PAT SMULLEN: €2-MILLION AND COUNTING

By Pat Smullen

The Longines Irish Champions Weekend was everything that we had hoped for and more. There's no question that there was the biggest buzz at The Curragh since it reopened, not because of me but because of what we were trying to achieve, and there was an electric atmosphere for the charity race. It was something really special and hopefully that atmosphere will return again to The Curragh in the very near future. It shows what a brilliant facility it is once given the chance.

Eva Bucher-Haefner generously gave her suite at The Curragh for all the riders in the race and their families, so we had a great day and that spilled on to dinner in the evening. You would have sworn that AP McCoy had won the Gold Cup, he was absolutely buzzing. The way he celebrated the win, that's what the public came to see, and he made it a special day, as did all the lads. We won't know the final figure raised for Cancer Trials Ireland for a little while but what I can say right now is that I really do appreciate everyone getting involved and donating, whether it was €1 or one £1, every penny helped.

SEARCH FOR A SONG DONE FOR THE YEAR

Search For A Song (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), who sprung a 10-1 upset when beating Kew Gardens (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) home in Sunday's G1 Irish St Leger, is done for the year, according to trainer Dermot Weld. "Search For A Song came out of her race well, but is finished for the year," he said. "She has done us proud, and we look forward to a serious campaign next year."

Moyglare Stud's homebred 3-year-old filly made a winning debut on May 30 and has been highly progressive since. Second in the Listed Naas Oaks Trial on June 26, she was fourth in the G1 Irish Oaks three weeks later before shipping to Britain to take York's Listed Galtres S. on Aug. 22. She led all the way at The Curragh to win the Irish St Leger by 2 1/4 lengths.

Weld also offered an update on another 3-year-old filly he sent out to victory at The Curragh on Sunday, The Aga Khan's Tarnawa (Ire) (Shamardal), winner of the G2 Blandford S.

"Tarnawa came out of her race equally well and has three options: the [G1] Fillies & Mares [S.] at Ascot in October, the [GI] EP Taylor in Canada and the [G1] Prix de l'Opera on Arc day. We'll decide which one nearer the time. Both fillies did us proud."

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I really am hesitant to single out people to thank for their donations but there was a handful of people who made significant donations which obviously will make a huge difference to the charity. Eva Bucher-Haefner and JP McManus got the ball rolling with significant donations. On the night of the dinner, Sheikh Hamdan announced through his manager of Derrinstown Stud, Stephen Collins, that he had donated €500,000 to the charity and Sheikh Mohammed is also making a donation. Taking all that into account we have now broken the €2-million barrier.

Words fail me, but in the words of the people at Cancer Trials Ireland, it's a game-changer, and for the organisation to say that to us makes the whole thing worthwhile. That wouldn't have happened without the incredible generosity of the general public, of the stable staff, my fellow jockeys and everyone within the racing and breeding industry.

FOR THE STABLE STAFF TO HAVE DONATED THEIR BEST TURNED-OUT PRIZES AND SOME OF THEIR WINNING BONUSES WAS SOMETHING THAT REALLY TOUCHED ME.

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I started out working as a stable lad and I know how hard-earned the money is and the work that goes into getting those horses looking so well. For the stable staff to have donated their best turned-out prizes and some of their winning bonuses was something that really touched me. I had a dream at the beginning that we would be able to donate €1-million to the charity and I think people thought I was a bit crazy, so then we thought if we made €500,000 that would be brilliant, but to end up with what we have gathered here is just mind-blowing.

The most important thing I want people to know is that every single cent goes to Cancer Trials Ireland for their vital work in pancreatic cancer trials. Loads of people gave up their time and everything was sponsored—from the cups that were sold to the dinner on Saturday night—everything was covered and the sum now going to the charity is going to make a huge difference. Hopefully it's a good thing, not just for Cancer Trials Ireland and for awareness, but also for The Curragh racecourse as well. It was a tiring weekend but I wouldn't have missed it for the world.

Some Great Racing Too

It was very important for the whole weekend that the spoils were somewhat evenly divided. Yes, there was some domination from the O'Briens on the Saturday but it hasn’t always been that way recently—it has actually been a tough meeting for Ballydoyle in the past couple of years—and it just proves that it’s swings and roundabouts in this game.

Magical (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) was a very deserving winner of the G1 Champion S. Most horses would have had their hearts broken by running behind Enable (GB) but she came back and put up a fantastic performance. Full marks to Ballydoyle and to the mare herself. I desperately wanted to see Deirdre (Jpn) win but she just didn't have the rub of the green in the race. I think the best horse won but it would have been nice to have seen Deirdre have a bit more luck and to finish second.
The performance of the weekend was undoubtedly Pinatubo (Ire) (Shamardal). It was a devastating performance. I spoke to William Buick after the race and when a jockey’s immediate reaction is that he’s lucky to have the horse, then I think that tells us all about what Pinatubo means to the Godolphin team and the quality of horse they have. I don’t think we’ve seen a performance from a 2-year-old as dominant as that for a long time. Dare I say it, but there was a little bit of a feel of Frankel about it. It’s unfair to a young horse to compare him to Frankel, but to beat proper horses with the ease that he did, and the distance he put between himself and them in the last furlong made it a performance that will live long in the memory.

It’s very difficult to keep a young horse going right through the season like that and everyone will be asking whether or not he will train on, but he looks a big, scopey horse. The quotes from Charlie Appleby seem to imply that he is not a flashy worker in the mornings. I love that in a good horse, though it can be a little bit daunting as you have to take things a little bit on trust as you go to the races. But having a laid-back demeanour will give him every opportunity to keep improving and progressing. Hopefully that will stand him in good stead for next year.

Looking to next season, if you had to have one horse from all the 2-year-olds we’ve seen so far, you wouldn’t look beyond Pinatubo. It’s great to see Godolphin with a very good horse and it was brilliant to see William Buick back in full health and riding a Group 1 winner.
**Song Hit The Right Note**

I've been riding Search For A Song (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in her work a lot this year and I've said before in this column that I hold her in very high regard. Dermot Weld is just extremely good when it comes to this type of horse. I was very hopeful that she would run into a place and get black-type in a Classic—that would have been a big result and we would have taken that before the race. But as Dermot has shown with these staying horses, they get better and better with time, and he has proved that again with this filly.

Everything went wrong in the race, and Chris Hayes would be the first to admit to that. Search For A Song can be keen and she likes to get on with it. They went very steady and she was just far too keen. I don't know if Chris had much choice in the matter but letting her go to the front was the right thing to do as she ended up in the right place in the race as there was still a lack of pace. She undoubtedly has a lot of ability and fortune sometimes favours the brave. That move to get to the front and to be left alone in a slowly-run race played to her advantage and she kept galloping to the line.

She will race on next year but obviously to have a filly of that quality to go back to Moyglare Stud eventually is what it's all about for any breeding operation. To have a Galileo filly with Classic-winning form, who will hopefully add to that next year, is hugely exciting for the future. It was fantastic to have a filly in the Moyglare colours win the final Classic of the year for Eva Bucher-Haefner. For me personally it topped off an amazing weekend.
NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR IRISH 2YOS

Edited Press Release

The Irish EBF has revamped its median sires race series for 2020, and it will consist of 24 races with a minimum prizemoney of €25,000 and will include a new €200,000 2-year-old median sires race at Naas on Aug. 3 co-sponsored by Ballyhane Stud.

The Irish EBF Median Sires Series will have three levels of races, the majority of which will be for 2-year-olds by a sire with an established median price of €60,000 or less and the rest will be divided between a median price of €75,000 or less and €30,000 or less. There will be an allowance of two pounds and four pounds for sires with lesser values in all three levels to benefit 2-year-olds by sires with a lower median sire price.

The €200,000 Irish EBF Ballyhane S. will be run over six furlongs on August Bank Holiday Monday. It will be open to 2-year-olds by a sire whose median price is not more than €75,000, with allowances for sires whose median price is €50,000 or €25,000 or less.

In 2020, together with the Irish EBF Foran Equine Auction Series, there will now be 50 2-year-old races with a minimum prize fund of €20,000 each in the auction/median auction race category, as well as the opportunity to target the €120,000 Foran Equine Irish EBF final in Naas in October.

John O’Connor, Chairman of the Irish EBF, said, “With the yearling sales about to start and a number of challenges facing the industry such as Brexit and the phasing out of the Plus 10 Bonus scheme, the Irish EBF board and HRI are delighted to announce a significant boost to the 2-year-old race programme in Ireland for 2020. These races will give fantastic opportunities to horses bought at auction but also give the homebred horse an equal opportunity to compete next year for significant prizemoney. In conjunction with the success of the Foran Equine Irish EBF auction series, we are confident these new enhancements will give all owners and trainers of 2-year-olds something to look forward to in 2020.”

Trainer Ken Condon said, “This is such a timely incentive. With the sales season starting next week it will make everyone’s job easier to buy yearlings and provide owners a chance to win significant prizemoney next year.”
First-Season Sires With Runners cont.
Hot Streak (Ire) (Ifraaj {GB}), Tweenhills Stud
79 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
14:10-PONTEFRACT, 5f, MECCA’S HOT STEPS (GB)
18,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 3

Make Believe (GB) (Makfi {GB}), Ballylinch Stud
87 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
18:15-SOUTHWELL, 6f, JUMP THE GUN (Ire)
35,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 2

Outstrip (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Dalham Hall Stud
106 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner
13:50-YARMOUTH, 6f, OUTTAKE (GB)
5,500gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017

FRANCE
Sidestep (Aus) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) exported
70 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
1-FONTAINEBLEAU, 1200m, AUTUMNAL (Fr)
€13,000 Osarus September La Teste Yearling Sale 2018;
€14,000 Osarus 2yo Breeze-Up Sale, La Teste 2019

HALF TO HERE COMES WHEN STARTS OUT AT YARMOUTH
2.20 Yarmouth, Novice, £7,500, 2yo, 8f 3yT
CARLOS FELIX (Lope de Vega {Ire}) debuts for Darren and
Annaley Yates and is a half-brother to the G1 Sussex S. hero
Here Comes When (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) and G2 Park Hill
S. runner-up Melodic Motion (Ire) (Nathaniel {Ire}).

Bought by trainer David Simcock for €700,000 at the Arqana
May Breeze-Up, the April-foaled chestnut was the third-highest
priced juvenile to sell there and will have to show that raw
ability to master a trio of experienced Godolphin
representatives from the Gosden, Appleby and bin Suoor yards.

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Wednesday’s Results:
CHASEMORE FARM FORTUNE S.-Listed, £40,000, Sandown,
9-18, 3yo/up, 8fT, 1:42.60, gd.
1--KING OF CHANGE (GB), 126, c, 3, Farhh (GB)--Salacia (Ire), by
Echo of Light (GB). 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Ali Abdulla Saeed;
B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Richard Hannon; J-Sean
Levey. £22,684. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Eng, 5-2-3-0, $185,793.
*1/2 to Century Dream (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}), GSW &
G1SP-Eng, GSP-UAE, $509,134.
2--Turgenev (GB), 126, c, 3, Dubawi (Ire)--Tasaday, by Nayef.
O-HRH Princess Haya of Jordan. £8,600.
3--Silver Line (Ire), 130, g, 5, Dark Angel (Ire)--Admire the View
(Ire), by Dubawi (Ire). (£67,000 Wlg '14 GOFNOV; 150,000gns
Ylg '15 TAOCT). O-Godolphin. £4,304.
Margins: 1 1/4, 1HF, 1HF. Odds: 2.75, 1.75, 5.50.
Also Ran: Prince Eiji (GB), Wootton (Fr), Last Winter (SAf).
Scratched: Look Around (GB). Click for the Racing Post result.
Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

King of Change, second in both juvenile starts before breaking
through at Nottingham on seasonal return, had been off since
running second at 66-1 in Newmarket’s May 4 G1 2000 Guineas
and made light of that 137-day break to secure a first black-type
success in this comeback. Settled fourth after breaking in front,
he made smooth headway on the bridle in the straight to launch
his bid passing the quarter-mile marker and was ridden out once
taking control at the eighth pole to prevail in snug fashion.
“He’s been working very well and it’s nice to see him run a big
race,” said trainer Richard Hannon. “He’ll have needed that as
he’s been off a while. He’s got a few nice entries and they are all
possibilities at the moment. He will appreciate a bit of give in
the ground and next year will probably be his year. We’ve a
fresh horse to head into the autumn with and it was nice for him
to prove the Guineas second wasn’t a fluke.”

King of Change is one of three scorers produced by a winning
daughter of G3 Prix Fille de l’Air victress Neptune’s Bride
(Bering). The bay is a half-brother to GSW G1 Queen Elizabeth II
S. third Century Dream (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}), the hitherto
unraced 2-year-old filly Banna (GB) (Pivotal (GB), a yearling filly
by Golden Horn (GB) and a 2019 filly by Sea the Stars (Ire).
EBF STALLIONS JOHN MUSKER FILLIES’ S.-Listed, £50,000, Great Yarmouth, 9-18, 3yo/up, f/m, 10f 23yT, 2:04.17, g/f.

1--FANNY LOGAN (IRE), 126, f, 3, Sea the Stars (Ire)--Linda Radlett (Ire) (SP-Fr), by Manduro (Ger). O-HH Sheikha Al Jilala Racing; B-Godolphin (IRE); T-John Gosden; J-Robert Havlin. £28,110. Lifetime Record: 7-4-1-1, $123,316.


3--Brassica (Ire), 123, f, 3, Australia (GB)--Lasilia (Ire), by Acclamation (GB). (£50,000 Ylg ’17 GOFOR). O-Denford Stud. £5,355.

Margins: 3, 1, 3/4. Odds: 1.20, 20.00, 33.00.

Also Ran: Naqaawa (Ire), Cnoc An Oir (Ire), Time Change (GB), Tauteke (GB), Maid For Life (GB), Norma (GB), Moll Davis (Ire), Inference (GB), Gallic (GB), Sh Boom (GB), Snapraeceps (Ire), Brown Honey (GB). Scratched: Look Around (GB). Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

Fanny Logan, who ran third in Chester’s May 8 Listed Cheshire Oaks before finishing off the radar in Royal Ascot’s June 20 G2 Ribblesdale S., lined up for this returning off impressive wins in York’s July 26 Listed Lyric Fillies’ S. and Salisbury’s Aug. 14 Listed Upavon Fillies’ S. last time. Funnelling her way from an outside stall to find cover in midfield after the initial strides, she inched ever closer once into the straight and was not for catching once quickening to the fore inside the two pole to easily earn a third stakes rosette.

“I was in behind three wide and happy there, but ended up two off the fence as they thinned out,” explained Rab Havlin. “That was perfect and I had a clear run round. She was the class filly coming into the race and, barring any hiccups or bad traffic, we thought she was going to do that. She travelled up past the two [pole] and, when I pressed her, she immediately responded and just kept at it. I think it is an upgrade on Salisbury as she was still a bit raw. I think that ground was perfect for her and a mile-and-a-quarter is her trip for now.”

Fanny Logan, kin to a yearling colt by Camelot (GB) and a 2019 colt by Highland Reel (Ire). Sales history: 600,000gns Ylg ‘18 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $15,535. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Highclere Stud & Floors Farming (GB); T-John Gosden.

3rd-Sandown, £12,000, Cond, 9-18, 2yo, 7fT, 1:29.81, gd.

PALACE PIER (GB) (c, 2, Kingman (GB)--Beach Frolic (GB), by Nayef), who gained ’TDN Rising Star’ status with a taking win over course and distance in his Aug. 30 debut last time, was well away to lead from the outstretched of this second go. Holding sway until shaken up when threatened by Mars Landing (Ire) (Dark Angel (Ire)) at the quarter-mile marker, the 1-8 favourite easily took that rival’s measure before extending clear under mild urging inside the final furlong to hit the line 4 1/2 lengths to the good. “We brought him here for experience, but he was playful and messed around in the stalls,” explained Frankie Dettori. “I had to make the running and he was looking at everything. We didn’t want to throw him in at the deep end just yet, but he’s learnt some more today and can be better next time. He’s a good horse at the moment, but I don’t yet know if he’s special. Everything is in the right place, but he’s still a work-in-progress.”

Palace Pier is the third foal and one of two winners produced by an unraced half-sister to G2 Dante S.-winning G1 Criterium International placegetter Bonfire (GB) (Manduro (Ger)) and MGSW G1 Beverly D. S. third Joviality (GB) (Cape Cross (Ire)). He is kin to a yearling colt by Camelot (GB) and a 2019 colt by Highland Reel (Ire). Sales history: 600,000gns Ylg ‘18 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $15,535. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Highclere Stud & Floors Farming (GB); T-John Gosden.

2nd-Great Yarmouth, £7,500, Mdn, 9-18, 2yo, 7f 3yT, 1:23.93, g/f.

MAQTAL (c, 2, Distorted Humor--Almoutezah, by Storm Cat), who posted a July 25 debut third behind subsequent G3 Acomb S. victor Valdernoro (Declaration of War) over this distance at Doncaster last time, broke well and raced on the front end from flagfall in this one.
2nd-Great Yarmouth cont.

Accepting a reminder with three furlongs remaining, the 6-4 choice came under further pressure passing the two pole and was ridden out inside the final eighth to assert by a half-length from Zafer (Jpn) (Deep Impact (Jpn)). Cheveley Park Stud’s Kinsman (GB) (Exceed and Excel (Aus)), a son of G1 Sun Chariot S. and G1 Lockinge S. heroine Peeress (GB) (Pivotal (GB)), finished a head adrift back in third. “It was hard for him stuck out wide, but he had the benefit of a previous run and the Doncaster form had worked out good,” commented owner’s representative Richard Hills. “We wanted to run him back earlier, but a couple of his scopes were not right. It’s great he has come on for his first run, he got that trip well and will get a mile no problem.” Kin to G3 thoroughbred S. runner-up Turjomaan (War Front), Maqtal is the latest foal and sixth winner produced by a half-sister to G1 Personal Ensign H. heroine Summer Colony (Summer Squall). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $6,894. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Farm LLC (KY); T-Roger Varian.

2nd-Sandown, £7,400, Cond, 9-18, 2yo, 8fT, 1:43.90 (NTR), gd. VIA DE VEGA (FR) (c, 2, Lope de Vega (Ire)--Via Milano (Fr) (GSW-Fr, $131,706), by Singspiel (Ire)) was off the pace in mid division for most of this opening show. Rowed along once into the straight, the 14-1 chance was five lengths down in fourth entering the final furlong and quickened smartly under mild coaxing in the closing stages to nail Never Alone (GB) (Dubawi (Ire)) by a head on the line, lowering the juvenile track record. “I hadn’t sat on him before today and it was about giving him a nice education so it’s brilliant he was good enough to win,” said rider Oisin Murphy. “He jumped a little slow and I was just trying to teach him. At the bottom of the straight, I didn’t feel I could win so I wasn’t going to give him a hard time. He picked up very well all the way to the line and I suppose it was an eye-catching performance. I’m very excited about him as these are the horses that make you get out of bed in the morning.” Via de Vega becomes the eighth winner out of G3 Prix des Reservoirs victress Via Milano (Fr) (Singspiel (Ire)) and the chestnut is a half-brother to four stakes performers headed by GSW G1 Prix Rothschild runner-up Via Ravenna (Ire) (Raven’s Pass) and G3 Prix de Lieuryeux victress Via Medici (Ire) (Medicean (GB)), who in turn produced MG1SW Japanese champion Admire Mars (Jpn) (Daiwa Major (Jpn)), stakes-winning G1 Premio Lydia Tesia third Via Pisa (Fr) (Pivotal (GB)) and MGSP Listed Prix Luth Enchantee victress Via Firenze (Ire) (Dansili (GB)). Sales history: 140,000gn. Ylg 18 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $5,983. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Barbara & Alick Richmond Racing; B-Corduff Stud (IRE); T-Mark Johnston.

3rd-Beverley, £6,400, Cond, 9-18, 2yo, 7f 96yT, 1:35.01, g/f. FLYLIKEANEAGLE (IRE) (c, 2, Free Eagle (Ire)--Dulcian (Ire), by Shamardal), an Aug. 30 second when upped in trip at Hamilton after shedding maiden status over this course and distance in his penultimate start Aug. 14, was out smartly to lead from flagfall. Stretching on once into the straight, the 2-7 pick was allowed an inch of rein approaching the final eighth and pushed out to win by 3 1/4 lengths from Bertie’s Princess (Ire) (Lawman (Fr)). He is one of three scorers out of an unraced half to five black-type performers and the bay is a half-brother to MSP Chessman (Ire) (Acclamation (GB)) and a yearling filly by Dark Angel (Ire). His dam Dulcian (Ire) (Shamardal), herself out of a winning half to G1SW sire Mount Abu (Ire) (Foxhound), is also kin to the dam of G1 Cheveley Park S. and GI Nearctic S. heroine Serious Attitude (Ire) (Mtoto (GB)). Sales history: €25,000 Ylg 18 GOFOR. Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, $14,778. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Barbara & Alick Richmond Racing; B-Corduff Stud (IRE); T-Mark Johnston.

2nd-Beverley, £6,400, Cond, 9-18, 2yo, f, 7f 96yT, 1:32.25, g/f. FREYJA (IRE) (f, 2, Gleneagles (Ire)--Crystal Valkyrie (Ire), by Danehill), who was penalised seven pounds for breaking through over this course and distance in her second start last time Aug. 31, was best away and led from the outset of this one. Holding sway throughout, the 1-12 lock was nudged along at Hamilton after shedding maiden status over this course and distance in his penultimate start Aug. 14, was out smartly to lead from flagfall. Stretching on once into the straight, the 2-7 pick was allowed an inch of rein approaching the final eighth and pushed out to win by 3 1/4 lengths from Bertie’s Princess (Ire) (Lawman (Fr)). He is one of three scorers out of an unraced half to five black-type performers and the bay is a half-brother to MSP Chessman (Ire) (Acclamation (GB)) and a yearling filly by Dark Angel (Ire). His dam Dulcian (Ire) (Shamardal), herself out of a winning half to G1SW sire Mount Abu (Ire) (Foxhound), is also kin to the dam of G1 Cheveley Park S. and GI Nearctic S. heroine Serious Attitude (Ire) (Mtoto (GB)). Sales history: €25,000 Ylg 18 GOFOR. Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, $14,778. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Barbara & Alick Richmond Racing; B-Corduff Stud (IRE); T-Mark Johnston.
2nd-Beverley cont.

The chestnut is also full to a yearling colt and half to a colt foal by Churchill (Ire). Sales history: 37,000gns Ylg ‘18 TATDEY. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, $14,411. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-Mrs A G Kavanagh; B-C O P Hanbury (IRE); T-Mark Johnston.

5th-Beverley, £6,400, Novice, 9-18, 2yo, 5fT, 1:02.45, g/f.

MAGICAL JOURNEY (IRE) (f, 2, Night of Thunder (Ire)--Aljaazya, by Speightstown), sent off at 5-1, initially showed speed from her wide draw but was soon outpaced in worse than mid-division. Building a head of steam passing halfway, the chestnut weaved her way up the inside to pass Reassure (GB) (Oasis Dream (GB)) 100 yards out and assert for a 1 1/4-length success and become the 22nd winner for her first-season sire (by Dubawi (Ire)). The winner is the first foal out of the unraced dam, who is a daughter of the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Matiya (Ire) (Alzao) who was also second in the G1 English 1000 Guineas and third in the G1 Prix de Diane and G1 Fillies’ Mile S. Her best progeny proved to be the listed scorer Nakheel (GB) (Sadler’s Wells), while she is also the second dam of the G3 Princess Margaret S. scorer African Skies (GB) (Johannesburg). Her yearling filly by Zoffany (Ire) is due to sell at the Tattersalls October Book 1 Sale next month. Sales history: £60,000 Ylg ‘18 GOUKPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $5,175. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-Saeed Manana; B-Camas Park, Lynch Bages & Summerhill (IRE); T-James Tate.

SOLID TRADE AT GOFFS UK HIT

The two-day Goffs UK September Horses-in-Training and Yearling Sale came to a close on Wednesday with a vibrant horses in training session sending the session’s average to a new record. A total of 176 of the 199 horses offered on Wednesday were sold for a clearance rate of 88% and an aggregate of £2,087,200. The average for the day climbed 9% to £11,859, while the median jumped 7% to £8,000. Cumulatively, 80% of the total lots offered over the two days were sold (233) for a total of £2,355,000, an average of £10,107 and a median of £7,000. There was no comparative yearling session in 2018.

Offerings from Paul and Clare Rooney proved very popular on Wednesday, providing three of the top four prices including the sale-topping 5-year-old gelding Now Look At Me (Ire) (Shantou) (lot 301), who was bought by Michael Moore on behalf of trainer Tom George for £75,000. The Rooney’s also sold Who’s My Jockey (Ire) (Yeats (Ire)) (lot 293) to Hamish Macauley Bloodstock for £54,000, and I’m A Game Changer (Ire) (Arcadio (Ger)) (lot 294) to Aidan O’Ryan and Gordon Elliott for £50,000. Splitting those was Gigginstown House’s A Toi Phil (Fr) (Day Flight (GB)) (lot 179), bought by Richard Ryan for £70,000.

Goffs UK Managing Director Tony Williams said, “Today’s session provided a strong finish to the September Sale and continued a fine run for our Doncaster horses-in-training sales which are reliably providing lively trade and a trusted outlet for flat and National Hunt owners and trainers. The large drafts from Gigginstown, Paul and Clare Rooney and Shadwell rightly proved very popular with buyers and deservedly they all enjoyed 100% clearance rates.

“The moving of yesterday’s yearling session from October’s Autumn Sale to this sale gave vendors a clear date to offer their horses but trade was tough for some and demand was reflective of that market. We now turn our attention to the Autumn Horses-in-Training Sale for which entries are due by the end of the month.”

Wednesday’s Results:

Naas, €16,500, Mdn, 9-18, 2yo, c/g, 6fT, 1:12.51, gd.

ELOY D’AMERVAL (IRE) (c, 2, Cappella Sansevero (GB)--Mean Lae (Ire), by Johannesburg), backed into 11-2 off the back of a barrier trial win here earlier in the month, travelled strongly from the outset towards the fore. Sent to the lead passing the furlong pole, the bay warded off Johan Zoffani (Ire) (Zoffany (Ire)) by a head to become the sixth winner for his first-season sire (by Showcasing (GB)). “He showed us from day one that he was a nice horse and he came here for a barrier trial and won that easy,” trainer Gerry Keane told IrishRacing.com.
Eloy D’Amerval cont.

“He was beating everything we had at home and if he was beaten we would have been disappointed. The boys [Frankie and Brian Duffy] would like to sell if they could, as they have the half-sister Mean Fomhair that won in Roscommon which they can keep as a broodmare. They lost the dam last year with colic. I’d say he wouldn’t want it any faster than it was today and he’d probably like a little print in the ground. Six would be a little sharp for him and he’d be better over seven.” The winner is a half-brother to the surprise G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Jet Setting (Ire) (Fast Company (Ire)), who also took the G3 Concorde S. and G3 Leopardstown 1000 Guineas Trial, G1SW-Ire, SP-Fr, $304,851. The ill-fated dam, a daughter of the Listed Fairy Bridge S. winner Plume Rouge (GB) (Pivotal (GB)), has a yearling filly by Harzand (Ire) who is up for auction in a week at the Tattersalls Ireland September Sale. Sales history: €45,000 Ylg ’18 GOFFEB. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $10,798. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Francis Duffy; B-Brian Duffy (IRE); T-Gerard Keane.

2nd-Naas, €16,500, Mdn, 9-18, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:12.15, gd. DEIDRA (IRE) (f, 2, Dark Angel (Ire)–Lethal Lena (Ire), by Thousand Words (GB)), who ran second to subsequent Listed Ingabelle S. runner-up Nurse Barbara (Ire) (Kodiac (GB)) over this trip at Cork last time Sept. 1, was well away to track the leaders in fifth through the initial fractions here. Angled into the clear approaching the final quarter mile, the 5-2 second choice quickened to the fore soon after and was ridden out late to deny Allez Allez Allez (Ire) (Invincible Spirit (Ire)) by 1 3/4 lengths.

Love Locket (Ire) (No Nay Never), a €700,000 GOFFORB yearling from the family of MG1SW sire High Chaparral (Ire), shaped with promise after overcoming traffic problems and ran on well to finish fourth. “She’s had a few nice entries, but has taken a while to come to hand,” said trainer Michael O’Callaghan. “She’s a big filly that we bought at the Breeze Ups and has always worked like a good filly. It has taken all her runs to get her straight and that experience stood to her today. I knew at halfway that she wasn’t travelling that well and she hated the ground. She’s genuine, she has a bit of class and just got through it today. I think she can keep on improving and maybe get a bit of black-type.” Full-sister to a yearling colt, Deidra is the lone winner out of an unraced half-sister to MG1SW sire Lethal Force (Ire) (Dark Angel (Ire)). Sales history: 75,000gns RNA Ylg ’18 TAOCT; €125,000 2yo ’19 TATGOR. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, $14,475. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Robert J W Moran; B-Canice Farrell (IRE); T-Michael O’Callaghan.

Naas, €16,500, Mdn, 9-18, 2yo, 7fT, 1:29.18, gd. FANCY BLUE (IRE) (f, 2, Deep Impact (Jpn)–Chenchikova (Ire), by Sadler’s Wells), who drifted to 6-1, travelled sweetly against the rail in mid-division throughout the early stages. Needing a gap at the top of the straight, the bay made her way out of a pocket before the two-furlong pole and reeled in Chasing the Dawn (Ire) (Acclamation (GB)) in the final strides for a half-length success. “Anything she does this year is a bonus and I think she’ll be a lovely middle-distance filly next year,” jockey Donnacha O’Brien told Irish Racing.com. “There is plenty of improvement in her fitness-wise as well. She had a little blow today, so I think she will improve for that.” The dam is a full-sister to the former Ballydoyle giant High Chaparral (Ire), who enjoyed dual Derby and Breeders’ Cup Turf glory, and to the G2 Dante S. scorer and GI Secretariat S. runner-up Black Bear Island (Ire). Also a half to the unraced Mora Bai (Ire) (Indian Ridge (Ire)) who produced the stable’s group-winning Hunting Horn (Ire) (Camelot (GB)) and David Livingston (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)), she is already responsible for Smuggler’s Cove (Ire) (Fastnet Rock (Aus)) who followed a Listed Star Appeal S. success with a third in the G1 Dewhurst S., SW-Ire & G1SP-Eng, $137,682, and his staying full-brother Casterton (Ire), MSW & GSP-Fr, $163,024. Her yearling filly by Zoffany (Ire) was knocked down to Phoenix Thoroughbred and Dermot Farrington for €220,000 at last month’s Arqana Sale, while she also has a filly foal by Caravaggio. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $10,798. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith & Mrs John Magnier; B-Coolmore (IRE); T-Aidan O’Brien.
Naas, €16,500, Mdn, 9-18, 2yo, 7fT, 1:29.77, gd.

VALERIA MESSALINA (IRE) (f, 2, Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}--Arty Crafty, by Arch), another barrier trial winner here earlier in the month, showed the benefit of that experience by instantly making her presence felt on the front. Joined by Now the King (Ire) (Baltic King {GB}) after the first two furlongs, the 9-1 shot proved tenacious as she clung on to her advantage in a frantic final thrust with that rival and prevailed by a nose. Ballydoyle’s St James’s Square (War Front), the $2.4-million KEESEP son of Streaming (Smart Strike), was slowly away and never threatened to get involved, winding up 13th. The winner is a half-sister to the stable’s G3 Desmond S. winner Pincheck (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), who has also been placed in the G2 Solonaway S. on two occasions, GSW-Ire, $168,234. “She is very like Pincheck, as she really wants it,” trainer Jessie Harrington told IrishRacing.com. “She’s a smashing big filly and we’ll see how we get on from here. I’d say she’ll run again this year. She knew where she was and she knew where the winning post was. It’s great to have a winner for the Rogers’ that is homebred in Airlie Stud.” Valeria Messalina and Pincheck may take four middle-distance events for the Sir Mark Prescott stable in less than a month. Also with a yearling filly by Mayson (GB) due to sell at the upcoming Goffs Orby, she is a full-sister to the GI Gulfstream Park Breeders’ Cup H.-winning sire Prince Arch and a half to Kingsfort (War Chant) who captured the G1 Vincent O’Brien National S. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $10,798. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O/Anthony Rogers; B-Airlie Stud (IRE); T-Jessica Harrington.

Naas, €16,500, Mdn, 9-18, 2yo, 5fT, :59.55, gd.

DANIELLES DIAMOND (IRE) (g, 2, Zebedee {GB}--What About Me {Ire}, by Bertolini), third last time over six furlongs at Leopardstown Aug. 15, broke well to race up with the pace. Beginning to assert from halfway, the 5-1 joint-second favourite drew away to win by six lengths from On Tick (Ire) (Epaulette (Aus)). Ballydoyle’s newcomer Eden Quay (Ire) (No Nay Never), a 600,000gns TATOCT full-sister to their G1 Middle Park S. and G1 July Cup hero Ten Sovereigns (Ire), made ground stealthily from rear but could not match the winner from the furlong pole and was eventually third, a further neck behind. The dam, a granddaughter of the listed-placed Orange Walk (Ire) (Alzao), also has a yearling filly by Sir Prancealot (Ire) and a filly foal by Mehmas (Ire). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, $13,327. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O/B-Mrs Annette Nolan (IRE); T-Brian Nolan.

Wednesday’s Results:
PRIX CORONATION-Listed, €55,000, Saint-Cloud, 9-18, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:39.34, gd.

1--ALZIRE (FR), 123, f, 3, by Shamardal

1st Dam: Purely Priceless (Ire), by Galileo (Ire)
2nd Dam: Peeping Fawn, by Danehill
3rd Dam: Maryinsky (Ire), by Sadler’s Wells

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (€400,000 Ylg ’17 ARAUG). O-Haras Voltaire; B-Haras d’Etreham & Pencarrow Stud Ltd (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget; J-Christophe Soumillon. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, €54,500. *1/2 to Palmyre (Fr) (Dansili {GB}), MSP-Fr.

O/B-Mrs Annette Nolan (IRE); T-Jessica Harrington.

Beaten under four lengths when eighth on her black-type bow in the Listed Prix Volterra over a mile at ParisLongchamp June 10, Alzire moved up to 10 furlongs and filled fourth position in the G3 Prix de Psyche at Deauville July 27.
Prix Coronation cont.

Slowly away and keen there before staying on, the bay who had looked potentially up to winning a race of this nature on her first two winning starts at Bourdeaux-le-Bouscat Apr. 7 and La Teste de Buch May 8 was benefitting from a break entering this and Christophe Soumillon was keen to put her on the front from the outset. Kicking in early straight, she was soon clear and hit the line unchallenged for an emphatic breakthrough success.

The dam Purely Priceless now has two black-type performers from her first two foals, with the first being the dual listed-placed Palmyre (Fr) (Dansili {GB}). She is a daughter of Ballydoyle’s brilliant G1 Irish Oaks, G1 Pretty Polly S., G1 Nassau S. and G1 Yorkshire Oaks heroine Peeping Fawn (Danehill), which makes her a half-sister to the Listed Chesham S. winner and G1 Fillies’ Mile runner-up September (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) who was also third in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf and G1 Moyglare Stud S. Peeping Fawn is a half-sister to the G1 Criterium International-winning sire Thewayyouare (Kingmambo) from the family of the luminaries Rags To Riches (A. P. Indy), Jazil (Seeking the Gold) and Casino Drive (Mineshaft). Purely Priceless has the twice-raced 2-year-old maiden colt Conargo (Fr) (Dark Angel {Ire}), a yearling colt by Le Havre (Ire) who was bought by De Burgh Equine for €220,000 at last month’s Arqana Yearling Sale and a filly foal by Wootton Bassett (GB) to come.

3rd-Saint-Cloud, €27,000, Debutantes, 9-18, 2yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:40.98, gd.

KETIL (c, 2, Karakontie {Jpn})--Matroshka (Ire), by Red Ransom, a 7-1 shot, broke smartly and was settled in third initially. Shaken up to gain the lead 350 metres out, the first being the dual listed-placed Palmyre (Fr) (Dansili {GB}). She is a daughter of Ballydoyle’s brilliant G1 Irish Oaks, G1 Pretty Polly S., G1 Nassau S. and G1 Yorkshire Oaks heroine Peeping Fawn (Danehill), which makes her a half-sister to the Listed Chesham S. winner and G1 Fillies’ Mile runner-up September (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) who was also third in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf and G1 Moyglare Stud S. Peeping Fawn is a half-sister to the G1 Criterium International-winning sire Thewayyouare (Kingmambo) from the family of the luminaries Rags To Riches (A. P. Indy), Jazil (Seeking the Gold) and Casino Drive (Mineshaft). Purely Priceless has the twice-raced 2-year-old maiden colt Conargo (Fr) (Dark Angel {Ire}), a yearling colt by Le Havre (Ire) who was bought by De Burgh Equine for €220,000 at last month’s Arqana Yearling Sale and a filly foal by Wootton Bassett (GB) to come.

Another half-sibling Unaided (GB) (Dansili {GB}) was responsible for the GI Matriarch S. and GI Sands Point S. winner Uni (GB) (More Than Ready). The third dam is the renowned Eljazzi (Artaius), responsible for the G1 Prix de Diane heroine Rafha (GB) (Kris {GB}) who herself proved a broodmare extraordinaire with her most notable progeny being Invincible Spirit (Ire) and Kodiach (GB). She is ancestress of the top-level performers Chinese White (Ire) (Dalakhani {Ire}), Nayarra (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}), Gustav Klimt (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Pride of Dubai (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}) and this season’s sensation Pinatubo (Ire) (Shamardal). Sales history: 35,000gns Wlg ’17 TATFOA; €50,000 Ylg ‘18 ARAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. O-Flaxman Stables Ireland Ltd, Alan Cooper & Pascal Bary; B- Matroshka Syndicate (KY); T-Pascal Bary.

FIRST WINNER FOR SIRE

5th-Saint-Cloud, €27,000, Mdn, 9-18, 2yo, 6fT, 1:12.64, gd. CHEF D’ORCHESTRE (FR) (g, 2, Music Master {GB})--Mandy Layla (Ire), by Excellent Art (GB)), who was fourth on debut at Le Touquet Aug. 21, sat second throughout the early stages. Seizing the advantage with 300 metres remaining, the 19-2 shot registered a length success from Plaza de Vega (Fr) (Lope de Vega {Ire}). In doing so, he becomes the first winner for his Throckmorton Court Stud-based first-season sire (by Piccolo (GB)). He is a descendant of the G2 Prix d’Astarte winner GI Yellow Ribbon Invitational and GI Matriarch S. runner-up Nashmeel (Blushing Groom {Fr}) whose Yellow Ribbon-winning daughter Light Jig (GB) (Danehill) produced the GI Hollywood Derby-wining sire Seek Again (Speightstown). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €14,900. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. O/B-Michael Nelmes-Crocker (FR); T-Stephane Wattel.

1st-Saint-Cloud, €27,000, Mdn, 9-18, unraced 2yo, 8fT, 1:41.71, gd. WAAHAAT (FR) (f, 2, Siyouni {Fr})--Sandy Girl {Fr}, by Footstepsinthesand (GB)) was smartly into stride and led after the initial strides of this debutantes’ heat. Shaken up with 300 metres remaining, the 33-5 chance was safely clear entering the final furlong and pushed out in the closing stages to outpoint Seachange (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}) by 2 1/2 lengths. Light Dream (Fr) (Anodin {Fr}), a half to G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud heroine Plumania (GB) (Anaba), was unable to land a blow and finished eighth. Full to a yearling filly, she becomes the fourth scorer from as many runners out of winning half-sister to MGISW US champion Stachelita (Fr) (Monsun {Ger}), who in turn produced MGISW dual Japanese champion Soul Stirring (Ipn) (Frankel {GB}).
**HAPPY VALLEY RACES CANCELLED**

Officials at the Hong Kong Jockey Club took the highly unusual step of cancelling Wednesday evening’s Happy Valley fixture “in the view of the imminent threat to safety of racegoers, jockeys and employees and to the welfare of racehorses.”

The release noted that a “thorough risk assessment” was run before the decision to cancel.

In a brief release on their website, the Club reported that it has been monitoring the situation in Hong Kong closely, a clear reference to the ongoing political unrest in the Special Administrative Region.

“Our concerns are tied to potential social unrest in the vicinity tonight, the very real threat of a disturbance or possible violence at Happy Valley Racecourse, and uncertainty regarding transportation in and around Happy Valley and Causeway Bay for racegoers, jockeys and employees and horses entering or leaving the racecourse throughout the evening,” a Club spokesperson said. “This is a very difficult and most unfortunate decision to make, but public safety is of paramount importance to the Club. We hope the racing community and the Hong Kong public will understand our reasons for doing so,” the spokesperson emphasised.

According to the South China Morning Post, the situation reached a boiling point Wednesday surrounding the participation of Hong Kong Bet, a horse owned in partnership by Junius Ho, a pro-establishment lawmaker. The Post added that representatives of the Club made contact with Ho in an attempt to discuss the situation, but the owner was committed to running his horse.

According to SCMP, the meeting is the first to be lost to political and civil unrest.

Perennial leading trainer John Moore expressed his surprise about the 11th-hour cancellation to the Post.

“I thought racing would go through because it’s charitable and it’s important to Hong Kong to keep things going smoothly, I didn’t think anything was going to happen to racing,” Moore told SCMP. “But I can understand the decision. With the turmoil going on in Hong Kong, we’ve got to protect the safety of all concerned—not only the jockeys but the horses and the racing public.”

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Wanderwell (GB),** f, 3, **New Approach (Ire)**—Ama, by Storm Cat.

**Reliable Son (Fr),** g, 3, **Reliable Man (GB)**—Hot Fudge (Swe) (SP-Nor), by Lomitas (GB). Saint-Cloud, 9-18, 10 1/2fT, 2:23.04. B-AB Ascot (FR).

“1st-Saint-Cloud cont.”
Sales history: 250,000gns Ylg ‘18 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Jean-Pierre-Joseph Dubois (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

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NAKEETA JANE HEADED TO JUSTIFY

by Bren O’Brien

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Tom Magnier, Coolmore Australia Principal said. "She beat the likes of Fundamentalist, El Dorado Dreaming, Pohutukawa, Oohood, Fiesta, Miss Fabulass, Seabrook and Mizzy in the Surround S. and came within 1.2l of The Autumn Sun in the Randwick Guineas.

"On top of her outstanding racecourse performance, she is a beautiful individual. We are supporting Justify with an incredible book of mares this season and physically, she will suit him perfectly. She is the type of mare that can produce highlight lots at the top yearling sales in 2022 and beyond. She is a very rare commodity and we are delighted to have her."

Coolmore purchased several high-profile mares at the breeding sales earlier this year to support Justify in his first Australian season, including Srikandi (Dubawi {Ire}), Maastricht (NZ) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), Invincible Star (I Am Invincible), Savvy Coup (NZ) (Savabeel) and I’ll Have A Bit (Smart Missile).

Towell said that while the decision to sell Nakeeta Jane was difficult, the fact she was going to such a high-profile stallion was some vindication.

"We are breeders but we are realists, and the money that was on offer was too good to refuse. It’s a great result for her if it’s Justify they are sending her to," he said.

Significant in the decision to sell Nakeeta Jane was the fact that GT Park still retains her dam, Lustre Lady (Flying Spur), and she is due to foal a full sister or brother in the next few weeks.

"That helped with the decision a little bit I suppose," he said.

"Lustre Lady is at the walk-on farm we use, Davali Thoroughbreds and she’s ready to foal in the next 15 days."

Lustre Lady will go back to Coolmore’s So You Think (NZ) later in the spring, while her yearling colt by Pierro will likely go through the sales next year.

Nakeeta Jane won three of her eight starts, having also won the G2 Light Fingers S. in February. She was also placed in a G1 Flight S. and a G1 Randwick Guineas and finished fourth in the G1 Vinery Stud S.

She is one of three Group 1 winning daughters of So You Think, who stands for $38,500 (Inc GST) this season.
8.2 MILLION REASONS TO SPREAD GENETIC CREDIT

by Chris McGrath

Nice to see that the people who count—the ones who actually spend the dough, that is, as opposed to impudent bystanders who tell them how much better we could do it—don’t have time for that glib prejudice against older producers, whether mares or stallions. In making the daughter of a 23-year-old mare the most expensive yearling filly in Keeneland September history, however, they set a far more significant challenge to assumptions that are shared a good deal more widely.

In fact, you might say that the $8.2 million paid for Hip 498 last week requires professional horsemen everywhere to ask fresh questions of themselves—above all, if they are in the habit of relying on anything purporting to be a ‘system’ or formula.

No doubt some people will try to persuade you that Leslie’s Lady has produced Into Mischief, Beholder and Mendelssohn because her own genetic contribution has been upgraded respectively by two grandsons (Harlan’s Holiday, Henny Hughes) and one great-grandson (Scat Daddy) of Storm Cat. (Two of them, indeed, through the same son of Storm Cat, Hennessy.) But we still await coherent justification for simultaneously treating the influence of Mendelssohn’s 15 other great-great-grandparents as too infinitesimal to be relevant.

Happily, the extraordinary contest for her daughter by American Pharoah, obviously from another sire-line altogether, shows due recognition for the merits of Leslie’s Lady herself. Cont. p3

CDI MUM ON NEXT MOVE, BUT ILLINOIS HORSEMEN HAVE IDEAS TO PRESERVE ARLINGTON DATES

by T.D. Thornton

In the aftermath of the Illinois Racing Board (IRB)’s verbal grilling of a Churchill Downs, Inc. (CDI) executive Tuesday over the company’s decision not to seek racino licensure at Arlington Park, the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association (ITHA) is floating several proposals that could help the corporation that owns the suburban Chicago track demonstrate its commitment to racing in order to secure race dates there in 2020.

The mandate that CDI must show a racing-centric commitment was part of an IRB resolution voted on at Tuesday’s annual dates hearing that also included moving back the state’s awarding of race dates to Sept. 24. Cont. p5

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TDN Q&A WITH TSG’S AIDAN BUTLER: PART 2

Dan Ross wraps up his conversation about Southern California racing with The Stronach Group’s Chief Strategy Officer Aidan Butler.
8.2 Million Reasons to Spread Genetic Credit cont. from p1

After all, it’s not as though she can represent some kind of genetic void, meekly surrendering her 50% maternal stake in inherited material to a superior partner. So the big question is: whatever it is that she has brought to the equation, where does it come from?

Leslie’s Lady is by Tricky Creek out of a Stop the Music mare. Her granddam was by One for All. These names are as left-field as, well, actually, as left-field as those of the sires responsible for the first three dams of American Pharoah: Yankee Gentlemen, Ecliptical and Tri Jet.

At a time when the industry is contemplating formal control of stallion books, perhaps these largely forgotten contributors can renew our respect for the potency of variegation. Admittedly the “hybrid vigour” famously sought by Bull Hancock was something he pursued by importing elite stallions from Europe, rather than by seeking outcross blood in New Mexico. But the principle is the same.

The aging Tricky Creek had been transferred from California to New Mexico a few months before the Mitchell family of Clarkland Farm gave $100,000 for his 10-year-old daughter Leslie’s Lady (in foal to Orientate) at her owner’s dispersal at Keeneland in 2006. She had improved her original value ($8,000 short yearling, $27,000 September yearling) with a stakes success at two, albeit besides that bit of dash her principal virtue on the track had been hardiness: she made nine, 12 and seven starts across her three seasons.

This was consistent with such little distinction as Tricky Creek (himself a Grade II winner at two, three and four, through 37 starts) had achieved at stud—namely, as a source of exceptional soundness. One study, late in his career, placed him fifth among active national sires by percentage of starters-to-foals; and seventh, by starts-per-starter. Cont. p4
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That’s pretty impressive, for an elderly stallion standing for $2,500 at Running Horse Farm, Albuquerque. So nobody should discount his influence on his granddaughter Beholder’s rare achievement of winning Grade I races at two, three, four, five and six.

Though Tricky Creek obviously never earned much commercial opportunity, he was entitled to prove a conduit for class as well as toughness. His dam Battle Creek Girl (by His Majesty, whose other distinctions as a broodmare sire include Danehill) produced no fewer than 15 winners, six at stakes level. (One of these was Canadian champion Wavering Girl (Wavering Monarch), subsequently dam of Grade I winner Military (Danzig)). And she was also a half-sister to the dam of the wonderful Soaring Softly (Kris S.), Tricky Creek’s third dam being the Darby Dan foundation mare Soaring. You’ll find Soaring in exactly the same slot in the pedigree of Saint Ballado (and therefore also of his brother Devil’s Bag) and as fourth dam of Rahy and Singspiel.

At one point, in fact, Sheikh Mohammed gave $5.3 million for a Kingmambo half-brother to Tricky Creek as a yearling at Keeneland. So while he appeared to be on his way to oblivion by the time he reached New Mexico, aged 20 but without even 20 stakes winners, it remained perfectly feasible for the embers of his family’s quality to be stoked by his progeny.

That process, moreover, is mirrored somewhat in the mare who gave him Leslie’s Lady. Crystal Lady was by Stop the Music, who earned a long Gainesway career when awarded the Champagne S. at the expense of Secretariat, out of a half-sister by One For All to Grade I winner Roanoke (Pleasant Colony). Their dam was by the great Sea-Bird out of a highly accomplished runner in Patelin (Selima S., Alcibiades S., Schuyerville S.), a name you’ll find along the bottom line of several very good horses, including as third dam of GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies S. winner Pleasant Stage (Pleasant Colony) and fifth dam of I’ll Have Another (Flower Alley).

On the face of it, with zero graded stakes winners close up, Leslie’s Lady has had to make her own pedigree. In fact, she made her own appearance at the Keeneland September Sale as Hip 3567! Her dam Crystal Lady, acquired in utero in a transaction worth just $8,000, was diminutive, if correct; and apparently of such limited ability that she was once claimed for $5,000.

But the Leslie’s Lady fairy tale actually has roots in plenty of good blood. I can’t pretend to know precisely which genetic strands combined by Tricky Creek and Crystal Lady have entwined so productively in Leslie’s Lady. But I do know that there is an overall mesh of quality, once you look beyond an immediate family that appears to corroborate the pedestrian status of the sires involved.

Just look, for instance, at the eight mares listed in her fourth generation. All four who owe their presence in the pedigree to sire sons were able to underline their class by a wider distinction. Quill, for instance, had earned her mating with Northern Dancer (which produced One for All) as a champion on the track; Flower Bowl produced not only Tricky Creek’s dam sire His Majesty but obviously Graustark as well; Shenanigans, likewise, was dam of Ruffian as well as Tricky Creek’s grand sire Icecapade; while Nothirchance, dam of Stop the Music’s sire Hail to Reason, was a good enough runner to win the Acorn S. And the other four mares, as already noted, similarly include a couple whose merit has serial proofs, in Patelin and Soaring.

These eight mares’ various partners, moreover, percolated Classic blood by the gallon: Darby Dan’s European monsters Ribot and Sea-Bird, for instance; Northern Dancer, his father Nearctic, and his son Nijinsky; Turn-to and Tom Fool; and, the one curveball, Better Bee. He’s pretty well off the map now, but a record of 20 wins in 89 starts looks very much like the seams mined by Tricky Creek for that trademark soundness.

One way or another, then, there’s plenty of noble blood to be dredged across the whole channel. By all means, stick to your sire-lines—if you really think such a coarse tool can interpret the myriad genetic variations that cause even full siblings to be as very different as we know they can be. But remember that the man who bred Leslie’s Lady, David E. Hager II, did so because he felt that the leggy Tricky Creek could help little Crystal Lady build up a foal. He plainly knew that a good match is, first and foremost, a physical one.

Of course, we can seek performance balance too. And the whole premise for spending all this money on the foals of Leslie’s Lady is that something, demonstrably, works more repeatably in this particular genetic package than in nearly any other.

But that does not warrant extrapolating any cardinal rules about why that should be, beyond the single one acknowledged by all sensible horsemen—namely, that there are no rules.
That is no counsel of surrender. Ultimately, in fact, Leslie’s Lady sets a wonderful example. She commends diversity. And she reminds us that the commercial failure of stallions does not necessarily neutralize the class latent in their genes. So long as the foundations are sufficiently wide and deep, qualities that lie dormant for a generation or two can still be revived by our instincts, our industry and—above all—our luck.

Arlington/CDI cont. from p1

The one-week delay was deemed necessary by the IRB because of CDI’s controversial and stunning decision last month to intentionally miss a deadline to apply for slot machines and table games at the track. CDI said it would apply for 2020 Arlington dates, plus sports betting, but made no commitment of any kind beyond 2021.

In late August, CDI cited the requirement of having to contribute gaming revenues to the Thoroughbred purse account as a competitive disadvantage it did not want to undertake by applying for Arlington’s gaming licensure.

But the simmering subplot over the past three weeks has centered around CDI’s ownership stake in a nearby casino and its stated intent to open another, fueling accusations that the corporation used the horsemen’s support to get gaming legislation passed but is now abandoning the idea of operating a racino at Arlington.

At Tuesday’s meeting, IRB commissioner Thomas McCauley chastised CDI for lacking “any regard for social responsibility whatsoever” and suggested that the company’s decision not to apply for gaming licensure was a ploy to gain leverage over state lawmakers in negotiations for more a more favorable gaming tax structure, according to the Chicago Sun-Times. Cont. p6
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“I’ve been going to dates hearings for probably 20 years, and I don’t ever remember one that went quite like that one,” David McCaffrey, the executive director of the ITHA, told TDN via phone Wednesday. “In fact, I would have given out high odds going into the meeting that it would have ended the way that it did.

“Essentially, the way I understand it, they gave Arlington a week to come back and show how they are dedicated to the sport of racing in Illinois,” McCaffrey continued. “In all of the questions that board members asked, the root of them all was, ‘What is Arlington’s dedication to racing?’

According to the Sun-Times, the IRB’s McCauley was so incensed over alleged political gamesmanship and CDI’s previous declaration in a press release that it would move its Arlington license to some other location that he rhetorically demanded of Arlington president Tony Petrillo, “Does Churchill think that it owns this [racing] license? Because if they do, I’d encourage you to call them up and let them know that the state of Illinois owns that license, and we as the agents of the state of Illinois have the authority and responsibility to grant a privilege to those who earn it.”

Petrillo, at Tuesday’s IRB meeting, mainly toed the corporation’s line (high taxes, a saturated gambling market) in answering queries about what was driving its decision to bail out of the gaming bill it crafted and chaperoned through the state legislature over the past 12 years. According to the Sun-Times, Petrillo testified that Arlington’s profit margin is just 3.6% right now.

R. Alex Rankin, the chairman of the board of directors for CDI, did not return a Wednesday voicemail message prior to deadline for this story requesting clarification on CDI’s intentions in Illinois. He has also not answered previous queries by TDN seeking comment on the subject, so right now it is anyone’s guess what CDI’s proposal will be next week when the IRB reconvenes to decide Arlington’s fate.

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Absent any publicly-stated input from CDI, the ITHA’s McCaffrey has several ideas on how the corporation could attempt to save racing at Arlington for 2020.

“Short of somehow figuring out how to re-apply for the gaming and to commit to it—and that’s fraught with problems—they could commit to giving half of the proceeds from sports betting to the purse account,” McCaffrey said.

“Tellingly, the sports betting bill gives nothing to purses,” McCaffrey added. The other thing they could do is forego their ‘recapture’ that is due [to] them next year. Recapture is this thing in the law that allows a racetrack to dip into the purse account and take money out to transfer it to their side of the ledger. Over the years, Arlington has taken out over $100 million. And next year that payment will be somewhere in the neighborhood of $4.5 million. If they were to forego that and leave it in the purse account, that would certainly be a demonstration of them showing dedication to racing. That would be huge.”

When asked if he thinks that CDI might actually want the IRB not to grant it 2020 race dates so the corporation can get out of the Illinois racing business altogether and reap the profits from selling Arlington to developers while still operating nearby casinos, McCaffrey said he doesn’t think that is CDI’s intent.

“I’ve heard that. That’s not from out of left field,” McCaffrey said. “But if that was their intention, then why did they apply for dates? They could have not applied to race in 2020 and just said ‘See ya!’”

At Tuesday’s meeting, McCaffrey said, the horsemen “tried to portray a willingness to participate in any way, shape, or form that we can to come up with a good solution.”

But the reality is, he added, that unless CDI contacts the ITHA to ask for help in presenting a unified plan before Sept. 24, all the Illinois horsemen can do is wait.

“The gaming bill was the long-term solution to bring back Illinois racing,” McCaffrey summed up. “And the craziest part of this whole story is that it was a gaming bill that Arlington helped craft and negotiate. Three years ago it was Arlington that wanted the bill changed to include table games, and they got it. Then they rejected it by not going after their license. That is a real affront to racing, and that is what the racing board called them on at Tuesday’s meeting.”
OUTWORK COLT TOPS BOOK 4 CLOSER

by Christie DeBernardis

A colt from the first crop of Grade I winner Outwork (Uncle Mo) topped the closing session of Book 4 Wednesday when selling for $220,000 to trainer Keith Desormeaux, who signed the ticket under the name Charles Marquis. Hip 2727 was consigned by Warrendale Sales on behalf of breeders Todd and Chad Frederick and Carl Potter. Warrendale led all consignors with 15 yearlings grossing $965,000.

“It is two brothers keeping the legacy going for their dad,” said Warrendale’s Kitty Taylor. “The father, Varrett Frederick, recently passed away. They are very much involved in the business. I sold for the dad, I sold for the grandad. They are great people with a farm in Georgetown and have bred some very good horses.”

She continued, “Keith Desormeaux bought the horse and he bought Exaggerator off of us as well. I believe Ciaran Dunne was the underbidder. He is a big, strong colt and he sold very well. If they vetted and were big, good-looking colts, you were rewarded.”

The yearling colt is out of Westside Tapstress (Lookin at Lucky), who is a half-sister to GSW Discreet Hero (Honour and Glory). Outwork’s first foals have been well received at the yearling sales this year. Ten yearlings by the WinStar stallion sold for $1.075 million at the Fasig-Tipton July Sale, topped by a $300,000 colt. He was also represented by a $500,000 filly at the Fasig-Tipton New York-Bred Sale.

“I think people like him,” Taylor said. “They like to buy horses by WinStar sires. They have a great program with good stallions. They don’t overbreed their stallions and their numbers are reasonable. They also support their stallions. He is a first-crop horse and when they see these first-crop horses that look fast, they like to buy them.” Cont. p9

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A total of 290 yearlings sold for $12,880,500 Wednesday with an average of $44,416 and a median of $35,000.

“I thought it was very strong today,” said Taylor. “We sold horses for $150,000, $170,000. Fillies might have struggled a little more than colts in this book. There were end users there, but not quite as many and not as many people there for fillies right now.”

The highest priced filly of the session was Hip 2614, a daughter of hot young sire Constitution, whose first crop has hit the ground running on the racetrack this year. Consigned by VanMeter-Gentry Sales, she was purchased by R.A. Hill and Oracle Bloodstock for $190,000.

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MIA MISCHIEF TO SELL AT F-T NOVEMBER

Mia Mischief (Into Mischief), who became her sire’s first Grade I-winning daughter with a victory in this year’s Humana Distaff, will be offered by Elite Sales at the Fasig-Tipton November Night of the Stars Nov. 4. The 4-year-old filly is owned by Bill and Corinne Heiligbrodt, Heider Family Stables and Madaket Stables. She has been trained by Steve Asmussen from the outset of her career.

Following Mia Mischief’s Humana Distaff win, where she defeated Grade I winners Marley’s Freedom (Blame) and Spiced Perfection (Smiling Tiger), she defeated subsequent GI Longines Test S. winner Covfefe (Into Mischief) in the Roxelana S. at Churchill Downs.

Mia Mischief broke her maiden by 16 1/4 lengths at Keeneland in October 2017, earning ‘TDN Rising Star’ honors.

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KEENELAND SEPTEMBER -- WEDNESDAY

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BEL, 3yo & up, F & M, 1 1/4m (T), Closes Sept 21

Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies:

Oct 6, Frizette S. - G1
BEL, 2yo, F, 1m, Closes Sept 21

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Oct 6, Futurity S.
BEL, 2yo, C & G, 6f (T), Closes Sept 21

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At three, she took the Purple Martin S. at Oaklawn by 8 1/4 lengths before winning the GII Eight Belles S. at Churchill Downs. She went on to run second, beaten a neck, in the Test at Saratoga, after a stretch long duel with multiple Grade I-winning ‘Rising Star’ Separationofpowers (Candy Ride {Arg}).

“Speed is our thing and Mia Mischief is one of the fastest we’ve ever owned,” said co-owner Bill Heiligbrodt. “Not only is she fast, but Corinne and I also recognized her as a superior physical, offering size and scope, placing her at the top of our list of Into Mischief offspring. We’ve won two Tests and Mia’s nose defeat kept us from our third. Derby Day is special; the Humana Distaff is special. We’ve run numerous superstar fillies in the Humana Distaff and were not able to get it done before Mia. It was a celebration we’ll never forget.”

“Mia Mischief is a superstar by the hottest stallion in America,” said Elite Sales’ Bradley Weisbord. “She has earned just shy of $1 million. She was a brilliant 2-year-old, 3-year-old and 4-year-old, finishing first or second in 13 of 17 starts. She beat the best and she did it with blazing speed in a devastating style.”

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TDN Q&A: TSG’S AIDAN BUTLER ON SANTA ANITA, PART 2
by Dan Ross

New to running racetracks, Aidan Butler, The Stronach Group (TSG)’s chief strategy officer and acting executive director of California Racing Operations, has worn all sorts of suits belonging to all sorts of worlds—horse racing, legal affairs, business management, and technology—that he says have prepared him for the task.

He founded a sports equipment company called GuardLab, which specializes in mouthguards, for example. He was managing director of a large litigation law firm called Gilbert’s, its area of expertise in intellectual property—though he isn’t, it should be noted, an attorney.

Butler, 42, joined TSG last year, and headed to Santa Anita this spring, when the welfare crisis erupted. Currently living on-site at Santa Anita in a house a stone’s throw from the track’s downhill turf course—which is currently out of racing use—Butler describes himself as a bit of a fixer. "I come in and look at problems and try to take a more modern approach to them."

The question is: what parts of the TSG company is he charged with fixing?

In an August TSG press release, it was written that Butler would be "codifying and building on the reforms initiated by The Stronach Group during its Winter meet while continuing to oversee the company's modernization of the sport in the areas of horse population, ownership and technology." Cont. p12

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In the first of this two-part Q&A with TDN, which was conducted before the announcement that Craig Fravel would be TSG’s new CEO, Racing Operations, Butler was a little more emphatic. "I'm overseeing everything in California," he said.

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. The following is an edited version of a broad, discursive conversation.

TDN: Tell us about your history in horse racing?

AB: I'm a third-generation licensed bookie. Growing up as a kid, I didn't do summer holidays, I went to the track. First I started counting the money in the bag, then I went to Tic-tac, then I progressed up the chain.

After horses I went into legal strategy, into technology, then started my own companies. Why I resonated going back to the game? From a business standpoint, I saw fixed odds coming, sports wagering, like it or not. I understand the game pretty well. I understand horses pretty well. Grew up with them. Grew up around them.

I understand that [horse racing] is a business, but I also understand the pageantry of horse racing. And this isn't a knock at anyone, and certainly isn't a knock at any of my forebears, but the pageantry seems to have fallen off a little bit. If you really want to grow [horse racing] out to a new audience, and you really want people to come, what is it they're going to fall in love with? Fundamentally as a business, you want them to fall in love with gambling. But, that's not what gets you--it's the love of the sport, and when it's done well, it's a beautiful sport.

TDN: What would you tell those breeders, owners, trainers or other industry figures who have invested greatly in horse racing in California--some through many generations--who might be skeptical about someone with limited experience for the position you find yourself in now?

AB: I've never done this job. But from building businesses, from operating businesses and from managing people, I've done a lot of other things in my life, and quite successfully. And so, what I'd want them to know: I understand the issues we face out here. I also understand that without the whole ecosystem working well together, we haven't got a shot. You can't ask for trust--only time will tell. Things have to start improving. Then, hopefully people will realize we're doing the right thing. The issue is, what's the criteria for success?

First and foremost, safety and safe racing. Without that core function of the racing being safe, you've got no shot at ever growing this industry. You've got to get the public confidence, so we're not watching races and holding our breaths. Look what just happened at Del Mar. I'm so happy for them, and so pleased it's doable.

TDN: You've also to negotiate a revolving door corporate culture at TSG.

AB: We've had a bunch of turnover at Santa Anita. But Belinda [Stronach] for the last few years has started to now really take over. It's not a hire and fire culture now.

TDN: Are you saying that the horsemen who are tired of seeing that type of corporate culture at Santa Anita can expect to see things change?

AB: I can. She's a modern thinker--she understands how businesses should work. She understands change can be difficult. But she also understands that continuity in business, especially a business that is so symbiotic as this, is so important. Tongue in cheek, if this was eight, 10 years ago, the joke would be, 'How long has Aidan got?' But the boss is Belinda, and that isn't the way she operates.

TDN: California is struggling with a heavily depleted horse inventory. This upcoming meet, what would you class as a success in terms of race weeks and field sizes?

AB: Inventory will dictate more than it's ever dictated. If there's some days with only a few races, so be it. We can only fill what we can fill.
If we can prove that we’re running really good races, safe races, that’s how we get to number two, which isn’t a horse shortage, it’s an owner shortage. How do you get new owners back? Confidence in the product.

**TDN: What part does Santa Anita play in this?**

**AB:** You’ve got to welcome [owners] with open arms. I think we can do a better job at embracing what they stand for, and how they help the industry. They tick a lot of boxes for us if done right.

**TDN: Are you going to spend more on marketing?**

**AB:** Marketing is part of it, getting back out there the fun parts of horse racing. But, unfortunately, you’re treated on your success with that. If this isn’t running as well as it can be, even from a safety standpoint, what are you marketing? First off, getting it as safe as it should be. Then you’ve got something to market.

When it comes to amenities, with a lot of the spaces, I’m going to start to repurpose them to try to attract more of a group philosophy, and a group philosophy wrapped around ownership. I think that’s a good use of some of the areas we’ve got. And I’m not afraid to fail. I’m going to try to create more excitement.

**TDN: Can you give specifics?**

**AB:** No, not yet—I haven’t spoken to the people I need to speak to. But things like giving a better customer experience. It’s got to be really fine-tuned. Now, it’s great selling really beautiful food over there, but how does that cross over to our core customer, making sure that core customer is serviced in the best possible way? You’ve got the guys and the girls who want to buy a hot dog and watch the ponies, and then, you’ve got the people who want to put on a nice jacket and come out. I think there are varying degrees of experience, based on what you want to get out of the day. And I use the word pageantry a lot. What makes horse racing fun for you?

For me, I want to see the horses, and you’ve got to get the interaction piece back again. It’s in our DNA, that we’re attached to these animals. What has that to do with operating a racetrack? It has everything to do with the fundamentals of the experience. So, if the public understands the horses better, they’ll understand racing better. You’ve got the people who understand horse racing, and the people who don’t. But the one thing they all share: they love horses.

**TDN: One thing that Tim Ritvo emphasized when he took the helm here back in 2017 was the company's bottom line. He told the LA Times, “I can tell you that the facility is underperforming based on the property value. This place is worth, at a minimum, half-a-billion dollars. We don't get anything close to 4 or 5% back.” Are profits still the driving factor?**

**AB:** Let me put it this way, Belinda has made the statement a number of times—not an outward statement, an inward statement to myself and other management: we’ve got to make sure horse racing is fixed. Whatever that takes. If that takes a little bit of a [financial] setback, that takes a little bit of a setback.

If you don’t do it right, it’s dead in a few years anyway. So, doesn’t it warrant the time and effort to get it right? Then, you look at: is the business as profitable as it should be? **Cont. p14**
TDN: Has she given you a timeframe before she wants to see results?

AB: No—she’s basically like, ‘Either we do it properly or we don’t do it at all.’ If you know Belinda, she’s adamant to fix this. However long it takes, that’s what it takes. There is the reality that the business needs to make money. You don’t do it unless it’s your hobby—it’s a lot of work for a hobby. And now, the business model will have to change. I know a few people who may or may not be smarter than me believe that may not be doable. But, there’s always another way to do things.

TDN: What are they telling you? And who do you mean by ‘they’?

AB: The old guard: that more racing leads to more handle, more profit. An argument I could make is: less racing but of better field size and more competitive equals better handle. Transparency of safety protocols. Transparency of horse health equals confidence in gamblers, equals better handle. It isn’t just a formula of run more. Maybe a smarter long-term solution may be to look at what has worked in other places, and that field size and competitiveness is another driving factor.

TDN: With other tracks offering such alluring purses, how do you propose to keep and maintain the horse inventory?

AB: Sometimes in a game of chess, you’ve got to give a piece away. Sometimes you’ve got to keep it. The difference between this and a game of chess, you’ve got to keep the game going forever. The aim is here, if they’re shipping them out to run in a race, that’s one thing. If they’re moving them out [en masse] to run, that’s another.

Taking a step back at what we were just talking about: the tracks have got to do a much better job at helping the folks who are trying to recruit. If you’re a trainer, you should have a little bit of carte blanche with what the tracks do. Get the [owners] in. But that kind of thing gets lost in the sauce when you’re concentrating on the nuts and bolts. Look, we’re not dead in the water by a long shot. We’re looking at a bunch of things to make [purses] up. Sponsorship. Sports wagering.

TDN: Del Mar has reaped dividends for its aggressive recruitment of out-of-state barns. Is that something you’ll be doing, too?

AB: Yeah, we want to attract more horses. Yeah, we want bigger field sizes. Cont. p15
But I think, making sure the guys and girls that are out here day-to-day already, we’ve got to make sure they’re good. Make sure they've got every opportunity. It's a little bit of a work in progress. I wish a part of me could do everything day one.

TDN: What are your targets for this upcoming meet?

AB: I’m hoping we have a super-safe meet. I’m also a realist, that when you have a lot of horses running around, a lot can go wrong. But we’ve done everything we can to make sure everything's as safe as can be.

TAYLOR MADE ACQUIRES PITONS CUP SLOT

Taylor Made Farm has purchased the second slot in the Pitons Cup, days after a syndicate of Todd Pletcher, Sol Kumin and bloodstock agent Brad Weisbord were confirmed as Pitons Cup participants.

“Taylor Made is honored to participate in the inaugural Pitons Cup,” said Mark Taylor, Vice President of Marketing and Public Sales Operations for Taylor Made. “We see Saint Lucia as a new emerging market for American horses. We fully embrace the vision of providing economic opportunities for the people of Saint Lucia as well as our core customers which are American breeders.

“We have seen in America how well the Pegasus World Cup has been received and know that The Everest has been immensely popular in Australia,” Taylor continued. “A high-profile race in the Caribbean that is more affordable to most racing fans is very appealing and we wanted to be a part of that.”

“We weren’t surprised to see some of the smartest guys in our industry move quickly here. We would be surprised if there wasn’t traction. The template works and when you have it in a lifestyle location like Saint Lucia there really is a lot of appeal.”

The $150,000 Pitons Cup will help launch horse racing at the Royal Saint Lucia Turf Club Dec. 13, 2019.

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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.

Matt Bowling, Bowling Bloodstock

First and foremost I think we can all agree that the safety and well-being of the horse should come first. With that being said, I’ve seen no data, studies, or empirical evidence provided by those in favor of limiting books to 140 mares that supports this premise. It’s an extremely slippery slope that has major implications to the economy of our business. The consensus has always been that we, as a breed, don’t use Artificial Insemination (AI) because we don’t want certain stallions breeding an almost unlimited number of mares. If we limit books to 140, then what’s the reason for not going to AI? If the health and well-being of the horse is truly a motivating factor, then that would naturally be the next step, as we know AI is not only safer for the stallion but the human handlers as well. Many regional programs already have much better breeders and stallion awards than we do in Kentucky. If we are shipping semen, does it really matter if the horse even stands in Kentucky anymore?

I’ve also heard others say that they don’t want to breed to a stallion that breeds 200+ mares, as there are too many at the sales grounds when they go to market. The beauty of a free market society is simply this: you don’t have to. It’s your business decision to breed to whatever stallion you want for whatever reasons. If you are right, you’ll be rewarded.

I also believe limiting books in hopes of increasing genetic diversity is misguided as well. If a horse like Into Mischief breeds 100 fewer mares, the assumption is they are all going to be bred to a different sire line—when in fact, the opposite is probably true. With breeders obsessed with getting an "A Nick," wouldn’t they still try to go to something in the same sire line?

I feel like The Jockey Club's time, energy, monies, and focus should be spent on the much more pressing issues our industry is facing today. The opening line in Pat Forde’s article that is front page on Yahoo today is, "Go ahead and mark down 2019 as the beginning of the end of horse racing.” Our industry is gasping for oxygen, yet our biggest discussion is whether or not to splint a pinky toe as we watch it die.

Northern Kentucky Leader Says Horse Racing Should Stay at Turfway

Horse racing in Northern Kentucky should stay at Turfway Park, but Boone County Judge Executive Gary Moore blamed the racetrack’s owners for the prospect of Churchill Downs challenging it by building a new racetrack in the region.

Chris Wetterich, Cincinnati Business Courier

The races covered in the TDN are as follows:

- Stakes: purses of $50,000/up
- Allowance Races: purses of $20,000/up
- Optional Claiming Races: purses of $20,000/up
- Maiden Special Weight Races: purses of $18,000/up
- Maiden Claiming Races: purses of $18,000/up & a minimum claiming price of $40,000
### Leading YTD Sires of 3-Year-Olds by GSWs

for stallions standing in North America through Tuesday, Sept. 17

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### Saturday, Belmont, post time: 5:57 p.m. EDT

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### Saturday, Charles Town, post time: 10:15 p.m. EDT

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### FRANK J. DE FRANCIS MEMORIAL DASH S.-GIII, $250,000, 3yo/up, 6f

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WINSTON C FACES TEST IN LONESOME GLORY

by Don Clippinger

When buying at sales or privately, owners always strive for the Saturday horse, one capable of competing in a track's best races. For some part-time and full-time Saratoga Springs, N.Y., residents, it's important to have a horse capable of running at Saratoga Race Course. Any day will do.

Edward P. Swyer, a longtime steeplechase owner and a Saratoga Springs resident, always likes to have a horse that fits Saratoga. Last year, he had a very nice one, Iranistan (Einstein {Brz}), who finished second in the GI A. P. Smithwick Memorial Hurdle S. and third in the GI New York Turf Writers Cup Hurdle.

When offered the opportunity to purchase a promising U.K.-based hurdler named Winston C (Ire) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}) for his Hudson River Farms operation this past spring, Swyer was thinking Saratoga.

Winston C arrived a little rough around the edges and had a decent debut, finishing third by less than a length in the Marcellus Frost Champion Hurdle, a race for jump-racing newcomers known as novices for trainer Jonathan Sheppard. The Hall of Fame trainer's crew in Pennsylvania put a high gloss on Winston C, and Swyer decided to skip the next logical start, Saratoga's Jonathan Kiser Novice S., and go straight to the top level in the Smithwick. He caught a large field, mostly older and more seasoned, and beat them handily July 25.

Four weeks later, essentially the same field tried him again at 2 3/8 miles, and he trounced them by 8 3/4 lengths. Swyer and his friends went to the Saratoga winner's circle not once, but twice.

Winston C had a great Saratoga meet, and he was the first horse to win both of Saratoga's big hurdle races in 20 years. But championships largely are decided in the fall, and a new group of well-rested competitors await him in Thursday's GI Lonesome Glory Hurdle at Belmont Park.

Winston C is the 160-pound highweight for the 2 1/2-mile Lonesome Glory, and he will be favored. But the competition will be distinctly tougher than his summer forays at Saratoga.

Bruton Street-US's Scorpiancer (Ire) (Scorpion {Ire}) has an Eclipse Award to his credit, earned in 2017, and he won the GI Calvin Houghland Iroquois Hurdle S. for the second time in May. He also is a member of a red-hot Jack Fisher stable.

Bruton Street-US and Fisher also will field the 2017 novice champion, Moscato (GB) (Hernando {Fr}), who won the GII Temple Gwathmey Hurdle H. in April before finishing third, beaten a length and a head, in the Calvin Houghland Iroquois.

The Lonesome Glory also will feature three horses flying under the radar. Irvin S. Naylor's Bedrock (GB) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) finished a tired sixth in the Smithwick in his initial U.S. start, but he has decent overseas credentials and should benefit from the Saratoga experience.

Sharon Sheppard's Redicean (GB) (Medicean {GB}), also trained by Leslie Young, won the Kiser and then showed that he has some speed when fourth on the flat in the John's Call S. at Saratoga.

Wendy Hendrik's Surprising Soul (Perfect Soul {Ire}) runs best on a limited racing schedule, and trainer Ricky Hendriks has given his mother's multiple stakes winner a long break after finishing second in the Calvin Houghland Iroquois May 11.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:
JOSEPH A. GIMMA S., $150,000, Belmont, 9-18, (S), 2yo, f, 7f, 1:23.27, ft.
1--NAKED AVENGER, 120, f, 2, by Congrats
  1st Dam: Karmageddon (MSW, $288,226), by Wildcat Heir
  2nd Dam: Kismet, by Kissin Kris
  3rd Dam: Smartive, by Smarten
  ($19,000 RNA Ylg '18 FTKOCT). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Tee N
  Jay Stable & Headless Horseman Racing; B-Headless Horsemen
  Racing, LLC (NY); T-Timothy A. Hills; J-Luis Saez. $82,500.
  Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $125,400.

2--FIERCE LADY, 122, f, 2, Competitive Edge--Anjorie, by A. P Jet.
  ‘TDN Rising Star’ ($52,000 Ylg '18 KEEJAN; $75,000 Ylg '18
  KEESEP; $170,000 RNA 2yo '19 OBSMAR; $725,000 RNA 2yo
  '19 FTKHRA). O-Nice Guys Stables & Steve Hornstock; B-Sugar
  Maple Farm (NY); T-Dermot Magner. $30,000.

3--IRISH DANCING, 120, f, 2, Danza--Irish Ridge, by Cactus Ridge.
  ($15,000 Wlg '17 FTNMIX; $32,000 RNA Ylg '18 SARAUG;
  $15,000 Ylg '18 OBSOCT; $120,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR). O-NY
  Final Furlong Racing Stable, Al Racing Stable & Maspeth
  Stables; B-Harry L. Landry & Redge Clarke (NY); T-Christophe
  Clement. $18,000.

Margins: 2, 2HF, 5HF. Odds: 16.10, 0.75, 1.55.
Also Ran: Time Limit, Thea's Theme, Ilchester Cheetah.

Naked Avenger earned her diploma at first asking at odds of
9-1 going 5 1/2 furlongs over heavily favored Jewel of Arabia
(Daredevil), who drifted out badly late, in the Saratoga slop Aug.
21. Not given much of a chance to stay perfect here, she sat in
a good spot on the outside in third, but appeared to be backing
out of it on the far turn. The bay, however, re-rallied nicely in
the stretch, and came charging down the lane while racing on
her left lead to reel in the favorite and pull off the upset.

“People were saying she was lucky to win that day [first time
out] because the favorite had run erratically, but she came out
of the race with her game face on," winning trainer Tim Hills
said. "She really responds well to the crop. That's the only thing I
really told Luis [Saez] is that she likes it. That's kind of unusual
for a filly, but she's really improved dramatically. She's got a real
strong stride. I knew she needed to improve, and she did just
that in her training leading up to this."

The winner’s dam had a colt by Tamarkuz in 2018 and a colt by
Midshipman this year. She was bred back to Hey Chub. Click for
the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
IN ORDER OF PURSE:
3rd-Indiana Grand, $31,000, Msw, 9-18, 2yo, 1m 70y, 1:45.16, ft.

PEPPER PIKE (c, 2, Ghostzapper--Kinda Spicy, by A.P. Indy) tired to finish a well-beaten sixth as the even-money favorite going seven furlongs on debut at Ellis Park Aug. 16. Given a 5-2 chance while getting some additional ground to work with here, he set a pressured pace through fractions of :24.70 and :49.70 and shook free in the stretch to graduate by 2 3/4 lengths. Favored firster Changing Lanes (Cross Traffic) was second. Already represented by Avery Island (Street Sense), MGSW, $365,832, Kinda Spicy, an unbeaten winner of two career starts, had a Nyquist colt in 2018. She was bred to Curlin for the 2020 season. Pepper Pike’s second dam is Chilean Horse of the Year Isola Piu Bella (Chi) (Rich Man’s Gold). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $19,020. Click for the Equibase.com chart.

O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, SEPT. 19

Amira’s Prince (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}), Pleasant Acres Stallions, $2,500
33 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Remington, Msw 6f, RIKKI’S GIFT, 5-2
$12,000 RNA TTA APR yrl

The Big Beast (Yes It’s True), Ocala Stud Farm, $6,000
69 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Presque Isle Downs, Msw 6f, GROWL, 12-1
$5,000 OBS OCT yrl

Competitive Edge (Super Saver), Ashford Stud, $7,500
111 foals of racing age/9 winners/3 black-type winners
4-Churchill Downs, Msw 6f, MISTY BLUE, 8-1
$25,000 FTK JUL yrl; $105,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Daredevil (More Than Ready), WinStar Farm, $7,500
80 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Presque Isle Downs, Msw 6f, DAREDEVIL CARL, 15-1
$43,000 FTK FEB wnl; $47,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl; $15,000 OBS OCT yrl
8-Belmont, Msw 1mT, DEVILS RENDEZVOUS, 12-1
$49,000 RNA FTN MIX wnl; $52,000 SAR AUG yrl; $45,000 OBS APR yrl
4-Churchill Downs, Msw 6f, GOULDING, 12-1
$150,000 KEE NOV wnl; $95,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $290,000 RNA OBS APR yrl
6-Churchill Downs, Msw 6f, TETRAHYDRO, 12-1
$5,000 KEE SEP yrl

Fast Anna (Medaglia d’Oro), Three Chimneys Farm, $7,500
83 foals of racing age/8 winners/3 black-type winners
3-Remington, Msw 6f, A FAST BROAD, 20-1
$14,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; $14,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl; $23,000 TTA APR yrl
6-Churchill Downs, Msw 6f, READY TO PLAY, 15-1

Golden Ticket (Speightstown), Questroyal North, $6,000
31 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
8-Remington, Msw 6f, AD LIBITUM, 15-1

Honor Code (A.P. Indy), Lane’s End Farm, $40,000
111 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Churchill Downs, Msw 6f, RECODED, 15-1
$150,000 FTS AUG yrl
6-Los Alamitos, Msw 1m, SENTIMENTAL, 12-1
$340,000 KEE SEP yrl

Khozan (Distorted Humor), Journeyman Stud, $4,000
73 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Gulfstream, Msw 6 1/2f, KOZY KAT, 5-2
$55,000 OBS OCT yrl

Last Gunfighter (First Samurai), Pin Oak Lane Farm
24 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Penn National, Msw 5 1/2f, CALS MY PAL, 12-1
$11,000 EAS OCT yrl

Lea (First Samurai), Claiborne Farm, $7,500
72 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Los Alamitos, Msw 1m, DIPPING IN, 3-1
$85,000 KEE NOV wnl; $47,000 RNA OBS APR yrl; $80,000 OBS OPN 2yo
5-Arlington, Msw 6f, RY’S A FLYING, 10-1
$60,000 KEE JAN wnl; $92,000 KEE SEP yrl
Liam’s Map (Unbridled’s Song), Lane’s End Farm, $20,000
114 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Churchill Downs, Msw 6f, TYNAN, 10-1
$225,000 KEE SEP yrl

Mr Speaker (Pulpit), Lane’s End Farm, $10,000
79 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Penn National, Msw 5 1/2f, FLY TIME, 3-1
$90,000 KEE SEP yrl; $8,000 OBS APR yrl

Palace Malice (Curlin), Three Chimneys Farm, $15,000
123 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Remington, Msw 6f, FOOLISH PRINCESS, 30-1
$19,000 KEE SEP yrl
6-Churchill Downs, Msw 6f, HONG KONG HELEN, 7-2
4-Churchill Downs, Msw 6f, MAGA SUITE, 15-1
$75,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; $22,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $220,000 RNA KEE APR yrl

Secret Circle (Eddington), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, $5,000
45 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Arlington, Msw 6f, SECRET BLARNEY, 8-1

Summer Front (War Front), Airdrie Stud, $10,000
97 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Presque Isle Downs, Msw 6f, CHAOS KID, 5-2
$5,000 KEE SEP yrl

Tapiture (Tapit), Darby Dan Farm, $7,500
122 foals of racing age/14 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Churchill Downs, Msw 6f, BLACK KAT TAPS, 12-1
$30,000 KEE NOV wnl; $65,000 KEE SEP yrl
7-Gulfstream, Msw 6 1/2f, ESPIRITU DE LUNA, 10-1
$25,000 OBS OCT yrl; $37,000 RNA OBS MAR yrl

Tonalist (Tapit), Lane’s End Farm, $15,000
96 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Churchill Downs, Msw 6f, GLAMOUR GIRL, 7-2
$100,000 KEE NOV wnl; $140,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Wicked Strong (Hard Spun), Spendthrift Farm, $7,500
130 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Churchill Downs, Msw 6f, JILTED BRIDE, 7-2
$37,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; $32,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl; $150,000 OBS MAR yrl
8-Belmont, Msw 1mT, WICKED KHEISHA, 20-1
$32,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Zivo (True Direction), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions, $2,500
16 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Presque Isle Downs, Msw 6f, ICY SWEET, 8-1

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, SEPT. 19

Cairo Prince (Pioneerof the Nile), Airdrie Stud, $25,000
228 foals of racing age/57 winners/5 black-type winners
4-Presque Isle Downs, Msw 6f, BUSCH LATTE, 15-1
$80,000 OBS OCT yrl; $85,000 RNA OBS MAR yrl
4-Presque Isle Downs, Msw 6f, EPITOMIZE, 5-1
$110,000 KEE NOV wnl; $200,000 FTS AUG yrl; $350,000 EAS MAY 2yo
8-Belmont, Msw 1mT, JAZZY LADY, 6-1
$32,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; $7,000 KEE SEP yrl; $35,000 OBS OCT yrl; $32,000 OBS OPN 2yo
4-Churchill Downs, Msw 6f, TURTLE TRAX, 10-1

Cross Traffic (Unbridled’s Song), Spendthrift Farm, $25,000
162 foals of racing age/41 winners/6 black-type winners
8-Remington, Msw 6f, SCAT THRU TRAFFIC, 5-2

Itsmyluckyday (Lawyer Ron), Spendthrift Farm, $3,500
136 foals of racing age/44 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Remington, Msw 6f, MY AUNT MIMS, 20-1
$20,000 OBS APR yrl

Verrazano (More Than Ready), Ashford Stud, $15,000
268 foals of racing age/66 winners/3 black-type winners
4-Churchill Downs, Msw 6f, DIAMOND AND SILKS, 15-1
$62,000 RNA KEE JAN wnl; $150,000 FTS AUG yrl
4-Churchill Downs, Msw 6f, SWEET N SALTY KISS, 10-1
$140,000 KEE SEP yrl
Second-Crop Starters cont.

**Will Take Charge** (Unbridled's Song), Three Chimneys Farm, $30,000
207 foals of racing age/35 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Churchill Downs, Msw 6f, SPEIGHTFUL CHARGE, 12-1
$140,000 KEE SEP yrl
4-Churchill Downs, Msw 6f, TAKE CHARGE PATTI, 10-1
$260,000 FTK JUL yrl

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
6th-Belmont, $67,947, (S), 9-18, (NW1$X), 3/up, 6fT, 1:07.59, fm.
**BOURBON MISSION** (g, 3, Mission Impazible--More Than Beauty (SP), by More Than Ready) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-2, $93,789. O-Bella Cavello Stables LLC & Matt Nestor; B-Twin Creeks Farm (NY); T-Joe Sharp. *$150,000 Ylg '17 SARAUG.

8th-Delaware, $36,790, 9-18, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.83, ft.
**DON'T FIGHT IT** (f, 3, Violence--Don't Stop to Shop, by Unbridled's Song) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, $40,050. O/B-White Fox Farm (KY); T-Stacy Lane Hendry.

7th-Indiana Grand, $35,100, 9-18, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.54, ft.
**KEEPIN IT CLASSY** (g, 3, Stay Thirsty--Ginny's Classic, by Sky Classic) Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-1, $56,020. O/B-White Fox Farm (KY); T-Stacy Lane Hendry.

6th-Indiana Grand, $34,500, (S), 9-18, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:36.99, fm.
**CLASSY COWBOY** (g, 4, Cowboy Cal--Jills Classy (SW, $113,935), by Pentelicus) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-2, $54,340. O/B-Filip Racing, LLC (IN); T-Stephen D. Dunn.

7th-Presque Isle Downs, $32,870, (NW3L)/Opt. Clm ($50,000), 9-17, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.67, ft.
**CROSSTOWN SHOOTOUT** (g, 3, Cross Traffic--Sally Sally (GSP, $261,651), by Cactus Ridge) Lifetime Record: SP, 10-3-3-0, $89,450. O-Shagbark Farm, LLC; B-Anne L. Walsh (KY); T-Ryan D. Walsh.

1st-Thistledown, $31,800, (S), 9-18, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.42, ft.
**HEIDI'S BACK** (f, 3, Mr. Sinatra--Coax Me Heidi (SP), by Coax Me Chad) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, $44,882. O/T-Rusty M. Richards; B-Rusty M. & Heidi D. Richards (OH).

7th-Thistledown, $24,000, 9-18, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.08, ft.
**PAGALO IN AVANTI** (f, 3, Orb--Justasprinkle, by Gilded Time) Lifetime Record: 9-2-3-0, $43,360. O-Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC; B-Belvedere Farm Inc. (KY); T-Jeffrey A. Radoshevich. *$85,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; $250,000 2yo '18 FTFMAR. **1/2 to Portales (Sharp Humor), MSW, $194,500; Justalittlesmoke (Smoke Glacken), MSW, $737,870.

2nd-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, $22,572, 9-17, (NW4LX), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35.67, fm.
**SHANGHAI RAIN** (f, 3, Shanghai Bobby--Thunder Shower, by Tiznow) Lifetime Record: SP, 11-4-1-3, $132,309. O-Kay Reed; B-Tom Durant (KY); T-Eric R. Reed.

7th-Finger Lakes, $20,400, (S), (NW3BX)/Opt. Clm ($15,000), 9-18, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.62, ft.
**TRIBECCA** (g, 5, Bustin Stones--Heck, by Heckle) Lifetime Record: SP, 31-8-4-4, $385,721. O-Ronald A. Brown; B-Laurel Least & Joseph Lech (NY); T-Chris J. Englehart. *$10,000 Ylg '15 EASOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
**Liveyourbeastlife**, c, 2, Ghostzapper--Ellie's Moment (SW & MGSP, $291,241), by Kris S. Belmont, 9-18, (C), 7f, 1:24.60. B-Phillips Racing Partnership (KY). *$170,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP; $200,000 2yo '19 FTFMAR. **1ST-TIME STARTER.**

**Dont Ask Kimmon**, g, 2, Skylord--Trigger Fish Lane, by Petionville. Indiana Grand, 9-18, (S), 6f, 1:13.88. B-Scott Arnold (IN).

**Altar of Speed**, f, 3, Alternation--And Stay Out, by Exchange Rate. Presque Isle Downs, 9-17, (S), 6f (AWT), 1:11.81. B-Three Lyons Racing LLC (PA). *$75,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT; $135,000 2yo '18 EASMAY.
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Waynes Footsteps, g, 3, **Central Banker**—Red Melody (SP), by Runaway Groom. Belmont, 9-18, (S), 1mT, 1:34.99. B-Anstu Farm LLC (NY). *1/2 to Wired Bryan (Stormy Atlantic), GSW, $537,474; Red Red Run (Afternoon Deelites), MSP, $198,628.

**Showmanship**, g, 3, **First Samurai**—Unbridled Essence (GSW, $324,957), by Essence of Dubai. Finger Lakes, 9-18, 1m 70y, 1:47.04. B-Stonewall Farm (NY). *1/2 to Unbridled Daddy (Scat Daddy), GSP, $199,566.

**Hard Hat Diva**, f, 3, **Street Boss**—Cathrine's Hope, by In Excess (Ire). Finger Lakes, 9-18, 1m 70y, 1:47.04. B-Stonewall Farm (NY). *Won by 16 1/4 lengths.

**Mind the Gap**, c, 3, **Street Sense**—Safe Haven, by A.P. Indy. Delaware, 9-18, 1mT, 1:35.51. B-Christine Hayden (ON). *$45,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.

**Skywriting**, c, 3, **Super Saver**—Appreciating (GSP, $105,093), by Sky Mesa. Finger Lakes, 9-18, 6f, 1:12.11. B-John C. Oxley (KY). *$4,250,000 Ylg '17 FTSAUG.

**Tiz Smart**, g, 4, **Tiz Wonderful**—Reproduction, by Smarty Jones. Thistledown, 9-18, 5 1/2f, 1:06.00. B-Won of a Kind Farm, LLC (KY). *$6,200 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP.

**ALTERNATION**, Altar of Speed, f, 3, o/o And Stay Out, by Exchange Rate. MSW, 9-17, Presque Isle Downs

**BUSTIN STONES**, Tribecca, g, 5, o/o Heck, by Heckle. AOC, 9-18, Finger Lakes

**CENTRAL BANKER**, Waynes Footsteps, g, 3, o/o Red Melody, by Runaway Groom. MSW, 9-18, Belmont

**CONGRATS**, Naked Avenger, f, 2, o/o Jarmageddon, by Wildcat Heir. Joseph A. Gimma S., 9-18, Belmont

**COWBOY CAL**, Classy Cowboy, g, 4, o/o Jills Classy, by Pentelicus. ALW, 9-18, Indiana Grand

**CROSS TRAFFIC**, Crosstown Shootout, g, 3, o/o Sally Sally, by Cactus Ridge. AOC, 9-17, Presque Isle Downs

**FIRST SAMURAI**, Showmanship, g, 3, o/o Unbridled Essence, by Essence of Dubai. MSW, 9-18, Finger Lakes

**GHOSTZAPPER**, Liveyourbeastlife, c, 2, o/o Ellie's Moment, by Kris S. MCL, 9-18, Belmont

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ORB, Pagalo in Avanti, f, 3, o/o Justasprinkle, by Gilded Time. ALW, 9-18, Thistledown
SHANGHAI BOBBY, Shanghai Rain, f, 3, o/o Thunder Shower, by Tiznow. ALW, 9-17, Mountaineer
SKYLOD, Dont Ask Kinmon, g, 2, o/o Trigger Fish Lane, by Petionville. MSW, 9-18, Indiana Grand
STAY THIRSTY, Keepin It Classy, g, 3, o/o Ginny's Classic, by Sky Classic. ALW, 9-18, Indiana Grand
STREET BOSS, Hard Hat Diva, f, 3, o/o Cathrine's Hope, by In Excess (Ire). MSW, 9-18, Finger Lakes
STREET SENSE, Mind the Gap, c, 3, o/o Safe Haven, by A.P. Indy. MSW, 9-18, Delaware
STREET SENSE, Off Topic, f, 3, o/o Off Limits, by Include. ALW, 9-18, Belmont
SUPER SAVER, Skywriting, c, 3, o/o Appreciating, by Sky Mesa. MSW, 9-18, Finger Lakes
TIZ WONDERFUL, Tiz Smart, g, 4, o/o Reproduction, by Smarty Jones. MSW, 9-18, Thistledown
VIOLENCE, Don't Fight It, f, 3, o/o Don't Stop to Shop, by Unbridled's Song. ALW, 9-18, Delaware

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