DERBY AND BELMONT
LESSONS ON A GAME WITHOUT FRONTIERS

By Chris McGrath

We've all had plenty to think about, and some of us have had plenty to say, after Galileo (Ire) measured his incredible Epsom hegemony in the field assembled for the Derby last Saturday: 12 out of 13 runners either by the great patriarch himself, or by his sons and a grandson; and the other one out of a daughter of his full-sister.

Wherever you stand--whether you share the defeatist view that there's no point trying to stem the tide; or suspect that the situation partly reflects a culpable neglect of stallions with Classic eligibility in favour of (ostensibly) commercial alternatives--everyone can surely acknowledge that the European gene pool would benefit from greater diversity. Arguably, it is now becoming as stagnant as when a dynasty founded by Galileo's grandsire, a Kentucky Derby winner, exported the transformative properties of dirt horses bred to carry their speed two turns.

True, Roaring Lion (Kitten's Joy) not only belongs to another branch of the Sadler's Wells sire-line but also didn't quite get home in the Derby last year, having been last off the bridle. Cont. p2

MATRON THE PLAN FOR SKITTER SCATTER

Skitter Scatter (Scat Daddy) has had an easy spell since tearing a muscle while beating just one home in the G1 1000 Guineas on May 5, and trainer John Oxx revealed on Wednesday that last year’s G1 Moyglare Stud S. winner is being aimed at the G1 Matron S. at Leopardstown in September.

"She's making gradual progress. She's been confined to walking exercise for a month and we're coming to the end of that now, so we'll see how we go from here," Oxx said. "We think it [the torn muscle] happened about three furlongs out, and she just went backwards then. It's disappointing, but these things happen."

"It's a slow process, and she hasn't been given the all-clear to step up her work yet," added Oxx of the Sonia and Anthony Rogers homebred. "These things take time and we'll just have to be patient. She will recover all right and hopefully it will be soon enough, but we haven't set any deadline for her to run. The Matron S. is a Group 1 target we have in mind for her, but how we get there--whether we can get one or two runs into her beforehand--we'll just have to see how she progresses."

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Steve Sherack and Christie DeBernardis report from Belmont Park ahead of a blockbuster three days of racing centered around the third leg of the Triple Crown. Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.
Derby and Belmont Lessons on a Game Without Frontiers cont.

But the subsequent Cartier Horse of the Year had been found by David Redvers for $160,000 as a Keeneland yearling. You would like to think that his example might encourage a little more of the cross-pollination that has historically, in energising cycles, caused mutual regeneration in transatlantic bloodlines.

Looking at the Classic run for the 151st time in New York on Saturday, and over the same distance, it seems slightly incredible that Tapit--seeking a fourth Belmont S. in six years, and represented by three sons including the favourite--has not been given more opportunity on grass by those European powers who would like to make a more consistent stand against Ballydoyle at Epsom.

From a tiny sample overall, last year Tapit came up with George Strawbridge’s Wissahickon, who outclassed 32 rivals under a big weight in the Cambridgeshire H. Though his continued progress on synthetics during the winter stalled on his latest start, there’s no doubt that he showed himself that day to have top-class potential for grass.

Wissahickon’s dam, by Nureyev, was a Grade I winner on turf, and had previously produced a Group 1 winner in Europe in Rainbow View (Dynaformer) and G1 Arlington Million runner-up Just As Well (A.P. Indy). But at least he showed that Tapit, who has sired a couple of Grade I winners on grass in the U.S. in Ring Weekend and Time And Motion, can work with a bit of chlorophyll.

After all, his second dam Ruby Slippers was by Northern Dancer’s English Triple Crown winner Nijinsky and, if her son Rubiano had different strengths, he did go on to sire Starry Dreamer--who herself showed high-class form on turf before producing War Front.

If War Of Will can add the Belmont to the Preakness, he will not only reiterate that War Front is perfectly competent to sire dirt champions; he will also correct a parallel misapprehension in Europe, where he has largely made his turf reputation, that he won’t get horses to stretch out. Exactly the same point as was made by Justify in the race last year, as a son of Scat Daddy.

That tells us something, no doubt, about what it means to carry speed on dirt. But remember that the decisive kick at Epsom last Saturday belonged to a colt whose first four dams are by Danzig’s grandson Exceed And Excel, Gone West, Storm Cat and Alydar.

Further wholesome evidence, then, of the transferability of American blood to different disciplines, surfaces and distances. So often, reputed specialisations are self-fulfilling. Turf is the premier racing environment in Japan, so the progeny of Deep Impact are presumed to be turf operators despite having Sunday Silence as grandsire. But all these international transfusions should be a two-way street, and that has opened up a new Silk Road between Hokkaido and New York for the Belmont.

Now clearly NYRA didn’t offer a $1-million bonus for any Japanese winner of this cherished heirloom of the American Turf purely out of brotherly love. In return, they get access to the fabled goldfields of the Japanese pari-mutuel market--albeit only the most wide-awake wagers will be made from Tokyo before breakfast. (Maybe next year’s race will be staged under lights, after Saturday Night Live.)
Derby and Belmont Lessons cont.

Mind you, if Master Fencer (Jpn) were actually to win on Saturday, he might wake plenty of people from rather too comfortable a slumber. Because by embracing external competition—so an idealist would tell us, at any rate—we learn more not only about others, but also about ourselves. And the sight of Master Fencer finishing as strongly as he did in the Kentucky Derby, onto the heels of the principals having been tailed off, was a little unnerving in one who had brought few pretensions to representing the elite of his generation back home. He only got his invitation, in fact, because three superior scorers on the Japan Road to the Derby had all declined.

But then we should be well familiar, by now, with the calibre of Thoroughbred the Japanese have been sending overseas in recent years. Almond Eye (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}) was their fourth winner in the last six editions of the G1 Dubai Turf, and it is only a matter of time before the Japanese satisfy their craving for a first Arc after serial near-misses. At the same time, moreover, restrictions on foreign competition for their vast domestic prizes have been steadily relaxed--partly, no doubt, because everyone now recognises the standards required to plunder them.

Master Fencer's sire-line is a good example of how the Japanese Thoroughbred has developed during that process. He is from the debut crop of one of those Dubai Turf winners, Just A Way, himself a graduate of only the second crop of Heart's Cry. The latter had measured his international quality both in Dubai (won the G1 Sheema Classic) and England (beaten a length in the G1 King George & Queen Elizabeth S.).

As a son of "The One That Got Away", Heart's Cry is among those whose stock is potentially equipped to repatriate the Sunday Silence line to the U.S. Another is Hat Trick (Sunday Silence), whose son Win Win Win contested the first two legs of the Triple Crown, but Heart's Cry is ahead of the game through Yoshida, who opened up new horizons when switched to dirt for the GI Woodward S. last year.

Heart's Cry was a triumph of the Shadai breeding program, as a son of the transformative Sunday Silence out of Irish Dance, a homebred daughter of another imported stallion, Tony Bin (Ire), whose family tree was saturated with old English Classic influences. Irish Dance was out of a half-sister to My Juliet--whose achievements, as a champion sprinter, helped another sibling to become the first $10-million yearling at Keeneland in 1983: the notorious dud, Snaafi Dancer. What fun, to find their dam My Bupers propping up a pedigree that really is worth millions.

IN TDN AUS/NZ TODAY

SNITZEL COLT SHINES AT NATIONAL SALE

A son of Snitzel topped the opening session of the Magic Millions National Yearling Sale. Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.
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The American influence is complemented in Master Fencer’s dam, a daughter of Deputy Minister, whose impact on the Belmont we celebrated on Wednesday, purchased as a yearling by owner-breeder Katsumi Yoshizawa at the 2005 September Sale for $110,000. She’s from a Virginia Kraft Payson family and the next three dams are by Broad Brush, Chief’s Crown and Northfields, so here’s another example of the healthy regeneration achieved by cyclical transfusions between continents. The Northfields mare, in fact, is Northern Sunset: dam of St Jovite, 12-length winner of the 1992 Irish Derby. So let’s hope that the adventures of Master Fencer, from what was once the most insular of all racing economies, can help spur an era of free trade in talent and, above all, blood. If he lands the Belmont, everyone’s a winner. He carries off an extra million bucks; but who can put a price on the potential dividends for the American industry, arising from curiosity back home? At a time when protectionism is back on the political agenda, Master Fencer can show us all why—and how—we have to dismantle barriers to diversity.

REMEmBERING TREVOR JONES

By Emma Berry

Many people in the racing and breeding world will have been saddened to learn of the death of Trevor Jones on Wednesday morning at the age of 72.

An immensely talented photographer, Trevor moved from general sports photography, initially with Sporting Pictures in the 1970s and then Allsport, to specialise in horse racing.

He completed a stint on the Racing Post and became the retained photographer for Pacemaker in 1990, later filling that same role for International Thoroughbred. During this time he also made a name for himself in the bloodstock world through his imagery of many of the world’s leading stallions. In a style which is now considered to be the norm for stallion promotion, Trevor played a major part in moving stallion photography away from the traditional conformation shot to more informal images captured in the paddocks.

In an era in which photography underwent rapid technological transformation, from film to digital, Trevor was always ahead of the curve on the technical front. His mastery of this element of his field was coupled with an expert eye which captured many a key moment in racing over the last four decades.

One So Wonderful winning the Juddmonte International in a tight finish. One of Trevor Jones’s favourite photos. | Trevor Jones

As a young picture editor on Horse & Hound, I knew I could call on Trevor’s office, run so efficiently by his wife Gill and, in later years, with expert assistance from Laura Green, and almost certainly find just the image needed to bring a page to life. Later, we had a closer working relationship on Pacemaker magazine, and I would regularly find an excuse to escape London to visit Trevor’s office just outside Newmarket, knowing that I’d find a warm welcome from Trevor and Gill, not to mention their collection of dogs, which they both adored. Many enjoyable hours were spent rummaging through his files, which remain to this day an important photographic history of the sport in the modern era.

From the heat of the battle on the racecourse, to a beautifully observed moment of calm on a stud farm, Trevor’s pictures stand as testament to his great talent.
Remembering Trevor Jones cont.

Moreover, to those of us fortunate enough to have worked alongside him, he will remain in our memories as a man whose gentleness was a refreshing counterpoint to the competitive sphere in which he plied his trade with considerable skill.

The accompanying photographs were two of Trevor’s favourites. In an interview in Pacemaker back in 2001, he said of the shot depicting One So Wonderful (GB) beating Faithful Son and Chester House in a tight finish for the 1998 Juddmonte International, "This image to me is about six athletes: the three horses and their three riders. They’ve fallen into a rhythm and I like the way they are synchronised and striving for the line."

The other photograph shows one of Trevor’s favourite members of the racing tribe, Henry Cecil, at home in his beloved rose garden.

Cecil, whose fondness of flamboyant clothes was almost equal to his ability as a racehorse trainer, was a photographer’s gift, and there was no better man to capture his colourful character than Trevor Jones. His eye for a picture, and his friendship, will be much missed.

COMMES HEADED TO JAPAN

Commes (Fr) is the latest daughter of Le Havre (Ire) bound for Japan, with Jour de Galop revealing that Teruya Yoshida has purchased the G1 Poule d’Essai des Pouliches runner-up privately.

Racing as a homebred for Gerard Augustin-Normand, Commes earned ‘TDN Rising Star’ status with a three-length debut win at Deauville in August and has been second in three subsequent outings, including when beaten a nose by Castle Lady (Ire) (Shamardal) in the Pouliches.

Yoshida also purchased privately Le Havre’s La Cressonniere (Fr) and Avenir Certain (Fr), both winners of the Pouliches and the Prix de Diane, which is Commes’s next target on June 16. Yoshida also races the Mar. 10 G2 Hochi Hai Fillies’ Revue winner Pourville (Jpn) (Le Havre {Ire}), who he bought in utero of the Group 3-winning Kenhope (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr}) for 480,000gns in 2014.

FIRST ENTRIES ANNOUNCED FOR GOFFS LONDON SALE

A pair of top-class mares offered in foal to two of Europe’s leading stallions are among the first entries for the 2019 Goffs London Sale in association with QIPCO, scheduled to take place on the eve of the opening of Royal Ascot on Monday, June 17.
**FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS**

**Thursday, June 6:**

**UNITED KINGDOM**

**Anjaal (GB)** (Bahamian Bounty (GB)), Rathasker Stud
148 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
17:25-CHELMSFORD CITY, 6f, ABOVE (Fr)
€18,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2018; €125,000 Arqana May 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2019
17:25-CHELMSFORD CITY, 6f, MAC MCCARTHY (Ire)
£15,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018

**Brazen Beau (Aus)** (I Am Invincible {Aus}), Dalham Hall Stud
78 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
15:10-HAYDOCK PARK, 5f, DUBAI STATION (GB)
30,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 2

**Cable Bay (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Highclere Stud
114 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
17:25-CHELMSFORD CITY, 6f, CHROMIUM (GB)
6,191gns RNA Tattersalls Ireland Ascot Sept. Yearling Sale 2018;
3,500 Goffs UK Autumn HIT & Yearling Sale 2018
17:25-CHELMSFORD CITY, 6f, SPARKLING DIAMOND (GB)
5,500gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 3
14:00-HAMILTON PARK, 6f, STORMY BAY (GB)
19,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; £11,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018

**Fountain of Youth (Ire)** (Oasis Dream {GB}), Bearstone Stud
71 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
15:10-HAYDOCK PARK, 5f, KILIG (GB)
31,000 Goffs February Mixed Sale 2018; €50,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2018; 62,000gns RNA Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up Sale 2019

**Gutaifan (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud
166 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
14:20-RIPON, 6f, ISTANBUL (Ire)
€31,000 Goffs February Mixed Sale 2018; €50,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2018; 62,000gns RNA Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up Sale 2019

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**Just Sensual**

Klawervlei Stud-bred **Just Sensual (SAf)** (Dynasty {SAf}--Consensual {SAf}, by Camden Park) won half of her 12 starts at home, including the 2016 G1 Cape Fillies Guineas en route to being named champion of her generation that season. A daughter of fellow champion and G1SW Consensual, Just Sensual will be consigned to the London Sale by The National Stud and is offered in foal to Frankel (GB).

Connections of Fierement have said the 4-year-old will have to perform well in the G2 Sapporo Kinen on Aug. 18 to get on the plane, but should he make it to ParisLongchamp stamina certainly won’t be a concern; his two Group 1 wins have come over 3000 and 3200 metres.
**OBSERVATIONS**

on the European racing scene

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**Hot Streak (Ire)** (Iffraaj {GB}), Tweenhills Stud

- 79 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
- 14:20-RIPON, 6f, RED HOT STREAK (GB)
- 2,500gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; €18,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2018

**Ivawood (Ire)** (Zebedee {GB}), Coolmore Stud

- 100 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
- 14:00-HAMILTON PARK, 6f, RUSALKA (Ire)
  - i 18,000 Goffs February Mixed Sale 2018; 15,000 RNA Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018

**Make Believe (GB)** (Makfi {GB}), Ballylinch Stud

- 87 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
- 14:00-HAMILTON PARK, 6f, MAKYON (Ire)
  - 22,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 2

**Outstrip (GB)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Dalham Hall Stud

- 106 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner
- 17:25-CHELMSFORD CITY, 6f, BEAT THE BREEZE (GB)
  - 10,477gns Tattersalls Ireland Ascot Sept. Yearling Sale 2018

**The Wow Signal (Ire)** (Starspangledbanner {Aus}), Haras de Bouquetot

- 9 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
- 14:00-HAMILTON PARK, 6f, GLORY MAKER (Fr)
  - €22,000 Osarus September La Teste Yearling Sale 2018; 22,000gns Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up Sale 2019

**IRELAND**

**Gleneagles (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), Coolmore Stud

- 110 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
- 1-LEOPARDSTOWN, 7f, TOO SOON TO PANIC (Ire)

**Gutaifan (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud

- 166 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
- 1-LEOPARDSTOWN, 7f, MONO LOCO (Ire)

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3.30 Hamilton, Cond, £27,000, 3yo/up, 6f 6yT

Last term’s G1 British Champions Sprint S. hero SANDS OF MALI (FR) (Panis) makes his European return coming back off a sixth in Meydan’s Mar. 30 G1 Al Quoz Sprint. In an intriguing six-runner affair, he once again faces King Power Racing’s British Champions Sprint third DONJUAN TRIUMPHANT (Ire) (Dream Ahead) and 2017 G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest hero BRANDO (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), who ran fourth in that Ascot contest.

5.45 Leopardstown, Mdn, €17,500, 2yo, f, 7f 25yT

PETITE MUSTIQUE (IRE) (Galileo {Ire}), who is a full-sister to G1 Criterium International hero Johannes Vermeer (Ire), yielded the highest price when knocked down for €1.1-million at Goffs’s 2017 November Foal Sale and is one of three entries for Aidan O’Brien in this nine-strong heat. She is joined by stablemates Blissful (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), whose five black-type siblings include MG1SP sire Gustav Klimt (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and G1 Gran Criterium heroine Nayarra (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}); and LOVE (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), a half-sister to G2 Duchess of Cambridge S. and G2 Lowther S. victress Lucky Kristale (GB) (Lucky Story).

7.35 Chelmsford, Cond, £15,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 10f (AWT)

Saif Ali’s IRISH STEPS (Giant’s Causeway) is a daughter of GI Canadian International heroine Sarah Lynx (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) and represents the David Lanigan stable in this belated unveiling. Her rivals include Alrabban Racing’s hitherto unraced ALBANDERI (GB) (Kingman {GB}), who is a €240,000 Arqana August half-sister to last week’s G2 Badener Meile victor The Revenant (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), from the Sir Michael Stoute yard.

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**Outstrip | Alayna Cullen**

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**BRITAIN**

**Wednesday’s Results:**

3rd-Kempton, £10,000, Novice, 6-5, 3yo/up, 7f (AWT), 1:25.73, st/sl.

TIPPERARY JACK (c, 3, Violence--Indian Miss, by Indian Charlie), who was fifth behind the subsequent winner Nahaarr (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) over six furlongs on debut at Doncaster May 4, over-raced early on the heels of the leader.
3rd-Kempton cont.

Forging up the rail and to the front with 100 yards remaining, the 6-1 shot readily asserted to beat Destination (GB) (Mukhadram {GB}) by 1 3/4 lengths. Tuk Power (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), King Power Racing’s 1.3-million gns Tattersalls October Book 1 graduate, was too green and never threatened in eighth. The winner is a half-brother to Mitole (Eskendereya) who captured this year’s GI Churchill Downs S. and GII Count Fleet Sprint H., GISW-US, $992,910. The dam, who is a half to the GII Davona Dale S. scorer Live Lively (Medaglia d’Oro), also has an as-yet unraced 2-year-old filly by Creative Cause named Lucky Dime, a yearling colt by Oxbow and a 2019 filly by Into Mischief.

Sales history: $100,000 Ylg ’17 KEESUP; £190,000 2yo ’18 GOFLON. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $8,216. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Curtis & Tomkins; B-Edward A. Cox (KY); T-John Best.

4th-Kempton, £10,000, Novice, 6-5, 3yo/up, 7f (AWT), 1:26.34, st/sl.

LAND OF LEGENDS (IRE) (c, 3, Iffraaj {GB}--Homily {GB}, by Singspiel {Ire}), second to ‘TDN Rising Star’ King of Comedy (Ire) (Kingman {GB}) on debut at Yarmouth on Apr. 23 before disappointing when fifth over a mile at Newmarket on May 17, started as the 4-11 favourite and quickly had the advantage. Drifting left in the straight, the homebred was unextended to score by 2 1/4 lengths from Mutamaasik (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}).

The unraced dam, who has the unraced 2-year-old colt Kassab (GB) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) and a colt foal by Kodiach (GB), is out of the G2 Challenge S. winner Last Resort (GB) (Lahib) and therefore a half-sister to the sire Rebellion (GB) (Mozart {Ire}) who took the GII Commonwealth S. and GII Ack Ack H. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $9,666. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O/B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Saeed bin Suroor.

1st-Kempton, £6,000, Mdn, 6-5, 2yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:12.99, st/sl. SHADN (IRE) (f, 2, No Nay Never--Amethyst {Ire} {SW & G1SP-Ire, SP-Eng}, by Sadler’s Wells), a 9-1 shot, was keen early despite being covered up against the rail halfway down the field. Surging through to gain the advantage approaching the furlong pole, the bay drew away to score in authoritative fashion by 3 1/4 lengths from Fair Pass (Ire) (Raven’s Pass). The winner is the last known foal out of the dam, who took the Listed Leopardstown 1000 Guineas Trial S. and was runner-up in the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas itself in 2000. She is a full-sister to the G1 2000 Guineas and G1 National S. hero King of Kings (Ire) and the G2 Prix Robert Papin scorer General Monash (Thorn Dance).

Sales history: €16,000 Wlg ’17 GOFLON; 40,000gns Ylg ’18 TASAYG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $4,929. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Alrabban Racing; B-Barronstown Stud (IRE); T-Andrew Balding.

1st-Ripon, £6,000, Novice, 6-5, 2yo, 5fT, :58.74, g/s.

SPARTAN FIGHTER (GB) (c, 2, Dutch Art {GB}--Survived {GB} {SP-Eng}, by Kyllachy {GB}), fourth on debut at Carlisle on May 20, held a narrow lead from the outset. Passed by A’Ali (Ire) (Society Rock {Ire}) inside the final two furlongs, the 7-4 second favourite stuck to his task to regain the advantage in the final yards and prevail by a neck. The winner is the first live foal out of a listed-placed granddaughter of Dazzle (GB) (Gone West) who captured the G2 Cherry Hinton S. and was third in the G1 1000 Guineas. Her filly foal is by Lethal Force (Ire). Sales history: 45,000gns Wlg ’17 TATFOA. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $5,540. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Clipper Logistics; B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB); T-Declan Carroll.

18, 45,000gns Wlg 17 TATFOA.

17 TATFOA. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $5,540. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Clipper Logistics; B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB); T-Declan Carroll.
Tuesday Night’s Result:
Tipperary, €13,000, Mdn, 6-4, 3yo/up, 12f 110yT, 2:54.17, sf.  
HARPO MARX (IRE) (c, 3, Galileo (IRE)--Nechita (Aus) {G1SW-Aus, $469,493}, by Fastnet Rock (Aus)), runner-up to stabilemate II Paradiso (Galileo (IRE)) in first-time cheekpieces over 12 furlongs at Leopardstown on May 12, was tardy from the stalls before working his way up into second. Ridden to gain the lead with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining, the first foal out of the G1 Coolmore Stud Ascot Vale S. and G3 Coolmore Silver Shadow S.-winning sprinter Nechita stayed on to account for Halimi (IRE) (Teofilo (IRE)) by 2 1/4 lengths. Bred in the same fashion as Saturday’s G1 Epsom Derby hero Anthony Van Dyck (IRE), the winner also has 2-year-old and yearling full-sisters in the offing. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, $11,796. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Biddestone Stud (GB); T-Aidan O’Brien.

Wednesday’s Results:
4th-La Teste de Buch, €22,000, Mdn, 6-5, 3yo, 9ft, 2:04.78, hy.  
NAADIRAH (FR) (f, 3, Lope de Vega (IRE)--Foreign Legionary (IRE), by Galileo (IRE)), who earned minor prizes in two starts over a mile at Bordeaux-le-Bouscat in April, lobbed along in second until losing one spot on the home turn. Coming under pressure in early straight, the 13-10 favourite gained a narrow advantage approaching the final furlong and was ridden out to hold the late surge of Old Fashioned (Fr) (Motivator (GB)) by a neck. The second foal and scorer out of a half-sister to five-time Group 1 heroine Alexander Goldrun (IRE) (Gold Away (IRE)) and a yearling colt by Kingman (GB). Sales history: €380,000 Ylg ‘17 ARAUG. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, €21,010. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Eric Puerrari, Oceanic Bloodstock Inc, Mme Ariane Gravereaux & OTI Management Pty Ltd (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

CONDITIONS RESULTS: 
5th-La Teste de Buch, €22,000, Cond, 6-5, 3yo, 8ft, 1:46.99, hy.  
DAN (GB) (c, 3, Slade Power (IRE)--Moonlit Garden (IRE) {MSP-IRE}, by Exceed and Excel (Aus)) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, €25,060. O-Daniel-Yves Treves; B-Biddestone Stud (GB); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. *$52,000gns Ylg ‘17 TAOC. **1/2 to Mokaatiil (GB) (Lethal Force (IRE)), GSP-Eng.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS: 
Salerne (GB), f, 2, Charm Spirit (IRE)--Salicorne, by Aragorn (IRE). La Teste de Buch, 6-5, 6ft, 1:19.10. B-Jean-Pierre-Joseph Dubois (GB). *$120,000gns RNA Ylg ‘18 TATOCT.  
Wasachop (Fr), c, 2, Kheleyf--Wa Zine (Fr), by Iron Mask. La Teste de Buch, 6-5, 6ft, 1:18.99. B-Alain Chopard (FR).

IN HONG KONG: 
Doctor Geoff (IRE), g, 5, Fast Company (IRE)--More Respect (IRE), by Spectrum (IRE). Happy Valley, 6-5, Hcp. (€195k/€221k), 1800mT, 1:49.67. B-DDE Syndicate. *SW-IRE. **€17,500 Wlg ‘14 GOFNOV; €18,000 RNA Ylg 15 GOFOR; £58,000 RNA 2yo ‘16 GOFAPR. VIDEO  
Bigwood (IRE), g, 5, Requinto (GB)--Talkin Kate (IRE), by Talkin Man. Happy Valley, 6-5, Hcp. (€138k/€156k), 1650mT, 1:40.63. B-Peadar Kelly. *€13,000 RNA Ylg ’15 TISEP. VIDEO

IN AUSTRALIA:  
Loveisili (GB), g, 4, Dansili (GB)--Loveisallyouneed (IRE), by Sadler’s Wells. Cranbourne, 6-5, Hcp. (€27k/€31k), 1900mT, 1:59.24. B-Newsells Park Stud. *1/2 to Demarchelier (GB) (Dubawi (IRE)), ‘TDN Rising Star’, GSW-US, $188,520. **€650,000gns Ylg ‘16 TATOC; 37,000gns HRA ’18 TATDEC.  
Mimirar (IRE), g, 5, Kalanisi (IRE)--Peratus (IRE), by Mjadil. Sandown (Lakeside), 6-5, Hcp. (€27k/€31k), 2400mT, 2:36.40. B-William Flood. *€18,000 Ylg ‘15 TISEP.

IN JAPAN:  
Ryoken (IRE), c, 4, Galileo (IRE)--Sogno Verde (IRE), by Green Desert. Monbetsu, 6-5, Maiden, 1700m. B-Swordlestown Little. *1/2 to BobbyScot (IRE) (Alhaarth (IRE)), GSP-IRE; and Lilbourne Lad (IRE) (Acclamation (GB)), GSW-IRE & G1SP-Eng, $266,546. **€475,000 Wlg ‘15 GOFNOV; 600,000gns Ylg ‘16 TATOC.

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SNITZEL COLT SHINES AT NATIONAL SALE

By Bren O'Brien

A $500,000 Snitzel colt helped lift the bar on what was an otherwise quiet opening day for vendors and buyers at the Magic Millions National Yearling Sale on the Gold Coast.

At A Glance
- The overall clearance rate of 64.3% was an improvement on Day 1 last year, which was 62.4%
- The overall average was very similar to 2018, at $41,256, $1 less than last year
- The median on $30,000 was on par with what happened last year
- The $500,000 Gerald Ryan and David Raphael paid for the Snitzel - Miss Jakeo colt was the highest price at this sale for five years
- There were six lots over $100,000 on the day
- The Day 1 gross was $4.83m

He was from a family very much in vogue after Missrock (Fastnet Rock), who is out of this colt's stakes-winning half-sister Miss Judgement (Strategic), sold for a sale-topping $2.3m at last week's National Broodmare Sale. There are three other stakes winners from Miss Jakeo (Unbridled's Song (USA)), including G1 Oakleigh Plate winner Mrs Onassis (General Nediym), who Ryan trained.

The trainer also prepared this colt's sire Snitzel, who also won an Oakleigh Plate, and given the strength of that pedigree it was no surprise to see him top the charts on Day 1. He becomes the most expensive yearling from the mare.

"He was an absolutely beautiful colt. Picked himself on both pedigree and type. He reminded me very much of Redoute’s Choice himself - that lovely balanced physical, with an attractive head on him," Raphael said. "Gerry (Harvey) needed to give him a bit of time, which is why he was in this sale instead of January."

There were high expectations for another couple of yearlings, Lot 2147 the Not A Single Doubt colt out of a daughter of Gold Edition (Lion Hunter) offered by Lauriston Thoroughbreds, and Lot 2012, a filly by Snitzel out of stakes-winner Belle D'Amour (Jet Spur) offered by Aquis Farm, but bidding on both of those fell short of the reserve.

The second highest price on the day was the $150,000 Damien Yap paid for Lot 2174, a Dream Ahead (USA) colt offered by Macquarie Stud. He is the first foal from city-winning mare Longchamp Belle (Charge Forward), who is from the family of Group 1 winners Excellerator (Marscay) and Artistic (NZ) (Darci Brahma {NZ}).

International buyers strike

The international influence on the opening day was strong with 37 of the 117 lots going to buyers from outside of Australia. Hong Kong-based Worldwide Bloodstock paid $140,000 for Lot 2136, a Kermadec (NZ) colt and Singapore's Stephen Grey paid $110,000 for a Lot 2078, a colt by Reliable Man (NZ).

The Kermadec colt is out of Indiscretions (Commands), who hails from the extended family of Group 1 winner Freemason (Grand Lodge {USA}) and was offered by Aquis Farm.

The Reliable Man colt was offered by Westbury Stud and is a half-brother to the promising Usain Bowler (So You Think {NZ}) out of Eileen (Redoute’s Choice), the half-sister to Group 2 winner and Group 1 placed Barbaricus (Lion Hunter).

Ryan links up with successful family again

Baramul Stud produced the goods on Day 1, with Lot 2188, a well-bred Snitzel colt securing the clear sales-leading price, with Gerald Ryan and David Raphael going to $500,000 to secure him.
Reliable Man would end up the day’s leading sire on averages (more than 3 lots), with five sold at an average of $64,000.

Ontrack for success
The top price for a filly was Lot 2098, the sister to stakes-placed Our Intrigue (NZ), by Showcasing (GB) out of Forever And Ever (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}) offered by Bhima Thoroughbreds.

Gold Coast-based Ontrack Thoroughbreds paid $110,000 for the Showcasing filly, having earlier secured Lot 2066, a Foxwedge filly from Eureka Stud for $100,000. That filly is the half-sister to multiple stakes winner I’m A Rippa (Love Conquers All).

Ontrack’s three purchases saw them as the day’s second biggest spender, with $275,000, behind Ryan and Raphael with their one big buy.

There is considerable buzz around Newgate’s Deep Field, with his first crop having produced 17 winners to date and Lot 2076, a colt offered by Riversdale, sold for $95,000 to Portelli Racing.

The top price for a yearling by a first-season sire was the $90,000 Moorillah Pastoral paid for a No Nay Never (USA) colt offered by Valiant Stud. He is out of El Shahar (Encosta De Lago), the half-sister to Group 1 winner Zip Zip Aray (Bellotto {USA}).

Unsurprisingly given it sold the top lot, it was Baramul Stud which topped the vendors' list, with four sales for a total of $640,000, clear of Westbury Stud, with 10 sales for $608,500.

“It was a sticky start to the day,” Magic Millions Managing Director Barry Bowditch said. “There were a fair few pass ins which was disappointing but we gained momentum as the day went on. At the end of the day we were up on last year. But we are a long way from the benchmark that we like to set ourselves.

“From a buyer's perspective there's a lot of nice horses out there that have either been passed in or bought for good prices,” Bowditch added.

“I think tomorrow will be a solid day's trade. I expect it to pick up a little and for buyers there will be great opportunities across all levels of the market.”

IN HONG KONG:

Smart Patch, g, 4, Hinchinbrook--Al's Magic Miss (SP-Aus, $164,530), by Magic Albert. Happy Valley, 6-5, Hcp. ($168k), 1650mT, 1:40.75. B-Yarraman Park Stud Pty Ltd (NSW). *$1,000,000 Ylg '16 INGEOAS. VIDEO

Golden Dash, g, 4, Snitzel--Aussie Christmas (USA), by Johannesburg (USA). Happy Valley, 6-5, Hcp. ($252k), 1200mT, 1:09.80. B-Arrowfield Pastoral Pte Ltd (NSW). *$150,000 Ylg '16 INGMAR; NZ$340,000 2yo '16 NZBRTR. VIDEO
BERNARDINI FILLY TOPS INAUGURAL FASIG-TIPTON SANTA ANITA SALE

by Jessica Martini

ARCADIA, CA - Despite uncertainty in the state’s racing industry, Fasig-Tipton proved Wednesday if you build an auction at Santa Anita, the buyers will come. The inaugural Fasig-Tipton Santa Anita 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale, held in the track’s paddock under a brilliantly sunny Southern California sky, produced 10 six-figure lots led by a $420,000 daughter of Bernardini.

“I thought it was a successful initial effort for a 2-year-old sale at Santa Anita,” Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning, Jr. said at the close of business in Arcadia Wednesday. “I thought overall the horses sold fairly and reasonably well. I thought there was a wide group of buyers at various price ranges and I think hopefully we established a foundation that will provide some confidence for participants in the California marketplace, be it breeders, agents, trainers, etc., that there is a viable sales market in California in 2019. Moving forward, I think it’s going to continue to require a lot of hard work and cooperation among the stakeholders. We are going to need the support and participation of the men and women who race here, the men and women who train here, and the men and women who breed here. We don’t have any magic potion or recipe to improve the market or make the market, but I think we clearly demonstrated with this sale, under very trying circumstances, the professional capabilities of Fasig-Tipton and our team under pretty adverse conditions.”

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A GAME WITHOUT FRONTIERS

Chris McGrath looks at how American sires could diversify the gene pool.
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WEDNESDAY’S TRACKSIDE BELMONT STAKES 151 REPORT by Steve Sherack

ELMONT, NY - With a field of 10 now in place for Saturday’s 151st renewal of the GI Belmont S., there was plenty to see on an overcast Wednesday morning at beautiful Belmont Park.

Bourbon War (Tapit) was the first sophomore entered for the final leg of the Triple Crown to catch the eye, sporting a white bridle during his gallop just after 6 a.m. After experimenting with first-time blinkers in the GI Preakness S., trainer Mark Hennig takes the shades off following a punchless eighth at a well-backed 5-1 in Baltimore.

Morning-line favorite Tacitus (Tapit) briefly took in his surroundings by the clubhouse turn—which included a small group of media and photographers assembled—while getting some love from longtime Bill Mott assistant trainer Leana Willaford aboard a stable pony at approximately 7 a.m.

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STRONACH FAMILY UPDATE
T.D. Thornton reports on the latest in the legal battle between members of the Stronach family.

CITY ZIP FILLY, DAREDEVIL COLT SWIFTEST AT OBS
A filly by City Zip turned in the fastest furlong breeze and a colt by Daredevil had the fastest quarter-mile work during Wednesday’s first under-tack preview session ahead of next week’s Ocala Breeders’ Sales Company’s June Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training.

TODAY’S GRADED STAKES

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Bourbon Lane Stable and Lake Star Stable’s Bourbon War (Tapit) browses on a leafy snack Wednesday morning at Belmont Park with a little help from his friend, Saul Castellanos. | Sarah Andrew
Fasig-Tipton cont. from p1

Donato Lanni, standing alongside trainer Bob Baffert and longtime owner Jon Kelly, made the day’s highest bid, going to $420,000 to acquire a filly by Bernardini (hip 45) on behalf of Sarah Kelly. The youngster was consigned by Raul Reyes’s Kings Equine. Reyes purchased the filly for $11,500 at last year’s Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October sale.

In all, 69 juveniles sold Wednesday for $3,769,500. The average was $54,630 and the median was $30,000.

“There were a lot of bright spots and there are some things that we learned as well,” Browning said. “We were able to sell several horses for six figures, with a sales topper of $420,000 who was purchased as a yearling for $11,500—that makes for a fairly successful pinhook in my book. I thought there was considerable interest in the Cal-breds that performed on the racetrack and had reasonable videos. I think some people from Florida who brought quality horses out here were rewarded and I think some of the traditional California-based consignors hopefully gained some confidence and realized this thing will work and will continue to work going forward.”

From a catalogue of 169 head, 108 juveniles went through the sales ring Wednesday. The buy-back rate was 36.1%.

“Strong state-bred programs result in higher RNA rates because the owners of those horses have options to go racing,” Browning said. “We will see some horses who were RNAs here running at Del Mar. If you get a fair price, fine sell, if you don’t get what you perceive to be a fair price, ‘Let’s roll. Let’s see if we can go win a race.’ The quality of the state-bred program will always result in a slightly higher RNA rate because the owners and breeders have options.”
Fasig-Tipton cont.

Lanni was impressed with Fasig-Tipton’s first sale at Santa Anita.

“There were a lot of people at the breeze show,” he said. “It was nice to see that many people support the sale. I think consignors will bring even nicer horses next year because there are a lot of people here and people in California want to buy horses. It’s a beautiful venue and it’s a nice place to have a horse sale.”

Bernardini Filly to Kelly

A filly by Bernardini, purchased by Raul Reyes for just $11,500 at last year’s Fasig-Tipton October Sale, turned in the fastest furlong work of Monday’s under-tack show and did not disappoint in the sales ring paddock Wednesday, bringing a sale-topping final bid of $420,000 from bloodstock agent Donato Lanni on behalf of Sarah Kelly. Lanni did his bidding while standing alongside Kelly’s husband Jon and trainer Bob Baffert.

“I thought she had an exceptional work,” said Lanni. “Obviously, I’m not the only one who saw that. She brought a lot of money, but her work was exceptional and she looks like a very classy filly. Bob really liked her. I think she’s pretty straightforward and a pretty cool filly.”

Hip 45 is out of Elbe (GB) (Dansili {GB}) and from the family of Group 1 winner Mutual Trust (GB) (Cacique {Ire}). She worked a furlong Monday in :10 1/5.

Asked if he had seen the filly when she sold at Fasig-Tipton Kentucky last October, Lanni said ruefully, “I wish I had.” Reyes, whose Kings Equine consigned the juvenile, had an easy answer for what he liked about the filly last year.

“She looked fast—that’s it,” Reyes said. “That’s the only thing you’re looking for. I was willing to pay maybe $30,000 or $40,000 for her last year. But she’s grown quite a bit over the winter.”

Tapiture Colt Joins Phoenix Team

A colt from the first crop of multiple graded stakes winner Tapiture will be joining the Phoenix Thoroughbreds team after the operation’s Tom Ludt made a final bid of $350,000 on the youngster early in Wednesday’s Fasig Santa Anita sale. The juvenile will be trained by Bob Baffert.

Hip 12 is out of Awesomekaylee (Awesome Again) and is a half-brother to stakes winner The Money Monster (Majestic Warrior). He turned in the fastest quarter-mile work of Monday’s under-tack preview, covering the distance in :21 1/5.
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Tapiture Colt cont.

“He worked a quarter-mile in :21 1/5 and he did it well,” Ludt said after signing the ticket on the chestnut. “It’s a small sale and he stood out, so I knew he’d be expensive. But I thought he was the best-looking horse in the sale and he had the best breeze. Let’s hope he carries it further than a quarter-mile.”

Of the youngster’s final price tag, Ludt said, “I told the boss [Amer Abdulaziz] $350,000 would get him and I’m never right. So I’m 1 for 100.”

Of the inaugural auction, Ludt said, “It’s the first year here--they will work through some of the kinks. I hope it goes well. They’ll build on it every year.”

Hip 12 was consigned by Tom McCrocklin on behalf of the Solana Beach Sales pinhooking partnership, which purchased him for $100,000 at last year’s Keeneland September sale.

“He has been one of our favorites for a long time,” said the partnership’s Gary Fenton.

Of the decision to offer the colt at the Santa Anita sale, Fenton explained, “We are California through and through and we wanted to support [Fasig-Tipton President] Boyd [Browning]. We spoke to him a year ago when he was coming out here. We know how important it is for Fasig-Tipton to be here for all of us and it was important for us to support them. But even more importantly, we have partners and we have a fiduciary responsibility to them. We’re based here [in California] and if we can’t sell one of our good horses out here, maybe we shouldn’t be in business.”

Guillot Busy at Santa Anita

Trainer Eric Guillot said he had been shut out in bidding at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May sale last month, but he was able to add to his Saratoga-based stable Wednesday in Arcadia, purchasing a pair of juveniles in the name of Sand Ridge Stable. Guillot purchased a colt by Curlin (hip 41) for $250,000 and a colt by Bodemeister (hip 98) for $120,000. Cont. p6
Guillot cont.

“He’s by Curlin, for one,” Guillot said of hip 41’s appeal. “He’s a half to a Grade I horse. He was one of the stand-outs here and with one of the better works. He is good-looking; I loved the length of him and his long neck and how he drops his head when he walks. He’s a little on the fine-boned side, but not bad.”

“I went to Baltimore,” Guillot continued. “I got shut out, I bid eight times, and spent six days there for nothing. So I figured I’d come in and try to buy one here. I’m looking to buy a couple because I only have two horses. I’m looking to get back in action. It’s been a while since we bought anything. We’ve been selling a lot of horses.”

Consigned by Kings Equine, hip 41 is out of Drift to the Lead (Yonaguska) and is a half to two-time Grade I-placed Catch My Drift (Pioneerof the Nile). A $330,000 Keeneland September purchase, he worked a furlong Monday in :10 3/5.
### FASIG-TIPTON SANTA ANITA
#### 2-YEAR-OLDS IN TRAINING

**WEDNESDAY'S TOP HIPS**

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**FASIG-TIPTON SANTA ANITA 2YOS IN TRAINING**

**SESSION TOTALS**

- Catalogued: 169
- No. Offered: 108
- No. Sold: 69
- RNAs: 39
- % RNAs: 36.11%
- No. $100K+: 10
- High Price: $420,000
- Gross: $3,769,500
- Average: $54,630
- Median: $30,000
Each sales day, we ask one buyer to look at the day’s results, and choose the horse he or she thinks was the Buy of the Day.

**Hip 142, f, English Channel--Sweet Dreamer, by Tiznow**  
Consigned by Checkmate Thoroughbreds LLC  
(Adrian Gonzalez), agent  
Purchased by Marette Farrell, agent for Alifyfe Racing  
Price: $60,000  

“I believe the Buy of the Day was Hip 142. The filly is by English Channel, who I consider a very good sire of solid runners and his daughter Mitchell Road recently won the Gill Gallorette. She has a very nice pedigree considering her dam is a half-sister to both Creative Cause and Destin. She had a very nice breeze with a better-than-average gallop out and she is very well made. For $60,000 she was no doubt the Buy of the Day.”

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Bruno DeBerdt secured this Apr. 24 foal for $50,000 at Keeneland September last year. The dark bay worked in :10.2 during Monday’s breeze show at Santa Anita.

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BELMONT TRACKSIDE REPORT cont. from p1

Tacitus takes in his surroundings at Belmont Park Wednesday morning | Sarah Andrew

The striking gray Juddmonte homebred glided over the track beautifully with his ears up during his gallop under the watchful eye of his GI Kentucky Derby-winning trainer. He certainly couldn’t be looking any better in the flesh since his strong showing while rallying from far back in Louisville on the First Saturday in May.

The action picked up considerably after the renovation break as the sun briefly tried to make an appearance while temperatures remained in the mid 60s.

Does Everfast (Take Charge Indy) have another big run coming at boxcar odds? Second at 29-1 in the Preakness and also runner-up at a massive 128-1 in the GII Holy Bull, the Calumet Farm homebred bounded on the freshly manicured track with his head cocked high beneath exercise rider Tammy Fox.

Master Fencer (Jpn) (Just a Way {Jpn}), elevated to sixth via disqualification in the Derby, was impossible to miss with his bright pink-and-red blinkers and ear muffs as he cruised down the lane on his left lead beneath jockey Julien Leparoux—minus the bell boots this time—completing his five-furlong breeze in 1:01.28. Master Fencer’s morning routine also included a trip to the nearby training track and some gate schooling.

Trainer Mark Casse watched by the gap as his Belmont S. duo of Preakness winner War of Will (War Front) and GII Peter Pan S. runner-up Sir Winston (Awesome Again) galloped in close proximity.

War of Will, hard held throughout by Kim Carroll after looking plenty eager early, displayed extremely good energy just as he did leading up to the Derby. The blaze-faced bay appears to be sitting on go as the lone runner to compete in all three legs of the Triple Crown this spring.

Other high-profile runners in action stretching their legs for this weekend’s three-day Belmont Stakes Racing Festival included: GI Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational S. winner Bricks and Mortar (Giant’s Causeway) (GI Manhattan S.); the GI Met Mile H. trio of two-time GI Dubai World Cup winner Thunder Snow (Ire) (Helmet (Aus)), MGISW ‘TDN Rising Star’ McKinzie (Street Sense) and G2 Godolphin Mile winner ‘Rising Star’ Coal Front (Stay Thirsty); and the comebacking strapping chestnut Catalina Cruiser (Union Rags) (GI True North S.), off since suffering his first career defeat in the GI Breeders’ Cup Dirt Mile.
‘FENCER’ HOPES TO BE FIRST JAPANESE ‘MASTER’ OF THE BELMONT

by Christie DeBernardis

ELMONT, NY - Master Fencer (Jpn) (Just a Way {Jpn}) is not the first Japanese runner to enter the GI Belmont S. In fact, he is the third in the past four years alone, following Lani (Tapit) in 2016 (third) and Epicharis (Jpn) (Gold Allure {Jpn}) in 2017 (scratched race day with a foot issue), but the Katsumi Yoshizawa homebred hopes to become the first from his country to win the Test of a Champion Saturday.

In addition to the $1.5-million Belmont purse, Master Fencer is also eligible for NYRA’s $1-million bonus, offered to any Japan-based horse to win the Belmont S.

“This is very, very rare to just participate in the Triple Crown races for Japanese horse trainers,” conditioner Koichi Tsunoda said through translator Mitsuoki Numamoto outside of Nick Zito’s Barn 12 as Master Fencer was bathed and had his legs thoroughly cold hosed while surrounded by a slew of press. “It was because of many people’s support that we made it here. Winning would repay a debt of gratitude for the many people surrounding me.”

Master Fencer tuned up for Saturday’s affair with an easy five-panel breeze in 1:01.28 (3/3) (video) under jockey Julien Leparoux on the Belmont main track Wednesday morning after the renovation break. Things went much smoother this time after a much publicized stumble during his previous workout May 29, when he went the same distance in 1:01.48 with his regular exercise rider Yosuke Kono aboard May 29 (video).

 “[Master Fencer] didn’t change his lead in the stretch [instead staying on his left one], but [Leparoux] said he didn’t want to lose momentum for the breeze. He was traveling well. He didn’t want him to have a stressful work. He just wanted him to breeze without any issues like the last breeze.”

Breaking his maiden at third asking at Japan’s Hanshin Racecourse Dec. 23, Master Fencer followed suit with a win at Kyoto Jan. 14. He finished fourth in the Hyacinth S. Feb. 17 and completed the exacta in the Fukuryu S. Mar. 31, both of which are on Japan’s Road to the Kentucky Derby. With the Japanese horse ahead of him in points declining the Derby invite, the chestnut accepted his spot in the Run for Roses and closed strongly to be sixth after running last most of the way. (He originally crossed the line seventh, but was promoted to sixth after the DQ of Maximum Security {New Year’s Day}).

Master Fencer trained at Keeneland following his Derby effort and shipped to New York May 24. Tsunoda, who is also a former jockey, said his charge has settled in well at Belmont.

“He had been training and eating well at Keeneland and even here at Belmont,” the trainer said through Numamoto. “I hope he will run much better than he did in the Derby. This will be a smaller field, just 10 horses including him. It is much easier to chase other horses, so if he could save ground, he will probably show us that great late kick in the stretch. Distance doesn’t matter.”

Belmont’s main track is known as “Big Sandy” for a reason. When asked how Master Fencer has been getting over the surface in Elmont, which is much deeper than what he had trained over at Churchill Downs and Keeneland, Tsunoda said, “We wanted Julien [Leparoux] to experience how he moves on this kind of sand track. As you can see, he is not very skillful in changing his leads and I don’t want anything to happen between the races, so because of that we asked Julien to get on. I am not pessimistic about the deeper sand.”

If all goes well Saturday, this may not be the last time racing fans see Master Fencer on American soil.

“I would have to talk to the owner, but we may go to the Breeders’ Cup,” Tsunoda said before walking off to inspect his colt’s legs as the sophomore received lots of love from Kono.
NEWSPAPEROFRECORD TRIES TO BOUNCE BACK IN WONDER AGAIN

by Joe Bianca

On a weekend that featured a 65-1 winner of the GI Kentucky Derby, the most shocking result may have in fact come in a Friday undercard race at Churchill Downs, when the seemingly invincible Newspaperofrecord (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) was beaten on the square in the GIII Edgewood S. It was the first defeat for the Klaravich Stables colorbearer after annexing her first three races by a combined 19 1/2 lengths, and she will try to get back on track as a huge favorite again in Thursday's GIII Wonder Again S., the first of a whopping 19 stakes to be run on GI Belmont S. weekend.

Bought for 200,000gns as a Tattersalls October yearling, Newspaperofrecord debuted with a 6 3/4-length romp Aug. 19 at Saratoga and followed up with a devastating 6 1/2-length conquest of the GII Miss Grillo S. Sept. 30 at Belmont. She then made her star turn on Breeders' Cup weekend with a comprehensive 6 3/4-length score in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf, a performance that set off speculation the bay could be trainer Chad Brown's long-awaited first Royal Ascot starter.

That was, until the Edgewood. Newspaperofrecord took up her usual spot at the head of affairs as a 1-5 favorite and had everything her own way, but lacked the usual door-slamming stretch kick and was run down rather easily, finished 3 3/4 lengths behind Concrete Rose (Twirling Candy). Ascot's loss is Belmont's gain, however, as the filly adds early star power to an already action-packed weekend of racing. The 'TDN Rising Star' shows three interim breezes, capped by a four-furlong spin in :48 flat (5/12) on the local inner turf June 1 (video).

As in the Edgewood, Newspaperofrecord will have an uncoupled stablemate in OXO Equine's Cambier Parc (Medaglia d'Oro). Turning heads when selling for $1.25 million at Keeneland September, the daughter of 2008 GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf runner-up Sealy Hill (Point Given) graduated second out and first time on turf Jan. 2 before repeating in the GII Herecomesthebride S. there two months later. She suffered her initial defeat on grass when fourth in the Edgewood.

The other stakes winner in the five-horse field is Debby Oxley's Chocolate Kisses (Candy Ride {Arg}). Victress of the GII Honeybee S. Mar. 9 at Oaklawn, the $410,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga buy was off the board when sixth in the GI Central Bank Ashland S. and seventh in the GI Kentucky Oaks. The Mark Casse trainee broke her maiden on grass last summer at Saratoga and returns to the lawn for the first time since taking a Fair Grounds optional claimer Jan. 18.

BROWN TRIO TOPS INTERCONTINENTAL

by Joe Bianca

Three fillies from the Chad Brown barn appear to hold most of the cards in Thursday's seven-furlong GIII Intercontinental S. at Belmont. Favored on the morning line is Stephanie Seymour Brant's Significant Form (Creative Cause). A dominant winner of the Memories of Silver S. last spring at Aqueduct in her 3-year-old debut, the $575,000 OBS April buy finished off the board in her next three, and was last seen running fourth in the off-the-turf Winter Memories S. Nov. 22 at the Big A. Stella di Camelot (Ire) (Camelot {Ire}) also makes her first start as a 4-year-old here. Third in the G3 Premio Regina Elena last spring in Italy, the bay had an auspicious North American debut when rallying to a clear score in the Pebbles S. Oct. 13 at Belmont, but could not build on that when fifth at 1-2 in the GII Mrs. Revere S. Nov. 23 at Churchill. Martin Schwartz's Zonza (Fr) (Alex the Winner), a French Group 3 winner, was fourth in a Keeneland allowance in her Stateside bow Apr. 19.

Belmont Features One of the Safest Racing Surfaces in US

The home of the Belmont Stakes is laps ahead of other U.S. racetracks when it comes to keeping horses safe.

Stephen Whyno, Associated Press

Where the Who's Who of Horse Racing Celebrate the Belmont Stakes

It may seem strange that jockeys, trainers and owners all stay under the same roof for a race of such consequence. But during the Belmont Stakes, this is exactly what happens.

Alyson Krueger, New York Times
NEW STRONACH SALVO: ‘BLATANT SELF-DEALING’ SKEWS TSG FINANCIALS

by T.D. Thornton

The latest salvo of litigation fired by Frank Stronach in the fight for control of the family empire he created alleges that $500 million in six-year revenue increases reported in a court filing by The Stronach Group (TSG) chief executive Alon Ossip was “overstated and misleading” because that figure did not factor in the “significant impact” of rebating high-volume bettors who wagered on races through TSG’s online wagering platform.

Additionally, the 86-year-old family patriarch is now leveling allegations that his daughter, the 53-year-old TSG chairman and president Belinda Stronach, improperly allocated as company expenses “millions of dollars” related to her own daughter’s show-jumping activities with sport horses, even though “this blatant self-dealing” had nothing to do with the running of the firm, whose portfolio includes six United States racetracks.

Frank Stronach is further alleging that it was only when he filed a $540 million (CDN) lawsuit against Belinda Stronach and Ossip last year in a Toronto court that the defendants began to take action “in direct response to the escalating family dispute” to “whitewash years of misconduct and mismanagement of TSG.”

These new allegations are part of a 49-page series of “replies to statements of defense” that Frank Stronach’s attorneys filed May 14 in Ontario Superior Court of Justice. TDN obtained the documents this week via a court records request.

Last October, Frank Stronach and his wife, Elfriede, jointly filed suit demanding a court trial to remove Belinda Stronach and Ossip from all corporate officer and trustee positions related to the Stronach empire.

That litigation also sought financial redress related to an alleged “series of covert and unlawful actions...that have been contrary to the best interests of, and to the overwhelming detriment of, other members of the Stronach family.”

Two of Frank Stronach’s grandchildren, Nicole Walker and Frank Walker, were also named as co-defendants.

Separately, Andrew Stronach, who is Belinda’s brother, filed his own lawsuit in November alleging similar TSG malfeasance as a result of his sister’s “serious misconduct.”

In January, Belinda Stronach fired back in court with a statement of defense that denied the initial charges and included counterclaims of financial mismanagement by her dad that she alleged cost the family some $850 million (CDN), “with hundreds of millions of this amount likely being irretrievably lost.” She chalked up the purported losses to her father’s ill-advised “passion projects.”

Around the same time, Ossip filed his own defense statement that denied the lawsuit’s charges and questioned Frank Stronach’s fitness to be involved in running TSG. “Over the past number of years, Frank’s behavior became increasingly erratic, as reflected in part in his increasingly disruptive interventions in TSG’s racing and gaming business,” his filing stated.

Now, this latest court reply filed by Frank Stronach implies that years of alleged malfeasance by his daughter and Ossip have played a role in the current equine fatality crisis at Santa Anita Park. Despite the gravity of that assertion, the filing did not state any evidence to directly link their behavior to the recent spate of racehorse deaths.

“Belinda and Alon’s actions in shutting Frank out of TSG and their mismanagement of TSG’s business and affairs have placed at serious risk the ongoing viability of TSG’s racing and gaming operations,” Frank Stronach’s court reply states. “Indeed, in the period since December 2018, more than 20 Thoroughbred horses have died at TSG’s Santa Anita Park racetrack in California.

“The unprecedented number of horse deaths at Santa Anita has sparked public outrage, has forced repeated closures of the racetrack, and has placed the continued operations of the racetrack in serious jeopardy,” the filing continues. “This state of affairs has had and will continue to have a significant and detrimental impact on the business and reputation of TSG [and Stronach family members].”

Asked to comment on her father’s latest allegations, Belinda Stronach responded with an emailed statement, which read, in part, “The Stronach Group, under my leadership, recently led the horse racing industry in progressive reforms to modernize the sport for the betterment of horse and rider welfare.... It appears my father is seeking to negatively capitalize on the tragedy of horse racing deaths versus backing the leading reforms we have initiated for the betterment of the industry. We continue to provide responsible, transparent management of TSG assets and the family trusts. Allegations to the contrary are untrue.” Cont. p13
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With regard to TSG’s financial health, Frank Stronach’s court filing claims that back in January, Ossip’s defense statement gave an inaccurate revenues estimate that made the firm’s financials appear rosier than they actually were.

“The alleged revenue increase by TSG of over $500 million over a six-year period is overstated and misleading and does not account for the significant impact that TSG’s practice of ‘rebating’…has on the company’s overall profitability, including in particular rebates provided through TSG’s high-volume XB Select online wagering platform,” the filing states. “When the impact of rebating is taken into account, the increase in TSG’s revenue is drastically reduced.”

Although Frank Stronach’s filing challenges Ossip’s revenue estimate, it does not cite an alternate amount that he believes to be the correct figure.

A spokesperson for Ossip, Paul Deegan, emailed a statement in response to a request for comment about the revenues that read, “Alon has worked tirelessly to create value for the Stronach family, and he has always conducted himself with the utmost probity. Under Alon’s leadership, the racing and gaming business saw a stellar improvement, both financially and operationally. All revenues and expenses were booked in strict accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. To suggest otherwise is false. The net effect was that key financial indicators that indicate the actual performance of the business, such as EBITDA [earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization], which increased by roughly $70 million in six years, improved significantly.”

Belinda Stronach’s January statement of defense had stated that TSG’s breeding, training and racing (BTR) business segment was “unprofitable under Frank’s direction.” But Frank Stronach’s latest court filing denies that claim, explaining that “To the extent that the BTR business was unprofitable...it was as a direct result of losses incurred in connection with Nicole’s show-jumping activities, which were allocated improperly to the BTR business as TSG company expenses.”

The claim continues: “Notwithstanding the fact that Nicole’s show-jumping has no connection to TSG’s business activities, TSG has spent millions of dollars in funding her show-jumping expenses...for Nicole’s personal benefit. The plaintiffs have learned that in belated and partial recognition of this blatant self-dealing, TSG (at Belinda’s direction) proposed to ‘gift’ $2.5 million in show-jumping assets to Belinda and her family in 2019.”

Other parts of Frank Stronach’s latest court filing deal with the complex tangle of he-said/she-said accusations that father and daughter have traded in court documents since the suit was initiated. The family spat centers on issues of power and money.

For example, one bone of contention has been whether Frank Stronach’s role in the running of TSG is now actual or ceremonial, and/or if his daughter and Ossip have forced him out of making business decisions and having control over and access to company resources.

“Contrary to the assertion...Frank was and is entitled to make contact with and speak to TSG employees and external stakeholders, and has no obligation to inform or consult with TSG management before doing so,” his court filing asserts. “Frank is directly responsible for the entire business of TSG....He also remains the company’s Founder and Honourary Chairman.”

Frank Stronach also takes umbrage with an “allowance” that has allegedly been allotted to family members by his daughter.

“In essence, Belinda has determined unilaterally that each Stronach family member will be paid the equivalent of an allowance in an amount to be determined by Belinda, Alon, Frank Jr., and Nicole,” Frank Stronach’s filing states.

“Unsurprisingly, the ‘allowance’ to be paid to Belinda and her children far exceeds the amounts to be paid to other members of the Stronach family.”

CITY ZIP FILLY, DAREDEVIL COLT SWIFTEST

AT OBS by Jessica Martini

A filly by City Zip turned in the fastest furlong breeze and a colt by Daredevil had the fastest quarter-mile work during Wednesday’s first under-tack preview session ahead of next week’s Ocala Breeders’ Sales Company’s June Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training. Consignor Mark White sent out hip 199 to earn the bullet furlong time of :9 4/5. The filly by City Zip is out of Court Appeal (Candy Ride {Arg}), a half-sister to Grade I winner Mani Bhavan (Storm Boot), graded winner Hear the Ghost (Ghostzapper) and stakes-winning and Grade I-placed Closing Bell (Tapit). She was a $7,000 Keeneland September acquisition.
“We were delighted with the work,” said White, who is consigning the filly on behalf of North Carolina-based client J D Osgood. “I knew she was fast, but I didn’t know she was that fast. I thought she would go in :10 or :10 1/5 and the track was getting a little slow when she went up there, with the heat out here. So I was absolutely delighted with her.”

White said of the filly, “She is not overly big, but she’s like a Quarter Horse. She’s as wide as she is tall. She has a butt on her that is the width of the shedrow and she is built for speed.”

White has had the filly since December and he has been impressed by her development.

“We were thinking of taking her to the April sale, but I didn’t get her until December and she was a little immature,” he said. “I have another filly for the same guy, so we decided rather than pushing them, we’d take our time and get her to June. As fast as she is, she could have gone to April or June, but the extra five weeks has done her the world of good.”

White, who was longtime farm manager for Another Episode Farm, is consigning only two horses to auction this year. He also sent out a filly by Hard Spun (hip 74) to work a quarter in :21 2/5 Wednesday at OBS.

“I was a farm manager for Another Episode Farm for 12 years and then Johanne Everard sold the farm, so I kept a few clients and went out on my own,” White explained. “I’m not a big, big guy, I just have six or seven horses every year. These are the only two I’m selling this year, the rest all go to the racetrack.”

A colt from the first crop of Grade I winner Daredevil (More Than Ready) (hip 100) turned in Wednesday’s fastest quarter-mile work of :20 3/5. Consigned by Wavertree Stables, the dark bay juvenile is out of Bible (U S Ranger) and from the family of Corinthian. He was purchased for $72,000 at last year’s Fasig-Tipton July sale by Ciaran Dunne’s Redwings pinhooking partnership and had originally been targeted at the OBS April sale. Click for ThoroStride video inspection.

“He is a nice horse, he’s always been a nice horse,” Dunne said. “We had huge expectations going into April with him. He had a little curb right before his final work, so he made the decision for us that we had to wait for here. We pinned the curb and gave him some time. He’s had two breezes since, both of which have been out of this world, so we weren’t surprised by this work.”

Wavertree has had success offering offspring by first-crop sires this spring, notably selling a $1.2-million son of Liam’s Map at the OBS April sale.

“We have always tended to play in that market,” Dunne explained. “Usually, they are the ones that they’ll let you buy. The proven stallions go to the end-users and we need to take chances on horses that are unproven. We just stick with the physical that works for us.”

NY SENATE HEARS DIVERSE VIEWS ON RACEHORSE WELFARE

by T.D. Thornton

A New York Senate public hearing on the welfare of racehorses elicited four hours of diverse pro-and-con testimony in Albany on Wednesday, with legislators probing regulators, racing industry participants, veterinarians, aftercare personnel, and advocates for responsible animal care for their views on how the state should move forward with legislation and funding to address the issue.

Invited speakers were limited to 10 minutes of time at the microphone, although senators established early in the meeting that New York State Gaming Commission (NYSGC) equine medical director Scott Palmer, VMD, would be given the courtesy of an expanded time slot by members of both the Senate’s Standing Committee on Racing, Gaming and Wagering and the Standing Committee on Domestic Animal Welfare because of his role in overseeing the state’s racehorse health protocols.

“The existential threat to Thoroughbred racing worldwide is the death of racehorses,” Palmer told the committee members after detailing nearly a decade’s worth of safety interventions the NYSGC has implemented to lower New York’s catastrophic injury rate to 1.29 per thousand starts in 2018 versus the national average of 1.68. Cont. p15
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“This is an effort to control that and mitigate it, and it worked,” Palmer said. “[New York has] basically been below the national average for quite a long time.”

Palmer said the perils of high-speed exercise and a racing industry facing a drastic reduction in its Thoroughbred population are among the chief risks to racehorse health.

“Let’s be honest: Risk is a part our daily lives,” Palmer said. “Horse racing is a hazardous business. There’s no question about it. And why is that? It’s not because we don’t understand it. It’s not because we've got our head in the sand. It's just dangerous [because of] the nature of the animal. They’re big and they’re fast. It’s about force times mass [equals] acceleration. It’s a very simple equation. The bigger they are, the faster they go, the more likely they are to get hurt.”

With regard to economics, Palmer said, “It’s very simple: Horse racing is in the business of running races…. The racing organizations want to hold more races. The more races they can hold, the more money they can earn…. So right off the bat, there’s a business model challenge for horse racing…. It’s not often talked about, but it’s very significant.”

Palmer urged senators to understand that his priority is to provide positive equine welfare results backed by data rather than to craft a public-relations campaign to gloss over the issue.

“Part of [my job] is managing the media, and managing concerns of the people in the public and animal rights organizations,” Palmer said. “How do we do that? Well my approach to this is you don’t manage the media. You don’t manage animal rights organizations. You manage your business. If you take care of your business internally, that takes care of everything else.”

Asking to name the most important factor in risk reduction, Palmer prefaced his statement by saying that horse health at racetracks in multi-factorial, but he did point to one “huge” difference in recent years at the New York Racing Association, where veterinarians are no longer overseen by the racing department.

“This is painful to even say this, but the veterinary department was under the direct supervision of the racing office,” Palmer said. “That’s an enormous conflict of interest. The job of the racing office is to fill races. The job of the veterinary department is to make sure horses that race in those races are safe.”

Modifying the purse-to-claiming price structure and cutting back dosage withdrawal times for corticosteroids and anti-inflammatory drugs has also had “enormous implications” in a positive sense, Palmer said.

But not everybody agreed with Palmer on whether enough is being done.

“What goes on at these racetracks…is that the veterinarians have completely abdicated their authority as medical professionals and their duty according to the statutes of the Veterinary Practice Act,” said Sheila Lyons, DVM, the founder and director of the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Homecoming Farm, Inc. “What they do, is they simply deliver drugs at trainers’ requests.”

Lyons said this results in racehorses having “the kitchen sink of drugs dumped into them within days of arriving at a racetrack in New York.”

Lyons said she often checks the pre-stakes veterinary logs that the NYSGC posts online prior to big races like the GI Belmont S., where she sees “pre-race” listed as the diagnostic reason for pharmaceutical treatments.

“‘Racing’ is not a medical condition. So right there they have violated the Veterinary Practice Act,” Lyons said.

John Scheib, the director of Responsible Animal Care, Inc., testified that he took umbrage with the way Palmer and other regulators cite on-track equine deaths as a per-start function, because it paints a “misleadingly low” assessment of the situation.

“We kill an average of three racehorses every single day competing and training on tracks in America,” Scheib said. “The welfare of racehorses is directly related to the need to win, to make money.... Equine welfare on the track will always fail, because it’s 100% about a business, and there will always be enough bad actors to ruin it for the rest of us.”

Scheib also testified that the litany of protocols and safety programs that the sport has thought up to police itself strains credulity. Cont. p16
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“No one I know who owns equines outside of racing has to make policies to keep their horses safe from their own barn staffs,” Scheib said, citing concerns over outfits drugging their own horses. “That’s unique to racing.”

The fiercely competitive economic nature of the industry also surfaced in discussions about equine slaughter.

John Holland, the president of Equine Welfare Alliance, said the amount of horses that get exported from the United States for slaughter “can’t be cured with our present racing structure. You can’t just put a band-aid on and give a little money here and there to rescues. You can do PR that way, but you can’t cure the problem.”

Holland added that “when horses and money meet, horses lose. It’s just been that way for a long, long time. I’d love to see it changed, but I’m not sure it can be changed.”

The issue of which is better for horses--life at a sanctuary or going through a rehab program--came up, and Anna Ford, the Thoroughbred program director for New Vocations, told the politicians that in order to provide the most bang for the welfare buck, retraining programs were the way to go.

“At New Vocations, we have room for 150 horses. If those were sanctuary horses, they’d be [maxxed out at stabling capacity],” Ford said. “We can help over 350 horses a year for the same amount of money. Not that we don’t need sanctuaries--we need them. But we need to put a heavy focus on rehab and retraining” to cycle horses into permanent outside homes.

Richard Schosberg, the chairman of the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association aftercare committee, advocated for the support of programs that are accredited by the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA), the non-profit nationwide organization that inspects and awards grants to approved organizations to retire, retrain, and re-home racehorses using industry-wide funding.

“We feel that any funding mechanism created by the legislature must support the TAA-accredited organizations,” Schosberg said. “We can be assured that way that the funds are being used prudently and as intended to support New York’s retired racehorses.”

ATTORNEY RINALDO DEL GALLO III: ADOPT OR PERISH

With respect to the question posed in Bill Finley’s, "The Week in Review: So, What Would It Take to Appease Animal Rights Activists?" in the Monday, June 3 TDN, a serious answer would be "it depends on the activist." There are extremists on both sides. One the one hand, there are animal-rights extremists who think consuming honey is cruel to bees. On the other hand, there are horse racing enthusiasts who are shocked and chagrined that 26 horse racing deaths at Santa Anita has received so much "undeserved" attention and were miffed at NBC’s coverage of that during the Kentucky Derby. But the goal should not necessarily be to appease the most hardcore vegan, but potential consumers or voters.

I am what many in the animal-rights community might call an oxymoron--an animal rights activist who loves horse racing. I have been around animal rights activist, passed some local animal-rights legislation myself with respect to farm animals, and I know a bit how these people work and think. Some of their positions at first seem extreme, but upon further examination, have some merit; elephants really were being abused by circuses.

If anything should put the fear of God into those in the horse racing business, think of Ringling Brothers. Sure, there were factors afoot other than animal rights protesters and the mistreatment of elephants and big cats. Notice a similarity to horse racing--it also has some major business problems other than animal-rights perception problems, such as competition due to new forms of gambling that just didn’t legally exist a few decades back, save for two cities. There is no Massachusetts fair circuit anymore, and that isn’t due to any ban on horse racing. And while there was an occasional local municipality that banned animal circuses or banned elephants used in circuses, there wasn’t much in the way of outright bans. Yet Ringling Brothers is gone and heightened awareness about animal abuse had a lot to do with it. Cont. p17
Don't misunderstand me: outright bans are possible, and I believe Mr. Finley's piece provided too much comfort. Go to the Grey2K website and you'll see that 41 states have outright banned dog racing. While the Finley opinion piece downplayed PETA's willingness to place a question on the ballot, trust me: in a day when most ballot questions are placed on the ballot by companies being paid to gather signatures, many animal rights groups can do it on their own through volunteers only, and they have done just that in Massachusetts more than once. Want to know more? I recommend reading ballotpedia.org's article of "Treatment of Animals on the Ballot" for a detailed history of the wins and losses of the animal-rights community.

If you think a statewide ban on horse racing cannot happen, you are naive. While many do not know it, not because of animal rights but because of opposition to gambling, New York once banned horse racing with the Hart-Agnew Law. In 1894, the New Jersey legislature banned parimutuel betting for a while. A ban is neither unimaginable nor unprecedented. Even though horse racing was eventually legalized again, the Brighton Beach Race Course, Gravesend Race Track, and the Sheepshead Bay Race Track were never able to reopen. This could happen to Santa Anita if there were substantial closures.

But the perception that horse racing is cruel to animals might lead to problems other than outright bans. First, like Ringling Brothers, people might simply stop patronizing horse tracks to such an extent that the doors cannot be left open. Second, with an industry that is becoming less and less capable of making it on its own, while there may not be outright bans, state legislatures will to subsidize the industry may wane. Sure, horse racing is an industry that preserves much-desired open green spaces that externalize a benefit which are not reflected in profits, creating "market inefficiencies" justifying state intervention. But this goodwill of preserved open spaces gets destroyed by the perception of animal cruelty.

Sometimes ignoring a problem actually works; it can be bad to "chase criticism," and a public relations problem fades when starved of oxygen and fuel that a response provides. But those in the thoroughbred industry that think that this is one of those don't-chase-criticism moments could not be more momentously wrong. This is a conflagration that requires really dealing with the problem and improving the situation, and not slick public relations.

Here's the tough love: there are a lot of industry "experts" being paid a lot of money but making some big-league mistakes. These aren't just PR people, but people entrenched in the industry who aren't exactly Daniels capable of reading the writing on the wall. Sure, PETA flames the fans, but it is not just about them. It's about Mr. Joe Six-Pack, Ms. Soccer Mom and Ms. Socially Conscious Millennial and whether they think that horse racing is just too cruel. This industry is losing that battle.

The public views these horses as pets or noble athletes. They do not want to see horses die in slaughter houses, so we must make sure they are not sent to Mexico or Canada for such purposes. And there is the whole issue of nurse foals and supposed "throw away horses" when the mare is used for orphaned thoroughbred race horses and the foal that caused them to produce milk is dispensed. The solution to these problems is to fix them as best you can and stop blaming PETA. Otherwise, it is over—and I mean that somewhat literally.

A June 23, 2017 Fortune Magazine article entitled "Why Animal Cruelty is Bad for Business", said, "The fact is, in today's economy, businesses are under a microscope when it comes to how they interact with the world around them. Subjugating the treatment of animals beneath other commercial concerns may have made business sense in centuries past; but today, that doesn't fly." That's spot on and the wave of the future.

SeaWorld has stopped using orcas at its theme parks. According to Fortune Magazine, "Walmart--along with Kroger, McDonald's, Burger King, and hundreds more--have commanded the cage-free conversion [of hens], announcing policies to switch 100% of the eggs they sell to cage-free within the next few years."

Voters and consumers want horse racing to be less cruel. Adopt or perish.

Rinaldo Del Gallo, III
BONUS TO BE OFFERED FOR CANADIAN TRIPLE CROWN SWEEP

The owners of any horse sweeping Canada’s 2019 Triple Crown will receive a C$500,000 bonus as part of a deal reached with Woodbine Entertainment Group (WEG) and Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp. (OLG). OLG will return as the title sponsor of the race series for Canadian-sired 3-year-olds, comprised of the June 29 Queen’s Plate at Woodbine, July 23 Prince of Wales S. at Fort Erie and the Aug. 17 Breeders’ S. back at Woodbine.

“Woodbine Entertainment is thrilled to continue our partnership with OLG as we work towards raising the prominence of Canada’s Triple Crown,” said Jonathan Zammit, VP of Thoroughbred Racing Operations. “The prospect of a Triple Crown champion generates buzz around the sport and bringing back the incentive of a lucrative bonus will help to fuel that excitement.”

NMRHOF SELLING PERSONALIZED BRICKS

The National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame is offering the public the opportunity to purchase permanent commemorative bricks in the Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney Courtyard. Sales of the bricks will last from now through December and the bricks will be unveiled in the summer of 2020. Two sizes are available: 4” by 8” red bricks for $100 and 8” by 8” grey bricks for $250. Red bricks feature three lines of engraving with a maximum 12 characters per line, while grey bricks offer six lines with up to 12 characters per line. For more information or to order, visit www.racingmuseum.org/buy-brick or call (518) 584-0400 ext. 109.
Thursday, Belmont, post time: 4:07 p.m. EDT

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**INTERCONTINENTAL S.-GIII, $200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7fT**

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Friday, Belmont, post time: 5:15 p.m. EDT

**NEW YORK S.-GII, $600,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/4mT**

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**Friday, Belmont, post time: 5:48 p.m. EDT**

**BELMONT GOLD CUP INVITATIONAL S.-GII, $400,000, 4yo/up, 2mT**

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**Friday, Belmont, post time: 2:58 p.m. EDT**

**BED O’ ROSES INVITATIONAL S.-GIII, $250,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f**

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**Friday, Belmont, post time: 4:42 p.m. EDT**

**TRUE NORTH S.-GII, $250,000, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f**

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### RUNHAPPY METROPOLITAN H.-GI, $1,200,000, 3yo/up, 1m

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### MANHATTAN S.-GI, $1,000,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT

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LONGINES JUST A GAME S.-GI, $700,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT

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This is our legacy.
This is our life’s work.

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for stallions standing in North America through Tuesday, June 4

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SECOND CHANCES: LA CHANCLA
by Steve Sherack

La Chancla selling as an OBSMAR juvenile | Photos by Z

In this continuing series, TDN’s Senior Editor Steve Sherack catches up with the connections of promising maidens to keep on your radar. In this edition, La Chancla (Uncle Mo), a troubled fourth on debut at Churchill Downs, is highlighted. Previous runners featured in this column include: MGISW and ‘TDN Rising Star’ Paradise Woods (Union Rags), GSW Backyard Heaven (Tiznow) and MSW and ‘TDN Rising Star’ Gidu (Ire) (Frankel {GB}).

La Chancla (f, 3, Uncle Mo–Mama Tia, by Carson City) doesn’t figure to remain in the maiden ranks for long off an encouraging fourth-place finish on debut at Churchill Downs May 30 (video).

Working bullets for trainer Rodolphe Brisset, including a five-furlong breeze in 1:00 2/5 (1/6) at Keeneland May 24, she was off as the 2-1 second choice in her six-furlong unveiling.

The LNJ Foxwoods colorbearer was bothered badly at the start and spotted the field several lengths from her rail draw. Ninth through a sharp opening quarter in :21.46, the bay began to pick off rivals with a flashy move on the turn for home. She continued to rally down the lane and finished up with good interest widest of all to cut the final margin to 2 1/4 lengths.

La Chancla brought $775,000 from LNJ Foxwoods advisors Alex Solis II and Jason Litt as an OBS March 2-Year-Old after breezeing a quarter in :21 2/5 from the Eddie Woods consignment. She was previously a $200,000 KEESEP yearling.

“We always thought that she was a talented filly who has the chance to be special,” LNJ’s Jaime Roth said. “We had high expectations for her first start and were all very impressed with her run after a very sluggish start. Not sure yet what the plan is—probably Saratoga—but we’ll leave that up Rodolphe.”

La Chancla is a half-sister to Southern Honey (Colonel John), GSW, $223,017; Cali Thirty Seven (Eskendereya), MSW, $271,060; and Shangroyal (Shanghai Bobby), MSP, $190,569. She was bred in Kentucky by Atlas Farm and Conor Doyle.

The unraced mare Mama Tia is a half-sister to MGSW & MGISP Runway Model (Petionville), the dam of MGISW and ‘TDN Rising Star’ McKinzie (Street Sense).

So, what exactly does La Chancla mean? As defined on UrbanDictionary.com, it’s “a flip-flop or slipper that can be thrown by Latina females when angered by their significant other.”

“Her name is quite funny,” Roth concluded. “Her mom’s name is Mama Tia and we knew she had some attitude, so my wife suggested La Chancla.”

THURSDAY’S INSIGHTS: AUSPICIOUS GHOSTZAPPER FILLY AIMS TO REPLICATE SIBLINGS’ SUCCESS IN DEBUT AT BELMONT

4th-BEL, $90k, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 4:38 EST

A contentious field of well-bred maiden fillies will line up at Belmont Thursday. LIZA JAMBALAYA (Ghostzapper) is a sibling to two Grade I winning millionaire sprinters in Paulassilverlining (Ghostzapper) and Dads Caps (Discreet Cat). A homebred for Vincent Scuderi, the chestnut filly is trained by Rudy Rodriguez, the same conditioner who guided Dads Caps to his greatest career victories in the 2014 and 2015 renditions of the GI Carter H.

The always dangerous Chad Brown looks to have a live entrant in this maiden event with Trial and Error (Uncle Mo), a full-sister to Grade I winner Dream Tree. A $150,000 KEENOV’16 purchase, the Klaravich Stables-owned filly has been training towards her debut up at Saratoga.

Gainesway Stable and Andrew Rosen’s My Happy Place (Tapit) makes the first start of her career after selling for $575,000 at the 2017 Keeneland September sale. The Shug McGaughey trainee is out of GSW, $583,437 earner and ‘TDN Rising Star’ My Happy Face (Tiz Wonderful).

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5th-BEL $90k, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 5:10 EST
Running for the same connections as her hard-knocking millionaire dam, YGRITTE (Tapit) heads to the post for the first time Thursday at Belmont. The chestnut filly is the first foal produced by Shel Evans’ multiple graded stakes-winning and two-time Sovereign Award champion mare Irish Mission (Giant's Causeway).

Another contender with a compelling pedigree is the Kiaran McLaughlin-trained Madame Orbe (Orb). The $260,000 buy is a half-sister to multiple Grade I winning grass specialist Divisidero (Kitten's Joy).

LIGHT HEARTED S., $51,000, Delaware, 6-5, 3yo, f, 1m70y, 1:41.18, ft.
1--FASHION FAUX PAS, 117, f, 3, Flatter—Clash, by Arch. ($65,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP). O-Denlea Park, Ltd. & Kent Spellman; B-Claiborne Farm & Adele B. Dilschneider (KY); T-Arnaud Delacour; J-Daniel Centeno. $30,000. Lifetime Record: MSW, 7-3-1-1, $116,700. *1/2 to Ire (Political Force) GSP, $202,639

2--Our Super Freak, 117, f, 3, Mineshaft—Thatcher, by Giant's Causeway. ($5,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT; $17,000 2yo '18 EASMAY). O-Jagger Inc.; B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. (KY); T-Jamie Ness. $10,000.

3--Nonsensical, 117, f, 3, Street Sense—Dowager, by A.P. Indy. O-Godolphin, LLC; B-Godolphin (KY); T-Thomas Albertrani. $5,500.
Margins: 14HF, NK, 4HF. Odds: 2.20, 2.40, 2.60.

Fashion Faux Pas soundly defeated a field of maidens by 5 3/4 lengths in her second lifetime start at Laurel Nov. 23. The bay filly followed up that score with a decisive victory in Tampa's Sandpiper S. Dec. 15. She was winless in her next three starts, but turned in a solid showing last time out in the May 17 Hilltop S. on the Pimlico lawn when third behind multiple stakes winner Dogtag (War Front). In this local prep for the GIII Delaware Oaks, Fashion Faux Pas was sent off as the 2-1 narrow favorite. The $65,000 KEESEP buy settled off of Our Super Freak (Mineshaft) through fractions of :23.44 and :46.54 before overtaking that foe around the final turn. Under a hand ride, Fashion Faux Pas coasted to the wire 14 1/2 lengths in front of Our Super Freak, who edged Nonsensical (Street Sense) for second. The sophomore filly is out of the 17-year-old mare Clash, who hails from the family of Claiborne’s blue-hen producer Wild Applause (Northern Dancer) and top stallions Congrats (A.P. Indy) and Flatter (A.P. Indy). Clash is the mother of the graded stakes-placed filly Ire (Political Force), a yearling colt by Ironicus and a colt born in April of this year by Bank Heist.

Thursday, Belmont, post time: 6:14 p.m. EDT
ASTORIA S., $150,000, 2yo, f, 5.5f

For the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, JUNE 6

The Big Beast (Yes It’s True), Ocala Stud Farm, $6,000
68 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
3-Presque Isle Downs, Msw 4 1/2f, BAD LITTLE BEAST, 5-2
7-Belmont, $150K Astoria S., 5 1/2f, MS HEADLEY, 4-1
$20,000 OBS OCT yrl; $20,000 OBS MAR yrl

Bourbon Courage (Lion Heart), Anchor & Hope Farm, $5,000
45 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Belmont, $150K Astoria S., 5 1/2f, PUNK ROCK PRINCESS, 15-1
$25,000 EAS OCT yrl

Competitive Edge (Super Saver), Ashford Stud, $7,500
111 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Belmont, $150K Astoria S., 5 1/2f, REITERATE, 6-1
$45,000 OBS OCT yrl

Honor Code (A.P. Indy), Lane’s End Farm, $40,000
111 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Churchill Downs, Alw 5f, HARD CODE, 15-1
$5,000 KEE SEP yrl

Summer Front (War Front), Airdrie Stud, $10,000
97 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
3-Presque Isle Downs, Msw 4 1/2f, CHAOS KID, 2-1
$5,000 KEE SEP yrl

Wicked Strong (Hard Spun), Spendthrift Farm, $7,500
129 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
1-Churchill Downs, Alw 5f, SECRETLY WICKED, 3-1
$1,300 RNA KEE SEP yrl
3-Presque Isle Downs, Msw 4 1/2f, WICKED COURAGE, 6-1

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, JUNE 6

Cairo Prince (Pioneerof the Nile), Airdrie Stud, $25,000
228 foals of racing age/41 winners/5 black-type winners
4-Belmont, Msw 6 1/2f, KELLEYCANRUN, 6-1
4-Belmont, Msw 6 1/2f, STIFLE YOURSELF, 8-1

Cajun Breeze (Congrats), Stonehedge Farm South, $5,000
23 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Gulfstream, Msw 5f, GO GATOR GIRL GO, 3-1

Capo Bastone (Street Boss), Adena Springs, $4,000
32 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Gulfstream, Msw 5f, CROWN REAL, 8-1

Strong Mandate (Tiznow), Three Chimneys Farm, $10,000
139 foals of racing age/25 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Belmont, $150K Astoria S., 5 1/2f, MARYANORGINGER, 10-1
$25,000 FTK NOV wnl; $190,000 FTK JUL yrl

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
3rd-Indiana Grand, $35,500, (S), 6-5, (NW2L), 3yo/up,
1 1/16mT, 1:43.96, fm.
SOLITAIRE GAME (g, 3, Colonial Colony--Littlemisschoochoo, by Silver Train) Lifetime Record: 7-2-3-0, $82,363. O-Cathie Cluley; B/T-Denis Cluley (IN).

5th-Presque Isle Downs, $32,080, 6-4, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f
M.S CHIKILIN (g, 3, Prospective--Lady Carlotta, by Montbrook) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, $38,620. O-Endeavor Bloodstock, LLC; B-Ocala Stud (FL); T-Teresa Connelly. *Full to Broadway Run (Prospective), SW, $195,400.

7th-Thistledown, $31,800, (S), 6-5, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m,
1:44.06, sy.
SERVE REVENGE COLD (g, 3, I Want Revenge--Impatient Lady, by Pleasant Tap) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, $40,781. O/T-S. Matthew Kintz.; B-Steve M DeMaiolo (OH).

6th-Presque Isle Downs, $31,680, 6-4, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m,
6 1/2f (AWT), 1:15.90, ft.
REDEEM MY HEART (f, 3, Redeemed--Miss Gemstone, by Clever Trick) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, $56,300. O-Muirfield Farm & Tim Girten; B-William E. Riddle (PA); T-Tim Girten. *$5,000 Ylg ‘17 EASOCT.
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Trained by Koichi Tsunoda

SIR WINSTON
Trained by Mark Casse

TACITUS
Trained by Bill Mott

WAR OF WILL
Trained by Mark Casse

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Travelin Gambler, g, 2, Itsmyluckyday--Sadie, by In Summation. Gulfstream, 6-5, (C), 4 1/2f, :52.49. B-Marion G. Montanari (FL). *$7,500 RNA Ylg '18 OBSOCT. **1ST-TIME STARTER.


I'm Feeling Lucky, f, 3, Blame--Shortbread Scotty, by Bluegrass Cat. Thistledown, 6-5, 5 1/2f, 1:07.26. B-Joseph Strazzanti (KY). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

BELLAMY ROAD, Darknstormytime, g, 3, o/o Itstimeforwine, by Saratoga Six. MSW, 6-5, Indiana Grand

BLAME, I'm Feeling Lucky, f, 3, o/o Shortbread Scotty, by Bluegrass Cat. MSW, 6-5, Thistledown

COLONIAL COLONY, Solitaire Game, g, 3, o/o Littlemisschoochoo, by Silver Train. ALW, 6-5, Indiana Grand

FLATTER, Fashion Faux Pas, f, 3, o/o Clash, by Arch. Light Hearted S., 6-5, Delaware

I WANT REVENGE, Serve Revenge Cold, g, 3, o/o Impatient Lady, by Pleasant Tap. ALW, 6-5, Thistledown

ITSMYLUCKYDAY, Travelin Gambler, g, 2, o/o Sadie, by In Summation. MCL, 6-5, Gulfstream

PROSPECTIVE, Mas Chikilin, g, 3, o/o Lady Carlotta, by Montbrook. ALW, 6-4, Presque Isle Downs

REDEEMED, Redeem My Heart, f, 3, o/o Miss Gemstone, by Clever Trick. ALW, 6-4, Presque Isle Downs

TEMPLE CITY, Tass, f, 3, o/o Masasi, by More Than Ready. MSW, 6-5, Delaware

Fashion Faux Pas (Flatter) romps by 14 1/2 lengths in the Light Hearted S. at Delaware.