

DODS A GROWING NORTHERN FORCE



Michael Dods is having success from his Yorkshire base | racingfotos.com

By Tom Peacock

There is tough competition on the Flat in Yorkshire these days, with at least half a dozen trainers from the region jostling for attention against the powerhouses from Newmarket.

County Durham, meanwhile, is not recognised as one of the modern hotbeds of the sport yet it can claim a man who has enjoyed as much top-level success in recent times as his any of his colleagues a little farther south.

Since taking over Denton Hall following the sudden death of his father Dickie back in 1990, Michael Dods has been learning and building, hitting 30 or 40 winners a season for most of this century. Only in the last four years has this most unassuming of trainers become prominent on the bigger stage, firstly through winning the G1 Nunthorpe S. back-to-back with Mecca's Angel (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) before her sprinting successor Mabs Cross (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}) arrived.

Her agonising nose defeat to Alpha Delphini (GB) (Captain Gerrard {Ire}) in the Nunthorpe was swiftly followed by a reversal of head-bobs with Gold Vibe (Ire) (Dream Ahead) in the G1 Prix de l'Abbaye, sweeping Dods past the £1-million mark across Europe.

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FRANKEL, CAMELOT AMONG CAPE SALE SIRES

By Daithi Harvey

Cape Town, SOUTH AFRICA--The ninth edition of the Cape Thoroughbred Sales's Cape Premier Yearling Sale takes place in the Cape Town Convention Centre on Wednesday with 226 yearlings catalogued over a single session, compared to a two-day affair last year when 236 lots were offered from a catalogue of 254 yearlings.

Last year the sale had to do without one of South Africa's biggest Thoroughbred investors of recent times in Markus Jooste, and his absence was felt by a 28% drop in turnover to R111,475,000 (\$8,021,302/£6,221,834/€7,061,649).

Last year's clearance rate held firm at 93%, but the average dipped 27% to R504,411 (\$36,295/£28,153/€31,953), with the median coming in at R300,000 (\$21,586/£16,744/€19,004).

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“It’s not very often you get a horse of Mecca’s Angel’s calibre and for one to come along again as good within two or three years, for a smallish yard anyway,” he says. “Obviously the downside was the Nunthorpe, when it was so close. You don’t normally get a second chance in a race like that again, but to go and win the Abbaye was very exciting and the horse deserved it.”

Dods had taken that loss stoically.

“You’ve got to be sporting, that’s the game you’re in, but you’re sort of devastated inside when it’s that close and it took so long for the result. They kept splitting it and splitting it, and couldn’t split them. Ten years ago it would have been a dead-heat, that’s it, let’s be fair.

“We knew the Group 1 would come but we knew we only had one race left and whether it was last season or we’d have to wait for another season.”

Although that prize at ParisLongchamp enhanced what was

already a considerable page for the homebred from David Armstrong’s Highfield Farm in Lancashire, she is not destined for the paddocks just yet. The fast-finishing 5-year-old is due back shortly from the Armstrongs’ base, where she has been overseen by the owner’s daughter, Sophie.

“It was always the plan that he’d like to race her this season coming and then decide whether to breed off her himself or let someone else breed off her,” Dods explains. “David’s done very well when you think they’ve got a small breeding operation and he’s now bred two Group 1 winners. He’s raced three with Garswood, but bred Mayson and Mabs Cross. He hasn’t got hundreds of broodmares so it’s unbelievable.

“With a horse like this the races pick themselves, let’s be fair. We’ll have a close look abroad in Ireland and France as well but obviously we’d be looking at Haydock [G2 Temple S.], Royal Ascot, York and the Abbaye again and see what else we have to take in.” **Cont. p3**



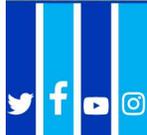
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Dods A Growing Northern Force Cont.

There could be one difference, with Dods disclosing: "Until the last couple of runs we always felt she would be a better filly over six furlongs but then as she raced last year, she seemed to get faster and it might not be her cup of tea. I'd had her pencilled in for the Summer S. at York last year as an intended run but we sort of shelved the idea and kept her at five. If we were stuck for a race and it fitted in, we might give her a try at six."

The rest of the progeny of Armstrong's Miss Meggy (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) have not been an unqualified success, with a half-brother by Invincible Spirit {Ire} called Samlesbury (GB) failing to cut the mustard as a juvenile. Dods has been quietly encouraged by the look of the 2-year-old colt by Iffraaj (GB), although he is in the earliest of days.

There is another in the yard of whom the 56-year-old can have more immediate hopes in the shape of Intense Romance (Ire) (Intense Focus), who is the same age as Mabs Cross and became a dual listed winner at sprint distances at Ayr and Ascot in the autumn.

"For some reason she took forever to come to hand; she wasn't thriving or showing me a lot," he recalls. "I remember seeing a bit of work one day in the middle of the season at home--she just started to show a little bit of sparkle.

"She went to Carlisle and finished second to another of my horses, and never looked back after that. She improved tremendously in her last three runs last year, with no way of knowing where that would end. Especially if she got the conditions she wants, proper soft ground, and she's exciting to look forward to again this year. You'd have to look at the penalty structure in the listed races and you could see her being very competitive in a Group 3."

Denton Hall, in secluded countryside just outside Darlington, is on the land that two earlier generations have farmed, and the family business still includes arable and sheep, along with fattening beef cattle. His wife, Carole, is an integral part of the racing operation and daughters Chloe and Sophie have both ridden as amateur riders as well alongside professional careers.

A bespectacled, reassuring figure, Dods seems the sort of character to engender loyalty in his stable. In a sport where many are after a fast buck, it is even more heartening to hear him espouse that virtue himself.

"There are odd people who were here when my father was training. He had a permit and had just got his licence for one year but within the first two or three years we started training, there are owners that were here then and are here now," he says. "We've been lucky that by having those good horses, we've attracted owners who can maybe buy a better quality horse--we've had a couple from Paul and Clare Rooney and others have sort of noticed. **Cont. p4**

Dods A Growing Northern Force Cont.

“We don’t mind around 80, 85, but I don’t really want any more than that. We have turned away horses this year, to be honest, we couldn’t fit them in. But I’ve had very loyal owners and when you’ve got the likes of Geoff and Sandra Turnbull and David Armstrong, they’ve got breeding operations and you’ve got to look after them because they’ve been here a long time, rather than take new owners that have never been in the yard. They got us there, and we’ll never forget that either.”

Dods is too modest to make any self-congratulatory explanation of how any improvements have been made, but it is clear that there has been some refinement to the regime.

“You’ve got to keep learning, mind,” he says. “I think nowadays that some of these horses don’t need as much work as everyone thinks, especially the sprinters. The days when

you’d gallop them hard; I don’t know whether those horses last as long. We would have them very fit, the gallops are on a hill, but they tend to last and enjoy their racing. We like to see horses still racing here at 10, 11, 12 if possible. It’s not quite the graft of maybe 10-15 years ago.”

Careers can also be sustained by gentle starts with Mabs Cross, who was a little small and backward to make her debut before she was three, a case in point.

“Last year we had three that hadn’t raced that came out after mid-October, and all three won as well, even up to couple weeks ago,” Dods says. “That’s sometimes difficult because people like to see them on the racecourse, but if they’re not ready, they’ve got to wait. And some of the late maturing horses, like the Archipenkos, Sea The Moons, the distance horses, there’s no point trying to run them in May, is there, if they don’t want to be running until September.”



Michael Dods and Tim Easterby at the sales | racingfotos.com

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17 first crop 2YO winners in 2018 including...

BEYOND REASON (CHARLIE APPEBY/GODOLPHIN)

- 1st Prix du Calvados-Gr.2
- 1st Prix Six Perfections-Gr.3

BROOME (AIDAN O'BRIEN/COOLMORE PARTNERS)

- 2nd Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere-Gr.1

SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE (AIDAN O'BRIEN/COOLMORE PARTNERS)

- 2nd Criterium de Saint-Cloud-Gr.1

WESTERN AUSTRALIA (AIDAN O'BRIEN/COOLMORE PARTNERS)

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ROSEHILL (J-C ROUGET/AL SHAQAB RACING)

- 1st Prix de Pomerol

And a big year expected in 2019...

*“I have a tip for the future: **Australia**.”*

Broome, Beyond Reason, Western Australia and Sydney Opera House are rated in excess of 108 and that’s very statistically significant... he is, I would say, extremely promising.”

James Willoughby, Racing UK, 28/10/18



*“I’ve seen enough in **Australia**’s first crop for me to believe that he will develop into a good stallion.”*

Damian Burns, of Lodge Park Stud, TDN, 16/11/19



It seemed a vintage year for the first-crop 2YO sires. Who excited you the most?

*“The one I’m looking forward to the most is **Australia**. He has a very similar profile to his own sire, Galileo... I’d be amazed if his progeny didn’t improve as much from two to three as his own sire’s do.”*

Brendan Holland of Grove Stud. RACING POST, 31/12/18



AUSTRALIA

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Dods A Growing Northern Force Cont.

“We’re lucky the owners understand that. David Armstrong is a prime example. If we think one’s no good, he’s gone, but if a horse needs time he’ll give it as much as it needs.”

With a promising bunch of 3-year-olds and another fine season in the offing, it is those owners with the foresight to give Michael Dods their time who should be reaping the rewards.

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ACLAIM AND LANCASTER BOMBER TO STAND FOR LIVE FOAL TERMS

National Stud stallions **Aclaim (Ire)** (Acclamation {GB}), who won the G1 Prix de la Foret, and G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup hero **Lancaster Bomber** (War Front) will stand for live foal terms instead of Oct. 1 terms in 2019, Avenue Bloodstock announced on Tuesday. Aclaim stands for £9,500 in his second season at stud, while Lancaster Bomber will command £8,500 in his first year.

“Breeders in Britain and Ireland are enduring a tough few years and the foal market in 2018 was especially punishing,” said Mark McStay, who founded Avenue Bloodstock with John Ferguson. “Sure, we’re stallion managers but we’re mare owners too, and we know exactly what breeders are going through--which is why we’ve changed our terms to give breeders who send their mares to us as much support as we possibly can.



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NEWMARKET TRAINERS BREAK G1 WIN RECORD

Trainers based in Newmarket saddled 37 Group 1 winners in Europe, North America, Asia and Australasia in 2018, breaking the 2014 record of 28, The Jockey Club announced on Tuesday. A total of 1,850 races were won by Newmarket-trained horses, a jump of almost 10% on 2017, with 157 more winners, with the monthly average of horses using the gallops down 0.9% to 2,575 horses. [Cont. p6](#)

Newmarket Trainers Break G1 Win Record Cont.

Champion trainer John Gosden sent out the most top-flight winners with 13, with his Roaring Lion (Kitten's Joy) taking four, Cracksman (GB) (Frankel {GB}) three, Enable (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}) two, Stradivarius (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) two and one apiece for Too Darn Hot (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) and Without Parole (GB) (Frankel {GB}).

Godolphin trainer Saeed bin Suroor lifted nine, and Sir Micheal Stoute and William Haggas each took four.

"2018 was a fantastic year for Newmarket trained horses," said Nick Patton, Managing Director of Jockey Club Estates. "The results reflect very well on trainers, their staff and our staff considering the challenging weather conditions, with the 'Beast from the East' and a very cold spring followed by an exceptionally dry summer. Since 2010, Jockey Club Estates has invested £3.4million in improvements to the Newmarket Training Grounds and the benefit of that on-going investment in the facilities is evident in the results of 2018. As well as breaking the record for the number of Group 1 wins, several of the smaller yards enjoyed notably successful seasons too and the beauty of Newmarket is that the facilities are open to all trainers."

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BRITAIN



CONDITIONS RESULT:

4th-Newcastle, £30,000, 1-22, 4yo/up, 5f (AWT), :58.27, st.

ENCORE D'OR (GB) (g, 7, Oasis Dream {GB})--Entente Cordiale {Ire}, by Ela-Mana-Mou {Ire}) Lifetime Record: SW-Eng, GSP-Ire & SP-Fr, 41-11-4-4, \$291,006. O-Mrs Morley, G Johnson & Newsells Park Stud; B-Newsells Park Stud (GB); T-Robert Cowell. *220,000gns Ylg '13 TAOCT. **1/2 to Equiano (Fr) (Acclamation {GB}), Hwt. Older Horse-Eng at 5-7f, G1SW-Eng, MGSP-Fr, \$937,240, & to Evita Peron (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), MSW & GSP-Eng, GSP-Ger, \$118,434.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Havana Rocket (Ire), c, 3, Havana Gold (Ire)--Mawaakeb, by Diesis (GB). Newcastle, 1-22, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:28.40. B-Ballyhane Stud (IRE). *€40,000 Ylg '17 GOFOR.



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One of the first reported foals by Cheveley Park's two-time Group 1 winner Ulysses (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) arrived at the stud on Jan. 22. The blaze-faced filly is out of My Hope (Afleet Alex), a half-sister to three black-type winners and from the extended family of Blame (Arch) and Archipenko (Kingmambo). "She is an attractive and well-balanced filly, with good bone and quality," said Cheveley Park Bloodstock Manager Matthew Sigsworth. "We are delight to see that Ulysses appears to be stamping his stock at this early stage, and are particularly encouraged by this new arrival." Ulysses is standing for £17,500 at Cheveley Park Stud this year. | Cheveley Park Stud

FRANCE



CONDITIONS RESULT:

1st-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €19,000, 1-22, 4yo, 12f (AWT), 2:30.07, st. BOULEVARD (IRE) (c, 4, Galileo {Ire})--Walzerkoenigin {Hwt. Older Mare-Ity at 7-9 1/2f, GSW-Fr, Ger & Ity, GISP-US & GSP-Eng, \$417,565}, by Kingmambo) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-2, €41,420. O-Valentin Bukhtoyarov, Vartan Vartanov & Evgeny Kappushev; B-Gestut Schlenderhan (IRE); T-C Rossi. *€110,000 HRA '18 ARQARC. **Full to Port Douglas (Ire), GSW-Ire & GSP-Eng, \$185,538, & 1/2 to Walzertraum (Rahy), GSW-Ger & SP-Swe, \$154,586, to Wiener Walzer (Ger) (Dynaformer), Hwt. 3yo-Ger at 11-14f, MG1SW-Ger & G1SP-Fr, \$785,837, & to Walzertakt (Ger) (Montjeu {Ire}), Hwt. Older Horse-Ger at 14f+, MGSW-Fr & GSP-Ger, \$204,584.

KAYF TARA COLT TOPS GOFFS UK JANUARY

The first day of the Goffs UK January Sale, which offered a session of National Hunt mares and foals, was topped by a son of Kayf Tara (GB) (lot 33). Knocked down for £58,000 to Brendan Bashford Bloodstock, the bay was consigned by Little Lodge Farm. Overall, 93 lots (62%) sold from 151 offered, with a gross

of £1,024,450. The average dipped 32% to £11,016 and the median was £6,000 (-40%). For just weanlings, 71 sold from 114, an identical clearance rate and the aggregate was £821,350. The foal average was £11,568 (-8%) and the median was £7,500 (-17%). In 2018, the figures were improved by the Trull House Dispersal.



IN AUSTRALIA:

Pontmain (Fr), g, 5, **Le Havre (Ire)**--Capitelli (Ire), by Cape Cross (Ire). Wagga, 1-22, Maiden (£12k/€14k), 1600mT, 1:37.31. B-Mme Laetitia Hautemaniere, Gilles Levasseur & SCEA Hautemaniere. *1ST TIME STARTER. **€28,000 Wlg '14 ARQDEC.

WINNERS BY EUROPEAN SIRES

IN INDIA:

Marinetti (Ind), c, 3, **Fast Company (Ire)**--Moynsha Girl, by Giant's Causeway. Hyderabad, 1-21, Darley Arabian Million S., 1200mT, 1:11.89. B-Nanoli Stud. *€13,500 in utero '15 GOFNOV. *Remained undefeated in two career starts. **VIDEO**

WORLDWIDE NEWS

Frankel, Camelot Among Cape Sale Sires Cont. from p1

With 12 months to regroup and take stock of the market, the CTS team has decided a slight restructure of the event was worth a try to attempt to re-establish some positive momentum.

"For me, it made sense to stage the sale over one day," CTS Chief Executive Officer Wehann Smith said. "We're selling more or less the same number of horses as in the past and I feel we often lost momentum on the second day. We are also trying to accommodate some of our international buyers who may want to go to the Karaka sale in New Zealand. It is encouraging to see so many familiar faces returning to Cape Town for the sale and we are confident the catalogue is of a high enough quality. There are a large number of yearlings by first-season sires, but all the top South African sires are well represented as are several of the leading international stallions." **Cont. p8**



Camelot will have three yearlings go through the ring in Cape Town | *Coolmore*

Frankel, Camelot Among Cape Sale Sires Cont.

Last year the top price was R4-million when John Freeman signed for a Frankel (GB) colt, and with 12 lots catalogued that are out of Grade 1-winning mares and 14 that are siblings to Grade 1 winners, there is every likelihood that price could be matched or exceeded. Yearlings are catalogued alphabetically beginning with the letter Y, and the **first offering into the ring**, a filly by Greys Inn out of Young Sensation (SAf) (National Emblem {SAf}) should prove popular. The Klawervlei Stud-consigned filly is a full-sister to South African champion and eight-time Group 1 winner Legal Eagle (SAf), who goes in search of an elusive first win in the G1 Sun Met at Kenilworth on Saturday.

It will be interesting to see how the first yearlings by Klawervlei Stud's Coup De Grace fare today. The son of Tapit was high-class on the track, winning the GII Amsterdam S. at Saratoga and finishing third in the GI King's Bishop S. at the same track. He is not short of representatives in the sale with 18 catalogued and probably his best bred offering is **lot 29**. This filly holds the distinction of being out of a champion in G1 Greyville Golden Slipper winner and South African champion 2-year-old Consensual (SAf) (Camden Park), but also being a half-sister to a champion in Just Sensual (SAf) (Dynasty {SAf}). Just Sensual won the G1 Cape Fillies Guineas at Kenilworth in 2016 while the mare's other two offspring to race have both won.

Coup De Grace also has a colt catalogued that is sure to attract interest. **Lot 172**, a chestnut colt from Riverton Stud, is a half-brother to triple Group 1 winner Captain Of All (SAf) (Captain Al {SAf}), while the dam Serious Side (SAf) (Fard {Ire}) has also produced the stakes performer Intimateconnection (SAf) (Lake Coniston {Ire}).

Although his eldest crop in the Northern Hemisphere have just turned four, Camelot (GB) has already proven himself a top-class

stallion through Group 1/Grade I winners Latrobe (Ire), Athena (Ire) and Wonderment (Ire). Following one withdrawal, the Coolmore stallion now has three yearlings to go through the ring, all from Klawervlei and perhaps the pick of the trio is **lot 46**. This well-developed filly is the first foal out of the Fastnet Rock (Aus) mare Egyptian Sky (Ire), who in turn is out of Henrythenavigator's stakes-winning full-sister Queen Cleopatra (Ire) (Kingmambo). The grand-dam has bred two stakes winners while the page traces back to Ireland's champion 2-year-old filly of the year 2000, Sequoyah (Ire) (Sadler's Wells).

Not many will disagree that Last Winter (SAf) (Western Winter) was the unlucky horse in the 2018 Sun Met, with Dean Kannemeyer's 5-year-old flashing home from the widest draw to finish second, and a chance to acquire a half-brother to the talented colt presents itself with **lot 54**. Offered by Black Swan Stud, the colt by Elusive Fort (SAf) is out of Field Flower (SAf) (Silvano {Ger}), who won the G1 Cape Fillies Guineas.

Among the first produce on offer in Cape Town from some top-class race mares of recent seasons are **lot 57**, a filly by Trippi out of Fly By Night (SAf) (Jet Master {SAf}) who won the G1 Mercury Sprint, and **lot 91** from Drakenstein Stud, a colt by Dynasty out of MGSW Lanner Falcon (SAf) (Trippi). **Lot 137**, a Slivano (Ger) colt from Maine Chance Farm, is the first produce of G1 South African Oaks winner Pine Princess (SAf) (Captain Al {SAf}), while **lot 173** is a filly by Duke Of Marmalade (Ire) out of G1 South African Fillies Classic winner Siren's Call (SAf) (Elusive Fort {SAf}).

Frankel has two catalogued on Wednesday, both from Klawervlei Stud. The first, **lot 69**, is a colt out of Hadarama (Ire) (Sinndar {Ire}) from the family of dual Derby winner Harzand (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), while the second is a filly, **lot 100**, who is the first foal out of the Dark Angel (Ire) mare Lost In Love (Ire) and hails from the family of Group 1 winning 2-year-old Sudirman (Henrythenavigator). **Cont. p9**



Frankel has two yearlings catalogued | *Juddmonte*

Frankel, Camelot Among Cape Sale Sires Cont.

Wednesday offers the last opportunity to buy a yearling at this sale by the late Captain Al (SAf), and among his nine catalogued is **lot 129**. This filly's dam Pagan Princess (SAf) (Fort Wood) has already bred two Group 1 winners from just four runners including this yearling's full-brother William Longsword (SAf). The mare has also produced G1 South African Fillies Sprint winner Real Princess (SAf) (Trippi).

American stallion Uncle Mo has two catalogued in the sale including **lot 194**, a colt from Klawervlei Stud who is a half-brother to GI Hollywood Gold Cup winner Rail Trip (Jump Start), while another first-crop stallion with a well-bred yearling to represent him is Global View. Winner of the GII American Turf S., Global View is by Galileo (Ire) out of the Storm Cat mare Egyptian Queen, and **lot 189** from Ascot Stud lacks little on the dam side being out of the 14-time winner Stormy Appeal (SAf) (Kilconnel), who has already produced three stakes winners. [\(Return to story p1\)](#)

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Date	Race	Track
Jan. 20	American Jockey Club Cup (G2)	Nakayama
	Tokai S. (G2)	Chukyo
Jan. 26	Aichi Hai (G3)	Chukyo
Jan. 27	Negishi S. (G3)	Tokyo
	Silk Road S. (G3)	Kyoto
Feb. 3	Tokyo Shimbun Hai (G3)	Tokyo
	Kisaragi Sho (G3)	Kyoto
Feb. 9	Queen Cup (G3)	Tokyo
Feb. 10	Kyodo News Service Hai (G3)	Tokyo
	Kyoto Kinen (G2)	Kyoto
Feb. 16	Diamond S. (G3)	Tokyo
	Kyoto Himba S. (G3)	Kyoto
Feb. 17	February S. (G1)	Tokyo
	Kokura Daishoten (G3)	Kokura
Feb. 24	Nakayama Kinen (G2)	Nakayama
	Hankyu Hai (G3)	Hanshin
Mar. 2	Ocean S. (G3)	Nakayama
	Tulip Sho (G2)	Hanshin
Mar. 3	Yayoi Sho (G2)	Nakayama
Mar. 9	Nakayama Himba S. (G3)	Nakayama
Mar. 10	Fillies' Revue (G2)	Hanshin
	Kinko Sho (G2)	Chukyo
Mar. 16	Flower Cup (G3)	Nakayama
	Falcon S. (G3)	Chukyo
Mar. 17	Spring S. (G2)	Nakayama
	Hanshin Daishoten (G2)	Hanshin



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PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Top Score (GB)	Hard Spun	Soumillon	bin Suroor	125
2	Degas (Ger)	Exceed And Excel (Ger)	De Vries	Klug	125
3	Portamento (Ire)	Shamardal	Jara	Al Rayhi	125
4	Mythical Magic (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	O'Donoghue	Appleby	125
5	Intisaab (GB)	Elnadim	Harley	O'Meara	125
6	Marinaresco (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Fayd'Herbe	de Kock	125
7	D'Bai (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	J Doyle	Appleby	125
8	Bravo Zolo (Ire)	Rip Van Winkle (Ire)	B Doyle	Appleby	125
9	Comin' Through (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Cosgrave	Waller	129
10	Janoobi (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Crowley	de Kock	125
11	Another Batt (Ire)	Windsor Knot (Ire)	Hitchcott	Scott	125
12	Lansky (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Barzalona	Jadhav	125
13	Championship (Ire)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	Beasley	bin Harmash	125

Thursday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 7:40 p.m.

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1	Blair House (Ire)	Pivotal (GB)	J Doyle	Appleby	125
2	Arod (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Crowley	Simcock	125
3	Dream Castle (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Soumillon	bin Suroor	125
4	Bay of Poets (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	B Doyle	Appleby	125
5	Euginio (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Veron	Nass	125
6	Racing History (Ire)	Pivotal (GB)	Stott	bin Suroor	125
7	Leshlaa	Street Cry (Ire)	Cosgrave	bin Suroor	125
8	First Contact (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	O'Donoghue	Appleby	124
9	Deauville (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	De Vries	Nass	125

Saturday, Kenilworth, South Africa, post time: 5:10 p.m.

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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	11	Legal Eagle (SAf)	Greys Inn	Hewitson	Tarry	132
2	10	Head Honcho (SAf)	Querari (Ger)	de Melo	Nel	132
3	8	Hat Puntano (Arg)	Hat Trick (Jpn)	Dillon	Ramsden	132
4	4	Made To Conquer (SAf)	Dynasty (SAf)	Khumalo	Snaith	132
5	6	Milton (SAf)	Lateral (GB)	Simons	Prestage	132
6	1	Kampala Campari (SAf)	Querari (Ger)	Domeyer	Nel	132
7	7	Do It Again (SAf)	Twice Over (GB)	Fourie	Snaith	131
8	12	Undercover Agent (SAf)	Captain Al (SAf)	Orffer	Crawford	131
9	2	Rainbow Bridge (SAf)	Ideal World	Marcus	Sands	131
10	13	Tap O' Noth (SAf)	Captain Al (SAf)	Byleveld	Marshall	131
11	9	Eyes Wide Open (SAf)	Dynasty (SAf)	Lerena	Kotzen	131
12	3	Doublemint (SAf)	Twice Over (GB)	Strydom	Snaith	131
13	5	Oh Susanna (Aus)	Street Cry (Ire)	Fayd'Herbe	Snaith	126



EASTER CATALOGUE DEFINED BY DEPTH AND QUALITY



The Autumn Sun was a A\$700,000 Inglis Easter purchase | TDN AusNZ

by Bren O'Brien

The 2019 Inglis Easter Yearling Sale **catalogue** was released on Tuesday, and as expected, it is page after page of incredible pedigrees. There will be 450 lots offered over the two days with the focus on quality seeing 39 siblings to Group 1 winners, as well as the progeny of 34 Group 1 winning mares.

Among the most anticipated yearlings will be **lot 369**, the three-quarter brother to superstar 3-year-old The Autumn Sun by Not A Single Doubt, offered by Arrowfield. The Autumn Sun was a A\$700,000 purchase, while the filly by Snitzel out of Azmiyna (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) sold for A\$1.3m last year.

The half-brother to last year's sale topper, the A\$2.3m Fastnet Rock x The Broken Shore colt, is sure to attract plenty of suitors. By the sire of Vancouver, Medaglia d'Oro {USA}, **lot 307** is a half-brother to three-time Group 1 winner Shoals and is also offered by Arrowfield.

The catalogue also features a full-brother to international Group 1 winning sprinter and now Coolmore stallion Merchant Navy (Fastnet Rock), offered as **lot 88** by Segenhoe Stud.

Yarraman Park offer Brazen Beau's full-brother, **lot 243**, while other prominent stallions with siblings in the sale include Starspangledbanner, Dundee (NZ), Shooting To Win and Shamus Award.

Among the 34 yearlings out of Group 1 winning mares is **lot**

156, the sister to a colt who fetched the second highest price of the 2018 sale, A\$1.8 million, by Fastnet Rock out of O'Marilyn (O'Reilly {NZ}). Also among that group is the Written Tycoon half-brother (**lot 329**) to the Snitzel x Walk With Attitude colt, which sold for A\$1.5 million last year.

Champion filly Norzita (NZ) (Thorn Park {USA}), who is set to be sold during May's Chairman's Sale in foal to Snitzel, also has a filly by So You Think (NZ) (**lot 153**) in the catalogue.

Depth Matches Strength

While the top end of the sale looks strong as usual, Inglis General Manager of Bloodstock Sebastian Hutch said the strength extended right through the catalogue.

"The significance of the Easter Yearling Sale is perfectly illustrated by the fact that the three most valuable colts to race in Australia in 2018, The Autumn Sun, Merchant Navy and Trapeze Artist (Snitzel), are all graduates of the sale," Hutch said. "Similarly the value to be found at the sale is further demonstrated by the likes of Spring Group 1 winners Aristia (Lonhro) and Land Of Plenty (Stratum) both having been sourced at Easter for A\$80,000.

"There is a large volume of well-bred fillies in the book, which is particularly exciting given how hard it is traditionally to gain entry to these good families. Already there is huge interest in the sale from buyers and we are looking forward to another fantastic renewal of what is the best yearling sale in the Southern Hemisphere." **Cont. p2**



The full-brother to Brazen Beau will be offered by Yarraman Park.

Darley

Top Sires Well Represented

Snitzel, who led the aggregate at the 2018 sale, is the most represented sire in the catalogue with 37 yearlings, ahead of Sebring with 33. Fastnet Rock, who led the sale in terms of averages in 2018, has 31 yearlings along with I Am Invincible, who led aggregate sales at the recent Magic Millions sale on the Gold Coast. Vancouver leads the first-season sires with 25 yearlings in the catalogue, ahead of fellow Coolmore resident Pride of Dubai with 19.

International stallions are also well represented with Deep Impact (Jpn) having four colts at the sale, Frankel (GB) two colts and a filly, Tapit (USA) one of each and Lord Kanaloa (Jpn) and Harbinger (GB) both with one colt apiece.

Last year's Australian Easter Yearling Sale was statistically the second biggest ever, with gross sales of over A\$116 million and 22 A\$1 million-plus lots.

BUYERS AND VENDORS ANTICIPATING

EASTER HUNT by Bren O'Brien

After the release of the 2019 Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale catalogue, *TDN AusNZ* spoke to several buyers and vendors from recent years to gauge their expectations for the sale.

Emirates Park Returns with Golden Spring in Step

Given Emirates has sourced two G1 Golden Slipper S. winners from the Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale in the past five years, it is little wonder they will go into this year's sale with plenty of confidence. The 2019 Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale catalogue has been released and Emirates Park, the Australian racing and breeding operation of His Excellency Nasser Lootah, will be one of the many prospective buyers poring over it in the coming months.

Emirates Park has only bought nine yearlings at the Easter Sale in the past five years, spending just over A\$10 million. Illustrating the possibilities of shopping at both ends of the market, the cheapest of those nine purchases, the A\$85,000 paid for a Mossman filly back in 2013, yielded a terrific return when Mossfun won the 2014 Golden Slipper S. In 2017, Emirates Park went to A\$1.7 million to secure a Snitzel filly, and 12 months later celebrated Estijaab's win in Australia's richest 2-year-old race.

"Over the last five years, we've produced Mossfun out of the Easter sale for \$85,000 and Estijaab for \$1.7m. we've done quite well out of the sale," Emirates Park General Manager Bryan Carlson said. "It's a very good quality sale. The type and the pedigrees match. It's where you come to find the top-grade pedigrees and top-grade physical. It's a great sale."

Carlson said the focus on quality and the depth of the buying bench made Easter a very competitive sale, but there were always good opportunities for buyers.

"There's something for everyone at Easter, even at the top end, there are enough horses there for everyone. If there's something that really stands out, you can find it a bit strong. We found that with Estijaab, we had to go out of our budget to buy her, but thankfully that worked out," he said.

As a breeding as well as racing operation, Emirates Park has been particularly focussed on finding quality fillies out of Easter in recent years with its past five purchases all made with future broodmare prospects in mind.

"To go buy stakes-winning broodmares, it's very hard. So to go buy them as yearling fillies and race them, and get the excitement from that and then produce a good broodmare, it makes it a lot easier to do," Carlson said.

Carlson said Emirates Park will be active at the 2019 sale,

having bought three fillies in Sydney last year. One of them has made the track, Espaniyaah (I Am Invincible), who won the Inglis 2YO Banner at Moonee Valley on debut. She also won a recent barrier trial and is nominated to resume this Saturday at Randwick.

Another one, Balaabel (Not A Single Doubt), recently stepped out in a jumpout at Flemington for trainer Tony McEvoy, finishing second, while the third, Enjaaz (I Am Invincible) is with

Team Hawkes, who Emirates Park celebrated both of its Golden Slipper successes with.

"Last year we bought three very nice fillies and at this stage, all three of them are showing potential. You've already seen Espaniyaah and hopefully we can find that quality again this year," Carlson said. "It looks like a very strong catalogue this year and we are looking forward to it."

Meanwhile, Carlson revealed that Estijaab, who hasn't raced since her Golden Slipper win, was on track for an autumn return.



Estijaab | Bronwen Healy



Not A Single Doubt | Bronwen Healy

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"She's probably two weeks from trialling, she's going well, so fingers crossed," he said. "The time off has done her the world of good, she looks really well. We are looking forward to getting her back to the races."

An Arrowfield Easter Hunt for Five Straight

Arrowfield is shooting for its fifth-straight title as leading vendor, and with a massive draft of 55 at the sale, is well positioned to do just that. The breeding powerhouse has used the sale to launch some major careers, including the current rising star of Australian racing The Autumn Sun (Redoute's Choice), who was sold for A\$700,000 two years ago and has since gone on to win three Group 1s. Such an ambassador was The Autumn Sun among its graduates, Arrowfield bought into him ahead of his G1 Caulfield Guineas win and chairman John Messara is now planning his stud career.

"Seeing Arrowfield Easter graduates Estijaab win the Golden Slipper and The Autumn Sun win three Group 1 in 2018 was very satisfying," Messara said. "Seventeen of Arrowfield's last 26 Group 1-winning sale graduates have come out of our Inglis Easter consignments."

Arrowfield had a remarkable eight yearlings sell for over a A\$1 million at last year's Easter Sale. Four of those eight have siblings in the 2019 sale, including the half-brother to The Autumn Sun and the half-brother to last year's sale topper out of The Broken Shore (Hussonet {Ire}).

The legendary Redoute's Choice is represented by 12 yearlings from Arrowfield, while his champion son Snitzel has 37 yearlings in total, 10 of which are offered by Arrowfield, who also present 11 by Not A Single Doubt.

There are also 11 by their young stallion Dundee (NZ) and three by Japanese super stallion Deep Impact (Jpn).

"Our 2019 Inglis Easter draft is built around the stallion power of the Redoute's Choice dynasty, our rising star Dundee and Japan's super sire Deep Impact," Messara said. "We very much look forward to welcoming new and returning Inglis clients to the Big Barn at Riverside in April."

Coolmore in on Both Sides of the Market

Coolmore, which sold 28 yearlings for a total of nearly A\$11 million in 2018, will take a typically strong draft of 43 to Easter, with 11 of those either out of, or siblings to, Group 1 winners.

"Just like last year we offer an extremely high-class draft of yearlings with cosmopolitan pedigrees and the looks to match. We are represented by a broad cross-section of leading proven sires and the best up-and-coming sire prospects in the country," Stud Manager Jim Carey said.

The 2018 sale saw Coolmore sell three A\$1 million-plus yearlings, including two by its star stallion Fastnet Rock, who had a bumper sale overall, with 30 yearlings sold at a sale-leading average of A\$554,000. Carey said he expects the demand for Fastnet Rock to stay strong at the 2019 sale, with 31 yearlings catalogued.

"Fastnet Rock is sure to be popular once again, given that he continues to be the most potent source of Group 1 winners in Australasia," he said. "He is one of the greatest sires of the modern era and has enjoyed another stellar run on the track through the deeds of Merchant Navy, Shoals, Unforgotten, Comin' Through, Avantage and Catchy. We offer 10 incredibly well-credentialed yearlings by him at Easter including the progeny of, or siblings to the likes of Lankan Rupee, Pear Tart, Age Of Fire, Rezoned, Sacred Eye and Delta Girl." **Cont. p4**



Merchant Navy | Bronwen Healy

With such high-quality yearlings on offer it goes without saying that we will look to buy at Easter, just as we always have.

Jim Carey

Inglis Easter Cont.

But while Coolmore's draft features a strong representation from established top-end stallions such as Fastnet Rock, Pierre and So You Think (NZ), 2019 will be the first Easter sale for its three freshman stallions and expectations are high.

"We offer some outstanding first crop yearlings by Vancouver, Pride Of Dubai and No Nay Never (USA), all of whom are sires with great credentials that have already been well sought after at the sales this year," Carey said. "Easter is traditionally the place where breeders showcase the best of the best, and it is no different for us this year when it comes to the six Pride Of Dubais, four Vancouvers and three No Nay Nevers that we have on offer."

And Coolmore won't just be active as a vendor, with indications that it will be active player on the buying side of the market as well.

"With such high-quality yearlings on offer it goes without saying that we will look to buy at Easter, just as we always have," Carey said. "Last year we were involved in the purchase of the highly exciting filly Vinicunca (I Am Invincible). She won a Group 3 on debut for Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott, and we look forward to further supplementing our racing team with more quality stock in 2019."

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Date	Race	Track
Feb. 9	C. F. Orr S.	Caulfield
Feb. 16	Lightning S.	Flemington
Feb. 23	Blue Diamond S.	Caulfield
	Futurity S.	Caulfield
	Oakleigh Plate	Caulfield
Mar. 2	Chipping Norton S.	Warwick Farm
	Surround S.	Warwick Farm
	Australian Guineas	Flemington
Mar. 9	Randwick Guineas	Randwick
	Canterbury S.	Randwick
	Australian Cup	Flemington
	Newmarket H.	Flemington
Mar. 16	Coolmore Classic	Rosehill
Mar. 22	William Reid S.	Moonee Valley



SALES VETTING: AGREE TO DIFFER, OR DIFFER TO AGREE?



Gray Lyster
@graylyster

Following

The two worst vetting yearlings I have raised in the last 2 crops at Ashview Farm both won first time out this week. When you are vetting horses to purchase, please keep that in the back of your mind.

11:34 AM - 19 Jan 2019

49 Retweets 268 Likes



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By Chris McGrath

Dr. No must have been a veterinarian. Such, at least, was the implied verdict of many horsemen and women responding to a tweet posted by Gray Lyster of Ashview Farm the other day.

One of Lyster's many appealing qualities is that you are more likely to find him breaking powder at Jackson Hole than glazing his eyeballs on social media all day. On Saturday, however, he was prompted into one of his sporadic messages by the fact that the "two worst vetted yearlings" in Ashview's past two crops had both won on debut last week. "When you are vetting horses to purchase, please keep that in the back of your mind," he added.

The reaction was impassioned: "likes" by the hundred, retweets by the dozen, each comment creating ripples of further comment. Mark Taylor, for instance, observed that Taylor Made's poster of a hundred Grade I winners could equally be titled the "failed vetting poster," adding: "I actually believe that failing the vet as a yearling could be the most accurate indicator of elite talent we have!" Bluewater Sales, endorsing Taylor, said that its clients are told: "This one may have just enough wrong with it to be a runner."

Yet those most incensed by each other's perceived positions often turn out to have plenty in common.

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BELINDA ALLEGES FRANK'S 'FANCIFUL SCHEMES' ERODED STRONACH FAMILY EMPIRE

By T. D. Thornton, Bill Finley, and Perry Lefko

Belinda Stronach, the chairman and president of The Stronach Group (TSG) and the primary defendant in a bombshell October lawsuit initiated by her father, Frank Stronach, has chosen the week of the racing company's highest-profile race, the GI Pegasus World Cup, to fire back with her own allegations of financial mismanagement by her dad that she claims cost the family empire some \$850 million (CDN), "with hundreds of millions of this amount likely being irretrievably lost."

In a statement of defense and countersuit filed Jan. 21 in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, Belinda Stronach's legal team is arguing that, "The conflict that underlies this lawsuit is a fundamental disagreement over the proper test to be applied to managing the business and affairs of TSG." **Cont. p10**

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Pageant Material (Bernardini) stands with her first foal, a colt by Frosted, who is also the first foal of the season for Buttonwood Farm in Rhinebeck, New York. Owned by Mr. Albert Fried Jr., the colt was foaled on January 12 and is pictured on January 17. [Click here](#) to share your 2019 foal photos with the TDN. Please include sire, dam, owner, and photographer's name. | Elizabeth Bennett

FIELDS FOR PEGASUS CARD IN PLACE

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*Hronis Racing's reigning GI Breeders' Cup Classic hero and Horse of the Year candidate **Accelerate** (Lookin At Lucky) was assigned gate five in a field of 12 and was made the 9-5 morning-line favorite for Saturday's \$9-million GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational at Gulfstream Park.*

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*In this continuing series, TDN's Senior Editor Steve Sherack catches up with the connections of promising maidens to keep on your radar. In this edition, **Standup** (Into Mischief), a flashy second on debut sprinting on the Gulfstream lawn last week, is highlighted.*

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Sales Vetting cont. from p1

As so often, the difficulty comes when nuances of grey are stripped out for a black-and-white, right-and-wrong polemic; reduced, in this case, to the catch-all notion that a horse can "pass" or "fail" the vet according to some objective and immutable scientific standard.

Even the most cursory consultation of vendors, buyers and veterinarians quickly shows that different people, with different priorities, are absolutely entitled to different perspectives on a highly subjective challenge. They're all dealing with adolescent, changing animals, whose inevitable and hugely varied imperfections of flesh and bone place them somewhere on a spectrum of risk.

Few know the market better than David Ingordo. "The term 'pass the vet' is totally subjective," the agent says. "Vetting is a tool. Some people live or die according to what the vet says. We take a different



David Ingordo | Keeneland

approach. I can't read X-rays; don't want to. I can't scope horses, don't want to. So I send a vet in there and he comes back with the information. I only ask him to vet a horse if I have an intention to buy it. I'm not asking him to practice using a scope: I

want the okay to buy a horse and sometimes, in a nice way, it becomes a big fight. We're not just failing them wholesale if a horse has a problem. But I do want the information that's available."

As one who understands both sides of the deal, also being a pinhooker, Ingordo stresses that different standards must be applied to horses for different purposes.

"Horses have problems that may or may not affect their racing ability," he says. "But if you're going to resell you must

have a horse literally everybody can buy. When I'm doing that, I'm not trying to sell the horse to myself next year; I'm trying to sell to a pool of buyers that have money to spend and an

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opinion about how to spend it. And what I can accept and what they can accept are two different things.

"There are tons of horses with issues that will be fine to race. But when you're buying them, there's an associated amount of risk. And it's a dollar amount. I'm willing to lay out \$30,000 for this risk, associated with this vetting report; or I'm willing to shell out \$1 million on this one. So there's a risk and reward in it.

"I buy a lot of horses that don't pass everybody else's vet but that pass my criteria for what I'm doing. It may be a simple case of some sesamoiditis, the ultrasound shows the branches are clean but the horse just needs an additional 30, 60 or 90 days for the bone to settle down so I can move forward with it. So it 'passes' for me, because I'm willing to take the time—but it 'fails' for someone else, because they aren't. These things get labelled in general terms but there's always more layers to this conversation."

Equally he remembers his vet producing a research paper that surveyed 100 horses with the same problem they were contemplating in a yearling: a spur projecting from the back of the knee into a ligament. Not one of the 100 had made the track. Yet this horse, duly rejected by Ingordo and his team, changed hands for \$475,000. So he plainly "passed" the vet, and big time, for someone else.

Different things work for different people. Carrie Brogden of Machmer Hall, who applauded Lyster for igniting the debate, gives an example from the recent January Sale at Keeneland. She was underbidder on a \$40,000 colt, who had been certified by a vet she recognised. Subsequently she received a call from the consignors explaining that the buyer, who had not had him vetted beforehand, was "freaking out" after his own vet subsequently diagnosed moderate sesamoiditis in the front ankles.

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horse, so I said send me the pictures," Brogden says. "Don't get me wrong, I'm not a vet, but I've seen hundreds and thousands of X-rays now. And when I saw them I was like: 'Huh!?' So we ended up purchasing the horse for a discount. An example of a horse being completely failed for something my vet wouldn't have called. Nor had the original vet. But the purchaser's vet is killing the horse. It's this stuff we deal with all the time."

To Brogden, the key is trust between consignor and buyers. Tepin, the champion who put her on the map, herself had an issue not dissimilar to this colt. "And she didn't have a perfect throat," Brogden recalls. "That's why she was \$140,000 as a Saratoga yearling. I lost a lot of buyers."

But the Greathouses knew they could take Brogden at her word, and did so when she assured them that the young Bernstein filly's hind ankles had never blown up. As the other side of the same coin, she recalls frankly turning Niall Brennan against a very handsome and well-bred horse, whose ankle problems had indeed reached a clinical level. Sure enough, that horse never got to the track—and she trusts that Brennan will remember her candour whenever she gives him the green light in future.

"It's the same farms that raise the graded stakes horses year after year," she notes. "And to me, the ones that raise a lot of runners don't raise them like sale horses. They raise them tough and strong. We don't separate our yearling colts until they go into sales prep and sometimes I watch them and think, 'My God they're going to kill each other out there.' It's the clash of the titans, a battle zone. So, sure, somebody's going to get a defect in their sesamoid; somebody's going to chip here; somebody's come up with this there. But we try to walk that line. And plenty of times we kick on to the 2-year-old sales with horses that have gotten crunched by the vets as yearlings—just like Maximus Mischief (Into Mischief), for what I thought was b.s.—and... surprise! They vet great."

Ingordo, coming at it from a different side, equally deplores the notion that horses have to be bubble-wrapped to get past a sales vet. "That's absolutely the opposite of what should happen, if you want horses to perform and be sound and be horses," he says. "A little cosmetic thing, a cut or whatever, who cares? It's frustrating [to hear that] because it's never as simple as someone giving a rubberstamp to say these all vetted, and these didn't."

If anything, Ingordo wonders whether there might be a chicken-and-egg element, in that prepping young stock is nowadays so intense. If a horse is forced through the commercial process too early, it may come up with marginal issues that simply require a little patience. And that's where the guy signing the check comes in. Sometimes he will want a horse to be in Ocala on Oct. 1 to start the breaking process. Ingordo



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"You know, nobody has a crystal ball," Ingordo says. "But good vets will tell you that in their experience a problem may not manifest itself in one race, or ever, but could become a problem somewhere down the line. And then the people getting the information have to be able to process it. Unfortunately, in the sales environment we're in today, some people don't know [how to do that]. Their reliance is on the vet—and the vets, through no fault of their own, are then in a no-win position. Because if they 'approve' the horse and anything goes wrong, somebody's going to get blamed."

Lyster himself actually takes a similar view on that: unlike many consignors, he does not resent the vets themselves for

failing horses, instead suspecting that they are given little margin by their patrons.

"I don't buy the 'vets-are-screwing-us' scenario you hear from some peers," Lyster says. "I think it's the principal, at the end of the line, we need to try to educate a little. It's all a risk assessment, right. And people are spending a lot of money. And a vet is saying: 'Hey, to me this yearling is more risky than this yearling.' And then basically someone takes a pen and marks that number off their list. Any kind of blemish, the horse becomes valueless to that person. So the term 'a horse fails the vet' has turned into 'well, he doesn't have a perfect set of X-rays.'"

"I do think fewer and fewer principals have hands-on horsemanship. They're not familiar with a lot of the advice they're getting, and simply sum it up as: 'Well that horse doesn't vet.' And part of me understands that. Honestly, vet work has become very difficult to understand. It



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used to be you'd have a vet go over something and if there wasn't a big problem you'd buy the horse. But now it's become that when a vet talks to an owner, I've got to tell you—as a professional in this industry—a lot of the time I can't understand what the heck they're saying. When I get confused and owners get confused it turns into: 'Well, that horse failed.' What was it? 'Oh, something in the ankle.'"

Lyster accepts that in a crop of 20 there will typically be one that comes with blatantly high risk. But nowadays he feels that a major issue will be made of anything that is "remarkable," rather than significant: anything, literally, you can "remark" on. And he reckons that maybe half those 20 horses will today be "crucified" for something of that ilk: something merely mentionable.

A couple of years ago a prospector came up to him at the sales and said: "I had six horses on my list today but they all failed the vet."

"Do you know what you need to do?" replied Lyster.

"No, what's that?"

"You need to fire your vet!"

As he elaborates: "Because it's not possible to hand-pick six yearlings and for all six of them to fail the vet. It's not possible to vet 20 horses and have 14 fail the vet. You've X-ray machines that all of a sudden are seeing three or four times the detail they used to see, and I don't think that's benefiting anyone. Because they're finding more reasons to say: 'Oh my gosh, that doesn't look like what the perfect X-ray looked like when we went to vet school.'"

Brogden concurs. "I don't think the horses have changed," she says. "What's changed is digital X-rays. Before, in 10 years I had one horse called for a knee spur. One horse, a Mr. Greeley colt. Fast forward to digital X-ray, now have maybe 20% called for 2mm knee spurs, and probably 40 or 50% of yearlings called for sesamoiditis."

Of course, the ultimate corrective to the market is the racetrack. If people are letting good runners slip through the net, there is value there for the discerning shopper.

"I understand how we have a limited amount of buyers, and how each year people are taking tons of risk in our industry," Lyster says. "If you're going out there to buy one or two yearlings, I understand why you'd want to be super picky. But it's got out of control if horses with a couple of 'remarkable' findings, that rarely bother horses, become valueless."

"But there are people out there smart enough to go out and target that value. If Horse A and Horse B are both perfect X-rays, they're both worth half a million dollars. But if Horse A has perfect X-rays and Horse B some 'remarkable' findings, Horse A becomes worth \$750,000 and Horse B \$150,000. The gap just seems to get wider and wider. It seems like with 10% more risk,



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At the same time, in Lyster's view, the gap is narrowing between the horse that legitimately shouldn't be touched with a bargepole, and those with a "laundry list" of trivial drawbacks. One of the Ashview graduates who won last week had a congenital defect in an ankle—not that the technical diagnosis made particular sense to Lyster. "All I can tell you is that I was told this horse will never stand training," he says. "So when he runs off the screen you think: 'Woah, I didn't think he was able to breeze a half-mile!'"

To be fair to the veterinarians, they too object when their own judgements on matters of degree are presented as absolutes. And, as both Ingordo and Lyster have acknowledged, often it is actually the vets' clients who do that.

"We would very rarely use the terms 'pass' or 'fail' when we're looking at horses," stresses Dr. Scott Hay, president of Florida racetrack practice Teigland, Franklin and Brokken DVMs and vice-president of the American Association of Equine Practitioners. "Now, some clients don't understand anything other than pass, fail; and sometimes they drag us into that terminology. But we really resist it. The most important part, typically, is to be working for people with whom we've developed a good relationship over time, and whose tolerances for certain findings we have come to understand.

"Now over time we may change our level of tolerance for a certain finding, if we realize that maybe we missed a horse because we had a prejudice against a certain finding. The flipside is that sometimes we may prove too tolerant, and horses have a poorer racing career than expected because of something we were happy enough to accept.

"We try not to get prejudiced about findings we think will probably be all right for a horse's racing career. The issue is that some clients just don't want to take a risk of any sort. I'm not

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trying to sit here and tell you it's always the clients, if we miss a good horse. Sometimes the vet leads them down that path as well. But I do think we all take a bad rap for turning down a horse.

"My philosophy is that we report on what we see; try to explain what we think that means; try to weigh up the risk tolerance; and let them be the ultimate decision-makers on whether or not to buy. We try to educate them the best we can. But it's their money they're spending. And they're the ones who know how much they want to stick their neck out on something that may, or may not, be an issue."

Everyone knows of champions rejected as young horses on veterinary advice. One consignor who sold a horse now at stud remembers how his spectacular physique was legitimately undermined, as a yearling, by severe question marks over an ankle. A big Kentucky farm sent three different vets to try and get him cleared, but none was prepared to oblige. Nonetheless the horse met his (relatively conservative) reserve. After his championship campaign, the trainer rang the consignor and asked for his yearling X-rays, because they had just taken a new set that suggested they must have deteriorated to a shocking degree. "No problem," said the consignor. "And I bet you'll find they're exactly the same as your new ones." On receiving them, the trainer rang back and said: "This is incredible. Our vet can't

believe that this horse has never been clinically lame."

But stories like that shouldn't necessarily alter anyone's position. If it's all a question of degree, then those that do survive doubt and prosper as runners don't—in themselves—prove that the original doubt was misplaced.

"Sometimes you'll see a beautiful horse by a leading sire out of a Grade I winner," Ingordo says. "And he's an A-plus physical. And he brings 30 grand. He's been vetted 20 times, and he brings 30 grand. Were all those people wrong? And if he breaks his maiden by 15 lengths, and goes on to win a Grade I, were all those people wrong on their assessment at the time? I would argue probably not. Everyone would say: 'Look, he didn't pass the vet and now look what he did!' But how many of the horses we all turn down never run because they have an issue that gives them a 1% chance to make it?"

"People hire us for a reason," Dr Hay says. "That's not necessarily to overly protect them, but certainly to protect their interests. You're talking about percentage risk—and any time you do that, some of them are on one side of that line and some on the other. If we could figure out which, we'd all be geniuses. But we're not, so we have to weigh it out and see where that individual lands. Hopefully, we make the right choice and take the right risks but that's not always going to work out in everyone's favour. Somebody's going to miss that horse, and

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someone else's going to buy that horse. And they're the ones who are going to do good or bad, with that horse, because of that risk that was there."

As Ingordo said at the outset, the same issue can look radically different from one perspective to the next. And, as he also emphasises, nobody—on any side of this equation—is always right.

"Vets vary in opinions but they all have the opportunity and the right to work," he says. "So there are some who would turn down Secretariat at the head of the stretch in the Belmont and say he doesn't vet; and there are others who'll pretty much wave them through, no matter what. Buyers can be too stringent. Myself, I'm pretty forgiving. We have good clients and use horsemanship in every process. But the buyer's the one putting up the money and if they want things a certain way, that's their prerogative. Nobody's perfect in this game. But the term 'does not vet' is very subjective and needs qualification.

"I understand people being frustrated when they've never had a problem with a horse. Okay, it's never had a problem for you. But as buyers our job is to assess whether it might become a problem. You hear about the ones that go on and are successful—but never about those that didn't make it."

Again, different ways of looking at the same thing. Brogden turns it round: "As one of my very dear friends, a 2-year-old

consignor, said to me: 'Carrie, you have to look at it this way. They fail as many horses that can run as they pass horses that cannot.' And I thought that was spot on."

But that beauty of this business is that we don't establish who's wrong or right by arguing about it. We have that oval out there, with a wooden stick opposite the stand. And we can sort it all out there, every day of the week.

That said, you would be very welcome to carry on thrashing things out in the horseman's forum that is *TDN*. If so, we'd love to hear your views. Email us at suefinley@thetdn.com if you have comments for publication.

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The countersuit continues, "Frank Stronach firmly believes that, having been the principal creator of the family wealth, he may direct the business and affairs of TSG as he sees fit. Belinda and other TSG management firmly believe that their obligation is to manage the business and affairs of TSG in a prudent manner that is in the best interests of TSG and its stakeholders."

The 217 pages of court documents obtained by *TDN* paint a picture of ill-advised "passion projects" initiated by Frank Stronach, the 86-year-old family patriarch, including \$55-million



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“Over time...Frank began to engage in activities, many unauthorized, which placed the business and assets of TSG at considerable risk,” Belinda Stronach’s filing contends. “While Frank had great success in creating one of the world’s largest automotive suppliers, he has also experienced significant failures in nearly all of his other non-auto parts ventures and his political affairs. [Frank’s] lawsuit is an attempt to force TSG to fund Frank’s imprudent, and, in some cases, fanciful schemes to the detriment of TSG and its stakeholders.

“Belinda has engaged in no unlawful conduct,” the counter-claim asserts. “To the contrary, she has taken steps to rectify the irregular affairs of TSG she inherited from Frank.”



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The rags-to-riches rise of the Austrian-born Frank Stronach is well known within the racing industry, and he has been honored with numerous awards during his ascendancy from a small-scale Ontario horse owner and breeder to a global Thoroughbred power player. Over the course of six decades, he concurrently enjoyed commercial success as an auto-parts magnate, and several of his early racing holdings were intertwined with that firm, Magna International, until it filed for bankruptcy protection in 2009.

Frank Stronach, in conjunction with his wife, Elfriede, initially filed an **Oct. 1, 2018, lawsuit** alleging “a complete break-down” of relationships within the Stronach family as a result of years of strife and power struggles within TSG. The suit sought the removal of his daughter from all corporate officer and trustee positions related to the Stronach empire, and also demanded a jury trial to award \$540 million (CDN) in

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Separately, Andrew Stronach, 50, who is Belinda's brother, filed his own lawsuit Nov. 1 alleging similar TSG malfeasance as a result of his sister's "serious misconduct."

In her executive capacity, Belinda Stronach, 52, oversees (among 247 other TSG holdings), Santa Anita Park, Golden Gate Fields, Gulfstream Park, Laurel Park, Pimlico Race Course, and Portland Meadows.

Alon Ossip, the chief executive of TSG, was named as a co-defendant in the initial lawsuit, and two of Frank Stronach's grandchildren--Nicole and Frank Walker--were named as co-defendants. They are Belinda Stronach's children, and both served as trustees of family assets from 2013-17, according to court documents.

All of those co-defendants also filed statements of defense of Monday that largely disputed Frank Stronach's allegations.

Ossip's Jan. 21 defense statement alleges that Frank Stronach's irresponsible actions took a cumulative toll over the past decade.

"Over the past number of years, Frank's behavior became increasingly erratic, as reflected in part in his increasingly disruptive interventions in TSG's racing and gaming business (among others)," Ossip's statement claims. "Frank demonstrated a wholesale disregard for corporate decision-making within TSG, diverted company assets to his projects without regard for their economic viability, and made improper and unethical decisions in relation to third parties and employees. As a result, management was repeatedly forced to engage in damage control."

Belinda, 52, claims in her counter-suit that she is "entitled to" nearly \$33 million (CDN) in funds owed by her father, and that she should remain in full control of TSG.

Frank Stronach's attorneys could not be reached for comment. But *The Globe and Mail* of Toronto published a statement from his spokesperson, Dennis Mills (a former politician and Magna executive), that said, "I am in deep pain for Frank, Belinda and the family, because Frank spent his career building wealth and ensuring that wealth would be preserved. I remain optimistic that with love, in coming days, these issues can be resolved in a way that benefit both the family and the business."

Racetrack & gaming financials

TSG operates in four primary business segments: Racing and gaming (R&G), real estate development, agriculture, and the breeding/training/racing of Thoroughbreds (BTR).

Although much of the family squabbling detailed in the original suit and subsequent counter-claims focus on issues involving control of Stronach family trust funds and other forms of business, Belinda Stronach's Jan. 21 court documentation

alleges that TSG's racing and gaming businesses have become financially robust under her leadership.

"TSG's most profitable and cash-generating business segment is currently R&G," the court filings allege. "The R&G and real estate development segments represent the source of TSG's growth and are the drivers of wealth creation and preservation for the Beneficiaries.

"Under Belinda and Alon's leadership...since 2013, R&G has more than doubled its revenue and is generating significant positive cash flow.... TSG's R&G segment has thrived under Belinda and Alon's leadership. Its revenue doubled in a five-year period, increasing from \$555 million (US) in 2012 to over \$1.1 billion (US) in 2017. Its market share of handle (i.e. bets) increased from 15% in 2012 to 28% in 2017. TSG now hosts over 2 million guests a year at its R&G properties, and processes more than \$5.4 million (US) in daily wagering.

"The R&G segment is currently the primary source of TSG's growth and driver of wealth creation and preservation for the current and future generations of Stronach family beneficiaries," the court filings contend. "However, these R&G businesses were not always so profitable.... While the R&G businesses were still owned by [Magna] and managed by Frank, they were virtually all money-losing enterprises, which eventually resulted in [Magna] filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. Frank's tenure as CEO of [Magna] was marked by a feverish acquisition spree, a corresponding increase in debt, and high management turnover."

Fast-forwarding a decade, Belinda Stronach's Jan. 21 filings allege that her father's "litigation is the result of a clash between TSG's professionally-developed, sound business strategies intended to create and maintain wealth for future generations of the Stronach family, and Frank's refusal to accede to these sound business strategies in the context of projects that he cares deeply about but that have proven to be non-viable or are underperforming."

Belinda Stronach's statement of defense says that contrary to her father's assertions that he was to assume *de facto* legal control of TSG upon his return from a brief foray into Austrian politics in 2014, he was instead allowed to pursue limited interests "in the agricultural and BTR segments of TSG, as well as certain of the related real estate development ventures in Florida." The understanding was that Frank would be involved in high-level strategic planning but would not have any signing authority.

"On a limited number of non-R&G projects, TSG management gave Frank the ability to direct and commit resources in the early stage of his 'vision' for the agricultural businesses," the court documents allege. "By 2017, however, the excessive spending forecasted by Frank necessitated greater oversight and

control by TSG management.”

Despite the alleged need to keep close watch over her father’s ventures, Belinda Stronach’s court documents still generally depict a solid forward-looking financial footing for TSG’s R&G businesses.

“Together, TSG management has made horse racing attractive to a new generation of fans, modernized facilities, and enhanced guest experiences into a more expansive entertainment and hospitality experience,” the court documentation alleges.

“Management has also taken significant steps in the professionalization of the business, including by introducing human resources policies and employee engagement initiatives. These steps combined have led to R&G’s newfound professionalization and profitability, and are in stark contrast to Frank’s management of R&G at [Magna], where experienced managers and expert advice were routinely rejected by him,” the filing states.

But TSG’s breeding, training and racing businesses that have been under Frank Stronach’s guidance have allegedly not fared as well.

“He has overseen the acquisition of an unnecessarily large horse inventory and allowed the BTR businesses to incur significant losses,” Belinda Stronach’s filing argues. “Since 2010, the BTR businesses have incurred \$156.9 million (US) in operating losses. In 2018, TSG management replaced the general manager for the BTR business and is now working through a restructuring plan to reduce losses and horse inventory.”

The filings further allege that “Frank has engaged in bullying, verbal abuse and made threats toward TSG employees... In addition, Frank has regularly attempted to direct TSG employees contrary to their instructions from TSG management, often exploiting long-standing personal relationships to do so. This has created uncertainty and confusion among employees and has had a negative effect on morale.”

The court filings assert that, “Eventually a number of steps were required to contain the harm being caused by Frank’s behavior and desire to pursue his passion projects, often at a frenetic pace. In each case, several attempts were made to attempt to reason with Frank to restrain his activities. An independent third party acceptable to Frank and his counsel was retained to assist in these efforts. All such steps were taken with great respect for Frank and attempts were made to protect his reputation and the TSG brand.”

Belinda’s attempted settlement

“By mid-2018, it was clear that Frank (with the support of Elfriede and Andrew) had a very different view from Belinda and other TSG management as to how the business should be

operated,” Belinda Stronach’s statement alleges.

“In an attempt to create family peace and respond to their wishes,” Belinda Stronach, in August 2018, presented a proposal to all family members for the division of family assets, according to court documents.

In short, Belinda Stronach proposed controlling the racing and gaming assets, while Andrew Stronach (whose own lawsuit more or less sided with his father’s) would get control over agricultural and non-racing assets, plus cash paid out over a period of time.

“Belinda also proposed that as a next step in determining whether to proceed with the proposal, the family obtain an independent valuation of the assets to assist family members in determining whether the proposal was fair,” the court papers contend.

But, the court filings allege, “despite the fact that this valuation process was proposed as non-binding, the proposal went unanswered.”

In general, Canadian law requires defendants to file a statement of defense within 30 days of the filing of a lawsuit. That time frame can be amended in some cases, especially if both parties agree to an extension. Belinda Stronach and the other co-defendants took 113 days to file theirs, which occurred five days prior to the company’s signature global race, Saturday’s Pegasus World Cup at Gulfstream Park.

Whether or not the timing of the defense statement will have an effect on TSG’s image or business during Pegasus week is open to debate. But on a personal family level, one line in the court filing makes it clear that the Stronachs themselves, despite the family turmoil, are not financially suffering.

“All members of the Stronach family, and especially Frank, have been able to live in a manner that reflects the family’s substantial wealth,” Belinda Stronach’s filing asserts.

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"It's a good post," Sadler said. "We didn't want to be on the outside and we didn't want to be on the inside. We were hoping for five or six, so we're very happy with the draw. He has a style that doesn't get in trouble, typically. Hopefully, he gets away good and gets a good trip from there."

City Of Light (Quality Road) handed Accelerate his lone defeat of 2018 in a stirring renewal of the GII Oaklawn H., but cut back in distance for the GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile, in which he defeated fellow Pegasus entrant **Seeking the Soul** (Perfect Soul {Ire}) by a convincing 2 1/2 lengths. Javier Castellano has the call for trainer Mike McCarthy.

"I'm very pleased to be drawn into the three-hole," McCarthy said. "It got down to the wire there with the three or the 12, so we were obviously very grateful to have the three-hole. He's a horse that carries his speed a long way, so hopefully we get a nice, clean break and find ourselves in a good position going into



Mike McCarthy at Tuesday's Pegasus draw | Adam Coglianese

the first turn and turning up the backside."

WinStar Farm, who will be represented in the Pegasus Dirt by last year's course-and-distance GI Florida Derby winner **Audible** (Into Mischief), will send out **Yoshida (Jpn)** (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) in as the 5-2 morning-line favorite in the Turf. Winner of the GI Turf Classic on Derby Day last May, he defeated **Gunnevera** (Dialed In) in the GI Woodward S. and returns to the grass off a very respectable fourth to Accelerate in the Breeders' Cup Classic.

"We're happy with that," WinStar's Elliott Walden said. "I always like saving ground, especially on the turf, and we'll go from there. I always like to be the favorite, because it feels like you're in the right spot if you're the favorite. It doesn't mean he's going to win but it means he's in with a big chance."

Yoshida is one of two Japanese-breds in the race, as the filly **Aerolithe (Jpn)** (Kurofune), a Group 1 winner over a mile at home, adds a fair bit of intrigue to the race. Last year's G2 Ribblesdale S. victress **Magic Wand (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) invades for Team Ballydoyle off a solid fourth to Eclipse Award candidate Sistercharlie (Ire) (Myboycharlie {Ire}) in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf Nov. 3.

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TOM MCGREEVY JOINS FASIG-TIPTON

Leading bloodstock agent and yearling buyer Tom McGreevy will join the Fasig-Tipton yearling inspection team this spring for the company's 2019 selected yearling sales. McGreevy will continue to serve as the exclusive agent and advisor for client **Michael Stinson**.

"We are delighted to have Tom join our yearling inspection team for 2019," said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning. "He will bring a new and different perspective to the process as he joins our other highly qualified inspectors to provide guidance to our customers on sales selection and placement."

McGreevy has been a fixture on the sales scene for nearly 35 years. Top horses purchased by McGreevy include Horse of the Year Havre de Grace, two-time champion Songbird, champion sprinter Midnight Lute, GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile winner Battle of Midway, GISW Joyful Victory, in addition to many other graded stakes winners.

"I'm very much looking forward to working with Fasig-Tipton, with whom I've had a close working relationship through the years as a buyer," said McGreevy. "To be involved in their selection process is a unique opportunity, and I'm most appreciative to Mike Stinson for allowing me to work with Fasig-Tipton this spring. I will continue to work for Mike on an exclusive, year-round basis."



Tom McGreevy | Fasig-Tipton

Fasig-Tipton’s 2019 selected yearling sales consist of The July Sale July 9-10; The Saratoga Sale August 5-6; and the New York-Bred Yearlings Sale, scheduled for August 11-12 in Saratoga.

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SECOND CHANCES: STANDUP

by Steve Sherack

In this continuing series, TDN’s Senior Editor Steve Sherack catches up with the connections of promising maidens to keep on your radar. In this edition, **Standup** (Into Mischief), a flashy second on debut sprinting on the Gulfstream lawn last week, is highlighted. Previous runners featured in this column include: MGSW and ‘TDN Rising Star’ Paradise Woods (Union Rags), GSW Backyard Heaven (Tizway) and MSW and ‘TDN Rising Star’ Gidu (Ire) (Frankel {GB}).

Clocking his final eighth in a scorching :11.18, **Standup** (c, 3, Into Mischief--Well, by Well Decorated) stamped himself as one to watch with a visually impressive debut second sprinting five furlongs on the grass at Gulfstream Park Jan. 17 ([video](#)).

Off at odds of 4-1 sporting a worktab that included a four-furlong bullet in :48 (1/6) on the lawn at Todd Pletcher’s Palm Beach Downs base Dec. 23, the gray was outsprinted in ninth through an opening quarter in :21.35. He took the overland route beneath Javier Castellano while still well out of it on the turn for home and came flying like a wild horse down the center of the course in the stretch to finish within 3/4 of a length of the winner.

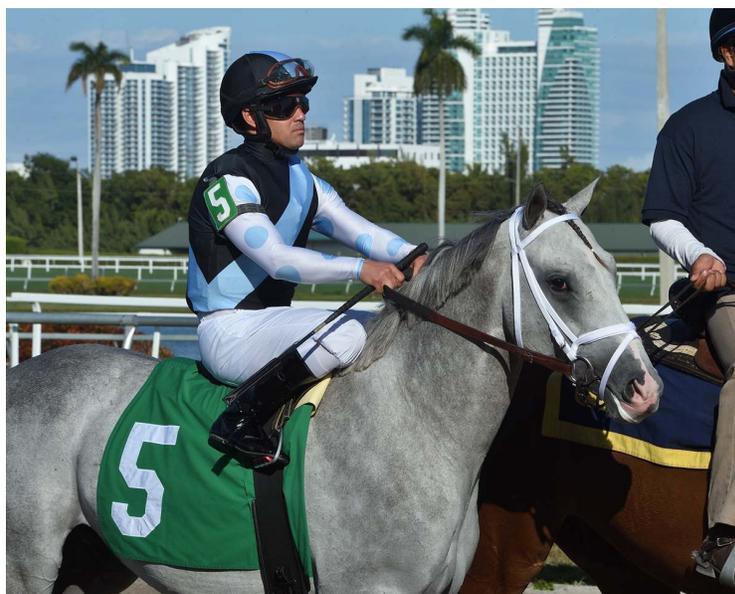
“For him to produce the type of wicked flourish he did from the quarter-pole to the wire was something you rarely see on that course, especially for a first-time starter,” Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners President Aron Wellman said of the

\$280,000 OBS March purchase, who is campaigned in partnership with Mike Repole.

Bred in Kentucky by Joanne R. Mummert and John C. Barrett Jr., Standup is a half-brother to the talented sprinter Kobe’s Back (Flatter), MGSW & MGISP, \$1,116,595; and Well Spelled (Spellbinder), GSW, \$364,160. Failing to meet his reserve when the bidding stalled at \$190,000 at Keeneland September, Standup brought \$270,000 from Cary Frommer at the Fasig-Tipton October Yearling Sale. He breezed an eighth in **:10 1/5** from Frommer’s OBS March consignment.

“We initially thought he’d be a precocious 2-year-old cut out for Saratoga, but he proved to be a bit too immature during the summer, so we peeled back and gave him some time to grow up,” Wellman said. “When he came back to Todd in the fall, we were actually pretty concerned because he wasn’t showing us much at all on the dirt. Fortunately, we had the luxury of breezing him on the turf at Palm Beach Downs and he took a massive step forward.”

As for what may be next, Wellman said, “We always envisioned him to be a pure sprinter. We have no intention of stretching him out at this stage, and while our hands are tied most likely with just five-furlong grass dashes at Gulfstream for



Standup | Adam Coglianese

the time being, we envision him relishing the one-turn sprints and elongated sprints at Belmont in the spring. Hopefully, he can execute at the next level in due time.”

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SIGNIFICANT PURSE HIKES ON TAP AT FINGER LAKES

An agreement reached earlier this month between the New York Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund (“the Fund”) and Finger Lakes Gaming and Racetrack (FLGR) will see purse enrichments that will finance 40-50% increases for maiden special weight races and at the first two allowance levels this coming season at Finger Lakes Racetrack in upstate Farmington, NY.

Maiden special weight race purses will increase by nearly 49% in 2019, with total money available of \$31,270, which includes up to \$4,770 of open-company awards from the Fund’s incentive program. Horses bred in New York won 90% of FLGR maiden specials last year, of which 68% were won by New York-sired progeny.



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First-level allowance races are set to be worth \$30,680 (including \$4,680 open-company awards) while second-level allowance races will be contested for purse money of \$31,860 (including up to \$4,860 of open-company awards).

“By enhancing multiple conditioned races, we hope to provide a strong incentive for horses to come to Finger Lakes and stay stabled on the grounds for subsequent conditions of value,” said Jeff Cannizzo, executive director of the New York Thoroughbred Breeders. “Also, breeders, owners and stallion owners will get the additional benefit of an opportunity to earn increased incentive awards from the Fund commensurate with the increased purses. This year will see the largest purses at Finger Lakes on record for maiden specials and the first two levels of allowance races. Breeders, owners and stallion businesses will now see 40-50% increases in the awards they earn on these races. It’s a win-win for everyone. Horsemen with stock that belong at this level across the northeast region should truly give Finger Lakes a close look when this enhanced purse structure appears in the spring condition book next week.”

Finger Lakes will continue to offer state-bred restricted third-level allowance races. In 2018, New York-breds won 97% of all allowance races at the track, 54% by New York-sired progeny.

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EQUINE SALES COMPANY ANNOUNCES 2019 AUCTION SCHEDULE

Equine Sales Company has released its complete 2019 schedule of sales after previously announcing that the 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale will be held Apr. 2. All auctions will be held in Opelousas, Louisiana.

The 2019 schedule includes the Consignor Select Yearling Sale Thursday, Sept. 5, and the Open Yearling and Mixed Sale Sunday, Oct. 27.

“We think the earlier 2-year-old sale will work well for buyers and consignors according to the feedback we received,” said Sales Director Foster Bridewell. “But we also heard that the other two sales were already scheduled well. Our select sale last year was one of our best ever, so we want to stick with what is working.”

Entries are being accepted through Feb. 7 for the 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale Tuesday, Apr. 2. The breeze show is set for Sunday, Mar. 31.

For more information go to www.equinesalescompany.com.

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Chilling Davos: A Bleak Warning on Global Division and Debt

“As business and political leaders arrive in the Swiss Alps for the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum, a surprisingly alarming letter from an influential investor who studiously eschews attention has already emerged as a talking point.

The letter, written by Seth A. Klarman, a billionaire investor known for his sober and meticulous analysis of the investing world, is a huge red flag about global social tensions, rising debt levels and receding American leadership.” **Andrew Ross Sorkin**, *The New York Times*

2016 Crop Report – Ordered By Number of Winners

for 2016-foaled progeny of stallions standing in North America

Earnings represent North American/European figures, stud fees listed are 2019 fees.

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Scat Daddy <i>(2004) by Johannesburg Crops: 8</i>	4	9	4	6	1	2	82	38	386,660	2,359,004
				<i>Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Retired/Exported)</i>						<i>Skitter Scatter</i>	
2	Into Mischief <i>(2005) by Harlan's Holiday Crops: 8</i>	5	9	3	4	--	1	86	34	192,100	2,778,992
				<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$150,000</i>						<i>Maximus Mischief</i>	
3	Violence <i>(2010) by Medaglia d'Oro Crops: 3</i>	5	8	--	2	--	1	64	31	279,945	2,090,025
				<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$40,000</i>						<i>Vibrance</i>	
4	Goldencents <i>(2010) by Into Mischief Crops: 2</i>	2	6	--	--	--	--	76	30	150,400	1,516,788
				<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$20,000</i>						<i>Mr. Money</i>	
5	The Factor <i>(2008) by War Front Crops: 4</i>	1	4	--	--	--	--	71	29	95,700	1,095,775
				<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$15,000</i>						<i>Northwest Factor</i>	
6	Super Saver <i>(2007) by Maria's Mon Crops: 6</i>	--	1	--	--	--	--	59	27	87,252	1,118,745
				<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$30,000</i>						<i>Super Simple</i>	
7	Munnings <i>(2006) by Speightstown Crops: 6</i>	4	5	--	--	--	--	65	26	149,268	1,365,986
				<i>Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$20,000</i>						<i>Please Flatter Me</i>	
8	Paynter <i>(2009) by Awesome Again Crops: 3</i>	3	4	1	1	1	1	60	25	672,515	1,664,752
				<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$12,500</i>						<i>Knicks Go</i>	
9	Hard Spun <i>(2004) by Danzig Crops: 9</i>	--	4	--	2	--	--	56	24	93,100	1,274,331
				<i>Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$40,000</i>						<i>A Thread of Blue</i>	
10	More Than Ready <i>(1997) by Southern Halo Crops: 16</i>	1	4	1	2	--	1	62	23	160,750	1,262,111
				<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$80,000</i>						<i>Stellar Agent</i>	
11	Flat Out <i>(2006) by Flatter Crops: 3</i>	--	5	--	1	--	--	57	23	97,100	897,035
				<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$5,000</i>						<i>Guacamole</i>	
12	Graydar <i>(2009) by Unbridled's Song Crops: 3</i>	2	3	--	--	--	--	42	22	94,700	791,523
				<i>Stands: Taylor Made Farm KY Fee: \$7,500</i>						<i>Gray Attempt</i>	
13	Kitten's Joy <i>(2001) by El Prado (Ire) Crops: 11</i>	2	5	--	3	--	--	69	21	372,160	1,228,214
				<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$75,000</i>						<i>Henley's Joy</i>	
14	Congrats <i>(2000) by A.P. Indy Crops: 10</i>	1	3	--	1	--	--	55	21	134,740	1,015,286
				<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$12,500</i>						<i>Congrats Gal</i>	
15	Temple City <i>(2005) by Dynaformer Crops: 6</i>	--	2	--	--	--	--	57	21	151,540	913,002
				<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$10,000</i>						<i>Dunph</i>	

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Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 5:36 p.m. EST

PEGASUS WORLD CUP INVITATIONAL S.-GI, \$9,000,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Bravazo	Awesome Again	Calumet Farm	Lukas	Saez	124
2	Something Awesome	Awesome Again	Stronach Stables	Corrales	Prado	124
3	City of Light 🌿	Quality Road	Warren, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. William K.	McCarthy	Castellano	124
4	Seeking the Soul	Perfect Soul (Ire)	Charles E. Fipke	Stewart	Velazquez	124
5	Accelerate 🌿	Lookin At Lucky	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Rosario	124
6	Tom's d'Etat 🌿	Smart Strike	G M B Racing	Stall, Jr.	Bridgmohan	124
7	True Timber 🌿	Mineshaft	Calumet Farm	McLaughlin	Bravo	124
8	Gunnevera 🌿	Dialed In	Margoth	Sano	Ortiz, Jr.	124
9	Kukulkan (Mex)	Point Determined	Cuadra San Jorge	Gutierrez	Dettori	124
10	Audible	Into Mischief	China Horse Club, Head of Plains Partners LLC, Starlight Racing, WinStar Farm	Pletcher	Prat	124
11	Imperative 🌿	Bernardini	Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC and Imaginary Stables	Quartarolo	Gaffalione	124
12	Patternrecognition	Adios Charlie	Klaravich Stables, Inc. and Lawrence, William H.	Brown	Ortiz	124

Breeders: 1-Calumet Farm, 2-Adena Springs, 3-Ann Marie Farm, 4-Charles Fipke, 5-Mike Abraham, 6-SF Bloodstock LLC, 7-Mr. & Mrs. Marc C. Ferrell, 8-Brandywine Farm & Stephen Upchurch, 9-Rancho San Jorge, 10-Oak Bluff Stables, LLC, 11-Glencrest Farm LLC & Darley, 12-Ocala Stud

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 4:57 p.m. EST

PEGASUS WORLD CUP TURF INVITATIONAL S.-GI, \$7,000,000, 4yo/up, 1 3/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Magic Wand (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Tabor, Michael, Magnier, Mrs. John & Smith, Derrick	O'Brien	Lordan	112
2	Yoshida (Jpn)	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	China Horse Club International Ltd., WinStar Farm, Starlight Racing, Head of Plains Partners LLC	Mott	Ortiz	124
3	Channel Maker 🌿	English Channel	Wachtel Stable, Barber, Gary, R. A. Hill Stable & Reeves Thoroughbred Racing	Mott	Castellano	117
4	Aerolithe (Jpn)	Kurofune	Sunday Racing Co. Ltd.	Kikuzawa	Geroux	112
5	Next Shares 🌿	Archarcharch	Iavarone, McClanahan, Dunn, Marasa, Robershaw & Taylor	Baltas	Gaffalione	124
6	Fahan Mura 🌿	English Channel	Bran Jam Stables and Clark, David W.	Cerin	Maldonado	119
7	Bricks and Mortar 🌿	Giant's Causeway	Klaravich Stables, Inc. and Lawrence, William H.	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	124
8	Delta Prince	Street Cry (Ire)	Stronach Stables	Jerkens	Dettori	124
9	Catapult 🌿	Kitten's Joy	Woodford Racing, LLC	Sadler	Rosario	124
10	Dubby Dubbie	Ice Box	Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC	Hess, Jr.	Panici	124

Breeders: 1-Ecurie Des Monceaux & Skymarc Farm Inc, 2-Northern Farm, 3-Tall Oaks Farm, 4-Northern Racing, 5-Buck Pond Farm, Inc., 6-Michael J. Moran, 7-George Strawbridge Jr., 8-Adena Springs, 9-Breffni Farm, 10-Al Horton



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Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 3:00 p.m. EST**LA PREVOYANTE S.-GIII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Holy Helena	Ghostzapper	Stronach Stables	Jerkens	Ortiz, Jr.	119
2	A. A. Azula's Arch 🦟	Arch	A & A Farms	Attard	Saez	117
3	English Affair	English Channel	Calumet Farm	Arnold, II	Castellano	123
4	Beau Belle 🦟	Giant's Causeway	Mark T. Anderson	Albertrani	Lopez	117
5	Tricky Escape 🦟	Hat Trick (Jpn)	Jon A. Marshall	Servis	DeCarlo	123
6	La Manta Gris 🦟	Lemon Drop Kid	Blackstone River Stable	Arnold, II	Hernandez, Jr.	117
7	Si Que Es Buena (Arg)	Equal Stripes (Arg)	Takaya Shimakawa	Motion	Landeros	121
8	Semper Sententiae	The Factor	John M. B. O'Connor	Hennig	Velazquez	117
9	Santa Monica (GB) 🦟	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Magnier, Mrs. John, Madaket Stables & Pearson, Deron	Brown	Ortiz	119
10	Rahway	Eskendereya	Out Of This World Racing LLC	Maker	Bridgmohan	117
11	Top Cats (Arg)	Aussie Rules	Copper Water Thoroughbred Company Ltd.	Walsh	Leparoux	119
12	Ickymasho (GB)	Multiplex (GB)	Triton Stable	Attfield	Geroux	119

Breeders: 1-Adena Springs, 2-Fox Hill Farms, 3-Calumet Farm, 4-Mr. Joseph Allen LLC, 5-Robert B. Trussell Jr. & John T.L. Jones III, 6-Nursery Place & Hendrickson, 7-Haras Abolengo, 8-Anastasia Astrid Christiansen-Croy, 9-D. J. Erwin Bloodstock, 10-George Krikorian, 11-Arroyo de Luna, 12-Allseasons Bloodstock

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 4:00 p.m. EST**W. L. MCKNIGHT S.-GIII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Highland Sky	Sky Mesa	Young, McManis & McManis	Tagg	Landeros	119
2	Soglio 🦟	Scat Daddy	Ramsey, Kenneth L. & Sarah K.	Maker	Ortiz	117
3	Winter Union	Union Rags	Augustin Stable	Matz	Gaffalione	117
4	Zulu Alpha	Street Cry (Ire)	Michael M. Hui	Maker	Ortiz, Jr.	123
5	Johnny Bear	English Channel	Colebrook Farms & Bear Stables, Ltd.	De Paulo	Saez	123
6	Can'thelpbelieving (Ire)	Duke of Marmalade (Ire)	Albert Frassetto	Motion	Bravo	119
7	Canessar (Fr)	Kendargent (Fr)	Guy Pariente	Delacour	Castellano	119
8	Hunting Horn (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Tabor, Magnier & Smith	O'Brien	Lordan	117
9	Hunter O'Riley 🦟	Tiz Wonderful	Shay, Sean & Ryan, Michael J.	Toner	Prat	119
10	Nessy	Flower Alley	Sierra Farm	Wilkes	Leparoux	117
11	Markitoff 🦟	Giant's Causeway	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Geroux	117
12	Village King (Arg)	Campanologist	Angels of Catalina, Inc.	Pletcher	Velazquez	121
13	Postulation	Harlan's Holiday	Runnymede Racing LLC	Matz	Vargas, Jr.	119
14	Hay Dakota 🦟	Haynesfield	Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC	Quartarolo	Hernandez, Jr.	119
15	Sentry	Smart Strike	Stuart S. Janney, III	McGaughey III	Rosario	117
16	All Go 🦟	Hard Spun	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Lopez	117

Breeders: 1-Bonner Young, 2-Flaxman Holdings Limited, 3-Augustin Stable, 4-Calumet Farm, 5-Tall Oaks Farm, 6-G. Kelly, Milltownmore & Pinnacle B/S, 7-Haras De S.A. Aga Khan SCEA, 8-Lynch-Bages & Rhinestone Bloodstock, 9-Mike G. Rutherford, 10-Sierra Farm, 11-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC, 12-Santa Maria de Araras, 13-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 14-Brereton C. Jones, 15-Stuart S. Janney, III LLC., 16-G. Watts Humphrey Jr. & W. S. Farish

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 2:30 p.m. EST**FASIG-TIPTON HURRICANE BERTIE S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Victory Rally	Jump Start	Richard L. Golden	Matz	Vargas, Jr.	121
2	Dream Pauline	Tapit	Stonestreet Stables LLC	McLaughlin	Castellano	123
3	Awestruck 🦟	Tapit	G. Watts Humphrey, Jr.	Arnold, II	Hernandez, Jr.	117
4	Shamrock Rose	First Dude	Conrad Farms	Casse	Ortiz, Jr.	123
5	Blamed 🦟	Blame	Cleber J. Massey	Mott	Leparoux	123
6	Ms Meshak	Shackleford	Northwind Thoroughbreds LLC	Orseno	Juarez	119
7	Pacific Gale 🦟	Flat Out	Tobey L. Morton	Kimmel	Velazquez	117
8	Stormy Embrace	Circular Quay	Matalona Thoroughbreds, LLC	O'Connell	Gaffalione	119

Breeders: 1-Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds, LLC, 2-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 3-Chester Prince & Anne Prince, 4-Best A Luck Farm LLC, 5-Sagamore Farm, 6-Northwind Thoroughbreds LLC, 7-Bally Breeders, 8-Matalona Thoroughbreds, LLC

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 3:30 p.m. EST**FRED W. HOOPER S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Coal Front	Stay Thirsty	LaPenta, Robert V. & Head of Plains Partners LLC	Pletcher	Velazquez	123
2	Storm Advisory	Weigelia	Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC	Quartarolo	Albarado	119
3	Conquest Big E 🌿	Tapit	Daniel C. Hurtak	Hurtak	Lopez	119
4	Breaking Lucky 🌿	Lookin At Lucky	West Point Thoroughbreds, Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, Young, Eric & R. A. Hill Stable	Weaver	Saez	119
5	Eye of a Jedi 🌿	Eye of the Leopard	Steve Budhoo	Budhoo	Batista	117
6	Aztec Sense	Street Sense	Joseph E. Besecker	Navarro	Jaramillo	121
7	Fellowship	Awesome of Course	Jacks or Better Farm, Inc.	Decker	Gaffalione	119
8	Copper Town	Speightstown	WinStar Farm, China Horse Club & SF Racing	Pletcher	Castellano	117
9	Unbridled Juan	Unbridled's Song	Stronach Stables	Corrales	Cintron	121
10	Mo Dont No 🌿	Uncle Mo	Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC	Quartarolo	Maragh	121

Breeders: 1-Michael Edward Connelly, 2-Epona Equine, LLC, Otto Draper & Wyn Oaks Farm, 3-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd., 4-Christine Hayden, 5-Calumet Farm, 6-Charles Fipke, 7-Jacks or Better Farm Inc., 8-WinStar Farm, LLC, 9-Adena Springs, 10-Beechwood Racing Stable

Sunday, Sam Houston Race, post time: 6:58 p.m. EST**HOUSTON LADIES CLASSIC S.-GIII, \$300,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Song From Above	Lucky Pulpit	Stephanie Herb	Herb	Risenhoover	116
2	Remedy 🌿	Creative Cause	Twin Creeks Racing Stables, LLC	Cox	Bravo	116
3	Viva Forever 🌿	Milwaukee Brew	Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC	Broberg	Parker	116
4	Moonlit Garden 🌿	Malibu Moon	Town and Country Racing, LLC	Davis	Ortiz	118
5	Heavenhasmynikki	Majestic Warrior	Loooch Racing Stables, Inc.	Hess, Jr.	Bracho	118
6	Prado's Sweet Ride	Fort Prado	Darrell & Sadie Brommer	Scherer	Geroux	123
7	Midnight Bisou 🌿	Midnight Lute	Bloom Racing Stable, LLC, Madaket Stables LLC & Allen Racing LLC	Asmussen	Smith	123

Breeders: 1-Mr. & Mrs. Larry D. Williams, 2-Brereton C. Jones & B. Ned Jones, 3-Paul O'Sullivan, 4-Town & Country Farm, Corp, 5-Langsem Farm, Inc., 6-Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Brommer, 7-Woodford Thoroughbreds

Sunday, Sam Houston Race, post time: 6:15 p.m. EST**JOHN B. CONNALLY TURF CUP S.-GIII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Zapperini	Ghostzapper	Lloyd Madison Farms, IV LLC	Foley	Geroux	118
2	Team Colors	Street Cry (Ire)	Brad Grady	Sharp	Beschizza	120
3	Lawless West 🌿	Giant's Causeway	Bryan Hawk	Offolter	Martin, Jr.	116
4	Bigger Picture	Badge of Silver	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Ortiz	123
5	Net Gain 🌿	Include	Claim To Fame Stable	Stuart	Corbett	116
6	Some in Tieme (Brz)	Shirocco (Ger)	Alonso, Amancio and Some In Time, Inc	Loza, Jr.	Cruz	116
7	Budro Talking	Tale of Ekati	Jerry Durant	Neatherlin	Diego	120
8	Markitoff 🌿	Giant's Causeway	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Smith	118
9	Cooptado (Arg)	Equal Stripes (Arg)	Imperial Racing, LLC	Morley	Saez	116

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

3rd-Sunland, \$20,400, Msw, 1-22, 3/4yo, f, 1m, 1:37.25, ft.
VICTIM OF LOVE (f, 3, Speightstown--Spacy Tracy {GSW, \$249,690}, by Awesome Again) finished sixth debuting in a Zia sprint Nov. 18 and hit the wire first stretching out to this trip there Dec. 11 before getting demoted one spot for drifting in on a rival. Returning with a swift half-mile bullet in :46 flat (1/22) here Jan. 13, the \$160,000 Keeneland September buy was crushed down to 1-5 and found a good spot tracking a speed duel from third through splits of :22.71 and :46.52. Inhaling the leaders three furlongs out, the dark bay skipped clear into the lane and romped home under minimal urging 11 3/4 lengths to the good. The victress is a full-sister to Benner Island, GSW & GISP, \$305,863, and a half to High North (Midnight Lute), MSW & MGSP, \$415,850. Her dam, winner of the 2010 GII Top Flight H., is responsible for a yearling colt by Bernardini. Second dam Tracy (Theatrical {Ire}) is a half to 1992's Champion 2-Year-Old Filly Eliza (Mt. Livermore). Sales History: \$160,000 Ylg '17 KESEEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$18,400. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
 O-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Daniel J. Burke (KY);
 T-Henry Dominguez.

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Benedict, c, 3, Creative Cause--Jacqui's Promise, by Loup Sauvage. Seoul, 1-19, Hcp. (\$53k), 1300m. B-Highclere Inc (NY). *\$37,000 RNA Ylg '17 FTKFEB; \$32,000 RNA Ylg '17 FTNAUG; \$30,000 2yo '18 FTMMAY.

 Another Sales Graduate from Stuart Morris, Agent

Emory Socks, f, 3, Flashback--Traditionalist, by Aptitude. Seoul, 1-19, Hcp. (\$53k), 1700m. B-Justice Farm & Greg Justice (KY). *1/2 to Memphisinmay (Rockport Harbor), SW, \$284,890; and Southern Mischief (Into Mischief), SW, \$156,410. **\$40,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT.

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Gaon Queen, f, 3, Uncle Mo--Mulligatawny, by Crafty Prospector. Seoul, 1-19, Hcp. (\$80k), 1300m. B-St Elias Stables LLC (KY). *\$55,000 Ylg '17 KESEEP.

Super Socks, g, 4, Two Step Salsa--Ms Lucille, by Orientate. Seoul, 1-20, Hcp. (\$66k), 1200m. B-Mary Ellen Coenen (FL). *\$29,000 RNA Ylg '16 OBSAUG; \$35,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR.

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Magician (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Haras de Corlay, \$12,500
 126 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 1 1/16mT, MARIA BONITA, 30-1
 \$80,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$40,000 OBS APR 2yo

Tidal Volume (Tapit), Poplar Creek Horse Center, \$3,000
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 8-Mahoning Valley, Msw 6f, TIDALOVE, 20-1
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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

2nd-Mahoning Valley, \$23,500, 1-22, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:08.74, ft.

ZULU LEGEND (g, 3, Zulu Magic--Arremlee, by Dynaformer)
 Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$28,023. O-Marion F. Gorham;
 B-Davidson's Tracks-N-Time, LLC (MI); T-Robert M. Gorham.

3rd-Mahoning Valley, \$23,500, 1-22, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:16.66, ft.

QUEEB (m, 6, Harlan's Holiday--Watch Smartly, by Smart Strike) Lifetime Record: 44-9-2-9, \$113,797. O-Barbie John Stable; B-Marc Keller (NY); T-David St. Clair. *1/2 to Frost Wise (Frost Giant), SW, \$266,613.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Speedette, f, 3, Oxbow--Expressive Story, by Afleet Express.
 Santa Anita, 1-21, 1mT, 1:36.40. B-Calumet Farm & Merrill & Allene Dana (KY).

Shesa Goldigger, f, 3, Quinton's Gold--Jack's Girl, by Firejack.
 Sunland, 1-22, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:19.45. B-Donnell Echols (NM).
 *1/2 to Indian Jack (Indian Firewater), SW, \$121,363.



HARLAN'S HOLIDAY, Queeb, m, 6, o/o Watch Smartly, by Smart Strike. ALW, 1-22, Mahoning Valley

OSBOW, Speedette, f, 3, o/o Expressive Story, by Afleet Express. MSW, 1-21, Santa Anita

QUINTON'S GOLD, Shesa Goldigger, f, 3, o/o Jack's Girl, by Firejack. MSW, 1-22, Sunland

SPEIGHTSTOWN, Victim of Love, f, 3, o/o Spacy Tracy, by Awesome Again. MSW, 1-22, Sunland

ZULU MAGIC, Zulu Legend, g, 3, o/o Arremlee, by Dynaformer. ALW, 1-22, Mahoning Valley

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