NEWMARKET LAUNCHES GOLD SEASON

By Emma Berry

NEWMARKET, UK—The Rowley Mile's autumn racing programme and the October Sales at Tattersalls have long been a draw for industry professionals and racegoers from all over the world to Newmarket. For the first time, the two key events in the town during late September and October have been officially linked to form the Newmarket Gold Season.

The two weeks of Britain's flagship yearling sale, which starts on Oct. 8, routinely sees ferocious trade at Tattersalls' Park Paddocks, with more than 160 million gns having changed hands throughout the fortnight last year. The extra visitors in Newmarket for the sale, and for the top-class racing on offer, are estimated to deliver more than €40 million to the local economy through that month alone.

"For the team and for me, it's not just about racecourses, it's about the whole town-we are team Newmarket," said Amy Starkey, Regional Director for Jockey Club Racecourses' East Region, at a launch for the Gold Season on Tuesday.

The four consecutive weekends of racing at the Rowley Mile begin this Saturday, coinciding with the Henry Cecil Open Weekend and featuring the Cesarewitch Trial. Cont. p2

HARAS D’ETREHAM BUYS SHARE OF CITY LIGHT

A share in 2018 G1 Diamond Jubilee S. second City Light (Fr) (Siyouni (Fr)—Light Saber (Fr), by Kendor (Fr)) has been purchased by Haras d’Etrepam, Jour de Galop reported on Tuesday. Bred by Isabelle Corbani and Jedburgh Stud, the bay races for Corbani and Jean-Louis Bouchard. A winner of the 2018 G3 Prix de Saint-Georges and the G3 Qatar Prix du Pin on Sept. 15, the 5-year-old has a further two group placings to his credit, as well as a trio at listed level for a record of 21-7-8-0 and $578,150 in earnings. Trained by Stephane Wattel, he is pointing for the G1 Qatar Prix de la Foret on Oct. 6.

"The horse has been the subject of important offers from abroad and we have been following him for quite some time now," Haras d’Etrepam Director Nicolas de Chambure told Jour de Galop. “We are very pleased to have reached an agreement and it is excellent news that he remains in France.” Cont. p3

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

MAXIMUM SECURITY OUT OF PA DERBY

MGISW Maximum Security (New Year’s Day) has been ruled out of an expected start in the GI Pennsylvania Derby on Sept. 21 due to a large colon nephroplenic entrapment. Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.
Newmarket Launches Gold Season Cont. from p1

This is followed by the Cambridgeshire Meeting from Sept. 26 to 28, Sun Chariot Day on Oct. 5, with the action culminating in the Dubai Future Champions Festival on Oct. 11 and 12. During what will now be known as the Gold Season, a total of 21 Pattern races will be staged, including five Group 1 contests, with a total of £4.2 million in prize-money on offer.

"If I look back on some of the prouder moments at Newmarket, the 350 campaign celebrating 350 years of racing here was fantastic but it was a one-year campaign," Starkey added. "The amazing thing with the Newmarket Gold Season is that we can continue to develop the stories and the resonance for many years to come. This year is about embedding the concept."

Referring to the loss of the G1 Champion S. to Ascot in 2011 and a regular reshuffling of the autumn stakes races in the years that followed, she said, "After years of having an unsettled racing programme, we can now stand here and say that we are proud of our racing programme."

Starkey was joined at the press conference by champion trainer John Gosden, who has sent out 13 Group 1 winners already this season and last year landed the G1 Darley Dewhurst S. with Too Darn Hot (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) just days after his full-brother had sold for a sale-topping 3.5 million gns to Qatar Racing at Tattersalls. Now named Darain (GB), that colt is also with Gosden, who trained his dam Dar Re Mi (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}) to three Group 1 wins.

"He's very much shown me that he's more like his mother and will develop more as a 3-year-old, whereas Too Darn Hot just wanted to get on with things," said the trainer. "But he's going very nicely and he should make his debut in mid-October."

Gosden also issued an update on stable star Enable (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}) as she heads towards her attempt at an historic third victory in the G1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. He said, "I'm very pleased with her. She cantered this morning and she enjoys her training. She makes it easy on her trainer because she is willing and positive, but these preparations are never easy because you're always watching out for any little problem but so far we are happy with her. The key thing is to keep it as natural as possible."

While his fellow trainers may run scared of Enable, Gosden admitted that the horse he fears is Godolphin's Pinatubo (Ire) (Shamardal) ahead of a possible Dewhurst tilt for his smart debut winner Palace Pier (GB) (Kingman {GB}), who runs today (Wednesday) at Sandown.

He added, "It was very impressive the way Palace Pier won the other day but if Pinatubo turns up in the Dewhurst he will terrify people, so we may head across the Channel [for the Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere] as long as they don't lock us out."

Taking place during the weeks either side of the Dubai Future Champions Festival is the October Sale, with 2,084 yearlings catalogued to sell during throughout nine days of trade.

"For seven consecutive years the highest-priced yearling in the world has come from Book 1 and this year it features 59 full- or half-siblings to Classic or Group 1 winners," said Tattersalls Marketing Director Jimmy George at the launch.

While last year's top lot is waiting in the wings to make his debut, the colt who ran him a close second was one of the stars of Irish Champions Weekend, the G2 KPMG Champions Juvenile S. winner Mogul (GB) (Galileo {Ire}). A 3.4 million-guinea yearling, he is a brother to dual Group 1 winner Japan (GB), who was sold from Book 1 for 1.3 million gns the previous year. Mogul has two entries during the Gold Season, in the G2 Juddmonte Royal Lodge S. and the Dewhurst.

George added, "A partnership has existed between Tattersalls and Newmarket Racecourses for a very long time but this makes it official. We've worked very closely together and Tattersalls have sponsored prestigious races here for as long as I can remember.

"Last year's 2-year-old programme at Newmarket perfectly encapsulated what it is all about and the story that caught everyone's imagination was Too Darn Hot and then his brother topping Book 1. Then at the same time we had Ten Sovereigns (Ire) and Fairyland (Ire) winning two of the most prestigious juvenile races here at the Rowley Mile and both of them were purchased here at the October Yearling Sale, so it marries up beautifully. If we could see that happen again this year we'd all be very pleased."
He added, “He is expected to be Siyouni’s first son to go to stud and will be syndicated at the end of his career. City Light is a healthy horse, who ran for four seasons. He has tremendous speed and acceleration, attributes that are found in many very good stallions.”

City Light is a half-brother to Norwegian SW and Swedish Group 3 placed Busybeingfabulous (Fr) (Soldier of Fortune {Ire}) and French MGSP Soft Light (Fr) (Authorized {Ire}). His second dam is the GI Budweiser International S. Heroine Leariva (Irish River {Fr}), herself responsible for SW & MGSP Athanor (Fr) (Ashkalani {Ire}).

**GEORGE SCOTT MOVES TO EVE LODGE STABLES**

George Scott is looking forward to taking the next step in his training career with a move to Eve Lodge Stables next week. The 30-year-old has enjoyed four successful years at Saffron House Stables, from where he has saddled a clutch of big-race winners—most notably James Garfield (Ire) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), who won the 2017 G2 Mill Reef S. and the 2018 G3 Greenham S. He is now set to move just a few hundred yards along the Hamilton Road to an 80-box yard which was the former base of Lester Piggott. **Cont. p4**
Lot 21 FLOP SHOT
(Rating 112 / Trip 1500-2000m)
3yo c. New Approach x Dancequest
Classy Gr.3 winner with a top class pedigree.

Lot 22 SUJET LIBRE
(Rating 105 / Trip 1200-1400m)
2yo c. Hurricane Cat x Tiziana
Quality juvenile colt with a strong form.

Lot 23 CARTHEM
(Rating 102 / Trip 1600m-2000m)
3yo f. Cape Cross x Mintaka
Classic trial winner by Cape Cross.

Lot 24 HELTER SKALTER
(Rating 104 / Trip 1200-1600m)
2yo c. Wootton Bassett x Winna Chope
Highly promising 2yo by the sire of ALMANZOR.

Lot 25 LES HOGUES
(Rating 100 / Trip 1200m-1400m)
2yo f. Bated Breath x Hatsepsut Queen
Stakes winning juvenile filly.

Lot 26 NAIDA
(Rating 106 / Trip 2000-2200m)
3yo f. Reliable Man x Nacella
Classic-placed 3yo filly. 2nd in the Preis der Diana (Gr.1)

Lot 27 FLAMBEUR
(Rating 99 / Trip 1600m-2000m)
3yo g. Mizzen Mast x Flamenba
Consistent middle distance Stakes performer.

Lot 28 GRAINGS
(Rating 110 / Trip 1200-1600m)
3yo c. Zoffany x Grey Anatomy
Gr.1 performer on any ground.

Lot 29 ALWAAB
(Rating 103 / Trip 1600-2000m)
3yo c. Toronado x Lady Gorgeous
Progressive and lightly raced Stakes winner.

Lot 30 HET BEK
(Rating 101 / Trip 1200-1400m)
2yo f. Zracky x Tiziana
Highly talented 2yo filly.

Lot 31 GRAGNES
(Rating 100 / Trip 1200-1400m)
3yo c. Zoffany x Grey Anatomy
Gr.1 performer on any ground.

Lot 32 ALMANZOR
(Rating 102 / Trip 1600m-2000m)
3yo g. El Prado x Ashx
Consistent middle distance Stakes performer.
George Scott Moves to Eve Lodge Stables Cont.

Scott said, "I am really excited by the opportunities that moving to Eve Lodge Stables will provide us. The facilities are fantastic and will give us every chance to progress further after four enjoyable years at Saffron House Stables."

"We have grown significantly since I saddled my first runner back in November 2015 and I look back fondly on many great days that we’ve had so far. James Garfield’s group-race victories at two and three are the obvious high points, but we have enjoyed a lot of other great results, including international success in Dubai, Turkey and Qatar."

"Over the coming weeks and months I will be busy at all the major sales trying to ensure that we build a promising team of horses for our first full season at Eve Lodge in 2020."

As well as his new base having more available stabling, Eve Lodge possesses an indoor ride, two horse-walkers, large turn-out paddocks and a treadmill. Eve Lodge also provides extensive on-site staff accommodation and a purpose-built owners’ facility.

PATRICK OWENS JOINS TRAINING RANKS AT HQ

Patrick Owens will begin training out of the Authorized Yard at St Gatien Stables in Newmarket, the 25-year industry veteran announced on Tuesday. Originally a successful amateur jockey, the Galway, Ireland native started as an assistant to Luca Cumani, but has also spent time Stateside with Eddie Kenneally, with Mike Doyle in Canada, and Erwan Charpy in Dubai, as well as working for Joseph G. Murphy in Ireland and yards in New Zealand. Owens has spent the last six years pre-training for some of Newmarket’s biggest stables, including John Gosden. He will be assisted by his partner Amy Stennett, a former leading amateur rider.

"I have learned a huge amount during my time with some of the most talented trainers around the world and more recently have enjoyed following the careers of some of the outstanding horses I have been lucky to pre-train," said Owens in a statement. "I am excited to start training myself with a dual-purpose licence from the Authorized Yard, with the world-class gallops and facilities in Newmarket on hand, there is nowhere better to be based."

FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2019:

UNITED KINGDOM

Brazen Beau (Aus) (I Am Invincible {Aus}), Dalham Hall Stud

78 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner

16:10-BEVERLEY, 5f, CUPID’S BEAU (GB)

26,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; £40,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018

16:10-BEVERLEY, 5f, DEEVIOUS BEAU (GB)

5,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 3; £800 RNA Goffs UK January Mixed Sale 2019

14:20-SANDOWN PARK, 8f, FEAR NAUGHT (GB)

50,000gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; £50,000 RNA Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018

Cable Bay (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Highclere Stud

114 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner

14:55-SANDOWN PARK, 7f, SOUTHERN DANCER (GB)

£60,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018

Cappella Sansevero (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), Bridge House Stud

60 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners

14:00-BEVERLEY, 5f, CALIPPO (Ire)

£10,000 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze-Up Sale 2019

Free Eagle (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}), Irish National Stud

87 foals of racing age/7 winners/1 black-type winner

15:05-BEVERLEY, 7.5f, FLYLIKEANEAGLE (Ire)

€25,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2018

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

110 foals of racing age/14 winners/2 black-type winners

14:30-BEVERLEY, 7.5f, FREYJA (Ire)

37,000gns Tattersalls December Yearlings Sale 2018

Golden Horn (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud

98 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner

14:20-SANDOWN PARK, 8f, BYZANTINE EMPIRE (GB)
American Pharoah is looking to build on his baker's dozen of winners in France on Wednesday.  

**Night of Thunder (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud  
108 foals of racing age/21 winners/3 black-type winners  
16:10-BEVERLEY, 5f, MAGICAL JOURNEY (Ire)  
€60,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018  
14:20-SANDOWN PARK, 8f, THUNDER FLASH (GB)  
4,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 3;  
€19,000 RNA Tattersalls Ireland Goresbridge Breeze Up Sale 2019  
16:10-BEVERLEY, 5f, WONDERWORK (Ire)  
21,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; €52,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2018  

**Summer Front** (War Front), Airdrie Stud  
97 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner  
14:55-SANDOWN PARK, 7f, SUMMERONSEVENHILLS  
$12,000 Keeneland Association November 2017 Breeding Stock Sale; $45,000 RNA Keeneland Association September Yearling Sale 2018; £85,000 Tattersalls Ireland Ascot 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2019  

**FRANCE**  

**American Pharoah** (Pioneerof the Nile), Ashford Stud  
162 foals of racing age/13 winners/3 black-type winners  
3-SAINT-CLOUD, 1600m, RIDWAAN (Fr)  
1-SAINT-CLOUD, 1600m, LAND OF MAYBE  
3-SAINT-CLOUD, 1600m, OCEAN ATLANTIQUE  
$275,000 Keeneland Association September Yearling Sale 2018;  
€1,100,000 Arqana May 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2019  

**Free Eagle (Ire)** (High Chaparral {Ire}), Irish National Stud  
87 foals of racing age/7 winners/1 black-type winner  
3-SAINT-CLOUD, 1600m, SUPERHON (Ire)  
€21,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2017; €7,000 Goffs Sportsman’s Yearling Sale 2018  

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**Dotty About Roy Rocket?**  

John and Emma Berry’s Newmarket stable is supporting the fundraising efforts of Pat Smullen for Cancer Trials Ireland through his ambassadorial role for Longines Irish Champions Weekend.  

A week after Irish racing’s big weekend, the stables of Newmarket open their doors for the Henry Cecil Open Weekend. Visitors will have the chance to meet Roy Rocket and enter a competition to be his owners for a day when he returns to the racecourse next season.  

All you have to do is guess the number of spots on their Dalmatian, Gus.  

Sir Mark Prescott has agreed to be the independent judge and has now completed the official spot count.  

Make your minimum donation of £10 per guess to support Pat’s fundraising efforts towards important research in the ongoing battle against cancer by visiting this link, then email your guess on Gus’s spots to emmacollingsberry@gmail.com
Karakontie (Jpn) (Bernstein), Gainesway Farm
88 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner
3-SAINTE-LOUD, 1600m, KETIL
35,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; €50,000
Arqana Deauville August Yearling 2018

Music Master (GB) [Piccolo (GB)], Throckmorton Court Stud
15 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
5-SAINTE-LOUD, 1200m, CHEF D’ORCHESTRE (Fr)

OBSERVATIONS
on the European racing scene

$2.4-MILLION WAR FRONT DEBUTS AT NAAS
2.10 Great Yarmouth, Mdn, £7,500, 2yo, 7f 3yT
Cheveley Park Stud’s KINSMAN (GB) [Exceed and Excel (Aus)] is a homebred half-brother to Listed Chester City Plate victress Ladyship (GB) (Oasis Dream (GB)) produced by G1 Sun Chariot S. and G1 Lockinge S. heroine Peeress (GB) [Pivotal (GB)]. He faces one dozen debuting for the William Haggas stable.

2.55 Sandown, Cond, £12,000, 2yo, 7fT
Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum’s PALACE PIER (GB) [Kingman (GB)], a 600,000gns TATOCT yearling out of a half-sister to GSW G1 Criterium International placegetter Bonfire (GB) (Manduro (Ger)) and MGSW GI Beverly D. S. third Joviality (GB) (Cape Cross (Ire)), earned ‘TDN Rising Star’ status over course and distance last month and continues his education with a six-pound penalty for that impressive debut over course and distance last month and continues his focus is not solely on the juvenile feast occurring at Naas and Susan Magnier’s French colours will be represented in this clash of newcomers by OCEAN ATLANTIQUE (American Pharoah), an Andre Fabre trainee. The $275,000 Keeneland September yearling, who lit up Arqana’s May Breeze-Up sale when topping the sheets at €1.1 million, is out of a half-sister to MGISW sire Leroidesanimaux (Brz) (Candy Stripes). His task has been made easier by the late scratching of His Highness The Aga Khan’s homebred Ridwaan (Fr) (American Pharoah), who is a Mikel Delzangles-conditioned son of G1 Prix de l’Opera heroine Ridosiya (Fr) (Motivator (GB)).

3.02 Saint-Cloud, Mdn, €27,000, unraced 2yo, c/g, 8fT
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3.20 Naas, Mdn, €16,500, 2yo, f, 6fT
LOVE LOCKET (IRE) [No Nay Never], whose granddam is a stakes-placed half-sister to MG1SW sire High Chaparral (Ire)), shot up in value after selling for €52,000 as a GOFNOV foal to become €700,000 GOFORB yearling last year. Susan Magnier’s debutante is joined by Aidan O’Brien stablemate Elfin Queen (American Pharoah), who is a $1.2-million KEESEP half-sister to three black-type performers headed by GI Santa Anita Gold Cup-winning sire Cupid (Tapit).

3.52 Saint-Cloud, Mdn, €27,000, unraced 2yo, f, 8fT
Alain and Gerard Wertheimer’s LIGHT DREAM (FR) [Anodin (Ire)] is kin to three black-type performers headed by G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud heroine Plumania (GB) (Anabaa) and is unveiled by Freddy Head in this debutantes’ heat. Her opponents include His Highness The Aga Khan’s Vadalda (Fr) (Nathaniel (Ire)), who is a homebred daughter of G3 Prix Cleopatre and G3 Prix de Psyche victress Vadapolina (Fr) (Trempolino) and thus a half-sister to G1 Poule d’Essai des Pouliches runner-up Veda (Fr) (Dansili (GB)).
Tuesday’s Results:
2nd-Great Yarmouth, £10,400, Cond, 9-17, 2yo, 6f 3yT, 1:11.29, gd.
TIGER CRUSADE (FR) (c, 2, No Nay Never--Folle Allure {Fr} (GSP-Fr, $125,059), by Poliglote (GB)), an Aug. 15 debut third going a shade over seven furlongs on this track last time, was steadied to race under cover in fifth after a sharp getaway here. Coaxed into contention approaching the final furlong the 11-8 favourite kept on strongly under whipless cajoling in the closing stages to prevail by a half-length from One Night Stand (GB) (Swiss Spirit (GB)). He is the latest of six foals and first winner produced by G3 Prix Fille de l’Air third Folle Allure (Fr) (Poliglote (GB)), whose quintet of black-type siblings is headed by MGSW sire Nysaean (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells). Sales history: €52,000 Ylg ’18 DEANOV; €215,000 2yo ’19 ARQMA. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $9,234. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-Sun Bloodstock SARL & Qatar Racing Ltd; B-Mme Dominique Ades Hazan & Mme Lily Ades (FR); T-David Simcock.

4th-Chepstow, £5,300, Cond, 9-17, 2yo, f, 7f 16yT, 1:20.48, gd.
FESTIVAL DAY (GB) (f, 2, Dubawi {IRE}--Ama, by Storm Cat), who was denied by a short head in her Sept. 3 debut over much this trip at Goodwood last time, broke sharply and led from the outset here. Untroubled throughout, the 4-6 favourite was safely clear entering the final furlong and surged further ahead of toiling rivals in the closing stages to easily outclass Anfield Girl (IRE) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}) by six lengths in track-record time. “She ran a big race at Goodwood, but was a bit unlucky and maybe should have won,” said winner rider Franny Norton. “She was well organised today and it was a bit of a formality really. I like her, but time will tell how good she is.” Full to the stakes-winning Lunar Maria (IRE) and half to a colt foal by Ulysses (IRE), she becomes the fifth winner produced by a daughter of storied multiple champion Miesque (Nureyev).
Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $6,236. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Godolphin; T-Mark Johnston.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Lasting Legacy (GB), f, 2, Lethal Force (IRE)--Araminte (GB), by One Cool Cat. Newcastle, 9-17, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:27.47. B-Mrs R D Peacock (GB). *50,000gns RNA Ylg ’18 TAOTC.
Modular Magic (GB), g, 2, Swiss Spirit (GB)--Lucy Parsons (IRE), Thousand Words (GB). Redcar, 9-17, 5fT, :59.01. B-NCF & Harrowgate Bloodstock Ltd (GB). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

DONCASTER DAY 1 TOPPED BY PEARL SECRET FILLY
The first session of the two-day Goffs UK September Sale at Doncaster was topped by a Pearl Secret (GB) yearling filly (lot 48) who went the way of Paul Murphy for £20,000. Out of a daughter of listed winner Ice Palace (GB) (Polar Falcon), the Salcey Forest Stud-consigned chestnut’s dam is also a half-sister to SW Queen of Ice (GB) (Selkirk). At the conclusion of the first day, 58 yearlings sold of 92 offered (63%), with a gross of £272,800. The average fell by 10% to £4,703, but the median rose to £4,000 (+33%).
Wednesday’s horses-in-training portion of the sale begins at 10 a.m. local time.
CONDITIONS RESULTS:
2nd-Coombiege, €28,000, Cond, 9-17, 3yo, 10fT, 2:05.47, g/s.
AHESTO BERO (GB) (g, 3, Dubawi {Ire})--Wedding March {Ire}, by Dalakhani {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, €41,860.
O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Andre Fabre.

6th-Coombiege, €28,000, Cond, 9-17, 3yo, 14fT, 3:04.15, g/s.
JE NE REGRETTERIEN (GB) (f, 3, Galileo {Ire})--Prudenzia (GB) SW-Fr), by Dansili (GB)) Lifetime Record: GSP-Fr, 5-2-1-1, €49,200. O-Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier & Michael Tabor; B-Ecurie des Monceaux & Ecurie Skymarc Farm (GB); T-Andre Fabre. *€950,000 Ylg ’17 ARAUG. **Full to Magic Wand (Ire), GSW-Eng, MG1SP-Gr & Ire, MGISW-US, $2,252,741; and 1/2 to Chiquita (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), Hwt. Older Mare-Ire at 11-14f, G1SW-Ire, G1SP-Eng & Fr, $859,094.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Goldika (Ire), f, 3, Intello (Ger)--Goldikova (Ire) (2x Ch. Grass Mare-US, Ch. Older Horse-Eur, Ch. Older Mare-Eur, MG1SW-Eng & Fr, MGISW-US, $7,176,551), by Anabaa. Compiegne, 9-17, 8fT, 1:35.44. B-Wertheimer & Frere (IRE). *1/2 to Terrakova (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), GSW & G1SP-Fr, $187,829.

Trihubvan (Fr), c, 3, Toronado (Ire)--Mahendra (Ger), by Next Desert (Ire). Compiegne, 9-17, 8fT, 1:36.68. B-Jean-Charles Haimet, Mlle Elza Petit & Mlle Hannah Petit (FR). *€30,000 Wlg ‘16 ARQDEC; €58,000 RNA Ylg ’17 AROCT.

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IRELAND

Tuesday’s Results:
ARDILUAN HOTEL OYSTER S.-Listed, €50,000, Galway, 9-17, 3yo/up, f, 12f 42yT, 2:46.74, sf.
1--DIAMOND HILL (IRE), 133, m, 6, Beat Hollow (GB)--Sixhills (Fr), by Sabrehill. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Mrs A F Mee; B-Mrs J M Mullins (IRE); T-Willie Mullins; J-Colin Keane. €29,500. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, $61,355.

2--Camphor (Ire), 126, f, 3, Camelot (GB)--Paraphernalia (Ire), by Dalakhan (Ire). (€45,000 Wlg ‘16 GOFNOV; €22,000 RNA Ylg '17 GOFOR). O-Rollx Syndicate & OTI Racing. €10,000.

3--Wanaq (Ire), 133, m, 5, Arcano (Ire)--Ihtiraam (Ire), by Teofilo (Ire). (€8,000 Wlg ‘14 GOFNOV; €5,000 Ylg ‘15 TISEP). O-Kevin John Smith. €5,000.

Margins: NK, 1 1/4, 2. Odds: 2.50, 2.75, 9.00.
Also Ran: Bongiorno (Ire), Motoe (Ire), Simply Beautiful (Ire), Morga (Ire), Four Leaf Clover (Ire), Tritonix (GB), Invitation (Ire). Scratched: Terzetto (Ire).

Having enjoyed mixed fortunes in the National Hunt sphere, Diamond Hill’s flat résumé consists of wins in a qualified riders’ maiden over this course and distance over year ago and a July 3 qualified riders’ handicap at Bellewstown in her only other start on the level. The bay went postward for this black-type bow coming back from a July 31 hurdle success here once more and employed patient tactics off the pace in rear for the most part. Reducing arrears from the three-furlong marker, she challenged six-wide off the home turn and was driven out to narrowly deny Camphor in the dying strides for a career high. “I spoke to [rider] Patrick [Mullins] beforehand and he said that she raced behind the bridle for most of the race and was a little slow to warm up at Bellewstown,” explained Colin Keane. “We went a nice and even gallop, she travelled into it well and was game in the finish. She will be a right filly for those big, staying handicaps and they will have plenty fun with her.”

Diamond Hill, full-sister to a yearling filly, is the leading light and one of seven scorers from as many runners out of a winning half-sister to Listed Stubbys S. victress Eileen Shona (GB) (Suave Dancer) and to the dam of G1 Poule d’Essai des Poulains and GI Oak Tree Derby placegetter Venomous (GB) (Red Ransom). She shares her third dam Marypark (GB) (Charlottown (GB)) with G1 Prix du Cadran hero Invermark (GB) (Machiavellian) and GI Turf Classic Invitational runner-up Craigsteel (GB) (Suave Dancer). Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

4th-Galway, €19,000, Mdn, 9-17, 2yo, f, 7f 24yT, 1:34.54, sf.
SHEHREEN (IRE) (f, 2, Iffraaj (GB))--Shareen (Ire) {GSW-Ire, $147,264}, by Bahri), who hit the board behind subsequent Listed Ingabelle S. runner-up Nurse Barbara (Ire) (Kodiac (GB)) tackling six furlongs at Cork in her Sept. 1 debut last time, broke well and was positioned in a close-up second through halfway in this. Caught for toe as Sioneanta (Ire) (Intense Focus) poached a significant buffer off the home turn, the 6-5 second choice rallied gamely to reduce arrears and kept on resolutely under continued urging to deny that rival by a head on the line. She probably found the ground more testing than ideal for her, but it was a good, strong ride from Oisin [Orr],” commented Dermot Weld. “She will be better on better ground and has more pace than she showed today. She’ll run in a listed race next.”

Shehreen is the fourth winner out of G3 Denny Cordell Lavarack & Lanwades Stud Fillies’ S. victress Shareen (Ire) (Bahri), herself kin to G3 Brigadier Gerard S. scorer Sharestan (Ire) (Shamardal), and the homebred bay is a half-sister to MGSW dual G2 Blandford S. heroine Shamreen (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) and Gillis Singspiel S. victor Shahroze (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}).

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4th-Galway Cont.
Shareen has a yearling filly by Sea the Stars (Iew) and a 2019 filly by Frankel (GB) to come. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $14,005. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan’s Studs SC (IRE); T-Dermot Weld.

1st-Galway, €17,500, Mdn, 9-17, 2yo, 8f 123yT, 1:52.28, sf.
PERSIA (IRE) (c, 2, Galileo {Ire}--Just Pretending (GSW & MG1SP-Ire, GSP-Eng, $199,212), by Giant’s Causeway), who ran eighth going one mile at The Curragh in his Aug. 23 debut last time, asserted for an outright lead after breaking on the front end in a contest won by connections’ subsequent G1 Irish Derby hero Sovereign (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) last year. Coming under pressure to poach an increased advantage on the home turn, the 2-1 pick kept on strongly for continued urging in the straight to score by five lengths from Alatar (Ire) (Ruler of the World {Ire}). “He had a nice run first time and is still quite raw and green, but he is learning plenty and has plenty of ability,” said Donnacha O’Brien. “He is a big horse, there is a lot of improvement in him and he’ll be a fine staying horse next year.” Full to a yearling colt, Persia becomes the second winner produced by GSW G1 Irish 1000 Guineas and G1 Irish Oaks placegetter Just Pretending (Giant’s Causeway), herself the leading performer out of a GSP full-sister to MGISW sire Scan (Mr. Prospector). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $11,381. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith & Susan Magnier; B-Coolmore (IRE); T-Aidan O’Brien.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:
2nd-Galway, €18,000, Cond, 9-17, 3yo/up, 8f 123yT, 1:52.19, sf.
BASHIYR (IRE) (g, 3, Invincible Spirit {Ire}--Baliyana {Ire} (GSW-Ire), by Dalakhani {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, $22,699. O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan’s Studs SC (IRE); T-Dermot Weld. *1/2 to Balansiya (Ire) (Shamardal), GSP-Ire.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
The Tooth Fairy (Ire), f, 3, Galileo (Ire)--Red Evie (Ire) (Broodmare of the Year-Ire, Hwt. 3yo Filly-Ire at 7-9f, Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 7-9.5f, G1SW-Eng & Ire, $763,111), by Intikhab. Galway, 9-17, 12f 42yT, 2:51.67. B-Roncon, Wynatt & Chelston (IRE). *Full to Found (Ire), Hwt. 2yo Filly-Eur, Hwt. Older Horse-Eur at 11-14f, Hwt. Older Horse-Fr at 9.5-11f, Hwt. Older Mare-Fr & Ire at 11-14f, Hwt. Older Mare-Ire at 9.5-11f, MG1SW-Fr, GISW-US, MG1SW & MG1SP-Ire, MG1SP-Eng, $7,610,405; Best in the World (Ire), GSW-Ire, $141,246; and Magical Dream (Ire), GSW-Ire, $118,485.
THE NON-GROUP 1 WINNING STALLION

by John Boyce

How can a listed or Group 3 winner cover low quality mares, and yet confound everyone to rise to the pinnacle as a stallion? Moreover, why is there a perception that it happens more often in Australia than in the Northern Hemisphere?

These are big questions to answer and perhaps beyond the scope of a single article. But there are some clues that can help our understanding of how breeding is organised in Australasia compared to say Britain and Ireland, which can lead to these perceptions.

First of all, every major breeding nation has produced successful sires that have started out with less than top racing credentials. Danzig (USA) in America, Fairy King (USA) and more recently Kodiac (GB)--sire of recent Group 1 winning sprinter Hello Youmzain--in Ireland. They are just some that spring to mind.

Currently in Australasia, we are witnessing Not A Single Doubt, a listed winner who was also Group 3 placed, and Group 3 scorer I Am Invincible take on and out-perform stallions with far better racing credentials.

Proving His Worth

For the record, Not A Single Doubt, who did run some good races in defeat, earned access to better mares by proving he could add value to all mares he covered.

His career strike rate stands at 7.7% stakes winners to runners, but the fact is most of his mares where from the lower end of the class spectrum, producing only 3.9% stakes winners when visiting other sires. Even so, the Arrowfield stallion improved that mark to 6.8%.

For the past few seasons, his runners have been from far better mares and the mare quality mark has risen to 6.9%. But in typical fashion, he’s moved that number up 14.4%.

It’s been even harder for I Am Invincible, whose typical mare so far produces 3.4% stakes winners, a number he’s improved to 8.3%. And we can expect a bigger improvement as his better-bred runners start to appear.

But don’t go away with the impression that top-class form counts for less in a stallion.

Among sires that retired since 1995 in Australia and New Zealand with 100-plus runners, 52% hadn’t won a Group 1 race. The Group 1 winning sires produced 23,010 metropolitan winners in the period, which amounts to 23% of runners, and 4,186 black type winners, or 4.12% of runners. By contrast, the non-Group 1 winners sired 17% metro winners and 2.23% stakes winners.

But of course it’s not quite as simple as that. Opportunity plays a big part.

By my calculations, the average book quality of the Group 1 winners was about 23% better than the non-Group 1 winners. But this does not account for all of the 46% difference (i.e. the difference between 2.23% and 4.12% highlighted above) in stakes winner output, proving that racing ability in a stallion remains of paramount importance. Cont. p2
The Non-Group 1 Winning Stallion Cont. from p1

It’s a similar story in Britain and Ireland, where Group 1 winning sires produce on average 5.3% stakes winners to runners, compared to the 2.7% by the remainder. In America, the vast majority of runners come from non-Group 1 winning sires, and they produce 4.3% of stakes winners, compared to 5.5% by Group 1 winning sires.

Differences in Broodmare Populations

It is perhaps due to the sheer size and structure of the broodmare population that stallions of lesser racing ability get more opportunities in Australia. To satisfy demand for racehorses, breeders are currently covering about 20,000 mares each year in Australia. Contrast this to Britain and Ireland, where there are 14,000 flat mares covered.

It’s clear that Australia needs more stallions: in 2018, 210 stallions covered 20 or more mares in Australia, compared to 128 in Britain and Ireland.

So, is it any wonder that Australia has to dig deeper into its male racing population for stallion prospects?

It’s also true to say that the makeup of Australia’s broodmare population is different to that in Britain and Ireland. More mares ultimately means more poorer mares. Just imagine what class of racehorse would be employed as stallions if Britain and Ireland had to cope with another 6,000 bad mares. Of course, this will never happen due to poor prize-money levels.

Another significant difference is that the big owner-breeders like Godolphin, Coolmore, Shadwell and Juddmonte base most of their mares in Britain and Ireland, so there is a higher concentration of quality mares there. In 2018, 1,606 mares with group form were covered in Australia. That’s 8.5% of the total, compared to 1,508 mares or 11% in Britain and Ireland.

Although it seems that nations with large racing populations like Australia and North America tend to offer more stud opportunities for colts that have not quite made it to the top, don’t expect to find another I Am Invincible anytime soon.
MAXIMUM SECURITY OUT OF PA DERBY

Dual Grade I winner Maximum Security (New Year’s Day) has been ruled out of an expected start in Saturday’s Grade I Pennsylvania Derby due to a large colon nephrosplenic entrapment that developed after the colt returned from his morning work Monday. He was rushed to Mid-Atlantic Equine Clinic in Ringoes, N.J., but is now back at trainer Jason Servis’s Monmouth Park barn.

“I’ve spoken to the Wests and they understand that it’s all about the horse. That’s first and foremost,” said Servis. “There’s nothing that anyone could have done to prevent it. It’s one of those things that just happens. It’s unfortunate and the timing is terrible but that’s horse racing.”

Maximum Security breezed three furlongs at Parx in :41.77 (11/11) Monday morning without incident, but Servis was summoned to the barn at 3:30 p.m. because something was amiss with the bay.

“He was doing great,” Servis said. “But, as soon as I saw him I could tell he was in trouble, so we got him right on the van and sent him to Mid-Atlantic Clinic.”

Maximum Security was seen by Mid-Atlantic Equine Clinic’s Dr. Janik Gasiorowski, who provided the following statement about the colt’s condition: “Maximum Security went through a severe, acute bout of colic. He got his colon displaced, which is actually very common in Thoroughbred racehorses. He just got his displaced tightly enough that it was extremely painful. Cont. p3

ANOTHER HORSE FATALLY INJURED AT SANTA ANITA

With 10 days to go before the start of Santa Anita’s fall meet, which include the Breeders’ Cup World Championships, a 4-year-old gelding named Zeke (Gio Ponti) fractured his pelvis during a work on Santa Anita’s training track Monday morning and was euthanized. The Dean Pederson trainee’s death brings the total number of fatalities at the Arcadia oval since Dec. 26 to 31.

Zeke, who was claimed by Pederson Aug. 29 at Del Mar and had not run since, was pulled up by his rider when he recognized an issue and was attended to by a team of on-track veterinarians led by April Mauro, according to a statement released by The Stronach Group Tuesday evening. He was vanned back to the barn where the pelvic fracture was diagnosed. Initially considered stable, his condition deteriorated that evening. Cont. p8

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Steve Sherack recaps the action from Keeneland September Tuesday, where a Flatter filly topped the day’s trade for the opening session of Book 4.

Manchurian High (The Daddy), pictured above winning the 2016 Sunshine Millions Turf Stakes at Gulfstream Park, will be ridden by the TDN’s own Alexa Reisfield in Friday’s Real Rider Cup in Fair Hill, MD. Click here to read more about the popular celebrity charity event and click here to donate. All proceeds benefit the Retired Racehorse Project and New Vocations. | Kenny Martin

TDN Q&A: AIDAN BUTLER

Dan Ross provides part one of a two-part Q&A with The Stronach Group’s Chief Strategic Officer Aidan Butler, discussing Santa Anita’s new safety rules and conditions.

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“He was sent to our clinic immediately and we managed to get him to correct without doing surgery. From a physiologic standpoint the horse is going to be recovered in a short period of time. We’re talking a couple of weeks and he will be fine. From a racing, training and athletic standpoint he needs a little bit of time off. He went through a big episode and he is going to need some time to recover. As far as his career goes, there are zero long-term ramifications from what he just went through.

The reason horses going through this survive is because of the rapid response of the veterinary team at the track, the trainer’s involvement and the fact that Gary and Mary West were willing to act immediately by doing what is in the horse’s best interests. They’ve chosen not to race and I think that is a wise decision that puts the horse first.” Servis does not have a time frame for Maximum Security’s return to racing, but is holding out hope for the Breeders’ Cup or “something else that might be out there.”

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**TDN Q&A: TSG’S AIDAN BUTLER ON SANTA ANITA, PART 1**

*by Dan Ross*

When Aidan Butler, The Stronach Group (TSG)’s chief strategy officer, arrived at Santa Anita earlier this Spring, he did so in the midst of a welfare crisis unfolding on a national stage.

Since then, TSG has solidified Butler's position within the company, where he will additionally serve as acting executive director of California Racing Operations. In terms of the crisis, Del Mar's summer meet--at which there were no race day fatalities and only four training-related deaths, two of which were the result of a freak accident--has had the effect of ameliorating the intense scrutiny.

With racing set to resume at Santa Anita Sept. 27, Santa Anita has just released its rules and conditions for training and racing this fall—a two-page, 13-point document that tightens the policies implemented in the spring, closely resembling the processes in place at Del Mar this summer.

In this first of a two-part Q&A with *TDN* which was conducted before the announcement that Craig Fravel would be TSG’s new CEO, Racing Operations, Butler discusses his new role in TSG, the safety protocols in place, and plans for the facility going forward.

The following is an edited version of a long conversation that proved wide-ranging and discursive. *Cont. p4*
TDN Q&A: Aidan Butler cont.

TDN: How does your role overlap with TSG COO Tim Ritvo? Who makes the day-to-day decisions?

AB: I'm overseeing everything in California. What are all those parts? Obviously, there's racetrack operations. How the industry works, meaning the relationships between the TOC [Thoroughbred Owners of California] and the CTT [California Thoroughbred Trainers]. How we work with Del Mar. How we work with bigger picture stuff like stabling. Then, how the money is divided up—how the money that's taken out is best used.

Going forward, you have to find a plan that'll work. A better environment for the horses. Also, a better environment for the horsemen.

One of the biggest benefits that we have, we have the beauty of California. It's a beautiful place to live. The fact that we are light on purses, we've got to address that. Is that via looking at subsidies? Looking at a different format? Yeah, all of it—it's not an easy fix. One thing that rings true is if we can get safe racing, we have a happy ecosystem, we're halfway there. People love the place and people want to be in California.

TDN: In terms of the safety protocols for the fall, I understand you're still requiring 48-hour notice before every work—something Del Mar didn't require during their summer meet that was a success safety-wise.

AB: The reason we still want that is because I want to know my constituents. I want to know who's on the track at any given point, and if you don't know who's going to go out there, it's very difficult to then, heaven forbid something happens, to know why or where it happened. That can be seen as a little overbearing, but I think the benefits the racing office gets out of it are worth it.

We get to know who's fit, and once you get to know who's fit, you know who's going to be ready. I understand how a lot of stuff is taken in the negative—you're trying to tell us how to train. Which is a criticism and I'll take that. But that isn't the intent. I think going forward, with the limited population we've got, the more data the better. The more we know, the better the racing office can perform.

TDN: In the event there's another wet winter, do you have a plan of action in place and are taking into account the flex dates recently added to the calendar?

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TDN Q&A: Aidan Butler cont.

AB: We've got a lot of experts working here, and you've got to let the experts be the experts. When it comes to the weather, I've already pre-warned everybody, we're going to be overcautious. It's not going to be me being overcautious on an Aidan-ism. It's going to be me being overcautious because of [track superintendent] Dennis [Moore] and the track team, which is about as good as you'll find. [Track surface expert] Dr. Mick Peterson we work closely with, too.

I'm blessed. I've got years of experience around me. As a manager, there's the old adage, 'you don't want to be the smartest guy in the room.' You want the smartest guys in the room giving you advice, then you make a decision on the best advice you've got.

I'm glad we've got the ability to have flex days. That'll give us the comfort of being able to change things if things aren't A-1--even if there's a perception that things aren't A-1.

TDN: Might that also involve curtailing workouts?

AB: If the track gets messy and sloppy, we're going to back-off a lot of stuff. So, can you let the horses go out there and gallop? Yeah--course you've got to let them. But, the old adage, 'if it isn't good enough to race on, then it shouldn't be good enough to train on,' should ring true, right? Consistency of surfaces--it's got to be consistent. I hope the horsemen understand that everything we do now is with the best possible safety of the horse in mind. On the main track, we've put in some brand-new drainage on the rail. Pray to God, we don't see the weather. But if it does, and when it does, we're going to monitor it really closely.

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TDN Q&A: Aidan Butler cont.

TDN: When it comes to horse welfare, a big part of the issue concerns the environment in which they live. Trainers have long called for improvements to the barn area. Will that finally happen under your watch?

AB: It is definitely something we’re working on. We need a solution to long-term training. Constantly beating Santa Anita up ten months of the year because there’s so many horses working over it, that’s probably not the smartest play. We’re lucky we’ve got San Luis Rey. We’re looking at various plans to maybe grow San Luis Rey out, which I think would be good. Beautiful place to train.

TDN: You’ve got some regulatory hoops to jump through first to do that though, right?

AB: We’re working on that. As to the matter at hand, the stables [at Santa Anita] aren’t the best, and what’s worse, there’s no turn-out pens. Is the plan, I’m going to rock up tomorrow, promise that we’ll knock them down? The reality is, there’s no money to do that in the big scale of things—$50-$100 million to build a new set of barns? But, is there the ability to start to improve them? Yeah. Is there the ability to look at how we program around that? Yeah.

TDN: Are you still planning to build 800 new stables in the north parking lot?

AB: That’s on hold at the moment for a few different reasons. One, I would rather put more horses at San Luis Rey, where there are less horses. Is it wise to have another 800 horses at Santa Anita? That would be close to 2,800 horses. I don’t know. My preference would be to reduce the amount of traffic on a daily basis at Santa Anita.

TDN: That’s one of the reasons Del Mar’s safety record has improved so markedly the past few years.

AB: Yes. But on that point, when you look at Santa Anita, it’s one of the biggest training centers in the U.S. Every day, thousands of horses going over it. So, the difference between Del Mar, a ten-week meet, and us, we’re relentless every single day [for ten months]. Having one track open for the vast majority of the year is not ideal on a bunch of fronts.

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TDN Q&A: Aidan Butler cont.

TDN: What's going on with Pomona?

AB: Just wished they hadn't ripped the track up, that's all I'll say.

TDN: Could it still be developed as an auxiliary training center?

AB: I've actually had a couple meetings. They're great, the people who run it. They want to look at what we can do there. You'd have to put a track in, first and foremost. Believe it or not, that's one of the biggest issues—having horses in a metropolitan built-up area, the environmental piece to it. Santa Anita, Del Mar, they're older places. They're established. There's rules and regulations that we've worked with over time. But when you cease to be and then restart, the rules are pretty tough.

There are four or five places we're considering for auxiliary stabling. Some are completely new, from building a California industry training center like a Palm Meadows, through to patching together one of the older places, like a Pomona or a Galway. It takes up a lot of my time, working really closely with the TOC, Del Mar, to see what that looks like. San Luis Rey is one of those factored. It's beautiful down there.

But, my intention isn't to come out here and make a bunch of promises. People have been promised enough through the years. So, my aim is, we're going to work as best we can together, really try and find improvements where the improvements are needed.

TDN: One of those areas for improvement is in the wedge that was driven between TSG and the horsemen during the spring. How do you propose to fix that?

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AB: It isn’t a modern thing--historically, it’s been a little tough. Without saying who’s right and who’s wrong, it’s easy to point fingers when things aren’t going right. I think what happened this year, the awful events, we reacted really quickly. Things like a lot of medication reforms, they were done on an expedited basis, which you can understand, right? I feel the horsemen feel—and I don’t blame them for this—everything got parked on them. The finger-pointing was on them, which wasn’t fair—99.99% of them are doing a stand-up job.

Now, it’s tough. When there’s a crisis going on, you start to move quickly, and it isn’t always that easy to bring everybody on board. The intent was never to shift the blame—I know how it may have looked that way. But we are where we are. I know there’s a little bit of bad blood, so my job now, you have to get a bit of trust back, and trust is earned.

I’ll tell you what we can do: communicate with the horsemen. That’s number one. We’ve got to be a little more collaborative—show the horsemen that we’re all on the same side. How? It’s not going to be easy. They’ve got to understand that I understand that without them firing on all cylinders, nothing’s going to work out here.

In part two of the Q&A, Butler discusses his history in horse racing, and his plans to tackle a depleted horse inventory, boost handle, and lure new owners to the game.

Another Horse Fatally Injured at Santa Anita cont. from p1

“Everyone at Santa Anita and throughout The Stronach Group is devastated by this loss,” said Dr. Dionne Benson, Chief Veterinarian for The Stronach Group. “We are carefully reviewing what factors could have contributed to Zeke’s injury. Santa Anita will continue to work closely with the California Horse Racing Board and will continue to be transparent with our stakeholders and all of our constituents, including the public, as more facts come in. Zeke will undergo a necropsy run by the University of California--Davis' School of Veterinary Medicine, as is mandatory for all on-track accidents. The accident and the necropsy report will be reviewed by the California Horse Racing Board team to learn what, if anything, could have been done to have prevented the accident.”

There were no racing fatalities during Del Mar’s summer meet, but Zeke’s death is the fifth training fatality in Southern California since Santa Anita closed June 23, according to an L.A. Times article. It was the second training track death of 2019.

Following the initial string of deaths over the winter, Santa Anita issued a series of new safety protocols and did extensive work on the surface of its main track. Part of the new safety measures applied to breezes starting with 48-hour notice of an intended work.

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He’s TOTALLY bossing it

Two winners for Street Boss at the close of the lucrative Kentucky Downs meet: Social Paranoia in the $600K Dueling Grounds Derby and Breeders’ Cup Turf Sprint-bound Totally Boss in the G3 Turf Sprint—with a 101 Beyer.

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The TSG statement explained the policy in the following paragraph: “Every horse who works [a timed training run] at Santa Anita Park is required to undergo the same safety protocol, which includes applying 48-hours in advance to work, evaluation of their recent workout and racing history to identify risk factors and, for approximately 20% of those horses, a physical examination by an association veterinarian. In addition to those measures, every horse is required to be examined by that horse’s private veterinarian within five days prior to its workout. Horses working out are required to follow the same strict medication reforms enacted earlier this year.”

The TSG statement on Zeke’s death finished by saying, “The Stronach Group and Santa Anita’s safety measures put horse and rider safety above all else. There is an expected level of safety and accountability that is required to participate at a Stronach Group racetrack. If anything less is found which could have contributed to this accident, it will be addressed immediately. Santa Anita and The Stronach Group remain committed to leading transformative change in this traditional sport.”

Santa Anita is set to kick off its fall meet Sept. 27.

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**A ‘FLATTERING’ BEGINNING TO BOOK FOUR**

*by Steve Sherack*

A yearling filly by Flatter led the way during a lively day of trade at Keeneland September’s Book 4 opener Tuesday, bringing $310,000 from bloodstock agent Mike Ryan.

Consigned by Select Sales, agent for Machmer Hall as Hip 2379, the dark bay or brown filly is out of the graded stakes-placed Candy Ride (Arg) mare Co Cola. She was bred in Kentucky by Machmer Hall. This is the extended female family of two-time G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen winner and millionaire Mind Your Biscuits (Posse) and Canadian champion Kimchi (Langfuhr).

A son of Palace Malice was the highest-priced colt of the day, registering a $280,000 bid from Michael Dorsey. Hip 2440, out of the multiple stakes-placed mare Giant Sensation (Giant’s Causeway), was consigned by Eaton Sales, agent. Bred in Kentucky by Overbrook Farm & Kildare Stud, he RNA’d for $75,000 as a KEENOV weanling. His second dam is graded winner Sensation (Dixie Union).

Tuesday’s gross receipts totaled $15,463,700 for 273 horses sold, good for an average of $56,644 and a median of $40,000. Through eight sessions of the 13-day sale, Keeneland has sold 1,582 yearlings for a sum of $330,293,200. The cumulative average is $208,782 and the cumulative median is $130,000.

“It’s still playing solid for the horses that people want,” Ryan said at the conclusion of the day’s trade. “It’s all about having what the customer wants. If you have what they like, as perceived quality, you’ll get paid. It’s very discriminating though. We bought a nice Flatter filly today to race—I knew she was going to be right up there in the $300,000 range. She’s a quality filly by a very good sire and she’s a really impressive, imposing individual. She’s for a client of Chad Brown’s. She looked like a Saratoga 2-year-old to me.” *Cont. p10*
Ryan also signed for a $105,000 Palace Malice colt (Hip 2170) and a $55,000 Brody's Cause colt (Hip 2387) during Tuesday's session. In total, Ryan has purchased a total of 30 head at the Keeneland September Sale thus far, led by a $2.1-million son of Pioneerof the Nile (Hip 519), for a sum of $10,345,000. His purchases have averaged $344,833.

“It’s been an incredible sale,” Ryan said. “I don’t recall in many years seeing a sale like last Wednesday, the final day of Book 1. That afternoon was one of the strongest sales I can remember in many years and its carried through. Book 2 was extremely strong as was Book 3. Some of the pinhookers have done very well and some breeders have done very well based on stud fees, too. A lot of people have had a good week, which is great for the business. The energy and electricity here all week has been pretty palpable. Even today early this morning, there were still a lot of people working the barns looking for horses.”

Gainesway, agent, was the top consignor of Tuesday’s session with sales of $2,548,000 for 31 yearlings, good for an average of $82,194. J. Stevens Bloodstock, agent, purchased four yearlings for $482,000 to be the session’s leading buyer by gross.

The September Sale continues through Sunday with all sessions starting at 10 a.m.
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## KEENELAND SEPTEMBER -- TUESDAY

**SESSION TOTALS 2019**
- Catalogued: 421
- No. Offered: 377
- No. Sold: 273
- RNAs: 104
- % RNAs: 27.6%
- No. $200K+: 7
- High Price: $310,000
- Gross: $15,463,700
- Average: $56,644
- Median: $40,000

**CUMULATIVE TOTALS 2019**
- Catalogued: 2563
- No. Offered: 2,210
- No. Sold: 1,582
- RNAs: 628
- % RNAs: 28.4%
- Gross: $330,293,200
- Average: $208,782
- Median: $130,000

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BODY AND SOUL: CULTURE CLASHES
by Robert D. Fierro

Super Saver, one of several sires that may start interrupting the status quo | WinStar photo

It seems that whenever your correspondent comes up with a writer’s block or a dearth of exciting news to dwell upon, his hand reaches out to the trusty bookshelf and invariably falls upon the spine of either one of Dr. Franco Varola’s game-changing tomes, “A Typology of the Racehorse,” or the sequel, “The Functional Development of the Thoroughbred.” While most readers of these books might (somewhat rightfully) claim that they laid the foundation for the massive rush to accept the concept of Dosage in the study of pedigrees, we have always considered two other interpretations of their impact. First, Dr. Varola’s separation of chefs-de-race into five distinct aptitudes was really one of the first studies of the application of biomechanical analysis to the study of the breed. (Hello? Aptitude = Function, the root of biomechanics).

However, for the purpose of this essay, our second interpretation comes into play, professed in Chapter 11 of his second book which is titled “The Geographic Adaptation of Behaviour.” This insightful chapter sets out the theory that the Thoroughbred has adapted to express the culture and environment of individual nations—in other (very simplified) words, it “fits in” according to a nation’s overall psyche.

This is vividly backed up by close-ups of how the Thoroughbred was developed in individual nations. The Thoroughbred in England is a product of inheritance; in France, defined by souplesse (flexibility); in Germany by uniformity; in Argentina by the search for the Spanish matador within English Classicism; and in Chile and Peru by a dominance of fillies and mares in cultures where women shape the culture.

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Varola basically defined the American Thoroughbred as being either high-class or ordinary, which is an interesting analogy to the "2%" controversy.

Since Varola was an Italian, it was downright hilarious for this first generation Italian-American to read his comments on his country's attitude: "...an Italian horse competing for a major race abroad may very well finish unplaced, but if it happens to place second or third this is regarded as a major disaster." It is no wonder Italian soccer fans fervently pray that their favored team "plays not to lose."

After reading this chapter again, we were struck that Varola is basically saying that in some respects the Thoroughbred is an expression of nationalism. Egad! Where have we heard that concept lately? Let's not start throwing things because this is a lucid, but extremely innocent, analogy. Could there be an analogy of what seems to be going on culturally in the United States and if that could be paralleled anywhere in the current evolution of the Thoroughbred racehorse? The answer is as close to "yes" and "maybe" as we can get.

To wit: There is continuing strong demand and stability when it comes to the services sought for and progeny bought by the stallions representing the most fashionable and successful sire lines, e.g.: Mr. Prospector ( Curlin, Speightstown, Distorted Humor, etc.), Northern Dancer ( Medaglia d'Oro, War Front, Kitten's Joy, etc.), A.P. Indy ( Tapit, Malibu Moon, Bernardini, Flatter, etc.).

However, there are two previously obscure lines (one favoring speed, the other versatility) and one branch of a line with only one current sire of sires that may start interrupting the status quo. Politically speaking, these three could be looked upon as disrupters.

Consider Super Saver, whom some will say is a member of the Raise a Native line through Majestic Prince, Majestic Light, and his own sire Maria's Mon. We beg to differ. He is as much a representative of the Raise a Native line as Raise a Native was representative of his sire Native Dancer in appearance, size, scope, and functionality.

Maria's Mon was a powerful, somewhat lightly made, miler-type who was Champion at two before going wrong. Given modest commercial mare support, he still managed to sire more than 50 stakes winners and is one of only three sires of the Native Dancer line, along with Alydar and Exclusive Native, to sire two GI Kentucky Derby winners—Super Saver and Monarchos. While Monarchos had success as a sire of stakes winners, he left no sire son behind.

Some shrugged at his stallion prospects because of his sire and he was a longshot winner of the Derby on a sloppy track. Super Saver has disrupted those thoughts all over the place and has become a favorite of trainers and pinhookers. He has already franked his sire's form by getting the speedy and exciting sire of speed Competitive Edge—who has first-crop runners this year—and Eclipse-winning sprinter Runhappy—who has first-crop yearlings of 2019—both in his first crop. If wishes and advertising budgets were horses, the first crop by Runhappy will solidify Super Saver as a disrupter.

There was no better disrupter in the 1990s than Indian Charlie, a sobriquet that could also have been applied to his namesake, which is another story. Indian Charlie the racehorse came out of California where his sire, the brilliant In Excess (Ire), reigned. Undefeated as the Kentucky Derby favorite, he was retired after placing third and sent to stud with arched eyebrows in some quarters questioning his soundness, as well as his somewhat middle-class pedigree.

Indian Charlie took the bait and ran a bit wild, siring over 80 stakes winners, but it was not until his son Uncle Mo came to the track in 2010 that he really hit his mark. Champion at two, Uncle Mo came a cropper preparing for the Classics and when he came back did not emulate his 2-year-old form in 2011, despite winning two stakes races. Retired to stud in 2012 he promptly established himself as the hottest sire of his freshman crop when Nyquist was named Champion at two and won the GI Wood Memorial. Uncle Mo's momentum as a sire has not abated since then, and this year marks the appearance of his first sons as freshman sires. Nyquist has been very well received, Outwork has turned some heads at the first yearling sales, and regional sires Laoban (New York), Uncle Vinny (Florida), and Uncle Lino (Pennsylvania) are set to join the fray in continuing the Indian Charlie line. Cnt.
Body & Soul cont.

To complete our earlier postulation, the representative of a branch of a major sire line that has so far only been represented by one successful sire is California Chrome from the Pulpit branch of A.P. Indy. Another California-bred, Chrome was an extraordinary racehorse but there have always been some questions of how the breeding market would receive him because of his somewhat middle-class origins. Those doubts start with his sire, Lucky Pulpit, a nice enough sprinter-miler as a racehorse who was retired to stud in California where he got 2% stakes winners prior to his robust chestnut Horse of the Year coming along, after which Lucky Pulpit passed away.

Lucky Pulpit is one of three sons of A.P. Indy's son Pulpit to get a Grade I winner. However, that one is Tapit should be something to tingle the hopes of fans of this branch of the powerful A.P. Indy line. California Chrome has the potential to provide Pulpit with another string of descendants that will be racing with great success well into the next decade.

There is an interesting parallel here to the establishment of the entire A.P. Indy line because its founder, Seattle Slew, came out of a branch of the once all-conquering Bold Ruler line that had not quite caught on. That only A.P. Indy among his sons has branches that are viable contributes to a sense of stability in the marketplace—a stability that ironically began with a bit of a disrupter named Seattle Slew.

There you go. The United States stallion market might be about to see some tensions among the establishments and the disrupters, much as the country's current cultural and political tensions play out. Then again, maybe not. Place your bets.

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LAKOW APPOINTED VP OF RACING OPERATIONS AT GULFSTREAM

Mike Lakow has been appointed Vice President of Racing Operations at Gulfstream. He had most recently served as racing secretary for NYRA during the Saratoga and Aqueduct meets. Lakow takes over for Bill Badgett, who has taken a position with the Florida Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association.

“I’m thankful to The Stronach Group for offering me the opportunity to return home and join Gulfstream Park, which was my favorite racetrack when I started in the Thoroughbred industry,” Lakow said. “Gulfstream has unlimited potential and has so much to offer for the racing fan and horseman year-round.”

Lakow previously served as President and CEO of the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, General Manager at Hill 'n' Dale Farms, jockey agent for Hall of Fame rider Javier Castellano and worked as a steward in Florida and for the Emirates Racing Authority. He was also racing director at Santa Anita from 2013 to 2014.

“We’re extremely pleased to welcome Mike to The Stronach Group and Gulfstream Park,” said Tim Ritvo, COO of The Stronach Group. “Mike’s expertise in Thoroughbred racing and his credibility with horsemen will make Gulfstream’s year-round product even stronger. We’re very fortunate to have someone of Mike’s caliber running Gulfstream’s racing program.”

RE-WRITE OF JOCKEY RULES IN PIPELINE FOR NY RACING

By T.D. Thornton

Rules aimed at strengthening health and fitness protections and upgrading the licensing requirements for jockeys, exercise riders and outriders are in the pipeline in New York.

The New York State Gaming Commission (NYSGC) voted unanimously Tuesday at its monthly meeting to advance a comprehensively re-written package of licensing protocols to the proposal level. After a public commentary period, the package will come up for a final vote at a future commission meeting.

“The proposal creates a rider fitness component that details the kinds of medical issues that must be disclosed and subjected to a medical examination and clearance before a rider may be licensed,” stated a NYSGC brief on the proposal that was included in the meeting package. “Riders are required to record pertinent medical information and medical clearances into a database system. A key aspect of the rulemaking is to require every rider to document their baseline concussive status, to undergo another Sports Concussive Assessment Tool examination after any fall from a horse or possible head injury, and to make a permanent record of future examinations.”

The proposal also creates a mandatory “fitness to return to ride” program to require an appropriate medical examination and clearance before a licensee may return to riding after a concussion or other significant medical issue.

If the new rules pass, riders will be required to carry a medical information card that will help medical providers give appropriate care in the event of an accident or injury.

Of note to steeplechase jockeys who compete on the New York circuit, the proposal would require a commission license—not just one from the National Steeplechase Association—for jump-race riders.

Also, the new measures would preclude “inexperienced steeplechase jockeys from participating in the most competitive and dangerous races with pari-mutuel wagering.”

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From Open-Heart Surgery to the AECs

Maddy Cracknell has a few things in common with Olympic snowboarder, Shaun White. First off, the 15-year-old aspiring eventer has big championship dreams. And second, she’s also a member of the “Zipper Club,” a movement created for open-heart surgery survivors.

Justine Griffin, Heels Down
Editor’s Note: The Jockey Club has asked for public comment on their proposal to cap at 140 the number of mares a stallion can breed annually. In this ongoing series, we will publish the perspectives of breeders, stallion farms and others on the proposal.

Hutton Goodman, Racing Manager, Mt. Brilliant Farm:
We breed and we sell horses, but we breed to race first. So if we think our best shot to get a good racehorse is going to be to a stallion that covers 200 mares, and it’s going to affect us at the sale, but it’s going to get us a good racehorse, we’re going to do it because at the end of the day, we want race horses before we want sales horses. I don’t think it would be bad for commercial breeders if they limited them, but I hate them telling people what they can do with their horses. My dad always said we have a rule: we only breed to freshman sires if we have a share or if they won a Triple Crown.

Want to share your opinion? Email suefinley@thetdn.com

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WRONA GETS GRANTS PASS DOWNS
ANNOUNCING GIG

By T.D. Thornton

Ahead of its inaugural 14-date commercial fall race meet, Grants Pass Downs in southern Oregon has named veteran race caller Michael Wrona as its announcer for the upcoming Sept. 22-Nov. 4 season. Both the announcer and the racetrack are in the midst of transitional years.

Wrona, 53, has called at numerous North American tracks since venturing stateside from his native Australia in 1990. Last November, he was abruptly let go by Santa Anita Park just two years after winning a four-way international announcer tryout that the track conducted. At the time, Santa Anita management cited a desire to “go in a different direction” as the reason for Wrona’s firing.

Since then, Wrona has built a new race-calling circuit for himself, including stints at Kentucky Downs, Sonoma County Fair, and the newly opened Arizona Downs (the former Yavapai Downs, which closed in 2010). He has also been a guest caller in Qatar and at Century Mile in Canada. In December, Wrona will start his first full meet as the new voice of Los Alamitos Race Course.

Grants Pass Downs, which in recent years has run a June/July meet as part of the five-stop Oregon summer fairs circuit, is taking on an expanded commercial role this autumn because of the recent sale and closure of Portland Meadows, the state’s long-standing urban anchor of Thoroughbred racing in the northern part of the state.

To prepare for its first-ever autumn commercial meet, Grants Pass Downs is making safety enhancements that include a revamped dirt track surface and an upgraded safety rail, plus improvements to grandstand amenities and the addition of lighting for future night racing.

“I was invited to call a few races at Grants Pass Downs in July and was made to feel very welcome by all levels of this quality organization,” Wrona said. “I’m excited to help launch a new era in Oregon racing as Grants Pass Downs acquires the license previously held by Portland Meadows. The ownership and management have great passion and vision for the track, which is in a beautiful area that I’ll enjoy exploring.”

Grants Pass Downs will race Sundays and Mondays starting this weekend through Breeders’ Cup weekend, with eight races per day and a post time of 1 p.m. PST.
**Saturday, Parx Racing, post time: 5:14 p.m. EDT**

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for stallions standing in North America through Monday, Sept. 16

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IN JAPAN:

Clepat, f, 2, American Pharoah—Intelyhente, by Smart Strike.

Hanshin, 9-15, Novice Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $64,815. O-Masao Ogawa; B-William Duignan & Tranquility Investments Limited (KY); T-Yoshito Yahagi. "13th winner for her freshman sire (by Pioneerof the Nile)." **$310,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.** **"She had only two weeks between starts, so I was a bit worried, but she had no problem at all during the trip," said winning jockey Ryusei Sakai.**

Koei Bakushin, c, 2, Shakin It Up--D' Chili Pepper, by D'wildcat.

Hanshin, 9-15, Novice Race, 6fT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $75,000. O-Masakiyo Ito; B-Don & Pam Mattox (KY); T-Hideyuki Mori. **$12,000 Ylg '18 OBSOCT; $115,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR.** **"He is a very straightforward colt and easy to ride, but he lacks development in his hindquarters as of yet," said winning jockey Yuichi Kitamua.**

Pier Chic, c, 3, Central Banker--Our Miss Jones (SP, $130,210), by Alphabet Soup. Hanshin, 9-15, Plate Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, $127,778. O-Kieffers Inc.; B-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, LLC (NY); T-Hideyuki Mori. **$60,000 Ylg '17 FTNAUG; $180,000 2yo '18 OBSMAR.** **"He is a very straightforward colt and easy to ride, but he lacks development in his hindquarters as of yet," said winning jockey Yuichi Kitamura.**

Win Proud, c, 3, Lemon Drop Kid--Dame Ursula, by Elusive Quality. Hanshin, 9-15, Plate Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-0, $125,463. O-Win Inc.; B-Runnymede Farm Inc. & Peter J. Callahan (KY); T-Masato Nishizono. **$200,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.** **"He jumped well from the gate and had a comfortable trip," said winning reinsman Ryuji Wada.**

Maria's Heart, f, 3, Shanghai Bobby--Maria's Dance (SP, $116,660), by Maria's Mon. Nakayama, 9-15, Hatsukaze Tokubetsu, 6fT. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, $300,000. O-Normandy Thoroughbred Racing; B-Sally J. Andersen (FL); T-Takanori Kikuzawa. **$52,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP; $75,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR.** **"She was tense in the gate and missed the break, so we had to race in the rear, but she showed brilliant acceleration even though the pace was fast," said Takuya Ono.**

Blanc Megere, m, 5, Hansen--Debit Or Credit, by Cat Thief. Nakayama, 9-16, Plate Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 20-3-5-3, $407,963. O-Normandy Thoroughbred Racing; B-White Fox Farm (KY); T-Noboru Takagi. **$260,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR.**

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Bayern (Offlee Wild), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, $15,000
94 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Belmont, $150K Joseph A. Gimma S., 7f, THEA'S THEME, 6-1
$90,000 KEE NOV wnl; $145,000 SAR AUG yrl

Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway), WinStar Farm, $25,000
124 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Indiana Grand, Msw 1m, OLYMPIC ROMP, 2-1

Competitive Edge (Super Saver), Ashford Stud, $7,500
111 foals of racing age/9 winners/3 black-type winners
7-Belmont, $150K Joseph A. Gimma S., 7f, FIERCE LADY, 7-5
$52,000 KEE JAN wnl; $75,000 KEE SEP yrl; $170,000 RNA OBS MAR yrl; $725,000 RNA FTK HRA 2yo
First Winner for Freshman Sire: Constitution (Tapit), WinStar Farm, $15,000
123 foals of racing age/13 winners/2 black-type winners
8-Belmont, Msw 1mT, CONSTITUTIONAL PAL, 8-1
$25,000 KEE SEP yrl

Danza (Street Boss), Spendthrift Farm, $3,500
91 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Belmont, $150K Joseph A. Gimma S., 7f, IRISH DANZING, 9-5
$15,000 FTM MIX wnl; $32,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl; $15,000 OBS OCT yrl; $120,000 OBS APR yrl
3-Remington, Msw 5 1/2f, TIZTHEBOSS, 20-1

Palace Malice (Curlin), Three Chimneys Farm, $15,000
123 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner
3-Indiana Grand, Msw 1m, NEXUS, 6-1
$45,000 KEE SEP yrl

Summer Front (War Front), Airdrie Stud, $10,000
97 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner
3-Indiana Grand, Msw 1m, BAYTOWN CHAPEL, 30-1
$1,500 KEE SEP yrl

Second-Crop Starters to Watch: Wednesday, September 18

Honorable Dillon (Tapit), Rockridge Stud, $4,000
107 foals of racing age/22 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Finger Lakes, Msw 6f, HONORABLE GIBSON, 12-1
3-Finger Lakes, Msw 6f, LASTEN IMPRESSION, 6-1

Itsmyluckyday (Lawyer Ron), Spendthrift Farm, $3,500
136 foals of racing age/44 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Belmont, $150K Joseph A. Gimma S., 7f, ILCHESTER CHEETAH, 15-1
$20,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Allowance Results:
4th-Indiana Grand, $34,500, (S), 9-17, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:36.16, fm.
LADY STELLA (f, 4, Noble’s Promise—Simone, by Albert the Great) Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-0, $52,942. O/B-Gregory S & Maureen E Burger (IN); T-William B. Bradley.

8th-Presque Isle Downs, $33,150, (S), (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 9-16, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09.83, fl.
OLDZFOURFORTYTW0 (g, 4, Offlee Wild—Salander, by Omega Code) Lifetime Record: SW, 19-5-4-3, $186,585. O-Sydney Rae Rotunno; B-Scot Waterman (PA); T-Cathy Carr Rozantz. *$3,500 Ylg ’16 FTKOCT.

7th-Thistledown, $29,000, 9-17, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.08, ft.
WOODLAND WALK (g, 8, Orientate—Arboretia, by Empire Maker) Lifetime Record: MSP, 31-13-9-1, $301,301. O-Dawghouse Stable; B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY); T-Valerie K. Shanyfelt. *$12,000 3yo ’14 FTKHRA.

7th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, $22,116, (S), 9-16, (NW4L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.00, ft.
SHY GUY (c, 3, Machen—Jacque C, by Behrens) Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-1, $41,356. O-David L. Price; B-Herman G. Dingess (WV); T-Barbara J. Sauer.

8th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, $21,888, (NW3X)/Opt. Clm ($20,000), 9-16, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.74, ft.
BATTERBATTERSWING (g, 4, Hold Me Back—Attababe, by Carr de Naskra) Lifetime Record: 21-5-6-4, $96,819. O-Dana D. Holt, Ted W. Lucas & Jason Stewart; B-Dana & Dylan Holt (KY); T-Ted W. Lucas.

Additional Maiden Winners:

Got Spirit, f, 2, Animal Style—Spiritual Trip, by Smoke Glacken.
Indian Grand, 9-17, (S), 6f, 1:14.67. B-Samuel and William Martin Trust (IN). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **First winner for freshman sire (by Spanish Steps).

French Vanilla, f, 2, Blueskiesnirainbows—French Lick, by Malibu Moon. Indian Grand, 9-17, (S), 6f, 1:15.62. B-Swifty Farms Inc. (IN). *$9,000 Ylg ’18 FTKOCT. **First winner for freshman sire (by English Channel).
Secret Formula, f, 2, **Daredevil**--Private Cause (MSW, $114,365), by Noble Causeway. Thistledown, 9-17, (S), 6f, 1:13.42. B-Blazing Meadows Farm LLC & WinStar Farm, LLC (OH). *Fourth winner for freshman sire (by More Than Ready).

**Nikki My Angel**, f, 2, **Shackleford**--Cinco Emayo, by Broken Vow. Thistledown, 9-17, (S), 6f, 1:13.00. B-Emcee Stable, LLC (OH). *$26,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; $60,000 2yo '19 EASMAY. **1/2 to Uno Emayo (D' Funnybone), SW, $242,071.

**Miss Irish Boss**, f, 2, **Street Boss**--Irish Gem, by Dance to Destiny. Thistledown, 9-17, 5 1/2f, 1:08.00. B-Charles H. Deters (KY). *$10,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP; $7,000 2yo '19 OBSOPN.

**Jw’s Third Mischie**, c, 3, **Into Mischief**--Bank’n On Gold, by Banker’s Gold. Parx Racing, 9-17, 1mT, 1:38.40. B-John W. Loyle (PA). *Full to Jw’strickymischief, MSP, $204,414.

**My Marc Andre**, g, 3, **Laura’s Lucky Boy**--Exquisite Ruckus, by Hail the Ruckus. Fort Erie, 9-17, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.87. B-Ingeborg Hausler (ON).

**High Dollar**, g, 4, **Family Calling**--Keep Da Change, by Marquetry. Thistledown, 9-17, (S), 6f, 1:14.02. B-Kevin Chumney (OH).

**NOBLE’S PROMISE**, Lady Stella, f, 4, o/o Simone, by Albert the Great. ALW, 9-17, Indiana Grand

**OFFLEE WILD**, Oldzfourtetytwo, g, 4, o/o Salander, by Omega Code. AOC, 9-16, Presque Isle Downs

**ORIENTATE**, Woodland Walk, g, 8, o/o Arboreta, by Empire Maker. ALW, 9-17, Thistledown

**SHACKLEFORD**, Nikki My Angel, f, 2, o/o Cinco Emayo, by Broken Vow. MSW, 9-17, Thistledown

**STREET BOSS**, Miss Irish Boss, f, 2, o/o Irish Gem, by Dance to Destiny. MSW, 9-17, Thistledown

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