while the yearling's full-sister Emerald Approach (Ire) looks smart having broken her maiden at the second attempt for Clive Cox at Goodwood last month.

Dandy Man (Ire) is a stallion whose stock continues to rise fast and **lot 403**, a colt by the Ballyhane sire offered by Owenstown Stud should be popular. The dam Fly By Magic (Ire) (Indian Rocket {GB}) has already produced the stakes winner Lily's Rainbow (Ire) (Intikhab) and the 93-rated Julia's Magic (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}) from three runners and the pedigree also features Peniaphobia (Ire), a Group 1 winner for Dandy Man in Hong Kong. **Cont. p4**

# Leading European 1st crop sires in 2018

## BY INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

Rk	STALLION	WNRS	SW's	EARNINGS	% W/R
1	<b>NO NAY NEVER</b>	22	4	€808,650	45
-	Bungle InTheJungle	22	2	€310,669	41
3	<b>WAR COMMAND</b>	16	1	€223,189	40
-	Charm Spirit	16	1	€316,900	29
5	Kingman	14	3	€462,671	36
6	Olympic Glory	13	0	€234,091	33
7	Toronado	12	0	€222,854	33

SOURCE: ARION PEDIGREES, 24TH SEPT.

## First-season sire commanding respect with flurry of winners

... A week can be a long time in the career path of a young sire, as Coolmore resident **War Command** has proved with five winners in as many days.

The Joseph O'Brien-trained **Elleanthus** kicked things off when running out a 4¾-length winner of a Galway fillies' maiden on Tuesday. That was followed by **Flying Dragon**, who recouped some of the £175,000 he cost at the inaugural Goffs UK Goodwood Sale when landing a Sandown novice stakes on Wednesday for Richard Hannon.

On Thursday it was the turn of Archie Watson's **Isaan Queen**, who doubled her tally with a clear-cut success in a competitive Yarmouth nursery, in which **War Command** also sired the runner-up **Watchmyeverymove**.

A little over 24 hours later the Cedric Boutin-trained **Athena Star** shed her maiden tag at Chantilly, before the Peter Chapple-Hyam-trained **Sh Boom** showed a gutsy attitude to get off the mark at the second time of asking in the fillies' novice stakes at Newmarket on Saturday.

RACING POST, 24th Sept.

### Other winners include...

**Victory Command**, 4 wins incl. ► the **Pat Eddery Stakes-L.** at Ascot

**Nuremberg**, impressive debut winner at Ascot & sold privately to Hong Kong

# WAR COMMAND

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**Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling Sale Preview Cont.**

Expert Eye (GB) has been a top performer for Rathbarry Stud stalwart Acclamation (GB) this year and the stud offer an interesting colt by the stallion as **lot 454**. The colt is the second produce out of the stakes placed mare Irish Cliff (Ire) (Marju {Ire}) who is a half-sister to two stakes winners in Sandiva (Ire) Footstepsinthesand {GB}) and Wentworth (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}). Shortly before that Baroda & Colbinstown's **lot 418**, also by Acclamation, is certainly bred to be a racehorse. The dam Golden Shadow (Ire) (Selkirk) has been a prolific producer with eight winners from eight runners including two black-type performers.

A couple of lots have received some major updates since the catalogue went to print. **Lot 475** from Loughmore Stables is a colt by Excelebration (Ire) and his year older half-sister Lady Kaya (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}) has broken her maiden and finished second in the G1 Moyglare Stud S. in the last five weeks. Meanwhile, **lot 502**, a filly by Hallowed Crown (Aus) offered by Railstown Stud, can boast of an even more significant pedigree update as her half-sister La Pelosa (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}), the mare's first foal and only runner, won the GI Natalma S. at Woodbine for Godolphin. The yearling was purchased by Tim Bourke for €7,000 as a foal last year in Goffs and she should be worth quite a bit more this time around.

The sale kicks off at 10 a.m. each day and every lot catalogued over the three days is eligible for the Tattersalls Ireland Super Auction Sales S. run at The Curragh next September.

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**The Rascal Returns Cont. from p1**

There was further cheer for Kantor at Newbury on Saturday when his homebred **Politiscise (Ire)** (Camelot {GB}) made all to win a novice race on just his second start.

The juvenile hails from a family which is well known at Haggas's Somerville Lodge stable. Four of the offspring of the Barathea (Ire) mare Politesse—an unraced daughter of Group 1 winner Embassy (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB})—have been trained there, the best of them to date being the G1 Prix

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Maurice de Gheest winner King's Apostle (Ire) (King's Best), who stood for a time at Klawervlei Stud in South Africa.

King's Apostle won seven races during a 22-race career, while Kalk Bay (Ire) (Hawk Wing) won 10, three for Haggas before switching to Mick Easterby, and Cape Classic (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}), who remains at the stable as a hack, won four. Politiscise has some catching up to do but he looks more than capable of doing so. **Cont. p5**



Young Rascal | Emma Berry

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## TATTERSALLS IRELAND SEPTEMBER YEARLING SALE - DAY 1

Lot	Sex	Pedigree	Price	Sale	Buyer
1	c	Equiano x Naayla	6,000	TATDEC	Ladytown Stables
2	c	Toronado x Naivasha	13,000	TATDEC	Wags
4	f	Gutaifan x Naruko	32,000	GOFNOV	Glencole Stud
5	c	Elzaam x Navajo Princess	8,000	TATIRENOV	Vendor
8	c	Lope de Vega x No Such Zone	48,000	GOFNOV	M McDowall
9	c	Dragon Pulse x Noora	9,500	TATDEC	Vendor
10	c	Anjaal x Nordkappe	20,000	GOFNOV	TPB BS
13	c	Dandy Man x Nurama	8,000	GOFNOV	Ballyhane
15	c	Elzaam x Ocean Sands	12,000	TATDEC	Meridian International
16	c	Free Eagle x Ohio	11,000	GOFFEB	BBA (Ireland)
17	c	Gleneagles x One Chance	80,000	GOFNOV	Vendor
21	c	Brazen Beau x Our Girl	21,000	TATDEC	Rockview Stables
22	c	Zebedee x Owega Dale	4,500	GOFNOV	D & L BS
25	c	Mukhadram x Palkin	4,000	TATDEC	BBA Ireland
27	c	Dragon Pulse x Passadouro	6,000	TATIRENOV	Stroud Coleman Tallon
28	c	Free Eagle x Peace Signal	14,000	GOFNOV	Danesrath Stables
31	c	Epaulette x Penny Boo	12,500	TATIRENOV	Stroud Coleman Tallon
32	c	Hot Streak x Perfect Act	2,500	TATDEC	Rathsker Stud
33	c	Ivawood x Perfect Blossom	23,000	GOFNOV	Rockview Stables
36	c	Cable Bay x Phoenix Clubs	8,500	TATIRENOV	Ballymorris Stud
37	c	Anjaal x Piccelina	8,000	TATIRENOV	Egmont Stud
38	f	Starspangledbanner x Pina Colada	24,000	GOFNOV	Not Sold
39	c	Dragon Pulse x Place That Face	9,000	GOFNOV	Pat Donworth
42	c	Outstrip x Polly Adler	10,500	GOFNOV	Danesrath Stables
44	c	Hot Streak x Poulaine Bleue	21,000	TATDEC	Priory Legend
45	c	Poet's Voice x Poyle Meg	4,000	TATDEC	T Hillman
47	c	Tagula x Pretty Demanding	11,000	GOFNOV	D Kilmartin
48	c	Garswood x Pretty Famous	14,000	GOFNOV	Vendor
49	f	Starspangledbanner x Prianca	20,000	GOFNOV	S Monaghan
52	c	Free Eagle x Princesse Savoie	25,000	TATDEC	Vendor
53	c	Elzaam x Punished	11,500	GOFNOV	Summit BS
56	c	Gregorian x Queen of The Nile	1,500	TATDEC	Tristan Kingston
57	f	Camacho x Quickstyx	22,000	GOFNOV	Mick Flanagan, Agent
58	f	Cable Bay x Quiet Protest	31,000	TATDEC	Creighton Schwartz BS
61	c	Lethal Force x Real Me	19,000	TATDEC	Joe Foley
63	c	Tagula x Red Hot Secret	12,000	TATIRENOV	Stroud Coleman Tallon
64	c	Footstepsinthesand x Red Ivy	16,000	GOFNOV	S S BS
66	c	Equiano x Red Sovereign	12,000	TATDEC	Forge Stables
67	c	Garswood x Regina	34,000	GOFNOV	Paul Enright

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70	c	Alhebayeb x Ringarooma	7,000	GOFFEB	Dutfield/Radley
72	c	Harbour Watch x Roberyn	20,000	TATDEC	Richard Knight BS Agent
73	c	Born To Sea x Ros Mountain	4,200	GOFNOV	B Murphy
74	c	Elzaam x Royal Aly	11,000	GOFNOV	Not Sold
76	c	Dream Ahead x Rubileo	26,000	GOFNOV	Vendor
79	c	Gutaifan x Sabinillas	22,000	TATDEC	Blind Leading The Blind (PS)
80	c	Red Jazz x Saffey of Nowhere	2,500	GOFFEB	Paragon BS
82	c	Alhebayeb x Saint Lucia	38,000	GOFNOV	ML Bloodstock
83	c	Showcasing x Salinia	25,000	TATDEC	Patrick Donworth (P.S.)
86	c	Ivawood x Sandbox Two	18,000	GOFNOV	Not Sold
88	c	Fountain of Youth x Say A Prayer	5,500	TATDEC	George Mullins
89	c	Zoffany x Scarlet Belle	20,000	GOFNOV	Sunday Racing
91	c	War Command x Secret Suspect	7,500	TATDEC	Peter & Ross Doyle BS
92	f	No Nay Never x Seinellanima	14,000	GOFNOV	Not Sold
95	c	Tamayuz x Shaddeya	14,500	GOFNOV2	Not Sold
96	c	Epaulette x Shall We Tell	12,000	GOFNOV	The Banana Syndicate
99	c	Dream Ahead x Shamsalmaiden	10,500	GOFNOV	Michael Scanlon
100	c	Dawn Approach x Shanooan	45,000	GOFNOV	Vendor
101	f	Equiano x Shared Humor	12,000	GOFNOV	Castle Hill Stud
102	c	Raven's Pass x Sharp Crisp Air	20,000	GOFNOV	Vendor
104	c	Gutaifan x She's A Character	27,000	TATIRENOV	P Donworth
105	c	Brazen Beau x She's A Pistol	44,000	GOFNOV	Pat Hand
106	c	Anjaal x She's Neat	10,000	GOFNOV	H & H BS
109	c	Havana Gold x Si Belle	35,000	TATDEC	Sitdown Terry
112	c	Requinto x Silk Feather	19,000	GOFNOV	P Flannery
114	c	Footstepsinthesand x Simla Bibi	30,000	GOFNOV	A Stroud
115	f	Golden Horn x Simonetta	55,000	GOFNOV	BBA (Ireland) (P.S.)
118	c	Hot Streak x Sleep Dance	6,500	TATDEC	Five Star BS
119	c	Mayson x Slinky McVelvet	8,500	TATDEC	Anglo House Stud
121	c	Fulbright x Smilelikeyoumeanit	10,000	GOFNOV	Ballyhane
122	c	Zebedee x Smokey Ryder	7,000	GOFNOV	P Flannery
126	c	Poet's Voice x Songseeker	25,000	TATDEC	Danesrath Stud
128	c	Dandy Man x Source Of Life	12,500	GOFFEB	Not Sold
129	c	Outstrip x Speak Softly To Me	9,500	GOFNOV	Forge Stables
132	c	Gutaifan x Spicy	34,000	GOFNOV	JC BS
133	c	Mayson x Spirit Na Heireann	2,500	TATDEC	T Hillman
135	c	Mukhadram x Spoil Yourself	6,000	GOFFEB	D Sweeney
136	f	Footstepsinthesand x Spring Crocus	11,000	GOFNOV	Brian Grassick Bloodstock
141	c	Bungle Inthejungle x Starfleet	9,500	TATDEC	Not Sold

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## TATTERSALLS IRELAND SEPTEMBER YEARLING SALE - DAY 1

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Lot	Sex	Pedigree	Price	Sale	Buyer
146	c	Ivawood x Stormy Larissa	22,000	GOFNOV	Castlehyde Stud
147	c	Anjaal x Straight Sets	21,000	GOFNOV	Rockview Stables
148	c	Rock of Gibraltar x Strawberry Vodka	13,500	TATDEC	McStay BS
154	c	Due Diligence x Sweet Alabama	14,000	GOFNOV	Buckley BS
157	f	Sea The Stars x Syamantaka	49,000	GOFNOV	Vendor
159	c	Camacho x Taaluf	8,000	GOFFEB	Vendor
165	c	No Nay Never x Terracotta	8,000	GOFFEB	Hyde Park Stud
171	f	Free Eagle x Traveller's Tales	27,000	TATDEC	Not Sold
172	c	Gutaifan x Treasure The Lady	13,500	GOFFEB	P Moyles
174	f	Bated Breath x Triple Sharp	10,500	TATDEC	Glidawn Stud
176	c	Tamayuz x TumooH	14,000	GOFNOV2	Not Sold
177	c	Anjaal x Turban Heights	11,000	TATIRENOV	Stroud Coleman Tallon
178	c	Raven's Pass x Turning Times	16,000	GOFNOV	Vendor
180	c	Gutaifan x Twiggy's Girl	20,000	GOFNOV	Danesrath Stables
181	c	Dutch Art x Up Tembo	11,000	GOFNOV	Killulla Stud
182	f	Dream Ahead x Valley of Queens	8,000	GOFNOV	Jennifer Dooly
187	c	Heeraat x Villabella	18,000	TATDEC	Ardo Farm
189	c	Tamayuz x Vittoria Vetra	20,000	GOFNOV	Colm Sharkey Agent
193	c	Kodiac x Well Focused	60,000	GOFNOV	Lynn Lodge Stud
194	c	Gutaifan x Whatever You Do	18,000	GOFFEB	Vendor
197	c	Outstrip x Wings of Fame	14,000	TATDEC	Not Sold
198	c	Outstrip x Winterbourne	6,000	TATDEC	Vendor
199	f	Slade Power x Winterwell	10,000	GOFNOV	Sapphire Inc
201	c	Lawman x Xinji	14,000	GOFNOV	Not Sold
203	c	War Command x Yeah Baby	22,000	GOFNOV	Grenane House Stud
204	f	Alhebayeb x Youcouldntmakeitup	4,500	GOFFEB	Strathclyde BS
208	f	Excelebration x Zadalla	6,000	GOFNOV	Barbara McHugh
209	c	Holy Roman Emperor x Zamorano	18,000	GOFNOV	A Lynam
211	c	War Command x Zari	34,000	TATDEC	Tix BS
212	c	Epaulette x Ziggy's Secret	9,000	GOFNOV2	Not Sold
213	f	Dutch Art x Abbey Angel	7,000	GOFNOV	Achnaha Ltd
214	c	Sayif x Acclamare	4,500	TATDEC	Danesrath Stud
216	c	War Command x Acts Out Loud	38,000	GOFNOV	Castlehyde Stud
217	c	Due Diligence x Ahwahnee	40,000	TATDEC	Manister House Stud
218	f	Society Rock x Air of Mystery	16,000	GOFNOV	Ballyhimikin Stud
223	c	Toronado x Al Kirana	7,000	ARQDEC	Meridian International
226	c	Mayson x Aldeburgh Music	24,000	TATDEC	Socket BS
228	f	Nathaniel x All Day	19,000	GOFFEB	Vendor
229	c	Sir Percy x All In Green	35,000	GOFNOV	H Macauley

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230	c	Zoffany x Almost Always	20,000	GOFNOV	P McCaughey
232	c	Hallowed Crown x Alpine	16,500	GOFNOV	Ballinvana House Stud
235	c	Teofilo x Aneedah	90,000	TATDEC	Grangemore Stud
236	c	War Command x Anna David	25,000	GOFNOV	Grey Goose BS
240	c	Swiss Spirit x Archange	10,000	GOFNOV	Vendor
242	c	Dandy Man x Archetypal	4,200	TATIRENOV	Ballyhane
245	c	War Command x Art Story	15,000	GOFNOV	A McCarthy Jnr
246	c	Fulbright x Ashdali	9,000	GOFNOV	Forge Stables
247	c	Cable Bay x Ashwell Rose	23,000	TATDEC	BBA Ireland Ltd
248	c	Equiano x Astrobrava	6,000	TATDEC	SJ Leahy BS
254	c	Mayson x Bailadeira	5,500	TATFEB	John Phelan
258	c	Dandy Man x Beat The Stars	9,000	GOFFEB	Gurteen Farm
259	c	Ivawood x Beauthea	12,000	GOFNOV	TPB Bloodstock
260	c	Alhebayeb x Begin The Beguine	16,000	GOFNOV	Forge Stables
261	c	Swiss Spirit x Behest	4,000	TATDEC	Glenville BS
262	c	Due Diligence x Belle of Honour	5,000	TATDEC	Emerald BS
264	c	Free Eagle x Best Be Careful	25,000	TATDEC	Peter & Ross Doyle BS
265	c	Ivawood x Beyond Belief	10,000	GOFNOV	J Dooly
268	c	Camacho x Bingfling	16,500	GOFNOV	Paula Flannery
271	c	Harbour Watch x Blue Maiden	9,000	TATDEC	A C Elliott, Agent
272	c	Dream Ahead x Body Beautiful	18,000	GOFNOV	Clylang Stud
273	c	Gleneagles x Bora Blues	25,000	GOFNOV	SackvilleDonald (P.S.)
274	f	Excelebration x Box Of Frogs	9,500	GOFNOV2	Not Sold
276	c	Kyllachy x Breve	28,000	TATDEC	Anthea Gibson Fleming
277	c	Due Diligence x Brick Tops	22,000	TATDEC	David Myerscough
279	c	Nathaniel x Bridle Belle	21,000	TATDEC	Stroud Coleman BS
281	c	Dandy Man x Brilliant Crystal	25,000	TATIRENOV	Stockvale

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

**The Weekly Wrap Cont.**

**Llety's Good Year Continues...**

There have been plenty of decent horses bred in Wales in recent years, including the Irish 1000 Guineas winner Saoire (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) at Louise Parry's Pantycoed Stud, but it is the Hodge family's Llety Farms keeping the Welsh dragon to the fore this season.

**Soldier's Call (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}) has never been out of the first three in his six starts, with three of his four victories coming at Royal Ascot in the listed Windsor Castle S., the G3 Prix d'Arenberg in Chantilly and, most recently, the G2 Flying Childers S.

Another of the farm's 2-year-old graduates, **Dave Dexter (GB)** (Stimulation {Ire}) kept the black-type rolling in with victory in the listed Harry Rosebery S. at Ayr on Friday to notch his third win of the season.

As we mentioned in yesterday's *TDN*, the updates have been coming thick and fast for the Tattersalls October Sale and Dave Dexter provided yet another, as his half-sister from the first crop of Brazen Beau will be offered for sale as **lot 1476** in Book 3.

"She's a correct, hardy filly with a great attitude," said David Hodge, who admits he has had to "pinch himself" over the success of the Llety-bred horses this year.

"Dave Dexter was our 33rd winner of the year and 12th 2-year-old from just 19 foals that year," he added. "Week after week after week they've been winning and we're making sure we enjoy every minute of it."

It's a wise policy to adopt, as anyone who spends time around horses will know that where there's triumph, tragedy is so often lurking around the corner. Indeed, in the case of Soldier's Call's dam Dijarvo (GB) (Iceman {GB}) that was borne out when the 9-year-old mare died just 10 days after foaling a colt by The Last Lion (Ire) on Mar. 14. **Cont. p6**



**BIG-HITTING**  
heavyweight

**TEOFILO**

**17 Group or Stakes winners this year,** with more since August than any stallion in Europe but for Dubawi and Galileo. *He's outperforming Sea The Stars, Frankel, Invincible Spirit, Siyouni, Dark Angel and the rest.*



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"Dijarvo was actually bred here by Barry Minty. She was sold for £3,000 at Doncaster as a yearling and went on to be a stakes horse and sold on to America. Chad Schumer and Nancy Sexton had been tracking her for me and we bought her back at Keeneland," Hodge recalled.

There is some consolation to this sad loss in the fact that in the Llety paddocks are two of her daughters—a 3-year-old by resident stallion Stimulation (Ire) named Saria (GB) and a yearling by Canford Cliffs (GB). Both will be retained for breeding.

"The yearling is the spitting image of her mother, a real tank of a thing," Hodge noted. "I imagine we will sell the colt as a yearling next year and fortunately we still have Dijarvo's dam Thicket (GB) here too, and she's in foal to Stimulation."

### Special Colt For Dunlop...

In the week of John Dunlop's memorial service in London and the first staging of a race in his name at San Siro racecourse in Milan, it was touching also to learn that owner-breeder Cristina Patino, who has enjoyed a long association with the Dunlop family, has named a colt **John Leeper (Ire)** in the late trainer's honour.

And he's no ordinary colt, either. Born on Apr. 28 this year, he is the son of Frankel (GB) and Patino's six-time Group 1 winner Snow Fairy (Ire) (Intikhab), and will eventually be trained, like his dam, by Ed Dunlop.

Having himself been named after Bobby Frankel, the Juddmonte stallion is already the sire of the Royal Ascot winner Atty Persse (GB), who takes his name from the trainer of The Tetrarch (Ire) who retired in 1954 at the age of 84.

There will surely be more trainer tributes to follow. The name Sir Henry Cecil is still available, according to the Weatherbys database.

### Italy's Hopes For Revival...

As Keeneland wrapped up its mammoth September Sale with some pretty eye-catching returns, the European sales tour stopped off in Italy over the weekend before rolling on to the Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling Sale, which starts today.

While foal crops have risen since the recession in Britain, Ireland and France, leading us back to the dangerous overproduction zone, this is not a problem in Italy, where the number of foals bred has fallen from around 2,000 a decade ago, to approximately 650 currently. We can view that as both good and bad. [Cont. p7](#)



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**The Weekly Wrap Cont.**

Nobody who has followed the progression of the Thoroughbred can be unaware of the role Italian breeding has played. It is over-simplifying matters merely to say that without Nearco there would be no Northern Dancer, but that's a good place to start when highlighting Italy's, and in particular Federico Tesio's, influence on the modern-day breed.

The slashing of government support for racing in Italy and subsequent failure by the authorities to pay out prize-money in a timely fashion has led to a drop in the number of foreign horses competing in the country's major races, the downgrading in status of a number of Italian Pattern contests, and dwindling support from owners.

Doubtless Italy's new 'government of change' has more pressing items on its agenda than trying to halt the decline of its country's racing and breeding industry, but there are hopes in some quarters of greater government liaison via the new Minister of Agriculture Gian Marco Centinaio and Italy's Associazione Nazionale Allevatori Cavalli purosangue (ANAC).

Massimo Parri took over as chairman of ANAC in May and was instrumental in relocating the SGA Sale, which took place on Saturday, to its new home at the La Maura trotting track in Milan. Parri's Le.Gi Stud supplied the €90,000 top lot and will sell a filly by Golden Horn (GB) during Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Sale (lot 263). The filly's Sea The Stars half-brother set a new Book 3 record of 850,000gns when sold to Shadwell last year.

The Italian sale was better supported by breeders this year, with the number of yearlings catalogued rising from 98 to 168, but a clearance rate of 60% highlights the work that still needs to be done to resuscitate a demand for Italian bloodstock. A dearth of buyers, however, is not a problem faced by Italy alone.



Golden Horn yearling filly out of Biz Bar | Emma Berry

**Moore Clan Jumping To Success...**



Ryan Moore, William Buick, Andrea Atzeni & George Scott  
Emma Berry

It's a pretty full-on schedule for the top Flat jockeys at this time of the year so it was great to see a number of them supporting the Newmarket Open Weekend by taking part in Sunday's show jumping competition sponsored by Clipper Logistics.

It wasn't restricted to jockeys, however. Roger Varian took part on his trusty hack Gerry, along with George Scott and Francesca Cumani, who returned to defend her crown. All riders had to contend with some heckling from commentator Michael Bell, who said during Scott's round, "He used to be my assistant but I never let him ride any of my good ones, and you can see why."

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Of the weighing-room stars on show, which included William Buick, Andrea Atzeni, Josephine Gordon, Harry Bentley and Luke Morris, it was Ryan Moore (who else?) who took home the red rosette.

Despite being arguably the world's best Flat jockey, Moore's pedigree does rather lean towards National Hunt, and in fact he recorded his first winner over hurdles. His father Gary was a jump jockey before starting training, while brothers Jamie and Josh ride over jumps and sister Hayley has plenty of experience as a point-to-pointer and eventer. The Moore gene is clearly strong in this regard as Ryan's young children Toby and Sophie both took part in the show jumping class, looking every bit as polished in the saddle as the older members of their family.

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Pretty Pollyanna & Michael Bell | Emma Berry

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**PRIX MORNLY 1-2 IN GOOD FORM FOR CHEVELEY**

Trainer John Quinn has high hopes MGSW **Signora Cabello (Ire)** (Camacho {GB}) can gain her revenge on her G1 Darley Prix Morny conqueror **Pretty Pollyanna (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}) in Saturday's G1 Juddmonte Cheveley Park S. at Newmarket. A 25-1 winner of the G2 Queen Mary S. at Royal Ascot in June shortly after Phoenix Thoroughbred bought into the Zen Racing runner, Signora Cabello clawed out a neck win in the G2 Darley Prix Robert Papin at Maisons-Laffitte on July 22 prior to missing by 3/4 of a length to the Michael Bell trainee and current 2019 G1 1000 Guineas favourite in the Prix Morny at Deauville on Aug. 19.

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"It was a fantastic run and a wonderful sight to see those two fillies duelling and pulling clear of the best that was put in front of them," said Quinn of the Morny run. "Saturday is a different day and on a different track. I'm very happy with our filly. Her recent work has been good, so I'm expecting a big run from her."

Bell's charge, who won when unveiled at Yarmouth on June 14, claimed her own Group 2 ring two starts later in the G2 Duchess of Cambridge S. at Newmarket on July 13 in her final start before the Morny.

"The Cheveley Park S. is 'D Day' for Pretty Pollyanna and it looks a strong race, Signora Cabello merits a lot of respect," said Bell. "She has been very straightforward to deal with from the word go and has danced every dance that we wanted her to since she made her debut. She had slightly immature knees in the spring, which is perfectly normal at that stage, so we had to back off her for a month and it was a bit of a rush to get her to Royal Ascot, but we have had no problems since then."

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## GIMCRACK HERO WELL IN ADVANCE OF MIDDLE PARK

GSW **Emaraaty Ana (GB)** (Shamardal) is in good form in advance of the G1 Juddmonte Middle Park S. at Newmarket's Rowley Mile on Sept. 29. Trained by Kevin Ryan, the Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum colourbearer would be the third winner of the 1200-metre event for the Yorkshire-based trainer after Amadeus Wolf (GB) (Mozart {Ire}) in 2005 and Astaire (Ire) (Intense Focus) in 2013. Originally racing in the silks of Ahmad Abdulla Al Shaikh, the bay was a debut winner at Windsor on Apr. 30 and ran third in the Listed Irish Thoroughbred Marketing Rose Bowl S. going the Middle Park distance at Newbury on July 20, before his half-length win in the Gimcrack on Aug. 24.

"Emaraaty Ana is a very uncomplicated horse who has come out of his Gimcrack win in good form," said trainer Kevin Ryan. "He is fresh and well. The Gimcrack-Middle Park S. double is something that I have pulled off before and it just seemed the right way to go with him. This will be his last run of the year and he will be much bigger and stronger next season."

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## FIRST-SEASON SIREs WITH RUNNERS

**Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2018:**

### UNITED KINGDOM

**Bungle Inthejungle (GB)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Rathasker Stud  
95 foals of racing age/22 winners/2 black-type winners  
14:10-BEVERLEY, 5f, BUNGLE BILLY (Ire)  
€5,500 RNA Goffs February Mixed Sale 2017; £7,000 Goffs UK Silver Yearling Sale 2017

**Coach House (Ire)** (Oasis Dream {GB}), Bucklands Farm & Stud (GB)  
76 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners  
14:10-BEVERLEY, 5f, DANCING RAVE (GB)  
3,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2016; 20,000gns Tattersalls Ireland Ascot Sept. Yearling Sale 2017; €5,000 Goresbridge Flat Breeze-Up Sale 2018  
16:50-LINGFIELD PARK, 5f, SPIRIT OF MAY (GB)  
4,500gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2016; £10,000 Goffs UK Silver Yearling Sale 2017; 23,810gns Tattersalls Ireland Ascot 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2018

**Gale Force Ten (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}), Irish National Stud  
98 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners  
17:45-CHELMSFORD CITY, 8f, STORM SHELTER (Ire)  
€28,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2016; 38,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2017 - Book 3



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**Heeraat (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), Mickley Stud  
72 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners  
14:35-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, BEAUTY CONCEPT (GB)  
€11,500 Goffs November Foals Sale 2016; 26,000gns Tattersalls  
December Yearlings Sale 2017  
14:10-BEVERLEY, 5f, HAADHIR (GB)  
£14,000 Goffs UK Silver Yearling Sale 2017; £14,000 RNA Goffs  
UK Doncaster 2yo Breeze-Up Sale 2018  
14:45-BEVERLEY, 7.5f, OLLIVANDER (Ire)  
30,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2017 - Book 2;  
28,000gns RNA Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up Sale 2018

**Moohaajim (Ire)** (Cape Cross {Ire}), Rathbarr Stud  
32 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners  
17:45-CHELMSFORD CITY, 8f, HARD TASKMASTER (Ire)  
€24,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2016; 55,000gns Tattersalls  
October Yearling Sale 2017 - Book 2

**Morpheus (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}), Tally-Ho Stud  
107 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
14:00-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, AREEN OMAR (Ire)  
£28,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2017

**Mukhadram (GB)** (Shamardal), Nunnery Stud  
92 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners  
18:15-CHELMSFORD CITY, 7f, FLAUNT IT (Ire)  
£70,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2017

**Olympic Glory (Ire)** (Choisir {Aus}), Haras de Bouquetot  
119 foals of racing age/13 winners/0 black-type winners  
14:35-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, USANECOLT (Ire)  
£40,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2017

**Slade Power (Ire)** (Dutch Art {GB}), Kildangan Stud  
99 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners  
14:00-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, DEBBOAIR (Ire)  
€20,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2016; £27,000 Goffs UK  
Premier Yearling Sale 2017  
16:50-LINGFIELD PARK, 5f, PARLIAMENT HOUSE (Ire)  
14:10-BEVERLEY, 5f, POWER RUSH (Ire)  
10,000gns Tattersalls December Yearlings Sale 2017  
14:45-BEVERLEY, 7.5f, WAR CHARIOT (GB)  
20,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2017 - Book 2

**FRANCE**

**American Devil (Fr)** (American Post {GB}), Haras De Grandcamp  
33 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
2-FONTAINEBLEAU, 1200m, MAGIC ALPINA (Fr)

**Anodin (Ire)** (Anabaa), Haras du Quesnay  
102 foals of racing age/10 winners/2 black-type winners  
2-FONTAINEBLEAU, 1200m, ARDARA BELLE (Fr)  
€35,000 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2016 - English

# Goresbridge Breeze-Up Sale *winner*

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1-BDX LE BOUSCAT, 1600m, MINUIT SONNE (Fr)  
Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2016 - English Version

**Olympic Glory (Ire)** (Choisir {Aus}), Haras de Bouquetot  
119 foals of racing age/13 winners/0 black-type winners  
3-BDX LE BOUSCAT, 1600m, HELCIA (Ire)  
3-BDX LE BOUSCAT, 1600m, LUCKY LYCRA (Ire)  
€145,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2017  
1-BDX LE BOUSCAT, 1600m, SHOWERSOFBLESSING (Fr)  
3-BDX LE BOUSCAT, 1600m, ZEVIO (Fr)

**Slade Power (Ire)** (Dutch Art {GB}), Kildangan Stud  
99 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-BDX LE BOUSCAT, 1600m, DAN (GB)  
52,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2017 - Book 3

**Toronado (Ire)** (High Chaparral {Ire}), Haras de Bouquetot  
121 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners  
2-FONTAINEBLEAU, 1200m, COME BACK (GB)  
24,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2016; €40,000 Goffs  
Orby Yearling Sale 2017; 40,000gns RNA Tattersalls Guineas  
Breeze-Up & HIT Sale 2018  
1-BDX LE BOUSCAT, 1600m, TAOS (Fr)  
€155,000 Arqana Deauville August Yearlings 2017 (FR)



Mukhadram has a runner at Chelmsford City on Tuesday.

*Asuncion Pineyrua*

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### Monday's Results:

**1st-Leicester, £10,400, Cond, 9-24, 2yo, 7fT, 1:25.20, gd.**

**HOUSE OF KINGS (IRE) (c, 2, Camelot {GB}--Celestial Bow {Ire}, by Raven's Pass),** who hit the board in starts at Newbury first up Aug. 17 and at Ffos Las last time Sept. 5, was under cover in the second rank after an alert exit here. Nudged along approaching the quarter-mile marker, the 5-2 chance quickened to the fore entering the final eighth and was pushed out to assert by 1 1/4 lengths from Global Hero (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). Half to a yearling filly and filly foal by Fastnet Rock (Aus), he is the first foal out of an unraced half-sister to G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches heroine Elusive Wave (Ire) (Elusive City), herself the dam of Listed Prix Zarkava and Listed Pride S. placegetter Brandyhead (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), from a family featuring G2 Queen Mary S. victress Langs Lash (Ire) (Noverre). Sales history: 42,000gns Wlg '16 TATFOA; €35,000 RNA Ylg '17 GOFOR. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$11,289.

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

O-Martin McHale, Mrs T Burns & Partner; B-Grange Stud (IRE); T-Clive Cox.

**2nd-Leicester, £10,400, Cond, 9-24, 2yo, 7fT, 1:24.91, gd.**

**FARO ANGEL (IRE) (c, 2, Dark Angel {Ire}--Rougette {GB}, by Red Ransom),** a Sept. 8 debut fifth at Ascot last time, found a smooth rhythm behind the leaders through halfway here. Stoked up at the two pole, the 4-6 chalk kept on resolutely under a late drive to hit the line a nose shy of the subsequently demoted Nubough (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}). Half-brother to a yearling

filly by Holy Roman Emperor (Ire), he is the first winner from three runners produced by a winning daughter of G2 Prix Robert Papin victress Never A Doubt (GB) (Night Shift), herself out of a winning half-sister to GSW sire Acclamation (GB) (Royal Applause {GB}). Sales history: 50,000gns RNA Ylg '17 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$2,619. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Dahab Racing; B-Derek James (IRE); T-Luca Cumani.

**4th-Kempton, £9,000, Cond, 9-24, 2yo, f, 7f (AWT), 1:26.57, st/sl.**

**ALEXA ROSE (f, 2, Distorted Humor--Secretariat's Soul {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells),** a Sept. 3 debut third at Windsor in her only prior start, accepted a tow in second after racing up front through the initial strides. Shoved along to tackle Pytilia (Mizzen Mast) at the quarter-mile marker, the 5-6 pick seized control approaching the final eighth and was ridden out to best that rival by 2 1/2 lengths. Half-sister to the stakes-placed Miss Injustice (Court Vision), she becomes the fourth winner from as many runners out of a full-sister to Canadian champion and GISW sire Perfect Soul (Ire). Her dam Secretariat's Soul (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), who was bred to Pioneer of the Nile this year, has also produced a yearling colt and a filly foal by More Than Ready. Sales history: \$80,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP; £58,000 RNA 2yo '18 GOFBRE; £65,000 2yo '18 GOFLO. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$8,538. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Shalfleet Partnership; B-Charles Fipke (KY); T-Jeremy Nosedá.



**2nd-Kempton, £9,000, Cond, 9-24, 2yo, 9f 219y (AWT), 2:08.03, st/sl.**

**FEARLESS WARRIOR (FR) (c, 2, Sea the Stars {Ire}--Mambo Light {MSW & MGSP-Ger, by Kingmambo),** third in starts at Lingfield July 21 and Aug. 11, was sharply into stride and led from the outset of this one. Scrubbed along on the home turn, the 11-4 chance came under increased pressure in the straight and was driven out to gamely hold dead-heaters Mind the Crack (Ire) (Jukebox Jury {Ire}) and Just Hubert (Ire) (Dunaden {Fr}) by a neck. He is one of five scorers out of MSW G3 Maurice Lacroix-Trophy and G3 Preis der Spielbank Hamburg placegetter Mambo Light (Kingmambo) and kin to Listed Prix La Sorellina victress Frankel Light (Ire) (Frankel {GB}), Listed Grand Prix du Nord and Listed Prix Jacques Laffitte third Le Juge (Ire) (Dansili {GB}) and a yearling filly by Siyouni (Fr). Sales history: 340,000gns Ylg '17 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-2, \$9,061. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Qatar Racing Ltd & Kin Hung Kei; B-Rashit Shaykhutdinov (FR); T-Ralph Beckett.

**British Report Cont.**

**1st-Hamilton, £8,400, Cond, 9-24, 2yo, 6f 6yT, 1:13.20, sf.**

**EAST (GB) (f, 2, Frankel {GB}--Vital Statistics {GB} {SW & GSP-Eng}, by Indian Ridge {Ire})** was in rear through the initial strides of this unveiling. Last off the bridle inside the two pole, the 9-4 second choice was ridden into second entering the final eighth and kept on well for continued urging up the hill to best Constant (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}) by a half-length. Full-sister to a yearling colt and a half to a filly foal by Acclamation (GB), she is the third scorer produced by Listed Dick Poole Fillies' S. victress and G3 Princess Margaret S. second Vital Statistics (GB) (Indian Ridge {Ire}), herself one of nine winners and the leading light out of stakes-winning G2 Flying Childers S. runner-up Emerald Peace (Ire) (Green Desert). Sales history: €315,000 2yo '18 GBMBR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,108. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-East Partners; B-Mitaab Abdullah (GB); T-Kevin Ryan.

**5th-Kempton, £9,000, Novice, 9-24, 2yo, f, 7f (AWT), 1:26.63, st/sl.**

**GOLD AT MIDNIGHT (GB) (f, 2, Havana Gold {Ire}--Midnight Ransom {GB}, by Red Ransom),** fourth when fading late in a mile maiden here Aug. 29, broke well to race in a close-up second early. Kicking clear approaching the two-furlong marker, the 11-2 shot began to tire as she had last time in the final yards but held a fast-diminishing neck margin over Mary Somerville (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) at the line. The runner-up, the 800,000gns TATOCT daughter of the G3 Princess Margaret S. and G3 Fred Darling S. winner Maureen (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), blew the start and was held up with her run but when in the clear closed strongly in an eye-catching effort. The winner is a half-sister to the listed winner Nocturnal Secret (GB) (Beat Hollow {GB}), SW-Fr, \$318,539. Her dam is a daughter of the G3 May Hill S. scorer Midnight Air (Green Dancer) and therefore a half-sister to Midnight Line (Kris S.) who also took that race as well as the GII Long Island H. and G3 Prestige S. and was placed in the G1 Epsom Oaks and GI Gamely Breeders' Cup H. and GI E. P. Taylor S. The latter is responsible for this year's multiple handicap winner Communique (Ire) (Casamento {Ire}). Also connected to the top-level winners Together (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Jan Vermeer (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) and Imperial Beauty (Imperial Ballet {Ire}), Midnight Ransom has a yearling colt by Roderic O'Connor (Ire) and a filly foal by Bobby's Kitten. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$8,998. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Mrs Denis Haynes; B-Wretham Stud (GB); T-Sir Michael Stoute.

**5th-Leicester, £8,000, Novice, 9-24, 3yo/up, 11f 179yT, 2:34.36, gd.**

**OUTBOX (GB) (g, 3, Frankel {GB}--Emirates Queen {GB} {GSW-Eng, \$115,027}, by Street Cry {Ire}),** who scored on debut at Ffos Las Sept. 5, quickly held command. Kicking on in the straight, the 8-11 favourite put up a typical Frankel-esque galloping performance as he hit the line 1 1/4 lengths ahead of Forest View (GB) (Teofilo {Ire}). The dam, the G2 Lancashire Oaks winner Emirates Queen who has a colt foal by Shamardal, is a half-sister to the Godolphin luminary Dubawi (Ire) whose multiple Group 1 and Classic-winning exploits have now been overshadowed by his prowess at stud. Her half-brother by Frankel, UAE King (GB), stayed well and was third in the Listed March S. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$11,675. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum; B-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum (GB); T-Simon Crisford.

**3rd-Newcastle, £5,800, Novice, 9-24, 2yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:14.26, st.**

**ALDANA (GB) (f, 2, Slade Power {Ire}--Bright Glow {GB}, by Exceed and Excel {Aus}),** second over six furlongs on debut at Haydock Sept. 7, was reserved towards the rear early. Produced stand's side to lead approaching the furlong pole, the 5-2 second favourite held the rallying Coastline (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}) to prevail by a head. The winner, who is the first representative of the dam, shares her second dam Lighthouse (GB) (Warning {GB}) with the G2 Cherry Hinton S. winner and G1 Cheveley Park S. runner-up Misheer (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}). From the family of the G1 Middle Park S.-winning sire First Trump (GB) (Primo Dominie {GB}), she has a yearling filly and colt foal by Showcasing (GB). Sales history: 32,000gns Wlg '16 TATFOA; 37,000gns RNA Ylg '17 TAOCT; 100,000gns 2yo '18 TATHIT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$6,750. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Shaikh Duaij Al Khalifa; B-Liverpool Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Simon Crisford.

**4th-Newcastle, £5,800, Novice, 9-24, 2yo, 8f 5y (AWT), 1:40.47, st.**

**TURGENEV (GB) (c, 2, Dubawi {Ire}--Tasaday {Hwt. Older Mare-UAE at 9 1/2-11f, SW & G1SP-Eng, MGSW & MG1SP-Fr, SW-UAE, \$817,731}, by Nayef),** who had been second to Godolphin's potentially classy Royal Marine (Ire) (Raven's Pass) on debut at Doncaster 10 days previously, was settled in second throughout the early stages. Allowed to stride to the front approaching the final two furlongs, the 8-15 favourite was soon clear and was eased right down to record an emphatic six-length success from Durrell (Animal Kingdom). **Cont. p13**

## 4th-Newcastle Cont.

The winner is the first foal out of Tasaday (Nayef), who began her career with Andre Fabre winning three group races including the G2 Prix de la Nonette. Also second in the G1 Prix de l'Opera and third in the G1 Prix Vermeille and G1 Yorkshire Oaks, she is a daughter of the G3 Prix de la Nonette and G3 Prix Fille de l'Air winner Tashelka (Fr) (Mujahid) who also produced the G3 Desmond S. scorer Tribal Beat (Ire) (Street Cry {Ire}). Unfortunately, her yearling filly by Dubawi (Ire) died this year, while she also has a colt foal by Sea the Stars (Ire). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$8,694. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-H. R. H. Princess Haya of Jordan; B-Godolphin (GB); T-John Gosden.

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### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Invincibella (GB)**, f, 2, **Kodiac (GB)**--Sahafh, by Rock Hard Ten. Kempton, 9-24, 5f (AWT), 1:00.87. B-Whetton Manor Stud (GB). \*20,000gns RNA Ylg '17 TATDEY.

## LADBROKES RETURNS TO ALL-WEATHER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ladbrokes will sponsor the "Fillies and Mares" and the "Three-Year-Old" categories during the All-Weather Championships in a three-year deal, Arena Racing Company (ARC) announced on Monday. In addition, the deal will see Ladbrokes branding displayed prominently on track and Ladbrokes race titles for all races in the two categories at the four ARC All-Weather Championships racecourses, Newcastle, Wolverhampton, Southwell and Lingfield Park. The six year of the All-Weather Championships begins at Newcastle on Oct. 23 and culminates in the £1-million All-Weather Championships Finals Day at Lingfield Park on Apr. 19, 2019. Ladbrokes will also sponsor the £100,000 Listed Ladbrokes Burradon S. at Newcastle on Apr. 19, as it is part of the "Three-Year-Old" category.

"The All-Weather Championships has very quickly become a firmly established and very successful part of the British racing calendar and we are proud that we were one of the founding partners of what was such an innovative new initiative when launched in 2013," said Simon Clare, Ladbrokes Coral PR Director. "It is therefore great that Ladbrokes is back involved as a partner of the Series and we look forward to contributing significantly to the future success of the All-Weather Championships."

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## FRANCE



### Monday's Results:

**1st-Craon**, €18,000, Mdn, 9-24, 2yo, 6f 165yT, 1:17.96, sf.

**TURF WAR (f, 2, War Front--Starstruck {Ire} {MGSW-US, \$299,423}, by Galileo {Ire})**, a last-out second going 7 1/2 panels at Deauville Aug. 28, raced in fourth for most of this one. Coming under pressure at the top of the straight, the 9-10 pick launched her bid approaching the eighth pole and was ridden out to deny Pleven Joa (Fr) (Rio de la Plata) by 3/4 of a length. She is the first foal and winner out of dual GII Matchmaker S. victress Starstruck (Galileo {Ire}), herself a daughter of MGSW G1 Phoenix S. third Agnetha (Ger) (Big Shuffle), who in turn is kin to four black-type winners headed by MGSW sire Areion (Ger) (Big Shuffle). Starstruck, who was bred to Medaglia d'Oro this year, has a yearling colt by English Channel and a filly foal by American Pharoah to come. Sales history: \$425,000 Ylg '17 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-1, €22,980. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Martin S Schwartz Racing; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.



### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**6th-Craon**, €30,000, Cond, 9-23, 3yo, 12fT, 2:40.53, sf.

**LA HOUBLONNIERE (FR) (f, 3, Le Havre {Ire}--Mixed Intention {Ire} {MSW & MGSP-Fr, \$206,795}, by Elusive City)** Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-1, €51,000. O-Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-Franklin Finance SA (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

**7th-Dax**, €20,000, Cond, 9-23, 2yo, 7fT, 1:26.50, gd.

**FANTASTIC GLORY (FR) (f, 2, Olympic Glory {Ire}--Mud Hilah {Fr}, by Kingsalsa)** Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, €23,560. O-Sheikh Abdullah bin Khalifa Al Thani; B-SCEA du Haras de Victot (FR); T-Antoine de Watrigant.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Arroz (Fr)**, f, 2, **Execute (Fr)**--Cateline (Fr), by Mountain Cat.

Divonne-les-Bains, 9-23, 8 1/2fT, 1:51.80. B-Mavra Enerji Ve Insaat Sanayi (FR).

**Controvento (Fr)**, c, 2, **George Vancouver**--Anna Danse (Fr), by Anabaa. Divonne-les-Bains, 9-23, 8 1/2fT, 1:51.20. B-Daniel Cherdo & Mme Claudie Cherdo (FR). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

\*\*€16,000 Ylg '17 OSLATE; £20,000 RNA 2yo '18 GOFBRE; €30,000 2yo '18 ARQJUL.

**French Report Cont.**

**Imera (Fr)**, f, 2, **Paco Boy (Ire)**--Indina (Fr), by Peintre Celebre. La Roche-Posay, 9-23, 8 1/2fT, time: n/a. B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (FR).

**Brisida (GB)**, f, 3, **So You Think (NZ)**--Briseida (GB) (GSW-Ger, \$156,610), by Pivotal (GB). La Roche-Posay, 9-23, 12fT. B-Litex Commerce AD (GB). \*1/2 to Brisanto (GB) (Dansili {GB}), Hwt. 2yo Colt-Ger, GSW-Ger, GSP-Itly & SP-Fr, \$153,963.

**IRELAND****Monday's Results:**

**BALLYHANE BLENHEIM S.-Listed**, €50,000, Fairyhouse, 9-24, 2yo, 6fT, 1:14.49, g/y.

1--**LETHAL PROMISE (IRE)**, 124, f, 2, by **Invincible Spirit (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Lethal Quality (SP-US)**, by **Elusive Quality**

2nd Dam: **Lethal Temper**, by **Seattle Slew**

3rd Dam: **Shy Princess**, by **Irish River (Fr)**

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** O-Irish National Stud Breeding & Racing Club; B-Irish National Stud (IRE); T-Willie McCreery; J-Billy Lee. €29,500. Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0, \$57,374. \*Full to Promising (Ire), MGSP-Eng.

2--**Inverleigh (Ire)**, 129, c, 2, **Excelebration (Ire)**--Sommorrell (Ire), by Fast Company (Ire). (€30,000 Wlg '16 GOFNOV).

O-Mrs A G Kavanagh & Michael Downey. €9,500.

3--**Mia Mento (Ire)**, 124, f, 2, Casamento (Ire)--Mia Divina (GB), by Exceed and Excel (Aus). (€10,000 Wlg '16 GOFNOV; €30,000 Ylg '17 GOFSP). O-Phoenix Thoroughbred Ltd., €4,500.

Margins: 1 3/4, 1HF, 3/4. Odds: 8.00, 2.00, 33.00.

Also Ran: **Invincible Karma (Ire)**, **All The King's Men (Ire)**, **Nitro Boost (Ire)**, **Breaking Story (Ire)**, **Fantasy (Ire)**, **Peruvian Lily (Fr)**, **Isle of Innisfree**.

Runner-up to 'TDN Rising Star' and subsequent G3 Flame of Tara S. winner Just Wonderful (Dansili {GB}) over this trip at The Curragh May 26 before scoring by 6 1/2 lengths over five at Naas June 18, Lethal Promise was fourth behind So Perfect (Scat Daddy) and Skitter Scatter (Scat Daddy) in the G3 Grangecon Stud S. back over the former track and trip at the start of the following month. Disappointing when 10th as the favourite with hold-up tactics employed for the Listed St Hugh's S. reverting to five at Newbury Aug. 17, the bay rebounded in style under a change of tactics here. Allowed to tank to the front before the first furlong was up, she was always too powerful for her rivals as she earned a comprehensive first black-type success.

Trainer Willie McCreery was relieved to see the winner back at her best and said, "I think we were just riding her wrong the last twice. We were trying to hold her up and make her get home and I think we cheesed her off a little bit. Today she got six furlongs very well and she was going away from them at the

line. It gives us a lot of hope for next year too, because you don't want an out-and-out five-furlong filly. She's a good filly going forward and that'll be it for the year now, we'll finish with her for the season and let her grow into herself."

The dam, who also has a yearling colt by Gleneagles (Ire), had already produced a smart filly by Invincible Spirit in the G3 Prestige S. runner-up and G3 Fred Darling S. third Promising. She is a granddaughter of Shy Princess (Irish River {Fr}), who was runner-up in the G1 Prix Morny before throwing the G2 Diadem S.-winning sire Diffident (Fr) (Nureyev) and whose descendants include the G1 St James's Palace S.-winning sire Zafeen (Fr) (Zafonic). **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

**3rd-Fairyhouse**, €20,000, Mdn, 9-24, 2yo, 6fT, 1:15.42, g/y.

**GUSTAVUS WESTON (IRE)** (g, 2, **Equiano {Fr}**--**Chrissy Cross {Ire}**),

by **Cape Cross {Ire}**), fourth in a seven-furlong maiden at

Gowran Park on debut Sept. 5, raced behind the leaders

throughout the early stages after showing dash to overcome the

widest draw. Delivering a sustained effort to grab the lead

approaching the furlong pole, the 4-1 favourite asserted to

record an authoritative 2 1/2-length verdict over That's Not Me

(Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}). The dam, who has a yearling filly by

Cappella Sansevero (GB) and a colt foal by Epaulette (Aus), hails

from the family of the G1 Cheveley Park S. third Badminton (GB)

(Zieten). Sales history: €15,500 Wlg '16 TATFBR; €55,000 Ylg

'17 TIRSEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$15,259. **Video, sponsored**

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O-Alfred Sweetnam; B-M. Orlandi & J. Harrod (IRE); T-J G Murphy.

**2nd-Fairyhouse**, €12,000, Mdn, 9-24, 3yo/up, 7fT, 1:29.57, g/y.

**DRAMATISE (IRE)** (f, 3, **Intikhab--Typecast {Ire}**), by **Oratorio**

**{Ire}**), a 50-1 shot on this debut, ended up towards the back

after the initial scrimmaging. Working her way into contention

out wide in the straight, the bay took off to catch Encantador

(GB) (Dandy Man {Ire}) with 75 yards remaining en route to a 1

1/2-length success. The dam, who has a 2-year-old colt by

Arakan, is a daughter of the Listed Athasi S. scorer and G3

Desmond S. runner-up Dangerous Diva (Ire) (Royal Academy)

from the family of the G1 Coronation S. heroine Golden Opinion

(Slew o' Gold). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$8,683. **Video,**

**sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Robert Lanigan; B-Tullamaine Castle Stud (IRE); T-J O'Brien.

**NAAS TO HOST FLAT MEETING ADDITION**

Naas Racecourse will host an additional flat meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 2, Horse Racing Ireland announced on Monday. Entries will close by noon on Sept. 27, with declarations to be made by 10 a.m. on Oct. 1.

## Leading Sires of 2-Year-Olds by YTD Earnings

for stallions standing in Europe through Sunday, Sept. 23.

Earnings represent worldwide figures, stud fees listed are 2018 fees.

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Kodiac (GB)</b> <i>(2001) by Danehill Crops: 9</i>	3	13	3	7	--	--	111	39	232,827 <i>Fairyland (Ire)</i>	1,315,757
				<i>Stands: Tally-Ho Stud Ire Fee: €50,000</i>							
2	<b>No Nay Never</b> <i>(2011) by Scat Daddy Crops: 1</i>	4	8	2	5	--	1	48	22	247,848 <i>Land Force (Ire)</i>	948,002
				<i>Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: €25,000</i>							
3	<b>Showcasing (GB)</b> <i>(2007) by Oasis Dream (GB) Crops: 5</i>	2	6	2	5	1	1	40	13	273,988 <i>Advertise (GB)</i>	724,471
				<i>Stands: Whitsbury Manor Stud Eng Fee: £35,000</i>							
4	<b>Galileo (Ire)</b> <i>(1998) by Sadler's Wells Crops: 14</i>	2	8	1	7	--	3	40	14	218,745 <i>Anthony Van Dyck (Ire)</i>	693,865
				<i>Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: Private</i>							
5	<b>Dandy Man (Ire)</b> <i>(2003) by Mozart (Ire) Crops: 6</i>	2	5	2	3	1	2	79	23	169,290 <i>La Pelosa (Ire)</i>	692,272
				<i>Stands: Ballyhane Stud Ire Fee: €10,000</i>							
6	<b>Camacho (GB)</b> <i>(2002) by Danehill Crops: 10</i>	1	1	1	1	--	1	53	17	306,780 <i>Signora Cabello (Ire)</i>	624,563
				<i>Stands: Yeomanstown Stud Ire Fee: €7,500</i>							
7	<b>Oasis Dream (GB)</b> <i>(2000) by Green Desert Crops: 12</i>	1	5	1	4	1	1	32	14	296,974 <i>Pretty Pollyanna (GB)</i>	623,611
				<i>Stands: Banstead Manor Stud Eng Fee: £30,000</i>							
8	<b>Zoffany (Ire)</b> <i>(2008) by Dansili (GB) Crops: 4</i>	5	6	2	3	--	--	62	18	127,008 <i>Main Edition (Ire)</i>	612,618
				<i>Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: €25,000</i>							
9	<b>Dubawi (Ire)</b> <i>(2002) by Dubai Millennium (GB) Crops: 10</i>	3	3	2	2	1	1	27	9	298,751 <i>Quorto (Ire)</i>	584,958
				<i>Stands: Dalham Hall Stud Eng Fee: £250,000</i>							
10	<b>Kingman (GB)</b> <i>(2011) by Invincible Spirit (Ire) Crops: 1</i>	3	4	1	2	--	--	39	14	119,609 <i>Calyx (GB)</i>	535,490
				<i>Stands: Banstead Manor Stud Eng Fee: £55,000</i>							
11	<b>Lope de Vega (Ire)</b> <i>(2007) by Shamardal Crops: 5</i>	3	4	2	2	--	--	48	15	99,787 <i>Phoenix of Spain (Ire)</i>	498,250
				<i>Stands: Ballylinch Stud Ire Fee: €60,000</i>							
12	<b>Pedro the Great</b> <i>(2010) by Henrythenavigator Crops: 2</i>	--	2	--	1	--	--	17	7	215,168 <i>The Great Heir (Fr)</i>	456,696
				<i>Stands: Haras de la Haie Neuve Fr Fee: €6,000</i>							
13	<b>Danon Ballade (Jpn)</b> <i>(2008) by Deep Impact (Jpn) Crops: 1</i>	--	1	--	1	--	--	13	4	272,836 <i>Naimama (Jpn)</i>	453,046
				<i>Stands: Batsford Stud Eng Fee: £4,000</i>							
14	<b>Society Rock (Ire)</b> <i>(2007) by Rock of Gibraltar (Ire) Crops: 2</i>	1	2	--	2	--	--	45	16	78,851 <i>The Mackem Bullet (Ire)</i>	435,410
				<i>Stands: Tally-Ho Stud EUR (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>							
15	<b>Siyouni (Fr)</b> <i>(2007) by Pivotal (GB) Crops: 5</i>	--	2	--	2	--	--	45	15	35,713 <i>Singing Tower (Fr)</i>	418,139
				<i>Stands: Haras de Bonneval Fr Fee: €75,000</i>							

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Star Witness top lot at Magic Millions | Fernrigg Farm

by Gary King

*Fernrigg Farm, run by Rae-Louise Farmer and Padraig Kelly, is a 70 acre property located in the heart of the Hunter Valley. The farm has made a strong start at some of the major bloodstock sales under the tutelage of Farmer and Kelly. TDN AusNZ's Gary King sat down with the couple to discuss all things Fernrigg.*

**TDN AusNZ:** You've achieved a lot at Fernrigg Farm in a relatively short period of time. What has been the highlight?

**Padraig Kelly:** It has been an action-packed first year at Fernrigg Farm. Our biggest highlight was achieving a 100% clearance rate at our first-ever sale at Magic Millions in January. Our draft included the highest-priced Star Witness (Aus) yearling sold at public auction last year which was purchased by Spendthrift Australia (lot 853 for A\$360,000).

Our yearlings were very well received and it was fantastic for us that they were purchased by some of the best judges in the industry including Duncan Ramage, Bill Mitchell, Prime Thoroughbreds, Blue Sky and Waterford Bloodstock, who will give them every opportunity to succeed.

**TDN AusNZ:** Could you briefly describe your career path to this point?

**Rae-Louise Farmer:** I began my career in this industry at the age of 16 on a National Hunt stud on the Scottish border before moving down to Watership Down in Newbury. During my three years there I learnt about nutrition, preparing yearlings for sale and developing top-class bloodlines. I was then advised to take a trip overseas to broaden my knowledge and further my career, and so I travelled to Lexington, Kentucky. I spent five years at Lane's End Farm, a 12-time leading stud farm, and gained a wealth of knowledge about exercising yearlings, conformation exams, bandaging, treatments, etc.

My final journey led me to Australia where I made Widden Stud my home for five memorable years. During my time as yearling manager I had the privilege of preparing and selling champions such as Dissident (Aus), Star Turn (Aus), Stratum Star (Aus) and Sunlight (Aus), to name but a few.

**PK:** My passion for the Thoroughbred industry can be attributed to Mr. J.P. McManus and those at Martinstown Stud in Kilmallock, Co. Limerick, where I worked during my Christmas and summer holidays from veterinary college. It was incredible to work with horses of the calibre of Istabraq, who won three Champion Hurdles and Risk Of Thunder, who won an unprecedented seven La Touche Cups.

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Yankee Rose was bred and born on the Fernrigg property

Sharon Chapman



Rae-Louise & a Fernrigg yearling | Fernrigg Farm

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Following my graduation from University College Dublin in 2007 I completed a surgical internship at Hagyards Equine Medical Institute in Lexington, Kentucky. I am currently the Head Veterinarian at Coolmore Australia and this will be my 11th season at the farm.

#### TDN AusNZ: Have you any advice to someone wanting to start out on their own?

**PK:** It has been a steep learning curve for us in our first year. We would advise anyone who is contemplating starting out on their own to, firstly, gain as much experience as possible in all facets of the industry and be prepared to work extremely hard to achieve your ambitions. There will be some very tough days that can be challenging to deal with, so it is important to recognise and appreciate all the good ones when they come along.

#### TDN AusNZ: How involved are you with helping clients on their mating plans? Or does it differ from client to client?

**RLF:** It does depend on the client. Some of our clients have done their own successful matings for many years while others have established relationships with bloodstock agents who do their matings each year. We do all our own matings for our boutique band of broodmares and we also help and advise a growing number of our clients regarding their matings, especially with the physical match-ups. We are very conscious of trying to breed a horse that not only will be a commercial sales proposition but more importantly a successful race horse.

**PK:** When we took over this property from Martin Byrne, something that really impressed us was the number of stakes winners he had achieved from a small broodmare band in a few short years. For example dual Group 1 winner Yankee Rose (Aus) was born and bred on these paddocks, as was Acatour (Aus), Well Sprung (Aus), Tawteen (Aus) and Moss Trip (Aus). We hope we can continue the success Martin has achieved and that many more group winners will be bred at Fernrigg over the coming years.

#### TDN AusNZ: What stallions do you think represent good value this season?

**RLF:** One stallion who we really like is Dissident (Aus). I actually led him through the ring during my first sale in Australia and therefore, followed his success on the track with great interest. He certainly proved himself to be a champion, winning five Group 1s and being crowned Horse of the Year.

There aren't many Australian horses being retired to stud with that proven performance record. We have been extremely impressed with his yearlings and weanlings we inspected at the sales, and last year we sold four of his progeny.

One of those was purchased by the syndicate that raced Dissident himself. He was a cracking type and my favourite horse in the draft so I asked if I could stay in for a small percentage. Darren Weir trains him and he has done everything correct to this point, so I hope we have a lot of fun and success with him.

We have another really nice, forward colt by him this year which will be aimed at the Magic Millions in January and one of our best foals on the ground this season is a Dissident filly who is a first foal out of an Exceed and Excel (Aus) mare. **Cont. p3**



Dissident | Newgate Farm

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Coincidentally our first mare covered this season went to my old friend too and she scanned in foal on Monday, which hopefully bodes well for a successful and fertile breeding season ahead.

**PK:** There are some exciting first-season sires to choose from this year but one I have been fortunate to spend time with, and study at close quarters, is Merchant Navy (Aus). I accompanied him on his return flight to Australia to commence stud duties, along with his sire, Fastnet Rock (Aus). His temperament was impeccable and nothing fazed him during the entire trip.

As a racehorse he possessed an explosive turn of foot, that which he displayed down the Flemington straight in the Coolmore, and then again at Royal Ascot. One funny quirk he displays at feed time is, if anybody looks in over his stable door while his head is in the feed bin, he pins his ears back, as if to say "Please do not disturb". He has let down into a beautiful horse over the past six weeks and we are delighted to be sending a couple of mares to him this season.

### TDN AusNZ: What does the future hold for Fernrigg Farm?

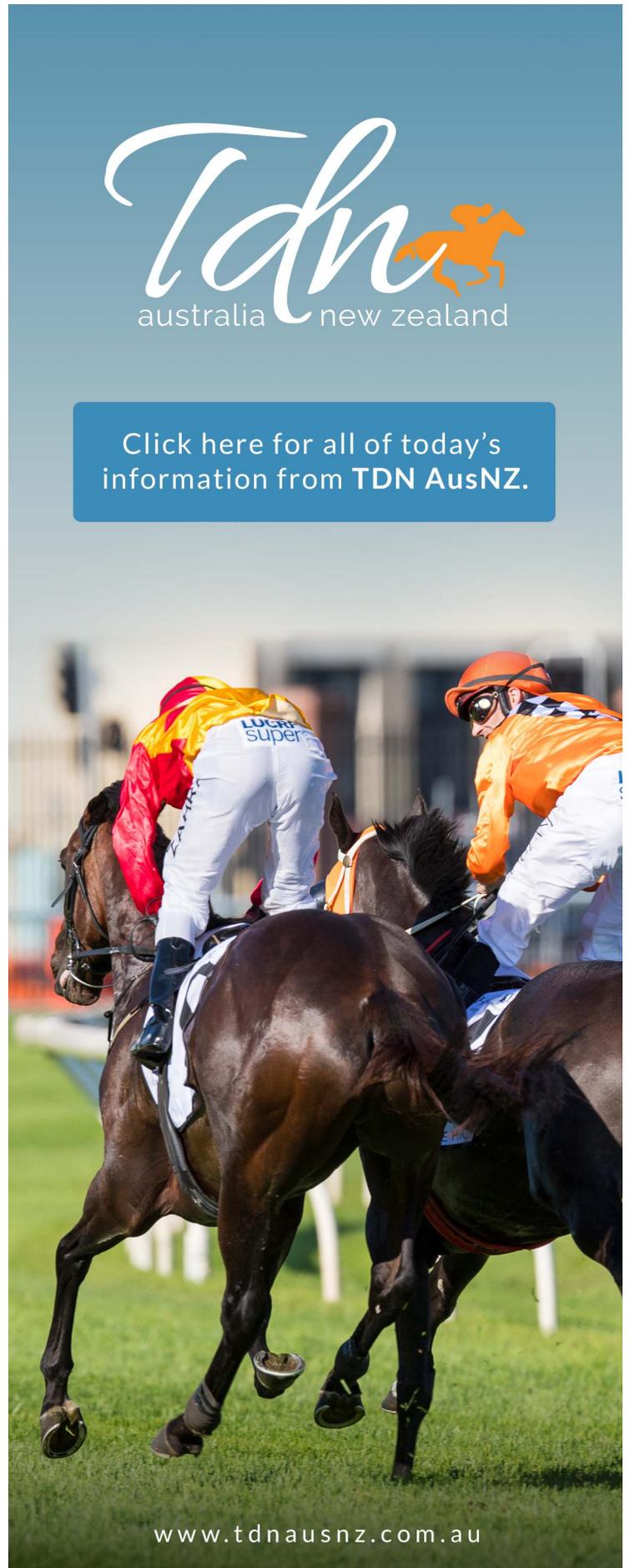
**RLF & PK:** We hope that the next few years will be just as exciting and rewarding as our first. The feedback has been extremely positive from those that purchased yearlings from our drafts this year. To hear that they broke in early and were so well mannered is very pleasing to hear and a credit to our staff who do such a professional job in educating these young horses at home and preparing them for the sales. We cannot wait to watch the first Fernrigg graduates hit the track this year and we will be cheering them home for their new owners.



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