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KENTUCKY SIRES FOR 2019 PART III: FIRST YEARLINGS



by Chris McGrath

After devoting the first two installments of this series to young stallions whose reputation hitherto rests on the work of farm promoters, and the response of their clients, today we move onto those who have just received their first exposure to the chill winds of the marketplace. For the sires offering their first yearlings in 2019 have, of course, already processed some of them at auction as weanlings.

But if they are no longer shadow-boxing, nor have they reached the definitive test of the prizefight. This phase is rather like sparring in a headguard. At the end of the day, we should still be interested in stallions more eligible to produce a good racehorse than their fee might allow—not panicking because a few agents may have leaped to conclusions about a minority of adolescent stock that has found its way under the gavel.

Nonetheless these first skirmishes can have significant consequences. After all, the countless breeders interested only in producing a yearling, rather than a racehorse, have already dispatched their mares unapologetically to the next cycle of new sires. He who lives by the commercial sword, after all, can die by it too. Many farms, then, must reconcile themselves to trimming fees in the hope of avoiding too conspicuous a slowdown in the third book.

The two Jonabell stallions who topped the weanling averages, however, have both been able to maintain their hire-rates accordingly. **Frosted** (Tapit) retired at the highest tag of the intake, at \$50,000, and achieved an average of \$181,500 in moving on 10 of 15 weanlings.

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APB: UNFINISHED BUSINESS FOR ELATE

by Steve Sherack

A pair of sidelined 'TDN Rising Stars' from Hall of Famer Bill Mott's barn are beginning to gear up at Payson Park for 2019.

Two-time Grade I heroine **Elate** (Medaglia d'Oro), off since finishing a painful second to Abel Tasman (Quality Road) with a career-best 105 Beyer Speed Figure in a roughly run renewal of the GI Personal Ensign S. at Saratoga Aug. 25, will return for a 5-year-old campaign.

The Claiborne Farm and Adele B. Dilschneider homebred faced the starter only one other time in 2018, capturing the 1 1/4-mile GII Delaware H. in dominating fashion in July. Forced to miss the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff after popping a splint in the Personal Ensign, Elate will likely target the GI Apple Blossom S. at Oaklawn Park Apr. 14, per Claiborne President Walker Hancock.

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-	Kitten's Joy	2001	17
-	English Channel	2002	17
-	Quality Road	2006	17
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'TDN RISING STAR' WATCH: HAWKISH

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Members of the TDN staff reveal what 'TDN Rising Star' they're most excited to see race in 2019. News & Features Editor Ben Massam makes his case for **Hawkish** (Artie Schiller).

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Kentucky Sires cont. from p1



California Chrome | Taylor Gilkey/Taylor Made Sales

He will need to improve that clearance rate with his yearlings, but there were some ambitious reserves—and understandably so, if you remember Frosted’s 123 Beyer in the GI Met, and his Grade II-winning dam by the great broodmare sire Deputy Minister. There’s no quibbling with a well-bred horse that can win the GII Remsen at two, and then tough out a gruelling sophomore programme before proving better than ever in stallion-making races at four.

Nyquist (Uncle Mo), in contrast, ran himself into the ground through a championship campaign at two and a seamless resumption the following spring to land the Kentucky Derby for his sire’s first crop. He is just one of several recent Classic winners not to manage further success, but he’s out of a GSW half-sister to the dam of a Grade I winner and benefits from strong broodmare sire-lines through his first two dams (via Forestry and Seeking The Gold).

Obviously Uncle Mo’s status as a sire of sires remains unproven, but out of just half a dozen foals offered (five sold) Nyquist came up with the top colt and filly of the intake at \$600,000 and \$260,000, respectively. It’s a tiny sample, relative to 153 mares in both his first two books, but certainly entitles him to hold his fee at \$40,000.

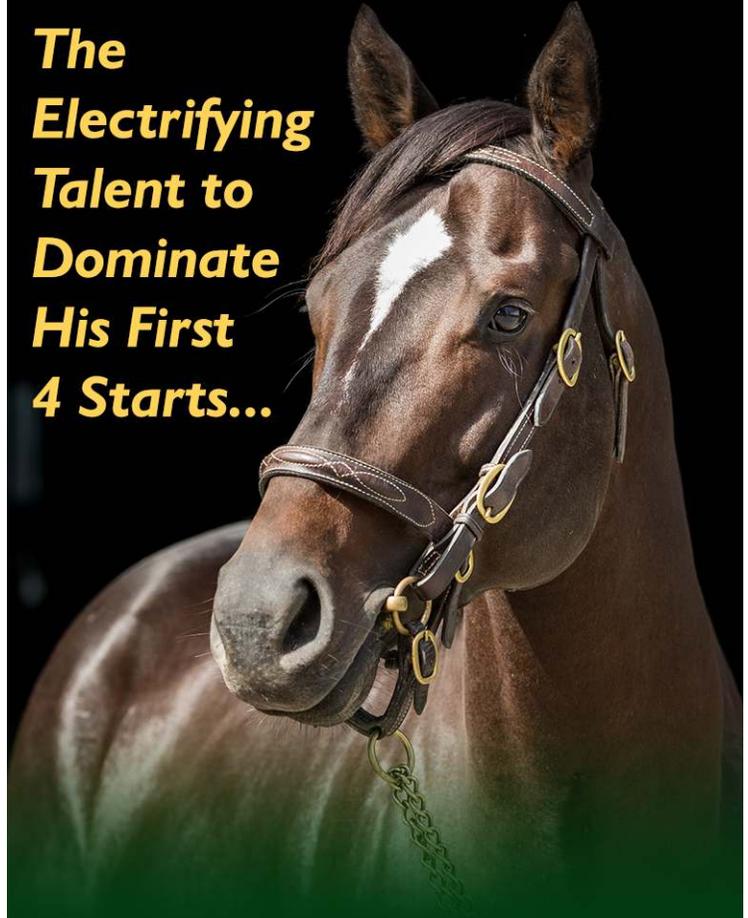
The first of the big guns to get a clip is **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit), now available at \$35,000 at Taylor Made after covering his first two books of 145 and 133 at \$40,000.

During his rise to stardom, the two-time Horse of the Year owed much of his following to parentage that seemed to give everyone a chance: by a \$2,500 sire, out of the \$8,000 dam Love The Chase (Not For Love). On the face of it, that back story might be somewhat less convenient when it comes to marketing a young stallion.

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But California Chrome challenges us to think more deeply about the glib assumptions of this business. If the whole premise is that talent results from selective breeding, then this horse's make-up as one of the most accomplished Thoroughbreds of recent times must contain something that we should want to replicate.

Maybe it's the highly unusual fact that a mare as important as Numbered Account (Buckpasser) should be granddam of both Love The Chase's parents. Maybe it's the presence of the hard-knocking mare Lucky Spell (Lucky Mel) in exactly the same slot in California Chrome's pedigree as in that of his rival Arrogate (Unbridled's Song): both their sires are out of one of her daughters. Most probably, as ever, it all comes down to the elusive blend of many different genetic strands. So let's not be lazily dogmatic about what they should be.

As it is, California Chrome made a perfectly respectable sales debut, seven out of eight weanlings finding a new home at

\$116,714. If a small reduction in fee is designed to help him tread water, now could be just the time to keep the faith as he has every right to extend his amazing story further once his stock reaches the track.



Runhappy | Sarah K. Andrew

California Chrome was just denied third place in the weanling averages, behind Nyquist and Frosted, by the freaky fast **Runhappy** (Super Saver). Claiborne introduced him at \$25,000 and that was always going to get speed-hungry breeders salivating. For all the notorious human elements on the periphery of his tale, there's no arguing with a four-length margin and stakes-record time in a race like the GI King's Bishop; or a track record in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint itself.

True, the purist might object that he wasn't really bred for the distinction of inheriting that storied first stall at Claiborne, which previously housed Secretariat and Bold Ruler. There's a single Grade III placing under his second dam, albeit she is herself a half to a Grade II winner. But the bottom line anchors to a

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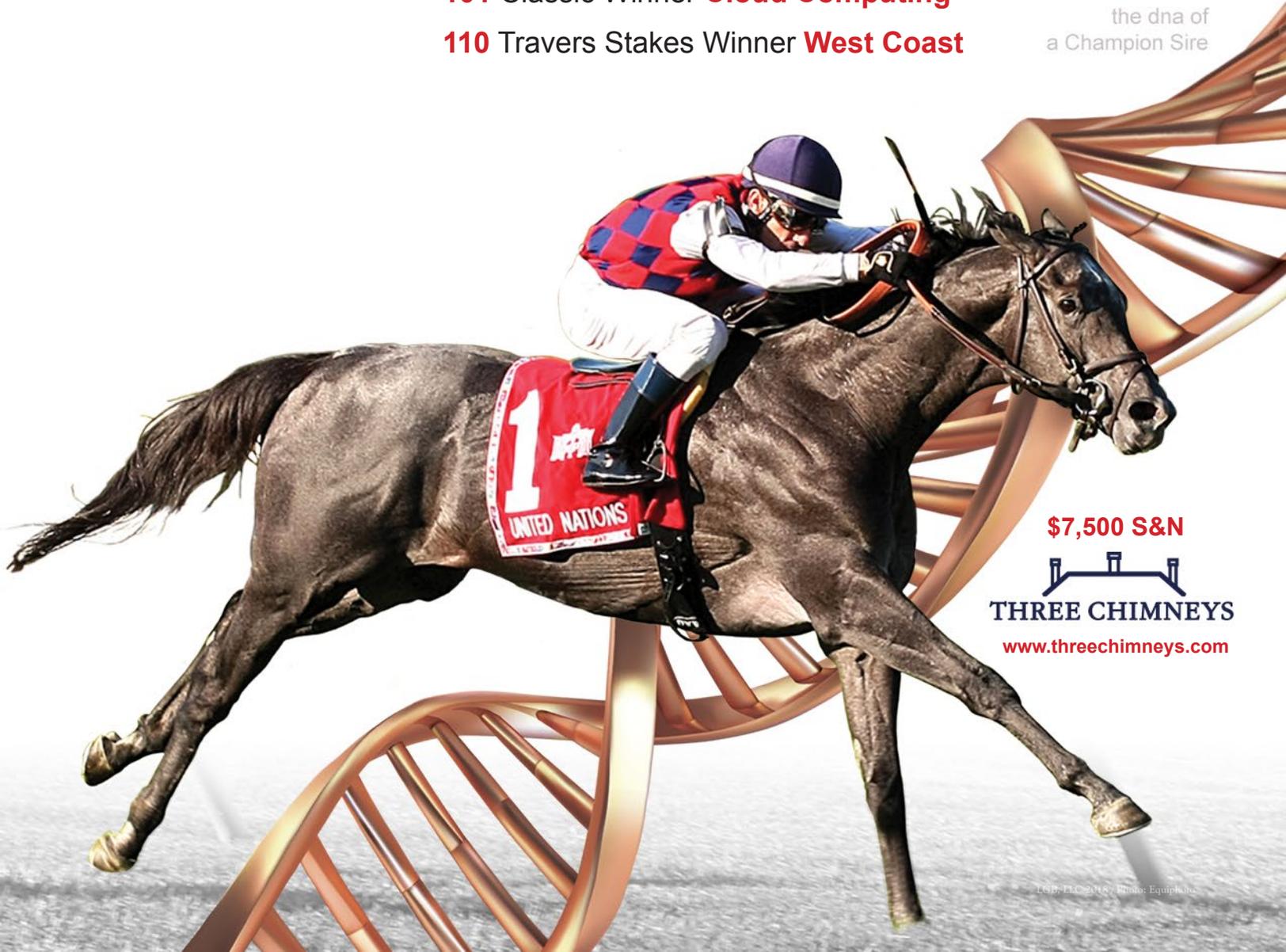
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significant influence in fifth dam Queen Nasra, while it's interesting that a relatively fragile sire-line should keep coming up with one really strong link to keep the chain going. Something very worthy must be coming through, after all, for him to do everything he did to rivals leaning on their Lasix.

One way or another, Runhappy was able to move on 15 out of 17 weanlings at \$148,666, and that's a pretty instructive sample given that Claiborne are commendably conservative with their book sizes. Runhappy has had 123 and 128 partners in his first two seasons, and there are bound to be pinhookers eager to breeze his yearlings.

Number five in the weanling averages was **Exaggerator** (Curlin), though only by dint of our peculiar habit of rewarding stallions for failing to sell. He is credited with an average of \$116,333 but shifted only half of 18 weanlings offered and WinStar give him a precautionary clip to \$25,000 from \$30,000.

Nonetheless it's very early days for a sire favoured by 325 northern hemisphere covers to date, besides a working holiday in Chile, and he retains every right to pass on something of the class and splendid constitution he showed on the track.

Exaggerator was one of those who stood in the dockyard and rolled up his sleeves, ready to take on all comers. After his busy and accomplished juvenile campaign—Grade II winner, Grade I runner-up—he won the GI Santa Anita Derby by six, chased

home Nyquist in the big one and then picked him off in the Preakness. Perhaps most instructive is the way he shook himself down after his Belmont flop to win a third Grade I in the Haskell. He did all this with a pretty physique and a good Canadian family.

Air Force Blue (War Front) is next in the averages at \$84,119, and 16 sales out of 20 speaks of warm interest in a Coolmore stallion offered to the American market at \$25,000 after his mystifying failure to train on back in Europe. Unusually enough he was trimmed to \$20,000 for his second season, when his book diminished to 106 from 153. He was as accomplished a juvenile as the great Aidan O'Brien has trained since Johannesburg (Hennessy)—whose own sophomore campaign, funnily enough, was also disappointing. The question now is whether he can leave a legacy remotely comparable to the sire of Scat Daddy?

Air Force Blue had the best possible grounding at Stone Farm, and his dam is out of a sister to champion Flanders (Seeking The Gold), herself dam of another champion in Surfside (Seattle Slew). As a triple Group 1 winner who looks the part, and standing at a fraction of the fee commanded by his sire, his appeal is as plain as the caveats some will feel about a turf sprinter who lost his way. It was all or nothing, during his racing days, and it feels as though the same might prove true of his



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Flintshire | Sarah K. Andrew

second career. Feel free to guess, according to whether your glass is half full or half empty, but at least the fee appears to strike a sensible balance.

It is hard to think of any doubts whatsoever that should have to be factored into **Flintshire (GB)** (Dansili {GB}). Few horses in this intake were anything like as accomplished on the track as this five-time Grade/Group I winner of \$9.5 million (also a dual Arc runner-up), and he looks crazy value down to \$15,000 from an opening \$20,000 at Hill 'n' Dale.

The peerless Juddmonte programme has never produced a richer runner and, once he got onto a fast surface, Flintshire was able to show rare acceleration for a horse over Classic distances. (Try 44:56 for his final half-mile in the GI Manhattan.) His breeders have partnered with others who can send him proper mares and the chance to ride the wave, at that fee, looks an extraordinary bargain.

It's an unapologetically turf pedigree but one that genuinely qualifies him to produce elite horses on the world stage. He's out of a Group 2-winning Classic runner-up, and by one of the world's best-bred sires. This all played out in a superb temperament and outlook, and teak soundness. With 121 in his first book but 89 in his second, he can't have been getting as much outside support as the ownership must have hoped. But they will have the last laugh, along with other far-sighted end-users.

For now his fee stands as a rebuke to the paucity of imagination in too many horsemen, and likewise a humdrum average of \$44,509 for 16 weanlings sold from 19 offered. Here is a horse amply qualified to succeed his studmate Kitten's Joy (El Prado {Ire}) as a turf patriarch, but there are obviously a lot of flat-earthers out there who think you fall off the end of the world at the seven pole on the main track.



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In that context, the small books so far assembled by **Tamarkuz** (Speightstown) at Shadwell, of 38 and 42, are even more puzzling. Here, after all, is a dirt miler we last saw routing the next two Breeders' Cup Classic winners. The four weanlings who came under the hammer sold well, for an average \$82,500, an auspicious enough start relative to a \$12,500 conception fee—never mind an attractive trim to \$10,000 this time round.

His page received an upgrade it could barely accommodate this year with the rapid rise of his half-brother Without Parole (Frankel), winner of the G1 St James's Palace S. for their astute breeders at Glennwood. The dam is a half-sister to dual Grade I winner Stay Thirsty (Bernardini) and to another Belmont S. runner-up in Andromeda's Hero (Fusaichi Pegasus), out of a five-time Grade I runner-up. And the bottom line just holds up all the way: sixth dam a sister to Triple Crown winner Assault, for instance, and ninth dam a sister to Man o' War himself.



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For those benighted enough to view such scrolls of parchment as irrelevant, the foreground shows us Tamarkuz signing off in the GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile with a daylight success from Gun Runner (Candy Ride {Arg}) and Accelerate (Lookin At Lucky). If

neither had quite reached his peak, that is one hell of a podium from which to look back on four years of improvement. True, the span of his career implies that Tamarkuz might not be an overnight sensation at stud—but he looks highly eligible to get you a racehorse, and got very close to making the value podium.

Another son of the same sire in this intake has been covering much bigger books. In fact, the 174 ladies entertained by **Speightster** (Speightstown) at WinStar last year made him the

busiest of the rookies, and another 150 followed this time round. His fee has been held at \$10,000 after 29 of 36 weanlings changed hands for an average \$60,517.

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three wins from just four lifetime starts to confirm his natural speed. To impress in maiden, allowance and Grade III company is all very well, so far as it goes, but what makes the theory hang together is a dam (admittedly herself unable to race at all) who is sister to the outstanding runner and producer Dance Smartly (Danzig) and half-sister to Smart Strike (Mr Prospector). As always when a new sire is so heavily subscribed, you can't expect each and every yearling to hit at the sales—but equally sheer numbers on the track should keep his name in lights.

WinStar is also home to **Tourist** (Tiznow), who covered 134 and then 102 mares and gets a helpful trim to \$10,000 from \$12,500 after shifting nine of 11 weanlings at \$49,000. He's a likeable type, who in contrast got better the harder and longer he raced, winding up by shocking Tepin (Bernstein) in a race-record Breeders' Cup Mile—his second Grade I win as a 5-year-old. His dam produced three stakes winners by lesser sires than the wonderful one who gave us Tourist.

The same farm has been able to hold **Outwork** (Uncle Mo) at \$15,000 after he seduced a remarkable first book of 168, followed by 137 last year. He found buyers for 20 of 26 weanlings at \$52,400. So here's another who can't be expected to hit it out of the park every time at the sales but can keep himself in the game with a running population.

It's not hard to see why commercial breeders should be drawn

to a big fast horse who was actually his sire's first winner, over 4 1/2 furlongs at Keeneland in April. Outwork's big coup was to cling on for the Wood Memorial the following spring, albeit you couldn't pretend that it particularly reads like a Grade I race now and he disappeared after running down the field in the Kentucky Derby. The clincher for many will be that he's out of a Grade I-placed Empire Maker half-sister to Airdrie's buzzing young sire Cairo Prince (Pioneerof the Nile).

My pick of this intake last year was Taylor Made's **Not This Time** (Giant's Causeway) at \$15,000—a fee he holds after selling 18 of 24 weanlings at an average \$76,833.

In fairness, this is another who did not last the course, retired after finishing second in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. But at least Not This Time established his elite calibre that day, not getting the rub of the green yet just failing to run down champion Classic Empire (Pioneerof the Nile). Injury condemned him to leave the matter there, but the winner and seven-length third Practical Joke (Into Mischief) were retired at \$35,000 and \$30,000 respectively. That leaves Not This Time looking great value as one of the last heirs—and probably the most precocious, having won the GIII Iroquois S. by 8 3/4 lengths from the subsequent Kentucky Derby runner-up—to his magnificent sire.

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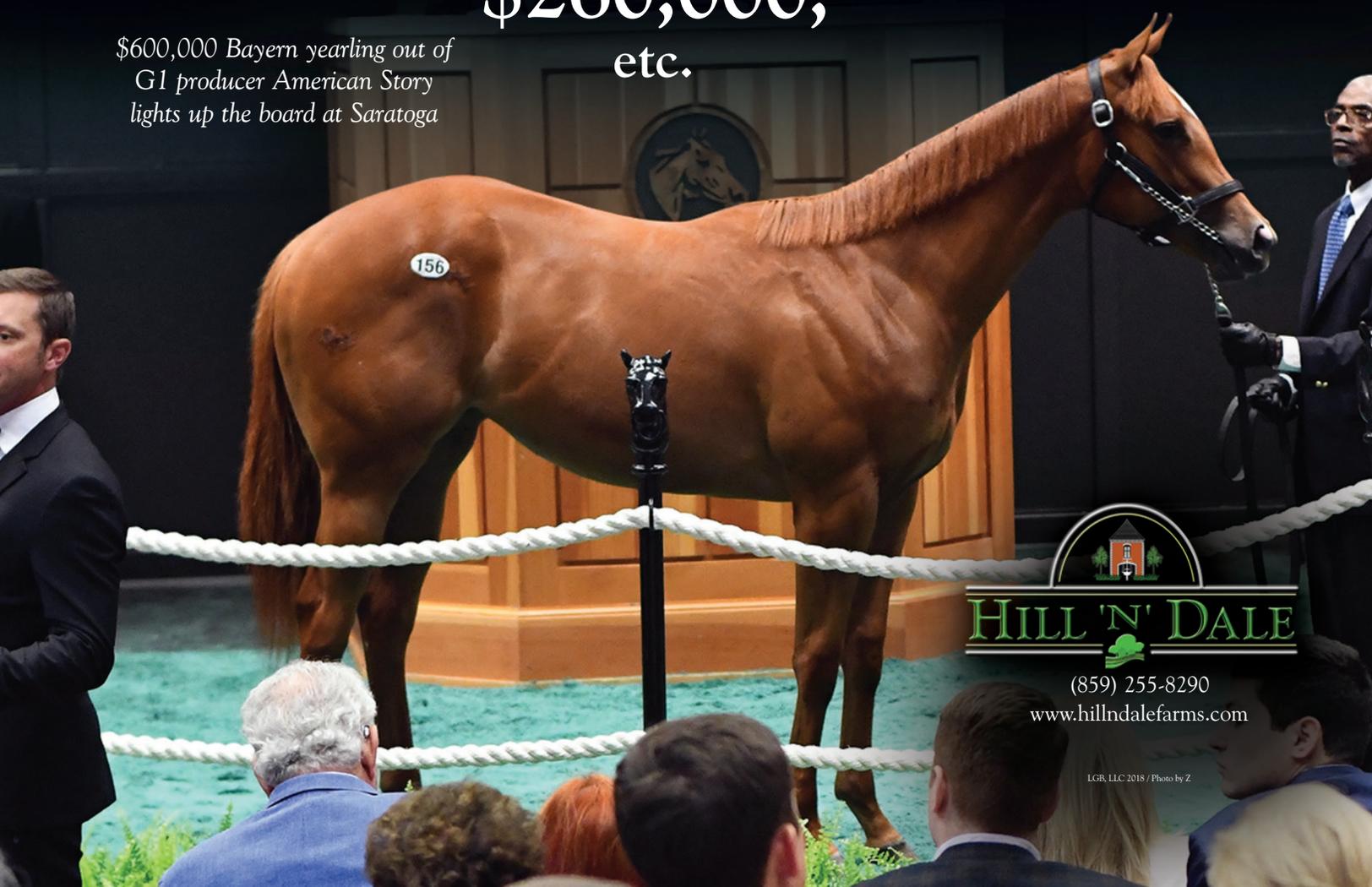
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(Unbridled's Song), himself now making his name at Lane's End, and her mother was inbred 2x3 to Dr Fager's champion half-sister Ta Wee. In fact Not This Time's third dam is by Damascus out of a daughter of Secretariat and Ta Wee. Dismiss all that if you want to, but something lurking in their make-up made Liam's Map an \$800,000 yearling—and Not This Time a physical knockout too.

His 274 mates to date include none other than Leslie's Lady (Tricky Creek), dam of Into Mischief (Harlan's Holiday), Beholder (Henny Hughes) and Mendelssohn (Scat Daddy). If Not This Time is good enough for her, I ain't going to quit him any time soon.

Taylor Made appears to be launching another of their young sires from a rather more slippery ramp, having given **Mshawish** (Medaglia d'Oro) another \$5,000 cut to \$10,000 (opened at \$20,000) after his book slipped from 117 to 73. Let's hope they get rewarded for grasping the nettle, because this is a horse with assets every breeder should covet: the class to take fourth

in the G1 Prix du Jockey-Club in his Classic year, and the durability and versatility to win Grade I races on turf and dirt at five and six. After all, isn't a horse like this supposed to be the whole point of his stellar sire?



Upstart | EquiSport Photos

The GI Donn H. was Mshawish's seventh consecutive triple-figure Beyer, and his second dam is a Storm Cat half-sister to both a five-time GSW and the dam of champion Halfbridled (Unbridled). Maybe his starting fee reflected his achievements more closely than the peculiar tastes of the market, which nonetheless took up 10 of 11 weanlings at a respectable \$60,100. (The pick were obviously nice for the grade, his top colt and filly respectively bringing \$160,000 and \$170,000.) Mshawish could easily turn things round for those

with the patience to let his stock show their mettle on the track.

Best market welcome for a \$10,000 sire was reserved for **Upstart** (Flatter), who sold 15 of 22 at \$64,733. That's no surprise, given his own fine physique and record of two Grade I

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podiums through ages two, three and four. Perhaps his finest hour was thrashing Frosted 5 1/2 lengths in the GII Holy Bull S., and he's in the same deft hands that gave Cairo Prince such a super start at Airdrie. His bottom line is propped up by some interesting broodmare sires: his dam by Deputy Minister's son Touch Gold, and his third dam by Drone, a very potent distaff influence (witness two Kentucky Derby winners and European great Dancing Brave).

The Albaugh Family Stable, who homebred Not This Time, also launched **Brody's Cause** by the same sire at Spendthrift. Much like Not This Time, there are for-the-ages names along the bottom line: a fourth dam by Dr Fager out of a Bold Ruler half-sister to Secretariat's dam Somethingroyal. Closer up, you've a Grade I runner-up as second dam; and Brody's Cause himself won Grade I races at two and three, hit the board behind Nyquist in the Juvenile and finished well out of midfield in the Derby.

Another career that didn't last a year, but he proved himself among the best of his generation and a businesslike cut from \$12,500 to \$7,500 makes him a really attractive proposition. Certainly it's a generous response to the sale of eight weanlings out of 13 at \$41,687, just a fair toehold for books of 101 and 110. But Brody's Cause remains a noble one. Hats off to the late Giant's Causeway, and to the Albaugh Family for sending him

mares representing such fine bloodlines: that gives them two out of three on the value podium.

A notch down the Spendthrift roster appear a couple of \$5,000 rolls of the dice. **Hit It a Bomb** (War Front) is his marquee sire's first Breeders' Cup winner, albeit he admittedly beat a plain enough field for the Juvenile Turf. He wasn't able to build on that at three, but is a brother to another juvenile Group 1 winner from a classy turf family. **Cinco Charlie** (Indian Charlie) meanwhile won the GIII Bashford Manor S. on his second start, the first of seven black-type wins across three seasons. A brisk, hard-knocking type, he's out of a half-sister to GSWs by his sire in Bwana Charlie and My Pal Charlie.

Calumet have given **Big Blue Kitten** (Kitten's Joy) a helping hand, down to \$10,000 from \$15,000 after his book slipped from 93 to 68. You have to love the hardiness of an animal who was better than ever at seven, adding his third and fourth Grade Is and beaten only by a pair of Arc winners in the Breeders' Cup Turf. Unfortunately perseverance at eight did not pay off and it goes without saying that class, constitution and consistency for some reason have little play with the other "c" word: commerciality. Big Blue Kitten retains every right to breed you a runner, if that happens to be your game.

The same farm keeps his old rival **Slumber (GB)** (Cacique {Ire}) at \$5,000. This horse has a seriously good pedigree: second,

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Tapit	10.16
War Front	9.95
Curlin	8.18
Medaglia d'Oro	7.45
Arrogate	7.37
Uncle Mo	5.68
Pioneerof the Nile	5.18
Ghostzapper	4.94
Macho Uno	4.86
Quality Road	4.85
American Pharoah	4.77
Into Mischief	4.58



third and fourth dams are either Grade I winners or Grade I producers, respectively by Seattle Slew, Northern Dancer and Buckpasser; while his sire is out of the Juddmonte blue hen Hasili (Ire) (Kahyasi {Ire}) and is only so little known because of fertility issues. On the track, Slumber followed much the same path as Big Blue Kitten—generally in his slipstream, except for when getting first run for his Grade I day in the sun in the Manhattan. With those genes, however, he could yet have the last word in their rivalry.

Crestwood have quietly assembled an intriguing roster and **Firing Line** (Line of David) gives you performance and pedigree for just \$5,000. Yes, pedigree: though hardly by a celebrated sire of sires, grandsire Lion Heart is making a name that way; while if his damsire Hold For Gold (Red Ransom) also lacks resonance, the fact is that the dam was Grade I-placed and traces directly to a champion and matriarch in Square Angel (Quadrangle). Only American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile) could beat Firing Line in the Kentucky Derby, while he had previously won the GIII Sunland Derby by 14 lengths and been precocious enough to run Dortmund (Big Brown) to a head in the GI Los Alamitos Futurity.

Texas Red (Afleet Alex) could also turn out to be plenty of horse for \$7,500 at the same farm. The style of his GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile success is hard to forget, and was backed up by the time; and while he was restricted to a patchy sophomore campaign, he did manage to beat Frosted in the GII Jim Dandy. He's certainly a pretty wild outcross option, not least thanks to a classy Chilean family.

The venerable sire of Texas Red counts **Anchor Down** (Tapit) among his younger neighbours at Gainesway. He has had a trim to \$7,500 from \$10,000 despite selling eight of 11 weanlings at \$51,025. A half-brother to GI Test S. winner Sweet Lulu (Mr Greeley), his poster moment came in seeing off Tamarkuz in a very fast time for the GII Kelso H.

Protonico (Giant's Causeway) has now shown up at Castletown Lyons, his third home in three years, at \$5,000 from \$6,500; he was only beaten a half-length in the GI Clark and is another offering some spicy Chilean genes.

Down to the same fee, from \$7,500, is **Ironicus** (Distorted Humor) at Claiborne; he is one of five GSW out of his dam, and broke a track record on the Saratoga lawn. He finished with three strong finishes in the best of company, runner-up in the GI Manhattan and GI Shadwell Mile before weaving into fourth in the Breeders' Cup Mile itself. A really admirable animal, he traces to an important mare in Admiring and let's hope books of just 40-odd hold up long enough to give him a chance on the track.

Finally **V.E. Day** (English Channel) has arrived at Buck Pond from New York at \$6,500. Quite something to win a dirt race as prestigious as the GI Travers with that pedigree: by a turf-

oriented sire, and second dam a sister to grass champion Sunshine Forever. But he's out of a Deputy Minister mare and to get him that close up, nowadays, is nearly worth the tag on its own.

CHRIS McGRATH'S VALUE PODIUM

Gold: Flintshire \$15,000, Hill 'n' Dale
Silver: Not This Time \$15,000, Taylor Made
Bronze: Brody's Cause \$7,500, Spendthrift

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 on the Sidelines

Unfinished Business cont. from p1



Elate | Sarah K. Andrew

“We always had hoped on running her through her 5-year-old year, and since she only ran twice as a 4-year-old, it became an easy decision to keep her in training this year,” Hancock said of Elate.

“We are very excited to see her run in 2019. She improved a lot from three and four, and if she improves from four to five just a little bit, she will be a strong contender once again in the Distaff division.”

Fellow Claiborne and Dilschneider product **Mucho** (Blame), a good second as the even-money favorite in the seven-furlong GI Hopeful S. at Saratoga Sept. 3, could return to action versus allowance company for his sophomore debut in late February.

The bay earned his **'Rising Star'** badge with a jaw-dropping 9

3/4-length maiden win under wraps at second asking at the Spa Aug. 4. He surged late to fall just 3/4 of a length short of Mind Control (Stay Thirsty) after bobbling at the start and making a menacing three-wide move on the far turn in the Hopeful.

“Mucho actually came out of the Hopeful with an ankle issue,” Hancock said. “He was pretty sore the next day, but thankfully no surgery was required--just a little time off. He went to Fair Hill and Bruce Jackson rehabbed him there. He resumed training at Payson the first of November.”

Could Mucho be headed down the Derby trail next spring?

“Not sure about the Derby trail--we will let him tell us how far he wants to run and certainly will not push him in that direction,” Hancock said. “Thankfully, the Woody Stephens is now a Grade I in early June, so there is nice opportunity for colts to point towards that race if they don’t want to route.”

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TDN Rising Star Watch ★ 2019

Members of the TDN staff reveal what TDN Rising Star they're most excited to see race in 2019.

HAWKISH



Hawkish | B&D Photography

Hawkish (Artie Schiller) showed a brilliant turn of foot to win his debut at Gulfstream shortly after the turn of the new year in January--a performance that stamped him as a no-brainer ‘TDN

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Rising Star' and a force to be reckoned with in the 3-year-old turf division. After being forced to move wide and flattening out to finish fourth in the GIII Palm Beach S., he reeled off two thoroughly impressive performances when cut back to a mile--including the GIII Penn Mile S. in June. Hawkish was last seen finishing seventh in the 10-furlong GI Belmont Derby July 7, but that performance can be forgiven, as he was wide the whole way and asked to navigate the longest trip of his career.

Hawkish clearly has had a few bumps in the road early in his career, but he appears to be an immensely talented miler, crafted in the mold of his GI Breeders' Cup Mile-winning sire. Trainer Jimmy Toner **provided a positive update** on the gelding's return to his barn in late November, and nobody should be surprised if he proves himself at the highest level with the benefit of more consistent training and maturity.

--Ben Massam, News & Features Editor

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CANNON CHORUS FINDS HIS PURPOSE HELPING OTHERS

by Diana Pikulski



Mike Morgan and Cannon | Tracey Buyce

Cannon Chorus (War Chant) is 17 hands and beautiful. He sold at Keeneland September for \$150,000 in 2004 and raced only once finishing sixth. The road had some twists and turns but now, in his third career as the go-to horse for the team at Long Shadows Charitable Foundation Farm in Cambridge, NY, he is a champion.

Cannon started his journey in helping veterans and others in need with Hall of Fame jockey Julie Krone.

“Cannon retired from racing at three and was jumping junior Grand Prix fences at four, albeit not willingly,” explained Krone. “His owner received an urgent call that Cannon needed to be picked up from the show barn immediately or he was basically going to be stolen because of a domestic dispute. A minute later, I happened to walk by and he begged me to go get him.”

“If I hadn’t walked by, who knows what would have happened,” she added. “When we got to the barn the next day, I was shocked to see a beautiful but dangerous horse with scars from spurs, wearing a muzzle. It took hours to get him on the trailer.”

Julie had retired from riding races but not from a lifetime of saving and caring for horses. After leaving the track, Julie honed her already natural horsemanship with the Parelli program. For Cannon, this was another crucial bit of serendipity.

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His striking good looks and athleticism induced the people in his life to push him and he reacted by becoming aggressive and increasingly more dangerous.

"I am so grateful to Pat Parelli, Amy Bowers and Margit Deerman, other Parelli teachers, who saw the horse that Cannon could be and helped me turn him around," added Krone. "It took intensive training and years."

"He was kind of a nightmare," said Deerman who works with difficult horses in California. "He was extremely defensive and he would come at you with his mouth. He seemed mad at life."

Currently, Cannon is entrusted to Julie's friend and former student Tabitha Morgan and Tabitha's husband Mike Morgan. Tabitha currently oversees the care of all of the horses at Long Shadows Farm and the programs teaching horsemanship and equine-assisted learning for people coping with challenges like PTSD, addiction and abuse.

For Mike Morgan, a U.S. Marine who served two difficult tours in Afghanistan between 2006 and 2008, Cannon provides solace and escape from the ravages of his combat-induced PTSD.

"Cannon is my rock," says Morgan. "I seek him out when my mind is spinning and I cannot find peace. I just get into his space and he seems to feel what is going on with me. He lets me stay close and eventually, I settle into his breath and his heartbeat."

Cannon appears extremely confident and is reliably calm. His old ways of biting, kicking and lunging at people are almost impossible to imagine. He is a different horse. Consequently, he has many jobs on the farm. He is the babysitter for the many new Thoroughbreds that come to the farm off the track for retirement or rehabilitation. And, he is often the horse given to the person with no horse experience arriving at the farm for lessons or help through horsemanship.

In a relatively new program for young people receiving residential treatment for substance abuse, Cannon is a star. His calm demeanor and willingness to wait for his class partner to work through his or her fear or emotions before cueing him is invaluable. The second he responds is often a break-through moment for the person.

For veterans like Morgan, his time and work with horses addresses a number of issues.

"As a U.S. Marine and combat veteran, I carry huge burdens and in learning to partner with a horse, teach him and lead him, without feeling like I was burdening him, was a really important lesson," explains Morgan. "In life, we have to learn to share our burdens, let them go and partner willingly with the people we care about."

"For a long time, I was unable to do that and Cannon would not take me seriously," he added. "Julie coached me into opening up to Cannon's side of the equation and asking him in an honest way to respect me and trust me in our activities. It

changed our relationship and it changed me."

Another issue that combat veterans often battle comes from spending months or years as part of a mission, often with life or death consequences, and the huge feeling of responsibility that goes along with that which disappears once they return home. It creates a void. Caring for horses and engaging in activities with horses can replace some of those feelings. Often, horses in programs for veterans are rescued horses or horses that have had trauma in their lives. We see time and again how horses have a profound effect on people and veterans often find the sense of purpose for which they were searching.

"Because of how Cannon was when he first came to me, I am moved to tears when I see the work that he does now with little kids, beginner riders and the relationship that Mike has built with him," says Krone. "What horses see in people or feel is hard to explain, especially in scientific terms. But sometimes you see a horse's response or a sense of connection that is so real, it needs no explanation."

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DERBY MUSEUM INTRODUCES JUNIOR JOCKEY CLUB

In the Junior Jockey Club, the Kentucky Derby Museum has introduced a new, interactive way for visitors up to age 14 to experience the museum. Included with the price of admission, the Junior Jockey Club will give young guests a scavenger hunt to complete throughout their stay. Upon completion of the scavenger hunt, the child will be inducted into the Junior Jockey Club; will be awarded a certificate featuring the Kentucky Derby winner from his or her birth year; and will also receive a club button, a special bracelet, and a discount on children's items in the gift shop.

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WHO WON THE 2018 TRIPLE CROWN? DUH

by Bill Finley

You're supposed to be pretty smart to make it onto Jeopardy!, but three contestants Thursday night completely whiffed when asked to come up with the name of the 2018 Triple Crown winner (click [here](#)).

In a question worth \$600, host Alex Trebek, a horse owner in his own right, read the question: Bob Baffert trained two recent Triple Crown winning horses, American Pharoah in 2015 and this horse in 2018.

The three contestants stood there expressionless for a few seconds and said nothing, before Trebek gave them the answer, Justify, and moved on to the next question.

Were the three contestants just unusually ignorant about horse racing or does the Triple Crown resonate that little with the man on the street? Sounds like a panel for the next symposium at the University of Arizona.

There were several comments made on Twitter about the Justify issues, including these:

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So three Jeopardy contestants didn't know that Justify won the Triple Crown. Probably because they spend more time reading the encyclopedia and not the racing program. It's not that big of a deal.



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for stallions who are standing (or stood) in North America through Thursday, Dec. 20

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Scat Daddy <i>(2004) by Johannesburg Crops: 8</i>	15	24	9	15	3	5	135	86	3,798,000	14,220,375
				Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Retired/Exported)						Justify	
2	Curlin <i>(2004) by Smart Strike Crops: 7</i>	9	17	4	10	1	4	96	53	2,945,000	9,509,321
				Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$150,000						Good Magic	
3	Kitten's Joy <i>(2001) by El Prado (Ire) Crops: 10</i>	7	18	4	7	1	3	138	70	3,575,197	8,812,132
				Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$60,000						Roaring Lion	
4	Into Mischief <i>(2005) by Harlan's Holiday Crops: 7</i>	12	25	4	11	1	2	125	84	1,220,520	8,696,579
				Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$100,000						Audible	
5	More Than Ready <i>(1997) by Southern Halo Crops: 15</i>	6	15	3	9	2	2	98	66	1,842,000	7,030,729
				Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$60,000						Catholic Boy	
6	Medaglia d'Oro <i>(1999) by El Prado (Ire) Crops: 11</i>	7	13	4	7	1	3	77	41	1,492,461	6,212,722
				Stands: Jonabell Farm KY Fee: \$250,000						Wonder Gadot	
7	Malibu Moon <i>(1997) by A.P. Indy Crops: 16</i>	7	16	5	9	3	4	89	48	1,177,800	5,652,422
				Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$75,000						Magnum Moon	
8	Midnight Lute <i>(2003) by Real Quiet Crops: 7</i>	5	11	1	6	1	3	94	57	1,565,000	5,481,781
				Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$15,000						Midnight Bisou	
9	Tapit <i>(2001) by Pulpit Crops: 11</i>	6	16	3	9	--	1	97	59	499,550	5,438,384
				Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$300,000						Hofburg	
10	Quality Road <i>(2006) by Elusive Quality Crops: 5</i>	6	11	4	6	1	3	66	49	1,307,800	5,393,071
				Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$70,000						Caledonia Road	
11	Violence <i>(2010) by Medaglia d'Oro Crops: 2</i>	7	13	2	7	--	1	95	71	519,780	5,064,114
				Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$25,000						Cosmic Burst	
12	Candy Ride (Arg) <i>(1999) by Ride the Rails Crops: 11</i>	8	11	4	8	1	3	80	38	772,500	4,869,826
				Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$80,000						Separationofpowers	
13	Tapizar <i>(2008) by Tapit Crops: 3</i>	1	3	1	2	1	1	65	42	2,954,750	4,677,801
				Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$12,500						Monomoy Girl	
14	Blame <i>(2006) by Arch Crops: 5</i>	10	11	4	7	--	--	65	45	488,306	4,483,306
				Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$12,500						Randonnee	
15	Empire Maker <i>(2000) by Unbridled Crops: 12</i>	--	1	--	--	--	--	89	51	313,834	4,386,871
				Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$85,000						Koma Bisho (JPN)	

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Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 4:36 p.m. EST

MR. PROSPECTOR S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Sweetontheladies	Twirling Candy	The Four Horsemen Racing Stable, Inc. & Lady Lindsay Racing Stables	Collazo	Meneses	20-1
2	Kroy	The Factor	Midwest Thoroughbreds, Inc.	De La Cerda	Lopez	6-1
3	Storm Advisory	Weigelia	Loooch Racing Stables, Inc.	Quartarolo	Albarado	15-1
4	J. S. Choice 🌿	Congrats	KRA Stud Farm	Colebrook	Hernandez	30-1
5	K Choice	Flatter	KRA Stud Farm	Colebrook	Saez	30-1
6	Heartwood	Tapit	Chapman, James K. & Stuart Tsujimoto	Chapman	Ortiz, Jr.	9-2
7	Wild Shot	Trappe Shot	Calumet Farm	Arnold, II	Hernandez, Jr.	10-1
8	Uno Mas Modelo 🌿	Macho Uno	Loooch Racing Stables, Inc.	Quartarolo	Jimenez	2-1
9	Conquest Big E 🌿	Tapit	Daniel C. Hurtak	Hurtak	Ortiz	10-1
10	Belle Tapisserie 🌿	Tapizar	Thoroughbred Champions Training Center LLC	Mejia	Reyes	20-1
11	Coal Front	Stay Thirsty	Robert V. LaPenta & Head of Plains Partners LLC	Pletcher	Velazquez	7-2

Breeders: 1-English Range Farm, 2-Machmer Hall & Milan Kosanovich, 3-Epona Equine, LLC, Otto Draper & Wyn Oaks Farm, 4-Greenwood Lodge Farm, Inc., 5-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 6-Blue Heaven Farm, LLC, 7-Calumet Farm, 8-Russell L. Reineman Stables Inc., 9-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd., 10-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding, 11-Michael Edward Connelly

Wednesday, Santa Anita, post time: 5:00 p.m. EST

LA BREA S.-GI, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Happy Like a Fool	Distorted Humor	Michael Tabor, Mrs. John Magnier & Derrick Smith	Ward	Velazquez	122
2	Mo See Cal 🌿	Uncle Mo	Rockingham Ranch and David A Bernsen LLC	Miller	Smith	120
3	Kelly's Humor	Midnight Lute	Thrash, Ike and Dawn	Miller	Rosario	120
4	Emboldened	Elusive Quality	Godolphin, LLC	Baffert	Talamo	120
5	Dream Tree 🌿	Uncle Mo	Phoenix Thoroughbred III	Baffert	Van Dyke	122
6	Heavenhasmynikki	Majestic Warrior	Loooch Racing Stables, Inc.	Quartarolo	Ortiz, Jr.	120
7	Hot Autumn	Tiz Wonderful	Clarke M. Cooper Family Trust and Kruljac, Ian S.	Kruljac	Baze	120
8	Cathedral Reader 🌿	Shackleford	G M B Racing	Stewart	Hernandez, Jr.	120
9	Spiced Perfection	Smiling Tiger	Dare To Dream Stable LLC	Koriner	Prat	120

Breeders: 1-Wesley Ward, 2-Rozamund Barclay, 3-Chappell Alpine Farm, 4-Godolphin, 5-Mike Freeny & Pat Freeny, 6-Langsem Farm, Inc., 7-H & E Ranch, 8-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 9-Premier Thoroughbreds LLC

Wednesday, Santa Anita, post time: 6:30 p.m. EST

MALIBU S.-GI, \$300,000, 3yo, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Calexman 🌿	Midshipman	Wilson, Holly and David	Cerin	Franco	120
2	Majestic Dunhill 🌿	Majesticperfection	R. A. Hill Stable	Weaver	Franco	120
3	Copper Bullet 🌿	More Than Ready	Winchell Thoroughbreds & Willis Horton Racing	Asmussen	Ortiz	120
4	Still Having Fun	Old Fashioned	Gary Barber, Wachtel Stable & Terp Racing LLC	Keefe	Desormeaux	122
5	Identity Politics 🌿	Into Mischief	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	120
6	Axelrod	Warrior's Reward	Slam Dunk Racing	McCarthy	Velazquez	122
7	Seven Trumpets 🌿	Morning Line	West Point Thoroughbreds	Romans	Albarado	120
8	Nero	Pioneerof the Nile	Tabor, Magnier, Smith & Stonestreet Stables LLC	Baffert	Talamo	120
9	Ax Man	Misremembered	Patti & Hal J. Earnhardt III	Baffert	Van Dyke	120
10	Bobby's Wicked One 🌿	Speightstown	Autumn Hill Farms Racing Stables, Inc.	Stall, Jr.	Gaffalione	120

Malibu S. cont.

11	Greyvitos 🐎	Malibu Moon	Triple B Farms	Kitchingman	Roman	120
12	Kanthaka	Jimmy Creed	West Point Thoroughbreds	Hollendorfer	Prat	122
13	McKinzie 🐎	Street Sense	Karl Watson, Michael Pegram & Paul Weitman	Baffert	Smith	124
14	Solomini 🐎	Curlin	Zayat Stables LLC, Magnier, Tabor & Smith	Baffert	Rosario	120
15	Super Sol	Awesome Again	Zayat Stables, LLC	Baffert	Hernandez, Jr.	120
16	Cool Bobby 🐎	Shanghai Bobby	C R K Stable LLC	Eurton	Bejarano	120

Breeders: 1-Sue Sanders, 2-Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm, LLC, 3-Dell Ridge Farm, LLC, 4-Mr. & Mrs. Charles McGinnes & Tim Keefe, 5-Siena Farms LLC, 6-Hidden Point Farm Inc., 7-St. George Farm, LLC, 8-Thor-Bred Stables, LLC, 9-Hal J. Earnhardt, 10-Ramona S. Bass, LLC., 11-Audley Farm Equine, 12-Spendthrift Farm LLC, 13-Summer Wind Farm, 14-Glenna R. Salyer DVM, 15-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC, 16-Carhue Investments, Paget Bloodstock & Galtee Bloodstock

Wednesday, Santa Anita, post time: 6:00 p.m. EST**SAN ANTONIO S.-GII, \$300,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Pitino 🐎	Union Rags	Zedan Racing Stables Inc	O'Neill	Maldonado	119
2	Battle of Midway	Smart Strike	Don Alberto Stable & WinStar Farm LLC	Hollendorfer	Prat	124
3	Dabster 🐎	Curlin	Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa al Maktoum	Baffert	Talamo	122
4	Sonneteer	Midnight Lute	Calumet Farm	Desormeaux	Desormeaux	122
5	Yulong Warrior 🐎	Street Cry (Ire)	Yuesheng Zhang	O'Neill	Ortiz, Jr.	119
6	Tatters to Riches 🐎	Union Rags	Red Baron's Barn LLC & Rancho Temescal LLC	Mullins	Baze	119
7	Gift Box	Twirling Candy	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Rosario	122
8	Air Strike	Street Sense	Madaket StbIs, Slam Dunk Rcnng & Michael Nentwig	D'Amato	Geroux	119
9	Beach View 🐎	Giant's Causeway	Levy Racing	Powell	Bejarano	124

Breeders: 1-The Elkstone Group LLC, 2-Thor-Bred Stables, LLC, 3-G. Watts Humphrey Jr., Susan Keller, Victoria Oliver & G. Watts Humphrey III, 4-Calumet Farm, 5-Mossarosa, LLC, 6-Mount Brilliant Farm, LLC, 7-Machmer Hall, Carrie Brogden & Craig Brogden, 8-Gary & Mary West Stables, Inc., 9-Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds, LLC

Wednesday, Santa Anita, post time: 5:30 p.m. EST**MATHIS BROTHERS MILE S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Sejo (Ire)	Nathaniel (Ire)	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Ortiz, Jr.	120
2	Choo Choo	English Channel	Calumet Farm	Hollendorfer	Rosario	122
3	Gidu (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Zayat Stables, LLC	Pletcher	Velazquez	122
4	Hardboot	Lucky Pulpit	Silver Creek Stables	Dollase	Cruz	122
5	River Boyne (Ire)	Dandy Man (Ire)	Red Baron's Barn LLC & Rancho Temescal LLC	Mullins	Prat	124
6	Combatant 🐎	Scat Daddy	Winchell Thoroughbreds & Willis Horton Racing	Asmussen	Ortiz	120
7	Desert Stone (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Zayat Stables, LLC	Baltas	Franco	120
8	Fight On 🐎	Into Mischief	C T R Stables, LLC & Steven Keh	O'Neill	Bejarano	120
9	Gemonteer	Distorted Humor	Gelfenstein Farm	Antonucci	Gaffalione	122
10	Shivermetimbers 🐎	Shanghai Bobby	Mark DeDomenico LLC & West Point T'bred	Hollendorfer	Smith	120
11	Snazzy Dresser	Soldat	Robert Gleckman	Papaprodromou	Maldonado	120

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Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 4:24 p.m. ET

LETELLIER MEMORIAL S., \$75,000, 2yo, f, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Q Go Girl	Quality Road	Lanerie	Walsh	12-1
2	Bell's the One	Majesticperfection	Geroux	Pessin	9-2
3	Smila'ssenseofsnow	Trappe Shot	Pedroza	Robertson	9-2
4	Idle Hour	Malibu Moon	Graham	Walsh	8-1
5	Adventurous Lady	Kantharos	Santana Jr	Asmussen	9-2
6	Kajawa	Cross Traffic	Gilligan	Lovell	20-1
7	Istan Council	Istan	Saez	Jones	12-1
8	Eskendar	Eskendereya	Bravo	Asmussen	15-1
9	Lady T N T	Justin Phillip	Beschizza	Sharp	7-2
10	Unholy Alliance	First Samurai	Bridgmohan	Cox	9-2

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 6:20 p.m. ET

SUGAR BOWL S., \$75,000, 2yo, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Uncapped	First Samurai	Geroux	Walsh	12-1
2	Sovereign Impact	Munnings	Beschizza	Denzik Jr	12-1
3	Gray Attempt	Graydar	Bridgmohan	Fires	6-1
4	Cajun Firecracker	Cajun Breeze	Santana Jr	Asmussen	9-2
5	Hog Creek Hustle	Overanalyze	Lanerie	Foley	7-2
6	Sambucca	Take Charge Indy	Rocco Jr	Margolis	15-1
7	Manny Wah	Will Take Charge	Hill	Catalano	9-2
8	Assemblyman	Speightstown	Bravo	Stidham	6-1
9	Super Steed	Super Saver	Saez	Jones	4-1



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-Aqueduct, \$75,450, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 12-21, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.69, sy.

TITLE READY (c, 3, More Than Ready--Title Seeker, by Monarchos), third in the GIII Indiana Derby in July, missed by a nose in a Keeneland optional claimer Oct. 21 and was second again in the GIII Discovery S. going nine panels here Nov. 24. Favored at 2-1 on the class drop, the dark bay bided his time in mid-pack early, running off the rail through opening splits of :23.22 and :46.19. Improving his position while three wide turning for home, the homebred steadily gained on the leaders in the lane, pegging Thebigfundamental (Uncle Mo) on the line to win by a head. The winner--who has a weanling full-sister--is a half to Seeking the Title (Seeking the Gold), GSW & GISP, \$273,916; and Perfect Title (Perfect Soul {Ire}), GSP, \$277,468. A daughter of undefeated Hall of Famer Personal Ensign, their dam Title Ready is a half-sister to MGSW My Flag (Easy Goer), who is the dam of champion Storm Flag Flying (Storm Cat); Grade I-winning sires Miner's Mark (Mr. Prospector) and Traditionally (Mr. Prospector); and the GSP dam of GISW sire Mr Speaker (Pulpit) and GSW Fire Away (War Front). This is also the family of MGSWs Divine Oath (Broken Vow) and Interactif (Broken Vow); and GSW Ocho Ocho Ocho (Street Sense). Lifetime Record: MGSP, 14-3-4-2, \$349,300. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Charles Fipke (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

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Two-time Fasig grad Fed Fever (Fed Biz) earned his diploma at Gulfstream Park.

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5th-Aqueduct, \$70,350, Alw, 12-21, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.01, sy.

SARA STREET (f, 3, Street Sense--Sara Louise {MGSW, \$400,435}, by Malibu Moon) graduated at second asking here in February and was second in both the Mar. 3 Busher S. and Apr. 7 GII Gazelle S. over this strip. She was last seen finishing fourth behind Red Ruby (Tiznow) in a sloppy renewal of Pimlico's GII Black-Eyed Susan S. May 18 and was the 7-5 second choice in this return to action. Running three-wide, the homebred pressed from a close-up third early, seized command turning for home and kept on finding in the lane to hold favored Pecan Pattie (Afleet Express) at bay by 1 3/4 lengths. The winner has a juvenile full-sister named Fancy That, who is also trained by Kiaran McLaughlin and who finished fifth on debut at Saratoga Sept. 2. Their dam Sara Louise, a three-time graded winner, produced a full-brother to those fillies in 2017 and a colt by Into Mischief this year. She was bred back to Nyquist. Lifetime Record: GSP, 6-2-2-0, \$191,600. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Godolphin LLC (KY); T-Kiaran McLaughlin.

8th-Fair Grounds, \$43,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 12-21, 2yo, f, 1m 70y, 1:45.23, ft.

GRANDARIA (f, 2, Curlin--Bagh of Jewelz, by A.P. Indy) finished seventh in her career bow over a yielding Keeneland turf course Oct. 20, but proved dirt was much more to her liking with a decisive graduation over a sloppy Churchill Downs main track in a Nov. 24 off-the-turfer. In no hurry early, the 7-2 shot ran near the back of the pack in the two path through early fractions of :24.81 and :49.15. Quickly advancing up the outside on the backstretch, the bay came running three wide in the stretch, surging past the leaders in the final sixteenth to win by 2 1/4 lengths. Cosmic Code (Into Mischief) filled the place spot. The winner's dam Bagh of Jewelz is out of MGSW Baghdaria (Royal Academy), who is a half-sister to MGISW sire Shackelford (Forestry), GISW Lady Joanne (Orientate) and MGSW Afleeting Lady (Afleet Alex). Bagh of Jewlz produced a colt by The Factor in 2017 and a colt by Hard Spun in 2018. She was bred back to Blame. Sales history: \$170,000 Ylg '17 KESEEP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$71,592. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.** O-Wayne Sanders & Larry Hirsch; B-CASA Farms I, LLC (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh.

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9th-Fair Grounds, \$38,800, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 12-21, 2yo, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:47.41, ft.

MO SPEED (c, 2, Uncle Mo--Bootery, by Storm Boot) finished third in his turf unveiling at Woodbine Sept. 29 and returned to win over that surface Nov. 11. Hammered down to even-money in this scratched down field of four, the \$500,000 FTSAUG buy settled in third through leisurely opening splits and launched a two-wide bid on the backstretch. Drawing even with the top two entering the far turn, the bay reeled in Landofthepharaohs (Cairo Prince) late for a one-length success. The winner is a half to Neck 'N Neck (Flower Alley), MGSW, \$1,174,354. Bootery's most recent produce is the yearling colt Capogalante (Liam's Map) and she was bred to Arrogate earlier this term. Sales history: \$290,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$500,000 Ylg '17 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$56,851. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.** O-Gary Barber & John Oxley; B-Twin Hopes Farm, LLC (KY); T-Mark E. Casse.



LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

6th-Fair Grounds, \$41,000, Msw, 12-21, 2yo, f, 1m 70y, 1:45.61, ft.

PERFECT REINS (f, 2, Medaglia d'Oro--Unamused, by Street Sense) faded to eighth in her Keeneland unveiling Oct. 6 and was fourth next out over a sloppy track at Churchill Downs Nov. 24. Riding the rail in third through modest early fractions, the 10-1 shot gained command at the top of the lane and extended clear to win by 1 1/2 lengths. Champagne Tale (Tale of Ekati) completed the exacta. The winner has a yearling half-brother by Curlin and a weanling half-brother by American Pharoah. Unamused, a half-sister to the dam of Hall of Famer Rachel Alexandra (Medaglia d'Oro), was bred back to Star Guitar. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$28,735. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O/B-Brittlyn Stable, Inc. (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

3rd-Gulfstream, \$39,600, Msw, 12-21, 2yo, 1m (off turf), 1:38.60, ft.

FED FEVER (g, 2, Fed Biz--Ascot Momma, by Purge) was a well-beaten eighth behind a 'TDN Rising Star' performance from subsequent GI Hopeful S. third Nitrous (Tapit) on debut at Saratoga July 21 and filled the same spot again next out behind eventual Gil Kentucky Jockey Club S. victor Signalman (General Quarters) at the Spa Sept. 1. A far back sixth last time at Belmont Sept. 29, he was subsequently gelded and shed the blinkers for this off-the-turfer. Bet down to 2-1 from a 20-1

morning-line in a field scratched down to just four horses, Fed Fever stalked from second through opening splits of :22.80 and :45.90. Sweeping up alongside the pacesetter entering the far turn, the dark bay gained control in early stretch and skipped clear to a four-length graduation over Traveling (Tale of the Cat). It was another 14 1/4 lengths back to the third-place horse. Fed Fever is the 11th winner for his freshman sire (by Giant's Causeway). He is the first foal out of Ascot Momma, a half-sister to MSW & MGSP Five Star Momma (Five Star Daddy). She has since produced a yearling colt by Shanghai Bobby and a weanling filly by Fed Biz. Ascot Momma was bred back to Point of Entry. Sales history: \$170,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$275,000 Ylg '17 FTSAUG; \$220,000 RNA 2yo '18 OBSMAR; \$280,000 2yo '18 EASMAV. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$26,273. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-John Schutte & R. A. Hill Stable; B-T F Van Meter (KY); T-George Weaver.

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3rd-GP, \$60,000, Msw, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, post time: 1:00 p.m. ET

Happy Alter paid \$500,000 for **Tapit's Princess (Tapit)**, a daughter of GISW Lady of Fifty (After Market), after the grey showed off a big stride in a :10 1/5 breeze over the local strip during the Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream Sale this March. **TJCIS PPs**

2nd-FG, \$41,000, Msw, 2yo, f, 6f, post time: 1:58 p.m. ET

DREAMS ARE MADE (Tapit), a \$500,000 KEESEP yearling purchase by Breeze Easy, makes her debut for the Joe Sharp barn. She is a half to Grade I-placed 'TDN Rising Star' Luminance (Tale of the Cat), meaning her second dam is MGISW Versailles Treaty (Danzig). Versailles Treaty was responsible for GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf winner George Vancouver (Henrythenavigator) and GSW/GISP Saarland (Unbridled). **TJCIS PPs**

5th-FG, \$41,000, Msw, 2yo, 6f, post time: 3:24 p.m. ET

Spendthrift Farm and Starlight Racing's **GOLDEN TIGER (Street Sense)** is a full-sister to MGISW Wedding Toast. The \$700,000 KEESEP yearling's American Pharoah half-brother brought \$550,000 at that marathon auction this season. Grade I-placed second dam Mari's Sheba (Mari's Book) is responsible for MGISW Congaree (Arazi) and SW/GISP Sangaree (Awesome Again). **TJCIS PPs**

Insights cont.

13th-FG, \$41,000, Msw, 2yo, 6f, post time: 7:18 p.m. ET

Gainesway homebred **CORNACHIA (Tapit)** is out of MGSW/MGISP Great Hot (Brz) (Orientate), who was a \$400,000 Fasig-Tipton November acquisition of 2013. He was a \$685,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga buyback, and his yearling half-brother by Empire Maker cost \$600,000 at this year's Keeneland September sale. **Mr. Mike (Candy Ride {Arg})**, bred on a version of the same cross as Horse of the Year Gun Runner, was a \$230,000 Fasig-Tipton October yearling turned \$390,000 OBSMAR juvenile after a :10 2/5 breeze. **TJCIS PPs**

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Atreides (Medaglia d'Oro), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$6,500
54 foals of racing age/10 winners/2 black-type winners
7-Turfway, Msw 6 1/2f, HALLELUJAH HAWK, 15-1
KEE JAN yrl

Cairo Prince (Pioneerof the Nile), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000
120 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner
12-Fair Grounds, Msw 1 1/16m, ROYAL MEDALLION, 6-1
\$260,000 FTK JUL yrl
2-Mahoning Valley, Msw 6f, WEMADEITTOFIFTY, 15-1
\$77,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$45,000 OBS APR 2yo

Cajun Breeze (Congrats), Stonehedge Farm South
8 foals of racing age/3 winners/1 black-type winner
11-Fair Grounds, \$75K Sugar Bowl S., 6f, CAJUN FIRECRACKER, 9-2

Can the Man (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
67 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners

2-Mahoning Valley, Msw 6f, KOLE MAN CAN, 10-1
\$4,500 RNA FTK OCT yrl
1-Fair Grounds, Aoc 1m, SPECTACULAR GEM, 10-1
\$20,000 KEE SEP yrl
7-Turfway, Msw 6 1/2f, STERLING HOPE, 20-1

Central Banker (Speightstown), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, \$7,500
75 foals of racing age/10 winners/2 black-type winners
6-Aqueduct, Msw 6 1/2f, CENTENNIAL BANKER, 8-1
\$110,000 SAR AUG yrl

Cross Traffic (Unbridled's Song), Spendthrift Farm, \$12,500
91 foals of racing age/16 winners/5 black-type winners
7-Fair Grounds, \$75K Letellier Memorial S., 6f, KAJAWA, 20-1

El Martillo (Tiznow)
2 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Mahoning Valley, Msw 6f, HAMMERS SON, 3-1

Fed Biz (Giant's Causeway), WinStar Farm, \$12,500
103 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner
2-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, INTHEMIDSTOFBIZ, 10-1
4-Gulfstream, Msw 5fT, OVERLEVERAGED, 8-1

Flashback (Tapit), Diamond B Farm, \$7,500
105 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, BENNY, 4-1
5-Charles Town, Alw 6 1/2f, OCEAN LILLY, 3-1
\$50,000 EAS OCT yrl
6-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 7f, WHATEVERUSAYDEAR, 6-1
\$35,000 OBS APR 2yo

Goldencents (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000
121 foals of racing age/27 winners/2 black-type winners
4-Fair Grounds, Msw 1 1/16m, BY MY STANDARDS, 4-1
\$150,000 OBS APR 2yo
3-Aqueduct, Aoc 6f, MALIBU MISCHIEF, 6-1
\$45,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$40,000 OBS APR 2yo

Mark Valeski (Proud Citizen), Airdrie Stud, \$2,500
33 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner
2-Gulfstream, Aoc 1 1/16mT, FROSTED GRACE, 8-1
\$14,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$10,000 KEE SEP yrl

Revolutionary (War Pass), WinStar Farm, \$7,500
84 foals of racing age/14 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Mahoning Valley, Alw 6f, H. F. CARMEL, 7-2

Speeding Again (City Zip)

4 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Mahoning Valley, Msw 6f, NUMEROUS TICKETS, 12-1

Tidal Volume (Tapit), Poplar Creek Horse Center, \$3,000

25 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
1-Mahoning Valley, Msw 6f, NO VOLUME, 8-1
5-Mahoning Valley, Msw 6f, VOLUME EXPRESS, 20-1

Verrazano (More Than Ready), Ashford Stud, \$22,500

135 foals of racing age/12 winners/2 black-type winners
7-Turfway, Msw 6 1/2f, ELECTORAL, 8-1
2-Gulfstream, Aoc 1 1/16mT, STIRLING DRIVE, 12-1
\$75,000 OBS APR 2yo

Vertiformer (Dynaformer), Poplar Creek Horse Center, \$2,000

8 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Mahoning Valley, Msw 6f, SAMMY DA BULL, 8-5
7-Mahoning Valley, Alw 6f, SEEKING A JEWEL, 15-1

Will Take Charge (Unbridled's Song), Three Chimneys Farm, \$30,000

109 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
11-Fair Grounds, \$75K Sugar Bowl S., 6f, MANNY WAH, 9-2
\$175,000 FTK JUL yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, DEC. 22

Graydar (Unbridled's Song), Taylor Made Farm, \$15,000

194 foals of racing age/75 winners/2 black-type winners
5-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, COHETE ROJO, 12-1
\$8,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$25,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$47,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl
11-Fair Grounds, \$75K Sugar Bowl S., 6f, GRAY ATTEMPT, 6-1
\$47,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$50,000 FTK JUL yrl

I Want Revenge (Stephen Got Even), Millennium Farms, \$5,000

61 foals of racing age/18 winners/0 black-type winners
13-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, JUST REVENGE, 10-1
\$7,000 FTK OCT yrl

Jimmy Creed (Distorted Humor), Spendthrift Farm, \$12,000

183 foals of racing age/66 winners/7 black-type winners
6-Aqueduct, Msw 6 1/2f, WHISTLING BIRDS, 12-1
\$50,000 OBS APR 2yo

Justin Phillip (First Samurai), Castleton Lyons, \$5,000

124 foals of racing age/39 winners/2 black-type winners
7-Fair Grounds, \$75K Letellier Memorial S., 6f, LADY T N T, 7-2
\$115,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$335,000 OBS MAR 2yo

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 134 foals of racing age/35 winners/2 black-type winners
 1-Mahoning Valley, Msw 6f, TWO EAGLES, 2-1

Orb (Malibu Moon), Claiborne Farm, \$25,000
 195 foals of racing age/49 winners/3 black-type winners
 13-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, FRANK'SGUNISLOADED, 10-1
 \$165,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$50,000 OBS MAR 2yo
 3-Gulfstream, Msw 5 1/2f, ORRA MOOR, 2-1
 \$180,000 KEE SEP yrl

Overanalyze (Dixie Union), WinStar Farm, \$10,000
 195 foals of racing age/70 winners/6 black-type winners
 11-Fair Grounds, \$75K Sugar Bowl S., 6f, HOG CREEK HUSTLE,
 7-2
 \$150,000 KEE SEP yrl

Oxbow (Awesome Again), Calumet Farm, \$17,500
 168 foals of racing age/38 winners/2 black-type winners
 7-Turfway, Msw 6 1/2f, BOWDEAN, 15-1

Paynter (Awesome Again), WinStar Farm, \$25,000
 218 foals of racing age/68 winners/5 black-type winners
 5-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, SOLOMONIC, 9-2
 \$145,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo

Take Charge Indy (A.P. Indy), Kor, \$20,000
 207 foals of racing age/83 winners/8 black-type winners
 11-Fair Grounds, \$75K Sugar Bowl S., 6f, SAMBUCCA, 15-1
 \$37,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$50,000 OBS APR 2yo



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3rd-Laurel, \$48,150, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 12-21,
 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:03.07, sy.

BYE BYE BLUES (f, 4, Adios Charlie--I'mpureblue, by Pure Precision) Lifetime Record: 10-6-3-0, \$130,772. O-You See Vee Gee Stable; B-William F. Murphy & Annabel Murphy (FL); T-Dale Capuano.

2nd-Delta Downs, \$42,000, (S), (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000),
 12-20, 2yo, 7 1/2f, 1:35.44, ft.

MR. FOUR SEVENS (g, 2, Guilt Trip--Four Pennies {SW, \$167,154}, by Gulch) Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$39,000. O-Roger Rashall; B-Adcocks Red River Farm LLC (LA); T-W. Bret Calhoun. *\$5,500 Ylg '17 ESLMIX. **1/2 to Unfolding Wish (Gilded Time), SW.

4th-Charles Town, \$24,500, 12-20, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f,
 1:27.37, sy.

SISTER AIM (f, 3, Brother Derek--Even Aim, by Stephen Got Even) Lifetime Record: 14-4-2-2, \$56,555. O-Travis A Butler; B-Stephen Reggetts (WV); T-Jody L Caison.

6th-Charles Town, \$24,500, 12-20, (NW3LX), 3yo/up, f/m,
 6 1/2f, 1:20.64, sy.

SEE YA MANANA (f, 3, Creative Cause--Ms Manana, by Graeme Hall) Lifetime Record: SP, 14-6-4-1, \$119,092. O-Huntertown Farm LLC; B-Heinz Joseph Steinmann (WV); T-Jeff C. Runco.

7th-Charles Town, \$24,000, (S), 12-20, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m,
 6 1/2f, 1:21.30, sy.

BOCA BIRDIE (f, 4, Peak Dancer--Bluebird's Song, by Concern) Lifetime Record: 20-2-2-3, \$51,518. O/B/T-Michael Atkins (WV).

7th-Hawthorne, \$22,400, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$18,000), 12-21,
 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:41.79, ft.

CABIN JOHN (g, 3, Gio Ponti--Charlie Papa {SW, \$233,908}, by Indian Charlie) Lifetime Record: 11-4-3-1, \$57,280. O-Joe Sterrenberg; B-Susan M. Forrester & 4M Ranch (KY); T-Larry Rivelli. *\$20,000 Ylg '16 FTKJUL.

7th-Turfway, \$19,450 (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 12-20, 2yo,
 f, 1m (AWT), 1:40.06, ft.

CRAFTY'S DREAM (f, 2, Bodemeister--Cause She's Crafty {SP, \$148,460}, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: 10-2-3-2, \$56,001. O-Sheltowee Farm and Virginia H. Tarra Trust; B-Virginia H. Tarra Trust (KY); T-Michael Evans II. *\$45,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP.

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9th-Fair Grounds, \$38,800, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 12-21, 2yo, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:47.41, ft.

MO SPEED (c, 2, Uncle Mo--Bootery, by Storm Boot) finished third in his turf unveiling at Woodbine Sept. 29 and returned to win over that surface Nov. 11. Hammered down to even-money in this scratched down field of four, the \$500,000 FTSAUG buy settled in third through leisurely opening splits and launched a two-wide bid on the backstretch. Drawing even with the top two entering the far turn, the bay reeled in Landofthepharoahs (Cairo Prince) late for a one-length success. The winner is a half to Neck 'N Neck (Flower Alley), MGSW, \$1,174,354. Bootery's most recent produce is the yearling colt Capogalante (Liam's Map) and she was bred to Arrogate earlier this term. Sales history: \$290,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$500,000 Ylg '17 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$56,851. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.** O-Gary Barber & John Oxley; B-Twin Hopes Farm, LLC (KY); T-Mark E. Casse.



LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

6th-Fair Grounds, \$41,000, Msw, 12-21, 2yo, f, 1m 70y, 1:45.61, ft.

PERFECT REINS (f, 2, Medaglia d'Oro--Unamused, by Street Sense) faded to eighth in her Keeneland unveiling Oct. 6 and was fourth next out over a sloppy track at Churchill Downs Nov. 24. Riding the rail in third through modest early fractions, the 10-1 shot gained command at the top of the lane and extended clear to win by 1 1/2 lengths. Champagne Tale (Tale of Ekati) completed the exacta. The winner has a yearling half-brother by Curlin and a weanling half-brother by American Pharoah. Unamused, a half-sister to the dam of Hall of Famer Rachel Alexandra (Medaglia d'Oro), was bred back to Star Guitar. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$28,735. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O/B-Brittlyn Stable, Inc. (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

3rd-Gulfstream, \$39,600, Msw, 12-21, 2yo, 1m (off turf), 1:38.60, ft.

FED FEVER (g, 2, Fed Biz--Ascot Momma, by Purge) was a well-beaten eighth behind a 'TDN Rising Star' performance from subsequent GI Hopeful S. third Nitrous (Tapit) on debut at Saratoga July 21 and filled the same spot again next out behind eventual Gil Kentucky Jockey Club S. victor Signalman (General Quarters) at the Spa Sept. 1. A far back sixth last time at Belmont Sept. 29, he was subsequently gelded and shed the blinkers for this off-the-turfer. Bet down to 2-1 from a 20-1

morning-line in a field scratched down to just four horses, Fed Fever stalked from second through opening splits of :22.80 and :45.90. Sweeping up alongside the pacesetter entering the far turn, the dark bay gained control in early stretch and skipped clear to a four-length graduation over Traveling (Tale of the Cat). It was another 14 1/4 lengths back to the third-place horse. Fed Fever is the 11th winner for his freshman sire (by Giant's Causeway). He is the first foal out of Ascot Momma, a half-sister to MSW & MGSP Five Star Momma (Five Star Daddy). She has since produced a yearling colt by Shanghai Bobby and a weanling filly by Fed Biz. Ascot Momma was bred back to Point of Entry. Sales history: \$170,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$275,000 Ylg '17 FTSAUG; \$220,000 RNA 2yo '18 OBSMAR; \$280,000 2yo '18 EASMAV. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$26,273. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-John Schutte & R. A. Hill Stable; B-T F Van Meter (KY); T-George Weaver.

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3rd-GP, \$60,000, Msw, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, post time: 1:00 p.m. ET

Happy Alter paid \$500,000 for **Tapit's Princess (Tapit)**, a daughter of GISW Lady of Fifty (After Market), after the grey showed off a big stride in a :10 1/5 breeze over the local strip during the Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream Sale this March. **TJCIS PPs**

2nd-FG, \$41,000, Msw, 2yo, f, 6f, post time: 1:58 p.m. ET

DREAMS ARE MADE (Tapit), a \$500,000 KEESEP yearling purchase by Breeze Easy, makes her debut for the Joe Sharp barn. She is a half to Grade I-placed 'TDN Rising Star' Luminance (Tale of the Cat), meaning her second dam is MGISW Versailles Treaty (Danzig). Versailles Treaty was responsible for GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf winner George Vancouver (Henrythenavigator) and GSW/GISP Saarland (Unbridled). **TJCIS PPs**

5th-FG, \$41,000, Msw, 2yo, 6f, post time: 3:24 p.m. ET

Spendthrift Farm and Starlight Racing's **GOLDEN TIGER (Street Sense)** is a full-sister to MGISW Wedding Toast. The \$700,000 KEESEP yearling's American Pharoah half-brother brought \$550,000 at that marathon auction this season. Grade I-placed second dam Mari's Sheba (Mari's Book) is responsible for MGISW Congaree (Arazi) and SW/GISP Sangaree (Awesome Again). **TJCIS PPs**



MCGUINNESS REFLECTS ON CAREER-BEST YEAR



Trainer Ado McGuinness posted a personal best 27 Irish flat wins in 2018 | *Racing Post*

By Daithi Harvey

This year has been a landmark one for Dublin trainer Adrian 'Ado' McGuinness with a personal best of 27 Irish flat wins and just under €400,000 in prize-money. In fact, the last two seasons have seen a significant upturn in the fortunes of the McGuinness stable, and while the higher calibre of horse the trainer has at his disposal is no doubt a factor, so too is the organizational structure of the business. Two years ago, Godolphin Flying Start graduate Stephen Thorne--a second cousin and neighbour of McGuinness--joined the trainer as his assistant and it is clear the arrangement is working out well.

"It's been our best-ever 12 months and we've got an even better quality of horse for 2019 so hopefully we can progress again," McGuinness told the *TDN* on a cold December morning at his Rush-based yard. McGuinness has indeed high hopes for 2019 and is planning a dual assault on two major early-season targets: the Irish and English Lincolns at Naas and Doncaster, respectively. The trainer came close to pulling off the Irish leg this year when bargain buy Aussie Valentine (Ire) (Aussie Rules) finished third at Naas in March and McGuinness and Thorne think they may have two new ideal candidates for the two races in three months' time.

Sirjack Thomas (Ire) (Fast Company {Ire}) and **Saltonstall (GB)** (Pivotal {GB}), two exciting additions to the yard via the autumn horses in training sales, will spearhead the challenge and McGuinness said he is hopeful the pair will be among the yard's flagbearers throughout the year.

"The level of prize-money is important in these premier handicaps. We've done very well in this type of race over the years and even to get placed in them is like winning an average race. These better quality horses that we have now were bought to target these valuable handicaps and they have a good chance of paying for themselves and their training fees if they win one."

The McGuinness yard has been operating successfully in the middle tier of Irish training establishments for the last 15 years--21 winners in 2006 was a previous highlight--and while there have been a few lean years since, the last two seasons suggest the team is on the cusp of greater things. While Thorne is quick to deflect his contribution since coming on board this time two years ago by assuring that McGuinness is still very much the boss, the alliance is definitely proving successful. **Cont. p2**



Ado McGuinness has high hopes for in-training purchase Saltonstall in 2019 | *Racing Post*

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

KENTUCKY SIRES FOR 2019 PART III: FIRST YEARLINGS

After focusing earlier this week on young/new sires, Chris McGrath turns his attention to Kentucky sires set to be represented by their first yearlings in the new year. **Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.**



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McGuinness Reflects On Career-Best Year cont. from p1

"It's a massive team effort, but from riding out, to motivating the lads to continue to do their best, to going racing and attracting owners, I'd like to think that I have become an integral part of the operation since I came back," Thorne said. After graduating from Godolphin Flying Start in 2014, Thorne set about furthering his training apprenticeship with one-year stints with Mike De Kock in South Africa and Ralph Beckett in England.



Stephen Thorne is a vital member of the Ado McGuinness Racing team | *Racing Post*

"Training was always in the back of my mind during the Flying Start and I was very keen to utilize the course to build contacts within the industry. I learned plenty during my time with Mike De Kock and Ralph Beckett. They both adopt quite a tough training regime with their horses and doing so seems to allow their horses to take their racing better. I am a believer in that system and with the beach here nearby we can add that into the regime, which helps with recuperation and minor aches and pains. They would go in shoulder high a few times a week during the summer and it seems to help keep their minds fresh too," he added.

Reflecting further on his time in England and South Africa, Thorne continued, "Ralph is a master with fillies. He has a simple enough routine but it works. He has beautiful grass gallops and he just knows when to work horses and when to back off. My time in De Kock's was different but no less impressive. He had 350 horses on the books when I was there, spread over different satellite yards so there was a lot going on. He has scaled it back quite a bit since but I got on well with him and have a lot of respect for him."

Thorne's own leadership and motivational skills were also highlighted and rewarded when he was the recipient of the 'Lead By Example' award at the Godolphin Stud and Stable Staff Awards in May.

23 entries for the 2019 Epsom Derby
(only Galileo has more) including:

- SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE** (Aidan O'Brien), 2nd Criterium de Saint-Cloud-Gr.1,
- BROOME** (Aidan O'Brien), 2nd Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere-Gr.1 and
- WESTERN AUSTRALIA** (Aidan O'Brien), 3rd Vertem Futurity Trophy-Gr.1.

2018 2yo's also include **BEYOND REASON**, won the Prix du Calvados-Gr.2 and Prix Six Perfections-Gr.3 for Charlie Appleby/Godolphin.

Sires by 2020 Epsom Derby Entries

STALLION	SIRE	No. ENTERED
GALILEO	Sadler's Wells	56
AUSTRALIA	GALILEO	24
Frankel	GALILEO	22
Golden Horn	Cape Cross	18
Sea The Stars	Cape Cross	18
Camelot	Montjeu	16
Dubawi	Dubai Millennium	13
Gleneagles	GALILEO	13
Teofilo	GALILEO	12

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McGuinness Reflects On Career-Best Year cont.

One of his first objectives when joining forces with McGuinness was recruiting more horses and owners and from that objective Shamrock Thoroughbreds was born. The ownership syndicate has grown legs since its inception and among others, was represented by **Georgian Bay (Ire)** (Oratorio {Ire}), a £10,000 purchase during the summer, who was rewarded for a string of placed efforts when getting off the mark for the team at Dundalk last week, the yard's final winner of 2018. "Shamrock Thoroughbreds started out as a small syndicate of family and friends and a few local farmers but it has increased to 30 members now over three horses. There are 10 members in each syndicate and each member owns 10% of their horse and each horse runs for a 12-month contract," Thorne explained.

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While 2018 has been a successful year for team McGuinness, like the majority of Irish trainers, similar success in 2019 is far from a given and expectations remain tempered in advance of a new year. "We've had and will continue to have plenty of low-grade horses and they're the bread and butter and provide winners but they don't put a massive amount of money in your pocket," McGuinness said. "To survive here in racing you've got to be either winning big races or selling horses on, whether to America or Hong Kong or wherever. We've sold three or four to America the last few years and financially it's been good to us but they've also gone on and been successful for their new connections," he added. Two recognizable ex-McGuinness runners stateside are the fillies Roca Rojo (Ire) (Strategic Prince {GB}) and Beau Recall (Ire) (Sir Prancealot {Ire}). They are Grade II winners for Chad Brown and Simon Callaghan, respectively, and both were second in Grade I races at Del Mar in 2017, having won their maidens in Ireland.

McGuinness Reflects On Career-Best Year cont.

"The American market is important to us, we don't have a Hong Kong type of horse as we can only really afford to buy fillies at the yearling sales. It's very difficult to compete at the yearling sales. We've been successful with a few cheap yearlings that we bought but there is only so far those type of horses will bring you. You'd love to be able to get your hands on four or five nice, well-bred youngsters that you could go and compete against the bigger yards with."

McGuinness's handling of this year's three-time winning 2-year-old **Beau Warrior (Ire)** (Declaration Of War) is a prime example of what he can do with the right material.

Getting hold of the right raw material is one of the reasons McGuinness and Thorne have focused on the horses in training sales as a means to upgrading the quality of horse in the yard. Take the ex-Godolphin owned Saltonstall, for example: a €44,000 recruit at Goffs in November. The gelding is rated 100 and went off a short price for this year's Royal Hunt Cup and despite disappointing on his last few starts for Michael Halford it is hoped a different training regime will reignite him and see him fulfill that rating for his new owner, Manchester-based Bart O'Sullivan, who is also the new sponsor of the McGuinness yard.

"At the moment any new owners we get in we tend to sway them towards a horse with form, something ready-made that they can get a bit of fun out of and has the potential to cover its costs and training fees," McGuinness explained. "Hopefully then if they have a good experience with the ready-made horse they could go in again with a yearling. We find the ready-made horse is a good introduction to racehorse ownership for the majority of clients."

Ado McGuinness calls it as it is and is one of any number of highly capable horsemen in Ireland who are well adept at getting the best out of their horses, regardless of their ability level. The introduction of the all-weather track at Dundalk a decade ago was a lifeline for his training business, as it allowed him to operate 12 months of the year, a fairly critical criterion for most enterprises. Similar to many of his peers he also sees room for a second all-weather facility, especially with the curtailment of flat racing at a number of Irish venues in recent years. "We've lost flat racing at a number of the country tracks with several others scaling back so I definitely think we could do with another all-weather track," he said. "However I do I think it has to be built around Dublin and I'm not just saying that because it would be handy for me. To generate an atmosphere and to have a population to go racing it needs to be near a big city."

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Darley

McGuinness Reflects On Career-Best Year cont.

"Ideally it would need proper public transport links to allow people to get there easily. You see in England the likes of Sandown, Ascot and Newbury, they all have a train station within walking distance and people from London can travel there easily. There is no reason we couldn't have a similar setup in Ireland and I think the transport links are necessary nowadays to encourage people to go racing."

With the right mix of youth, experience, ambition and improved horse-power, Ado McGuinness Racing looks primed to build on the progress made in the last two years and heads into 2019 with a lot to look forward to.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The following Letter to the Editor was submitted in response to Kevin Blake's Dec. 13 Op/Ed on the foal sale market and potential solutions to the challenges at the bottom of the market. Should you wish to chime in, please send your thoughts to garyking@thetdn.com.

A few points in response to Kevin Blake's excellent piece on the foal sales results in 2018.

The first is that I think he underestimates the cost of getting an animal from conception to foal sale. For our stud, the average cost of getting from conception to yearling sale is in excess of £25,000. While our calculations up to foal sale only are a little less well-quantified, I can't see how they can be less than £10,000 fully loaded. Maybe we are high-cost relative to a farm who might breed 'from the field,' but I suspect we are, in fact, just realistic on cost. We find it helpful to keep our heads out of the sand on these matters.

Secondly, whether Kevin's equation on stallion fees is right or wrong is moot. With the median sale price of many stallions' offspring being less than the stallion fee itself, a situation where more than 50% of one's clients operate at a loss is surely indicative of a need to cut fees. What is clear, however, is that there is a distinct imbalance in the monetary risk borne by the breeder versus that shouldered by the stallion master. This could be corrected by stallion owners offering to charge a cover fee only if a certain price is achieved for an offspring but, on the upside, being enabled to share in profits at a certain level in return. This would certainly result in stallion farms closely scrutinising the mares they are prepared to receive. It also represents a fairer sharing of risk than exists currently.

Lastly, I think the single most important factor driving the bottom of the market relates to how 'wealthy' the likely horse owner feels. For other than the very rich, this perception of personal 'wealth' rests very significantly on property prices where the average potential owner has much of their store of wealth these days.

With property prices under pressure due to tax changes, Brexit and other factors, folks don't feel so wealthy these days and, as such, a horse in training is a luxury too far.

There are many small breeders who will produce stock no matter the loss involved and the tradition of Corinthian animal husbandry in this country is to be applauded. For those, let's say, medium-sized breeders for whom losses on multiple foals or yearlings can build up to be significant amounts, some changes are required.

There have been many such stud farms on the market in recent months which must tell a story .

-Colin Bryce, Laundry Cottage Stud

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Zoustar (pictured at Widden Stud) has arrived at Tweenhills Stud for the 2019 Northern Hemisphere breeding season. Click the photo above to watch a video documenting his arrival in the UK.

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EUROPEAN EXPORTS

WITH OLIVE GALLAGHER

By Kelsey Riley

European Exports is a series where we catch up with people who have left their home countries to make a new life in the racing industry in America. Today, we speak with Olive Gallagher of Frankfort Park Farm.

KR: Where are you from, and when did you come to Kentucky?

OG: We came over here about eight years ago from Ireland. My husband, Brendan, and I had a bloodstock agency in Ireland called Emerald Bloodstock where we did a lot of work all over Europe. We sold Emerald Bloodstock in 2009. Prior to that, we bought Frankfort Park Farm. The idea was to quarantine yearlings going back to Europe; we were shipping a lot of yearlings from the sales here at Keeneland and Fasig-Tipton. So that was really why we bought the farm. We sold the company in Ireland and then we bought some mares here. I don't think we'd really planned to come but suddenly we were here and now we're still here.



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KR: How has business been for you and Brendan in Kentucky?

OG: I suppose Kentucky's been lucky enough for us, particularly this year and in the last couple of years; we have been breeding a few good horses. We co-bred Monomoy Girl, who won the Breeders' Cup [her fifth Grade I of the year] and we sold her dam at Fasig-Tipton for a small bit of money [\$1.85-million]. We've had four other stakes winners this year, so things are going okay.

KR: Is there anything you miss about Ireland?

OG: Family and friends, for sure. And, maybe some of the food. I suppose brown bread was a big thing for me, I couldn't make it in Ireland but now I've learned how to make it. I don't make it a lot for others, but they actually had a small little competition or a bake off down in McCarthy's in the fall about a year ago, and actually I was lucky enough to win that. A few people are looking for the brown bread, but I don't make it often enough for others.

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O'BRIEN WINNER DISQUALIFIED FOR COBALT

The Joseph O'Brien-trained Pedisnap (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}) has been disqualified from a win at Gowran Park in August after returning a high level of cobalt in a post-race sample, according to *Racing Post*. Jumps trainer Mikey O'Connor also had a runner disqualified due to cobalt, bringing the number of such offences in Ireland this year to four.

It was decided that Pedisnap's elevated reading was due to exposure to a 'salt lick', and O'Brien's €1,000 fine was waived. In the case of O'Connor's horse, he was injected with a B12 supplement containing cobalt on raceday, but the trainer avoided suspension due to the fact officials were not satisfied that he was personally responsible. He was fined €1,000.

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Joseph O'Brien | *Racing Post*

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HANDICAP RESULTS:

6th-Chelmsford City, £50,000, Hcp, 12-20, 3yo, 14f (AWT), 3:03.06, st.

AIRCRAFT CARRIER (IRE) (c, 3, Declaration of War--Strategy {GB}, by Machiavellian) Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-0, \$57,468. O-John Stocker; B-Lynch Bages Ltd (IRE); T-John Ryan. *\$350,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; 27,000gns 3yo '18 TATAHI. **1/2 to Justaroundmidnight (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), GSW-US, \$161,948; and Boris Grigoriev (Ire) (Excellent Art {GB}), GSP-Ire.

IRELAND



Friday's Results:

3rd-Dundalk, €15,000, Mdn, 12-21, 2yo, 7f (AWT), 1:26.20, st.
SKY SEVEN (IRE) (c, 2, Helmet {Aus}--Ready When You Are {Ire}, by Royal Applause {GB}), who was denied by a head in his Nov. 30 debut over this course and distance last time, broke well to race in a handy third after the initial exchanges of this return. Making smooth headway in the straight, the 11-10 chalk eased to the fore approaching the final eighth and kept on well under whipless cajoling in the latter stages to prevail by a length from Crockford (Ire) (Camelot {GB}). Kin to a yearling filly by Dandy Man (Ire), he is the third of four foals and first scorer produced by a half-sister to MGISP GII American H. and GII Del Mar Mile H. victor Whatsthescript (Ire) (Royal Applause {GB}), herself out of a winning half to stakes-winning G2 May Hill S. runner-up Queen of Poland (GB) (Halling), who in turn is the dam of last term's Listed Premio Mantovani second Briateke (Fr) (Dabirsim {Fr}). Sales history: €0 RNA Wlg '16 GOFNOV; €12,000 Ylg '17 TIRSEP; €11,000 2yo '18 GBMBR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$13,854.

Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Nasir Askar; B-Oghill House Stud & Jimmy Hyland (IRE); T-Michael Halford.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Annabelle Rock (Ire), f, 2, Dandy Man (Ire)--She's A Queen (Ire), by Peintre Celebre. Dundalk, 12-21, 5f (AWT), :59.05. B-Thomas Heatrick (IRE). *€3,200 RNA Ylg '17 GOYRL.
The Game of Life (GB), g, 3, Oasis Dream (GB)--Velvet Star (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). Dundalk, 12-21, 8f (AWT), 1:37.46. B-Eliza Park International Pty Ltd (GB).



IN QATAR:

Concierge (Ire), g, 2, Society Rock (Ire)--Warm Welcome (GB), by Motivator (GB). Al Rayyan, 12-21, Al Rayyan S. (Cond.), 1400mT, 1:23.28. B-Michael McGlynn. *1/2 to Danielsflyer (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}), SP-Eng. **€31,000 Wlg '16 GOFNOV; £60,000 2yo '17 GOF AUG. **VIDEO**

Mualah (Ire), f, 3, Camelot (GB). See Middle East.

Bronze Maquette (Ire), m, 6, Dark Angel (Ire)--Precious Citizen, by Proud Citizen. Al Rayyan, 12-21, Cond., 1200mT, 1:10.29. B-Rosetown Bloodstock Ltd. *SW-Eng. **£17,000 Ylg '13 DONAUG; £40,000 2yo '14 BBAPR; 120,000gns HRA '14 TATHIT. **VIDEO**

WINNERS BY EUROPEAN SIRES

IN QATAR:

Bab Al Rayyan (QA), c, 3, Mayson (GB)--Dorothy's Dancing (Ire), by Acclamation (GB). Al Rayyan, 12-21, Maiden (QA-bred), 1400mT, 1:26.01. B-n/a. *8,000gns in utero '14 TATDEC. **VIDEO**

Latamah (QA), f, 3, Pivotal (GB)--Poseidon's Bride, by Seeking the Gold. Al Rayyan, 12-21, Qatar Oaks (QA-breds) (NB), 1600mT, 1:40.22. B-n/a. *40,000gns in utero '14 TATDEC. **Full to Dream Child (Ire), MSP-Eng. **VIDEO**

MIDDLE EAST

Saturday, Al Rayyan, Qatar, post time: 7:15 p.m.

QATAR DERBY, US\$500,000, 3yo, 2000mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	9	Al Adaid (Fr)	Zoffany (Ire)	Thomas	De Mieulle
2	3	Alhazm (Fr)	Acclamation (GB)	Bughanaim	De Mieulle
3	5	Beachwalk (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	Fiocchi	Ibido
4	8	Berkeley Square (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Lukasek	Al Ramzani
5	2	Es'hail	Giant's Causeway	Ladjadj	Al Jehani
6	7	Full Moon (Ire)	Declaration of War	Fuentes	Mountain
7	10	Giuseppe Garibaldi (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Pedroza	Kobeissi
8	4	Masterpiece (Fr)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Bentley	Ghazali
9	6	Ming (Ire)	Pour Moi (Ire)	O'Shea	J O'Brien
10	12	Mr Satchmo (Fr)	Mr. Sidney	Peslier	De Watrigant
11	11	Prepare For Battle	Declaration of War	Golam	Mountain
12	1	Tip Two Win (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Probert	Teal

All carry 128 pounds.

Friday's Results:

QATAR OAKS (NB), US\$100,000, Al Rayyan, 12-21, 3yo, f, 2000mT, 2:04.22, gd.

1--**MUALAH (IRE)**, 128, f, 3, **Camelot (GB)**--**Aqua Aura**, by **Distorted Humor**. (€10,000 Ylg '16 TATIRE; €28,000 2yo '17 ARQMAY). O-Khalifa Bin Sheail KH J Al Kuwari; B-Ennistown Stud; T-Jazzim Ghazali; J-Harry Bentley; \$57,000. Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-2, \$163,073.

2--**Mzoon (Ire)**, 128, f, 3, Dark Angel (Ire)--Lethal Lena (Ire), by Thousand Words (GB). (125,000gns Wlg '15 TATDEF; 95,000gns RNA Ylg '16 TATOCT; 110,000gns 2yo '17 TATAPR). \$22,000.

3--**Northern Beam (Ire)**, 128, f, 3, Teofilo (Ire)--Raaya, by Giant's Causeway. (€13,000 2yo '17 GOFFEB; €26,000 2yo '17 ARQMAY). \$11,000.

Margins: NO, 4HF, NK. **VIDEO**



Mualah (8) noses out Mzoon to win the Qatar Oaks at Al Rayyan
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TALISMANIC TO STAND FOR ¥1.8M

G1 Breeders' Cup Turf winner **Talismanic** (Medaglia d'Oro) will debut at Darley Japan next year at a fee of ¥1.8-million (€12,810/€14,236). The former Andre Fabre charge will command the second-highest price on the roster, with popular local dirt sire **Pyro** at ¥2.5-million. They stand alongside American Grade I winner **American Patriot** (War Front) and Group 1 sires **Discreet Cat** and **Admire Moon (Jpn)** at ¥1.5-million; G1 Dubai World Cup winner **Monterosso (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) at ¥1-million and popular winner-getter **Furioso** (Aus) at ¥500,000.

Shotato Kajiya, Darley Japan nominations manager, said, "We are delighted to offer Japanese breeders a more powerful lineup of stallions than ever, with an exciting new addition in Breeders' Cup winner **Talismanic**, who looks to be a fine fit for Japan. I am very happy that he is joining our stallion roster.

"We have already had significant interest in our 2019 stallion roster, especially **Pyro**, **Admire Moon**, and **Furioso**, all of whom have enjoyed an excellent year on the racecourse. We appreciate the support of our breeders and look forward to another busy season at the stallion complex."

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REY DE ORO LOOKS TO SHINE IN ARIMA

KINEN by Alan Carasso

Sunday's G1 Arima Kinen at Nakayama--Japan's Grand Prix--may be missing likely Horse of the Year and Filly Triple Crown winner **Almond Eye (Jpn)** (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}), but the field of 16 that will load the gate includes one of the race's previous winners, a pair of Tokyo Yushun heroes, a Japan Cup scorer and a legendary 7-year-old entire who will try to carry his championship form over jumps onto the flat against the cream of the Japanese Thoroughbred crop.

Rey de Oro (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) took out last year's G1 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) and was runner-up to **Cheval Grand (Jpn)** (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) in the G1 Japan Cup en route to championship 3-year-old honours. If he was slightly disappointing when fourth to **Hawkbill (Kitten's Joy)** in the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic in March, he has been anything but since, with victories in the G2 All Comers' S. (2200m) over this course Sept. 23 and a powerful tally in the G1 Tenno Sho (Autumn) (2000m) at Tokyo Oct. 28 ([video](#)).

Connections elected to pass a return trip to the Japan Cup in favour of having a fresh horse for the Arima.

Kiseki (Jpn) (Rulership {Jpn}) was not beaten far when third in the Tenno Sho and most recently set a searching pace in the Nov. 24 Japan Cup before succumbing to the late rally of **Almond Eye** and settling for second. Last year's G1 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St Leger) victor will have to break alertly from gate 14, but if he has something left following his Japan Cup exertions, he will take plenty of catching.

Satono Diamond (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), victorious in this event two years ago, is one of three in the race for his sire, who concluded his glorious career with a soft win in the 2006 Arima Kinen. Now five, the bay entire with the diamond-shaped snip on his forehead was snapping a six-race skid when winning the Oct. 8 G2 Kyoto Daishoten (2400m), but was no better than sixth last time in the Japan Cup.

Satono Diamond, who was third to Makahiki (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in the 2016 Tokyo Yushun, will be the first Arima Kinen ride for Australian Brenton Avdulla.

Oju Chosan (Jpn) (Stay Gold {Jpn}) has gained cult-hero status largely by his exploits over jumps. A three-time defending champion of the Nakayama Grand Jump--including a double-digit, track record-setting success this past April--he has won his last two races on the flat, including a 2400m prep at Tokyo Nov. 3.

Mozu Katchan (Jpn) (Harbinger {GB}) is one of two females in the field and gets the services of Mirco Demuro. The dark bay was third to subsequent Tenno Sho runner-up Sungrazer (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in the G2 Sapporo Kinen (2000m) in August and was most recently third to Lys Gracieux (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) in defence of her title in the G1 QE II Cup (2200m). The latter franked the form with a strong second in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase Dec. 9.

Blast Onepiece (Jpn) (Harbinger {GB}) is the lone 3-year-old in this year's field and is not without a chance. A dual Group 3 winner this season, he was a close fifth in the Tokyo Yushun in May and exits a fourth in the Kikuka Sho, a race that may have stretched his stamina. The cutback in trip will suit and he is in receipt of two kilos from his older male rivals.

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Oju Chosan (Jpn)	Stay Gold (Jpn)	Take	Wada	126
2	Clincher (Jpn)	Deep Sky (Jpn)	Fukunaga	Miyamoto	126
3	Mozu Katchan (Jpn)	Harbinger (GB)	M Demuro	Sameshima	121
4	Makahiki (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Iwata	Tomomichi	126
5	Perform a Promise (Jpn)	Stay Gold (Jpn)	C Demuro	Fujiwara	126
6	Satono Diamond (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Avdulla	Ikee	126
7	Sounds of Earth (Jpn)	Neo Universe (Jpn)	Fujioka	Fujioka	126
8	Blast Onepiece (GB)	Harbinger (GB)	Ikezoe	Otake	126
9	Ridge Man (Jpn)	Swept Overboard	Ebina	Shono	126
10	Mikki Swallow (Jpn)	Tosen Homareboshi (Jpn)	Yokoyama	Kikuzawa	126
11	Mikki Rocket (Jpn)	King Kamehameha (Jpn)	Murphy	Otonashi	126
12	Rey de Oro (Jpn)	King Kamehameha (Jpn)	Lemaire	Fujisawa	126
13	Smart Layer (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Tosaki	Okubo	121
14	Kiseki (Jpn)	Rulership (Jpn)	Kawada	Nakatake	126
15	Cheval Grand (Jpn)	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	Bowman	Tomomichi	126
16	Sakura Empereur (Jpn)	King Kamehameha (Jpn)	Tanaba	Kanari	126



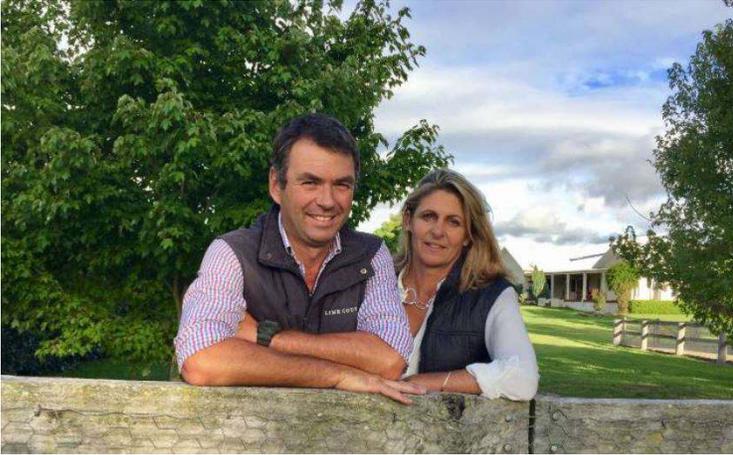
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LIME COUNTRY THRILLED WITH MAGICS DRAFT



Greg and Jo Griffin

Paul Vettise

Lime Country Thoroughbreds will offer a draft stacked with quality at Magic Millions, with youngsters from leading female families boasting physicals to match the pedigrees.

The Southern Highlands operation of Greg and Jo Griffin enjoyed a strong debut in the Magic Millions ring in 2018 and are bullish about their 2019 prospects.

“When we sold for the first time we sold everything with a highest price of \$365,000, a lowest of \$200,000 at an average of \$261,000 so we were really happy,” Jo Griffin said. “There has definitely been more interest in this draft with an awful lot of people coming to the Southern Highlands and part of that is the size of the draft.”

Griffin said sale selection was critical and they believed they had nailed it again.

“One point of difference with our draft is that it is full of clients’ horses. We don’t own any of them, and we’ve worked with the clients to get the right types and pedigrees for the best returns.”

Timing was everything when assessing which horses would be best placed on the Gold Coast.

“You need an early foal and people want to see a sound horse that they can take home to break in and get on with it,” Griffin said.

“Precocity is vital and offer horses that can get a saddle on them fairly quickly. When you look at our fillies, and they are a lovely line, in particular they are all August and September birth dates. We’ve got a really good depth of sire power – Not A Single Doubt, I Am Invincible, Written Tycoon and Zoustar are all there and Brazen Beau. Deep Field we’re excited about and it’s great to see a Smart Missile there - and who wouldn’t want a Nicconi the way they are going. Our draft includes what we think are best representatives of first season sires, Headwater and Exosphere.”

Griffin was loathe to single one or two out, but did have a special for prospective New Zealand buyers.

“I think this would easily be the best line of horses we’ve ever presented as a draft,” she said. “Lot 726 is a Not A Single Doubt filly from a very good family and we’d love to see some Kiwis step up for her – she will be of sentimental value to people in New Zealand.”

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Group 1 Pedigree

The filly is a daughter of La Fluorescent (General Nediym), who is a half-sister to the Group 2 Moonee Valley Vase winner Savvy Nature (NZ) (Savabeel) and his sibling, the G3 Ming Dynasty H. winner Addictive Nature. It is also the family of the G1 New Zealand 1000 Guineas winner Hasahalo (NZ) (Savabeel).

Lime Country was first established in the Hawke’s Bay region of New Zealand’s North Island before the decision was taken in 2016 to move the following year to the 300 acre property formerly known as Think Big Stud.

Lush paddocks are fully irrigated year-round as required, to provide a consistent pasture quality for young stock and avoiding bone growth issues that can arise from dramatic pasture changes.

Natural Shelter

The extensive planting of hundreds of now established deciduous and evergreen trees and hedge rows has ensured ample natural shelter during the summer heat and winter months.

These plantings are in addition to purpose built shelters throughout the farm, ensuring each horse's needs are met all year-round.

Fencing is of the highest standard with 27 main paddocks and about 80 day yards all linked via a central laneway and road system.

A total of 47 stables are spread around the farm from the horses-in-work barn to the yearling barn and broodmare boxes. Rubber lined hot water wash bays feature throughout the barns.

The property has a state of the art mare and foal crush along with an additional satellite crush, which requires less movement of stock.

Outstanding Facilities

Other facilities include an eight horse walker, computerised treadmill, tie up stalls for horses in work, a set of new Sterline barrier stalls, newly completed surgery barn, sand roll, floodlit all-weather dressage arena and a 1200 metre turf track with running rail.

"We're well settled here now and overall we've prepped 50 yearlings this year, a step up from 24 last year," Griffin said. "We've had huge fertility on the farm, 95 per cent with one more mare to scan. We're very, very happy in what has been a tough year with droughts etc."

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