BRIDGING THE GAP: KARAKONTIE AND THE TURF TRIPLE

By Kelsey Riley

The announcement of NYRA’s new Turf Triple Series couldn’t have come at a more appropriate time for this column.

We were sitting in Michael Hernon’s office at Gainesway Farm, getting ready to go out and film the G1 Poule d’Essai des Poulains (French 2000 Guineas) and GI Breeders’ Cup Mile winner Karakontie (Jpn) (Bernstein), when our phones began buzzing: $5.25 million would be on offer this summer across six races in New York for 3-year-olds on the turf.

As Sid Fernando documented in his column Taking Stock back in October, high quality turf racing is on the rise in the U.S.—46% of races at America’s elite meetings in 2017 were on the turf, and 39% of all graded races the same year were on the grass.

The Turf Triple Series only accentuates the fact that there is real opportunity for turf sires in the U.S., and new players are needed. Among the top 10 American turf sires of 2018, the runaway leader Kitten’s Joy and eighth-placed Tapit are both 18; English Channel and War Front are 17; More Than Ready is 22 and Scat Daddy, Giant’s Causeway and City Zip are dead.

The good news is there are plenty of young horses waiting in the wings in Kentucky.

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WOW... CHARLES TOWN FILLY IS THE REAL DEAL by Bill Finley

Trainer Javier Contreras has been around since 1983, wins his fair share of races at Charles Town and dreams small. Trainers like Contreras don’t think about winning graded stakes races. They want to make some money, pay the bills and prove that they can be a success at racing’s blue-collar level. But Contreras's life began to change when he purchased a West Virginia-bred horse named Late Night Pow Wow (Fiber Sonde) privately from breeder John McKee for an undisclosed fee. Fiber Sonde stands for $1,000 and the mare, Holy Pow Wow, raced four times and lost those races by a combined margin of 66 3/4 lengths.

Once he started training her, Contreras could tell right away that Late Night Pow Wow had some quality, so he wasn’t surprised when she broke her maiden at Charles Town on Sept. 17, 2017 by 6 1/2 lengths. But he figured there were limits to what she could accomplish. Cont. p6

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Highly regarded GII Fountain of Youth S. contenders Hidden Scroll (Hard Spun) and Bourbon War (Tapit) breezed Friday.

WELL-BRED HARD SPUN COLT IMPRESSES AT TAMPA

Wertheimer homebred Spinoff (Hard Spun), a son of GISW Zaftig (Gone West) impressed in his seasonal debut Friday at Tampa Bay Downs. See North American Racing for recaps of all the day’s action.

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An overflow crowd of fans from near and far—as far away as Miami Beach—traveled to Old Friends on Friday to help celebrate Silver Charm’s 25th birthday. Click above for a video of the popular Kentucky Derby winner’s celebration. | Kelsey Riley
Karakontie and the Turf Triple cont. from p1
Those young turf-leaning Kentucky stallions include Lane’s End’s Noble Mission (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), the full-brother to Frankel (GB) and a triple Group 1 winner in his own right who got off to a promising start at stud last year; Hill ‘n’ Dale’s Flintshire (GB) (Dansili {GB}), a globetrotting five-time highest-level winner from the family of Enable (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}); Coolmore’s European champion 2-year-old Air Force Blue (War Front); Mill Ridge’s triple Grade I winner Oscar Performance (Kitten’s Joy), who in fact won the 2017 GI Belmont Derby, which is now the opening race of the Turf Triple Series for colts, the Turf Trinity; Scat Daddy’s versatile GISW winner Mendelssohn; GI Breeders’ Cup Mile winner Tourist (War Front); another GI Belmont Derby winner, Mr. Speaker (Pulpit); War Front’s GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf winner Hit It a Bomb; and Medaglia’s d’Oro’s Australian Group 1-winning sons Astern (Aus) and Vancouver (Aus)—although the latter did not shuttle this year.

And, of course, Karakontie, the originally intended subject of this column who has his first runners this year.

Gainesway is no stranger to success with European imports, and, in particular, winners of the French Guineas. Under the stewardship of John Gaines in the 1970s and 80s, Gainesway stood four winners of the Poule d’Essai des Poulains: Blushing Groom, Green Dancer, Riverman and his son Irish River. As Hernon pointed out, winning a top-class mile race “requires speed, and the ability to carry it a mile”—a trait that has generally translated favorably into sire success.

Karakontie proved without a doubt that he possesses that trait not only with his Poulains win, but also his victory in the 2014 GI Breeders’ Cup Mile beating older horses from post 14. He was also a Group 1 winner at two, taking France’s most important juvenile race, the Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere, over seven furlongs. And while his profile is undeniably turf, his pedigree is one that transcends continents and surfaces: by the Storm Cat stallion Bernstein (also the sire of superstar Tepin), Karakontie, a Niarchos Family homebred, is out of a Sunday Silence granddaughter of Miesque, who incidentally herself won the G1 Poule d’Essai des Pouliches (French 1000 Guineas) and the Breeders’ Cup Mile in 1987 and 1988 before going on to be an outstanding producer, her progeny headlined by the Poulains winner Kingmambo, who had no problem carving out an intercontinental legacy while standing his entire stud career at Lane’s End. Miesque occupies the same spot in the pedigree of last year’s Cartier champion miler Alpha Centauri (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}). Cont. p4
Bridging the Gap cont.

It is significant that, according to Hernon, Gainesway had already been considering adding a new turf horse to its roster when Karakontie came on the radar. The triple turf Grade I winner’s propensity for the grass didn’t make him a second-rate stallion prospect, as once could have been the case in the U.S., and Gainesway partnered with the Niarchos Family and John Moores and Charles Noell’s Merriebelle Stable to stand Karakontie. He has stood for $15,000 his first four seasons.

“We feel in turf racing in this country, there are very significant purses to be won,” said Hernon. “There is a lot of money to be won on turf and turf racing is very appealing. This new Turf Triple Series comes at a very appropriate time. We hope that Karakontie will have progeny to race for those big purses. We’re very hopeful that he can beget horses of his level of ability and he could become, therefore, a very important stallion in his own right.”

If Karakontie’s own family tree isn’t proof enough, leading Kentucky Derby contender War Of Will (War Front)—who, incidentally, also comes from a top-class Niarchos family—demonstrates that turf-pedigreed horses need not necessarily be pigeonholed into turf performers.

“Certainly being out of a Sunday Silence mare, Karakontie has a shot to produce some winners on dirt, but primarily the family and his performance was at the highest level racing on turf,” Hernon said. “So, we wouldn’t exclude dirt at all, but, we would strongly suspect a lot of his top runners will take to the turf as he did.”

Karakontie has 88 first-crop 2-year-olds to represent him this year, and those are spread across American and European trainers and breeze-up consignors.

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IGSW and G1-placed son of leading general sire, Candy Ride (ARG). Unbeaten in first three starts, including the Peter Pan S. (G2) in 1:47 (since 1983, only two horses have recorded faster times). Defeated MG1W Mind Your Biscuits. He was tabbed a TDN Rising Star when he captured his debut, earning a 99 Beyer the highest of his generation. First foals of 2019.

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Bridging the Gap cont.

“Here in the U.S., Wesley Ward has some of Karakontie’s progeny,” Hernon said. “We’re hoping he might have a 2-year-old by Karakontie who could race at Royal Ascot. And then you have Barry Eisaman, a leading consignor out of Ocala. He purchased a good one [as a yearling] for $150,000. There is also a very smart colt that cost $220,000 [Karakontie’s top-priced yearling], purchased by Gatewood Bell. That one may go directly into training—we don’t know for sure yet. “Across the pond we have noted horseman Willie Browne, who mentioned to me recently that they’re very good movers and he’s quite optimistic. Jessica Harrington, a noted Irish trainer who of course handled with great skill the career of Alpha Centauri, has some Karakonties. And then you go over into England and you have Karakonties with top trainers such as Sir Michael Stoute, Mark Johnston, Roger Varian and several others.”

There are three Karakonties catalogued for OBS March including hip 108, a colt out of the stakes-winning Cruise (Posse) who was a $120,000 yearling. He is being sold by Ciaran Dunne’s Wavertree Stables.

Gainesway Farm President Antony Beck strongly supported Karakontie in his first year at stud and will continue that backing by racing several of his progeny in Europe.

“We have one particularly good colt that’s co-owned by Flaxman,” Hernon said. “He’s in France currently going through his early training with Andre Fabre. Antony stepped up in year one in support of this horse and he sent him 40 mares. He’s strong behind the horse and we think he’s a horse who merits that kind of support.”

While opportunities for turf sires in America are on the rise, there is still an understandable bias towards dirt sires in the U.S. Hernon, however, said he thinks the playing field is leveling.

“I think the turf concept is progressively being accepted and more people are looking in that direction,” he said. “Kitten’s Joy has been a revelation. As he ages, some of these younger horses are going to have to step forward and become significant sires.

With the increased purses assigned to turf racing, it makes one think about that more seriously. I think turf horses may well stay around a little longer, and that’s another angle to it. It would be fun to have a top turf horse in the stable, especially if he was by Karakontie.”

On the subject of opportunities, let’s return to the Turf Triple Series. This initiative by NYRA is an obvious boon for turf sires already in the U.S. and should help stimulate the interest of American studs in standing such horses. But it is also an opportunity for European-based breeders and owners dealing in middle-distance horses.

The demand for precocious horses that are mature enough for an early return either in the sales ring or on the racetrack has grown so large in Europe that stallions who did their best running at much more than 1 1/4 miles (2000 metres) are seriously struggling to get early support, and thus any shot at making it as a sire. Many of them will never get a true chance, with breeders flocking in greater numbers to horses that won over five or six furlongs at two.

The fact that the Turf Triple Series will offer six races at a minimum of 1 3/16 miles (1900 metres) and up to 1 1/2 miles (2400 metres) is great news for European breeders and owners with middle-distance stock because it only bolsters the market that was already there for that kind of horse to be sold to the U.S. Americans will be shopping for them as horses in training and--thanks to the Chad Brown/Klaravich experiment that resulted in Newspaperofrecord (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire})--maybe increasingly as yearlings, too.

No, six races in New York alone are not going to stimulate the breeding of middle-distance horses in Europe, even if they are worth $5.25 million, but, thanks again to Sid Fernando, we know that there are more elite races over a mile on the turf than on the dirt in the U.S. Middle-distance turf racing in America is a growing phenomenon that will affect the way horses are bred and traded transatlantically.

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Karakontie winning the ‘15 Breeders’ Cup Mile
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Late Night Pow Wow cont. from p1

"I knew she could run," he said. "I thought I had a pretty nice West Virginia-bred and I could have some fun with her. I knew she would go through her West Virginia-bred conditions."

Late Night Pow Wow won her second start and then lost in her stakes debut, the Its Binn Too Long Stakes., finishing second. She hasn't lost since.

"She just kept getting better and better," Contreras said.

Late Night Pow Wow won her next six starts, all of them at Charles Town, including the GIII Charles Town Oaks. It was after that race that Contreras got a call from Mike Hall and Sam Ross, who race under the name of Breeze Easy LLC. Hall and Ross don’t normally shop around for horses at Charles Town. They are major owners and breeders and last July bought the sale topper, My Miss Tapit (Tapit), for $700,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Selected Horses of Racing Age Sale. But clearly they understood quality horses can come from anywhere, Charles Town included.

“I sold 100% of the horse to them,” said Contreras, who would not disclose what he sold the filly for. “They made me an offer I just couldn’t say no to.”

The money, Contreras said, was important, but it was more important to him that Hall and Ross promised him he would train Late Night Pow Wow throughout the rest of her racing career.

“They told me if they could acquire her they would leave her with me and that was part of the deal," he said. “I will train her for the whole year and they will retire her and breed her. If they had insisted that she go to another trainer I never would have sold her." After the Charles Town Oaks win, Late Night Pow Wow returned to restricted company and won a stakes races on the West Virginia Breeders' Classic Card. It was time to try something tougher.

Then nine for 10 in her career, she was shipped to Laurel for the $100,000 Willa On the Move S.

“I heard a lot of comments, like ‘Why don't you stay home? What are you doing over there? She's just a West Virginia bred,’” Contreras said. “I thought we'll give it a shot and see if we can prove everybody wrong.”

She did just that, winning by five lengths. She returned to Laurel for her next start and won the What a Summer S., this time by 6 1/4 lengths.

Yet, there were still plenty of non-believers. Her wins had all come at either Charles Town or in small stakes at Laurel. How would she do when she faced better horses? That opportunity came up last Saturday in the GIII Barbara Fritchie at Laurel, a $250,000 race.

“Right after nominations came out and I looked at the some of the names,” he said. "Chad Brown had one nominated. So did Peter Miller. I was concerned."

Not only did Brown and Miller show up, but so did Kiaran McLaughlin, Linda Rice and John Servis. But there was only one horse who scared Contreras, and that was Miller's Spiced Perfection (Smiling Tiger). She had just been transferred to the Miller barn after winning the GI La Brea for Brian Koriner.

It turned out to be the toughest race of Late Night Pow Wow's career, but she defeated Spiced Perfection by a head under regular rider Fredy Peltroche. With an 11-for12 lifetime record, two graded stakes wins and a victory over a Grade I winner, it had become awfully hard to poke any holes in this horse's career.

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Late Night Pow Wow takes the Barbara Fritchie  
Maryland Jockey Club  

The next logical step is Grade I company and Contreras said that’s where Late Night Pow Wow is likely headed next, to the GI Madison on April 6 at Keeneland.  

In the meantime, a trainer who has spent much of his career around claimers and West Virginia-breds is living out a dream.  

“Training this horse, it is amazing,” he said. “It makes you want to get up early in the mornings. I can’t wait to get up and go to the barn and watch her train. I have a bunch of nice horses that fit good here at Charles Town, but nothing like here. This is definitely, definitely the best horses I ever had.”  

**FOY CONTENDERS BREEZE**  
Recent allowance winner Bourbon War (Tapit) breezed an easy half-mile in :48.68 (15/43) Friday morning at Gulfstream Park in preparation for a start in the GII Xpressbet.com Fountain of Youth March 2 (video).  

“It went great, just what I was looking for,” trainer Mark Hennig said. “He’s doing very well. I wouldn’t change a thing.”  

A debut winner Nov. 14 at Aqueduct, Bourbon War was fourth in the GII Remsen S. a month later and captured a Gulfstream allowance Jan. 18.  

Also on the worktab Friday was FOY contender and ‘TDN Rising Star’ Hidden Scroll (Hard Spun). The Bill Mott pupil worked five panels in 1:00/40 at Payson Park in company with stablemate Tacitus (Tapit) (video).  

**Frosted Grace** (Mark Valeski) prepped for his first graded try in the FOY with a half-mile work in :49.30 (24/43). He was last seen finishing fifth in the GII Swale S. Feb. 2.  

**XBTV UNVEILS TRIPLE CROWN TRAIL PORTAL**  
Video of the top Triple Crown race contenders will be available for the first time on XBTV’s Triple Crown Trail, a portal on the XBTV website (www.xbtv.com) designed specifically with Classic-bound 3-year-olds in mind. The portal will contain exclusive workout videos, interviews and handicapping insights.  

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The Triple Crown Trail will also include analyst Jeff Siegel’s Triple Crown Daily and his weekly Top 10.  

“As an owner, I’ve had the good fortune to win the Santa Anita Derby, Florida Derby and Wood Memorial, so I can vouch that the journey on the road to the Triple Crown, with all of its highs and lows, is just as exhilarating as the three-race American Classic series itself,” said Siegel. “As a journalist, I can’t wait to chronicle and analyze all of the key prep races and then the Derby, Preakness and Belmont for XBTV.com. During the next 15 weeks, we’ll cover every race, every workout, and every angle. And we’ll do it every day.”  

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A free berth to the GI Preakness S. and the winner’s share of $300,000 is on the line for the inaugural running of the Oaklawn Invitational to be held May 4 at Oaklawn Park.

“We’re very happy to partner with Oaklawn Park on this unique initiative,” said Maryland Jockey Club President and General Manager Sal Sinatra. “We believe this provides racing fans across the world an opportunity to see a promising, and possibly late-developing, young horse run against the winner of the Kentucky Derby and other top horses exiting the Derby.”

The Oaklawn Invitational, which is restricted to 3-year-olds, will be held at 1 1/8 miles two weeks prior to the 1 3/16-mile Preakness, which will be held this year May 18 at Pimlico Race Course.

“Our hope from the beginning was that the Oaklawn Invitational would serve as a prep for the Preakness or Belmont Stakes, so we are excited by this announcement from the Maryland Jockey Club,” said Oaklawn General Manager Wayne Smith. “As a result, we are happy to announce we have raised the purse of the race from $250,000 to $300,000. We are thankful the Maryland Jockey Club recognizes our race’s potential. The Arkansas Derby has had a long, successful history of producing Preakness winners from Elocutionist to Oxbow.”

SUNNY RIDGE NAMED NJ-BRED HOY

Dennis Drazin homebred Sunny Ridge (Holy Bull) has been honored by the Thoroughbred Breeders’ Association of New Jersey as New Jersey-bred Horse of the Year and champion older male for 2018.

The MGISP now-6-year-old, who won the GIII Withers S. as a sophomore, closed out the 2018 season with a victory in the State Dinner S. at Belmont Park and placings in the GI Cigar Mile H., GII Kelso S. and the GIII Salvator Mile S. Over the body of his career, he has won or placed in 14 black-type events, eight of them graded, and earned $1,199,902. He most recently finished second in the Jan. 26 Jazil S. at Aqueduct. Trained by Jason Servis, Sunny Ridge ranks as the fifth-highest New Jersey-bred runner of all time. Cont. p9
NJ-bred Awards cont.

Other New Jersey-bred honorees of 2018 include Golden Brown (Offlee Wild), champion 3-year-old and champion turf runner; Mooji Moo, Jr. (Posse), champion 2-year-old; Liz’s Cable Girl (Cable Boy), champion older female; Brother Chub (Hey Chub), champion sprinter; Irish Sovereign (Polish Numbers), broodmare of the year; and Hey Chub (Carson City), stallion of the year.

$11M ANNUAL PURSE BOOST AWAITS WV GOV.’S SIGNATURE by T.D. Thornton

A bill that would restore $11 million in annual purse funds to the West Virginia racing industry cleared the House of Delegates on Friday by an 86-10 margin and now goes to Governor Jim Justice for his approval or veto.

According to the Parkersburg News and Sentinel, that money has traditionally been generated by gaming at the state’s two Thoroughbred and two greyhound racinos and gets deposited into the state’s “excess lottery fund.”

But starting in 2006, instead of allowing that money to pay for purses, the state redirected the excess lottery fund to pay off debt that was left over after West Virginia privatized its workers’ compensation program.

The News and Sentinel reported that the Workers’ Compensation Old Fund initially had a debt of $3 billion, and over the last 14 years, the West Virginia racing industry contributed $154 million toward paying off that debt.

Other state programs not related to racing also had funds redirected in similar fashion. But now that the debt burden is in better shape, lawmakers are starting to shift some funding back to originally intended recipients. Cont. p10
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SB 13 would accomplish that by changing an existing law about the excess lottery fund to include a section that reads “For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and subsequent fiscal years, the [state racing] commission shall deposit $11 million to be distributed into the special funds established by the respective licensees [and] such distribution shall be on a pro rata basis based upon the actual purse earnings of each such licensee.”

SB 13 passed the Senate 34-0 on Feb 12.

Friday’s passage in the House was preceded by a Thursday debate about whether the money could be better applied to some other sector, like public education. An amendment to instead distribute the $11 million annually to all 55 county boards of education failed, 19-78.

Delegate John Doyle pointed out on Thursday that when the purse funds were initially taken away in 2006, “the racing industry was fairly healthy, so not too many people complained too hard about it.” But, he added, “they were given the absolute assurance that once workers’ comp was paid off, the money would go back to where the legislature intended.”

Delegate Randy Swartzmiller also spoke out in favor of restoring the money to the state’s four tracks to pay for purses, the News and Sentinel reported. “By giving them back what we took, who wants to oppose that? We gave it back to everyone else, but we’re not going to give it back to them because they don’t deserve it? Because they’re way down there on somebody’s list? You want to know something? They’re way up here on my list.”

The purse money would be divided among Thoroughbred tracks Charles Town Races and Mountaineer Park, plus two greyhound tracks, Mardi Gras and Wheeling Island.

FINES IN WV COULD PAY FOR POST-MORTEM EXAMS by T.D. Thornton

A proposed law working its way through the West Virginia legislature would mandate that fines assessed to Thoroughbred licensees be set aside in a new fund to cover the cost of post-mortem exams for horses that die at Mountaineer Park or Charles Town Races.

By West Virginia state statute, money collected from fines is currently earmarked for a relief fund to cover accident-related medical care or funeral expenses for human injuries, with the caveat that those funds don’t get paid out if the costs are already covered by insurance or workers’ compensation plans.

The amended committee version of HB 3021, which had its first reading in the House of Delegates on Friday, would change the current law to read: Cont. p11
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“All civil penalties imposed by the stewards or the commission against thoroughbred horse racing licensees or permit holders shall be paid into a fund for expenses associated with the post-mortem examination of thoroughbreds that suffer breakdowns on a racetrack, in training or in competition, and that are euthanized, or thoroughbreds that expire while stabled on a racetrack under the jurisdiction of the Racing Commission.”

The proposed law also states that any balance in the fund at the end of any fiscal year in excess of $10,000 be divided equally and spent by the commission “to aid in the rescue, retraining, rehabilitation and aftercare of thoroughbred racehorses that are no longer able to compete on the racetracks in this state.”

In addition, some of that excess balance could still go to cover the hospitalization or funeral expenses referenced in the current law, but only if the equine post-mortem costs have been covered first.

Separately, fines assessed to greyhound industry licensees would now be earmarked for a fund that will aid “adoption programs involving West Virginia whelped dogs owned by residents of this state.”

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## 2019 Leading Fifth-Crop Sires

For stallions standing in North America through Thursday, Feb. 21

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SATURDAY’S RACING INSIGHTS:
CONDO COMMANDO SIS DEBUTS IN NOLA
Sponsored by Alex Nichols Agency
by Christie DeBernardis

7th-FG, $40K, Msw, 3yo, f, 1mT, 4:23 p.m.
TAPITAL GAINS (Tapit), a half-sister to Grade I winner Condo Commando (Tiz Wonderfull), debuts in this test for trainer Brad Cox. In addition to Condo Commando, who summoned $1.5 million from Katsumi Yoshida at the 2015 Fasig-Tipton November Sale, the gray is also a half to MGSP Checklist (Gone West). Tapital Gains is a daughter of MGSW Yearly Report (General Meeting), who hammered for $825,000 to B. Wayne Hughes of Spendthrift Farm with her first foal, Checklist, in utero at the 2005 Keeneland November Sale. Gainesway picked her up for just $175,000 in foal to Jimmy Creed at the 2014 Fasig-Tipton November Sale and the resulting filly sold for $385,000 at Keeneland September. **TJCIS PPs**

WELL-RELATED FILLIES MAKE CAREER BOWS AT GULFSTREAM
13th-GP, $50K, Msw, 3yo, f, 1mT, 5:58 p.m.
Anthony Margotta unveils a daughter of Irish SW & MGSP Twirl (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in **DANI’S GRACE (Bernardini)**. She is the second foal out of the 10-year-old mare, who RNA’d for $3.1 million carrying a foal by Curlin at the 2017 Keeneland November Sale. Her now-2-year-old filly by Tapit, Amagansett, sold to Bobby Flay for $875,000 at last term’s Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale. Twirl is a full-sister to Irish Highweight Misty For Me (Ire), who is the dam of MG1SWs U S Navy Flag (War Front) and Roly Poly (War Front); and Flay’s GSW Cover Song (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), who RNA’d for $3.9 million in foal to Dubawi (Ire) at last year’s Fasig-Tipton November Sale. Drawn in the gate right beside that blue blood is fellow firster **Whatdoesasharksay (Animal Kingdom)**, who is a half-sister to Canadian champion and MGISW turfer Heart to Heart (English Channel).

Shug McGaughey has a barn full of deep pedigrees and Stuart Janney and Phipps Stable’s **Passing Out (Orb)** is no exception. The first time starter is out of MSP Party Now (Tiznow), a half-sister to MGSW Criminologist (Maria’s Mon), who in turn produced MGSW Inspector Lynley (Lemon Drop Kid). This is also the family of MGISW Carriage Trail (Giant’s Causeway) and MGSW and **TDN Rising Star** Tammy the Torpedo (More Than Ready).

Chad Brown can never be ignored on the turf and he unveils Juddmonte homebred **Comic City (City Zip)**. Her second dam is MGSW Media Nox (GB) (Lycius), who was trained by Brown’s mentor Bobby Frankel. She is responsible for MG1SW Nebraska.
Tornado (Storm Cat); GSW & G1SP Mirabilis (Lear Fan); and GSW Burning Sun (Danzig). This is also the family of recent impressive El Camino Real Derby winner Another Twist of Fate (Scat Daddy).

_Heart d’Oro (Medaglia d’Oro)_ is yet another filly with a big pedigree making her career bow in this spot. She is out of Hearty Laugh (Distorted Humor), who is a full-sister to MGSW turfer Justenuffhumor; and a half to MGSW Lewis Michael (Rahy) and champion Dreaming of Anna (Rahy), who is the dam of GSW Dreamologist (Tapit) and GISP sire Fast Anna (Medaglia d’Oro). This is also the family of champion grass horse and leading turf sire Kitten’s Joy and MGISW millionaire Precious Kitten, who is the dam of GSW & GISP Divining Rod (Tapit).

**TJCIS PPs**

**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

*1st-Santa Anita, $79,462, Alw, 2-22, 4yo/up, 5fT, :55.06 (NCR), fm.*

**EDDIE HASKELL (g, 6, Square Eddie--Teresa Ann, by Boston Harbor)** narrowly outbattled two-time GI Breeders’ Cup Turf Sprint winner Stormy Liberal (Stormy Atlantic) to the wire while setting a new course record here. Claimed for $50,000 last spring, Eddie Haskell concluded 2018 with back-to-back optional claiming tallies sprinting on the Del Mar lawn. He entered off a third-place finish going down the hill in the Clocker’s Corner S. Jan. 27.

The 4-1 chance chased from fourth through a scorching opening quarter in :20.88. Eddie Haskell made his move while three wide on the turn for home as Stormy Liberal appeared to take a bad step and slightly bobble. Those two locked horns in the stretch as the pacesetting Calculator (In Summation) grudgingly backed out of it, and it was Eddie Haskell who just got the better of Stormy Liberal in a thrilling stretch run to take it by a head after a long drive. The winner is a half to Waveline (Stravinsky), SW & GSP, $325,549; and a full to Eddie’s First, SP, $203,636, who holds the current 6 1/2-furlong course record of 1:10.73 on the hillside course.

Stormy Liberal was prepping for a possible start in the G1 Al Quoz Sprint in Dubai next month. “We’ll have to see how he is,” trainer Peter Miller said. “Hopefully, we can go on with him.”

Lifetime Record: MSP, 18-7-1-5, $373,107. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton].

O-Philip J. Wood & Jim Hailey; B-Reddam Racing, LLC (CA); T-Mark Glatt.

*3rd-Aqueduct, $72,555, Alw (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($75,000), 2-22, 3yo, f, 1:12.66, gd.*

**GUACAMOLE (f, 3, Flat Out--Officially, by Officer)** has had a star-crossed career, registering her lone previous win in her first start last July at Saratoga when the winner was disqualified in a controversial call. She subsequently placed in the GII Adirondock S. and Aqueduct’s Stewart Manor S., but finished a distanced last in the GI Spinaway and was eased in the Nov. 25 Tepin S. after falling to her nose at the start. After trying dirt and turf, trying distances from 5 1/2 furlongs to a mile, and having mixed success in black-type events, the sophomore got a three-month break and punted back here into her first allowance attempt. Brushing the gate at the break, but otherwise getting away
cleanly at almost 4-1, Guacamole tucked in mid-pack against the rail. She found a wide-open seam coming off the turn, slithered to the front under encouragement, and steadily inched clear to win by 1 3/4 lengths. Pacesetter Hey Mamaluke (Jump Start) was second. Guacamole’s dam is a half-sister to the dam of MGSW and GISP War Dancer (War Front), $1,068,925. She has 2-year-old colt It’s Official (Flat Out) and a yearling colt by Tidal Volume. She was bred back to City Weekend. Sales History: $2,000 Ylg ’17 FTKOCT; $100,000 2yo ’18 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: GSP, 7-2-0-2, $137,525. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

2nd-Tampa Bay Downs, $20,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($75,000), 2-22, 3yo, 1m 40y, 1:40.25, ft. SPINOFF (c, 3, Hard Spun—Zaftig [GISW, $408,700], by Gone West), a winner as the 3-1 favorite in his Gulfstream debut last June, was last seen completing the trifecta behind Call Paul (Friesan Fire) in the 6 1/2-furlong GII Saratoga Special S. Aug. 12. Working bullets for this first spin around two turns off the layoff, the 3-5 favorite vied for command from the inside through an opening quarter in :22.68. He briefly backed off and was guided to the outside to take another crack at the pacesetter through a opening quarter in :22.68. He briefly backed off and was guided to the outside to take another crack at the pacesetter through a

3rd-Gulfstream, $43,210, Msw, 2-22, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:35.08, fm. BATTLE OF MEMPHIS (IRE) (g, 4, Declaration of War--Dusty in Memphis, by Broken Vow), making his third start of 2019 at Gulfstream, got his first win after grassy maiden special weight placings Jan. 6 and Jan. 30. Breaking from the outside eight post placings Jan. 6 and Jan. 30. Breaking from the outside eight post at nearly even money, the big bay got blinkers for the first time and broke eagerly, getting caught four-wide going into the first turn. Jockey Irad Ortiz, Jr. relaxed with him and dropped back mid-pack. Getting the green light on the final turn, the Irish-bred came into the stretch full of confidence and skipped home to a 1 3/4-length triumph over first-time starter Downside Risk (Lonrho (Aus)). The winner’s dam is a half-sister to GSW Prussian (Danzig) and counts English and French champion Mubtaker (Silver Hawk) under her second dam. She has a juvenile colt and a yearling filly, both by Camelot (GB). Battle of Memphis’s co-owner Gary Barber and trainer Mark Casse have been in the news recently with another Arqana purchase, last week’s
Gil Risen Star S. winner War of Will (War Front). Sales History: €90,000 Ylg '16 ARAUG. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, $38,700. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-Gary Barber & Kinsman Stable; B-Barronstown Stud (IRE); T-Mark E. Casse.

5th-Fair Grounds, $43,000, Msw, 2-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.85, ft.
FULL ORBIT (f, 4, Midshipman—Questmet, by Van Nistelroo) showed speed and stayed on for third at 25-1 in her unveiling at Fair Grounds Jan. 26. The 6-1 shot sped out to the front this time, led through fractions of :22.16 and :46.98, and kept finding in the stretch to hold favored Stargirl (Medaglia d'Oro) safe by a length. Questmet has also produced the 2-year-old colt Ruling (Maclean's Music) and a yearling filly by The Factor. She was bred to Dialed In for the 2019 season. Sales history: $7,000 RNA Ylg '16 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $30,310. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O/B-RedBob Farms Inc. (KY); T-William B. Bradley.

IN SOUTH KOREA:
* $35,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEEJAN; $9,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; $45,000 RNA 2yo '17 OSMAR; $50,000 2yo '17 OBSJUN.

IN THE UAE:
Gavroche, g, 8, Distorted Humor--Michita (GSW & G1SP-Eng, G1SP-Fr, $288,590), by Dynaformer. Jebel Ali, 2-22, Hcp., 1950m, 1:56.79. B-Darley (KY). *Won by 8 1/4 lengths. **AED700,000 HRA '15 ERADEC.
Handsome Mike (Scat Daddy), Pleasant Acres Stallions, $4,000
95 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
12-Gulfstream, $75K Texas Glitter S., 5ft, RUNNING FOR RIZ, 30-1

Mark Valeski (Proud Citizen), Airdrie Stud, $2,500
57 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, VERCURYSSE, 12-1

Moro Tap (Tapit), Double Infinity Ranch, $2,500
50 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
9-Sam Houston Race, Msw 1mt, DANCING AWESOME, 8-1
$1,500 RNA TTA MIX yrl; $2,200 HER OCT yrl; $10,000 TTA APR 2yo
6-Sam Houston Race, $65K Two Altazano S., 6f, STORMIEIS BLUE, 30-1

Mucho Macho Man (Macho Uno), Adena Springs, $15,000
122 foals of racing age/13 winners/2 black-type winners
4-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, HARLEY Q, 6-1
$25,000 SAR AUG yrl; $15,000 EAS MAY 2yo
4-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, LADY MACHO, 12-1
$50,000 SAR AUG yrl; $22,000 EAS MAY 2yo
9-Sam Houston Race, Msw 1mt, WAPI, 12-1
$5,000 OKC YRL yrl

No Nay Never (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Stud, $20,000
221 foals of racing age/34 winners/6 black-type winners
9-Gulfstream, $75K Melody of Colors S., 5ft, BEECHWOOD ELLA (Ire), 7-2
£38,000 GOU KPR yrl
12-Gulfstream, $75K Texas Glitter S., 5ft, NEVER HAVE I EVER (Ire), 9-2

Revolutionary (War Pass), WinStar Farm, $7,500
148 foals of racing age/20 winners/2 black-type winners
6-Fair Grounds, Aoc 1m, I B REVOLUTIONERY, 6-1
8-Aqueduct, $100K Franklin Square S., 6f, MAIDEN BEAUTY, 5-1
$15,000 FTN MIX wnl; $40,000 OBS APR 2yo

Sabercat (Bluegrass Cat), Averett Farm, $3,500
24 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
6-Fair Grounds, Aoc 1m, REAFFIRMED, 12-1

Strong Mandate (Tiznow), Three Chimneys Farm, $10,000
138 foals of racing age/13 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, GET THE GOODIES, 7-2
$100,000 KEE NOV wnl; $135,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Uncaptured (Lion Heart), Ocala Stud Farm, $6,000
141 foals of racing age/11 winners/3 black-type winners
12-Gulfstream, $75K Texas Glitter S., 5ft, YES I AM FREE, 2-1
$135,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Verrazano (More Than Ready), Ashford Stud, $22,500
268 foals of racing age/20 winners/2 black-type winners
13-Gulfstream, Msw 1mt, A BRIDGE TOO FAR, 15-1
$55,000 KEE NOV wnl; $125,000 SAR AUG yrl; 85,000gns TAT BRE 2yo
6-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, ANNIE AND CAROLINE, 3-1
$130,000 KEE SEP yrl
2-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, SHE’S NOT BLUFFING, 6-1
$65,000 FTN MIX wnl; $14,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl; $35,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
9th-Oaklawn, $84,000, 2-21, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:39.46, my.
MO’S MOJO (h, 5, Uncle Mo—Amylimehouse, by Limehouse)
Lifetime Record: 11-2-2-0, $131,052. O-D D Stables LLC (Donna Clark); B-Big C Farm (KY); T-Randy L. Morse. *$50,000 Ylg ’15 KEESEP; $47,000 RNA 2yo ’16 OBSAPR.

8th-Laurel, $53,088, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($50,000), 2-22, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:46.99, gd.
DESTINY OVER FATE (f, 3, Drill—Sheza Justice, by During)
Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, $65,011. O-Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC; B-Big C Farm (KY); T-Randy L. Morse. *$150,000 2yo ’18 OBSAPR.
7th-Fair Grounds, $49,000, (S), Opt. Clm ($35,000), 2-22, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.82, ft.

MONTE MAN (g, 6, Custom for Carlos--Sarah’s My Angel {SP}, by Sutter’s Prospect) Lifetime Record: MSW, 31-11-5-4, $434,145. O-Ivery Sisters Racing; B-Val C. Murrell (LA); T-Ron Faucheux. *$55,000 Ylg ’14 FTKJUL; $125,000 2yo ’15 OBSMAR. **1/2 to Grand Facile (Zuppardo=Prince), MSW, $310,660.

6th-Laurel, $48,150, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($35,000), 2-22, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.41, gd.

BABY BOSS (f, 4, Frost Giant--Wild in Montana, by Yankee Victor) Lifetime Record: SW, 12-3-1-2, $154,900. O-Neal M. Allread; B-Eric Bishop (NY); T-Jeremiah C. Englehart. *$23,000 2yo ’17 EASMAY.

2nd-Delta Downs, $47,000, (S), 2-21, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 5f, 1:00.41, my.

GLORIOUS DAY (f, 4, New Year’s Day--La Salle Glory {MSP, $506,039}, by Lit de Justice) Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-0, $78,000. O/B-Montgomery Equine Center (LA); T-Karl Broberg. *$15,000 RNA Ylg ’16 ESLYRL.


GRAN PARAISO (c, 3, Gone Astray--Tizbud's Girl, by Tizbud) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, $43,150. O-Granpollo Stable; B-Noberto Jose Palavecino (FL); T-Victor Barboza, Jr. *$14,000 Ylg ’17 OBSOCT.

5th-Charles Town, $24,500, (S), 2-21, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 7f, 1:26.88, my.

JOHN ROOT (g, 5, Limehouse--Toothache, by Sunday Break {Jpn}) Lifetime Record: 31-8-6-9, $98,758. O-Kenneth L. Brown; B-Ray M. Pennington (WV); T-Ronney W. Brown.

7th-Charles Town, $24,500, 2-21, (NW3LX), 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:26.96, my.

MATTYICE (f, 4, Street Magician--Otherwise Perfect, by Lemon Drop Kid) Lifetime Record: 12-3-0-3, $231,005. O-Shuler Stables LLC; B-Dr. & Mrs. Thomas & Quin Bowman & Rebecca Davis & Larry Johnson (MD); T-Gerald A. Coker, Jr. *1/2 to I Stand Alone (Dance With Ravens), SW, $242,960; Clubman (Not For Love), SP, $237,720; Friscan (Two Punch), GSP, $112,557.

6th-Charles Town, $24,000, (S), 2-21, (NW2L), 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:28.18, my.

NURSE TOMPKINS (f, 4, Munnings--S. L. Tompkins, by Not For Love) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, $98,758. O-Nancy L. Terhune; B-Nancy L. Terhune (WV); T-Javier Contreras. *1/2 to Concord Fast (Concord Point), MSW, $425,495.

8th-Turfway, $15,685, (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 2-21, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09.73, ft.

SON OF A NUT (g, 7, Unbridled Express--Damie’s Peanut, by Stravinsky) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, $31,448. O-Nancy L. Terhune & Ernest Frohboese; B-Nancy L. Terhune (WV); T-Javier Contreras. *1/2 to In A Jif (Saintly Look), SW, $203,382.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

All Around, g, 3, Caleb’s Posse--Sapphire Sky (MSW, $327,274), by Sky Mesa. Oaklawn, 2-22, (C), 6f, 1:12.29. B-Candy Meadows LLC (KY). *1/2 to Sky Flower (Flower Alley), SP, $236,119.

Irish Hustle, f, 3, Data Link--Rahfees Fairy, by Perfect Soul (Ire). Fair Grounds, 2-22, (S), 1m (off turf), 1:41.97. B-J. Adcock & Hume Wornall (LA). *$30,000 Ylg ’17 FTKTUR; $65,000 2yo ’18 FTFTUR.


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Tolly Ho, f, 3, Successful Appeal—Wildcat Fan, by Forest Wildcat. Turfway, 2-21, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.82. B-Donamire Farm (KY).

Timeless Treasure, f, 4, Drosselmeyer—Best of Times, by Mineshaft. Laurel, 2-22, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:05.48. B-Bottom Line Stables Inc., Rowland Hancock & Dick Walker (KY). * $11,000 RNA Ylg ’16 FTKOCT; $42,000 2yo ’17 EASMAY. ** 1ST-TIME STARTER. ***Full to Promise of Spring, GSP, $183,192.


CAIRO PRINCE, Castle Casanova, c, 3, o/o Krakowviak, by Tale of the Cat. MSW, 2-22, Aqueduct

CALEB’S POSSE, All Around, g, 3, o/o Sapphire Sky, by Sky Mesa. MCL, 2-22, Oaklawn

CUSTOM FOR CARLOS, Monte Man, g, 6, o/o Sarah’s My Angel, by Sutter’s Prospect. AOC, 2-22, Fair Grounds

DATA LINK, Irish Hustle, f, 3, o/o Rahfees Fairy, by Perfect Soul (Ire). MSW, 2-22, Fair Grounds

DECLARATION OF WAR, Battle of Memphis (Ire), g, 4, o/o Dusty in Memphis, by Broken Vow. MSW, 2-22, Gulfstream

DISCREET CAT, Flying Honeypot, h, 5, o/o Noontime Angel, by Successful Appeal. ALW, 2-21, Delta Downs

DRILL, Destiny Over Fate, f, 3, o/o Sheza Justice, by During. AOC, 2-22, Laurel

DROSSELMEYER, Timeless Treasure, f, 4, o/o Best of Times, by Mineshaft. MCL, 2-22, Laurel

DUBLIN, Fair Lassie, f, 3, o/o Fair Weather Lady, by Western Expression. MCL, 2-22, Aqueduct

FLAT OUT, Guacamole, f, 3, o/o Officially, by Officer. AOC, 2-22, Tampa

FROST GIANT, Baby Boss, f, 4, o/o Wild in Montana, by Yankee Victor. AOC, 2-22, Turfway

GIO PONTI, Matzo Bella, f, 3, o/o Miss Matzo, by Royal Academy. MCL, 2-22, Gulfstream

GONE ASTRAY, Gran Paraiso, c, 3, o/o Tizbud’s Girl, by Tizbud. AOC, 2-22, Gulfstream

HARD SPUN, Spinoff, c, 3, o/o Zaftig, by Gone West. AOC, 2-22, Tampa

HUNT CROSSING, Classy Crossing, g, 4, o/o Classica, by Pure Prize. MSW, 2-21, Charles Town

ISTAN, Lovely Flash, f, 3, o/o Flaco Flash, by Flashy Bull. MCL, 2-22, Oaklawn

LIMEHOUSE, John Root, g, 5, o/o Toothache, by Sunday Break (Jpn). ALW, 2-21, Charles Town

LOOKIN AT LUCKY, Dr. Edgar, g, 6, o/o Sennnockian Storm, by Storm Cat. AOC, 2-22, Gulfstream

MALIBU MOON, Don’t Rush, f, 3, o/o Rushin No Blushin, by Half Ours. MCL, 2-22, Gulfstream

MIDSHIPMAN, Full Orbit, f, 4, o/o Questmet, by Van Nistelrooy. MSW, 2-22, Fair Grounds

MUNNINGS, Nurse Tompkins, f, 4, o/o S. L. Tompkins, by Not For Love. ALW, 2-21, Charles Town

NEW YEAR’S DAY, Glorious Day, f, 4, o/o La Salle Glory, by Lit de Justice. ALW, 2-21, Delta Downs

SQUARE EDDIE, Eddie Haskell, g, 6, o/o Teresa Ann, by Boston Harbor. ALW, 2-22, Santa Anita

STREET MAGICIAN, Mattyvice, f, 4, o/o Otherwise Perfect, by Lemon Drop Kid. ALW, 2-21, Charles Town

SUCCESSFUL APPEAL, Tolly Ho, f, 3, o/o Wildcat Fan, by Forest Wildcat. MSW, 2-21, Turfway

UNBRIDLED EXPRESS, Son of a Nut, g, 7, o/o Darnie’s Peanut, by Stravinsky. AOC, 2-21, Turfway

UNCLE MO, Mo’s Mojo, h, 5, o/o Amylimehouse, by Limehouse. ALW, 2-21, Oaklawn

Spinoff (Hard Spun) stamps himself as a 3-year-old to watch with a blowout victory for Todd Pletcher at Tampa.
FIRST-SEASON SIRE VERDICTS: ALEX ELLIOTT

Alex Elliott is ‘all in’ on Gutaifan | ITM

Continuing our series assessing the chances of the first-season sires with runners in 2019, bloodstock agent Alex Elliott gives us his verdict.

TDN: Who do you think will be leading first-season sire?

AE: I think Glenegles (Ire) is the horse with the racetrack performance, stallion's pedigree and number of troops on the ground to win the war. We managed to buy a filly out of Sogno Verde (Ire) (Green Desert), making her a half-sister to Libbourne Lad (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), at Tattersalls October Book 1 for 300,000gns, and the early reports are good. She is in training with Michael Bell.

TDN: Did you see/purchase many by first-season sires at the yearling sales?

AE: I found myself ‘all in’ on Gutaifan (Ire) and ended the year having bought four by the Yeomanstown Stud freshman. One of my favourite yearling purchases of the whole season was the colt out of Bali Breeze (Ire) (Common Grounds {GB}) that we purchased for €105,000 at the Goffs Orby Sale. He is also in training with Michael Bell. Cont. p2

WISSAHICKON HOT FOR WINTER DERBY

By Sean Cronin

While Too Darn Hot (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) creeps up through the gears at John Gosden’s Clarehaven Stables in Newmarket, the yard’s Wissahickon (Tapit) will provide an early measurement of its health and power in Saturday’s G3 Betway Winter Derby. George Strawbridge’s 4-year-old has more than a small look of Halling about him, having sauntered through six of his last seven starts including the prestigious Cambridgeshire H. in September in which that former luminary initially rose to prominence for the same handler before finding his way to the stars in the royal blue. Transitioning to the Polytrack here with elan as he dealt with the solid Big Country (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) in both the Listed Quebec S. in December and Listed Winter Derby Feb. 2, all logic points to another commanding performance over the same 10-furlong trip. Heavily-favoured to become the sixth to complete the Winter Derby Trial-Winter Derby double since 2000, it is easy to envisage him fitting into the top level some time soon as his pedigree demands. Cont. p3

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

BRIDGING THE GAP: KARAKONTIE

In this next installment of the popular ‘Bridging the Gap’ series, Kelsey Riley turns the spotlight on Gainesway’s interestingly bred Karakontie. Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.
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Among the others to take the eye were the Darley duo of Night Of Thunder (Ire) and Brazen Beau (Aus). We didn’t add any Night of Thunders to the team but bought a filly by Brazen Beau at the Goffs UK Premier Sale for 20,000gns on behalf of Ontoawinner. She is with Michael Bell and appears sharp.

TDN: Which stallion do you think will go on to be the best of this intake?

AE: Muhaarar (GB) oozed quality throughout his career and he certainly appears to have passed that onto his offspring, if looks are anything to go by. A tremendously fast son of Oasis Dream (GB), he holds realistic claims at being able to emulate his father’s ability at stud somewhere down the line.
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- Promote and develop the UK market for the Irish thoroughbred industry through increasing sales and ownership.
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For now, Gosden is just focused on the next task in hand. “He’s been progressive, and he won nicely there three weeks ago. I hope he can repeat that,” he simply states.

One with a previous record which holds up to inspection is Hathal (Speightstown) and the former G3 Superior Mile winner has taken well to the Tapeta for the Jamie Osborne stable. Under regular rider Nicola Currie, the 7-year-old has scored twice at Wolverhampton and on the latter occasion at the expense of the smart Oh This Is Us (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}) in a handicap over an extended mile Feb. 4. “Obviously the favourite is going to be tough to beat, on all known form,” Osborne said.

“This horse has really taken to these all-weather surfaces well and I think he put up one of his lifetime bests last time. The trip isn’t a problem. If you took the favourite out I’d be excited about this run. You can’t run away from one. The horse is in a rich vein of form at the moment, and there’s no reason to think that has changed.”

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**BOOK REVIEW: THE ROUGH MAGIC OF THE MONGOL DERBY**

*By Kelsey Riley*

“Why do humans put so much thought into some decisions, yet plunge into others like cavalier penguins?”

This was 19-year-old Lara Prior-Palmer’s revelation after a day spent poking around Google for inspiration in June of 2013 led her to the application page for the Mongol Derby. It was seven weeks out from the world’s longest and toughest horse race, most of the other 40-odd riders had been training for a year, and she didn’t have nearly enough money to cover the entry fee. Yet, there is something intensely captivating about that far off, wild landscape and its horses and people, and so, wildly unprepared, Lara hit the big red ‘apply’ button.

I can attest to that feeling of wonderment and that urge to recklessly dive in head-first despite the odds of success—or even survival—looking incredibly unlikely; four years after Lara, it was me clicking that apply button, despite having never in my life camped or used GPS navigation, and having not been on the back of a horse in three years. Hell, I didn’t even know if I still enjoyed or was capable of riding, but something about the very thought of the Mongol Derby is absolutely intoxicating.

*Rough Magic*, set to be released in May, is Lara Prior-Palmer’s debut book and her memoir of becoming the youngest-ever person and first woman to win the Mongol Derby. The Mongol Derby is a 1,000 kilometre (or 620 mile) horse race across the steppes of outer Mongolia modeled after Chinggis Khan’s pony express postal system of the 1200s.
Book Review: The Rough Magic of the Mongol Derby cont.

It is recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records as the world’s longest multi-horse race. Riders change horses every 40 kilometres, and as the Mongol horses are designed with stamina as their forte, it is an endurance race for the rider much more so than the horse. There is no marked course; riders navigate between the roughly 25 checkpoints by GPS. Riders are permitted to carry only five kilograms (11 pounds) of kit for the six to 10-day ride and, after 14-hour days in the saddle, they camp out at night with Mongolian nomads. On top of all that, the steeds are rarely compliant: bucking, rearing, bolting, and sometimes the exact opposite—refusal to move—are commonplace. The Mongol Derby was brought to life by British-based company The Adventurists in 2009, and Lara was riding in the fifth renewal.

Less than two months after lodging her application, Lara touched down in Mongolia (the world’s second-largest landlocked country, smack between Russia and China) with what she had scraped together for a pack, which included a copy of Shakespeare’s *The Tempest* “to lift her out of any lows” during the race, and her re-cap of the experience is written in a decidedly poetic style.

The improbability of Lara winning the race—or, perhaps, even completing it at all—seems to grow only larger during official race training, when she becomes entangled in her own equipment and gets lost on her navigation test ride. The situation looks still hopeless the following day when, once the race is finally underway, Lara is the very last rider to reach the first checkpoint. But, as anyone who has taken on the Mongol Derby knows, absolutely anything can happen, and soon, Lara is making up ground.
Book Review: The Rough Magic of the Mongol Derby cont.

It helps, too, that she has a target: Texan Devan Horn, a boastful, self-confident 20-year-old who makes enemies of some of her fellow riders right from the beginning after assuring victory at the start line.

Sure enough, at the end of day one, Devan is a full leg—40 kilometres, or roughly four hours—ahead of everyone else. One thousand kilometres is a long way, however, and when any one of a million misfortunes can occur, defeat can easily be snatched from the jaws of victory.

Lara continues to move up through the pack and chip away at Devan’s lead over the next four days, and in recounting her journey in Rough Magic she strikes a beautiful balance between embodying the thrill and competition of the race—with her rivalry with Devan as the focal point—and also indulging in the race’s deeper spiritual side.

“We humans seem to have put a lot of energy into separating ourselves from nature,” Lara muses. “The race reclaims me as an animal—my original form, my rawest self, my favourite way to be.”

She remarks on the immense physical and mental challenges she faces, and reflects on the nomad way of life she has become temporarily immersed in and the lessons a Westerner can take from it.

“The refusal to rely on the same patch of land to perform year in, year out, resonates with the idea that you can’t depend on one place—or one person—to keep producing the same effect,” she says. “But why let their consistency disappoint, when you can simply move on?”

The drama of Rough Magic builds into a crescendo with an outcome to the race that is scarcely believable and unprecedented still in the short history of the event.

Lara Prior-Palmer’s memoir is an essential read for anyone with an unbridled sense of adventure, or simply the desire to believe the impossible truly isn’t. Having been in Lara’s shoes I can attest it is a fitting tribute to the Mongol Derby, the world’s longest, toughest, roughest, most magical horse race.

Rough Magic goes on sale on May 7 from Catapult Books and is available for pre-order now.

Friday’s Result:
5th-Lingfield, £4,500, Cond, 2-22, 3yo, 12f (AWT), 2:29.61, st. BALTIC SONG (IRE) (c, 3, Sea the Stars (Ire)—Born Wild (Ger), by Sadler’s Wells), who was too green to do himself justice when eighth on debut over a mile at Chelmsford Dec. 20, was settled behind the leading trio throughout the early stages. Grinding his way to the front with 150 yards remaining, the 2-1 second favourite stayed on to score by 1 3/4 lengths from Alpasu (Ire) (Dalakhani (Ire)). The winner is the latest progeny out of the prolific Born Wild, whose six black-type performers feature the G1 Prix Vermeille heroine Baltic Baroness (Ger) (Shamardal), G1SW-Fr, $467,130. With a yearling colt by Golden Horn (GB) to come, she is a daughter of the high-achieving G1 Deutsches Derby, G1 Grosser Preis von Baden and G1 Hong Kong Vase heroine Borgia (Ger) (Acatenango (Ger)). She is herself a half-sister to the G1 Deutsches Derby and G1 Coronation Cup winner Boreal (Ger) (Java Gold). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $3,796. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O/B-Gestut Ammerland (IRE); T-John Gosden.

Friday’s Result:
2nd-Chantilly, €25,000, Mdn, 2-22, 3yo, c/g, 8f (AWT), 1:37.01, st. FLAMBEUR (g, 3, Mizzen Mast—Flamenba, by Kingmambo), runner-up on debut over nine furlongs at Lyon la Soie in October, was fourth initially before being allowed to stride up to second in the back straight. Working his way to the lead with a furlong remaining, the 4-5 favourite was hard pressed by Septems (Fr) (Vespone (Ire)) from there but asserted close home to score by a neck. The dam, whose gelding Primero (Fr) (Cape Cross (Ire)) was second in the Listed Grand Prix de Bordeaux, is a daughter of the G3 Prix de Royaumont winner Sadler’s Flag (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells) from the family of Poliglote (GB) which includes
last year’s G2 May Hill S. scorer Fleeting (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}). Still to come from Flamenba is a 2-year-old full-brother to the winner named Masterio and a yearling colt by Distorted Humor. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €15,700. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (KY); T-Carlos Laffon-Parias.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:
Tifosa (Ire), f, 3, Kodiac (GB)--Toquette (Ire), by Acclamation (GB). Chantilly, 2-22, 8f (AWT), 1:37.93. B-Corduff Stud & J Corcoran (IRE). *€150,000 Ylg ’17 GOFORB.

Friday’s Results:
1st-Dundalk, €15,000, Mdn, 2-22, 3yo, f, 8f (AWT), 1:41.31. st. FRESNEL (GB) (f, 3, Sea the Stars {Ire}--Candle Lit {Ire}, by Duke of Marmalade {Ire}), a 40-1 shot, was sent to the front in enterprising fashion by Gary Halpin after the first furlong. Clear entering the home straight, the bargain €18,000 foal purchase maintained the momentum in convincing style to register a 2 1/2-length success from Lady Cedar (Ire) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}). The winner is the first representative of the unraced Candle Lit, a Moyglare cast-off who was snapped up for €100,000 by Brian Grassick Bloodstock at the 2013 Goffs February Sale. She is a half-sister to the MGSW multiple Irish highweight Profound Beauty (Ire) (Danehill), while her similarly unraced half-sibling Majestic Silver (Ire) (Linamix {Fr}) has produced three group performers headed by the talented Carla Bianca (Ire) (Dansili {GB}). From the excellent family of the G2 Ribblesdale S. scorer Irresistible Jewel (Ire) (Danehill) and her high-class trio of Princess Highway (Street Cry {Ire}), Royal Diamond (Ire) (King’s Best) and Mad About You (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}), she also has a 2-year-old colt by Golden Horn (GB). Sales history: €18,000 Wlg ’16 GOFNOV. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $10,475. O-Clodagh McStay; B-Mabaki Investments (GB); T-Jack Davison.

3rd-Dundalk, €16,000, Mdn, 2-22, 3yo, 7f (AWT), 1:26.30. st. JUPITER ROAD (GB) (c, 3, Charm Spirit {Ire}--Thankful {GB}, by Diesis {GB}), eighth on his racecourse bow over a mile here in October, tracked the leading duo early under cover. Committed at the top of the straight, the 8-1 shot took over from Oneiroi (Ire) (Morphus {GB}) approaching the furlong pole and battled gamely to see off that rival by a head. The winner is a half-
Friday’s Results:

**JEBEL ALI SPRINT SPONSORED BY DERRINSTOWN STUD-Listed**, AED500,000 (£104,221/€120,028/US$136,147), Jebel Ali, 2-22, NH/Sh3yo/up, 1000m, :58.07, ft.

1—THAMMIN (GB), 126, g, 5, Dark Angel (Ire)—Gimme Some Lovin (Ire), by Desert Style (Ire). 1ST STAKES WIN. (£170,000 Ylg ‘15 DONAUG). O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Stratford Place Stud & Willow Bloodstock; T-Musabbeh Al Mheri; J-Jim Crowley; AED300,000. Lifetime Record: 12-4-1-1, $115,398.

2—High On Life (GB), 126, g, 8, Invincible Spirit (Ire)—Lovely Thought (GB), by Dubai Destination. (£55,000 Ylg ‘12 DONAUG; £70,000 RNA 2yo ‘13 DONAPR; 190,000gns HRA ‘14 TATHIT). O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum. AED100,000.

3—My Catch (Ire), 126, g, 8, Camacho (GB)—Catch The Sea (Ire), by Barathea (Ire). (85,000gns Ylg ‘12 ‘13 ARQMY; €120,000 HRA ‘13 ARQARC). O-Valentin Bukhtoyarov & Evgeny Kappushev. AED50,000.

Margins: 4, 1 1/4, HF.

Also Ran: Shajji (Ire), Draco, Alfolk (Aus), Ghamer.

**JEBEL ALI S. SPONSORED BY SHADWELL-Listed**, AED500,000 (£104,221/€120,028/US$136,147), Jebel Ali, 2-22, NH4yo/up, Sh3yo/up, 1950m, 1:57.72, ft.

1—MONTSARRAT (IRE), 126, g, 6, Poet’s Voice (GB)—Flying Flag (Ire), by Entrepreneur (GB). (45,000gns Wlg ‘13 TATOC; €135,000 2yo ‘13 ARQMY; €120,000 HRA ‘13 ARQARC). O-Ahmad Ghalita Almheiri; B-Agricola Del Parco; T-Sandeep Jadhav; J-Royston Ffrench; AED300,000. Lifetime Record: 31-7-5-2, $295,388. *1/2 to Laguna Salada (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), MSW-Ity, $132,356.

2—Just A Penny (Ire), 126, g, 7, Kodiak (GB)—Privet (Ire), by Cape Cross (Ire). (38,000gns Wlg ‘12 TATOF; 50,000gns Ylg ‘13 TATOC). O-Mohammed Khalifa Al Basti. AED100,000.

3—Shamaal Nibras, 126, g, 10, First Samurai--Sashay Away, by Farma Way. ($25,000 Ylg ‘10 KEESEP; 45,000gns 2yo ‘11 TATAPR). O-EERC (Mgr: Mrs Rebecca Byrne). AED100,000.

Margins: 2, 3/4, 1 1/4.

Also Ran: Galles, Key Bid (GB), Bois De Boulogne, Tried and True, Moqarrar, Surfer, Broadcast.

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**HUNTING HORN CONTINUES WORLD TRAVELS IN AMIR TROPHY** by Alan Carasso

A winner at group level in Britain, placed in Grade I company in America and group-placed in France, Michael Tabor, Mrs John Magnier and Derrick Smith’s **Hunting Horn** (Camelot {GB}) shoots for more international black-type in Saturday’s US$1-million H.H. The Amir Trophy (2400m) at Al Rayyan Racecourse in Doha.

Impressive winner of last year’s G3 Hampton Court S. at the Royal meeting and subsequently third in the GI Belmont Derby across the pond, Hunting Horn just missed in the G2 Qatar Prix Niel on Arc preview day Sept. 16. Well beaten in the Arc itself and in the GI Breeders’ Cup Turf, the bay makes his first start since an honest third in the GII W.L. McKnight S. at Florida’s Gulfstream Park Jan. 26.

The lightly raced **Raymond Tusk** (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) represents the Richard Hannon yard and makes his first appearance as a 4-year-old, having carried Jamie Spencer to a half-length success in the G2 Gran Premio del Jockey Club at the San Siro last October. At home, he was the easy winner of the Listed Glasgow S. and runner-up in the G3 Geoffrrey Freer S. ahead of an unplaced effort behind Kew Gardens (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 St Leger S.

**Liam the Charmer** (Smart Strike) ships in from the States for trainer Michael McCarthy, who won the GI Pegasus World Cup a few weeks back with City of Light (Quality Road). A Grade II winner over 1 furlongs last season, he was most recently just beaten into third in the GII San Gabriel S. over an insufficient nine-furlong trip Jan. 5. **Cont. p8**
**HH The Amir Sword cont.**

The locals are headed by **The Blue Eye (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), winner of this event in 2016 and again last year. Victorious in his first-up run over 1600m Nov. 15, he endured a tough trip to be a latest seventh in a domestic Group 2 race over a mile and a quarter Dec. 27.

Though Qatar is a part III racing jurisdiction per the International Cataloging Standards, the Amir Trophy is one of three races conducted annually that is eligible for black-type.

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**Saturday, Al Rayyan, Qatar, post time: 4:15 p.m.**

**H.H. THE AMIR TROPHY**, $1,000,000, 4yo/up, 2400mT

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**AL BIDDAH MILE (NB)**, $250,000, 3yo, 1600mT

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All carry 128 pounds, bar Luchador, 123.

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**Friday’s Results:**

**IRISH THOROUGHBRED MARKETING CUP (NB)**, $200,000, Al Rayyan, 2-22, 4yo/up, 1600mT, 1:35.53, fm.

1—**MARIANAFOOT (FR)**, 128, c, 4, Footstepsinthesand (GB); Marianabaa (Fr), by Anabaa (Fr). O/B-Jean-Claude Seroul; T-Jerome Reynier; J-Pierre-Charles Boudot; $114,000. Lifetime Record: SW-Fr, 9-6-0-1, $217,123.

2—**Black Granite (Ire)**, 128, g, 7, Dark Angel (Ire); Glisten (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB). (€105,000 Ylg '13 GOFORB; 155,000gns HRA '14 TATHIT), $44,000.

3—**Top Face**, 128, h, 6, Tiznow; Topps Turvy (Ire), by Saint Ballado. (€57,000 HRA '16 ARQARC), $22,000.

Margins: NK, 1, NK.

Also Ran: Diplomat (Ger), Vitally Important (Ire), Roman Legend (Ire), Copleys Walk (Ire), Nordic Dream (Ire), Yu Change (Jpn), Al Mohalhal (Ire), Warring States (Jpn), Salateen (GB), Topsy Turvy (Ire), Hammerindown. VIDEO
### Saturday, Lingfield, Britain, post time: 3.15 p.m.

**BETWAY WINTER DERBY S.-G3, £100,000, 4yo/up, 10f (AWT)**

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### Sunday, Nakayama, Japan, post time: 3.45 p.m.

**NAKAYAMA KINEN-G2, ¥119,640,000 (£827,644/€953,308/$1,081,002), 4yo/up, 1800mT**

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**COLTS TO FILLIES: HARRON COVERING THE MARKET**

**By Paul Vettise**

As another sales season progresses, James Harron has been busy scouring the top end of the colt market for elite performers with stallion potential and searching for value precocious fillies for his syndication company.

James Harron has had a successful run with his colt fund, producing stallions Capitalist (Written Tycoon) and Pariah (Redoute’s Choice) to stand in the Hunter Valley.

2-year-old colt Rome (Pierro), another high profile member of the James Harron Bloodstock colts’ syndicate, is close to resuming after finishing runner-up in the G3 BJ McLachlan S. at Doomben at his second start in late December.

The Peter and Paul Snowden-trained colt is out of Dance Card (Exceed And Excel), a half-sister to the G3 Southern Cross S. winner Kaepernick (Fastnet Rock) and was bought out of Bhima’s Magic Millions Gold Coast draft for $1,050,000.

“I was very happy with his trial on Monday, as were Peter and Paul, along with jockey Brett Prebble,” James Harron said. “Rome was very sharp and responsive in the blinkers, which is what we wanted to see going forward.

“We have a number of options available to us, the most likely being a start in the G2 Skyline S. at Randwick on March 2, with obvious major targets beyond that being the Triple Crown races. Unfortunately, he just missed out on a start in the Magic Millions, which was particularly disappointing as he was going into the race in outstanding shape. That said, it could be a blessing in disguise as he could now be the fresh horse on the scene. He has the pre-Christmas experience that seems so vital and Group class performance already under his belt.”

**JHB Syndications a diversification move**

In order to diversify the James Harron Bloodstock business model, JHB Syndications was established two years ago to take advantage of the major financial returns in 2-year-old racing, targeting value fillies.

“We launched JHB Syndications with our first purchases at the 2017 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale,” Harron said. “We take a very boutique approach, enabling us to provide the very highest level of ownership experience, while targeting a very select group of fillies who we feel have the necessary attributes to target 2-year-old success on the racetrack.

“The response has been great, with the owners in JHB Syndications ranging from complete first-timers to experienced owners. It has been particularly rewarding to provide an educational aspect to what we do, keeping people updated at every stage of the ownership journey, and most importantly providing our owners with good results on the track. We have had a number of city winners.”

The top earner to date has been Biscara (Rubick), purchased for $42,000 at the Inglis Classic Yearling Sale in 2018.

“She’s done a great job for owners, gaining a pair of black type placings and over $120,000 in earnings, not to mention the great value-add that 2-year-old black type puts onto her future value as a broodmare when the time comes.” Harron said. “All being well, we very much envision her becoming a black type winner this preparation.”

**Fast fillies the target**

Harron said precocity was a major quality they were searching for in prospective fillies.

“It goes without saying that there is a huge focus in Australian racing toward 2-year-old racing, so we are keen to fulfil that with the types of fillies we are buying.

“There has also been fantastic investment into the sales races, with naturally a lot of this prize money focussed toward the juveniles."
“By aiming for the types of fillies who look like 2-year-old sorts, we are looking to give our owners every chance of lining up for these huge prizes.”

JHB Syndications has been in the market in 2019 for another package of yearlings.

“We’ve been delighted with what we have been able to secure so far this year, with our seven fillies consisting of six by proven stallions and one by first-season sire Super One,” Harron said.

“I’ve been very impressed with Super One’s progeny during the sales. I feel that he’s a real chance to emulate his sire, who started with a fairly similar profile.

“With the larger number of owners involved in syndicated horses it makes breeding careers in the same ownership as their racing careers fairly difficult, though it is always a possibility,” Harron said. “More important to us is maximising the value of the fillies through their racing careers to ensure that when the time does come to sell a filly for breeding, the owners are well rewarded in terms of a good sales price.”

IN SINGAPORE:

Don De La Vega (Aus), g, 4, Lope de Vega (Ire)--Our Mavourneen (NZ) (GSP-NZ), by O’Reilly (NZ). Kranji, 2-22, Hcp. (A$52k), 1400mT, 1:23.50. B-J A Keough. *1/2 to Our Rock O’Reilly (Aus) (Murtajill {Aus}), SP-Aus. **A$45,000 Ylg ‘16 INGFEB.

VIDEO

Corsa d’Oro (Aus), g, 4, Medaglia d’Oro--Wokpool (Aus), by Hussonet. Kranji, 2-22, Open Maiden (A$21k), 1400mT, 1:24.69. B-G Harvey (NSW). *A$45,000 Ylg ‘16 MGLJUN.

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IN MACAU:

Sheng Li Superstar (Aus), g, 4, Harbour Watch (Ire)--Viator (Aus), by Snaadee. Taipa, 2-22, Hcp. (A$52k), 1050m (sand), 1:02.4. B-Emirates Park Pty Ltd (NSW). *Formerly Westerly Wind (Aus). **First start in Macau, having amassed a record of 4-1-1-1 in Australia. ***1/2 to Viatorian (Aus) (Secret Savings), MGSP-Aus, $876,445. ****A$145,000 Ylg ‘16 MMGCYS.

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