CONSTELLATION SALE FITS GALAXY OF OPPORTUNITY

by Chris McGrath

They called her Constellation because of the sprinkling of silver Birdcatcher spots in her coat. But while she had shone as brightly as any, during the giddy opening phase of the LNJ Foxwoods adventure, her $3.15 million sale to Don Alberto Corp. at Fasig-Tipton earlier this month was only a point of reference in a much bigger picture.

For just as a constellation only exists as a function of the human imagination, so does the navigation of an enterprise as ambitious as LNJ depend on the kind of eye that can see where each investment fits with the rest. Because the sale of Constellation confirmed that LNJ cannot be pigeonholed: they’re breeding, they’re buying, they’re selling, they’re racing.

Step forward Jason Litt, along with agency partner Alex Solis II, advisors to the Roth family (Larry, Nanci and daughter Jaime) since the inception of LNJ six years ago. Or, rather, spring forward—such being the vigour exuded by this Californian sunbeam, the words tumbling out, barely able to keep up with his ideas.

"At the end of the day, we are opportunistic players of the market," Litt says. "We do a bit of everything, and LNJ are tremendous to work for because they understand how opportunities sporadically present themselves."

And that, in turn, heightens the dynamism suffusing the project. Cont. p3

ABEL TASMAN TO BE OFFERED AT KEENELAND JANUARY

Abel Tasman (Quality Road--Vargas Girl, by Deputy Minister), last year’s Eclipse champion 3-year-old filly, will be offered as a broodmare prospect at the upcoming Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale through the Taylor Made Sales Agency consignment. The filly will sell as hip 288 during the auction’s opening session Jan. 7.

“What can I say? Abel Tasman is a rare collector’s item,” said Mark Taylor, Taylor Made’s Vice President of Marketing and Public Sales Operations. “She is a future first ballot Hall of Fame inductee. We are privileged to have the opportunity to present her to the best breeders from around the globe.”

Racing for China Horse Club International and her breeder Clearsky Farms, Abel Tasman won six Grade I races, including the 2017 GI Kentucky Oaks (video).

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CROSS TRAFFIC

No. 1 Freshman Sire In Nearly Every Major Category.

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Source: BloodHorse.com
Trainer Shug McGaughey revealed Tuesday that W.S. Farish's homebred Code of Honor (Noble Mission {GB}), an impressive runner-up last out in the GI Champagne S., will pass on a scheduled start in Saturday's GII Remsen S. at Aqueduct after subpar breeze Monday. The colt will instead be pointed for the 3-year-old stakes series starting in January at Gulfstream.
Constellation Sale Fits Galaxy of Opportunity cont. from p1

"You always have to debate if you're keeping a horse for sentimental reasons, or because you think it's exactly what you need," says Litt. "Or, do you take advantage of the fact that the market is very strong and you have what people want? Because in this market, you'll be rewarded if you have the right horse."

Last year, that meant cashing in Nickname (Scat Daddy) for $3 million: LNJ's first Grade I winner, picked out by Solis/Litt as a yearling for $350,000. It was a taller order, however, to turn a profit on Constellation, whose $800,000 tag as a daughter of Bellamy Road had raised eyebrows at OBS.

"When we started with the Roths, the plan was to build a broodmare band," Litt explains. "But the inherent problem with that is that it just takes time. You do a mating, it's a year later before you get a foal; it's two years before they get going; then there might be setbacks, what have you. So we needed to get some action. We'd had good success at the 2-year-old sales, so the idea was: 'All right, let's go and try and get the best filly at the sale.'"

"And it turns out that the best one, to us, is by a sire since shipped to New York. But she breezed :9 4/5, and beautifully, her ears pricked, just class, you knew she'd be expensive—but what was that? Four? Five? So we're bidding, and it's heated, we're at 775 and they're asking for eight and Alex and I are looking at each other, thinking: 'This is either going to go really, really good—or really, really bad!' So the hammer drops and everyone is like, holy cow. Including us."

So the pressure was on when Constellation was given her debut at Saratoga during sales week. Everyone in town, a loaded field. She won by 4 1/2 lengths, and a month later had a Grade I placing in the Spinaway.

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She did miss much of her sophomore year but resurfaced to win the GI La Brea S. and was only thwarted by a neck in the GI Madison S. at Keeneland at four.

On retirement, she was covered by Curlin and all set to complete the original agenda. But then Litt and Solis fell head over heels for her Tapit half-sister at Saratoga, adding her to the stable for $750,000. With a foothold in the family, they reasoned it would be worth letting the market value Constellation.

There is, then, action on every front for LNJ—reflecting the cosmopolitan strategy recommended by Litt and Solis on taking up their brief.

"The question is: can you breed better than you can buy?" Litt explains. "Because if you can, and keep going, maybe you can get stallions too. The Roths came and said we're in this for the long term. And filly prices were down, and we were willing to travel—to see how other markets work, how they value different stuff. If you can cherry-pick the best of what every country brings to the table, maybe you might get lucky."

And, as the old axiom has it: the harder they worked, the luckier they got. They picked up Gold Round (Ire) (Caerleon), a half-sister to Goldikova (Anabaa) for €520,000 at Arqana December in 2012—carrying not only a filly, but a filly who would go on to win at group level. They found an Unbridled's Song half-sister to Shamardal in Australia, hardly her optimal market. (Her name is Diamond Necklace and her mating with War Front makes Dogtag, a Saratoga stakes winner for LNJ this summer, a quite ingenious name.) Closer to home, they bought Life Happened (Stravinsky) while her daughter Tepin (Bernstein) was still only a Grade III winner.
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It was purely as a fan that Litt originally got interested, his dad having claimed a few around Golden Gate Fields or Bay Meadows. So he was a relatively late starter in bloodstock, already in his late twenties when he first visited the sales at Keeneland. "And it was just crazy, the energy of the whole thing," he recalls. "And I thought how cool it would be one day to be able to look at a horse and say, 'this is a good one' and be right."

He earned his stripes thereafter, notably by a seven-year stint at Three Chimneys. Having started out with $2,000 yearlings, his first big gamble, a $150,000 yearling, proved to be Grade I winner Cry And Catch Me (Street Cry {Ire}). And while the budget kept going up as he hooked up with Solis—along with the quality, through the likes of Mizdirection (Mizzen Mast) and Shared Belief (Candy Ride {Arg})—he has never lost sight of the abiding principle: you're trying to find a runner.

"I used to be a swimmer," Litt says. "You trained, you were timed, and if you were faster than someone by half a second you knew what that meant. There was nothing subjective to it. And that's the beauty of this game, too. There's a moment of objective reckoning. All this stuff [at the sales] gets puts aside. They race, and they tell you how good they are, no hiding place."

So the rewards of the game are earned. Though he feels himself to be working with the best of them all in Solis, raving about his "freakish" talents, Litt feels as though they are rummaging through a flea market against dozens of antique experts.

In the meantime, the abiding priority is that the Roths enjoy the ride. "We're trying to provide owners an experience that is unique, one they can't get by just visiting a place," Litt says.

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Golden Valentine winning at Deauville | Scoop Dyga

"But to go to Deauville, France when Gold Round's daughter, Golden Valentine, won a Group 3, at the finish we were all just dumbfounded. That's a phenomenal experience.

"It's interesting to have an operation not only geared towards racing but that recognizes the market. How to handle the play of the emotion and practicality—that's the nuance of the game.

"You need people who understand, and the Roths are spectacular. We have a lot of pieces moving. They know it doesn't always work out, but that every now and then it will. So to come full circle with a lovely mare like Constellation is tremendously gratifying."

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Abel Tasman to Be Offered at Keeneland January cont. from p1

As a juvenile, she won the GI Starlet S., while her championship 3-year-old season also included wins in the GI Acorn S. and GI Coaching Club American Oaks, as well as a runner-up finish in the GI Breeders’ Cup Distaff. In 2018, the Bob Baffert trainee captured the GI Ogden Phipps S. and GI Personal Ensign S.

“Abel Tasman provided China Horse Club with some of its greatest highlights and an introduction to U.S. racing,” said Michael Wallace, head of bloodstock for China Horse Club. “We were very privileged to race our champion mare with Clearsky Farms. I’ll remember her as extremely talented, brave and very sound. We look forward to someone else now taking on her breeding career.”

On the board in 12 of 16 starts, Abel Tasman won eight times and earned $2,793,385. Cont. p8

Abel Tasman winning the Kentucky Oaks | Coady Photography

Abel Tasman edges Elate in the Personal Ensign | Sarah Andrew

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“Abel Tasman had the same qualities a lot of great racehorses seem to have, but what really stood out to me was her grit, courage and determination,” said breeder and co-owner Bernard Cleary of Clearsky Farms. “The Personal Ensign (video) especially was a race where she really showed her heart and refused to be beaten. It’s bittersweet to see her move to another home, but hopefully her new owner will enjoy her as much as we have.”

Out of Vargas Girl (Deputy Minister), Abel Tasman is a half-sister to graded stakes winner Sky Girl (Sky Mesa) and stakes placed Moonlight Sky (Sky Mesa).

The four-session Keeneland January sale runs from Jan. 7 through Jan. 10.

W. S. Farish homebred Code of Honor (Noble Mission {GB}) will skip an intended start in Saturday’s GII Remsen S. after a breeze his Hall of Fame trainer and rider felt was subpar, conditioner Shug McGaughey said Tuesday. The chestnut breezed a best-of-20 five furlongs in 1:01.55 over the Belmont training track under John Velazquez Monday morning.

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“I am not going to run Code of Honor in the Remsen,” McGaughey told the *TDN* by phone. “The horse is fine and his breeze yesterday was fine, but Johnny and I thought it was not his best, so I decided to wait on the race. He will run next at Gulfstream after the first of January.”

A debut winner at Saratoga Aug. 18, Code of Honor made an impressive late rally to be second after stumbling hard at the break of the Oct. 6 GI Champagne S. and trailing the field early. He was one of the talking horses of the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile, but ended up being a late scratch after spiking a fever.

**THIS WEEK IN HISTORY**

**November 26, 1946** ... American Airlines, transporting six horses, flew from Shannon Airport in Ireland to Newark Airport in New Jersey to complete the first trans-Atlantic flight ever for Thoroughbreds. The plane arrived November 27.

**November 26, 1994** ... Cigar earned his first stakes success when he drew off to win the NYRA Mile by seven lengths. The race would be named the Cigar Mile three years later in his honor.

**November 26, 1992** ... Sandy Hawley became the ninth North American rider to win 6,000 races, guiding Summer Commander to victory in the second race at Greenwood Racecourse.

**November 28, 1982** ... Landaluce, who won her five lifetime starts by a total of 46 1/2 lengths, died of a viral infection. She was buried in the infield at Hollywood Park, where she had won her first two races. Trained by D. Wayne Lukas, Landaluce was later voted Champion Two-Year-Old Filly of 1982 over another undefeated filly, Princess Rooney.
November 28, 2003 ... King Robyn annexed the Gill Hollywood Turf Express S., giving him the distinction of having won a stakes race during every Southern California race meet in 2003. Trained by Jeff Mullins, the bay also captured the San Pedro S. at Santa Anita, Harry Henson S. at Hollywood Park in the spring, Green Flash S. at Del Mar, Foothill S. at Fairplex, and Gill Morvich H. at Oak Tree.

November 30, 1989 ... Jockey Kent Desormeaux surpassed Chris McCarron’s 15-year record for most number of victories in a single season when he rode his 547th winner for the year at Laurel Racecourse.

December 1, 1962 ... Ten thousand fans attended a ceremony at Tropical Park in honor of Carry Back’s retirement. By Saggy out of Joppy, Carry Back was known as “the people’s horse.” He retired after 55 starts with earnings of more than $1 million.

December 1, 1982 ... In the first race to feature mother and daughter jockeys, Patti Barton rode against her daughter, Leah, at Latonia. Patti finished fifth aboard Tam’s Angel while Leah was tenth on Diane’s Ms. Lolly.

Hall of Fame jockey John Velazquez is just two wins away from becoming the 15th rider in North American racing history to pilot 6,000 career winners. The 47-year-old Puerto Rico native has a mount in the 4th race Wednesday at Aqueduct and in the 1st and 3rd there Thursday | Lauren King
2018 Leading Broodmare Sires
for stallions standing in North America through Monday, Nov. 26
Earnings represent worldwide figures, stud fees listed are 2018 fees.

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FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, NOV. 28

**Honorable Dillon** (Tapit), Rockridge Stud, $5,000
81 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Finger Lakes, Msw 5 1/2f, T. JAY’S LAST CALL, 20-1

**Noble Mission (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}), Lane’s End Farm, $25,000
112 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Aqueduct, Msw 1mT, CARALICIOUS, 20-1
$85,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl
7-Turfway, Msw 1m, IMPERIAL MISSION, 15-1
$23,000 RNA FTK TUR yrl

**Shakin It Up** (Midnight Lute), Spendthrift Farm, $10,000
65 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Finger Lakes, Msw 5 1/2f, SHAKIN NOT BIRD, 10-1
$4,500 RNA KEE NOV wnl; $2,000 RNA EAS OCT yrl

**Souper Speedy** (Indian Charlie), T. C. Westmeath Stud Farm, $3,000
41 foals of racing age/8 winners/2 black-type winners
6-Woodbine, Alw 6f, GEORGIAN DANCER, 2-1
CAN$30,000 CAN SEP yrl

**Will Take Charge** (Unbridled's Song), Three Chimneys Farm, $30,000
109 foals of racing age/14 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Woodbine, Msw 1 1/16m, BOSSY MADAM, 2-1
$135,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; $120,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $90,000 OBS MAR 2yo
1-Woodbine, Msw 1 1/16m, SHE’S IN CHARGE, 5-2
$95,000 KEE SEP yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, NOV. 28

**Awesome Patriot** (Awesome Again), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm, $3,500
103 foals of racing age/27 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Turfway, Msw 1m, HOWARD ROARK, 20-1
$2,500 FTK OCT yrl

**Our Entourage** (Street Cry {Ire}), O’Sullivan Farms LLC, $1,250
22 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, CHIEFS KINGDOM, 6-1

**Oxbow** (Awesome Again), Calumet Farm, $17,500
168 foals of racing age/37 winners/2 black-type winners
7-Turfway, Msw 1m, BYE THE BYE, 4-1

**Treasure Beach (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}), Pleasant Acres Stallions, $10,000
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Price Range, c, 2, First Defence. See “France”.

IN SOUTH KOREA:

Wang Beotkkot, c, 2, Discreet Cat--Folk (MSW-UAE, GISP-US, $376,924), by Quiet American. Seoul, 11-25, NACF Chairman’s Cup (NB) ($266k), 1200m. B-Godolphin (KY). *1/2 to Captivating Lass (A.P. Indy), SW & GSP, $133,225. **$11,000 Ylg >17 FTKOCT.

Geumseok Dolpa, g, 2, Successful Appeal--Bluestem Meadow, by Meadowlake. Seoul, 11-25, Hcp. ($53k), 1300m. B-Asiel Stable LLC (KS). *1/2 to Caruso (Cape Canaveral), MSW, $377,052. *$50,000 2yo >18 FTMMAY.

Singsing Mary, f, 2, With Distinction--Amylmehouse, by Limehouse. Seoul, 11-24, Hcp. ($53k), 1000m. B-Big C Farm (KY). *Won by six lengths. **$13,000 2yo ’18 FTMMAY.

First Changer, c, 2, Two Step Salsa--Little Black Book, by Halo’s Image. Busan, 11-25, Gyeongnam Dom-In Ilbo Cup (NB) ($266k), 1200m. B-Dee-Ellen Cook & Suzette Parker (FL). *Won by two lengths to remain perfect in two career starts. **$3,500 Ylg ’17 OBSOCT; $15,000 2yo ’18 OBSAPR.

Happy Boy, c, 3, Discreet Cat--Minny’s Niece, by Quiet American. Seoul, 11-24, Hcp. ($66k), 1200m. B-C Kidder & N Cole (KY). *1/2 to Saengil Gippeum (Parading), SP-Kor. **$1,700 RNA Wlg ’15 KEENOV.

Malibu Bulpae, c, 3, Malibu Moon--Spirited Away (SW, $133,683), by Awesome Again. Seoul, 11-25, Hcp. ($66k), 1400m. B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY). *Won by eight lengths. **Full to Prospective, MGSW, $719,130. ***$70,000 Ylg ’16 KEESEP.

Cheongdam Jewang, c, 3, Shackleford--Seek Easy, by Seeking the Gold. Seoul, 11-24, Hcp. ($80k), 1400m. B-Runnymede Farm Inc & Catesby W Clay Investment 2 LLC (KY). *1/2 to Ordination (Ire) (Fantastic Light), SP, $220,198; and Dancing David (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), MGSP-Eng. **$52,000 Ylg ’16 KEESEP.

Winner Gold, c, 3, Wildcat Heir--Dance Special, by Theatrical (Ire). Seoul, 11-25, Hcp. ($133k), 1800m. B-Brent & Crystal Fernung (FL). *1/2 to Square Dancer (Circular Quay), SW &
First Stakes Winner for Freshman Sire

**$32,000 RNA 2yo ‘17 OBSMAR; $55,000 2yo ‘17 OBSJUN.

In Panama:

Amynta, f, 2, Atreides—Henny’s Hurricane, by Henny Hughes. Presidente Remon, 11-25, Clasico Benemerito Cuerpo de Bomberos de la Republica de Panama, 1300m. B-Hill ‘n’ Dale Equine Holdings Inc (KY). *$11,000 Ylg ’17 KEESEP. **1ST STAKES WIN. [VIDEO]

In South Korea:

Geuma Kingdom (Kor), c, 2, Animal Kingdom—Elissa Town, by Speightstown. Seoul, 11-25, Hcp. ($35k), 1300m. B-Lee Yong Dae. *$50,000 in utero ’15 KEENOVA.

Allowance Results:

6th-Parx Racing, $41,500, (S), 11-27, (NW2BX), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:45.13, gd.

COLONEL JUAN (g, 4, Colonel John—Senorita Louisa, by Louis Quatorze) Lifetime Record: 18-5-1-4, $141,990. O-Rosemore Farms, Inc. & Dun Roamin Farms, Inc.; B-Dun Roamin Farm, Inc. (PA); T-John C. Servis. *1/2 to Discreet Senorita (Discreet Cat), MSW, $424,636.

5th-Zia, $37,500, (S), 11-27, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.09, ft.

WESTERN WARNING (g, 3, Weather Warning--Western Flair, by Gone West) Lifetime Record: 16-2-6-3, $117,149. O-Pierre Jean & Leslie A. Amestoy, Jr.; B-Mike Abraham (NM); T-Greg Green. *$13,000 Ylg ’16 RUIAUG. **1/2 to Storm With Flair (Tompest), SW, $102,953.

7th-Zia, $32,000, 11-27, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:36.01, ft.

PENDLETON (g, 4, Giant’s Causeway—Distorted Passion (MSW & MGSP, $294,271), by Distorted Humor) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, $36,554. O-William & Susan Tomasic; B-Aaron & Marie Jones (KY); T-Justin R. Evans. *$600,000 Ylg ’15 KEESEP; $15,000 4yo ‘18 KEEJAN. **1/2 to Mrs McDougal (Medaglia d’Oro), MGSW & GISP, $496,736.

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3rd-Mahoning Valley, $24,000, 11-27, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:13.04, gd.  
TREETOP FLYER (g, 3, Razor--Miss Chaucer, by Lure) Lifetime Record: 16-3-6-1, $89,560. O/B-Jody Guida (KY); T-Anthony E. Guida.

5th-Turf Paradise, $20,000, 11-27, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:04.49, ft.  
SENRADIALBOLO (f, 2, Flat Out--Encore Belle, by Lemon Drop Kid) Lifetime Record: 7-4-1-0, $74,661. O-Tim M. Bankers; B-Richard & Connie Snyder (KY); T-Manuel Ortiz, Sr. *$20,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; $53,000 Ylg '17 ARZNOV.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:  

ATTILA'S STORM, Waylay, g, 2, o/o Poised by Design, by Montbrook. MSW, 11-27, Zia  
BOB BLACK JACK, Lady Black Jack, f, 3, o/o Starsapphire, by Groomstick. MSW, 11-27, Zia  
COLONEL JOHN, Colonel Juan, g, 4, o/o Senorita Louisa, by Louis Quatorze. ALW, 11-27, Parx Racing  
FLAT OUT, Senoradiablo, f, 2, o/o Encore Belle, by Lemon Drop Kid. ALW, 11-27, Turf Paradise  
GIANT'S CAUSEWAY, Pendleton, g, 4, o/o Distorted Passion, by Distorted Humor. ALW, 11-27, Zia  
PARTNER'S HERO, Zipper's Hero, m, 5, o/o Open Zipper, by City Zip. ALW, 11-27, Parx Racing  
RAZOR, Treetop Flyer, g, 3, o/o Miss Chaucer, by Lure. ALW, 11-27, Mahoning Valley  
WEATHER WARNING, Western Warning, g, 3, o/o Western Flair, by Gone West. ALW, 11-27, Zia

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QUALITY AND QUANTITY AT TRICKLEDOWN

By Amy Lynam

Paul and Sara Thorman of Trickledown Stud have offered one of the largest consignments at the Tattersalls December Foal Sale for a number of years. The Hampshire-based couple are known for selling quality, as well as quantity, for a broad range of clients, with Trickledown sales graduates including Cockney Rebel, Compton Place and George Washington.

Trickledown has the biggest foal consignment of this year’s catalogue at 51 weanlings. A daunting prospect for some, but a typical December for the Thormans. When asked the key to success when selling big numbers, Paul quips, "Marrying well."

In a more serious tone, he continues, "My wife is an organisational star and I also think we have the best staff of anybody. Our front person is, in fact, a client: Chris Mills’s wife, Lesley, does our cards and she’s the only person I’ve seen to manage eight cards at once." Cont. p2

TATTS A GOOD FIT FOR TAYLOR MADE

By Kelsey Riley

At any major sale in the U.S., it is just about a sure bet that Taylor Made Sales Agency will not only make up a significant portion of the catalogue with its sizable consignments, but also in turn be among the leading consignors.

Next week, the agency that sold Roaring Lion (Kitten’s Joy) for $160,000 two years ago will tread new waters when presenting its first European draft at the Tattersalls December Mare Sale. It is a bit of a different look for Taylor Made; the six-horse consignment makes up just a tiny slice of the four-day sale and won’t land them at the top of the vendors’ table, but for this new experiment, that isn’t the point, Taylor Made’s Mark Taylor explained. Cont. p6

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Quality and Quantity At Trickledown Cont. from p1

He adds, "To be honest, there is not a big difference between selling 50 or 80, as you split them into two groups, and Wednesday's and Thursday's foals have gone before Friday's and Saturday's sell."

His last line also points to another key characteristic of Trickledown—they sell on every day and, therefore, at every level.

"We always put a few in on Wednesday to stand out and get noticed and we have three nice ones this year. I once sold a Dutch Art (GB) foal to the genius Paul McCartan on a Wednesday. He gave 22,000gns for him and I thought we got well paid, until he made 170,000gns the following year."

As well as recommending value in Wednesday’s foals, Paul has other highlights in the draft, "We have three by Showcasing (GB), a couple by Acclamation (GB), a lovely Shalaa (Ire), a great filly by Adaay (Ire), and another lovely one by Kodiak (GB). I have six foals by Twilight Son (GB) and after seeing them three weeks ago, they're the foals who have improved the most, which is a very good sign for them as yearlings."

Evident in Paul's selection is the continued importance of sire power, something he's well aware of. "The stallion has become the most important line on the pedigree page," he says. "We are a terrific industry for putting a horse on a pedestal and then throwing stones at them. The first horses by Kodiak and Showcasing had a slow start in the sales ring and they have become brilliant stallions. I think the market has already been a bit hard on some first-crop foals at Goffs." Cont. p3
Quality and Quantity At Trickledown Cont.

Mastercraftsman (Ire) has been basking in well-deserved limelight this year and lot 1191 is a filly whose family has previous form with the Coolmore sire. "We also sold her full-sister, Santa Monica (GB), and this foal has the same athleticism and quality as she did. We’re very pleased to be consigning a full-sister to a Grade II winner, who was beaten just a length in the GI EP Taylor S. last month," says Thorman.

Another grey stallion, though with less obvious commercial appeal is Hellvelyn (GB), sire of the fairytale filly Mrs Danvers, whose half-sister Trickledown offer as lot 1045. Thorman had a part to play in the story of Mrs Danvers (GB), as he explains, "I own quite a lot of the stallion Hellvelyn and I advised the owners to send their mare to him. Mark and Connie Burton bred Mrs Danvers on a shoestring and she was phenomenal, unbeaten at two. The Burtons are the type of people we need; the type who dream for years and then achieve what we're all hoping to. If we could get a touch with the Iffraaj (GB) foal, it would be phenomenal."

The fairytale takes another direction with lot 1048. "Andrew Wardall owns this colt, who is a half-brother to three black-type horses, all of whom Trickledown sold," Thorman explains. "Andrew rescued the mare from the polo field and she's been seriously good, breeding three or four very good horses by cheaper stallions. He's now bitten the bullet and sent her to Muhaarar (GB), which would be a big spend for him, and he's got a cracking colt. It would be a real buzz if it all worked out."

It’s clear in the way Thorman speaks about his clients and their foals that he develops a strong relationship with them and a sense of responsibility for their success. Another foal whose family he's very familiar with is lot 742, a Kodiac half-sister to G3 Sweet Solera S. winner Nations Alexander (Ire), both bred by Ann and Ned Kearney.

He says, "This filly's half-sister by Acclamation was our stand-out foal last year and we expected her to make 100,000gns, but she sold for 200,000gns. She just did everything right. She vetted well, was well behaved and showed beautifully for over 200 shows."

Thorman is very cheerful discussing these foals and said he is very much looking forward to the week ahead. "There is a real buzz consigning nice horses, once you are getting lookers. The December Sale is the most electric week of the year."

When some consignors might be hoping to hit the headlines and dreaming of six- or seven-figure sales, Thorman's hopes are for his clients, "For Sara and I, the sale with the greatest significance is selling for a smaller owner. We sold George Washington (Ire) for 1,150,000gns, but the owner was a millionaire, so it felt a bit hollow." Cont. p4
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Paul Thorman

Quality and Quantity At Trickledown Cont.

He adds, “Whereas, if we sell a horse for 60,000gns or 70,000gns, when the owner was expecting 30,000gns, that’s a real buzz seeing them become speechless. We’ve seen owners who were considering giving up turn around after a sale like that and they’re back chomping on the bit again. That’s hugely satisfying."

There had been talk that Trickledown would be winding down, something Paul Thorman is very keen to clarify, "The farm we have rented for over 20 years has planning permission for housing and so, this was our last spring foaling mares and our last year prepping stock. However, there are many excellent satellite prep yards in England, which we’ve been very lucky working with in the past and you can still get horses prepped to a very high standard. We plan to keep consigning, but naturally, the number will reduce because of the situation, plus three of our owners are giving up."

Thorman admits he can see why one would be tempted to step back, and notes that a growing number of British consignors are, indeed, ‘closing shop.’

"We've been hugely lucky to have two brilliant full-time members of the team; one has been with us 26 years and the other nine years, and they are the backbone of our operation. But everybody else I speak to is having issues sourcing staff. Two of our owners have given up because they were sick of doing all the work themselves."

That’s not the only challenge consignors are up against, as Thorman explains, "The other issue facing British consignors is that the older vendors haven’t got the successors that the Irish seem to have. It's sad to see so few young people--after Ed Harper and Ed Player, you begin to run out of UK consignors to name."

Thorman is, however, quick to praise the newer additions to the consigning ranks, "There are some taking up the slack, though. Charlie Vigors is one, while Barton Stud's Tom Blaine has stepped up big time." Cont. p5
Quality and Quantity At Trickledown Cont.

“Tim Lane has brought a desire back to the National Stud and they’re doing things properly, with bigger numbers,” he says. “Rob Sharp has also increased the numbers at Houghton Bloodstock—they’ve got huge numbers now. How anyone sells 16 yearlings at Book 4 is beyond me.”

With all this talk of selling, the subject of the current market cannot be avoided, but Thorman offers an original and very sensible view on the situation. “Of course, overproduction is part of the current problem, but when it happened before, it was the sole problem. The other factor now is labour—I don’t think people realise how significant this is.”

He continues, “The BHA is missing a big trick, too. Novice races are a joke. You get one horse rated 90, another two that cost 400,000gns, leaving everyone else forced to stay as far as possible from them. Auction maidens and median auction races would give small trainers races to run in and win.”

Of course, Thorman has vast experience with buyers to back these thoughts up, “This year, I had 60 yearlings to sell and the smaller trainers told me they don’t buy the cheaper horses any more, as they can’t compete on the track. Also, they find it makes more sense to buy a horse in training. That way, they don’t have to mess about handicapping them and they’re easier to ride than 2-year-olds. Historically, the trainers telling me this would have bought three or four yearlings at up to 30,000gns each. Now, they have no-one to ride them, no races to run them in, and then if they do win, it’s only £2,000 in prize-money.”

So, what is the solution? "The BHA is diverting funds from prize-money to the proposed Plus 10 Bonus, but if you still can’t beat those 200,000gns horses on the track, it’s just going straight to the bigger players. I also don’t know how they came up with this stayers' series worth £1-million. This only encourages Willie Mullins to run his French hurdler on the Flat, or attracts Galileo number 15. Why not put on 20 races worth £50,000? That way, it encourages and benefits more people.”

Thorman is the type of person who looks at the bigger picture, and the long-term plan, something which is much appreciated by his team. “Last December, we had 26 people working for us and at the end of the week, 16 of those signed up for 2018. I’m always proud and slightly amazed at the pride Team Trickledown have. They’ve been very good to us; some have worked the sales for us for 14 or 15 years. Some even had babies and came back. It would be impossible without the staff.”
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“Our decision to go to Tattersalls with the consignment this year was kind of the final step in conversations we’ve had for a long time,” he said. “While we’ve been growing our business for the last 40 years we’ve had to focus on America,” Taylor continued. “And we’ve got a lot of exciting things going on in our company right now; we’ve got a lot of youth coming up and we felt like we had the resources and the people to try something new and get out of our comfort zone, and hopefully go build some new relationships.

“We’re not going to Europe saying, ‘we’re going to be Taylor Made, like we are in America,’” Taylor added. “What we’re doing is a very boutique experiment.”

And while the Taylor Made brand is quintessentially American, the family patriarch Joe Taylor laid roots in Europe through his involvement in importing stallions like Lyphard, Blushing Groom and Riverman to stand at Gainesway Farm, where he was the longtime manager.

“My father—who some people may remember, but he’s been gone a few years now—he would always talk growing up about all his good friends in Europe that he did deals with, on behalf of Mr. Gaines, bringing stallions to America, and that was just part of the kitchen talk,” Taylor recalled. “He would be throwing out names from France, England and Ireland.

“We’ve been kind of insulated here because we’ve been so busy building the Taylor Made brand, and it just felt like a good time to try to reach out and open up some more of those relationships.”

Taylor said that having the Cartier Horse of the Year Roaring Lion an advertisement this year has been very timely, but that “it’s never a bad time to have a horse like Roaring Lion come through your consignment.

“And kudos to David Redvers and the whole team that picked him out, because I thought that he was undervalued,” Taylor added.

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He continued, “They bought him for a very fair price in Book 1 at Keeneland and I think a lot of the Americans maybe walked past him thinking, ‘Oh, he’s just a turf horse.’ And then some of the Europeans looked at him and said, ‘Oh, he’s out of kind of an American family.’ They didn’t really buy into it, but those guys saw the athlete there and I’m sure there’s a lot of disappointed people that walked past him at Keeneland.”

Taylor Made’s inaugural Tattersalls consignment is comprised of:

- **Hasten (Ire)** (Montjeu (Ire)) ([lot 1821](#)), a full-sister to G1 Criterium International winner Jan Vermeer (Ire) and a 3/4 to the GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup S. winner Together (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)). Hasten was placed on the track for the Coolmore partners and is in foal to Kingman (GB).

- **Glade (GB)** (Bertolini) ([lot 1822](#)), a three-times listed-placed half-sister to Group 3 winner Indian Blessing (GB) (Sepoy (Aus)) in foal to Showcasing (GB) carrying her first foal. It is the family of Group 1 winners and sires National Defense (GB), Helmet (Aus) and Epaulette (Aus).

- **Roystonia (Ire)** (Redoute’s Choice (Aus)) ([lot 1912](#)), a listed-placed 3-year-old maiden who is out of a full-sister to Irish Classic winner Roderic O’Connor (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)).

- **Midnight Crossing (Ire)** (Dark Angel (Ire)) ([lot 1913](#)), the winner of last year’s GIII Robert J Frankel S. for Taylor Made partnership Medallion Racing. Midnight Crossing was originally sourced from Tattersalls December in 2016 for 70,000gns by Kern Lillingston and was bought by Medallion Racing and Abbondanza Racing for $240,000 at Keeneland November last year the month prior to her career-best win. She is five and is offered as a maiden.

- **Queen Blossom (Ire)** (Jeremy) ([lot 1914](#)). The 5-year-old mare was picked out of the same Keeneland November sale as Midnight Crossing by Abbondanza Racing and Medallion Racing for $220,000. Previously a Group 3 winner in Ireland, she won this year’s GIII Santa Barbara S. at Santa Anita.

- **Raven’s Lady (GB)** (Raven’s Pass) ([lot 1915](#)), the winner of this year’s G3 Summer S. at York and G2 Goldene Peitsche at Baden-Baden for trainer Marco Botti. Raven’s Lady is from the family of Group 1 winner and sire Best of the Bests. Cont. p8

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Taylor Made’s Philip Shelton is the man in charge of the logistics of the Taylor Made Tattersalls consignment, and he said, “We have two coming from America, which will be Midnight Crossing and Queen Blossom, who are both part of our Medallion Racing partnership. Midnight Crossing is a Grade III winner in the U.S. and she’s by Dark Angel. She has a great Ballymacoll family and we felt with the depth of the pedigree and the Dark Angel, this was going to be a better marketplace for her.

“Queen Blossom is a group winner at The Curragh and she’s also a Grade III winner in the U.S. We just felt in the U.S. [sales ring], there’s less demand for graded stakes winners on the grass than there is in Europe.

“We're very excited,” Shelton added. “It's not something where we want to be the Taylor Made that everybody is used to here. It's all about trying to provide our customers with another outlet where they feel like they can maximize their value.”

Taylor said that the appeal of the European market as an outlet to sell the high-level turf mares acquired by the Medallion Racing partnership also gave the team a final push to make the dive into the European market as sellers.

“This year is the first year we’re going to be selling a significant number of horses that we’ve been racing under our Medallion Racing banner, which is a new partnership we created two years ago to try to bring new people into the business that can get instant action in high-level racing with exclusively fillies,” Taylor explained “So there’s some built-in residual value. We’re trying to buy in and partner up on horses that can be running in graded stakes races within 30 days of the purchase. So it’s been a really neat and successful venture so far and we have two fillies in this year’s partnership, which is winding down, that we really thought fit the European market.

“It also checked off another box in what we’re trying to accomplish within Medallion, which is just great experiences for our customers. It’s a chance for some of our investors to possibly go to Europe, get exposed to the bloodstock market there and go to Newmarket. It’s just a whole different thing that most of them have never experienced before.

“We’re trying to expand our brand of customer service, really putting the customer experience first, into the racing model hoping that we can bring in new future investors that get a taste of it with Medallion, and then go on and maybe do their own thing and we can help them get into the business that way,”

Taylor added. “So it’s been, really, a great new branch of the Taylor Made brand and we’re getting calls all the time of people that just want to get in and experience it, because it is unique. You get more instant action as opposed to buying yearlings or 2-year-olds.”

It wasn’t long after Taylor Made announced its first European venture before it began to unveil plans for its second: another boutique consignment of yearlings at next year’s Arqana August yearling sale. Taylor said Europe’s first major yearling sale seemed the right fit as it is positioned well enough in advance of Keeneland September to allow some of its staff to focus on Arqana without taking anything away from Kentucky’s mega-sale. The yearlings will be presented in partnership with Jean-Pierre de Gaste’s Haras de Gouffern.

Taylor said they are looking at selecting American-bred yearlings that would fit in the European market to sell in Deauville.

“We’ve been already through the top breeders lists over here trying to identify sires that we think would make sense and we’ve been having a lot of conversations with Jean-Pierre, his team, and other Europeans to really get a more clear understanding of what sires might work,” he said. “But we’re looking at all the horses that make sense and then trying to see if we could possibly buy some privately here, or reach out and do partnerships with some of the breeders who might want to join with us and go over there and have a great experience.”

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Oasis Dream - Tahrir
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Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2018:

UNITED KINGDOM
Alhebayeb (Ire) (Dark Angel (Ire)), Tara Stud
128 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners
13:45-WOLVERHAMPTON, 6f, STORM ATHENA (Ire)
€4,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2016; €9,000 RNA Goffs Open Yearlings HIT Sale 2017; £5,500 RNA Goffs UK Doncaster 2yo Breeze-Up Sale 2018

Australia (GB) (Galileo (Ire)), Coolmore Stud
126 foals of racing age/16 winners/1 black-type winner
14:15-WOLVERHAMPTON, 8.75f, SOCIAL NETWORK (Ire)
€100,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2017

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“So if they have a horse—a More Than Ready, or a Declaration of War, or a Speightstown, or a horse that we think might fit—I think it’s going to be a great opportunity for the people we might buy in with as well as our existing customers,” he said.

And in Taylor Made’s quest to improve its customer experiences, an option to go to Deauville can’t hurt, either.

“Some of our long-time customers here, they love going to Saratoga in the summer but they’ve never been [to] a place like Deauville,” Taylor said. “It’s an opportunity for them to get in on a few yearlings and go over there. It’s not going to be a huge consignment but it would just be a great lifetime experience, a bucket list checked off to experience France within the context of the horse business.”

The first order of business, though, is Tattersalls next week, and Shelton said that while some elements of the process have been very new, he believes that the company’s core pillars that have stood it in such good stead in America can transcend continental borders.

“We’re going into this with our eyes wide open,” Shelton said. “I think here [in the U.S.], we’re the leader in the marketplace. A lot of the things we do here, I think, are successful everywhere. Good business practices from marketing, putting your customers first—all those things are going to translate.”

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## Foals Selling at Tattersalls December Sales

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**First-Season Sires With Runners Cont.**

**Bungle Inthejungle (GB)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Rathasker Stud
95 foals of racing age/25 winners/2 black-type winners
16:45-NEWCASTLE, 5f, CLIPSHAM TIGER (Ire)
€9,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2016; €22,000 Goffs UK Silver Yearling Sale 2017; €20,000 Goffs UK Doncaster 2yo Breeze-Up Sale 2018
16:45-NEWCASTLE, 5f, GEOGRAPHY TEACHER (Ire)
€5,500 RNA Goffs November Foals Sale 2016; €45,000 Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2016

**Charm Spirit (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Haras de Bonneval
105 foals of racing age/25 winners/1 black-type winner
15:45-NEWCASTLE, 6f, IVORY CHARM (GB)

**Coach House (Ire)** (Oasis Dream {GB}), Bucklands Farm & Stud (GB)
76 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
16:45-NEWCASTLE, 5f, HAGGSWOOD BOY (GB)
€1,000 Goffs UK Autumn HIT & Yearling Sale 2017
16:45-NEWCASTLE, 5f, KEMMERIDGE BAY (GB)
3,500gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2017 - Book 4
16:45-NEWCASTLE, 5f, QUICKSILVER (GB)
22,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2016; 12,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2017 - Book 3
16:45-NEWCASTLE, 5f, TOBEEORNOTTOBEE (GB)

**Gale Force Ten (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}), Irish National Stud
98 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
16:15-NEWCASTLE, 6f, ARIBA DE TODA (Ire)
16,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2016; €18,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2017

**Garswood (GB)** (Dutch Art {GB}), Cheveley Park Stud
74 foals of racing age/6 winners/2 black-type winners
14:45-WOLVERHAMPTON, 8.75f, BREEZING (GB)
7,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2016; £7,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2017
15:20-WOLVERHAMPTON, 7.25f, MADE OF TALENT (GB)
15,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2016

**Gregorian (Ire)** (Clodovil {Ire}), National Stud
85 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
13:45-WOLVERHAMPTON, 6f, SYMPHONY (Ire)
45,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2017 - Book 2

**Heeraat (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), Mickley Stud
72 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
16:15-NEWCASTLE, 6f, WEARRAAH (GB)

**Kingman (GB)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Banstead Manor Stud
116 foals of racing age/23 winners/5 black-type winners
16:15-NEWCASTLE, 6f, HIGH CONTRAST (GB)
60,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2016

**Morpheus (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}), Tally-Ho Stud
108 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
15:20-WOLVERHAMPTON, 7.25f, DELICIOUS (GB)
60,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2016; 68,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2017 - Book 2

**War Command** (War Front), Coolmore Stud
112 foals of racing age/24 winners/1 black-type winner
15:20-WOLVERHAMPTON, 7.25f, FIGHTING SPIRIT (Ire)
€30,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2016; €16,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2017
13:45-WOLVERHAMPTON, 6f, NANANITA (Ire)
€35,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2017

**FRANCE**

**Anodin (Ire)** (Anabaa), Haras du Quesnay
102 foals of racing age/18 winners/2 black-type winners
5-TOULOUSE, 2000m, BROUAINS (Fr)
1-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, HELLO IS YOU (Fr)
€55,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2017

**Charm Spirit (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Haras de Bonneval
105 foals of racing age/25 winners/1 black-type winner
1-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, MARZUQ (Fr)
5-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, STRINGS OF LIFE (GB)

**Garswood (GB)** (Dutch Art {GB}), Cheveley Park Stud
74 foals of racing age/6 winners/2 black-type winners
2-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, TICOLET (Ire)
€60,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2017

**Olympic Glory (Ire)** (Choisir {Aus}), Haras de Bouquetot
119 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner
15:20-WOLVERHAMPTON, 7.25f, FIGHTING SPIRIT (Ire)
60,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2016; 68,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2017 - Book 2

**Slade Power (Ire)** (Dutch Art {GB}), Kildangan Stud
99 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners
5-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, STRINGS OF LIFE (GB)

**The French (Fr)** (French Glory {Ire}), Haras de Bouquetot
122 foals of racing age/23 winners/0 black-type winners
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5-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, DROIT DE PAROLE (Ire)  
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War Command (War Front), Coolmore Stud  
112 foals of racing age/24 winners/1 black-type winner  
1-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, KORONEKJI (Ire)  
55,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2016; €50,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2017  
3-DEAUVILLE, 1900m, UNBELIEVEABLE (Ire)  
€26,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2017

Garswood is looking for his seventh winner in the United Kingdom and France on Wednesday.  | Cheveley Park Stud

OBSERVATIONS on the European racing scene

12.27 Deauville, Mdn, €27,000, unraced 2yo, f, 7 1/2f (AWT)  
OBOE (Mizzen Mast), one of two nominees for Khalid Abdullah, is a Pascal Bary-trained daughter of GI Kentucky Oaks and GI Alabama S. heroine Flute (Seattle Slew) and thus a full-sister to GSW GI First Lady S., GI Jenny Wiley S. and GI Matriarch S. placegetter Filimbi. Her opposition includes Gerard Augustin-Normand’s La Bloutiere (Fr) (Dansili [GB]), who is out of MSW G1 Prix Jean Prat third La Hoguette (Fr) (Le Havre [Ire]), representing Jean-Claude Rouget.

2.15 Wolverhampton, Cond, £5,800, 2yo, f, 8f 142y (AWT)  
Godolphin’s OPHELIA’S DREAM (GB) (Dubawi [Ire]) is a daughter of G1 Fillies’ Mile and GI Yellow Ribbon S. victress Hibaaeyeb (GB) (Singspiel [Ire]) and thus a homebred full-sister to G1 Prix Marcel Boussac and GI Breeders’ Cup Filly & Mare Turf heroine Wuheida (GB). The Charlie Appleby-conditioned newcomer’s rivals include Jaber Abdullah’s unraced Queen of Mayfair (GB) (Dubawi [Ire]), who is homebred full-sister to G1 Hong Kong Cup-winning sire Akeed Mofeed (GB), from the John Gosden stable; and Saeed Manana’s Social Network (Ire) (Australia [GB]), who is a James Tate-trained daughter of G1 Coronation S. G1 Irish Oaks and G1 Prix de l’Opera placegetter Mona Lisa (GB) (Giants Causeway).

THE JOCKEY CLUB TO PUBLISH ACCESSIBILITY INFO VIA ACCESSABLE

The Jockey Club will now provide detailed accessibility guides on its facilities to disabled people and carers via AccessAble. All 15 of The Jockey Club’s racecourses and the historic Jockey Club Rooms in Newmarket were the subject of intensive site visits. The online guides are available via both The Jockey Club and AccessAble’s websites, and The Jockey Club is the first sports organisation to partner with AccessAble.

“We have posted information about access at our courses on our own websites for many years,” said Paul Fisher, Chief Executive of Jockey Club Racecourses. “But as society’s needs change we have been listening to our racegoers who want more information before visiting our courses. We hope that, by partnering with AccessAble and making even more of this information so easy to find online, people will be able to make their own choices on the best areas of our venues to visit and book tickets for our racedays with confidence. AccessAble’s meticulous analysis of our facilities over many months, from the car parks to the bars, restaurants and other areas, now give those who are visiting or considering visiting our 15 racecourses and the Jockey Club Rooms an incredibly thorough and detailed guide.”

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Princess Harley (Ire), f, 3, Dark Angel (Ire)--Tonle Sap (Ire), by Manduro (Ger). Southwell, 11-27, 12f 14y (AWT), 2:41.66. B-D C Egan & Corduff Bloodstock (IRE). *€50,000 Ylg ’16 GOFORB; 85,000gns RNA Ylg ’16 TATOCT; 47,000gns Ylg ’16 TATJUL.

Space Bandit (GB), g, 3, Shamardal--Hometime (GB), by Dubai Destination. Southwell, 11-27, 8f 13y (AWT), 1:41.27. B-Newells Park Stud (GB). *70,000gns RNA Ylg ’16 TATOCT; 18,000gns Ylg ’16 TATJUL.
"Despite a strong final day to Part 1 of the Goffs November Foal Sale, there’s no getting away from the fact that 31% of the foals offered in Part 1 and 39% of the Part 2 foals failed to find a buyer. Figures fell in most sectors in line with the lack of demand, with pinhookers being ever more mindful of the possibility, or not, of finding a decent yearling sales berth next year."

-Emma Berry

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"Goffs and ITM regularly do a good job in attracting international buyers to Ireland, and while there was a decent range in participants from various countries, the late withdrawals of a number of star names meant that the sale struggled to keep up with figures of recent years, which have included some high-profile dispersals. Most alarming was the number of mares being offered who failed to attract a single bid, or sold for a sum less than the nomination fee paid for the foals they were carrying."

-Emma Berry

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FRANCE

Tuesday’s Results:
PRIX PETITE ETOILE-Listed, €55,000, Deauville, 11-27, 3yo, f, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:57.29, st.
1--CARTABIANCA (FR), 128, f, 3, by Vison d’Etat (Fr)
  1st Dam: Berceuse (GB), by Mtoto (GB)
  2nd Dam: Kindergarten (GB), by Tremopolino
  3rd Dam: Children’s Corner (Fr), by Top Ville (Ire)
1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (€9,000 Ylg ‘16 OSLATE). O-Mme Ambre Vayre; B-Thierry de la Heronniere (FR); T-David Morisson; J-Aurélien Lemaître. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 14-5-1-2, €67,730. *1/2 to Toni Blue (Fr) (Poliglote {GB}), MSP-Fr, €139,273; and Nina Candela (Fr) (Poliglote {GB}), SP-Fr, €194,558.

2--Love and Peace (Fr), 128, f, 3, Linngari (Ire)--Indochine (Brz), by Special Nash (Ire). (€22,000 RNA Ylg ‘16 ARAUG). O-Ecurie Jean-Louis Bouchard. €11,000.

3--Spirit of Nelson (Ire), 128, f, 3, Mount Nelson (GB)--Spirit of Pearl (Ire), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). O-Jean-Claude Seroul. €8,250. Margins: NK, 1/2, 3/4, SNK. Odds: 40.80, 14.00, 2.00.
Also Ran: Cherisy (Fr), Blessed Kiss (Fr), Snakeless, Version Toujours (Fr), Petite Alice (Fr), Creativity (Fr), Bubble and Squeak (GB), Model (Fr). Scratched: Moisson Precoce (GB).

Cartabianca gained a fresh home after bagging a Sept. 16 Dax claiming event and yielded an immediate return on investment for her new connections in an Oct. 14 Tarbes handicap before hitting the board in a Nov. 3 Toulouse handicap last time. Acting as the whipper-in until for turning for home in this black-type bow, the 41-1 longshot quickened into contention approaching the final eighth and was driven out to assert for a career high.

Cartabianca, one of six winners from as many runners produced by a daughter of G3 Prix d’Aumale-winning G1 Prix Marcel Boussac runner-up Kindergarten (GB) (Tremopolino), is kin to Listed Prix Delahante second Nina Candela (Fr) (Poliglote {GB}), MSP sire Toni Blue (Fr) (Poliglote {GB}) and a yearling colt by George Vancouver. Kindergarten is out of G3 Prix des Reservoirs third Children’s Corner (Fr) (Top Ville {Ire}), herself a full-sister to stakes-winning G2 Prix de l’Opera placegetter J’Ai Deux Amours (Fr), who in turn produced four stakes performers headed by G1 Irish Derby-winning sire Winged Love (Ire) (In the Wings {GB}). Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

3rd-Deauville, €44,000, Cond, 11-27, 2yo, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:27.37, st.
PRICE RANGE (c, 2, First Defence--Price Tag {GB} {GISW-US, GSW & G1SP-Fr, $689,737}, by Dansili {GB}), who broke through going one mile at Chantilly last time Nov. 13, improved from an early position in rear to race fifth after the initial exchanges of this one. Inching into third on the home turn, the 12-5 second favourite made further headway in the straight to go second at the eighth pole and was pushed out in the latter stages to edge Big Boots (Ire) (Society Rock {Ire}) by a half length. He is the first foal to race for GI Matriarch S. heroine Price Tag (GB) (Dansili {GB}) and the homebred bay is kin to the yearling colt Further Measure (English Channel). Price Tag, who was also demoted from first in the G1 Poule d’Essai des Pouliches, was bred to Mizzen Mast this year. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €36,850. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY); T-Pascal Bary.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:
8th-Deauville, €35,000, Cond, 11-27, 3yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.19, st.
ONE LAST NIGHT (IRE) (f, 3, Elusive Quality--Danuta, by Sunday Silence) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, €42,050. O-Carlos Lerner, Yann Lerner & Mme Geraldine Ryan; B-Mighty Universe Ltd (IRE); T-CaroLs & Yann Lerner, *€75,000 Ylg ‘16 ARAUG. **Full to Devotee, SW-UAE & GISP-US, *€245,628.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

WORLDWIDE NEWS

STRAWBRIDGE INFLUENCE IN HKIR

RUNNERS by Alan Carasso

It isn’t likely that George Strawbridge, Jr. will be anywhere near Sha Tin Racecourse when the Longines Hong Kong International Races take place Dec. 9, but his worldwide breeding operation will be represented by a couple of prominent runners in two of the afternoon’s seven-figure events.

Beauty Generation (NZ) will be one of the day’s bankers in the eyes of many in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile and his sire Road to Rock (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) descends from a family under the second dam that was nurtured by Strawbridge.

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### Leading 2018 Sires of Weanlings

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Road to Rock’s Beauty Generation figures tough to beat in the upcoming Longines Hong Kong Mile

Strawbridge Influence in HKIR Runners Cont.

Winner of the G1 Lexus Queen Elizabeth S. (2000m) when under the care of Anthony Cummings—who ironically conditioned Beauty Generation to a runner-up effort in the G1 Rosehill Guineas prior to his export to Hong Kong—the A$1.2-million earner Road to Rock is out of Trewornan (GB) (Midyan), a maiden winner at second asking in England for David Elsworth and later trained by John Dunlop.

A 32,000gns Tattersalls October yearling purchase by Charlie Gordon-Watson, Trewornan was a full-sister to Central City (GB), a Group 3 winner in France who was acquired by Strawbridge when the racing empire of the prodigious owner Tony Budge came to a crashing halt in late 1992. Transferred to Strawbridge’s main U.S. trainer, Hall of Famer Jonathan Sheppard, Central City was stakes placed in seven starts before joining the Augustin broodmare band in early 1994. She produced four winners from as many to race for Strawbridge, including Petronilla, stakes-placed in France for Jonathan Pease, and the popular American stayer Rochester (Green Dancer), whose career included 11 wins on the flat—three at the graded level—and a pair over jumps over the course of nine seasons for earnings in excess of $1.2 million.

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With Fervour, who was bought back on a bid of $160,000 out of the Derry Meeting Farm draft at the 1998 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale, was winless in her 11 career starts for Strawbridge and was purchased by Australia-based John Foote Bloodstock for 65,000gns in foal to Diktat (GB) at Tattersalls December in 2003. Having produced two minor winners from her first four to race Down Under, she was sold for just A$6,000 in foal to Purrealist (Aus) at the Inglis Easter Broodmare Sale in 2013. Two months later, Mr Stunning fetched A$110,000 as a weanling at the Inglis Great Southern Sale before maturing into an NZ$250,000 NZB Premier Yearling the following January.
LIKE MOTHER, LIKE DAUGHTER?

by John Boyce

There is nothing more reaffirming than seeing the great race mares of our time go on to produce a son or daughter that just as good. Unfortunately, it’s a rare occurrence. Sires, of course, have a numerical advantage. With well in excess of 100 foals every year, they are much more likely to hit the jackpot. If a mare produces 10 foals in her lifetime, she will have done very well. But as research shows, a mare’s probability of producing a major winner is probably even more restricted. Great racehorses statistically tend to come early in a mare’s career, though there are plenty of major exceptions to this rule. So it’s so important to give a mare the very best of opportunities early on.

Then there is the vexing feeling that truly great mares do not always produce the goods at stud. Those that can compete at the very highest level—the Winxs and Black Caviars of this world—will certainly find it almost impossible to replicate themselves. But we shouldn’t be surprised about this. After all, a Winx and a Black Caviar are once-in-a-generation racehorses. But research does back up the theory that a mare doesn’t have to be outstanding on the track to be a good broodmare. The correlation that exists between the racing ability of a dam and the racing ability of her sons and daughters is perhaps the strongest one of all in a pedigree. You can plot a very close relationship between the two—that is, right up to a point.

The very best fillies—those say rated 130-plus by Timeform—don’t do any better as broodmares than some of their lower-rated counterparts. My own research suggest that when a mare is good enough to be rated 120, she’s already optimally qualified to be a top broodmare, all other things being equal which they never are. Adding another three, five or seven lengths to her ability will not statistically increase her chances of producing a top horse.

Which all goes to prove how special it is when we find Group 1-winning mares that are capable of producing a Group 1 winner. Moreover, it’s almost more exciting when that Group 1 winner is also a filly. Just imagine the euphoria if Winx gave the racing world another Winx. Our table, highlights all Group 1-winning fillies foaled since 1989 that have gone on to produce a Group 1-winning daughter in Australia and New Zealand.

Pride of place must go to the Danehill (USA) mare Joie Denise, who produced two Group 1 winners in Sunday Joy (by Sunday Silence (USA)) and Tuesday Joy (NZ) (by Carnegie (Ire)). Joie Denise's Group 1 success came in the Queensland Oaks and her Timeform rating of 113—a full 21 points behind Winx's best—reflected the fact that she had to compete outside Sydney and Melbourne to win at Group 1 level. Coincidentally, her daughter Sunday Joy was also rated 113 after her success in the Australian Oaks at Randwick. Joie Denise's second Group 1 winner was cut from a different cloth. Not only was she much speedier than her sister and mother, she was simply more talented as her victories in the Coolmore Classic, Ranvet, BMW and Chipping Norton suggest. Her four Group 1 successes from 1500m to 2400m earned her a Timeform rating of 119. Cont. p2
Like Mother, Like Daughter? Cont. from p1

Remarkably, Sunday Joy also went on to produce her own Group 1 winner in More Joyous—perhaps the best racehorse of all on our list. The highest-rated Australian horse by More Than Ready (USA), More Joyous (128)—inbred to Halo (USA), proved to be an outstanding filly who won no fewer than eight Group 1s, culminating with a brilliant treble in the autumn of 2011 in Sydney—the Queen of the Turf, the Doncaster and the Queen Elizabeth.

Just as More Joyous was a Group 1 winner out of a Group 1 winner, who was in turn out of a Group 1 winner, so too was the fabulous Exceed And Excel filly Guelph, who earned a Timeform rating of 120, following her Sires’ Produce and Champagne victories at two and her Flight S. and Thousand Guineas wins at three. Guelph is out of Camarilla (Elusive Quality {USA}) who was victorious—like her daughter—in the G3 Blue Diamond Prelude and the G1 Sires’ Produce. Though she won only one Group 1, Camarilla was rated 121 by Timeform, one point higher than her daughter and four clear of her own dam, the 116-rated Danehill mare Camarena, who bagged her Group 1 in the Queensland Derby. Also worthy of mention is the 124-rated Typhoon Tracy (Red Ransom {USA}), who won 10 of her first 13 starts and amassed a total of six Group 1 victories during her career. She is a daughter of top-class four-time Group 1-winning South African sprinter Tracy’s Element (Last Tycoon {Ire}).

So, among all the horses born in the past 30 years in Australia and New Zealand, there have been only 16 Group 1-winning mother and daughter combinations. At least these duets are still happening: last season’s Golden Slipper heroine Estijaab (Snitzel) is a daughter of dual Group 1 winner Response (Charge Forward). What odds Winx joining this elite list in the not-too-distant future?

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