SON OF CANDY RIDE GETS THE BEST OF BAFFERT DUO

Sparky Ville (left) edges past Dessman (right) | Benoit photo

The buzz going into Sunday’s GII San Vicente S. at Santa Anita undoubtedly centered around Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert’s bid to notch his 10th victory in the Southern California sprint fixture, but when all was said and done, a rallying Sparky Ville (Candy Ride {Arg}) proved too much to handle for Baffert’s ‘TDN Rising Star’ pair. Coliseum (Tapit), held in high regard since breaking his maiden by a flashy 6 3/4 lengths at Del Mar in November, was a brief pace factor before flattening out to finish third, while second-place finisher Dessman (Union Rags) mounted a menacing, wide bid on the turn before being outfinished by Sparky Ville in the final strides.

Sparky Ville broke alertly and settled in fourth as Savagery set the pace through a quarter-mile in :22.07 with Coliseum closely in tow. Coliseum was asked for more on the turn when Dessman circled up to his outside, but ultimately could not go with his previously undefeated stablemate. Dessman seized control at the head of the stretch and held on to his advantage in midstretch, but could not hold off a late rush from Sparky Ville, who angled out to find clear running in upper stretch and surged down the center of the strip to score.

“I was absolutely dancing into the winner’s circle,” said winning trainer Jeff Bonde. “It was so exciting, and [winning rider Joel Rosario] has been like one of my kids ever since he came from Bay Meadows...So it’s wonderful to win with him.”

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MAGNER’S METHOD A BLEND OF VALUABLE EXPERIENCES by Christina Bossinakis

Fresh off his first season as a licensed trainer, Dermot Magner has had the opportunity to do what many aspiring racing professionals can only dream of in this country, and that is to apprentice under two of the nation’s leading trainers. Since his arrival in the U.S. in 2012, the 39-year-old Irish horseman has done just that, serving as a foreman for seven-time Eclipse Award winner Todd Pletcher before becoming an assistant for the powerhouse operation of Chad Brown, who himself garnered Eclipse titles over the past three seasons. However, prior to that dream run, Magner developed the foundation of horsemanship in his own backyard, Rathkeale in Co. Limerick, Ireland. Bitten by the bug early, Magner’s passion for horses included a variety of disciplines, including point to point, steeplechase, in addition to a steady stream of buying and selling horses. Cont. p6

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In “The Week in Review,” T.D. Thornton takes a closer look at the recently announced scheduling changes for the New York Racing Association’s summer docket.

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Lucas Marquardt reports from Las Vegas, where 34-year-old first-time participant Scott Coles took down the grand prize in the National Handicapping Championship (NHC).

Lean on me. A 2018 Mineshaft - Elusory colt finds his friend (Bourbon Courage - Nick’s Funnybone) to be a perfect pillow on a sunny Sunday morning at Anchor & Hope Farm in Port Deposit, Maryland. Both were bred by Anchor & Hope. | Grace Merryman

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WILL LONGER SPA MEET FLOURISH AT BELMONT’S EXPENSE?

*The Week in Review, by T.D. Thornton*

It’s official: The Saratoga Race Course meet will be starting earlier than ever in 2019, on July 11. It took the pending construction of a massive hockey arena some 150 feet from the Belmont Park paddock to push the New York Racing Association (NYRA) into a safety-related scheduling switch, but the issue of extending Saratoga’s historic race meet has been openly debated as an inevitability for years.

The chief arguments against tinkering with America’s premier boutique meet have always been aesthetic: Does too much of a good thing cease to be a “good thing” if stretched too thin? Will Saratoga’s vibe, ambience, charm, and racing product all suffer to some watered-down degree now that the season will last nearly eight weeks?

From an economic standpoint though, the earlier start seems to make sense because of the breathing room it affords the overall racing calendar. By keeping the number of race dates at 40 while building in a one-week earlier start date, NYRA has attempted to choose a minimally disruptive path toward elongating the Spa’s season. Opening week will feature four dates of racing; closing week will have six (winding up on Labor Day as in recent seasons), and the weeks in between will all feature five-day weeks, with Mondays and Tuesdays now dark.

Barring adverse weather, any July week of racing at Saratoga is bound to out-handle Belmont. And not having to fill an extra 10 races per week should result in more robust field sizes. Saratoga had been the last major-meet holdout to six-day race weeks, and the strain showed in recent seasons, both in terms of quality and quantity. Adjusting to primarily five-day weeks is a sensible move.
Although the Saratoga stakes schedule has yet to be announced, the extra week could theoretically help certain divisions, particularly the trio of male and female 2-year-old graded dirt races that are traditionally run on opening and closing weekends, plus a middle weekend in between. Juveniles can now more realistically target two of the races in that series, and there should be additional maiden-breakers generated to help fill the ranks.

The Saratoga season annually means long days for backstretch workers, and the additional non-racing day each week should afford everyone behind the scenes a bit of a breather. Finding rental housing in and around town will probably get a touch tighter and expensive for anyone who has to work the entire meet, and there could be logistical problems for racetrackers who already entered lease agreements based on last season’s template of rental dates.

Away from the track, the business community is generally all for the earlier start because that means more customers in restaurants, bars, and hotel rooms. But a skim of the upstate New York news coverage on the expanded season does reveal that some business owners are concerned about finding and retaining good help in an already tight labor market.

Regardless of what happens at the Spa, there will still be ripple-effect issues at Belmont. Construction on the arena could mean late-afternoon twilight post times, and a portion of the Belmont fall meet could get shifted to Aqueduct. These woes could last for at least two years.

When the concept of a $1-billion hockey arena next to Belmont was announced in December 2017, NYRA officials were quick to tout how great the “partnership” between the arena and the racetrack would be. It was telling, though, that the words “horse racing” were never mentioned by New York Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo or any representative from the arena at that hastily arranged press conference in Belmont’s unheated Turf and Field Club. It’s not much of a partnership if both sides don’t recognize and respect the other’s role.

Chris Kay, who at the time was NYRA’s president and chief executive officer, told TDN the day the arena deal was unveiled that “this is a very significant and historic day for racing.” He also said he hoped that horsemen’s concerns over construction interfering with racing and training would be “minimal.”

Kay abruptly resigned from his position last month for reasons that have not been officially disclosed. Let’s hope his overly enthusiastic predictions don’t turn out to be prophetic for the wrong reasons.

Even though the media focus right now is on the expanded Saratoga season, the long-term headaches for historic Belmont could turn out to be more viable economic and aesthetic threats to the sport in New York than starting Saratoga one week earlier.
Graveyard of (Davis) Favorites?

In terms of the GI Kentucky Derby prep-race path, Tampa Bay Downs enjoys a comfortable niche as a B-level track capable of drawing A-level horses for its two top stakes races for aspiring sophomores. But in recent seasons, the GII Sam F. Davis S. has not been kind to highly regarded layoff horses, as six of the last eight favorites for that stakes have gone down in defeat after Saturday's 7-1 wire job by Well Defined (With Distinction).

GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile runner-up Knicks Go (Paynter), backed to 19-10 in the betting, seemed primed to pounce while stalking in second for most of the race. But he never showed any true spark in the Davis, struggling home fifth. His stock as a Derby contender took a serious hit, accentuating the open question of whether or not he can replicate his longshot heroics in Grade I races as a juvenile against a more seasoned cast of characters at age three.

Tampa can be a tricky, quirky, steeply banked sand-based surface that often plays souped-up on big race days (the last two track records for 1 1/16 miles were set consecutively on Sam F. Davis and GII Tampa Bay Derby days in 2017). Anecdotally, Tampa also seems to generate no shortage of “didn’t like the track” excuses from trainers.

But also-rans can take heart: Most recently, Catholic Boy (More Than Ready) was an odds-on loser in the 2018 edition of the Davis. Yet he flourished later in the season as a dual-surface Grade I winner on both turf and dirt, including a win in the GI Travers S. at Saratoga.

‘Dream’ Big in New Orleans

Knicks Go burst onto the national radar last October with a 70-1 stunner in the GI Breeders’ Futurity at Keeneland. Ironically, Dream Maker (Tapit), the horse who was the beaten
favorite in that race, came back off a four-month layoff to win a Fair Grounds allowance race Saturday by a gaudy 8 1/2 lengths, re-asserting himself as a potential Classics threat.

A John Oxley homebred whose female family traces several generations back to six-time Grade I winner and Eclipse Award winner Beautiful Pleasure, ‘TDN Rising Star’ Dream Maker broke his maiden on debut at Churchill Downs last June, was not badly beaten when fifth in the GI Hopeful S. at Saratoga, then lost all chance when stumbling badly at the break and getting rank in that debacle of a Keeneland stakes try.

Firing fresh off the bench Saturday as the 13-10 favorite, the Mark Casse-trained Dream Maker loped four wide on both turns, then inhaled five overmatched rivals under a moderate hand ride.

“I don't know if you saw, but after the race he took off, which speaks volumes for the future,” Casse told Horse Racing Nation Sunday. “If he is going to make the Derby—which we think he is a Derby horse—we kind of like the Tampa Bay Derby and then maybe the [GI] Blue Grass [S.]”

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**Magner’s Method (cont. from p1)**

In Saturday’s opener at Aqueduct, Magner notched the fifth win of his young career when Win the Shake (Shakin It Up) captured a maiden special weight event by 4 3/4 lengths.

“Growing up, I’ve always been around horses,” Magner explained. “I always kept a few broodmares, had a pony for hunting, jumping, and it just kind of escalated from there. I became interested in racing when I was about 17.”

Among his early stops in racing, Magner worked for renowned Irish horseman Frank Berry at The Curragh before a stint with top steeplechase trainer Michael Hourigan.
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“[Berry] was champion jockey in Ireland for many years and I got a great education there,” Magner said. “Not a lot about riding, but just general horsemanship and day-to-day work running a stable.”

Casting an eye beyond the Irish borders, Magner ventured to England for a short spell with one of Europe’s most recognizable conditioners, John Gosden.

“I’ve always been a great fan of John Gosden’s, so luckily, I got a chance to go to Newmarket for a couple of weeks. I have always been a great admirer of his and he’s probably one of the top trainers in the world. It was a brilliant experience.”

Following that heady ride, Magner decided to make the jump to the U.S. and joined Godolphin’s string—charged with developing the operation’s young stock—in Aiken, South Carolina.

“Horsemanship is horsemanship no matter what part of the world you’re in, but it’s a total different way of training over here,” explained Magner of his transition stateside. “You kind of bring your horsemanship skills, but you have to adjust. It’s a lot different here.”

It was during his time in Aiken that he made the acquaintance of longtime Maktoum family-trainer Kiaran McLaughlin, a former assistant to Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas. Unable to take on the Irish import himself at that particular juncture, McLaughlin directed Magner to another former Lukas assistant, Todd Pletcher.

“You know, it was a huge eye-opener for me,” recalled Magner, who joined Pletcher shortly after the 2013 GI Kentucky Derby. “I’d never seen anything like that in my life. That amount of horses and people, it was just mind-blowing for the first couple of weeks. The vans came in with all these beautifully bred babies, and we would have sets of 15, 16, 17 horses coming out [in the mornings]. It took a lot to get used to it, but it was pretty special to be there.”

A host of equine stars ascended to the highest level during Magner’s tenure with Team TAP, including GI Belmont S. champ Palace Malice (Curlin), GI Kentucky Oaks heroine Princess of Sylmar (Majestic Warrior), GI Breeders’ Cup Distaff winner Stopchargingmaria (Tale of the Cat), GI Wood Memorial and GI Haskell scorer Verrazano (More Than Ready) and Competitive Edge (Super Saver), victorious in the GI Hopeful S.

“Horse after horse after horse, it was unbelievable,” recalled Magner of his time with Pletcher. “Just beautifully bred, beautifully trained, beautifully conditioned horses. It was something special.”

After spending a trio of Saratoga summer meetings with the prolific operation, Magner decided to take his own experience to the next level and landed a position overseeing Chad Brown’s Monmouth division for the next two seasons.

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“I think Chad is definitely one of the best trainers of fillies in the world,” affirmed Magner. “He’s won five [GI Breeders’ Cup] Juvenile Turf Fillies and four Filly & Mare Turf races. How he can get those fillies to peak and show up in the Breeders’ Cup—I think that’s just brilliant training and brilliant horsemanship. I think for me, that was one special thing that I took from his operation, how he strategically debuts these fillies late August, maybe early September, and then [targets races like] the Miss Grillo [Belmont], Jessamine [Keeneland] and then the Breeders’ Cup. For me, that was pretty special, just to see how that clicked.”

**Student Becomes the Teacher...**

Taking the next logical step to the training ranks early last year, Magner recorded his first victory with Hersh (Jimmy Creed) last August.

“We debuted him at Belmont [July 6], but probably didn’t have him a 100% ready,” he admitted. “He finished second, actually, to a nice colt of Chad’s. We shipped him to Saratoga, had a breeze up there, and when the condition book came out, there was a seven-eighths maiden on [GI] Whitney Day [Aug. 11], so we pointed him there. Lucky enough, he won, and it’s a great thing to win a race, and to do it on Whitney Day was pretty special.”

Currently, the Irishman has 10 head at Palm Meadows and another 12 at Belmont Park in New York and he is hopeful he can make some noise in 2019. Among his barn’s notables is Jacob Schnoor Jr’s Strong One (Dialed In), a runaway winner at Gulfstream Jan. 2. Magner is also high on Newtown Anner Stud’s...
She Takes Charge (Take Charge Indy), an impressive winner in her career debut at Aqueduct Dec. 23 before finishing third at that venue Jan. 26; unraced Safta (Dialed In), a $150,000 juvenile purchase at OBS last season; and Lutsky (Yes It’s True), campaigned by Down Neck Stables and Jeffrey Lutsky, a first-out winner for Jason Servis before joining Magner.

“We’re pretty excited to get him running,” said Magner of Lutsky. “He won a maiden at Belmont last year the right way, needed some time off, but he’s back here now. He’s training well, and maybe I’ll start him in an allowance at Gulfstream. But he looks like a pretty nice horse, and he’s pretty exciting to have.”

Already off to a solid start with a pair of victories under his belt early in the new year, Magner plans to build off that momentum through the ensuing season.

“Rolling into 2019, [the plan is] just to keep working and keep building up the string,” he said. “I guess we’re all looking for that one good horse that can make a career.”

While the search for that singular horse ensues, the saying ‘the best indicator of the future is what’s been done in the past’ appears to sum up what’s next for Magner.

“I always had a horse at the end of a chain,” acknowledged Magner.

And that doesn’t appear to be changing any time soon.

BOOK REVIEW: AROUND KENTUCKY WITH THE BUG, BY PATRICK GILLIGAN

by Joe Bianca

We hear the term “bug boy” and maybe we know where it originates. Maybe we don’t and have just accepted it as horse racing vernacular. But we definitely know what it signifies. The quirky phrase calls to mind the hustling young apprentice rider, fresh-faced and often young enough to still be in high school, forgoing that regular, carefree teenage life to fulfill the unique and specific dream of becoming a professional jockey. We know that, but we don’t necessarily know the depth of the sacrifices made, the meaning of the wins and losses of daily battle or the precariousness of the apprentice’s very existence.

Patrick Gilligan, the father of now-22-year-old journeyman Jack Gilligan, provides that knowledge with a compelling, thorough retelling of the first year of Jack’s riding career in “Around Kentucky With the Bug!,” where he uses levity as well as vulnerable sincerity to elucidate the level of dedication required to break into American Thoroughbred racing.

The Gilligans’ story is unique in many ways. For starters, Patrick Gilligan was born in the United States, but moved to Great Britain when he was five years old, where he grew up to briefly become a jockey and then, for much longer, a trainer. He started with two yearlings he bought for a combined 2,000 pounds, one of which became a group stakes winner, but his career never took off the way he envisioned. That’s why, in 2014, with Jack starting out as a jockey and also unable to find his footing in a crowded British apprentice colony, the whole family--Patrick, his wife Vicky, Jack and a cat named Geri--picked up and moved to America to go all-in on Jack’s dream.
“I had seen how it is for most horsemen there—stable staff, trainers, and jockeys. Most of them work hard every day, yet struggle to pay their bills,” Gilligan writes. “Royal Ascot is lovely; the big days are wonderful. But most days aren’t big days. Most days are going to Wolverhampton for one. Hours on the road, traffic, and if the horse wins, the rider’s and trainer’s percentages are next to nothing. Only a few trainers and jockeys make a good living from horse racing in the UK.”

Of course, there was plenty of struggle to be found in America, too. And driving. Lots and lots of driving. Getting on an airplane in late summer, the Gilligans settled in Lexington and bounded around to Indiana Grand, Belterra Park and even Mountaineer, driving rental cars thousands of miles in pursuit of mounts, any mounts, in those first few months. Gathering a bit of momentum, the family had high hopes going into the Keeneland Fall meet, but Jack managed just one fourth-place finish through the entire stand. Business picked back up during the Turfway winter meet, but slowed again in the spring as the bug got blanked again at Keeneland.

Gilligan is funny in a way that comes from deep honesty, rooted in both traditional education and blue-collar wisdom, and he bares all in this book. He vacillates with every run past the post about whether or not he made the right decision in uprooting his family to return to a country he had all but forgotten. He also illuminates the experience of getting reacquainted with that country in a refreshing observational style, comparing the peculiarities and nuances between American racing and the sport in the UK. Gilligan is also well-versed in racing history, going back to the very beginning of Thoroughbred racing centuries ago, and does a good job of connecting much of that knowledge to the stories he tells from the sport’s present.

After a successful summer that included an opportunity to ride at Del Mar, as well as a 60-1 victory at Kentucky Downs to cap off an apprentice year that included over $1 million in purse earnings, the Gilligans feel relatively confident that they made the right decision to come to America. Now, they return home. But this time, it’s to their new home, in Lexington, looking for that elusive win at Keeneland.

As far as criticism, there’s a bit of a tangential few chapters about American Pharaoh’s Triple Crown that interrupts Jack’s story in a way that didn’t seem wholly necessary. Also, the title is inaccurate! This is truly a tale about getting around America with the bug.

These are nitpicks. Overall, this is a captivating, page-turning insight into the life of an apprentice jockey that incorporates an array of other fascinating twists, told by a smart, relatable horseman and loving father in an easy to digest narrative. In authorship, Patrick Gilligan may have found his permanent career, just like he made sure Jack did.
Sparky Ville knocked heads with some of the best in Southern California as a juvenile, finishing second in the GII Best Pal S. behind ‘TDN Rising Star’ Instagrand (Into Mischief) and a distant sixth in the GI Del Mar Futurity behind champion Game Winner (Candy Ride {Arg}). He notched his first stakes victory in the restricted Sunny Slope S. in Arcadia Oct. 21. Third in the GIII Bob Hope S. at Del Mar Nov. 17, he was last seen finishing an even sixth in a one-mile turf experiment in the Dec. 28 Eddie Logan S.

Pedigree Notes:
Sparky Ville's unraced dam Lorelei K (Storm Cat), a $1.5-million Keeneland September yearling purchase by Aaron and Marie Jones in 2007, is a half-sister to GISW Harmony Lodge (Hennessy), MGSW & GISP Graeme Hall (Dehere) and GSW Win McCool (Giant's Causeway). Second dam Win Crafty Lady captured the GIII Interborough Breeders' Cup H. This is the same female family that produced last year's GIII Molly Pitcher S. heroine Berned (Bernardini), who subsequently sold for $825,000 to Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings at Fasig-Tipton November.

Sparky Ville becomes the latest graded stakes winner from a prolific cross that has produced the likes of champion Shared Belief and GISW Sidney's Candy. —Ben Massam

Sparky Ville in the San Vicente (cont. from p1)

The winning connections of Sparky Ville | Benoit photo

Sparky Ville in the San Vicente

Sunday, Santa Anita Park
SAN VICENTE S.-GII, $200,000, Santa Anita, 2-10, 3yo, 7f, 1:21.93, wf.
1--SPARKY VILLE, 120, g, 3, by Candy Ride (Arg)
1st Dam: Lorelei K, by Storm Cat
2nd Dam: Win Crafty Lady, by Crafty Prospector
3rd Dam: Honeytab, by Al Hattab
1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN, 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. ($170,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP). O-Del Secco DCS Racing; B-Aaron & Marie Jones LLC (KY); T-Jeff Bonde; J-Joel Rosario. $120,000. Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-2, $257,770. Werk Nick Rating: A++. *Triple Plus*. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--Dessman, 120, c, 3, Union Rags--Frolic's Appeal, by Trippi.
‘TDN Rising Star’. ($120,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; $750,000 2yo '18 FTFMAR). O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum; B-Wind Hill Farm (FL); T-Bob Baffert. $40,000.

3--Coliseum, 120, c, 3, Tapit--Game Face, by Menifee.
‘TDN Rising Star’. O/B-Godolphin, LLC (KY); T-Bob Baffert. $24,000.

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Sunday, Santa Anita Park
SWEET LIFE S., $100,000, Santa Anita, 2-10, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f (off turf), 1:16.82, wf.

1--APACHE PRINCESS, 122, f, 3, by Unusual Heat
  1st Dam: Puskita (MSP), by Indian Charlie
  2nd Dam: In the Green, by Mt. Livermore
  3rd Dam: Green Darlin, by Green Dancer

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O/B-KMN Racing LLC (CA); T-J. Keith Desormeaux; J-Kent J. Desormeaux. $60,000.
Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-0, $171,960.

2--Thriving (GB), 122, f, 3, Kodiac (GB)--Najam (GB), by Singspiel (Ire). (30,000gns Ylg '17 TAOCT; 110,000gns 2yo '18 TATAHI).
O-Red Baron's Barn LLC & Rancho Temescal LLC; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (GB); T-Jeff Mullins. $20,000.

3--Splashy Kisses, 120, f, 3, Blame--Indian Valley, by Cherokee Run. ($30,000 Ylg '17 FTKTUR; $100,000 2yo '18 FTPMAR).
O-ERJ Racing, LLC, Phoenix Thoroughbred III & Dave Kenney; B-Winchester Farm (KY); T-Doug F. O'Neil. $12,000.

Margins: 3 1/4, NO, 2HF. Odds: 1.30, 4.50, 2.30.

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Apache Princess notched her third consecutive victory, capturing the off-the-turf Sunday co-feature in Arcadia. The California-bred had previously captured a pair of down-the-hill turf tests over open company at Santa Anita Dec. 30 and Jan. 21, respectively.

Away to a sharp beginning, Apache Princess took back to track the pace in the second flight along the inside behind a quarter-mile in :22.35. Patiently handled into the far turn while awaiting a clear path behind a trio of rivals, she was cued up turning for home and punched through a narrow opening to seize control once straightened out for the drive. She bounded home over the sloppy going from there, claiming a comfortable victory.

The winner's third dam is GII Delaware H. winner Green Darlin. Puskita produced a filly by Fast Anna in 2017 and was bred back to Straight Fire last spring.
34 YEAR-OLD ROOKIE TAKES WILD NHC FINAL

by Lucas Marquardt

With five different leaders in the final round, it was a fast-and-furious finish to the 20th NTRA National Horseplayers Championship (NHC), presented by Racetrack Television Network, STATS Race Lens and Treasure Island Las Vegas. In the end, the 34-year-old, first-time qualifier Scott Coles picked an 11-1 winner in the penultimate race of the tournament that vaulted him to victory and an $800,000 first-prize award. The Chicago-based futures trader has been handicapping for less than a decade and playing tournaments only for the past 2 1/2 years.

“It was my first NHC, and navigating through it was interesting,” Coles said with a laugh. “I didn’t know how to bet on the machines, I didn’t know where anything was. But once I got comfortable, it was just handicapping, and I was fortunate enough to have the right horse at the right time.”

Coles’s strategy through the tournament was to just pick winners, regardless of price. “I was just trying to play the best horse as much as possible,” he said. “A lot of people were playing long shots, but I was trying to not watch the odds as much, pick winners and keep moving up, knowing that if you get to the Final Table, how close the pack was, anything could happen. I was playing smaller fields where other people wouldn’t. If I saw a price in a small field, you’d have a higher probability of winning in my opinion. I was doing what I do at work—running the numbers and figuring probabilities instead of trying to out-handicap some of the greatest handicappers in the world. I hope to get to that level some day, but for now I just have to rely on strategy and being a competitor.”

Coles amassed a bankroll of $367 over the three-day tournament, besting runner-up Jim Meeks at $356.60. Meeks, Joe Perry, Steven Simonovic and J. Randy Gallo all took turns leading in the final round, which was comprised of seven mandatory races, the last of which was the scratch-depleted finale at Santa Anita. That put added emphasis on the race prior, the eighth at Golden Gate, and Coles positioned himself for the win by selecting the 11-1 I Love Romance (Black Seventeen). He then sealed victory by picking the short-priced winner of the final race.

Rounding out the tournament’s Top 10 was Jim Meeks, Mathew Vagvolgyi, J. Randy Gallo, Steven Simonovic, Joe Perry, last year’s champion Chris Littlemore, Robert Gilbert, Marshall Gramm, and Frank Drew.

An attorney, Coles said that, with the $800,000 score, paying off his law-school loans was high on the list of priorities. “But honestly the championship itself means the most,” he said. “Winning a prestigious tournament like this is a dream.”

Gramm Checks in Ninth at NHC

It’s been a big year in Thoroughbred racing for Marshall Gramm. The economics professor and co-founder of Ten Strike Racing was represented by the stable’s first Grade I winner last June when Long On Value (Value Plus) won the GI Highlander S. at Woodbine. His homebred Dot Matrix (Freud) became a stakes winner a month later. Then in November, Gramm and his Ten Strike partners sold Divine Elegance (Uncle Mo), a $50,000 claim, for $750,000 in foal to Tapit at Fasig-Tipton November.

Gramm capped things off with a huge run at the NHC. As one of only four people to have both of their entries make the semi-final—or top 67 entries—Gramm came into Sunday’s action
as a Top 10 performer and was in 7th as they moved on to the Final Table. He wasn’t able to make up any ground on the leaders in the final round, though, and checked in ninth.

“Listen, I feel blessed—I’ve had a great year,” he said. “I feel very thankful for my partners at Ten Strike Racing, especially my founding partner Clay Sanders. We’ve had a lot of fun. And there are a lot of people that take part in the process. Our trainers, our stable manager and agent Liz Crow, and then there are all my friends who help me with handicapping. The one great thing about the NHC is that it’s a horseplayers convention. I came here five years ago with Clay and another buddy, and the second year I came back, I knew no one. I got out to dinners by myself. Now, some of my closest friends are people I met here. I really enjoy that aspect of this event.”

Gramm will hope to keep the momentum rolling on Saturday with recent stakes winner Harlan Punch (Harlan’s Holiday), who goes in the GIII Mineshaft S. at Fair Grounds. Connections have said that a good effort punches his ticket to the $1.5 million G2 Godolphin Mile in Dubai Mar. 30.

Lookin At Lee Owners Take NHC Ride

Michael Levinson didn’t make much of an impact on the leaderboard during his NHC run, but the Tulsa, Oklahoma resident cashed a long series of side bets at the Treasure Island ballroom. More importantly, he had a weekend to remember alongside his father Lee, who accompanied him to the NHC. The Levinsons are more familiar to the racing world as the owners of Lookin At Lee (Lookin At Lucky), who ran second to Always Dreaming (Bodemeister) in the 2017 Kentucky Derby at odds of 33-1.

Levinson narrowly missed the NHC cut by finishing 21st in the live-money Breeders’ Cup Betting Challenge at Churchill Downs, but a defection bumped them into the Top 20 and earned them a trip to Vegas. It was Levinson’s first NHC appearance.

“We’re having a great time,” said Levinson. “My dad’s been taking me to the track since I was five, and we handicap together quite a bit.”

Lee and Michael Levinson race under the banner of L & N Racing, which they operate with Michael’s brother, Andrew, and Don Nelson, a family friend from the Tulsa area. Michael is L & N’s racing manager. The Levinsons are primarily involved in the oil and gas industry. Lee, an attorney, also co-owns a cigarette-manufacturing company.

Lee has owned horses for over three decades, but L & N was formed just four years ago.

“Lookin At Lee was from our first crop of horses,” said Michael. The Levinsons do most of their own selection at auction, with Lookin At Lee’s trainer Steve Asmussen offering advice, as well. They found Lookin At Lee at the Penn Sales consignment and secured him for a modest $70,000.

“That was the first time we’d been to a sale and we really didn’t know what we were doing, but we liked him when he came out and he was in our price range, so we took a shot on him,” said Michael.

That shot paid off in spades. Lookin At Lee was a stakes winner at two, ran second in both the GIII Iroquois S. and GI Breeders’ Futurity, and then was fourth in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile. At three, he was third in the GIII Southwest S. and GI Arkansas Derby before nearly overcoming the dreaded one hole in the Derby. He was beaten 2 3/4 lengths by Always Dreaming, with a five-length gap back to Battle of Midway (Smart Strike).

“Coming around the turn he was in 16th or 17th and passed most of the field, and it was the first horse in 20-plus years to place from the one post,” said Michael. “It was an incredible experience and we hope to get back again.”
Lookin At Lee raced five times in 2018, winning a Churchill allowance on the Derby undercard, but was given some time off to address a breathing problem following a fourth in the Michael G. Schaefer Memorial S. at Indiana Downs in July. Asmussen’s father Keith handled the lay-up duties. Lookin At Lee now has a series of four- and five-furlong drills at Sam Houston.

“He’ll probably start in an optional allowance at Oaklawn with the ultimate goal being the GI Oaklawn H.,” said Michael. “He ran fifth last year and just missed third by half a length, but City of Light and Accelerator aren’t there this year.”

Lookin At Lee has earned in excess of $1.1 million.

The Levinsons hope to make a more international splash this spring with the 3-year-old colt Tone Broke (Broken Vow), who after starting his career in the States, shipped over for the Dubai World Cup Carnival. Tone Broke, who is trained by Asmussen, won a maiden special and allowance race at Remington Park last fall. Fourth in the Springboard Mile, he reemerged in the deserts of Dubai and came home sixth in his initial go in a Meydan conditions event Jan. 24.

“He’ll run again Mar. 9, and if he runs better, hopefully can make the G2 UAE Derby," said Michael. “He’s a Canadian-bred, too, so we’ve got some options there.”

Tone Broke was a $40,000 Keeneland September grad.

L & N ramped up its buying at the sales last year, landing eight yearlings in total. At September, they purchased a Speightstown half-brother to the GSW J Boys Echo (Mineshaft) for $100,000 and a Ghostzapper colt from a half to GSW Shaman Ghost (Ghostzapper) for $130,000.

“And we’ve got yearlings by American Pharoah, City Zip, and Lookin at Lucky,” said Michael. “Steve’s dad is breaking the horses in Laredo.”

For Lee, the allure of racing is simple. “We just like the thrill of it all,” he said.
IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**BIOGIO’S ROSE S.**, $105,375, Aqueduct, 2-10, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37.32, ft.

1--**FROSTIE ANNE**, 126, m, 6, Frost Giant--Lake Toccet, by Toccet. ($18,000 Ylg ’14 FTNMIX). O-Rudy Rodriguez & Michael Imperio; B-Grant L Whitmer (NY); T-Rudy R. Rodriguez; J-Hector Rafael Diaz, Jr. $59,125. Lifetime Record: 36-14-4-3, $528,063. *1/2 to Freudie Anne (Freud), MSW, $394,053.

2--**Midnight Disguise**, 124, f, 4, Midnight Lute--Thin Disguise, by Yes It’s True. O-William Wilmot, Joan Taylor & Devin Wilmot; B-Dr. William B. Wilmot & Dr. Joan M. Taylor (NY); T-Linda Rice. $20,000.

3--**Bonita Bianca**, 126, m, 5, Curlin--Friendly Michelle, by Artax. ($97,000 2yo ’16 OBSMAR). O-Michael Dubb, Bethlehem Stables LLC & Michael Imperio; B-Dormellito Stud (NY); T-Jason Servis. $12,600.

Margins: 6, 1, HF. Odds: 9.70, 2.35, 3.80.

Also Ran: No Hayne No Gayne, Playinwiththeboys, Frosty Margarita. Scratched: Unbridledadventure, Split Time.

Frostie Anne, claimed for $25,000 out of a winning effort at this track in December 2017, put together a string of six straight wins last spring and summer, book-ended by scores in the Mar. 31 Sis City S. and Aug. 17 Saratoga Dew S. She ended the campaign with four straight losses and was making her first start since tiring to fifth in the Dec. 30 Bay Ridge S. The dark bay mare jumped out to the early lead, was comfortably in front through fractions of :23.35 and :46.51 and strode home an authoritative victress. Favored Midnight Disguise, making her first start since last May, trailed the field through much of the contest, but made stout progress down the lane to get up for second.

“I had a perfect trip,” admitted winning jockey Hector Rafael Diaz, Jr., who was earning the second stakes victory of his career. “She just went easy upfront. She likes to be on the lead and Rudy [Rodriguez] had the blinkers on her today, which helped her stay focused. When I asked her for more, she did it easy.”

Rodriguez added, “We were just disappointed with her last couple of races. I have to give all the credit to Hector. He’s been breezing her in the mornings and he’s really gotten to know her. I just told him not to fight her, to let her do what she’s comfortable doing being up front, and everything worked out perfect for us today. We just have to keep going from here.”

The race was delayed by several minutes when Split Time (Take Charge Indy) was injured in the gate and had to be scratched.

“Split Time is okay,” trainer Linda Rice tweeted Sunday evening. “She needed some staples for a cut on her head and has some superficial cuts on her legs, but she will heal and be fine going forward.” Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

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**LA BRED PREMIER NIGHT PRINCE S.**, $100,000, Delta Downs, 2-9, (S), 3yo, 1m, 1:39.54, ft.

1--**SHANG**, 117, c, 3, by Shanghai Bobby

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. ($90,000 Ylg ’17 FTKOCT). O-L. William & Corinne Heiligbrodt; B-Cloyce C. Clark (LA); T-Steven M. Asmussen; J-Diego Saenz. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, $118,600.

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LA Bred Premier Prince S. cont.

2--Classy John, 117, c, 3, Songandaprayer--Kitty's Got Class, by Old Forester. ($12,000 2yo '18 EQL2YO). O-Valene Farms LLC; B-Tom Curtis & Wayne Simpson (LA); T-Dallas Stewart. $20,000.

3--Jimi's a Star, 117, g, 3, Star Guitar--Unusual Strike, by Unusual Heat. O/B-James Boyd (LA); T-Henry B. Johnson, Jr. $10,000.

Margins: NK, 9, 4 1/4. Odds: 3.90, 0.60, 6.00.

Also Ran: Cafe Du Monde, Musada, Kantiana, Mr. Four Sevens. Scratched: Pickett.

Shang was beaten a neck on debut at Fair Grounds Nov. 17, but returned there to graduate over a next-out winner Dec. 8. He added a comfortable optional claiming tally Jan. 13, and was the second choice behind two-time stakes winner Classy John as both colts were stretching out for the first time. Off slightly awkwardly, the dark bay worked his way into third past the wire for the first time as Classy John chased in second far off the fence. The chalk began to sneak away heading for home, but Shang continued to chip away at that advantage and just got up in the shadow of the wire. The winner has a 2-year-old half-sister named Janet's Guilt (Guilt Trip) and a yearling half-brother by Tapiture. His dam was bred back to El Deal. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

9th-Oaklawn, $77,000, Msw, 2-10, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:42.50, sy.

ULTIMATE MO (f, 3, Uncle Mo--Moon Buzz (MSP, $125,810), by Malibu Moon) was off the board in a pair of Kentucky sprints last fall, but improved markedly over this surface to be second at 27-1 going six panels Jan. 25. Much more popular with the public this time, she splashed out to the front, blew the race open on the turn and continued on convincingly to grab her diploma by 4 1/4 lengths. Sundaysatthebeach (Medaglia d'Oro) was second best. The winner has a 2-year-old brother by Paynter. Her dam most recently visited Cupid. Sales history: $20,000 RNA Wlg '16 KEENOV; $22,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP; $130,000 2yo '18 OBSMAR. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-McShane Racing, LLC; B-Patrick & Brittney Durtlechi (KY); T-Doug F. O'Neill.

6th-Laurel, $48,972, Alw, 2-10, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43.67, ft.

FLYING THE FLAG (c, 4, Malibu Moon--Indian Breeze (MSW, $200,252), by Indian Charlie) broke through emphatically second out in the Churchill Downs slop Nov. 1, and was second back here facing winners for the first time Dec. 14. Fifth after a wide journey in the local mud Jan. 19, he was sporting blinkers for the first time and was off at 9-2. Crossing over and clearing into the first turn, the pricey Barretts pick-up doled out splits of :25.27, :49.83 and 1:14.27. Still going strong at the top of the lane, the colt was confronted by Tattooed (Etched) once that one found running room, but Flying the Flag was able to dig in determinedly and get his nose down when it counted. The winner's dam produced a Tonalist filly in 2017 and another Malibu Moon colt last season before selling for $10,000 at Keeneland January in foal to Klimt. Sales history: $135,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; $675,000 2yo '17 BARMAR. Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, $81,900. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
Orra Moor kicks away impressively.

ORRA MOOR (f, 3, Orb—Carleton Grinnell, by Royal Academy) overcame a tardy start to score by 3 1/4 lengths here Dec. 22, and was further flattered when a pair of also-rans returned to graduate. She was installed the 2-1 second choice behind Chad Brown-trained Break Curfew (Into Mischief), a debut winner at Belmont back in October who was cutting back off a seventh in the GII Golden Rod S. at Churchill in November. Slow to get going again, the big dark bay was pushed on into fourth leaving the backside as the chalk set the pace. Reeling in her foes willingly around the bend, she came to challenge for command while three deep at the quarter pole. Neither of the rivals to her inside had much of an answer for her, and she pulled away with big strides in the lane to run up the score to 7 3/4 lengths.

Wildwood’s Beauty (Kantharos) bested Break Curfew for second. The winner is a half to Royal Song Dancer (Langfuhr), SW, $100,004. Her dam produced a colt by Orb in 2018 before being bred back to Fed Biz. Sales history: $180,000 Ylg ’17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $50,400.

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O-StarLadies Racing; B-Edward H. Lane (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

OUTSHINE (c, 3, Malibu Moon—Life Lesson {MSP, $153,127}, by Unbridled’s Song) earned his diploma at first asking at Belmont way back in May of his juvenile season, but hadn’t been seen since checking in fifth in a productive running of the Tremont S. a few weeks later. Showing an upbeat tab at Palm Beach Downs and sporting first-time blinkers, the 28-10 chalk sat in midpack out wide early before making his move around the bend. He blew past pacesetting Admiral Lynch (Super Saver) in upper stretch, and kicked clear decisively by two lengths. The stewards subsequently placed Admiral Lynch third behind The Right Path (Quality Road) for coming out and sandwiching that foe between himself and the winner. Outshine’s dam, a daughter of GSW Wander Mom (Maria’s Mon), revisited Malibu Moon last year. Sales history: $260,000 Wlg ’16 KEENOV; $625,000 Ylg ’17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, $80,900. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Let's Go Stable & Richard D. Schibell; B-T. F. VanMeter & Ricky Stivers (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.
2nd-Fair Grounds, $42,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($50,000), 2-10, 3yo, 5 1/2fT, 1:05.19, fm.

PHILOSOPHY (c, 3, Speightstown--Scarlet Tango (SP), by French Deputy) graduated by a front-running 5 3/4 lengths over this course and trip Dec. 6 and was fourth over the same in a Jan. 11 optional claimer last time out. The even-money favorite pressed the pace down the backstretch, forged to the lead at midstretch and was all out to hold off Tobacco Road (Quality Road) by a head. The winner, who RNA’d for $285,000 as a KEESEP yearling, is a half-brother to Visionaire (Grand Slam, GISW, $465,882); Scarlet Strike (Smart Strike, GSW & MGISP, $421,530); Tara’s Tango (Unbridled’s Song, GSW, $806,004); and Madison’s Luna (Tapit, GSW). Stonestreet purchased Scarlet Tango, in foal to Grand Slam, for $850,000 at the 2008 Keeneland November sale. She produced a colt by Curlin last year.

8th-Tampa Bay Downs, $20,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($75,000), 2-10, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:36.73, gd.

MISSMIZZ (f, 3, Mizzen Mast--Silimiss (GB), by Dansili (GB)) donned cap and gown by daylight first up here turf sprinting Dec. 30 despite having gotten loose in the post parade. Given a 7-2 chance in this fairly salty spot, the grey broke on top and took a clear advantage through a half in :49.03. Fending off one pursuer around the bend, she was several lengths clear hitting the lane. Aunt Hattie (Ire) (Camelot {GB}) came with a big run and Missmizz ducked in passing the chute, but the pacesetter fought on to prevail by a neck. The winner’s dam is a daughter of French GSW/G1SP Daring Miss (GB) (Sadler’s Wells). She produced an Elusive Quality filly in 2017 and a full-brother to Missmizz last season before being bred to Point of Entry. Sales history: $32,000 Ylg ’17 FTKTUR. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $23,200.

12th-Gulfstream, $43,490, Msw, 2-10, 3yo, 1mT, 1:36.75, fm.

JEROME AVENUE (, 3, Speightstown--Disturbingly Hot, by Unbridled’s Song) tired to 10th after contesting the early pace in his 7 1/2-furlong debut over this course Jan. 5. With blinkers off for this second effort, the 19-1 outsider rated just off the first flight of runners through an opening quarter in :23.90. He fell further off the pace down the backstretch, but found a seam to run through in deep stretch and closed determinedly to earn a nose victory over 72-1 longshot Saltking (Animal Kingdom). It was a head back to Freedom’s Flight (Tapizar) in third. The winner is a half-brother to Gotta Go (Shanghai Bobby, SW & GSP, $135,332). Jerome Avenue was a $170,000 KEESEP yearling and brought that same price after working a furlong in :10 3/5. Disturbingly Hot sold for $32,000 at the 2013 Keeneland January sale. Pinhooker Hal Hatch paid $190,000 for the mare’s filly by Pioneerof the Nile at last year’s Keeneland September Yearling sale. She produced a colt by Nyquist in 2018 and was bred back to Connect.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

9th-Gulfstream, $43,490, Msw, 2-10, 3yo, 1mT, 1:36.23, fm.

VALID POINT (c, 3, Scat Daddy--Goldbud, by Buddha), a $140,000 KEESEP yearling, was sent off the 8-5 favorite. Jostled and shuffled in traffic in the early strides, the bay raced keenly along the rail and was steadied off heels entering the backstretch. Tipped out a path for clear running room, the bay pulled his way into contention, ranged up three wide into the stretch and drew clear late despite racing greenly to win by one length. Bar Harbor (Orb), who lacked running room in the stretch, closed for second. Goldbud is a half-sister to Grade I winner Santa Teresita (Lemon Drop Kid). She produced a filly by Orb in 2018 and was bred back to Connect.

10th-Gulfstream, $43,490, Msw, 2-10, 3yo, 1mT, 1:36.28, fm.

PAPAYA POETRY (f, 3, Medaglia D’Oro--Papaya, by Tapit), a $150,000 KEESEP yearling, wore blinkers for her first start against older. Deliberate to the mid-stretch, the bay lengthened up on command to win by a neck. The winner is a half-sister to Goldenvoice (Real Quiet, SW, $110,228) and a full-brother to Pippies Pie (Medaglia D’Oro, GISW, $386,220). She is out of a full-sister to the Grade III Monmouth Park Oaks winner Exaggerator (Ghostzapper), who was purchased by Bridlewood Farms for $300,000 at the Keeneland September Yearling sale.
7th-Gulfstream, $43,210, Msw, 2-10, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:45.23, ft. GROWTH ENGINE (g, 3, Tapit--Wild Vision, by Wild Again) closed to be second behind Saturday’s newly tabbed ‘TDN Rising Star’ Global Campaign (Curlin) in his seven-furlong debut at Gulfstream Jan. 5. The 6-5 favorite broke from the far outside in the 10-horse field and was caught four wide into the first turn, settling off just off the pace through a half in :47.95. Widest of a trio moving to challenge the pacesetter turning for home, Growth Engine grabbed command after three-quarters in 1:12.42 and easily turned back Thetrashmanscoming (Take Charge Indy) before reporting home a geared-down 2 1/2-length winner. Growth Engine, a $300,000 KEESEP yearling, is a half-brother to Pyro (Pulpit, GISW, $1,673,673) and Longview Drive (Pulpit, MSW & MGSP, $337,022); and a full to War Echo (GSW, $284,387) and Farrier (SW & G1SP-UAE, $434,031). Wild Vision produced a filly by Tapiture in 2018. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $35,260.

FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Thomas Jefferson (Mr. Greeley) 1 foal of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners 1-Mahoning Valley, Msw 6f, NOTHINLASTSFOREVER, 8-1

Tidal Volume (Tapit), Poplar Creek Horse Center, $3,000 47 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners 1-Mahoning Valley, Msw 6f, READY TO ROCKET, 7-2

Vertiformer (Dynaformer), Poplar Creek Horse Center, $2,000 14 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners 5-Mahoning Valley, Alw 6f, SEEKING A JEWEL, 8-1

Winchill (Tapit), Cabin Creek Lane, $3,000 21 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners 1-Parx Racing, Msw 6f, WORD ON A WING, 2-1

LA BRED PREMIER NIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP S., $150,000, Delta Downs, 2-9, (S), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45.80, ft. 1--GRAND LUWEGEE, 116, c, 4, El Corredor--Magical Mia, by Gold Fever. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O/B/T-Gerard Perron (LA); J-Diego Saenz. $90,000. Lifetime Record: 13-5-3-2, $235,360. 2--Givemeaminit, 116, c, 4, Star Guitar--Powerful Nation, by Turkoman. ($20,000 RNA Ylg ’16 ELSYRL). O-Valene Farms LLC; B-Clear Creek Stud LLC (LA); T-Dallas Stewart. $27,000.
LA Bred Premier Night Championship S. cont.

3--Mageez, 118, h, 6, Musket Man--Spaseeba, by Spectacular Bid. O-Double Dam Farm LLC; B-James A. Mcgehee (LA); T-Delmar R. Caldwell. $15,000.


LA BRED PREMIER NIGHT DISTAFF S., $125,000, Delta Downs, 2-9, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.66, ft.

1--HYPER PIPER, 116, m, 6, Old Fashioned--Filaree (SP, $316,012), by Saros (GB). O/B-Keith Hernandez & John Duvieilh (LA); T-Sam B. David, Jr.; J-Timothy Thornton. $75,000. Lifetime Record: 21-7-7-1, $326,630.

2--Testing One Two, 123, f, 4, Star Guitar--Yes Sir, by Scat Daddy. O-Brittlyn Stable, Inc.; B-Brittlyn, Inc. (LA); T-Victor Arceneaux. $25,000.

3--Mr. Al's Gal, 116, m, 5, Salute the Sarge--Spanish Ice, by Spanish Steps. ($1,000 Ylg '15 ESLMIX). O-Brittlyn Stable, Inc.; B-J. Adcock & Neal McFadden (LA); T-Justin Jeansonne. $12,500.

Margins: 1 3/4, 1, 3HF. Odds: 9.20, 0.60, 3.50.

LA BRED PREMIER NIGHT MATRON S., $100,000, Delta Downs, 2-9, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 5f, :58.73, ft.

1--OURS TO RUN, 125, m, 5, Half Ours--Brown Eyed Baby, by Mineshaft. O-Colonel Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Clifford Grum (LA); T-J. Larry Jones; J-Roberto Morales. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 18-10-2-1, $337,988.

2--Minit to Stardom, 116, f, 4, Star Guitar--Wild About Marie, by Wildcat Heir. O/B-Brittlyn Stables, Inc. (LA); T-Albert M. Stall, Jr. $18,000.

3--Lovely Charlie, 116, m, 5, My Pal Charlie--Lovely R R, by Carson City. O-Elite Thoroughbred Racing LLC; B-Michele Rodriguez (LA); T-lee Thomas. $10,000.

Margins: 1, 3/4, 1HF. Odds: 0.70, 2.60, 34.00.

LA BRED PREMIER NIGHT SPRINT S., $100,000, Delta Downs, 2-9, (S), 4yo/up, 5f, :58.22, ft.

1--WONDER RUN, 118, g, 6, Run Production--Gal Wonder (SW, $160,910), by Three Wonders. O-Whispering Oaks Farm LLC; B-Clifford Grum (LA); T-Steve B. Flint; J-Diego Saenz. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 32-9-6-5, $313,725.

2--Monte Man, 123, g, 6, Custom for Carlos--Sarah's My Angel, by Sutter's Prospect. ($55,000 Ylg '14 FTKJUL; $125,000 2yo '15 OBSMAR). O-Ivery Sisters Racing; B-Val C. Murrell (LA); T-T-Ron Faucheux. $20,000.

3--Win Lion Win, 116, g, 8, Lion Tamer--Twinwinwin, by Twinving. ($40,000 Ylg '12 BSCYRL). O-Farm d'Allie Racing Stable; B-Rebecca Farm LLC (LA); T-Allison Ramsay-Banks. $10,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, NK, 1HF. Odds: 11.10, 1.10, 15.30.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Oaklawn, $80,000, 2-10, (C), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:39.36, sy.

HEAVY ROLLER (g, 5, Malibu Moon--Yara (GSW, $398,390), by Put It Back) Lifetime Record: 25-6-6-3, $209,048. O-Carl R. Moore; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY); T-Joe Sharp. *$50,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP.

4th-Aqueduct, $65,440, (S), 2-10, (NW2L), 4yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03.71, ft.

READY TO ESCAPE (g, 4, More Than Ready--Towering Escape (MSP, $184,225), by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-3, $117,324. O/B-Albert Fried, (NY); T-Charlton Baker.

7th-Fair Grounds, $49,000, (NW3X)/Opt. Clm ($80,000), 2-10, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.95, ft.

STUDENT BODY (m, 5, Colonel John--Stormy Antics, by Stormy Atlantic) Lifetime Record: 8-4-0-0, $113,556. O-Gary Broad; B-C. Kidder, N. Cole, J. K. Griggs & Linda Griggs (KY); T-Christopher Davis. *$19,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.

5th-Fair Grounds, $47,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 2-10, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.96, ft.

NO FUNNY BIZ (g, 7, Distorted Humor--Willow Rush (SW, $145,120), by Wild Rush) Lifetime Record: 32-7-6-4, $166,333. O/T-Wesley E. Hawley; B-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding (KY). *$90,000 RNA Ylg '13 KEESEP. **1/2 to Stormy Rush (Stormy Atlantic), SW & GSP, $444,554.

12th-Delta Downs, $47,000, (S), 2-9, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:40.97, ft.

MY BOOK (g, 5, Orville N Wilbur's--Inflammatory, by Notebook) Lifetime Record: 18-2-2-5, $94,820. O/B-Houston Cormier (LA); T-Houston Cormier.

6th-Gulfstream, $44,120, 2-10, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:34.65, fm.

MISS MUNNINGS (m, 6, Munnings--Are U Being Served, by Jambalaya Jazz) Lifetime Record: 13-3-4-4, $143,360. O-Tobey L. Morton; B-Ashleigh Stud Farm, Frank & Jackie Ramos (KY); T-John C. Kimmel. *$44,000 RNA Ylg '14 FTKJUL; $55,000 Ylg '14 FTKOCT; $150,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Aarons Orient (Orientate), SW, $100,000.

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8th-Fair Grounds, $42,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($50,000), 2-10, 3yo, 1mT, 1:42.86, fm.
MOST MISCHIEF (c, 3, Into Mischief--Better Than Most, by Elusive Quality) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-2, $76,312. O/B-Douglas Scharbauer (KY); T-W. Bret Calhoun. *$540,000 RNA 2yo '18 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Worldventurer (Wimbledon), MSW, $270,508; W V Jetsetter (Jet Phone), MSW & MGSP, $188,354; More Than Most (Indygo Mountain), MSW, $272,464.

3rd-Golden Gate Fields, $39,298, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 2-10, 3yo, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04.21, ft.
MIDNIGHT SPECIAL (c, 3, Vronsky--Lost Prophet, by Yes It’s True) Lifetime Record: SP, 8-2-1-3, $73,036. O-James Eaton, Maria Hess & Don Muldoon; B-Donald Muldoon (CA); T-Robert Hess Sr.

5th-Golden Gate Fields, $39,226, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 2-10, 3yo, f, 1m (AWT), 1:39.68, ft.
SWING THOUGHTS (f, 3, U S Ranger--Ankha, by Desert Classic) Lifetime Record: 13-4-1-4, $128,506. O-Moger Inc., Randy Morris & Mark Riley; B-Rancho de Los Aviadores, Sacha Campbell & David Chase (CA); T-Ed Moger, Jr. *$7,000 Ylg '17 NCAAUG. *1/2 to Ultra Blend (Richly Blended), GISW, $1,015,646.

9th-Golden Gate Fields, $37,480, 2-9, (NW1$X), 4yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:37:02, ft.
LYMEBYRD (g, 6, Limehouse--Gorgeous Trieste, by Old Trieste) Lifetime Record: 21-5-3-1, $127,824. O-Breeze Easy, LLC; B-John David O’Farrell & J. Michael O’Farrell, Jr. (FL); T-Javier Contreras. *$280,000 2yo '16 OBSMAR. **1/2 to Puntrooskie (In Summation), GSW, $433,233.

3rd-Charles Town, $24,500, (S), 2-9, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:27.75, ft.
MARCY’S WISH (f, 4, Windsor Castle--Wish Ahead, by Defrere) Lifetime Record: 11-4-1-0, $53,300. O/T-Cynthia M. Boys; B-Taylor Mountain Farm (WV).

6th-Charles Town, $24,000, (S), 2-9, (NW3L), 3yo, 4 1/2f, :52.72, ft.
VIC’S PICK (g, 3, Fiber Sonde--Aarons Castle, by Windsor Castle) Lifetime Record: 25-5-3-4, $86,795. O-Stephen Derany & John Rigattieri; B-Porter Racing Stable, LLC (FL); T-John Rigattieri. *1/2 to All Night Labor (Double Honor), SW, $513,749.

9th-Tampa Bay Downs, $20,000, 2-10, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.27, gd.
LADY LOVE (m, 5, Justenuffhumor--Lady Bi Bi {MSW, $314,715}, by Lord Avie) Lifetime Record: 17-4-1-2, $54,505. O/B-Tri County Stables (NY); T-Anthony J. Granitz. *$1,000 RNA Ylg '15 FTKOCT.
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**CAIRO PRINCE**, Dauntless Prince, g, 3, o/o Pretty Gale, by Mountain Cat. MSW, 2-9, Sam Houston

**CANDY RIDE (ARG)**, Sparky Ville, g, 3, o/o Lorelei K, by Storm Cat. Gil San Vicente S., 2-10, Santa Anita

**COLONEL JOHN**, Student Body, m, 5, o/o Stormy Antics, by Stormy Atlantic. AOC, 2-10, Fair Grounds

**CONGRATS**, Hurricane Sheila, m, 5, o/o Stormy City Blues, by Carson City. MSW, 2-10, Laurel

**DISTORTED HUMOR**, No Funny Biz, g, 7, o/o Willow Rush, by Wild Rush. AOC, 2-10, Fair Grounds

**EL CORREDOR**, Grand Luwegee, c, 4, o/o Magical Mia, by Gold Fever. LA Bred Premier Night Championship S., 2-9, Delta Downs

**FIBERSONDE**, Vic's Pick, g, 3, o/o Aarons Castle, by Windsor Castle. ALW, 2-9, Charles Town

**FROST GIANT**, Frostie Anne, m, 6, o/o Lake Toccet, by Tocchet. Biogio's Rose S., 2-10, Aqueduct

**GHOSTZAPPER**, Homefieldadvantage, f, 4, o/o Proud Pearl, by Proud Citizen. MSW, 2-10, Fair Grounds

**HALF OURS**, Ours to Run, m, 5, o/o Brown Eyed Baby, by Mineshaft. LA Bred Premier Night Matron S., 2-9, Delta Downs

**HARLINGTON**, All Good Times, f, 4, o/o All Nighter, by Notebook. AOC, 2-10, Tampa Bay

**HAYNESFIELD**, Ok Honey, f, 3, o/o It's Not for Love, by Not For Love. MCL, 2-10, Aqueduct

**HIGH COTTON**, Classic Cotton, g, 5, o/o Siren Cove, by Montbrook. AOC, 2-9, Charles Town

**INDIAN FIREWATER**, Steve's Babe Doll, f, 3, o/o A. J. Bakes, by Boundary. MSW, 2-10, Sunland

**INTO MISCHIEF**, Most Mischief, c, 3, o/o Better Than Most, by Elusive Quality. AOC, 2-10, Fair Grounds

**INTO MISCHIEF**, Nightlife, f, 3, o/o Fame and Fashion, by Petionville. MSW, 2-10, Laurel

**JUSTENUFFHUMOR**, Lady Love, m, 5, o/o Lady Bi Bi, by Lord Avie. ALW, 2-10, Tampa Bay

**KIPLING**, Dubdubwatson, g, 6, o/o W W Old School, by Royal Academy. AOC, 2-10, Sunland

**LIMEHOUSE**, Lymebyrd, g, 6, o/o Gorgeous Trieste, by Old Trieste. ALW, 2-9, Golden Gate

**MALIBU MOON**, Flying the Flag, c, 4, o/o Indian Breeze, by Indian Charlie. ALW, 2-10, Laurel

**MALIBU MOON**, Heavy Roller, g, 5, o/o Yara, by Put It Back. ALW, 2-10, Oaklawn

**MALIBU MOON**, Outshine, c, 3, o/o Life Lesson, by Unbridled's Song. AOC, 2-10, Gulfstream

**MIZZEN MAST**, Missmizz, f, 3, o/o Silimiss (GB), by Dansili (GB). AOC, 2-10, Tampa Bay

**MORE THAN READY**, Ready to Escape, g, 4, o/o Towering Escape, by Giant's Causeway. ALW, 2-10, Aqueduct

**MORNING LINE**, Stubbins, c, 3, o/o Sierra Vista (GB), by Atraf (GB). AOC, 2-10, Santa Anita

**MR. SIDNEY**, Mr. Diplomat, g, 3, o/o That's All, by Maria's Mon. MSW, 2-10, Golden Gate

**MUNNINGS**, Miss Munnings, m, 6, o/o Are U Being Served, by Jambalaya Jazz. ALW, 2-10, Gulfstream

**OLD FASHIONED**, Hyper Piper, m, 6, o/o Filaree, by Saros (GB). LA Bred Premier Night Distaff S., 2-9, Delta Downs

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RED SKY DUBAI, Pink Sky, f, 4, o/o Pink Blanket, by Da Stoops. AOC, 2-10, Sunland
RUN PRODUCTION, Wonder Run, g, 6, o/o Gal Wonder, by Three Wonders. LA Bred Premier Night Sprint S., 2-9, Delta Downs
SCAT DADDY, Valid Point, c, 3, o/o Goldbud, by Buddha. MSW, 2-10, Gulfstream
SHACKLEFORD, One Man Party, c, 3, o/o Something Brewing, by Meadowlake. MCL, 2-10, Oaklawn
SHANGHAI BOBBY, Shang, c, 3, o/o Humble Janet, by Humble Eleven. LA Bred Premier Night Prince S., 2-9, Delta Downs
SOUTHWESTERN HEAT, Del Mar Summer, g, 4, o/o Del Mar Holiday, by Sharp Humor. ALW, 2-10, Sunland
SPEIGHTSTOWN, Jerome Avenue, c, 3, o/o Disturbingly Hot, by Unbridled's Song. MSW, 2-10, Gulfstream
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**MINESHAFT H.-GIII, $150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m**

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FOUR EI POSITIVES IN NEWMARKET

Four days after British racing was placed on lockdown after the first three of an initial six horses tested positive for equine influenza, a further four positive tests have been returned from the yard of trainer Simon Crisford in Newmarket.

The first six positives all came from the yard of National Hunt trainer Donald McCain last Wednesday and Friday, and sweeping tests of horses across 174 yards, resulting in “several thousand” samples in the interim had returned no new positives until Sunday evening, when four vaccinated horses in Crisford’s yard were identified as positive.

The British Horseracing Authority had earlier on Sunday said it would announce on Monday whether racing could resume on Wednesday—the earliest possible date outlined the week prior. That now looks entirely unlikely.

Among those speaking out about the effect of the racing shutdown was jockeys’ valet Chris Maude.

“It’s obviously not great because I have five full-time employees,” the former jockey said. “I’ve been saying it’s a bit like bad weather—when you are off five or six days you do catch up. All those horses that were going to run then run somewhere else, but any longer than a week and we’ll be in serious trouble. I’m paying wages out, but I’m getting nothing in.”

CONT. P2
Equine Influenza Update Cont. from p1

"You always expect a few days of bad weather at this time of year, but if it gets beyond a week it's not physically possible for the British Horseracing Authority to put on all the extra meetings.

Jockeys' agent Chris Broad said, "There are lots of people affected, not many jump jockeys have a retainer so it will soon start affecting them. It does no good people like me speculating when we think we might get going again; I'm not a foot soldier doing the tests. Lots of people are worse off than me. Look at the transport companies, they've got staff to pay but they aren't turning any wheels over."

HAVLIN CONFIDENT HE WILL RETURN BY START OF FLAT SEASON

Jockey Robert Havlin is confident he will be back in time for the start of the Flat season next month after breaking his collarbone and fracturing a rib in a fall at Kempton on Wednesday. The 45-year-old was unshipped after Beehaar (GB) (Dark Angel {Ire}), his mount in the Move Over To Matchbook H., sustained a fatal injury when clipping heels with Lieutenant Conde (GB) (Havana Gold {Ire}) rounding a bend in the mile contest. Cont. p3
As a result of the incident, which left Havlin spending a night in St George’s Hospital in Tooting, Charlie Bennett, rider of Lieutenant Conde, was given a 12-day ban for careless riding. Havlin said, "I knew I had done my collarbone and I thought I had also done my knee, which thankfully was just badly bruised. The whole side of my neck was numb when I was getting strapped to the board, but I was conscious the whole time. I got to [the] hospital and had the CT scan and when it said I broke my collarbone and it was nothing to do with my back and spine, I was relieved. Charlie rang me in hospital that night in bits about it. It is one of those things and the clock can’t be turned back now."

"I’ve never broken a rib in my life and everyone who has says it is the worst pain, and I can vouch for that," said Havlin. "I didn’t feel out of breath, but I was also told that part of my right lung was bruised and partially collapsed, but that would just go back to normal by itself. I should be back in six weeks and I’m confident I will be back for the start of the Flat season. I’m going to see a specialist in Cambridge on Monday to see if I need an operation on the collarbone, but that shouldn’t make any difference regarding the timescale of things."

Since sustaining the injury Havlin, who recorded his best yearly total in 2018 after riding 127 domestic winners, has received plenty of support from those closest to him to help keep his spirits up. He added, "I’ve been well looked after by the wife and John [Gosden] has not been off the phone since the injury. It is good to know you have that support from John, who is not just my boss but a good friend, while Barry O’Dowd and Gary Rothwell came up from the yard and saw me last night for a couple of hours." Cont. p4
Havlin Cont.
He said, “Paul Struthers [chief executive of the Professional Jockeys Association] and Henry Spiller [trainer] both came to hospital with me and they were great. All things considered with the equine flu, generally February is a quiet time to be off. I am very lucky though, as it could have been a lot worse and been my neck or spine.”

Sunday’s Results:
GRAND PRIX DE LA RIVIERA COTE D’AZUR - JACQUES BOUCHARA-Listed, €60,000, Cagnes-sur-Mer, 2-10, 4yo/up, 10f (AWT), 1:58.44, st.
1--PUMP PUMP PALACE (FR), 125, h, 6, King’s Best--Pump Pump Girl (Fr), by Kendor (Fr). 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O/B-Jean-Claude & Benoit Bouret (FR); T-Jean-Pierre Gauvin; J-J-Pierre-Charles Boudot. €30,000. Lifetime Record: 33-6-6-9, €207,990. *1/2 to Pump Pump Boy (Fr) (Kingsalsa), SW-Fr, $405,649.
2--Pretorio (Ire), 125, g, 7, Aussie Rules--England’s Legend (Fr), by Lure. (€28,000 Ylg ‘13 AROCT). O-Markus & Stephanie Nigge. €12,000.
3--Roc Angel (Fr), 125, g, 5, Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)--Forewarned (Ire), by Grand Lodge. (€45,000 Ylg ‘15 AROCT). O-Antoine Gilibert. €9,000.
Margins: 3/4, 1, HD. Odds: 4.00, 7.00, 11.00.
Also Ran: Nice To See You (Fr), Lady Sidney (Fr), Aubevoye (Fr), Palace Prince (Ger), Tabularasa (Fr), Skalleti (Fr), Mango Tango (Fr), Allez Henri (Ire), Magari (Fr), Cnicht (Fr), Plait (GB), Alwaysandforever (Ire), Diorese (Ire).

Pump Pump Palace, who hit the board in last year’s renewal of this contest, was winless in all nine 2018 starts, but opened this term with a Jan. 21 course-and-distance conditions win last time. Off the pace and under cover through halfway, he made smooth headway in the straight to challenge when shaken up with 300 metres remaining and quickened smartly under urging inside the final furlong to secure a career high.

Pump Pump Palace becomes the second black-type scorer out of multiple winner Pump Pump Girl (Fr) (Kendor {Fr}) and he is kin to Listed Coupe des Trois Ans victor Pump Pump Boy (Fr) (Kingsalsa) and the 2-year-old filly Live a Paris (Fr) (Sri Putra {GB}). The bay shares his G1 Prix Marcel Boussac-winning third dam Tropicaro (Fr) (Caro {Ire}) with G1 Premio Vittorio di Capua hero and freshman sire Amaron (GB) (Shamardal). Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

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PRIX DE LA CALIFORNIE-Listed, €55,000, Cagnes-sur-Mer, 2-10, 3yo, 8f (AWT), 1:34.34, st.
1--BARYS (GB), 125, c, 3, by Kodiac (GB)
   1st Dam: Balatoma (Ire), by Mr. Greeley
   2nd Dam: Honfleur (Ire), by Sadler’s Wells
   3rd Dam: Detroit (Fr), by Riverman
1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Nurlan Bizakov; B-Hesmonds Stud Ltd (GB); T-Archie Watson; J-Edward Greatrex.
27,500. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-2, 37,423.

2--Pizzicato (Ity), 125, g, 3, Dabirsim (Fr)—Resaca (Ger), by Touch Down (Ger). (€62,000 Ylg > 17 ARAUG). O-Antoine Gilibert, Ecurie Vivaldi & Fabrice Chappet. €11,000.

3--Walhaan (Ire), 125, c, 3, Dark Angel (Ire)—Back in the Frame (GB), by Dutch Art (GB). (95,000gns Wlg ’16 TATFOA; 150,000gns Ylg ’17 TAOC). O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum. €8,250.

Also Ran: Trouville (Fr), Isalys (Fr), Dezba (GB), Helcia (Ire), High Cliff (Fr), Marie’s Picnic (Fr), Eyes That Dazzle (GB), Lyronada (GB).

Barys benefitted from the application of first-time blinkers when graduating over this trip at Lingfield in his fifth start last time Nov. 17 and duly delivered, sporting the headgear once more, on black-type bow in his first overseas foray. Roused along from the gate to assert for early control, he was stirred into action approaching the two pole and kept on resolutely under a final-furlong drive to hold on for a career high.

Barys is one of two scorers from three runners and the leading performer produced by a winning daughter of Listed Prix Michel Houyvet victress Honfleur (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells), herself kin to four black-type performers headed by MG1SW sire Carnegie (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells). The bay, whose third dam is G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe heroine Detroit (Fr) (Riverman), is a half-brother to a 2-year-old colt by Bated Breath (GB) and a yearling colt by Paco Boy (Ire). Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:
4th-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €19,000, Cond, 2-10, 4yo/up, 12fT, 2:43.75, vsf.

ECHAUFFOUR (FR) (g, 6, Le Havre {Ire}—Langrune {Ire} {SP-Fr}, by Fasliyev) Lifetime Record: 18-7-6-2, €109,570. O-Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-Franklin Finance SA (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. *Full to Orbec (Fr), SW-Fr & GSP-Aus, $184,519.
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Pedigree Notes...
The last reported foal out of the winning Storm Cat mare My Goodness, Danon Good (Jpn) is the mare’s second Japanese Group 3 winner after G3 Capella S. hero Danon Legend (Macho Uno). My Goodness’s second dam is juvenile filly champ Caressing (Honour and Glory), whose biggest claim to fame was a win in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies. Caressing’s most talented performer is the champion 3-year-old West Coast (Flatter), who won the GI Travers S. and GI Pennsylvania Derby in 2017. Grade I winner Sea Cadet (Jpn) is under the fourth dam. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.
Sunday’s Result:
HH THE PRESIDENT CUP-Listed, AED380,000, Abu Dhabi, 2-10, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 1400mT, 1:22.31, gd.

1—LEGENDARY LUNCH (IRE), 128, h, 5, Dragon Pulse (IRE)—Taalluf, by Hansel. (£31,000 Wig ’14 GOFNOV; £78,000 Ylg ’15 DNPAPUG; £125,000 HRA ’17 GOFJUN; 35,000gns HRA ’17 TATJUL). O-Al-Afoo Racing Stable. B-G Johnston King (IRE). T-Fawzi Nass. J-H. Bentley. AED228,000. Lifetime Record: SW & GSP-Eng, 17-5-3-1, $162,636. *1/2 to Middleham (IRE) (Best of the Bests (IRE)), SP-Eng & Ire.

2—Wasim (IRE), 128, c, 4, Acclamation (GB)—Quiet Protest, by Kingmambo. (55,000gns Ylg ’16 TATOCT; 38,000gns 2yo ’17 TATAPR). O/T-Ismail Mohammed. B-Floors Farming, S Roy & Admington Hall (IRE). AED76,000.

3—Zainhom, 128, g, 5, Street Cry (IRE)—Kaseema, by Storm Cat. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum. B-Shadwell Farm, LLC (KY). T-Musabbeh Al Mheiri. AED38,000.

Margins: 3/4, 1, HD. Odds: 4.00, 7.00, 11.00.
Also Ran: Azraff (IRE), Waady (IRE), Rodaini, Portamento (IRE), Ahlan Emarati (IRE), Stratton Street, Taamol (IRE), Parfait (IRE), Mailshot, Broadcast, Hornsby (GB).
Scratched: Ajwad (GB), Ghaamer.
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YULONG HAS FINAL SAY AT CLASSIC

by Paul Vettise

Yulong is a relative newcomer to the Australian Thoroughbred scene, but it hasn’t wasted any time in establishing itself as a major breeding, racing and buying force from the farm’s Victorian base.

Inglis Classic Day 2: at a Glance

- Major Thoroughbred player, Yulong Investments flexed their muscles and shut out the opposition for the top lot with a A$400,000 play for a son of Star Witness.
- Domeland digs deepest to secure a flashy grey colt for A$320,000 out of the draft of Vinery Stud.
- Day 2 ended with a clearance rate of 78% and a A$78,406 average with a median price of $58,000.
- Glenlogan Park Stud’s changed business model nets them A$250,000 for a filly from the first crop of Exosphere.
- Pick of Segenhoe draft goes to Tony McEvoy, who bought the full-brother to the Dissident filly last year.

Yulong has Final Say with Star Witness Colt

Owned by Chinese businessman Zhang Yuesheng, Yulong has become a major player with three properties for his 130-strong broodmare band, racehorses and the current development of a state-of-the-art stallion complex. Yulong’s Australian operation is managed by Sam Fairgray, who went to A$400,000 during the second session of the Inglis Classic Yearling Sale for Noogee Park’s colt by Star Witness, the top lot of the day. Lot 249 is out of Defrock (Canny Lad), a sister to the G3 Up And Coming S. winner Blackball and the family of the multiple Group 2 winner Hosannah (Octagonal {NZ}).

“We identified him as one of the nicest horses we have seen at the sale so we are really pleased to add him to our racing group,” Fairgray said. “He is a big strong colt and we can’t wait to get him in our programme. Hopefully, we can come back and win the A$2-million race next year. He is a lovely colt with a nice temperament. He was one of the nicer horses here so it was a great result.

“I think the nice horses are selling very well. There was strong competition for that colt, you have to pay that little bit extra for the nice ones. The colt was a little bit more than what we thought he would be, but sometimes that’s what it takes to buy the ones you want.”

Fairgray also signed at A$150,000 for the following lot 250, a daughter of Charge Forward and Defying Gravity (Flying Spur) from Lime Country Thoroughbreds’ draft.

“She’s very attractive with a nice temperament,” Fairgray said. “She is a nice-moving filly and she reminds me of Estijaab’s dam Response. Charge Forward is doing a good job as a broodmare sire. She is a nice filly and we are pleased to take her. Cont. p2
Stratum Colt Popular

The late Stratum made a strong impact when his striking grey colt sparked a bidding duel finally won by Domeland with a closing say of A$280,000 from the Vinery Stud draft. Lot 242 is the first foal of Dayeala (NZ) (Starcraft (NZ)) and her dam is a three-quarter sister to the multiple Group 1 winner and former champion Irish 2 and 3-year-old Grey Swallow (Ire) (Daylami (Ire)).

“He is a very active horse from a great family,” Domeland’s Bloodstock Manager Kevin Connelly said. “That colour makes him all the more special. Those types of horses appeal and there aren’t too many of his type here. This is our fourth year back in the Australian market. We will be back at Easter and maybe Melbourne as well. At the moment we have 28 horses in training.”

Stratum was a long-time resident of Widden Stud until the G1 Golden Slipper winner suffered a fatal heart attack in 2016. His leading representatives have been the Group 1 winners Streama, Stratum Star, Takedown, Miss Wilson, Crystal Lily, Land Of Plenty and Southern Lord.

Reward for Change

Glenlogan Park Stud has radically altered its business model in recent years and the Queensland operation reaped rewards of their changes on Sunday. In 2017, Glenlogan announced they would no longer be a stallion farm with the emphasis switching to breeding and selling yearlings at all the major sales.

“Before we were standing stallions and we had a lot of colts. Now we are a private farm and don’t have clients,” Steve Morley said. “All of the yearlings we offer at sales are Glenlogan-owned, we are just a smaller, boutique farm that is focusing on quality. We are breeding for the national scene and we want to be presenting yearlings at all of the premier sales. Our focus is really changing and it will be an evolving process. We mated 55 mares this season, so going forward we will grow the numbers we present in our drafts.”

Glenlogan had high hopes for their Exosphere filly, lot 182, on Sunday and she was the subject of spirited bidding before she went to P. Karlsson, of New South Wales, for A$250,000. Exosphere won five races when trained by John O’Shea with his career highlight a victory in the G1 Golden Rose S. and he was also successful in the G3 Roman Consul S. before his retirement to Darley. His Glenlogan-offered daughter is out of the Cape Cross (Ire) mare Casilda (Ire), who won twice and was placed in the G3 Newmarket Dahlia S. who has produced the stakes performer Thief Of Hearts (Show A Heart). Casilda is a granddaughter of the G2 Prix de Malleret winner Kozana (GB) (Kris (GB)) with a headline act on this pedigree page the multiple Group 1 winner and champion sire High Chaparral (Ire). His brother Black Bear Island was no slouch either and won the G2 Dante S.

“The reality is that she is exactly what you want to see in any yearling you present. She has exceptional quality,” Morley said. “She uses herself really well in the way she moves and she has that Lonhro quality about her. She just had lots of people talking, every second parade we did was for her, we knew there was going to be really good competition for her.”

The boutique breeding enterprise was also delighted when they learned that she will be trained at Warwick Farm by Joseph Pride. "We are thrilled with the stable she is going to,” Morley said. “Joe Pride is a quality horseman who can train to the highest level.”

Family Knowledge

Successful trainer Tony McEvoy took a shine to a Dissident filly, lot 194, and went to A$160,000 to secure her from Segenhoe Stud’s consignment.

“The full-brother I bought last year is a really nice horse. He is a little immature still, but he can really gallop,” McEvoy said. “He is going to be a smart horse. I liked this filly. She is very sweet with a lovely nature and a good eye. She moved well so I was happy to take her home. If I am right about the colt, then she is a safe bet.”

They are out of the unraced Celtic Sea (Fastnet Rock), a half-sister to the G3 Vain S. winner Tony Nicconi (Nicconi).

“She was the pick of our draft. She is out of a Fastnet mare and she looks like a colt, she looks a precocious type,” Segenhoe General Manager Peter O’Brien said. “Tony McEvoy bought her and he bought the full-brother to her last year for A$400,000. I am assuming the full-brother is okay. I looked him up and he was unnamed, but maybe he will be named tomorrow.

“She was one of the best fillies at the sale this year by type and Tony always buys a good-looking horse. There is a lot of Fastnet Rock in her, a lot of substance and she looks like she could go early.” Cont. p3
Inglis Classic Yearling Sale Day 2 Cont.
Lot 190 from Segenhoe had earlier left the ring with a A$100,000 price tag with trainer Robbie Griffiths the purchaser. The Fastnet Rock filly is closely related to the Group 1 performer and sire Stryker.

“She wasn’t big and that’s the reason she was here and not Easter, but the family is all small,” O’Brien said. “She is a beautifully put together, a racy filly. Robbie Griffiths bought her and Matt Dunne was the under bidder. We were happy with that sale. I think what she lacks in size she more than makes up for with athleticism and I think they bought really well.

“The reality is the market has been incredibly buoyant and it is unfair to compare this sale to last year. The complex had just opened and a lot of people came for the opening. There hasn’t been many surprises and when people get their head around where the market is at, I think it will improve.”

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