THE ‘SPEIGHTSTOWN EFFECT’ REVISITED

by Sid Fernando

No, WinStar’s Speightstown (Gone West--Silken Cat, by Storm Cat) is not an underrated sire, as some said on social media shortly after the stallion’s Competitionofideas won the GI American Oaks at Santa Anita Dec. 29. Speightstown is by all standards a top-class stallion, and at age 21 he’s just as appealing now as he’s been the last decade. He may, however, be a bit misunderstood.

Competitionofideas became her sire’s 15th individual winner at the highest level and his 99th overall black-type winner, numbers commensurate for a stallion who will stand for $80,000 live foal this year, his 15th season. A prolific sire of winners that act on dirt and turf over a variety of distances (when bred accordingly), Speightstown is a throwback to the established sires of the past in several ways, notably this: from named foals of racing age--not starters--he gets more than 80% runners, more than 60% winners, and 10% black-type winners--stats reminiscent of leading stallions from the pre-big-book age. Speightstown is a bit of a bargain now as his fee has dropped from the $100,000 he commanded from 2016 to 2018, and this may be a nod to age and to the distinct pattern of development of his Grade I winners, something I labelled “The Speightstown Effect” four years ago in a blog post at my day job at Werk Thoroughbred Consultants (WTC). Cont. p4

OWNER/BREEDER HARVEY CLARKE DIES

Harvey Clarke, a prominent owner/breeder who bred the likes of GI Kentucky Derby winner I’ll Have Another (Flower Alley) and co-campaigned MGSWs Cairo Prince (Pioneerof the Nile) and Soldat (War Front), passed away Thursday night at his home in Franklin Lakes, NJ, after a prolonged battle with cancer. He was 77. President of the New York City-based AJ Clarke Real Estate Corp., the Bronx native became involved in Thoroughbred racing at a modest level on the New York and New Jersey circuits in the late 1970s. He increased his family’s involvement in the sport in 2003, and enjoyed particular success in the first half of the 2010s as both an owner and breeder. Just one year after making it to the Derby with Kiaran McLaughlin-trained Soldat (co-owned by Namcook Stables, Paul Braverman and W. Craig Robertson III), Clarke saw I’ll Have Another, who he sold as a yearling, take the 2012 “Run for the Roses” and GI Preakness S. Cont. p3

IN TDN EUROPE TODAY

OXX, PRENDERGAST JOIN FORCES

Trainer Patrick Prendergast will not renew his license this year and will work alongside John Oxx at Curragheeg Stables. Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Europe.
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Harvey Clarke

A year later, the Clarke-bred speedster Havana (Dunkirk) annexed the GI Champagne S. before finishing second in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile; and that same season Cairo Prince, owned originally by the same group as Soldat, took the GII Nashua S. Godolphin purchased a majority interest in the now-promising young sire after he won the GII Holy Bull S. in 2014.

Along with Brookdale Farm, Clarke bred and sold 2014 GI Coaching Club American Oaks and GI Alabama S. and 2015 GI Breeders’ Cup Distaff heroine Stopchargingmaria (Tale of the Cat) out of his and Brookdale founder Fred Seitz’s MSW/GSP Exotic Bloom (Montbrook). They had already sold Exotic Bloom, a $65,000 OBS June purchase, for $500,000 in foal to Quality Road at the 2013 Fasig-Tipton November Sale.

“Harvey has been a friend and client for 42 years and we never exchanged a cross word,” said bloodstock agent Steve Shahinian. “Our friend, Dr. Michael Chovanes, put it best when he told me that, ‘Knowing Harvey Clarke has made me a better person,’ and I think there are many people in this world that feel the same way.”

Clarke is survived by his wife, Donna, and children Scott, Alyssa, Nancy, Jennifer and Robert. A funeral service will be held at Robert Schoem’s Menorah Chapel in Paramus, NJ, on Monday at 11:00 a.m.
‘Speightstown Effect’ Revisited cont. from p1

You can read it here, and I suggest you do for more textural background, but if you read on you’ll get the gist of the argument plus the added data that’s brought it up to date.

A winner of 10 of 16 starts and the earner of $1,258,256, Speightstown was the champion sprinter at age six in 2004, when he won the GI Breeders’ Cup Sprint and four other black-type races. He wasn’t a stakes winner before that, and his career was marked by long gaps away from the track due to various mishaps and injuries from two to five. Because—as a $2 million yearling—he was always highly regarded, he was patiently persevered with and finally rewarded his connections, even if it was years later than anticipated.

An attractive, muscular, and compact horse, Speightstown entered stud at WinStar in 2005 for a $40,000 fee, and the common and altogether natural assumption was that he’d get fast and early horses—which he does. Almost a quarter of his black-type winners are 2-year-olds and about 20% of his named 2-year-olds win; and many of his top runners are sprinter/milers. Because of his impeccable consistency, Speightstown’s fee has never dropped below $35,000 (in 2009 and 2010 after the global economic collapse), and from 2011 until the drop in fee this year it only went up, first to $50,000 (2011 and 2012), then to $60,000 (2013), $80,000 (2014 and 2015), and finally to $100,000 (2016 to 2018).

The Speightstown Effect...

What is the “Speightstown Effect?”

It’s this: Speightstown doesn’t get 2-year-old Grade I winners or spring 3-year-old Grade I winners. From 11 crops through the end of 2018 numbering almost 1000 foals and including 2-year-olds, Speightstown has never had a 2-year-old Grade I or Group 1 winner to date, and none before July of their 3-year-old seasons. All rules, of course, may eventually be broken—see Apollo and Justify—but from a broader perspective, the “Speightstown Effect” is perhaps an indicator that the stallion’s best progeny need more time than expected to mature—just as he did—and aren’t necessarily the best classic prospects, even though he can get runners that win at 10 furlongs or dirt and turf.

This is easier to conceptualize with a tall and scopey horse like, say, Unbridled’s Song than it is with one that looks like he’s built for early speed, but there’s similarity between the two sires because both sired progeny that demonstrated early ability
despite some immaturity but were kept on with, sometimes to bad effect. When trainers finally started to give the Unbridled’s Songs more time to mature later in his career, he got some of his best runners, and those did a lot to alter the earlier notion that he got a lot of brittle horses. These included champions Arrogate and Forever Unbridled, plus Grade I winners Cross Traffic and Liam’s Map, among others.

Likewise, Speightstown’s Grade I profile to date has been based on second-half 3-year-olds and older runners, irrespective of distance or surface, and it’s likely that he may have had more top-level winners earlier on if some of his more promising runners hadn’t been pushed as hard at two and early at three.

At any rate, here are Speightstown’s 15 Grade I winners with the time of their first win at the highest level:

9. She’s Happy (Arg) (2009) won the G1 Estrellas Sprint at end of SH season at three.

The results are stark and have practical application. At WTC, we’ve been a strong backer of Speightstown from the beginning and have recommended him without qualms all the way up to $100,000, as his record has always warranted the fee increases. In fact, this year I’ve personally booked two mares to...
the horse on behalf of a client and recommended him for eight other client mares. But about five years ago, we added a qualifier to our recommendations: don’t push too hard too early with the Speightstowns. Several clients have benefitted from this advice.

Speightstown is the type of horse that pedigree scholar Franco Varola might have labelled as “Trans-Brilliant”—that is, a fast or brilliant type that grafts well to stamina—which is something obvious in the horse’s ability to get 10-furlong Grade I winners like Haynesfield (from a Deputy Minister-line mare), Golden Ticket (from a Deputy Minister mare), Seek Again (from a Danehill mare from a Blushing Groom (Fr) mare), Force the Pass (from a Dynaformer mare), and Competition of Ideas (from a Medaglia d’Oro mare). But quality sprinter/miler speed is his métier, and he consistently imparts it to his progeny, which makes him a popular sire for owners and breeders. And because his offspring are sound (with 80% runners from named foals, as noted earlier), win regularly, and get black type at above-average rates, he’s an elite sire—no questions whatsoever.

He’s just got an effect you need to be aware of.

Sid Fernando is president and CEO of Werk Thoroughbred Consultants, Inc., originator of the Werk Nick Rating and eNicks.

ACCELERATE WORKS FOR PEGASUS

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The clincher surely has to be his spectacular start as a broodmare sire. The venerable A.P. Indy topped the 2018 table with Black Type winners at 4.66% and 9.81%, eclipsing such broodmare sire legends as Storm Cat (2.71% Black Type winners) and his son Giant’s Causeway (2.93%). Bernardini produced his at an off-the-charts 7.77% and 12.14%. Aptly enough, his latest G1 success in this capacity came in the Travers through Catholic Boy (More Than Ready).
“I got him in 1:27 and [galloping] out a mile in 1:40 4/5, so it was a good long-distance work,” trainer John Sadler said. “On this track, it’s not super-fast. He’ll come back next week with more of a blowout type work, like five-eighths or something like that. But I’m glad we got this one in today because of the weather. It’s going to rain tomorrow and we’ve got a lot of rain next week.”

City of Light (Quality Road), winner of the GI Breeders’ Cup Dirt Mile Nov. 3, worked five furlongs in 1:00.80 (8/95) at Santa Anita Friday. He is also aiming for a start in the Pegasus.

**Channel Maker on Course for Pegasus Turf...**

Grade I winner Channel Maker (English Channel), hero of last term’s Joe Hirsch Turf Classic S., has joined the field for the $7-million GI Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational at Gulfstream Park Jan. 26. The Bill Mott-trained 5-year-old gelding, who is owned by Wachtel Stable, Gary Barber, R.A. Hill and Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, is on course to make his ninth Grade I start in his last 10 races in the world’s richest turf race.

“He has put up some really great numbers,” Dean Reeves said. “We looked at him as a horse that, for a number of years, we could run in the top turf races, not only in the United States, but we could take this horse to England or Dubai, wherever we wanted to go. Certainly, we had the Pegasus as a race we were going to point to when we talked about partnering in the horse.”
JAYWALK AIMING FOR DAVONA DALE

D J Stable and Cash is King’s Jaywalk (Cross Traffic), the front-runner to earn an Eclipse Award as champion 2-year-old filly of 2018, is targeting the GI Davona Dale S. for her sophomore debut going one mile at Gulfstream Mar. 2.

The GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies heroine and GI Frizette S. winner returned to the worktab with a four-furlong move in :50.80 (23/38) at Palm Meadows Jan. 11.

“She went a nice, easy half. It was perfect,” trainer John Servis said. “She galloped out super, so she didn’t lose much. Everything went very good.”

Servis continued, “The way she galloped out today, I’d say we’re right on schedule. She acts the same and looks the same. She maybe got a little bit taller but, other than that, she hasn’t changed much at all, to be honest with you. She put on a little bit of weight, which is good.”

Joining Jaywalk as Eclipse finalists are Bellafina (Quality Road), also a two-time Grade I winner who ran fourth in the Juvenile Fillies, and ‘TDN Rising Star’ Newspaperofrecord (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), who went three-for-three in 2018 capped by a jaw-dropping victory in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf.

The 48th annual Eclipse Awards ceremony will be held Jan. 24 in the Sport of Kings Theater at Gulfstream Park. Servis also trained GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S. winner Smarty Jones to the Eclipse Award as champion 3-year-old of 2004.

“We’re very excited about it,” Servis said. “I don’t know how much else she needed to do. She won at [four] at different racetracks, all at different distances, and she won two Grade Is. She had a pretty damn good year.”

SANTA ANITA SPRING STAKES SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

Santa Anita’s 2019 Spring meeting, which runs from Saturday, Apr. 13 through Sunday, June 23, will offer fans and horsemen a total of 35 added-money events, headlined by three Grade I, half-million dollar stakes, all May 27—the Gold Cup at Santa Anita, the Gamely and the Shoemaker Mile.

In all, Santa Anita will distribute $5.1 million in added purse money over the course of its 42-day Spring run. Including the aforementioned Grade I stakes, Santa Anita will run a total of 21 graded events during the Spring Meet, which will include a comprehensive offering of added-money races for horses in all
F-T KENTUCKY WINTER MIXED CATALOGUE
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Fasig-Tipton has catalogued 429 entries to date for its Kentucky Winter Mixed Sale, to be held Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 4 and 5, in Lexington, Kentucky. Sessions will begin daily at 10 a.m.

The sale will also feature a supplemental catalogue that will be available online and on the sales grounds. Fasig-Tipton will continue to accept supplemental entries.

Hips 1-274 will be offered in the Monday session. Hips 275-429, followed by the supplemental catalogue, will be offered in the Tuesday session.

“This year’s catalogue features graded stakes performing racing and broodmare prospects, proven producers in foal to exciting sires, and a large group of short yearlings with good sire power,” said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning. “Those looking to fill their orders before the start of breeding season will find a number of interesting opportunities once again at Kentucky Winter Mixed.”

The Kentucky Winter Mixed Sale catalogue may now be viewed online. Print catalogues will be available beginning Jan. 18. The catalogue will also be available via the equineline sales catalogue app.

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Hard to argue with

The $40k stallion with $850k and $950k yearlings in 2018, plus seven career G1 winners and an Eclipse Champion three-year-old.

No stallion can beat his four juvenile MSW winners in December and he’s a top-10 sire with 22 winners from his 2016 crop – more than Tapit, Quality Road, War Front, Curlin and Uncle Mo.
In this new series we ask agents and others who book a lot of mares for their clients which sires might be flying slightly under the radar in this breeding season. Who might be getting overlooked in the rush for the new, hot thing? Read on.

Kathy Berkey
MIDNIGHT LUTE, Hill 'n' Dale, $15,000

I just think at $15,000 Midnight Lute is very good value. Especially for a stallion that was the 17th leading stallion by earnings in the country last year.

I tend to look at stud fees based on yearling averages, where I like to see 3x stud fee, and medians, where I like to see 2x stud fee. When I look at his yearling average last year at around $75,000 and the median was $60,000, so he's way above those multiples that I like to see from a stallion.

He has consistently proven that he can get a good racehorse. They sprint, they can go long, and they are generally very good looking. I've had a lot of success selling them, racing them, and I like stallions that are flexible that way. Depending on your client, you can breed to race or breed to sell a Midnight Lute.

I probably have five or six mares booked to him this year already. He's a horse that can breed to a lot of different physicals because he's big, he's correct, and he's got some scope to him. He's very straightforward and can help a mare.

I think in that $10,000-$20,000 range it's very difficult to find a proven, solid stallion like Midnight Lute. Click for Midnight Lute’s catalogue-style pedigree or race record.
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA PARTNERS WITH BREEDERS FOR SPRING FOALING

The University of Minnesota Crookston Equine Science program will have openings to foal out mares for spring semester 2019. This will give owners/breeders another option to foal mares out in Minnesota, making the foals eligible for Minnesota Breeders’ Fund Awards.

More than 10 Equine Science students will participate in pre-and-post foaling procedures as part of the school’s Equine Reproduction Techniques course.

“This hands-on experience not only gets our students more involved in the field, but also gets them interested in the Minnesota horseracing industry,” commented Nicky Overgaard, University of Minnesota Crookston Equine Science Instructor.

Minnesota Racing Commission Deputy Director Joe Scurto added, “To have the University of Minnesota Crookston support the breeding program in Minnesota adds great value to our racing community. The Equine Science Program is becoming more involved with the Breeders Fund, which will only make the program stronger.”

REMEMBERING GULFSTREAM’S “MICKIE” POLEO

The South Florida racing community held a moment of silence Friday in memory of Mildred “Mickie” Poleo, one of the most loved and colorful members of the Gulfstream staff who passed away last week. Mickie worked the concession stands at Gulfstream since 1963. “Everyone looked forward to visiting and talking to Mickie every day at Gulfstream,” said Gulfstream General Manager Bill Badgett. “She loved her customers, her co-workers, her job, and loved racing. She was an incredible person. I’ve never met anyone like her. She will be greatly missed.”
ILLINOIS THA PLEDGES PER-START CONTRIBUTION

The Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association has pledged $1 per-start at Arlington International Racecourse and Hawthorne Race Course in 2019 to the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance.

In addition to its support of the TAA, the Illinois THA created and supports Galloping Out, a TAA-accredited organization in North Riverside, Ill. that focuses on retraining, rehabbing, and adoption of Thoroughbred racehorses from the Chicago-area racetracks.

“The importance of Thoroughbred aftercare cannot be overstated,” said David McCaffrey, executive director of the ITHA. “This partnership is a win-win-win, benefiting the ITHA, the TAA, and most importantly, the horses who will be retiring and are in need of a second career.”

THE JOCKEY CLUB SAFETY NET FOUNDATION LAUNCHES REDESIGNED WEBSITE

The Jockey Club Safety Net Foundation has introduced a new website, www.tjcfoundation.org. The updated site is compatible for mobile devices, tablets, and desktops and connects to the charity’s social media platforms, including Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. The foundation is a charitable trust that provides, on a confidential basis, financial relief to needy members of the Thoroughbred industry and their families. “Over the years, The Jockey Club Safety Net Foundation has improved the lives of countless members of the Thoroughbred industry who have dedicated their lives to our sport,” said Shannon Kelly, development manager. “Our new website provides an accessible resource for individuals to learn about our charity, how they can support our efforts, and how they can contact us if they need assistance.”

STALLIONS’ FIRST FOALS

GORMLEY

- Spendthrift Farm’s Gormley, the Grade I-winning 2-year-old and 3-year-old son of Malibu Moon, sired his first reported foal Jan. 6 when a colt was born at Blackstone Farm in Pine Grove, PA.
- Bred and owned by Blackstone Farm, the bay colt is the first foal out of the More Than Ready mare Summer’s Ready.
**Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 4:47 p.m. EST**

**MARSHUA'S RIVER S.-GIII, $150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT**

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**TROPICAL TURF S.-GIII, $100,000, 4yo/up, 1mT**

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**7th-Aqueduct, $66,464, (S), Alw, 1-11, (NW1$X), 4yo/up, 7f, 1:25.39, ft.**

**CHARLIE MCCOY (c, 4, Bluegrass Cat–Backslash, by Sharp Humor)** graduated at second asking at Belmont in May and was runner-up in his next two attempts in a June 14 test at Belmont and a July 27 event at Saratoga. A well-beaten fifth when last seen at the Spa Sept. 3, he was sent off at 5-1 in this return after four months on the sidelines. Breaking sharply from his rail draw, the chestnut pressed the pacesetter from a head second through a :22.55 first quarter. Taking control on the backstretch run, Charlie McCoy stormed clear in the stretch to register a 6 3/4-length victory. The winner is a half-brother to My Boy Tate (Boys at Tosconova), MSW, $278,900; a newly minted 2-year-old colt by Big Brown and a yearling colt by Micromanage. Backslash was bred back to Bernardini. Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0, $106,414. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Little Red Feather Racing, Michelle Nevin & Kevin Bogart; B/T-Michelle Nevin (NY).

**7th-Santa Anita, $57,351, Alw (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($80,000), 1-11, 3yo, 6 1/2fT, 1:12.60, fm.**

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**6th-Fair Grounds, $40,000, Alw, 1-11, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:46.41, fm.**

**LIMARI (f, 4, Medaglia d’Oro—Elbe (GB), by Dansili (GB))** finished off the board in her career bow sprinting on the Santa Anita turf for Hall of Famer Jerry Hollendorfer in October of 2017 and was subsequently shelved. Resurfacing 13 months later under the care of Brad Cox, she checked in second in a nine-panel turf test at Churchill Downs Nov. 7 and earned her diploma next time going about a mile over this course Nov. 29. Hammered down to 3-2 favoritism to repeat here, the dark bay asserted for early control from her wide draw, clicking off comfortable early fractions. She attempted to run away with it in the lane, but Flat Meadow (War Chant) stuck with her, closing the gap with every stride. Limari had just enough left to hold that rival at bay by a nose on the line. Elbe is a half to SW Posteritas (Lear Fan), who is the dam of G1SW Mutual Trust (GB) (Cacique (Ire)). She is also responsible for a juvenile filly by Bernardini and a yearling filly by Vancouver (Aus). The mare, who is currently in foal to Tourist, was purchased by Don Alberto for 350,000gns in foal to Sea the Stars (Ire) at the 2003 TATDECE sale. This is also the family of European group stakes winners Convey (GB) (Dansili (GB)) and Stronghold (GB) (Danehill). Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, $62,345. Click for the Equibase.com chart.

O/B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

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**6th-Tampa Bay Downs, $20,500, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($75,000), 1-11, 3yo, 1mT, 1:35.75, fm.**

**REGALLY IRISH (c, 3, Regal Ransom—Irish Score, by Even the Score)** broke his maiden at first asking in a NJ-bred test on the Monmouth main track in August and was fifth when trying turf for the first time in the Laurel Futurity S. Sept. 22. Off the board next out when getting back on the dirt at Delaware a month later, he was second next out sprinting on the Laurel main Nov. 16 and was third last time in a sloppy renewal of the Inaugural S. on the Tampa main track Dec. 15. Sent off as the 2-1 chalk in this second attempt on the grass, the chestnut went straight to the front and never looked back, crossing the wire a half-length victor over Jais’s Solitude (Afleet Alex). Regally Irish is the first foal out of Irish Score, a half-sister to MGSP & GISP Irish War Cry (Curlin) and GSW Irish Strait (English Channel), an allowance winner for these connections at Tampa Jan. 9. The 8-year-old mare has since produced the now-2-year-old colt Irish Mias (Sky Mesa) and the yearling colt Irish Confusion (Mshawish). Irish Score was bred back to Exaggerator. Lifetime Record: SP, 6-2-1-1, $55,945. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O/B-Isabelle Haskell de Tomaso (NJ); T-H. Graham Motion.

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**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**5th-Aqueduct, $60,000, (S), Msw, 1-11, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:14.34, ft.**

**COUNTABLE (f, 3, Into Mischief—Kitty Panda (SP, $113,733), by Sky Mesa)** made up ground late to finish a better than it looked third on debut against fellow Empire-breds here Dec. 30 and was given a 5-2 chance to improve off that effort. The bay ran two wide in a four-horse duel for control through an opening quarter in :23.06. Countable and Wadadli Princess (Drosselmeyer) emerged with the lead at the top of the stretch and the pair battled it out to the wire with Countable emerging victorious by a determined head. The winner’s dam Kitty Panda is a half-sister to MSW & GSP Akilina (Langfuhr), the dam of Japanese SW & G1SP Rieno Tesoro (Speightstown) and SW & MGSP Governor Malibu (Malibu Moon); and the dam of GISW Audible (Into Mischief). Kitty Panda produced a Liam’s Map colt in 2017 and a Bodemeister colt in 2018. She was bred back to Blame. Sales history: $85,000 Ylg ’17 SARAUG; $195,000 RNA 2yo ’18 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $40,200. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Breeze Easy, LLC; B-Oak Bluff Stables, LLC (NY); T-Linda Rice.

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**3rd-Aqueduct, $60,000, (S), Msw, 1-11, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12.68, ft.**

**FLUSH (f, 3, Violence—Blush, by Menifee)** checked in fifth in her state-bred unveiling over this strip Dec. 8 and was favored at 3-5 to improve this time. Quickest away from the stalls, the dark bay ticked off comfortable early fractions of :23.66 and :48.05. With plenty left in the tank at the top of the stretch, she rolled clear to improve this time. Awillaway (Dublin) was best of the rest in second, finishing 6 1/4 lengths clear of the third-place horse. The winner is a half to William’s Kitten (Kitten’s Joy), SW & MGSP, $210,256; and Derby Kitten (Kitten’s Joy), GSW, $469,696. Her dam produced a Street Sense colt in 2017 and was most recently bred to Upstart. Sales history: $180,000 Ylg ’17 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $35,480. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Carl Pollard; B-Newtownanner Stud (NY); T-Kiaran McLaughlin.
8th-GP, $50,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 1mT, post time: 3:15 p.m. ET

CAN'T BUY ME LOVE (War Front) makes her first start for Heider Family Stables and trainer Graham Motion. Dam Together (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) was a highweight at three in her native Ireland, where she was also a GSW and MG1SP (along with a pair of Group 1 level placings in England). She broke through at the highest level for the Coolmore contingent in the 2011 GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup S. at Keeneland—just a week after finishing second to her elders in the GI First Lady S. there. Already the dam of MGSP Earring (Dansili {GB}), Together's now 2-year-old full-sister to Can't Buy Me Love cost $600,000 at the 2018 Keeneland September Sale. Together is a half-sister to G1SW Jan Vermeer (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}). One of two for Chad Brown, Beautiful Lover (Arch) is half to Zivo (True Direction), who her conditioner send out to a win in the 2014 GII Suburban H. and second in that year’s GI Jockey Club Gold Cup S. Beautiful Lover covered an eighth in :10 2/5 at OBS April before garnering a $475,000 winning bid. She’ll be joined by stablemate Connectivity (Midshipman), a $45,000 FTKJUL yearling turned $150,000 FTFMAR 2-year-old after a :10 2/5 move herself. TJCIS PPs

10th-GP, $50,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 1mT, post time: 4:15 p.m. ET

Gary and Mary West homebred BRAINSTORM (Tapit) looks to become the second winner from as many to start out of 2012 GI La Brea S. heroine Book Review (Giant’s Causeway). Book Review is a half-sister to GISW juvenile Irish Smoke (Smoke Glacken). Ry's the Guy (Distorted Humor), a $90,000 graduate of the Fasig-Tipton Turf Showcase, is out of British G1SW Sleepytime (Ire) (Royal Academy). Prior foals out of the mare, herself a full to G1SW Ali-royal (Ire), include Group 3 winners Gentleman’s Deal (Ire) and Hathal Speightstown). Chad Brown pupil No Rules (Union Rags) was a $330,000 KEESEP yearling. TJCIS PPs

4th-SA, $55,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 6 1/2fT, post time: 5:02 p.m. ET

C R K Stable’s HOLLYWOOD GIRL (Giant’s Causeway) was an $875,000 Keeneland September yearling buy in 2017. She’s out of MGISW dirt router Hollywood Story (Wild Rush), who is already the dam of a trio of black-type performers. TJCIS PPs
IN THE UAE:

Golden Jaguar, c, 3, Animal Kingdom. See ‘TDN Euro/Int’.

Kunani, g, 5, Arch--Sweet Sonnet (MSP-Eng), by Seeking the Gold. Jebel Ali, 1-11, Hcp., 1600m, 1:38.36. B-Darley (KY). *AED30,000 HRA ‘17 ERASEP.


IN SOUTH KOREA:

Changjo Daero, c, 4, Orb--Cherryblossommiss (SP, $161,394), by Langfuhr. Busan, 1-11, Hcp. ($54k), 1200m. B-Venneri Racing (KY). *$180,000 Wlg ‘15 KEENOV; $140,000 RNA Ylg ‘16 KEESEP; $105,000 Ylg ‘16 FTKOCT; $50,000 2yo ‘17 OBSAPR.

Can the Man (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, $5,000 135 foals of racing age/13 winners/0 black-type winners 9-Fair Grounds, Aoc 1mT, SPECTACULAR GEM, 8-1 $20,000 KEE SEP yrl 2-Mahoning Valley, Alw 6f, THIS MAN CAN, 2-1 $6,000 FTK OCT yrl

Cross Traffic (Unbridled's Song), Spendthrift Farm, $12,500 162 foals of racing age/19 winners/5 black-type winners 3-Mahoning Valley, Msw 6f, NO TRAFFIC, 6-1 $35,000 FTK OCT yrl; $19,000 RNA EAS MAY 2yo

Goldencents (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, $15,000 256 foals of racing age/30 winners/2 black-type winners 10-Gulfstream, Msw 6f, GOLDEN IDOL, 10-1 $100,000 SAR AUG yrl; $135,000 FTK OCT yrl; $50,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Handsight Mike (Scat Daddy), Pleasant Acres Stallions, $4,000 95 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners 5-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 6f, HANDSOME GIRL, 8-1

Strong Mandate (Tiznow), Three Chimneys Farm, $10,000 138 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners 5-Penn National, Msw 5 1/2f, TWO SIXTEEN, 5-2 $30,000 KEE JAN yrl; $30,000 FTK OCT yrl; $27,000 RNA EAS MAY 2yo

Vertiformer (Dynaformer), Poplar Creek Horse Center, $2,000 14 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners 2-Mahoning Valley, Alw 6f, SAMMY DA BULL, 3-1

Winchill (Tapit), Cabin Creek Lane, $3,000 21 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners 5-Penn National, Msw 5 1/2f, WINNING KNOCKOUT, 9-2
ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

4th-Aqueduct, $73,763, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($30,000), 1-11, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:41.05, ft.
DARIA'S ANGEL (m, 5, Gemologist—R Charlie's Angel (SW, $211,288), by Indian Charlie) Lifetime Record: 23-6-5-2, $232,524. O-Drawing Away Stable; B-Hargus & Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm, LLC (KY); T-Rob Atras. *$45,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. **1/2 to Cullum Road (Quality Road), SP, $202,448.

8th-Santa Anita, $67,351, (S), 1-10, (1SY+), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:17.17, ft.
SHOW IT N MOE IT (f, 4, Grace Upon Grace--Robotica (SP), by Ide) Lifetime Record: SW, 18-5-4-4, $375,604. O-Tom London, Terry Lovingier & Eugene Zondlo; B-Terry C. Lovingier (CA); T-Gary Sherlock. *1/2 to Unhitchthetrailor (Kafwain), SW, $111,499.

2nd-Gulfstream, $50,480, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($75,000), 1-11, 3yo, f, 5fT, :55.85, fm.
EYEINTHESKY (f, 3, Sky Mesa--Ruliontome, by Lion Heart) Lifetime Record: SP, 7-2-0-2, $82,736. O-Gary Barber; B-Rusty Kindratiw (FL); T-Mark E. Casse. *$22,000 Ylg '17 OBSOCT.

6th-Gulfstream, $45,060, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 1-11, 4yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :55.22, fm.
SAMARA (m, 5, Hard Spun--Smara, by Storm Cat) Lifetime Record: 13-3-3-0, $82,736. O/Michael Dubb; B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY); T-Jason Servis. *$22,000 Ylg '17 OBSOCT.

5th-Golden Gate Fields, $37,260, 1-10, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09.70, ft.
RICHIESINTHEHOUSE (g, 5, Sidney's Candy--Streamin Heat, by Bring the Heat) Lifetime Record: 11-8-2-0, $196,341. O-Richard Ravin & Patricia’s Hope LLC; B-Richard Ravin (IL); T-Larry Rivelli.

6th-Penn National, $29,120, 1-10, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:44.85, gd.
LUVUTOTHEMOONBACK (f, 4, Malibu Moon--Nadeshiko (SW, $255,968), by Honour and Glory) Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, $42,300. O/B-E. C. Lowry (VV); T-Timothy C. Grams.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:


Gaels Win, f, 3, Dauber--Freedom of Speech, by Danzig. Golden Gate Fields, 1-11, 6f (AWT), 1:11.82. B-Michael Power (KY). *$34,000 RNA 2yo '18 OBSAPR. **1/2 to T.D. Vance (Rahy), GSW, $576,959; and Bergerac (Rahy), MGSP, $261,698.

All Bizness, c, 3, Fed Biz--R Luck's Lady, by Tiznow. Delta Downs, 1-10, 5f, :59.68. B-Kehner Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY). *$16,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. **1ST-TIME STARTER.


Courtyard, c, 3, Mizzen Mast--Morekissesforpatti, by Unbridled's Song. Fair Grounds, 1-11, (C), 7f, 1:24.90. B-Sabana Farm, LLC (KY). *$19,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

Asano, c, 3, Tiznow--Courtly Choice, by Doneraile Court. Santa Anita, 1-11, (C), 6 1/2f, 1:18.02. B-SF Bloodstock LLC (KY). *$175,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. **1/2 to Wild Dude (Wildcat Heir), MGISW, $1,095,232.
Kingdom's Queen, f, 4, Animal Kingdom--Ruff (GSW, $215,220), by Clever Trick. Aqueduct, 1-11, 1m, 1:41.47. B-Robert Spiegel (KY). *1/2 to Mr Gruff (Mr. Greeley), MGWS & GISP, $351,510.

Teryn It Up, c, 4, English Channel--Schauncie, by Menifee. Gulfstream, 1-11, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:41.81. B-Mike & Susan Harris (KY). *$30,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP.


Maranatha, c, 4, Hear No Evil--Sacred Psalm (SP), by Awesome of Course. Tampa Bay Downs, 1-11, 7f, 1:24.38. B-Jacks or Better Farm Inc. (FL). *Full to Sing Praises, MSW, $483,122; and a half to Silent Prayer (Brooks 'n Down), MSP, $302,444.


Sutro, f, 4, Violence--Shouldn't We All (SP, $110,084), by Woodman. Santa Anita, 1-11, 1 1/8mT, 1:49.32. B-Jay Goodwin, Deann Baer, Brian Foret & Danny Guidry (KY). *$50,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; $47,000 RNA 2yo '17 OBSMAR; $160,000 2yo '17 EASMAY. **1/2 to Sky Haven (Sky Mesa), MSP, $220,527; and Trooped John (Colonel John), MSW, $212,854.
INDYGO SHINER, Mobridge, g, 9, o/o River Nore, by Archers Bay. ALW, 1-11, Fair Grounds

INTO MISCHIEF, Corruze, c, 3, o/o Skygusty, by Skywalker. AOC, 1-11, Fair Grounds

INTO MISCHIEF, Countable, f, 3, o/o Kitty Panda, by Sky Mesa. MSW, 1-11, Aqueduct

MALIBU MOON, Luvutothemoonback, f, 4, o/o Nadeshiko, by Honour and Glory. ALW, 1-10, Penn National

MEDAGLIA D’ORO, Limari, f, 4, o/o Elbe (GB), by Dansili (GB). ALW, 1-11, Fair Grounds

MISREMEMBERED, Cayenne Creek, g, 3, o/o Hot Creek Risin’, by Bring the Heat. ALW, 1-10, Charles Town

MIZZEN MAST, Courtyard, c, 3, o/o Morekissesforpatti, by Unbridled’s Song. MCL, 1-11, Fair Grounds

REGAL RANSOM, Regally Irish, c, 3, o/o Irish Score, by Even the Score. AOC, 1-11, Tampa Bay

SIDNEY’S CANDY, Richiesinthehouse, g, 5, o/o Streamin Heat, by Bring the Heat. ALW, 1-10, Golden Gate

SKY MESA, Eyeinthesky, f, 3, o/o Ruliontome, by Lion Heart. AOC, 1-11, Gulfstream

SMILING TIGER, Smiling Annie, f, 4, o/o Bootleg Annie, by Go for Gin. MSW, 1-10, Santa Anita

THE FACTOR, The Factor’s Fact, f, 3, o/o Music Please, by Bowman’s Band. MCL, 1-11, Laurel

TIZNOW, Asano, c, 3, o/o Courtly Choice, by Doneraile Court. MCL, 1-11, Santa Anita

VIOLENCE, Flush, f, 3, o/o Blush, by Menifee. MSW, 1-11, Aqueduct

VIOLENCE, Sutro, f, 4, o/o Shouldn’t We All, by Woodman. MSW, 1-11, Santa Anita

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OXX, PRENDERGAST JOIN FORCES

John Oxx will be the official trainer of champion 2-year-old filly Skitter Scatter | racingfotos.com

Patrick Prendergast, who handled last year’s Cartier champion 2-year-old filly Skitter Scatter (Scat Daddy) for Anthony and Sonia Rogers, will not renew his training license this year and will instead move his string and staff to the yard of John Oxx, with the pair forming a training alliance in Oxx’s name. Oxx and Prendergast previously trained adjacent to one another on The Curragh, the 44-year-old Prendergast at Melitta Lodge, which he has grown out of, and the 68-year-old Oxx at Currabeg Stables, where he has executed the careers of the likes of Sea The Stars (Ire), Sinndar (Ire), Ridgewood Pearl (GB) and Azamour (Ire), but which has been quieter as of late. Cont. p2

COMPAS BACKING TWO NEW RECRUTS

By Alayna Cullen

Compas Stallions is a growing force among the Irish stallion ranks, with its founder and owner Micheal Orlandi adding two young sires to his roster for 2019. Micheal manages five stallions in total with the addition of Smooth Daddy (Scat Daddy) and Kuroshio (Aus) (Exceed And Excel (Aus)), who both stand at Clongiffen Stud alongside My Dream Boat (Ire) (Lord Shanakill), whose first foals arrive this year. Orlandi speaks with TDN’s Alayna Cullen about his new stallions.

TDN: Micheal, how did Compas Stallions come about?

MO: Well, this is going to be my fifth year in business. I started off originally with Compas Equine as a bloodstock agent and from there I went into Compas Stallions. This is my fourth year involved with stallions. The stallion who really started things off for me was Cappella Sansevero (GB) (Showcasing (GB)), who has his first crop of 2-year-olds in 2019.

I really enjoyed being an agent and I learned a lot and I had some excellent clients but I realized that the stallion market has a huge impact in the industry as a whole. If you were lucky enough, fortune enough to come across a good stallion, you could impact the industry forevermore. I just thought, if I could get involved in the stallion industry and try and make it work, I definitely would enjoy it and it would be a challenge, so here I am now.

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Oxx, Prendergast Join Forces cont. from p1

Of last year’s G1 Moyglare Stud, G2 Debutante and G3 Silver Flash S. winner Skitter Scatter, Oxx said, “It’s a good boost for us, he’s got some good horses. I haven’t seen Skitter Scatter yet and Patrick has said she’s small and he doesn’t know how much scope she has, but she’s been a very good filly already.”

“We feel the timing is good for both parties, we’ve got the space and Patrick has run out of it,” Oxx said. “I think Patrick would like a change in direction a bit. It suits us and it suits him, so hopefully it will work out well for both of us.

“Patrick doesn’t want to be the trainer and is happy to come and work for me. The yards are a few hundred yards apart as the crow flies, with a railway line in between, but we used the same gallops on The Curragh. The horses are moving to my place, they are not going to stay at Melitta Lodge; he won’t be training from there.”

Prendergast told The Irish Field it will be business as usual for Oxx’s new stable star. “Very little will change for Skitter Scatter,” he said. “She will work on the same gallops she has always worked on, she will be ridden by the same jockey, Ronan Whelan. The only difference is that there will be an extra set of eyes on her. That those eyes belong to John Oxx is an obvious benefit.”

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EUROPE SHOULD EMBRACE TRAINING PARTNERSHIPS  
by Jack Cantillon

John Oxx and Patrick Prendergast announcing that they are joining training forces has rightly been received to great acclaim. The combination of the trainer of Sea The Stars (Ire) with the man who expertly guided last year’s Cartier 2-Year-Old Filly Award winner Skitter Scatter (Scat Daddy) will bring a new dimension to racecourses in 2019 and beyond. However, it was a timely reminder of a bizarre wrinkle of racing bureaucracy—if you want to run a stable in partnership and have it recognised on the racecard, you had better pack your bags and head to Australia. While I don’t know if Patrick would rather not have been forced to relinquish his license this coming February in order to join forces with John Oxx, what we do know is in British and Irish racing he, wrongly, didn’t have a choice.

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The frequent refrain heard from racing authorities in maintaining the status quo on no training partnerships is the issue of liability. If we are to have multiple trainers, who do we attach legal liability upon for the care of the stable? The simple answer is joint trainers should have ‘joint and several’ liability for the care of their stable. This concept would not only solve the liability issue once and for all, but would actually strengthen the integrity of the stable as not one but two individuals would be held accountable for the stable’s actions.

A bank manager will always be happier having a guarantor on a loan in addition to the individual borrower through the ‘joint and several’ liability nature of the loan agreement and yet racing authorities as of yet can’t get their head around the stark benefit of training partnerships. In the era of the ‘super trainer’ and the smaller operation, what better way for the squeezed middle to fight back than trainer partnerships—spreading the financial risk and widening their collective skill set.

Think of the exciting complementary possibilities. The quiet genius horseman with the extrovert charmer. The self-sustaining breeder-trainer combining with a young trainer that has shown a talent with temperamental fillies. In creating an enticing product for owners to believe in against competition with super trainers, we have to think again and address a gaping need with this simple solution.

Quit the Skitter Scatter nonsense racing authorities, it’s time to sea the sense.

Feedback: Jack Cantillon (@jackcantillon) on Twitter or email garyking@thetdn.com.
Compas Backing New Recruits cont. from p1

TDN: You have two new horses for 2019. Who are they?

MO: We have Kuroshio, who is back from Australia. He had his first crop of runners in 2018. It was a very small crop but an exceptional crop. He had 22 live foals registered, 14 runners, six winners, and out of those six winners he had three black-type horses.

We also have Smooth Daddy who came from America. Smooth Daddy is a son of the legendary Scat Daddy. I wasn't the only one looking for a son of Scat Daddy. What Scat Daddy has done at stud is probably unheard of.

TDN: Kuroshio is a horse that made quite an impression last year with his small crop of 2-year-old runners. Tell us about him.

MO: Kuroshio belongs to Darley. He went to stand at Overbury Stud late in the season when he went to stand first and he covered about 30 mares with 22 live foals. He's out of a Gone West mare, he has a fantastic pedigree and is by Exceed and Excel. His full-sister is the dam of Anthony Van Dyke (Ire), who we are hoping can boost the pedigree more as he is in all the Classics. In general I think he's a great fit for a commercial breeder. He's proven, too. As I said he had a crop of 22 live foals and from that he has had 14 runners, six winners, and three of them are black-type. Dunkerron (GB) was second in a Group 2 at Goodwood, and there was also Kurious (GB) who is in training with Henry Candy.

Billy Jackson-Stops was involved in making it all happen as his client is Mr Abdulaziz Al Rabban, who was very excited about Kuroshio. So we managed to get Kuroshio back to the Northern Hemisphere and we are excited about his future with Compas Stallions.

TDN: Being Australian bred you would imagine he is quite a strong horse. How would you describe him?

MO: Physically, he's a ball of power and muscle. It's hard to really fault him when he stands up in front of you. He measures 15.3hh, but he's plenty big enough. He's such an imposing horse with a huge presence about him. And he's a treat to have around the place, a bit of a personality. He ticked so many boxes it was a no-brainer to bring him up.

TDN: We want to know more about both horses but we will start with Smooth Daddy. When did he first come up on your radar?

MO: Smooth Daddy came on the radar last year but he wasn't for sale. We kept our eyes on him and then when I found out that he was available I went over to Kentucky to see him. It took us a while to get to the deal done, most of these can be tricky and difficult, but Pete Bradley was the person who was overseeing the deal and he was very helpful. We got the deal done and we are delighted to have him under the Compas banner.

TDN: What is his physique like?

MO: He's a good 16.1hh, plenty of size about him. He has plenty of length from the tip of his nose to the tip of his tail. A good girth to him, great bone, and he walks exceptionally well. He covers a lot of ground; he's a very loose-moving horse. I think if Smooth Daddy can breed his walk into his progeny they'll do very well.
Compas Backing New Recruits cont.

TDN: You mentioned earlier that Cappella Sansevero has his first crop of 2-year-olds this year. How are you feeling about that?

MO: It's an exciting year for Cappella Sansevero. He covered a lot of mares in year one and has some very nice 2-year-olds to run for him. Roger Varian bought the highest-priced yearling by him who is also a half-brother to Harry Angel (Ire) and then there are number of other good trainers who have 2-year-olds by him too. The likes of Ger Lyons, who trained Cappella Sansevero, Joe Murphy and then there are a few spread around the UK too. There's enough of them out there to see if he's any good. A friend of mine is breezing one by him this year and he thinks a lot of her, so look, we'll see. It's all in the lap of the gods now. But it is an exciting year. I suppose I learned a lot standing him and it is thanks to Cappella I'm where I am now.

TDN: You are standing three of your stallions at Clongiffen Stud this year. What is it like being based there?

MO: Robert, owner of Clongiffen Stud, is a great stallion man and the stud has a great history. It's a fantastic location, and when you look at the mare population around Ireland, we're in the middle of it. We aren't far from main roads, very close to the M50 and N7 that really connects the whole bloodstock industry from the south up to the north Leinster. The facilities are fantastic here and you can really tell that Robert and his wife, Ciara, really care too. Working with Robert, Ciara and of course Billy with Kuroshio is very exciting as we're all around the 30 mark. We're all hoping and dreaming big together.

Friday's Result:

7th-Wolverhampton, £5,800, Novice, 1-11, 3yo/up, 5f 21y (AWT), 1:02.45, st.

HANATI (IRE) (f, 3, Camacho (GB)--Royal Visit (Ire), by King's Best), runner-up on debut on Southwell's fibresand on New Year’s Day, quickly established a lead. Always in control, the 13-8 second favourite was not fully extended to score by 1 1/4 lengths from Kadiz (Ire) (Lope De Vega (Ire)). The dam, who also has a 2-year-old full-sister to the winner, is a daughter of the G3 Ballyogan S.-winning Irish highweight Catch the Blues (Ire) (Bluebird).

Her other filly Dream the Blues (Ire) (Oasis Dream (GB)) went on to produce Sioux Nation (Scat Daddy), Ballydoyle’s G1 Phoenix S. and G2 Norfolk S. hero. Sales history: 52,000gns 2yo ’18 TATHIT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $6,355. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Mr Sultan Ali; B-Michael Downey & Roalso Ltd (IRE); T-Simon Crisford.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Ballyquin (Ire), c, 4, Acclamation (GB)--Something Mon, by Maria’s Mon. Lingfield, 1-11, 6f 1y (AWT), 1:11.13.

B-Brucetown Farms Ltd (IRE). *1/2 to Olympia Fields (Alydeed), SP-Can, $102,746, & to Raymi Coya (Van Nistelrooy), GSW-Eng.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Numerian (Ire), c, 3, Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)--Delicate Charm (Ire), by High Chaparral (Ire). Dundalk, 1-11, 8f (AWT), 1:38.12.

B-Whisperview Trading Ltd (IRE).

CONDITIONS RESULT:

5th-Marseille-Pont-de-Vivaux, €17,000, 1-11, 4yo, 10f (AWT), 2:12.49, st.

SKALLETI (FR) (g, 4, Kendargent {Fr}--Skallet {Fr} {SW & MGSP-Fr, $181,946}, by Muhaymin) Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, €21,250. O-Jean-Claude Seroul; B-Guy Pariente Holding (FR); T-Jerome Reynier. *€85,000 Ylg ‘16 ARAUG.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Tortuga (Ire), c, 3, Bungle Inthejungle (GB)--Corrig Miss (Ire), by Oratorio (Ire). Marseille-Pont-de-Vivaux, 1-11, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:29.89. B-L Wright. *€1,600 RNA Ylg ‘17 TIRSEP; €5,000 RNA 2yo ’18 GORJUL.
ROSS TO STAND IN GERMANY

Listed winner and multiple group-placed Ross (GB) (Acclamation (GB)–Ronja, by El Corredor) will enter stud next year at Paulick Stud in Germany for a fee of €1,000. He will be the first son of Acclamation to stand in Germany.

Trained by Peter Schiergen throughout a four-year racing career, Ross won a 7 1/2 furlong listed race in Deauville at three and was twice placed in Meydan’s G3 Burj Nahaar going a mile as well as the G2 Godolphin Mile.

IN THE UAE:

Nizaal (GB), c, 4, Dubawi (Ire)–Motmayza (GB), by Nayef. Jebel Ali, 1-11, Maiden, 1600m, 1:38.93. B-Shadwell Estate Co Ltd. *£15,000 HRA ‘18 GOFASEP.

Craving (Ire), c, 4, Equiano (Fr)–Pretty Bonnie (GB) (SP-Eng), by Kyllachy (GB). Jebel Ali, 1-11, Hcp., 1600m, 1:37.35. B-Lynn Lodge Stud. *£40,000 Ylg ‘16 GOFAUG.

Pinter (GB), g, 7, Exceed and Excel (Aus)–Pickle (GB) (MGSW-US, $220,955), by Piccolo (GB). Jebel Ali, 1-11, Hcp., 1200m, 1:12.45. B-New England, Mount Coote & P Barrett. *1/2 to Gusto (GB) (Oasis Dream (GB)), MSW-Eng, SW-Fr, $123,940; and Beauly (GB) (Sea The Stars (Ire)), SW-US, SP-Eng, $160,805. **$120,000gnswlg ‘12 TATDEF; 220,000gnswlg ‘13 TATOCT.

IN SINGAPORE:

Black Jade (Ire), g, 5, Dragon Pulse (Ire)–Emsiyah, by Bernardini. Kranji, 1-11, Hcp. (£40k/£45k), 1400mT, 1:23.16. B-Mighty Universe Ltd. *Formerly Firefright (Ire). **€120,000 Ylg ‘14 GOFORB. VIDEO
Leading 2018 European 1st-Crop Sires by Winners

for stallions standing in Europe through Monday, Dec. 31.

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For the second day in a row, it was James Harron Bloodstock buying the highest-priced lot at Magic Millions. James Harron revisited the formula which delivered him brilliant 2-year-old Capitalist at this very sale four years ago, in going to $900,000 for a colt by Written Tycoon at the Gold Coast Magic Millions Yearling Sale Friday.

On day 3 it was James Harron who paid the top price, but the colt, Lot 624 out of stakes-winner Golden Penny (Blevic), didn’t quite reach the million-dollar mark. Still it was $735,000 more than Harron paid for Capitalist in 2015, with that colt going on to win the G1 Golden Slipper S. and the Magic Millions 2YO Classic a year later. He has just served his second season at Newgate. Harron said this colt was a little different to Capitalist, but the qualities they did have in common certainly made him an attractive buy.

“He’s a bit different but I guess, muscle maturity, great mind, those type of characteristics played a big part," he said. “Written Tycoon gets a few different sorts. He’s been best with the precocious type of 2-year-olds. Obviously with Capitalist and Written By recently, this guy looks precocious too. He’s very strong and very mature. Hopefully he can go early as well.”

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James Harron

Strength female pedigrees

Off the back of Capitalist’s brilliant 2-year-old season and aided by Group 1 wins from Music Magnate and Luna Rossa (NZ), Written Tycoon’s stud fee at Woodside Park jumped from $19,800 in 2015 to $49,500 in 2016 (inc GST), the year this crop of yearlings was conceived.

Price said the fact that Written Tycoon was averaging $292,000 for his 34 lots sold at the Gold Coast as compared to $279,000 for 23 lots in total last year, was attributable to the greater demand for him, which led to better-quality mares.

"With the big jump in service fee, from the year that these mares were covered. It’s probably the first crop of really strong female pedigree," Price said.

"I would suspect that the racehorses coming out of this crop will be at another level again from what we have seen from Written Tycoon. He’s getting to the later years of his stud career, but I think we are going to see the best racehorses from now on."

Even with the jump in service fee that year--Written Tycoon now stands for $110,000--the strong average price is a significant reward for breeders, according to Price. Cont. p2
Magic Millions Day 3 cont.

"We're tremendously excited about the returns that breeders have got from the Written Tycoon's at this sale. The yearlings selling this season are off a $45,000 service fee (ex GST). We've had 34 sell at a clearance of 95% with an average of $292,000. It's a tremendous reward for breeders who supported him. So we are delighted for everyone across the board."

The best are yet to come

Harron certainly makes no secret of his opinion of the Woodside Park stallion, and agreed with Price that the best of his stock were yet to come.

"He's a stallion that has done it the hard way. He's built his way up from a small fee. It's always a great sign. The mare quality comes and the key breeders come and they work out what they need to get that result. It's something that keeps building and you'd expect him to keep building as well," he said.

The previous highest lot by Written Tycoon was the $750,000 Jadeskye Racing paid for the final lot (530) on Day 2 of the sale, while there was another purchase of $650,000 on Friday for Lot 575 by B K Racing and Breeding. There were further purchases of $660,000 (Lot 49) and $650,000 (Lot 376) earlier in the sale.

The $900,000 that Harron paid was the second most ever for a Written Tycoon yearling, who before this week had only ever sold two yearlings for over $650,000.

Both Price and Harron also credited the jump to the desirability of his colts as possible stallion prospects. Rich Enuff became the first son of Written Tycoon to have his progeny at a yearling sale this week and the early signs are positive. Winning Rupert and Capitalist's first crop will feature at next year's sales.

"We've seen the success of his son in Rich Enuff and in more seasons to come, his sons like Capitalist and Winning Rupert. That sireline is hopefully going to carry on," Price said.

"Especially now that we have seen the colts' syndicates getting together and buying. They identify Written Tycoon as a sire of sires who gets 2-year-olds. A good looking colt by Written Tycoon, all the big guys were in for it from around the country and internationally."

When asked how far he would have gone to secure the colt, Harron said the market dictated that it was always going to be a tough battle.

"These colts are very well sought after and by a proven sire in Written Tycoon that is starting to get sons at stud, it's what you are expecting you'd have to go to," he said.

Aquis, Phoenix unite for high-priced trio

Aquis Farm may not have secured the top lot on Day 3, but spent an eye-popping $4 million on Friday across eight lots.

The partnership with Phoenix Thoroughbreds, which secured the sale topper by Redoute's Choice, Lot 32 on Day 1, was extremely busy with two colts and a filly bought all for $750,000-plus.

Lot 665, the colt by I Am Invincible out of Group 1-winning mare Hurtle Myrtle (Dane Shadow) went for $800,000, with Aquis CEO Shane McGrath delighted to have secured another colt by a top stallion.

"He's just a lovely colt. What's not to like? He's by one of the best sires in Australia. It looks like he'll get up and rolling early. The mare is a Group 1 winner, so he was a pretty obvious one for us," McGrath said.

"The guys at Phoenix had him as their best of the day and we concurred."

It was another great result for Segenhoe Stud, who a day earlier had sold the $1.4m Redoute's Choice colt to Harron.

"Obviously Hurtle Myrtle is a Group 1 winner. He's a real typical I Am invincible. Just a lovely rich bay quality. He's a great mover," Segenhoe's Peter O'Brien said. "There's a lot of key players in for him. Coolmore were underbidders with Aquis and Phoenix buying him. He was just a classic and beautiful horse typical of what the sire throws."

"This colt is by far, far and away the best yearling she's thrown. It's really a testament to the stallion, every type of mare," he said.

Aquis and Phoenix also paid $800,000 for Lot 597, a Snitzel colt out of Fortune of War (General Nediym), as well as $750,000, the highest price yet at this sale for a Zoustar filly, Lot 675 out of Igraine (Denman).

Aquis and Ciaron Maher Racing, who have Dubious (Not A Single Doubt) running for them in Saturday's Magic Millions 2YO Classic, combined to buy another Not A Single Doubt, Lot 765 out of Madame Andree (War Emblem {USA}), for $750,000.
Magic Millions Day 3 cont.

Continuing their love of a partnership, Aquis also bought horses with Busuttin Racing and Tony Gollan Racing, the latter by their stallion Spill The Beans.

Those partnerships mean that Aquis are not technically the leading buyers at the sale, even though they have bought 18 horses at a total of $9.86m.

The single biggest buyer at the sale remains China Horse Club/Newgate with 12 yearlings for a total of $5.3 million.

Bowditch delighted with solid trade

Magic Millions Managing Director Barry Bowditch said that although the median and average had dropped, there was excellent trade, which boded well for a particularly strong clearance rate.

"The first two days were unprecedented and momentum flowed on today. With an average of $237,000, it's well up on last year and the clearance rate of 87% puts us in a good position to close off at 88-89%.

Bowditch mentioned that buyers who had done their homework and approached the sale with a broad shortlist were able to buy very well.

"I felt today, again, the guys who had done their work and had shopped around keeping their lists long were able to find some value. I had half a dozen people come up to me and say they'd managed to buy a horse well today. With this big catalogue they continue to find value."

$20 kickstart keeps giving for Sullivan

The windfall from a $20 punting plan has been transformed into a successful breeding business for popular former racing official Julian Sullivan as his broodmare band continues to hit the boards at the major sales.

When an I Am Invincible colt (Lot 518) made $900,000 on Day 3 of the Gold Coast Magic Millions Yearling Sale it capped not only a remarkable recent run of success for Sullivan and his wife Julie, but provided a connection to the mare that started it all.

"When we first got married, we had a large mortgage and I used to put $20 aside for betting and I built up a little bank. I built it up to nearly $20,000 and I bought Vital Curves (McGinty {NZ}) at a Ready To Run sale in New Zealand," Sullivan said.

"That's what started it all and it has certainly paid its way."

Vital Curves won four races for the Sullivans and then produced six winners as a broodmare, including Velasco (Flying Spur), another super broodmare that left five winners.

One of those winners was stakes winner Devoirs (Dehere {USA}), the dam of the $900,000 colt, who caught a significant pedigree update with the sensational recent win by full sister Jedastar at Flemington Jan. 1.

On Day 1 of the sale the Sullivans sold an $800,000 filly by Hinchinbrook (Lot 215) and a $200,000 filly (Lot 138) by I Am Invincible in partnership with Yarraman Park.

"Ecstatic is the word to describe it," Sullivan said. "The success has been beyond our expectations."

The Magic Millions sales follows a recent run of sales success that should set the couple's "self-funded" breeding interests up for years to come.

A half-brother to Lot 215 by Snitzel sold for $1.4m at last year’s Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale in partnership with Yarraman Park, and Sullivan said the breeding and racing interests had now gone beyond being a hobby.

"We run it like a business," said Sullivan, who was with Victoria Racing Club for 37 years, culminating in the CEO position, and also boss at the Western Australian Turf Club. "We are delighted with these results and it's fantastic because it enables us to re-invest and pursue our interest in the sport."

At the heart of the Sullivans breeding operation is their long-standing partnership with Yarraman Park's Arthur and Harry Mitchell.

"It's all down to Yarraman Park," Sullivan said. "Arthur and Harry are highly respected in the industry. They are incredible horsemen but even more importantly they have great integrity. They treat their clients' horses as if they are their own. That's what stands out to me."

"We have six mares at the farm and every decision I make I run through Arthur and Harry, and they guide Julie and myself along. We have total trust in them, and our success is based entirely on dealing with Yarraman Park for a long period of time."