

MAVERICK FIPKE SEEKING THE GENETIC GOLD



Chuck Fipke | Horsephotos

by Chris McGrath

Every breeder will recognize the parallel. You stand in the icy water and patiently dip the sieve again, hope never failing no matter how often that momentary glint turns out to be just another worthless piece of grit. Because you know that somewhere upriver, beneath the snowy uplands, lies a seam of gold. And it's just the same with Thoroughbreds: pan enough tributaries of the gene pool, someday you'll trap that stray nugget.

So if Charles E. "Chuck" Fipke has his own way of going about trying to make a stallion--his stable almost exclusively comprises not only homebreds, but homebreds by homebred sires--it's not hard to see why. The only reason he can afford to do it, after all, is because he saw the world in a different way from every other geology graduate. They all knew there were no diamonds in Canada, until Fipke demonstrated that they were wrong.

In much the same way, very few Thoroughbred breeders would have tried the formula that has continued to produce a series of elite Fipke performers, the latest being **Seeking The Soul** (Perfect Soul {Ire})--runner-up in the \$9-million GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational at Gulfstream last Saturday, and now on his way to the G1 Dubai World Cup in March.

Fipke is every bit as singular a character as he is individual a thinker: squat and pugnacious in aspect, freewheeling and buzzy in conversation. **Cont. p3**

OPTIONS APLENTY FOR WORLD OF TROUBLE by Steve Sherack

While Saturday's GI Pegasus World Cup capped the brilliant careers of City of Light (Quality Road) and recently crowned champion Accelerate (Lookin At Lucky), a runaway winner on the undercard could potentially help fill some of that void in the sprint division in 2019.

The extremely talented **World of Trouble** (Kantharos), a painful second as the 2-1 choice with an off-the-charts 118 Beyer Speed Figure in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint at Churchill Downs last fall, made it two straight dominating scores over sloppy tracks with a facile win in the rained-off Gulfstream Park Turf Sprint.

The ball is in owner Michael Dubb's court to map out a campaign for the versatile 4-year-old, trainer Jason Servis revealed in the Gulfstream Park winner's circle this past weekend. **Cont. p8 (click here)**

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Maverick Fipke Seeking the Genetic Gold cont. from p1

He's telling you about his latest hit, a massive silver deposit in the Yukon. "And I'm really excited about it," he says. "Because you know, hey, I've got this horrible, horrible addiction."

Really Chuck? This is quick: we've only just met.

"I'm just horribly addicted. I wish I was an alcoholic, hey, or a heroin addict. It'd be a way more economical." He's on a roll now. (We'll quit including the "hey" from this point; but you should know that the staccato exclamation continues as a kind of bass rhythm to his freestyle riffs of thought.) "I've tried to find psychiatrists and therapists that could help me, but there is none. I looked in the yellow pages. I asked around Keeneland and they said, 'If we had any of them? We'd run them out of town. Bad for business!' Yeah, it's horrible. There's only been one person, lives nearby, Russ Bennett, he's been a leading breeder. He's finally told me the one way I can get rid of my horse addiction."

And how's that, Chuck?

"Death."

That's awkward.

"Yeah. That is. The problem was, I was spending quite a bit of money. Around \$14 million a year. It was really eating up my savings. And then just in the nick of time I found this new one [mine]. I'll be able to last longer now."

Using the old prospecting methods, most of Fipke's wealth would almost literally have slipped through the net. Because the "indicator" particles from those icy rivers are so small, so fine, that you can barely see them; too fine to settle in water, they were panned away by the old timers. His team reduces 12- or 15-kilo gravel deposits to a concentrate of five to 10 grams, using a variety of separating techniques such as magnetism or conductivity. And within these filtrates, they can find a spectrum of flaked mineral fingerprints--for everything from diamonds to base metals--measuring just four or five microns.

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And now there's more. "Just recently we think we have another," Fipke said. "I rarely say this, but it's so rich that it just went off scale. The interesting thing is, Sullivan, Mount Isa and Broken Hill, they're all in protozoic rocks, about 1.3 billion years old, and they're all in marine clastic sediment. And so is ours, it's in the same geologic environment."

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THE FACTOR

#1 THIRD-CROP SIRE BY EARNINGS IN 2018

Rank	Stallion	Earnings
1	THE FACTOR	\$6,600,000
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The same patented methodology had previously led Fipke to four gold mines in Nevada; and, famously, to the diamonds that were not supposed to be in Canada, tracing them back through glacial "tills" (sediment pushed ahead of the ice) to the south. It's a staggering outcome from the curiosity of a kid raised in modest circumstances on the outskirts of Edmonton, Alberta, with a passion for the outdoor life. In the meantime he has worn out his knees--now mostly titanium--but never his enthusiasm, through all those epic meanderings in desolate, remote regions, with little or no company.



Fipke with Bee Jersey after his win in the Met Mile | Sarah Andrew

"I love it out in the wild, it's so peaceful: the lakes and the rivers and the streams, and going out in the bush," he said. "You see all kinds of animals. Minx and otters. Grizzly bears. Yeah, grizzlies. You never back away, because they think you're prey, they go after you. It's like playing poker. You've got to bluff them a bit.

"I worked two years in New Guinea with head-hunters everywhere. They thought you were like a god coming down from the sky with a helicopter. One time the helicopter took off, but then came back. I thought, 'What the heck's this guy doing? I haven't had enough time to collect my sample.' So I thought I'd teach him a lesson, take that much longer. He'd go off and he'd come back, put the skid up against me, and I ignored him and just did my job. Then when we took off, a whole bunch of arrows came at us. And what had happened was, he'd seen all these warriors coming up the drainage with bows and arrows, so he kept buzzing them and trying to get me."

There were personal prices to be paid. As a young, first-time father, he spent four months away in the Yukon. As his family grew, so did his commitments; it proved too much, and Fipke ultimately made the papers with Canada's most expensive divorce. But even in working six and a half days a week, there was still Sunday afternoon. **Cont. p5**



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And on one such, fatefully, he was taking the kids along a creek on their Shetlands and Welsh ponies.

"And we went through this farm, Mission Creek, and they had a whole bunch of yearlings in the barn, a yearling in each stall," he recalled. "So we went with all the little horses through the barn, and going through I saw this filly. I just stopped. She just took the breath out of me. I went up and down, and I came right back to her. I just fell in love."

He knew practically nothing about Thoroughbreds, but phoned the stable manager of neighbors Russ and Lois Bennett. She told him the filly he had picked out was by Irish Ruler, and just about the pick of an upcoming sale. Fipke, hooked, was reeled in. He bought the filly. On her debut, she tore clear, but stopped dead in the last sixteenth. That was as good as it got. She deteriorated, turned out to have a bone chip. Suddenly Fipke found he was a breeder. He mated his young mare with various Kentucky stallions, but her best foal was bred on his doorstep with the Bennetts' own stallion, Travelling Victor, Canada's Horse of the Year in 1983.

"Travelling Spirit, he was called, and he was the leading 2-year-old in British Columbia," Fipke explained. "So I got a taste of it. I think that's how I got addicted. And yeah, it is like minerals, we've developed our own methods."

On the face of it, a similarly maverick approach to his hobby would seem doomed to invert the yield he has achieved in his business. Because trying to breed your own stallions is--well, it's worse than standing in the river with one of those old pans.

"Well, why I do this is, I find it more challenging," he said with a shrug. "Going to the sales and picking out a great horse, I've done that. Doesn't always work [either] and it's just not as challenging as actually breeding the mare yourself and covering her with your own stallion. It's far more challenging, the way I do it. That's probably why I do it. I don't want to take the easy way out, you know? But it's also the only way I could ever even think of breaking even, to have a good stallion."

And, albeit it evidently helps if you can keep turning up ore deposits, Seeking The Soul's performance Saturday confirms his eligibility--he is already a Grade I winner and had also chased home City Of Light (Quality Road) in the GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile--to emulate several other homebreds already at stud.

Already Fipke has four of those standing at Darby Dan--Perfect Soul (Sadler's Wells), Tale Of Ekati (Tale Of The Cat), Tale of Verve (Tale of Ekati) and now Bee Jersey (Jersey Town)--plus others in California, Canada and on his own farm in Kentucky. Bee Jersey looks a particularly interesting prospect, having won the stallion-making GI Met Mile in a lightning time, as he's from one of the great families in the Stud Book (fourth dam is Lassie Dear).

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THE FACTOR

#1 FOURTH-CROP SIRE BY CUMULATIVE BTW AND BTH

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH
1	THE FACTOR	13	30
2	UNION RAGS	13	20
3	CREATIVE CAUSE	11	20
4	MACLEAN'S MUSIC	10	24
5	BODEMEISTER	9	21

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Being from the first crop of a horse raced and retired by Fipke, he's a characteristic model. Fipke has a heroically stubborn fidelity to a project most would view as a virtual guarantee of expensive failure. Even the most expensive broodmares will be given a chance with his own stallions, albeit they stand on the lower rungs of the commercial market. His \$1.7 million purchase Title Seeker (Monarchos), for instance, was bred to Perfect Soul-as, subsequently, was the Seeking The Gold filly she was carrying at the time of her acquisition. Named Seeking The Title, she was a graded stakes winner and the result of her mating with Perfect Soul was none other than Seeking The Soul.



Fipke showing a flawless diamond to Perfect Soul at Darby Dan Farm in 2005 | Horsephotos

Then there was the \$600,000 mare Bourbon Belle (Storm Boot), whose resume would have qualified her for any stallion in Kentucky. Instead Fipke sent her to Not Impossible (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), an unraced brother to Perfect Soul whose stud career was almost entirely his own doing. The clue is in the name he had given the horse. And the result of the mating was Not Bourbon, who in 2008 won the premier Canadian Classic, the Queen's Plate.

It is not hard to share his belief in Bee Jersey. "Yes, the A.P. Indy line--and he had a beautiful running style," Fipke said with enthusiasm. "He'd go right to the lead and had enough oomph to just barrel on. And if you go out and look at him, he's absolutely gorgeous, just so perfectly balanced. Just ask John Phillips, he said to me, 'I can't believe how beautiful that horse is.'"

Jersey Town (Speightstown) himself has now moved to Daehling Ranch, California; and the hardy Canadian Classic winner Danish Dynaformer (Dynaformer) is starting out on home soil at Colebrook Farms in Ontario, with a fee of Can\$2,500.

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UNDER THE RADAR



Air Force Blue | Coolmore photo

Marie Yoshida, Winchester Farm AIR FORCE BLUE, Ashford Stud

It is essential for breeders who sell or race to select, if they can afford it, a stallion who was a dominant champion 2-year-old racehorse. There are not so many of these racehorses around and **Air Force Blue** is definitely one of the rare ones. He won three Group 1 races at 2 in England and Ireland (6-7f) and was crowned the European Champion 2-year-old in 2015. It is essential for breeders to use the **Danzig/Northern Dancer** sire line with **War Front**, who is developing into a sire of sires. **War Front** himself only breeds around 80 top select mares per year and his record is outstanding; he's a superior stallion, an "improver." **Air Force Blue** has a completely American pedigree and was bred by world-renowned expert breeder **Arthur Hancock** of Stone Farm, from a deep female family including champion 2-year-old filly **Flanders** who produced champion 3-year-old filly **Surfside**. It is the responsibility of every breeder to optimize every year his mating program... A stallion like **Air Force Blue** is exceptional and is standing for extremely good value.

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"I'm hoping to get a Storm Cat or something to try and make my operation break even!" exclaimed Fipke. "It's tough, because I don't know how to find a stallion--and actually I don't think anybody else can. Viceregal was a Canadian Horse of the Year; Vice Regent only won \$70,000. And they're full brothers. Vice Regent became a fantastic stallion, and Viceregal was a dud. So it's really, really tough. I don't think anybody really knows. The only thing you can do is try them."

That said, he has firm tenets: a strong believer, for instance, in the kind of "kin breeding" exemplified by the great mare Coup De Folie (Halo), whose grand-dams were both out of Almahmoud. He calculates distance aptitudes, viewing them more or less as gospel, and likes elite performers multiplied across a mare's family. And he counts WTC president Sid Fernando as an invaluable adviser.

"But there's only one rule I really, really go on; that I never, ever contradict," Fipke stressed. "And that's the one that says rules were made to be broken."

And that, of course, is exactly why he is in a position to do it in the first place. He cast his mind back to his earliest days as a prospector.

"One time, I had this big hike, it was about 40 miles and I had to collect samples," he reflected. "Between myself and where I had to go, there was this big mountain in the way. And I could've gone around the mountain. But I decided to climb it. I made it up to the top of this mountain and I felt really good. And I looked over there, and there was a mountain that was a little higher. And over there, another one that was a little higher again."

"What happens is, I set these goals that seem impossible, and try and reach them. Just for the fun of it. People thought there were no diamonds in Canada, only in Africa and Russia. It was like impossible. We worked at it, and did it. Same with horses. It's impossible to get another Storm Cat. So that's what I'm trying to do."



Fipke with Tale of Ekati | Horsephotos

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Super Saver is still a horse I feel can make a big comeback and impact. He had three legitimate Grade I stakes winners in his first crop. His \$30,000 fee is half of what he was in 2017. Super Saver had 24 2-year-old winners in 2018 and a \$117,000 yearling average. These 2-year-olds hitting the racetrack were from his \$50,000 crop and the yearlings going to sales in 2019 were his best-bred crop at \$65,000. He has gone through his lull with his third and fourth crops on the racetrack that many stallions now have to overcome and he is primed for a major up-tick with these 3-year-olds and a strong group of 2-year-olds hitting the track this summer. Plus, he has the numbers to keep going with 154, 154 and 127 mares bred the past three seasons. I think where a stallion stands is important and WinStar has delivered time and time again.

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World of Trouble | Zoe Metz

“This is a classic case of finger pointing, because I’m leaving everything to him,” Dubb said with a laugh.

Races like the seven-furlong GI Carter H. at Aqueduct Apr. 6 and the GII Shakertown S. going 5 1/2 furlongs on the Keeneland grass the same day are on the table, per Dubb, who campaigns the bay in partnership with Sol Kumin’s Madaket Stables and Michael Caruso’s Bethlehem Stables.

“It’s a great problem to have,” Dubb said. “If we elect to stay on dirt, we probably point for the Carter next. If we elect to stay on grass, we probably go to Keeneland. It’s very hard for me to quantify which surface he’s better on. Maybe he’s a tad better on grass, but there’s so much more money in dirt racing that it’s cause for pause. Obviously, he’s very adept at both surfaces.”

World of Trouble’s name also appeared on the nominations released earlier this week for the \$2.5-million G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen and \$2-million G1 Al Quoz Sprint on grass. Any chance he chases the money and instead makes the trip to the desert Mar. 30?

“We’ll have discussions about it,” Dubb said. “I’m a racing guy and I’m very concerned. Some horses go to Dubai, handle it great and come back and continue racing. But it could also knock them out for months. I really want to try to be able to enjoy this horse in the spring and summer with my partners. While the financial reward up front appears great, it doesn’t come without a degree of risk.”

World of Trouble--produced by the 0-for-3 Valid Expectations mare Meets Expectations and just a \$10,000 RNA as an OBSAUG yearling--was purchased privately by Dubb from his breeder Darsan Inc. after airing by 14 lengths first out as a 2-year-old in a \$25,000 seller at Gulfstream in August 2017. He’s gone favored in nine of 10 career starts and has earned triple-digit Beyers in his last four attempts, including a 13 3/4-length romp in Tampa’s FTBOA Marion County Florida Sire S. Dec. 15. **Cont. p9**



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“The horse was presented to me for what seemed like a lot of money at the time by Kim Valerio,” Dubb said. “I watched the race about 20 times and decided to pull the trigger. In this case, it worked out. I’ve gotten friendly with the breeder and I’m thrilled for him. He was able to sell the full-brother for \$285,000 at Keeneland September and he still has the mare. This is really a win-win for everybody and we’ve got a special horse, too.”

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OBS WINTER SALE CONCLUDES

The Ocala Breeders’ Sales Company’s Winter Mixed Sale concluded Wednesday with an open session of breeding stock. A colt by Elusive Quality ([hip 472](#)) brought the day’s top price, selling to de Meric Stables for \$70,000. Consigned by Francis and Barbara Vanlangendonck’s Summerfield, the yearling is out of Paoletta (Medaglia d’Oro), who was purchased with this foal in utero for \$25,000 at the 2017 Keeneland November sale. His second dam is Chilean champion Val Gardena (Chi) (Roy). The bay was bred by Kenneth D’Oyen.

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KEENELAND EXPANDS APRIL SALE TO INCLUDE HORSES OF RACING AGE

Keeneland has expanded the 2019 April Sale, which traditionally features 2-year-olds in training, to include horses of racing age, the sales company announced Wednesday. The April Sale is scheduled for Tuesday, Apr. 9, immediately following the conclusion of the Spring Meet’s opening weekend, which begins Thursday, Apr. 4.

“Keeneland’s Spring Meet is a convergence of horsemen heading home from their winter bases,” Keeneland Vice President of Racing and Sales Bob Elliston said. “The addition of a horses of racing age component to the April Sale complements our racing program and offers variety to buyers in town for opening weekend.”

The entry deadline for the online horses of racing age catalog is Friday, Mar. 15. Supplemental entries will be accepted after that deadline. Entries for the 2-year-olds in training catalog close Saturday, Feb. 1.

Keeneland conducted the April 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale from 1993-2014. The sale has been on hiatus since 2015. At the 2014 April Sale, future champions Lady Eli (Divine Park) and Roy H (More Than Ready) were sold.

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NEW GEORGIA RACING BILL STRIPS OUT GAMING REFERENCES

by T.D. Thornton

The latest bill in a decades-long string of legislative efforts to legalize pari-mutuel horse wagering in Georgia was filed on Wednesday.

In a change of tactics from similar bills that failed in recent years, this year's version does not tie the sport to any racino/casino gaming and focuses strictly on creating a mixed-use Thoroughbred venue that would host boutique seasonal meets and other non-racing events.

According to the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*, which first broke the story, the Rural Georgia Jobs and Growth Act filed by Republican Senator Brandon Beach pitches horse racing as "an economic development boon for struggling rural communities, which could see the creation of a new industry surrounding the raising of racehorses."

"Each racehorse can have a ripple effect of creating more than 20 jobs," Beach told the *ABC*. "This legislation provides my colleagues with a clear vision of the benefits of horse racing facilities, including new revenue streams to keep up with increasing demand for education funding."

Beach told the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* earlier this week that, "We need to be in the equine industry. There's more to it than racing. There's horse farms and hay farms and breeding and auctions."

The stumbling block to getting parimutuel laws enacted in Georgia--as it has been for the past 30 years--has nothing to do with a lack of enthusiasm for horses. The difficulty has always been rounding up enough elected officials who are willing to support expanded gambling in a state where moral objections to it run high and religious conservatism carries considerable clout.

Dean Reeves, president of the Georgia Horse Racing Coalition and horse owner, told the *ABC* that his group is committed to building "world-class facilities that would benefit the state and serve as an asset to local communities. Our industry wants to be a part of a solution that gives rural Georgia an economic boost while also providing new revenues for the entire state," he said.

The *ABC* reported that legalizing parimutuel betting in Georgia requires a constitutional amendment that would be subject to a statewide referendum.

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Thursday, February 21 – 1-2 p.m. EST at NTRA.com



Dean Dorton, one of the largest CPA firms based in Kentucky, is teaming with the NTRA to host a webinar on February 21 focusing on key federal tax reform items for horse and farm owners.

The webinar will be hosted through NTRA.com beginning at 1 p.m. EST.

Webinar topics include:

- Positive tax reforms related to federal accelerated expensing of asset purchases
- Tax measures that remain status quo
- Changes that require a cautionary approach from taxpayers

Dean Dorton's Director of Tax Services, Jen Shah, is the firm's equine team leader. Shah will provide her expertise during the webinar.



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The Rick Violette, Jr. stall housing Fiesta Oasis, who came to New Vocations via NYTHA's TAKE THE LEAD program, started by Violette | Anna Ford

The New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (NYTHA) is sponsoring a stall at the New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program's Lexington facility named in honor of the late Rick Violette, Jr. An accomplished trainer and former president of NYTHA, Violette was a steadfast supporter of New York's horsemen and backstretch workers. He also believed passionately in aftercare for retiring Thoroughbred racehorses, creating the TAKE2 Second Career Thoroughbred Program and NYTHA's TAKE THE LEAD Thoroughbred Retirement Program, and serving as founding board member of the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA).

"We are deeply thankful to NYTHA for naming a stall at our Mereworth Farm location in honor of Rick," said Anna Ford, New Vocations Thoroughbred Program Director. "Rick was an avid supporter of Thoroughbred aftercare and he became a wonderful friend as well as advocate for our program; he was always excited to hear how we were growing and expanding. I know he would be extremely pleased with this generous tribute from NYTHA--hundreds of retiring racehorses will be housed in this stall over the coming years as they begin transitional training for second careers. I know in my heart he would be profoundly happy to know the impact of his legacy."

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EXTREME COLD FORCES CANCELLATIONS AT SEVERAL TRACKS

The bitter chill blowing across much of the country this week has forced a number of tracks to cancel racing cards, headlined by The New York Racing Association's announcement that Aqueduct will not run its scheduled Thursday card. In addition, training at both Belmont and Aqueduct and the Belmont Café simulcasting center will be closed Thursday. Charles Town, which had already canceled Wednesday's races, is also postponing Thursday's card, as is Laurel Park. Penn National previously announced the cancellation of its live racing from Wednesday through Saturday.

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FOX SPORTS ‘SATURDAY AT THE RACES’ RETURNS THIS WEEKEND

FOX Sports’s “Saturday At The Races,” the live racing broadcast launched in 2018, returns this Saturday, Feb. 2, The New York Racing Association, FOX Sports and The Stronach Group announced Wednesday. Airing on FS2 and produced by NYRA, the telecast will be a 2 1/2-hour long show offering live coverage of the GIII Withers S. from Aqueduct, the GII Holy Bull S. from Gulfstream and the GIII Robert B. Lewis S. from Santa Anita. This is the first of 12 editions of Saturday At The Races, focused on the Triple Crown prep season, running through Apr. 20. The full schedule can be viewed [here](#).

“FOX Sports Saturday At The Races kicks off year one of our expanded coverage of the very best in horse racing,” said Michael Mulvihill, FOX Sports Executive Vice President, Research, League Operations & Strategy. “The races we are showcasing this Spring have produced five of the last six Kentucky Derby champions, including the immortal American Pharoah. As a horseplayer, you simply can’t be prepared for the Triple Crown without seeing these races. We are very excited to present these key stops on the road to the Triple Crown.”

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STALLIONS' FIRST FOALS

MOHAYMEN

- The multiple Grade II-winning son of Tapit, who went undefeated as a juvenile, was represented by his first foal, a colt, born Jan. 29 at Hidden Brook Farm in Paris, Ky.
- The foal was bred by Danica Cochran from the winning Tale of the Cat mare Taleoftheprincess, a daughter of SW Frost Princess
- Mohaymen covered a full book last season, with 94 mares reported in foal, and will stand his second season at Shadwell Farm for \$7,500 Live Foal



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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Tapit <i>(2001) by Pulpit FYR: 2006 Crops: 12 Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$225,000</i>	4	6	2	2	--	--	89	16	120,280	945,096
										Souper Tapit	
2	English Channel <i>(2002) by Smart Strike FYR: 2009 Crops: 9 Stands: Calumet Farm KY Fee: \$30,000</i>	3	5	--	1	--	--	70	14	442,708	1,250,645
										Channel Maker	
3	Quality Road <i>(2006) by Elusive Quality FYR: 2012 Crops: 6 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$150,000</i>	2	2	2	2	1	1	73	11	4,000,000	4,501,677
										City of Light	
4	Street Cry (Ire) <i>(1998) by Machiavellian FYR: 2004 Crops: 12 Stands: Darley USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	2	4	1	3	--	1	59	6	575,521	1,177,250
										Delta Prince	
5	Mineshaft <i>(1999) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2005 Crops: 13 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$20,000</i>	2	3	--	--	--	--	68	14	250,000	978,054
										True Timber	
6	Street Sense <i>(2004) by Street Cry (Ire) FYR: 2009 Crops: 9 Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$50,000</i>	2	5	2	2	--	--	86	17	90,210	638,477
										Aztec Sense	
7	Midnight Lute <i>(2003) by Real Quiet FYR: 2010 Crops: 8 Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$15,000</i>	2	3	1	1	--	--	84	19	180,000	602,789
										Midnight Bisou	
8	Munnings <i>(2006) by Speightstown FYR: 2012 Crops: 6 Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$20,000</i>	2	5	--	--	--	--	66	15	45,105	391,926
										Fancy Dress Party	
9	Giant's Causeway <i>(1997) by Storm Cat FYR: 2002 Crops: 16 Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	1	2	1	1	1	1	84	9	2,656,250	2,866,019
										Bricks and Mortar	
10	Into Mischief <i>(2005) by Harlan's Holiday FYR: 2010 Crops: 8 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$150,000</i>	1	4	--	1	--	--	108	11	550,000	1,148,939
										Audible	
11	Bernardini <i>(2003) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2008 Crops: 10 Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$50,000</i>	1	3	--	--	--	--	72	17	250,000	870,060
										Imperative	
12	Speightstown <i>(1998) by Gone West FYR: 2006 Crops: 12 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$80,000</i>	1	1	--	--	--	--	72	15	215,182	697,580
										Mozu Superflare	
13	Malibu Moon <i>(1997) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2001 Crops: 17 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$75,000</i>	1	4	--	1	--	--	86	14	60,000	561,262
										Moonlit Garden	
14	Medaglia d'Oro <i>(1999) by El Prado (Ire) FYR: 2006 Crops: 12 Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$200,000</i>	1	2	--	--	--	--	68	13	105,000	494,792
										New Trails	
15	Curlin <i>(2004) by Smart Strike FYR: 2010 Crops: 8 Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$175,000</i>	1	2	--	--	--	--	83	14	60,000	481,575
										Timeless Curls	

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Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 5:13 p.m. EST

FASIG-TIPTON HOLY BULL S.-GII, \$350,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Garter and Tie	Brooks 'n Down	Jacks or Better Farm, Inc.	Nicks	Gaffalione	120
2	Federal Case 🍀	Gemologist	Lawana L. & Robert E. Low	Pletcher	Castellano	116
3	Epic Dreamer	Orb	Epic Racing, LLC	Breen	Ortiz, Jr.	116
4	Everfast 🍀	Take Charge Indy	Calumet Farm	Romans	Landeros	116
5	Harvey Wallbanger	Congrats	Harold Lerner LLC, AWC Stables, Nehoc Stables Scott K. Akman & Paul Braverman	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	116
6	Mihos 🍀	Cairo Prince	Centennial Farms	Jerkens	Velazquez	120
7	Come On Gerry 🍀	Elusive Quality	Albaugh Family Stables LLC	Romans	Albarado	116
8	Maximus Mischief 🍀	Into Mischief	Cash is King LLC & LC Racing	Reid, Jr.	Ortiz	122
9	Gladiator King 🍀	Curlin	Thoroughbred Champions Training Center LLC	Mejia	Montalvo	120
10	Going for Gold 🍀	Atreides	Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC	Hess, Jr.	Jimenez	116

Breeders: 1-Jacks or Better Farm Inc., 2-Kings Way Farm, 3-J.D. Stuart, P.C. Bance, A REnterprises, J Hollendorfer & G Todaro, 4-Extern Developments, 5-Tony Holmes & Dr. & Mrs. Walter Zent, 6-Wayne, Gray & Bryan Lyster, 7-Anderson Farms Ont. Inc., 8-Martha Jane Mulholland, 9-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 10-Machmer Hall, Craig & Carrie Brogden

Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 7:00 p.m. EST

SAN PASQUAL S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Pavel 🍀	Creative Cause	Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Gutierrez	122
2	Dalmore 🍀	Colonel John	Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC, Ashley Quartarolo & Raquel & Cristina Ritchie	Quartarolo	Desormeaux	120
3	Dabster 🍀	Curlin	Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa al Maktoum	Baffert	Talamo	120
4	Shivermetimbers 🍀	Shanghai Bobby	Mark DeDomenico LLC & West Point Thoroughbreds	Hollendorfer	Franco	120
5	Giant Expectations 🍀	Frost Giant	Exline-Border Racing LLC, Gatto Racing, LLC & Garrett Zubok	Eurton	Rosario	120
6	Sonneteer	Midnight Lute	Calumet Farm	Desormeaux	Bejarano	120
7	McKinzie 🍀	Street Sense	Karl Watson, Michael E. Pegram & Paul Weitman	Baffert	Smith	124
8	Battle of Midway	Smart Strike	Don Alberto Stable & WinStar Farm LLC	Hollendorfer	Prat	122

Breeders: 1-Brereton C. Jones & WinStar Farm, LLC, 2-Sally J. Andersen, 3-G. Watts Humphrey Jr., Susan Keller, Victoria Oliver & G. Watts Humphrey III, 4-Tim Thornton, Robert Watt & Doug Glass, 5-Sunrise Stables, 6-Calumet Farm, 7-Summer Wind Farm, 8-Thor-Bred Stables, LLC

Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 4:30 p.m. EST

WITHERS S.-GIII, \$250,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Tax	Arch	R. A. Hill Stable, Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, Hugh Lynch & Corms Racing Stable	Gargan	Alvarado	118
2	Sir Winston 🍀	Awesome Again	Tracy Farmer	Casse	Davis	120
3	Moretti	Medaglia d'Oro	Repole Stable & Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Pletcher	Franco	118
4	Admire 🍀	Cairo Prince	Albaugh Family Stables LLC	Romans	Cancel	118
5	Lucky Lee	Flatter	Cash is King LLC & Leonard C. Green	Servis	Pennington	118
6	Our Braintrust	Freud	Gary Barber	Casse	Lezcano	120
7	Not That Brady	Big Brown	Michael Imperio, Rudy R. Rodriguez & Lianna Stables, Inc.	Rodriguez	Gutierrez	118

Breeders: 1-Claiborne Farm & Adele B. Dilschneider, 2-Tracy Farmer, 3-Thor-Bred Stables, LLC, 4-Brereton C. Jones, 5-Shim Racing, LLC, 6-Barak Farm, 7-KatieRich Farms

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 4:07 p.m. EST**FORWARD GAL S.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo, f, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Champagne Anyone 🍀	Street Sense	Six Column Stables, LLC & Randall L. Bloch	Wilkes	Landeros	116
2	Horologist	Gemologist	There's A Chance Stable	Mazza	Jimenez	116
3	Fashion Faux Pas 🍀	Flatter	Denlea Park, Ltd. & Kent Spellman	Delacour	Castellano	120
4	Feedback 🍀	Violence	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	116
5	Brunette Princess 🍀	Bodemeister	OGMA Investments, LLC	Delgado	Gaffalione	116
6	Jeltrin 🍀	Tapizar	ADR Racing Stable, LLC	Delgado	Reyes	116
7	Bye Bye J	Uncaptured	Monarch Stables, Inc.	Spatz	Velazquez	120
8	Hollywood Glory 🍀	Maclean's Music	Courtlandt Farms	Hennig	Ortiz	116
9	FronD	Yes It's True	Catherine M. Wills	Colebrook	Saez	116

Breeders: 1-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 2-Cameron Beatty, 3-Claiborne Farm & Adele B. Dilschneider, 4-Wolverton Mountain Farm LLC & Cameron Wheeler, 5-John David Zuidema Jr., 6-C. Kidder, N. Cole & J. K. & Linda Griggs, 7-McDowell Farm, 8-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 9-Dr. Catherine Wills

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 4:40 p.m. EST**SWALE S.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Frosted Grace 🍀	Mark Valeski	Reeves Thoroughbred Racing & William Branch	Ritvo	Lopez	116
2	Jackson	Kantharos	Tracy Pinchin	Pinchin	Velazquez	120
3	Topper T	Bellamy Road	Gary Barber, Wachtel Stable & Pantofel Stable	Mott	Castellano	120
4	High Crime	Violence	Silverton Hill LLC	Miller	Saez	116
5	Call Paul	Friesan Fire	Michael Dubb, David Simon, Bethlehem Stables LLC & Bruce Irom	Servis	Ortiz, Jr.	120
6	Take Command	Field Commission	Tropic Lightning Racing LLC	Pompay	Juarez	116
7	Chinomado	Regal Ransom	Maria Ines	Mejia	Salazar Becerra	116
8	Seismic Jolt	Kantharos	e Five Racing Thoroughbreds & Stonestreet Stables LLC	Fawkes	Gaffalione	120
9	Zenden 🍀	Fed Biz	Pichi Investments LLC	Barboza, Jr.	Jaramillo	120
10	Hard Belle 🍀	Hard Spun	Thoroughbred Champions Training Center LLC	Mejia	Montalvo	116
11	Country Singer	Majesticperfection	Marablue Farm LLC	Nicks	Ortiz	116

Breeders: 1-Brereton C. Jones, 2-Tracy Pinchin, 3-Blackoak Farm, 4-Silverton Hill, LLC, 5-Beatrice Patterson & Vicky Schowe, 6-Edward A. Seltzer, 7-Jaime & Maria Ines Mejia, 8-Ocala Stud, 9-Brent & Beth Harris, 10-Charles Fipke, 11-Marablue Farm LLC

Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 5:30 p.m. EST**ROBERT B. LEWIS S.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Kid Cantina	Richard's Kid	Hay Day Racing	Barocio	Franco	120
2	Magnificent McCool	Giant's Causeway	Phoenix Thoroughbred III	O'Neill	Prat	120
3	Easy Shot 🍀	Trappe Shot	Calumet Farm	Desormeaux	Bejarano	120
4	Gunmetal Gray 🍀	Exchange Rate	Hollendorfer, LLC, Pearl Racing & West Point Thoroughbreds	Hollendorfer	Smith	124
5	Mucho Gusto 🍀	Mucho Macho Man	Michael Lund Petersen	Baffert	Talamo	122
6	Nolo Contesto 🍀	Pioneerof the Nile	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Rosario	120

Breeders: 1-B & B Zietz Stables, Inc., 2-Cesa Farm, 3-Hinkle Farms, 4-Lee Pokoik, 5-Teneri Farm Inc. & Bernardo Alvarez Calderon, 6-Ramona S. Bass, LLC.



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TODAY'S RACING INSIGHTS: GRACEFUL PRINCESS RETURNS TO ACTION

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7th-GP, \$51K, Alw/Opt. Clm., 3yo, f, 1m, post time: 3:08 p.m. ET



Graceful Princess breaking her maiden at Saratoga | Sarah K Andrew

Whisper Hill Farm homebred **GRACEFUL PRINCESS (Tapit)**, the daughter of 2011 Horse of the Year and champion older female Havre de Grace (Saint Liam), makes her much-anticipated sophomore debut and will look to use this as a springboard to bigger and better over the coming months. The bay filly made a favorable impression in her lone visit to the races last season, setting a comfortable pace and reporting home the convincing 1 3/4-length winner of a Saratoga maiden on the penultimate day of racing Sept. 2. Graceful Princess is one of two winners from treble Grade I winner Havre de Grace, who was purchased by Mandy Pope for \$10 million at Fasig-Tipton November in 2012. Third dam Toll Fee (Topsider), a three-time graded winner, was a half-sister to champion Plugged Nickle and bred GSP The Bink (Seeking the Gold), dam of MGISW Riskaverse (Dynaformer) and GSW Cozzy Corner (Cozzene). Graceful Princess is the 2-1 second choice on the morning line to **Queen of Beas (Flutter)**, who Beyered 92 in graduating over seven furlongs Jan. 6. **TJCS PPs**

KINGLY STRETCHES OUT AT SANTA ANITA

7th-SA, \$57K, Alw/Opt. Clm., 3yo, 1m, post time: 6:43 p.m. ET

KINGLY (Tapit) was sent off the 41-10 second choice to 3-5 Stretford End (Will Take Charge) in his six-furlong debut at Del Mar Dec. 1 and looked in deep water at the head of the lane before kicking back gamely at the fence en route to a 3/4-length

success over the heavy chalk. He'll try a route of ground for the first time Thursday, but should handle it with ease, as he is a full-brother to Mohaymen, a three-time graded winner going long; and a half to champion and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner New Year's Day (Street Cry {Ire}). His dam, the West Point-owned Justwhistledixie (Dixie Union), won the 2009 GII Bonnie Miss S. and GII Davona Dale S. ahead of a runner-up effort in that year's GI Acorn S. This salty heat also features **Extra Hope** (Shanghai Bobby), a latest third in the GI Los Alamitos Futurity; **Gray Magician** (Graydar), fourth in the GIII Sham S.; and **Big Scott Daddy** (Scat Daddy), who belied odds of 8-1 to break his maiden by a half-length Dec. 26. **TJCS PPs**

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Kingly's full-brother is four-time GSW Mohaymen | Adam Coglianesse

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**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

9th-Gulfstream, \$45,640, Alw (NW1X), Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 1-30, 4yo/up, 5fT, :56.56, fm.

MCERIN (g, 4, Trappe Shot--Erin Rose, by Purge), a maiden winner and stakes-placed in five starts for trainer Wesley Ward, checked in third in his first go for this outfit at Monmouth Park June 23. Fifth in a first-level Saratoga allowance July 30, he beat up on \$40,000, non-two-lifetime opponents at the Spa Sept. 3 and was last seen finishing a pacesetting second in a \$50,000 starter allowance on yielding Belmont turf Oct. 5. Favored at 7-10 on the cutback in distance, McErin took up the running after a sixteenth of a mile, widened his advantage on the turn and into the stretch and was punched out by Irad Ortiz Jr to take it by a solid 5 1/4 lengths. Hailing from the female family of Canadian Horse of the Year Ruling Angel (), McErin is kin to the 3-year-old filly Erin More (More Than Ready) and a juvenile colt by Summer Front. Erin Rose gave birth to a Mastery filly this year. Lifetime Record: SP, 10-3-1-2, \$119,475. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Waterford Stable (KY); T-Jason Servis.

**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

7th-Gulfstream, \$43,420, Msw, 1-30, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.03, fm.

ARGONNE (c, 4, Tizway--Island Striker, by Smart Strike), a \$260,000 OBSMAR breezer, crossed the line first in a 10-furlong grass maiden at Belmont July 5, but was demoted to fourth, and returned from a 3 1/2-month vacation to round out the triple in a similar test in Elmont Oct. 25. The dark bay, an alibi-free fourth at the Big A Nov. 21, was the 13-5 chalk in his 4-year-old unveiling. Able to save every inch of ground from the one hole, the half-brother to Irish Freedom (Pioneerof the Nile), GSP, \$157,215, was pulled away from the fence nearing the stretch and looked for a time as if he was not going to finish the job, but edged past Battle of Memphis (Ire) (Declaration of War) for a 3/4-length victory.

Produced by a full-sister to GSW High Strike Zone (Smart Strike), Argonne--raced by this sire's owner--is kin to 3-year-old filly Island Village (Flat Out), a 2-year-old filly named Hagena (Honor Code) and a yearling filly by California Chrome. Sales history: \$260,000 2yo '17 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-1, \$47,980. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-William L Clifton Jr; B-Philip & Brenda Robertson (KY); T-H James Bond.

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Seamless Mouth, c, 3, **Run Away and Hide**--Seamless, by Arch. V Centenario, 1-29, Maiden, 1400m. B-Ron Kirk, John Bates & Michael Riordan (KY). *1ST TIME STARTER. **\$4,000 2yo '18 OBSJUN. **VIDEO**

IN PANAMA:

Muy Valiente, c, 3, **Graydar**--Valienta, by Tale of the Cat. Presidente Remon, 1-25, Maiden, 1300m. B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds (KY). *\$37,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$17,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT. **VIDEO**

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FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

Boisterous (Distorted Humor), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, \$5,000

86 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner
 8-Santa Anita, Msw 6 1/2f, ABUSIVE GARY, 8-1
 5-Golden Gate Fields, Msw 1m, LEGENDARYBLOODLINE, 15-1
 8-Santa Anita, Msw 6 1/2f, LOUD MOUTH, 8-1

Cairo Prince (Pioneerof the Nile), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000
 228 foals of racing age/20 winners/3 black-type winners
 5-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, CARIBA, 7-2
 \$400,000 KEE SEP yrl

Capo Bastone (Street Boss), Adena Springs, \$4,000
 32 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
 9-Gulfstream, Aoc 5fT, STARSHIP NALA, 7-2
 \$15,000 OBS WIN yrl

Central Banker (Speightstown), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, \$7,500
 135 foals of racing age/11 winners/2 black-type winners
 4-Aqueduct, Aoc 6f, STABILIZE, 10-1
 \$5,000 EAS OCT yrl; \$35,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Fed Biz (Giant's Causeway), WinStar Farm, \$12,500
 187 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner
 8-Fair Grounds, Msw 5 1/2fT, VOGT, 8-1
 \$37,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$85,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$150,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Goldencents (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000
 256 foals of racing age/30 winners/2 black-type winners
 5-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, CANARSIE GIRL, 10-1
 \$13,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$65,000 OBS APR 2yo
 4-Fair Grounds, Msw 1mT, GOTTABEGOLDEN, 5-1
 7-Turfway, Aoc 6f, VERITAS, 15-1
 \$15,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$40,000 OBS MAR 2yo

He Be Fire N Ice (Unusual Heat), Ridgeley Farms, \$2,500
 20 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 8-Santa Anita, Msw 6 1/2f, HE BE MOJO RISIN, 8-1

Lakerville (Unusual Heat), Harris Farms, private
 44 foals of racing age/3 winners/1 black-type winner
 8-Santa Anita, Msw 6 1/2f, KING LEBRON, 8-1

No Nay Never (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Stud, \$20,000
 221 foals of racing age/34 winners/6 black-type winners
 9-Gulfstream, Aoc 5fT, BEECHWOOD ELLA (Ire), 10-1
 £38,000 GOU KPR yrl

Northern Causeway (Giant's Causeway), Rancho San Miguel, \$2,500
 54 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Golden Gate Fields, Msw 1m, IRISH AFFAIR, 8-1

Revolutionary (War Pass), WinStar Farm, \$7,500
 148 foals of racing age/17 winners/2 black-type winners
 4-Aqueduct, Aoc 6f, SARATOGA STYLE, 8-1
 \$100,000 SAR AUG yrl

Strong Mandate (Tiznow), Three Chimneys Farm, \$10,000
 138 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, STONEWALKER, 6-1
 \$100,000 KEE SEP yrl

Uncaptured (Lion Heart), Ocala Stud Farm, \$6,000
 141 foals of racing age/11 winners/3 black-type winners
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Argonne (Tizway) takes command late en route to a maiden-breaking victory at Gulfstream.

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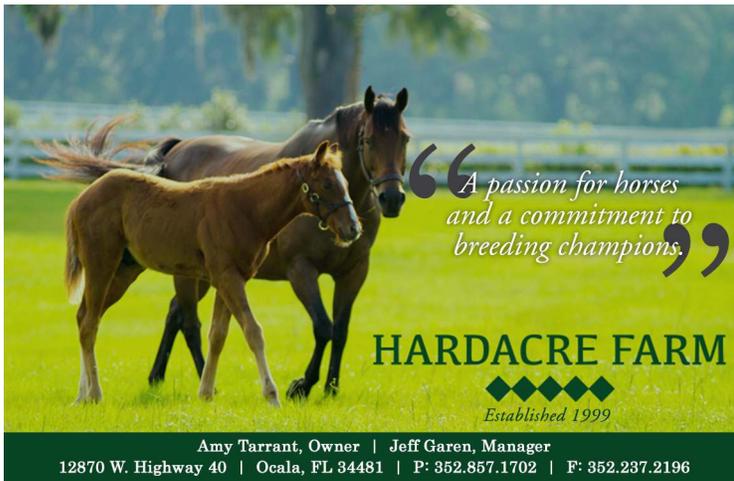
Let's Roll, f, 4, **Curlin**--On a Roll, by A.P. Indy. Tampa Bay Downs, 1-30, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:47.87. B-G Watts Humphrey Jr, Susan Keller, Vicki Oliver & G Watts Humphrey III (KY). *1/2 to Doctor Mounty (Street Sense), MGSW, \$419,820; full to Dabster, MSW & MGSP, \$419,820.



CURLIN, Let's Roll, f, 4, o/o On a Roll, by A.P. Indy. MSW, 1-30, Tampa Bay

TIZWAY, Argonne, c, 4, o/o Island Striker, by Smart Strike. MSW, 1-30, Gulfstream

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SNOW, SALES DESCEND ON NEWMARKET



Snow-covered sales grounds at Tattersalls on Wednesday | *Alayna Cullen*

By Tom Peacock

Newmarket, UK--It seems unlikely that there will be a repeat of last year's excitement at the Tattersalls February Sale when Willie John (GB) (Dansili {GB}) smashed the European record for a colt in training sold at auction.

The winter gathering in Newmarket, which lay under a light carpet of snow on the eve of the event on Wednesday, is something of a mixed bag for the two-day sale. The majority going through the ring are colts and fillies both in and out of training, but some useful broodmares as well as 2-year-olds and yearlings are included.

Willie John's contribution of 1,900,000gns by moving to Roger Varian's stable helped the sale's turnover to reach 8,037,150gns last year, an improvement for the fourth year in a row despite impressive gains in 2017. [Cont. p2](#)

DARREN WEIR ARRESTED AFTER STABLE RAIDS

by Bren O'Brien, TDN AusNZ

The arrest of Australia's leading trainer Darren Weir by detectives from the Sports Integrity Intelligence Unit has sent shockwaves through the entire industry. Weir, 48, along with two other men, one aged 38 from Yangery and the other aged 26 from Warrnambool, were arrested by Victoria Police on Wednesday morning after a series of stable raids, which included the Ballarat and Warrnambool properties of the Melbourne Cup winning trainer. According to a Victoria Police statement, the men were questioned over sporting integrity matters including 'obtaining financial advantage by deception, engaging in conduct that corrupts or would corrupt a betting outcome of an event or event contingency, use of corrupt conduct information for betting purposes, and attempt to commit indictable offence namely obtain financial advantage by deception'.

"Today's warrants shows that Victoria Police will investigate allegations of corruption in sport and racing and that we do that in partnership with Racing Victoria," assistant commissioner Neil Paterson said.

Police executed warrants at the two properties around 6 a.m. and seized a number of items, among which were a firearm and conducted energy devices. Police later revealed that there were four electrical devices recovered, which were referred to as 'jiggers'. [Cont. in Worldwide News p9](#)

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

FIPKE SEEKING THE GENETIC GOLD

Chris McGrath speaks with owner/breeder Chuck Fipke, whose Seeking the Soul (Perfect Soul {Ire}) ran second in the GI Pegasus World Cup. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)



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The average of 26,880gns was also a record. The first event of the year in Park Paddocks might be one of the lowest-key, but could yet give some pointers to the financial climate ahead.

Godolphin has already made a strong early impression to 2019 at the Dubai World Cup Carnival and several of the members set to leave the team could add a little lustre.

Its consignment now numbers 36, predominately consisting of those who have raced, and much the best-known name is that of **Atty Persse (Ire)** (Frankel {GB}) (lot 375). He had looked a Classic prospect after an impressive juvenile success and struck for trainer Roger Charlton in the King George V H. at Royal Ascot in 2017 before his fortunes dwindled.

Ambassadorial (Elusive Quality) (lot 315) had a similarly attractive profile for Michael Halford after taking the Listed Star

Appeal S. at Dundalk, but he too has failed to build on that promise.

In terms of finding a younger horse with potential close to that of Willie John, the credentials of **Patrick Sarsfield (Fr)** (Australia {GB}) (lot 188) are sure to be scrutinised. He was trained in Ireland by Eddie Lynam last term and was unlucky to run into G2

Champions Juvenile S. scorer Madhmoon (Ire) (Dawn Approach {Ire}) and Group 1 runner-up Sydney Opera House (GB) (Australia {GB}) on his only two starts.

John Gosden is responsible for several of the more recently in-form offerings with **War Eagle (Ire)** (Australia {GB}) (lot 353) and recent Lingfield scorer **St Peters Basilica (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) (lot 352), a half-brother to the far speedier pair Caspian Prince (Ire) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}) and Spirit Quartz (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), having some reasonable form on the board.



Atty Persse | *Racing Post*

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Harvey Dent (GB) (Mayson {GB}), (lot 180) did himself no harm in winning in impressive fashion on only his third start at Lingfield a few days ago and is being offered on behalf of trainer Archie Watson by The Castlebridge Consignment. John Murphy's **Confrontational (Ire)** (Footstepsinthesand {GB}) (lot 333) has also been in terrific heart of late, scoring at successive meetings at Dundalk, as has the William Haggas-trained **Deputise (GB)** (Kodiak {GB}) (lot 369).

Green Room (Theatrical {Ire}), who ended up being the dam of last year's G1 Oaks scorer Forever Together (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), changed hands at this sale a few years ago and there are certainly options for those with breeding or another season of racing in mind.

Several likely types are being offered through Baroda and Colbinstown Studs on Thursday. Among their six are **Kalandara (Ire)** (Rainbow Quest), whose dual Group 3-winning daughter

Luminate (Ire) (Lawman {Fr} sold for 900,000gns at the 2018 Tattersalls December Sale. Although the mare is now 16, she is believed to be carrying a filly foal by Lope De Vega (Ire) and is one of the best of the earlier lots as lot 69. One lot before her (lot 68) is **Art Of Dance (GB)** (Medicean {GB}), a Bloomsbury Stud-bred mare who is in foal to the much in-demand young buck No Nay Never.

This could be a busy few minutes as another in-foal to No Nay Never is the useful race-mare **Hestia (Fr)** (High Chaparral {Ire}), an eye-catching entry by the National Stud as lot 66, whilst lot 67, the unraced **All I Need (Ire)** (Peintre Celebre) has an attractive Wildenstein pedigree.

Ellery Lane (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) (lot 163) has not yet become a broodmare after leaving Brian Lynch in Canada but was stakes-placed in both



Highclere's listed-placed Snazzy | *Racing Post*

Ireland and America.

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Highclere Stud's **Snazzy (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}) (lot 159) ought to have similar credentials as she was listed-placed for Charlie Fellowes and hails from the illustrious extended family of the likes of Cassandra Go (Ire), Magical (Ire) and Rhododendron (Ire).

Tattersalls chairman Edmond Mahony said, "The Tattersalls February Sale has firmly established itself as Europe's premier midwinter sale and there is no shortage of high-class breeding stock in this year's catalogue, as well as horses in training, 2-year-olds and yearlings to appeal to the usual diverse mix of domestic and international buyers who descend on Park Paddocks each year."

At 11 a.m., prior to the sale commencing half an hour later, will be the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association Flat stallion parade. Ten stallions who are about to embark upon their first and second seasons at stud in Great Britain will feature. They include Whitsbury Manor Stud's acquisition Havana Grey (GB) (Havana Gold {Ire}), the G1 Flying Five S. hero, and G1 St Leger scorer Harbour Law (GB) (Lawman {Fr}, who is to stand at Batsford Stud.

A pair of ex-Aidan O'Brien performers are also on show in top sprinter Washington DC (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}), now moving to Bearstone Stud, and the National Stud's Lancaster Bomber (War Front), who signed off winning the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup S. Sophomore stallions Ardad (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) and Time Test (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) are also on parade with a handful of other more established stallions on hand for viewing afterwards in the Left and Right Yards.

In this period of calm before the storm during which breeders and buyers will be in town, some of the leading local studs are also holding an 'open house' over the next couple of days and there is the opportunity to visit both Juddmonte's Banstead Manor and Darley's Dalham Hall headquarters, among others.

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OWNERS, HORSES IN TRAINING UP, SALES DOWN IN IRELAND

Irish racing last year enjoyed an increase in registered owners as well as horses in training, prizemoney and sponsorship, while bloodstock sales and betting on racing were largely down, according to Horse Racing Ireland's 2018 Irish horse racing and breeding industry figures, which were released on Wednesday.

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With almost 800 new owners registered in Ireland last year, the number of new owners was up by 16.2% year-on-year, and the total number of owners was up 3.5% to 3,817. The number of horses in training climbed 2.4% to 8,688.

“Increasing ownership was one of the main priorities for Horse Racing Ireland in 2018 so it is pleasing to see that strategy pay off with significant increases in the number of new owners, total owners and the consequent increase in horses-in-training,” said HRI Chief Executive Brian Kavanagh. “This will be felt by trainers all over the country with syndicate ownership rising 33% year-on-year. Owner retention is over 73%, the highest rate it has been since 2007. The rise in owners is reflected in an increase in horses-in-training and increases in entries and runners for both Flat and National Hunt racing.”



Dermot Weld's string trains in front of the remodeled Curragh grandstand | *Racing Post*

Weather-related cancellations and postponements were blamed for racecourse attendance being slightly down (-0.5%) at 1.274 million, but a look at meetings from July through December shows a very slight increase (0.2%) in attendance.

“Racecourse attendances rallied strongly in the second half of the year after a weather-disrupted set of figures for the first six months,” Kavanagh said. “The ‘Beast from the East’ led to almost unprecedented cancellations and rescheduled meetings in spring, with March attendance figures alone down 30% year-on-year for that month. Attendances recovered from mid-summer on, with the FIFA World Cup reported to have only a marginal effect on a number of fixtures.”

“2019 will be a very exciting year for racegoers with the newly redeveloped Curragh Racecourse opening for business in April.”

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Owners, Horses-in-Training Up, Sales Down Cont.

“We will also continue our roll-out of the Racecourse Free WiFi scheme, the biggest WiFi infrastructural project in Irish sport,” he said. “Already free WiFi is available at six racecourses with at least another 16 expected to complete their projects and go online in 2019, further enhancing the on-course experience and optimising ticketing options for both racegoers and racecourses.”

Prizemoney and sponsorships were up across the board—purses were up 3.9% to €63.5 million, commercial sponsorship rose 5.3% to €5.2 million and EBF sponsorship climbed 11.1% to €2.2 million.

“Prizemoney grew by 3.9% in 2018 to €63.5 million and a further increase of €2.9 million is budgeted for 2019,” said Kavanagh. “The international environment has rarely been as competitive and prizemoney remains one of the key factors in attracting owners to have horses in training in Ireland. The newly developed Curragh Racecourse will see a prizemoney uplift for some of its flagship races as will the Dublin Racing Festival this coming weekend, and the festival meetings at Punchestown and Galway. Twenty Grade 2 and Grade 3 racecourses will also share €500,000 to enhance the value of their feature races, races that are typically accessible to the majority of the horse population.

“Most encouragingly, the significant growth in commercial sponsorship in 2016 and 2017 continued into 2018, a trend that clearly shows confidence in horse racing’s appeal as an advertising and promotional vehicle for business.

“The continued support of the Irish European Breeders’ Fund is greatly appreciated and the contribution of their Fund to

prizemoney levels in 2019 rose by another 11.1%.”

Flat and National Hunt entries were both up (5% and 1.6%, respectively), putting total entries up 3.2%. In other good news for owners, individual winners were up 4.6%.

Kavanagh suggested that the Israeli government’s decision to ban betting this time last year had a negative impact on wagering, and indeed total Tote betting was down 33.3% to €69.2 million, and bookmaker betting was down 11% to €54.8 million.

“2018 was a challenging year for Tote Ireland and for all on-course betting operators,” he said. “In total, Tote betting was down 33.3% or €34.6 million, with the majority of this, €33.1 million, accounted for by a significant dip in money bet off-course into Irish pools. As flagged up this time last year, a decision by the Israeli Government to ban betting was going to have a severe impact on the Irish pools and UK pools and unfortunately this has come to pass.

“Overall, the downward trend in on-course betting continues and reflects the changing nature of the betting market,” Kavanagh said. “Bookmakers and the Association of Irish Racecourses are examining ways in which on-course bookmaker betting can recover and be sustained. Horse Racing Ireland is undertaking a strategic review of Tote Ireland and considering a number of future options in order to maximise its return to Irish racing.”

A bright spot in the Irish bloodstock market in 2018 was the fact that the number of countries Irish-foaled horses were sold to was up 6.4%, from 31 to 33, but bloodstock sales at public auction in Ireland were down 8% to €161.5 million. [Cont. p7](#)

HORSE RACING IRELAND IS UNDERTAKING A STRATEGIC REVIEW OF TOTE IRELAND AND CONSIDERING A NUMBER OF FUTURE OPTIONS IN ORDER TO MAXIMISE ITS RETURN TO IRISH RACING

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Export sales of Irish-bred horses at public auction internationally were down 1.9% to €263.1 million.

“While the market for Irish-bred National Hunt horses made gains again in 2018 and showed a 3% increase, the 2018 sales cycle was a very challenging one for vendors, particularly those selling Flat horses,” Kavanagh said. “It meant that the gains made in 2017 across the spectrum of sales were reversed in 2018 with the uncertainty created by Brexit the biggest of a number of factors. Irish-bred horses continued to succeed at the highest levels internationally and the value of Irish-foaled exports sold at public auction was €263.1 million. Encouragingly, the attraction of Irish-foaled horses to international buyers was confirmed with Irish-foaled horses sold through auction exported to 33 countries. This is a tribute to the quality of the Irish horse and its global reputation for excellence.”

Reflecting on the figures as a whole, Kavanagh said, “Horse racing generates a very significant return to the rural economy in Ireland and positive international profile for our country—that

contribution has been independently valued at €1.84 billion, supporting directly and indirectly almost 29,000 jobs. None of this success could be achieved without the support provided by Government through the Horse and Greyhound Fund. But, in Brexit, with the uncertainty it has caused and the difficulties it has the potential to create, we are facing a formidable challenge.

“It is always worth bearing in mind that, despite our size, we are the third-biggest producers of Thoroughbred foals in the world. Naturally, this means that we are significant exporters and 80% of those exports go to Britain. The challenges in terms of movement of animals, customs and tariffs, and potential protectionism that Brexit could visit upon us, could have detrimental consequences. Throughout the Brexit process we have been working closely with our international racing partners, including in Britain and France, and politicians and officials in Dublin and in Brussels, and we will continue to do so on behalf of the industry.

“Away from Brexit we continue to hold great ambitions for the racing and breeding sector, and the 2018 success in areas around ownership, horses-in-training and the continued support of commercial partners is a solid foundation on which to build more growth in 2019.”

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CATAPULT GRANTS LINES WINNING FINALE

Shergar's former work rider Cliff Lines ended a 70-year career in racing with a winner, as **Catapult (GB)** (Equiano {Fr}) made every yard of the running in the sunracing.co.uk Maiden H. at Lingfield. Lines was regarded as one of the best work riders in the business and was employed by Sir Michael Stoute and Sir Noel Murless, among others. With his 84th birthday next month, Lines—who started out as an apprentice in 1949—has decided now is the time to retire and with Hollie Doyle in the saddle the well-backed 4-1 joint-favourite defied a wide draw to make all.

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Clifford Lines folds the blanket for the last time, as his final runner, Catapult, wins at Lingfield. | Racingfotos.com

Catapult Grants Lines Winning Finale Cont.

"After I saw the way he jumped I was confident he'd win," Lines told *Sky Sports Racing*. "Hollie gave him a great ride, it's her first winner for me. I was reasonably confident coming here, we just thought the draw was bad, but it turned out good. It's a great ending, terrific."

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Wednesday's Results:

2nd-Lingfield, £5,800, Mdn, 1-30, 3yo/up, f, 10f (AWT), 2:04.34, st.

ANAPURNA (GB) (f, 3, Frankel {GB}--Dash to the Top {GB} {SW & MG1SP-Eng, \$212,678}, by Montjeu {Ire}), who posted a Dec. 27 debut ninth tackling an extended mile at Wolverhampton last time, stalked the leaders in third after breaking to the fore upped in trip here. Sent to the front rounding the home turn, the 6-1 chance was safely clear entering the final eighth and ridden out in the closing stages to score by five lengths from Dawn Crusade (Ire) (Dawn Approach {Ire}). She is the latest foal and fifth scorer produced by stakes-winning G1 Fillies' Mile and G1 Yorkshire Oaks placegetter Dash to the Top (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}) and the homebred bay is kin to G3 Tetrarch S. runner-up Dynasty (GB) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) and Listed Hoppings S. third Very Dashing (GB) (Dansili {GB}). Her dam is a half to Listed Warwickshire Oaks victress Dash to the Front (GB) (Diktat {GB}), herself the dam of MG1SW British and French highweight Speedy Boarding (GB) (Shamardal). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$4,937. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Helena Springfield Ltd; B-Meon Valley Stud (GB); T-John Gosden.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

With Caution (Ire), f, 3, Dandy Man (Ire)--Kitty Softpaws (Ire), by Royal Applause (GB). Lingfield, 1-30, 6f 1y (AWT), 1:11.70. B-Ballyphilip Stud (IRE). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **16,000gns Ylg '17 TAOCT.

Red Bond (Ire), c, 3, Red Jazz--Faithfulbond (Ire), by Elbio (GB). Wolverhampton, 1-29, 8f 142y (AWT), 1:49.52. B-Mrs Colette Todd (IRE). *€4,500 Ylg '17 GOFFEB; £10,000 Ylg '17 GOUKSI.

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

6th-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €28,000, Cond, 1-30, 4yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:34.43, st.

DIWAN SENORA (FR) (h, 6, Youmzain {Ire}--Kiss Senora {Fr}, by Chichicastenango {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 30-6-2-2, €176,050. O/B-Ecurie Haras des Senora (FR); T-Yann Barberot.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Avenue Kennedy (Fr), f, 3, Air Chief Marshal (Ire)--Circus Key (Ire), by Key of Luck. Cagnes-sur-Mer, 1-30, 10f 165yT, 2:23.95. B-Ecurie de Meautry (FR). *€20,000 Ylg '17 AROCT. **1/2 to Candide (Fr) (Turtle Bowl {Ire}), GSW-Fr, \$212,536.

Veronesi (Fr), c, 3, Kendargent (Fr)--Verone, by Dixie Union. Cagnes-sur-Mer, 1-30, 10f 165yT, 2:20.98. B-Aleyrion Bloodstock Ltd & Louis Baudron (FR). *50,000gns RNA Ylg '17 TAOCT; €45,000 2yo '18 OSAAPR. **1/2 to Venecia Style (Fr) (Desert Style {Ire}), SW & GSP-Fr, \$123,928.

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IN HONG KONG:

Red Warrior (Ire), g, 4, **Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)**--Sweet Dreams Baby (Ire), by Montjeu (Ire). Happy Valley, 1-30, Hcp. (£190k/€218k), 1800mT, 1:50.68. B-Barronstown Stud. *Formerly Rusper (Ire). **€62,000 Ylg '15 GOFORB. **VIDEO**

WORLDWIDE NEWS

Darren Weir Arrested After Stable Raids Cont. from p1

"We have initially located a number of items which have been seized, including what we believe is an unregistered firearm, three conductive energy devices, commonly called tasers or in the racing industry, jiggers and at another property we also seized a fourth conductive energy device and a small quantity of what we believe to be cocaine," Assistant Commissioner Paterson said.



Darren Weir | TDN AusNZ

The investigation continues and Assistant Commissioner Paterson described it as complex.

"We are looking at a number of matters. The investigation is ongoing and I don't want to prejudice that investigation with further comment" he said.

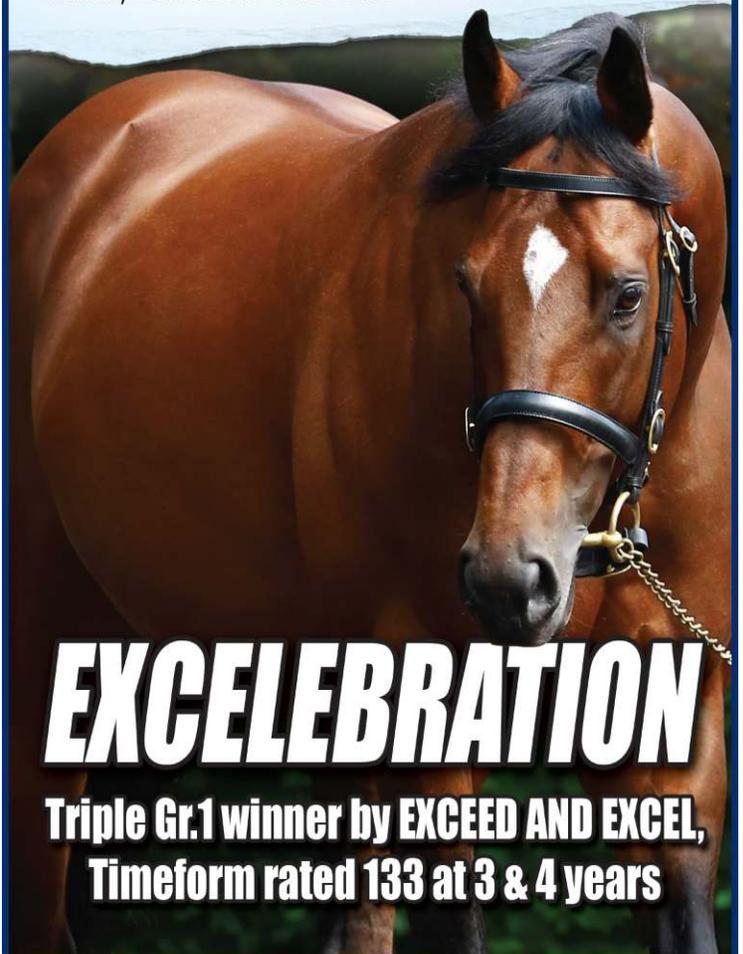
No charges have been laid, and Weir left the Ballarat West police station around 2 p.m. on Wednesday. **Cont. p10**

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RV Integrity Involved in Raid

Racing Victoria released a statement confirming its Integrity department had been conducting an investigation into Weir's training operation for some time.

"During the course of our investigation we sought the support of Victoria Police's Sporting Integrity Intelligence Unit on the matter, instigating their investigation," Racing Victoria executive general manager Integrity, Jamie Stier, said. "The Sporting Integrity Intelligence Unit this morning executed warrants at properties in Warrnambool and Ballarat where they arrested three licensed persons for questioning.

"Members of the Racing Victoria Integrity Services team attended licensed stables to assist Victoria Police and to investigate potential offences against the Rules of Racing. Racing Victoria is committed to maintaining the highest integrity standards in our sport and, where appropriate, we will continue to work with Victoria Police on those investigations."

Police later confirmed it became involved in the investigation as early as last August.

A Wealth of Success

Weir has been phenomenally successful, training 36 Group 1 winners, including most famously, Prince of Penzance (NZ) (Pentire {GB}) in the 2015 G1 Melbourne Cup. He has rewritten Australian records, training an extraordinary 491 winners in 2017/18, breaking Australian and Commonwealth records in the process. His stable has become one of Australia's biggest, with 100s of horses spread across his three properties at Miner's Rest near Ballarat, Warrnambool and his new property at Maldon.

He emerged from a humble background as a kid from Berriwillock in northern Victoria who initially set up a small stable at Stawell, while he also worked as a farrier. She's Archie (Aus) (Archway {Ire}) first launched him into the public eye when she won the 2002 G1 South Australian Oaks. Eighteen months later, she went within 1 1/2 lengths of winning a G1 Melbourne Cup, beaten only by the triple Cup winner Makybe Diva (GB)

(Desert King {Ire}).

A dominant trainer on country circuits in Victoria, the move to Ballarat helped spark Weir's career, and in 2013 he collected his second Group 1 with the mare Platelet (Aus) (Strategic {Aus}) in the Robert Sangster S. Since then, he has gone from strength to strength. He built from 183 winners in 2012/13, to 253 in 2013/14, 298 in 2014/15, 347 in 2015/16, 449 in 2016/17 and 491 last season.

Prior to Wednesday's raids he had 265 winners in the first six months of this season, on track to break the 500 mark. Last spring carnival in Melbourne he won the G1 Victoria Derby, the G1 Manikato S. the G1 Toorak H., the G1 Thousand Guineas and the G1 Memsie S. He has been permitted to continue to train by Racing Victoria stewards. [\(Click here to return to p1\)](#)

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Weir & Michelle Payne after winning the Melbourne Cup | TDN AusNZ

SWITZERLAND LEADS SPRINT; FILLY CLASSIC ON TAP AT MEYDAN

Steve Asmussen saddles his second runner at this year's carnival with US MGSW **Switzerland** (Speightstown) in the \$250,000 G3 Al Shindagha Sprint at Meydan on Thursday. The Sheikh Rashid bin Humaid Al Nuaimi colourbearer was last seen running third in an allowance at the Fair Grounds in November over six furlongs, and both of his graded victories have come at that trip.

"It's a good spot for him," Asmussen said. "I hope he handles the circumstances of the race and runs well. I'm very pleased with how he shipped over there and Carlos [Rosas, assistant and exercise rider] thought he worked great over the racetrack."

2018 Al Shindagha winner **My Catch (Ire)** (Camacho {GB}) is aiming for consecutive wins, and he last finished third in the Jan. 3 G3 Dubawi S. over this trip behind one behind stablemate **Drafted** (Field Commission) for trainer Doug Watson. Argentinean MGSW **Tato Key (Arg)** (Key Deputy) makes his first appearance at Meydan in the Al Shindagha. [Cont. p11](#)

Thursday, Meydan, post time: 7:05 p.m.

UAE 1000 GUINEAS SPONSORED BY DP WORLD UAE, \$250,000, NH & SH 3yo, f, 1600m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Al Shamkhah	Dialed In	Barzalona	Jadhav	125
2	Dubai Beauty (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Soumillon	bin Suroor	125
3	Starry Eyes	Animal Kingdom	Cosgrave	Crisford	125
4	Silva (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Murphy	Brandt	125
5	Lover's Knot (GB)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Doyle	Appleby	125
6	Emma Point	Point of Entry	Fresu	Botti	125
7	Divine Image	Scat Daddy	Buick	Appleby	125
8	Lady Parma	Exchange Rate	Mullen	Seemar	125
9	Razeena	Malibu Moon	Dobbs	Watson	125
10	Habah	Twirling Candy	Hitchcott	Watson	125
11	Muthhila (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Ffrench	Jadhav	125
12	Foggy Flight	Rattlesnake Bridge	Ziani	Jadhav	125
13	Swift Rose (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Stott	bin Suroor	125
14	Mulhima (Ire)	Mukhadram (GB)	Beasley	bin Harmash	125
15	Al Hayette	Union Rags	Veron	Mohammed	125

Also on Thursday is the \$250,000 Listed UAE 1000 Guineas over a mile. Favoured is owner/trainer Ismail Mohammed's **Al Hayette** (Union Rags), who is the lone dual winner in the full field of 15. Winless in three starts in England over turf and all-weather, the filly got off the mark second out at Meydan by four lengths testing the 1600-metre distance for the first time on Dec. 20. She defeated several of Thursday's rivals in a 1400-metre 1000 Guineas Trial score over this strip on Jan. 3, but she must overcome the widest gate.

"She's improving every race," Mohammed said. "I wasn't worried about the short break between [her last race and previous effort], because the plan was always that race, then the Trial and then the Guineas before the Oaks. We gave her some freshening since and she has had four weeks to this race."

Godolphin sends out a quartet to oppose, with the honour of the blue cap going to Saeed bin Suroor's **Dubai Beauty (Ire)** (Frankel {GB}). A debut winner at Newmarket in August, the bay looks to get back on track after an unplaced run behind Al Hayette in the 1000 Guineas Trial. Charlie Appleby's **Divine Image** (Scat Daddy) is making her first start since a novice win at Chelmsford on Dec. 13.

Fifteen horses also contest the 1400-metre Meydan Classic Trial. G3 Prix Eclipse victor **Sporting Chance (GB)** (Kodiac {GB}) breaks from gate two for trainer Simon Crisford. He was 12th in a 1400-metre Meydan conditions affair on Jan. 10. Crisford also sends out Lady O'Reilly's three-for-four **Trolius (Ire)** (Cape Cross {Ire}), who was third in the same race. Joining him is the once-raced Jan. 11 Jebel Ali winner **Golden Jaguar** (Animal Kingdom) making his turf debut, representing the Phoenix Ladies Syndicate and trainer Ahmad bin Harmash, the same connections as undefeated G3 2000 Guineas hope Walking Thunder (Violence).

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Wednesday's Result:

KAWASAKI KINEN-Listed, ¥102,000,000, Kawasaki, 1-30, 4yo/up, 2100m, 2:15.00, gd.

1--MITSUBA (JPN), 126, h, 7, Kane Hekili (Jpn)--Saint Christmas (Jpn), by Commander in Chief (GB). O-Kyoei Inc; B-Tabata Farm; T-Tadashi Kayo; J-Ryuji Wada; ¥60,000,000. Lifetime Record: MGSP-Jpn, 43-11-7-6.

2--K T Brave (Jpn), 126, h, 6, Admire Max (Jpn)--K T Laurel (Jpn), by Sakura Laurel (Jpn). O-Kazuyoshi Takimoto; B-Okano Farm; ¥21,000,000.

3--All Blush (Jpn), 126, h, 7, War Emblem--Blushing Princess, by Crafty Prospector. O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shiraoui Farm; ¥12,000,000.

Margins: 2HF, HD, 1HF. Odds: 6.00, 0.20, 4.60.



IN HONG KONG:

Champion's Way (Aus), g, 3, Hinchinbrook (Aus)--Greta's Yarn (Aus), by Redoute's Choice (Aus). Happy Valley, 1-30, Hcp. (A\$163k), 1200mT, 1:10.02. B-G Bunt (NSW). *1ST TIME STARTER. **A\$150,000 Ylg '17 INGFE. **VIDEO**

Country Star (Aus), g, 3, Starcraft (NZ)--Moonrush (Aus), by Encosta de Lago (Aus). Happy Valley, 1-30, Hcp. (A\$346k), 1200mT, 1:09.94. B-Arrowfield Pastoral Pty Ltd (NSW). *A\$90,000 Ylg '17 INGFE. **VIDEO**

Encouraging (Aus), g, 5, Redoute's Choice (Aus)--Miss Marielle (Aus) (MGSW-Aus. A\$545,200), by Encosta de Lago (Aus). Happy Valley, 1-30, Hcp. (A\$245k), 1650mT, 1:39.53. B-J W Kelly Suffolk Vale & Co (NSW). *Formerly France (Aus). **Full to Peeping (Aus), G1SW-Aus, A\$889,535. ***SW-Aus. ****A\$475,000 Ylg '15 INGEAS. **VIDEO**


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AL SHINDAGHA SPRINT SPONSORED BY JEBEL ALI PORT-G3, \$200,000, NH & SH 3yo/up, 1200m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Ibn Malik (Ire)	Raven's Pass	Crowley	Al Mheiri	125
2	Nine Below Zero (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	De Vries	Nass	125
3	Tato Key (Arg)	Key Deputy	Foley	Marnane	125
4	Drafted	Field Commission	Dobbs	Watson	125
5	My Catch (Ire)	Camacho (GB)	Hitchcott	Watson	125
6	Switzerland 	Speightstown	Moore	Asmussen	128

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Lot 577, a daughter of Frankel topped proceedings at Karaka on Wednesday | Darryl Sherer

by Paul Vettise

The Book 1 session of New Zealand Bloodstock's National Yearling Sale turnover reached NZ\$67,206,500, representing an average of NZ\$137,437 for 489 horses sold. The median closed at NZ\$100,000 and a clearance rate 77%. "I believe the market has held up well considering the lack of pin hooking activity--which traditionally underpins the middle market, the drop off from Singapore buyers due to falling prizemoney and the continued lack of confidence in the local market," Managing Director Andrew Seabrook said.

Karaka Day Four: at a Glance

- International blood heading to Cambridge Stud with purchase of a Frankel filly for NZ\$500,000.
- Hubie de Burgh successful in pursuit of Savabeel colt for Shadwell.
- Teenager Bailey Rogerson has the final say on well-related son of Tavistock, a half-brother to Gift Of Power.
- Waikato Stud on top of the selling world again, vindicating their decision to sell all yearlings locally.
- Te Akau retains buying crown with another massive spend.

Major Investment in Future

Brendan and Jo Lindsay share a vision for Cambridge Stud and it was in a buying role on the closing day of the Book 1 session that another piece of the jigsaw was slotted into place. Adding top-quality broodmares is integral to the ongoing success of the farm and, to that end, they cut loose to fend off the opposition and claim lot 577 for NZ\$500,000, a Frankel (GB) filly put forward by Pencarrow Stud.

"We are in a rebuilding phase with Cambridge Stud, so we have to invest some money in the business. This is part of that investment," Brendan Lindsay said. "Jo and I enjoy racing horses, but to be able to invest in a Frankel filly that could race here and in Australia is only going to help our business in the long-term. She'll go into our system. I don't know who will train her, Henry (Plumptre) will tell me.

"I expected to pay at least that figure for her and to get some Frankel blood is great for the farm. The last horse I purchased from Sir Peter (Vela) was J'Adane. She was also foaled in the Northern Hemisphere and brought down here. Maybe the stars are all aligned again."

A NZ\$400,000 yearling buy at Karaka, J'Adane (NZ) (Danehill {USA}) only won one race but she placed at the highest level in the G1 Winter S., the G1 Mudgway S. and in the G1 Kelt Capital S. J'Adane's honesty in elite company greatly endeared her to the Lindsays and they vowed on her retirement that they wouldn't ever sell any of her progeny. They have been true to their words and are now racing with great success her Group 3 winning sons Von Tunzelman (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}), Prince Jabeel (NZ) (Savabeel) and Sherrif (NZ) (High Chaparral {Ire}). **Cont. p2**



Brendan & Jo Lindsay with Sir Patrick Hogan | TDN AusNZ

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Lindsay's Frankel filly is a daughter of Assume (Ire) (Fastnet Rock) who won a modest event in Ireland and was three times placed at Listed level. She is a half-sister to the stakes winner and group performer Sandreamer (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}) and the family of the G2 Rockel S. winner Sayedah (Ire) (Dashaan {GB}) and the G2 Duke Of York S. winner Magical Memory (GB) (Zebedee {GB}).

With the purchase of the Frankel successfully executed, Lindsay was in good spirits and he has been all through the Book 1 Sale.

"As a vendor we're extremely happy. We've been very happy with the prices paid for our horses," he said. "It's been a successful sale."

Six of the Very Best

Premier nursery Waikato Stud continues to go from strength to strength and ended the Book 1 session of the National Sale at Karaka as the top vendor for the sixth consecutive year. With a four-day aggregate of NZ\$16,115,000 and an average of NZ\$226,971, they were the auction's leaders in both divisions. The dominant stallion was Savabeel with a top lot of NZ\$1.4 million and a sale average of NZ\$295,833.

"Savabeel was a very important facet to our sale," Mark Chittick said. "Our decision to sell 100% here has kept the reputation of our National Sale up, and that is very, very important to me, and to our operation. I'm really proud of breaking that million dollar barrier, selling the number one horse--he's the highest priced horse to be sold here since 2013. It's the effort, family and community we have created is what helps us to do this. You can't be the best without the best."

The leading buyer for the 14th year in a row was Te Akau's David Ellis with 41 purchases totalling NZ\$7,825,000 and bloodstock agent Bruce Perry shelling out NZ\$2,565,000 on 15 yearlings.

"We visited every farm in New Zealand and my wife Karyn and I came to the sale really charged because they were the most athletic bunch of yearlings we have seen for a long time," he said. "We put in a lot of research, did a lot of homework and in the end bought off I think 15 different drafts--now we're looking forward to selling shares in them. I take my hat off to New

Zealand Bloodstock, it is incredible the job they do year in and year out."

De Burgh Bounces Back

Hubie de Burgh was never in the hunt for Monday's NZ\$1.4 million Savabeel colt from Waikato Stud, but he got the next best thing on Wednesday. He was the successful bidder at NZ\$500,000 for a three-quarter brother, **lot 657**, from the Matamata nursery.

"If we were looking for a Cox Plate horse then I guess this guy is what he is. He's really athletic and beautifully balanced, he floats on air," the international bloodstock agent said. "He is by this great stallion Savabeel out of an O'Reilly mare and that's a fantastic cross. It's a great all-up package and from a great stud that just keeps breeding Group 1 winners.

"Hopefully, we are reducing our risk and he is very closely related to the horse that made NZ\$1.4 million. We wanted to buy him, but didn't have the budget. This colt is for Sheikh Hamdan and he'll be going to David Hayes."

He is out of Cupid (NZ) (O'Reilly {NZ}), a three-quarter sister to the stakes performer Patrick (NZ) and a half-sister to the G1 Queensland Oaks runner-up Another Dollar (NZ) (Ocean Park {NZ}).



Lot 657 | Sarah Ebbett

Richards Banking on Sebring

The Hong Kong Jockey Club's Mark Richards is hoping Sebring will again work his magic after he went to NZ\$375,000 for **lot 573**, a son of the G1 Golden Slipper S. winner. The colt was offered by Trelawney Stud and is a half-brother to Challa (Dissident), who has placed three times this season including a runner-up finish in the Listed Welcome S.

"He's a cracking sort of horse and we were never going to get him cheaply," Richards said. "He's a running type and I liked the way he goes about his business. Hopefully, fingers crossed, he can be another Lucky Bubbles for us."

Lucky Bubbles (Sebring) has won eight races in Hong Kong including the G1 Chairman's Sprint Prize and the G2 Premier Bowl. He has also posted a further three Group 1 placings.

Richards' Karaka purchase is a son of Are There Any (Exceed And Excel), a six-time winner, who is from the family of the winners Yourein (Reset) and Grand Jury (NZ) (Deputy Governor {USA}).



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Karaka Day 4 Results Cont.

“You’ve got to look for fast horses that can stay the test of time and this colt looks a very sound horse,” Richards said.

Family Connections

Te Akau know the family of lot 651 intimately and David Ellis went to NZ\$100,000 to secure the filly. Her dam Corsage (NZ) (Volksraad {GB}) won the Listed Ray Coupland S. and ran third in the G1 Diamond S. in their colours. She has produced Aotea Lad who was purchased by Ellis last year for NZ\$200,000. He has won the G2 Wakefield Challenge S. and finished runner-up in the Karaka Million. They will be hoping for similar things in the future from his half-sister by Makfi (GB) purchased out of Woburn Farm’s consignment. Their third dam is the G1 New Zealand S. winner Seamist (NZ) (Beaufort Sea USA}).

Bailey Bags Her Colt

Bailey Rogerson is enjoying an outstanding run with Gift Of Power (NZ) (Power {GB}) and the teenager was back in the market for another member of the family. The granddaughter of Graeme Rogerson, who trains in partnership with him and his

wife Debbie, signed for Gift Of Power at Karaka in 2016 for NZ\$180,000. The speedster has won 10 races, including the G2 Wakefield Challenge S. and two others at Listed level.

Rogerson had to dig deeper on Wednesday to secure the half-brother by Tavistock (NZ), lot 622, from Cambridge Stud’s draft, going to NZ\$400,000 to beat off all-comers.

“I’ve seen him a few times and seen him develop,” she said. “He leans a lot more toward Tavistock than Gift Of Power. He looks like he’ll be a little runner, but we’ll let him tell us and we won’t push him.”

The colt is out of the former smart race mare Capital Diamond (NZ) (Lucky Unicorn), winner of the G2 Sir Tristram Fillies’ Classic and third in the G1 New Zealand 1000 Guineas. Her second dam is the G1 Railway H. winner Diamond Lover (NZ) (Sticks And Stones), a sister to Don Eduardo (NZ) who topped the 2000 sale at NZ\$3.6 million.

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