



## SHOCKWAVE THERAPY: NEW RESEARCH SUGGESTS POSSIBLE LINK TO CATASTROPHIC INJURY



Extracorporeal shockwave therapy

by Dan Ross

In California, a proposed new rule would, if passed, prohibit horses at California Horse Racing Board (CHRB)-regulated facilities from racing or working within 30 days of being treated with extracorporeal shockwave therapy. At the moment in California, horses are unable to race or work for 10 days after a shockwave therapy. Should the rule go into effect, it would be by far the toughest of its kind throughout the country.

At the same time, the proposed rule change reignites the debate on one of the more controversial veterinary technologies in modern veterinary medicine, raising hard questions about the suitability of such machines on U.S. racetracks and training centers at a time of laser-focused scrutiny on animal welfare.

On the one hand are those who see therapeutic value to shockwave therapy as long it's used with an appropriate diagnosis and treatment plan. On the flip side are those who see the machine's analgesic effects as reason enough to fundamentally restrict its use. Furthering our understanding of shockwave therapy can only bring clarity to this dialogue.

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## SEPTEMBER MARKET STRAINS TO MAINTAIN BOOM

by Chris McGrath

Hats off to you, Mr. Genaro Garcia--and the very best of luck with your filly. For yours is the signature on the last of 2,855 sale dockets processed through 13 sessions of the Keeneland September Sale. A daughter of Haynesfield, out of a War Front mare; fourth dam won the GI Flower Bowl S. back in 1990. And the beauty of this business is that she retains every right, at \$1,300, to overcome all the vagaries of fortune that may no less afflict the \$8.2 million daughter of American Pharoah and Leslie's Lady who had the previous week become the most expensive filly ever sold at this auction.

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**Shockwave Therapy cont. from p1**



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We know, for example, that the analgesic effect that comes with a treatment wears off after about three days. But do we know exactly how and why shockwave therapy appears beneficial in the treatment of certain injuries? Not quite. What's more, there had been little to no empirical data to determine whether shockwave treatments are associated with a higher risk of catastrophic injury in racehorses, as some fear.

A recent study that Tim Parkin, a University of Glasgow professor of veterinary epidemiology, conducted for racing officials seeking to learn more about the practice offers important insights into just that, however.

Working with these officials and using the Equine Injury Database (EID), Parkin looked at horses that had been reported on the vet's list for shockwave treatment, then counted the number of days and races since the treatment before that horse was fatally injured. Parkin found it "statistically significant" that horses that received shockwave therapy in the last 90 days, 180 days, and ever were between 54% and 79% more likely to suffer a fatal injury than horses that had never received such treatments.

For horses that received shockwave therapy in the last 30 and 60 days, the risk of fatal injury was also elevated: 26% and 65%, percent respectively, but these numbers (due to small numbers of horses treated so close to a race day) were not statistically significant.

The confidential study--conducted for research purposes and not published in any peer-reviewed journal--isn't definitive proof that shockwave therapy is a single factor predisposing horses to a greater likelihood of fatal injury. For example, the locations of the shockwave treatments weren't identified in the data--an important point if causal links are to be made between

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treatments and the site of the fatal injury (more on this later in the story).

The numbers do suggest, however, that there might be a correlation between underlying physical issues that necessitate shockwave treatments and a higher prevalence for catastrophic breakdown, said Parkin.

“Essentially, the pathology that drove the use of shockwave or drove the use of getting on the vet's list remains—at least the impact of that in terms of risk of injury is retained in that horse for the rest of its racing career,” said Parkin.

“It may drop off a little bit,” he added. “But however far away you go from the vet's list listing, or the shockwave use, then the horse is still at greater risk than before the vet listing of shockwave treatment.”

### ***What is shockwave therapy?***

In summary, a shockwave machine works like this: it emits sound waves (that resemble loud cracks) in doses that can be increased and decreased, depending on the severity of the injury. Treatments usually are delivered multiple times over a series of weeks.

How do these sound waves hasten and promote the healing process? Studies on humans and animals show that they trigger an **anti-inflammatory response** within the body and promote the **growth of new blood vessels**, among other effects.

Nevertheless, exactly how it works on racehorses is still open to debate.

Generally, veterinarians who use the machine say that it's most effective on concussive injuries in racehorses like suspensory problems, sore shins, tendonitis, and sacroiliac issues. According to French-born trainer Leonard Powell, it's used in France to treat back problems with greater frequency than in the U.S.

“The rider will spend a lot more time on their back in France,” explained Powell. “The riders are a bit heavier over there, too.”

When it comes to the analgesic effects from shockwave application, the scientific consensus is that it lasts between **two to three days after treatment**. **One 2004 study** found that analgesia could last up to 35 days after treatment, but experts argue the parameters of that particular study aren't relevant to the way shockwave treatments are administered to horses.

Most jurisdictions follow either in full or in part the Association of Racing Commissioners International's **model rule** on shockwave usage. This includes requirements that shockwave machines are registered with a commission and used only by licensed veterinarians in designated locations, as well as how horses given a treatment are placed on a vet's list and prevented from racing or breeze for at least 10 days.

However, while most jurisdictions are strict about who can use

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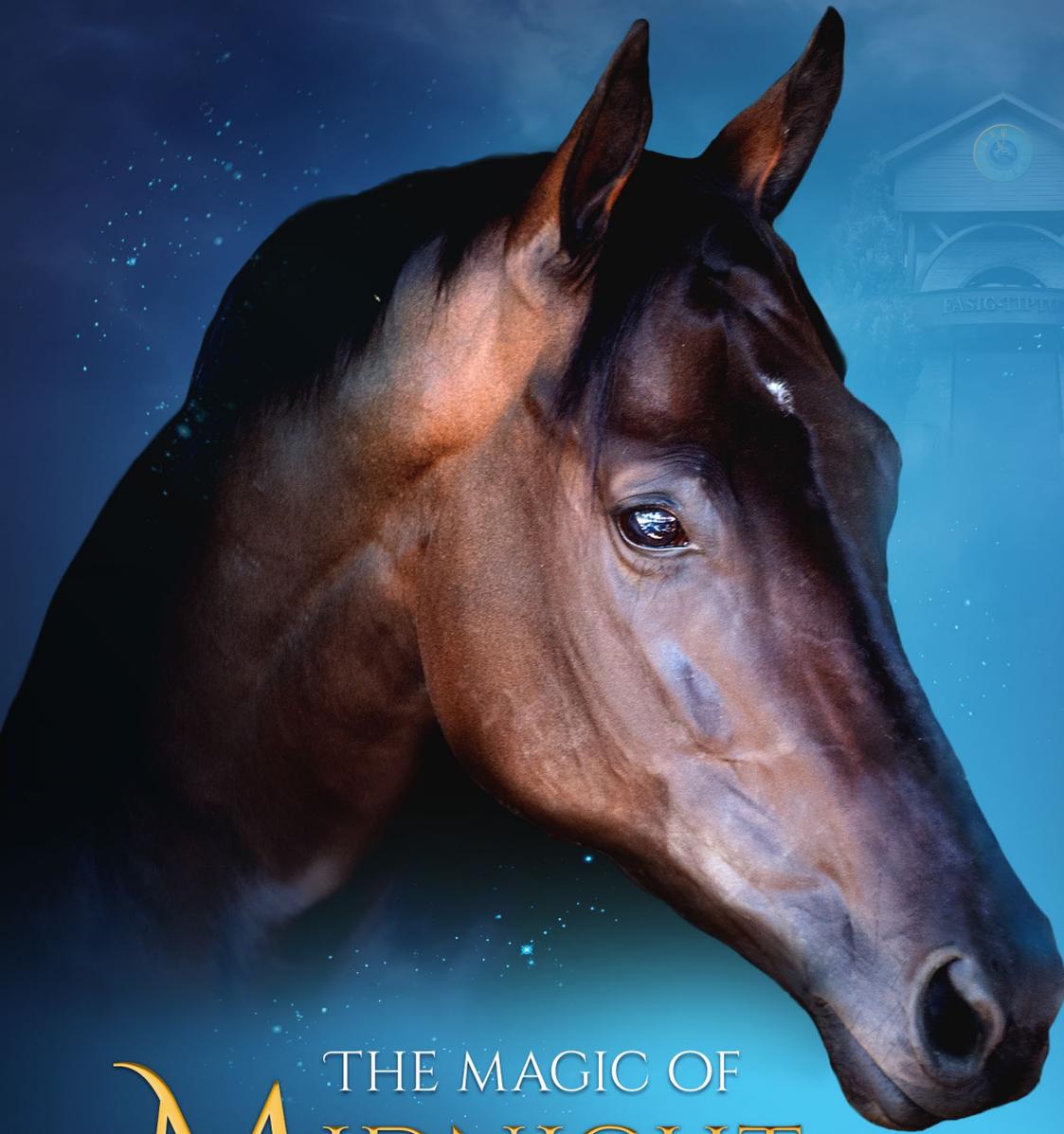
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the machine, **fewer of them require** shockwave therapy to be performed at specific locations at a licensed facility, which, when factored alongside the current absence of any way to test whether a horse has received a shockwave treatment or not, leads vets and others to this central worry:

Without adequate oversight, the machine could be used on a horse to numb the pain of an injury before a workout or race.

This fear is why Mary Scollay, the newly minted Racing Medication and Testing Consortium executive director and chief operating officer, is concerned about the movement of horses to locations that fall outside the jurisdiction of a racing commission. "It defies regulation in Kentucky" as a result of that, said Scollay, the state's former equine medical director.

"I have a real reluctance to write rules that can't be enforced," she added. "I think that constrains the people who would do the right thing anyway and empowers the people who make poor decisions."

Because of these reporting holes, Scollay said she's unable to gauge the full extent of shockwave use in Kentucky. As an example of how prodigiously shockwave is used elsewhere, there were 143 individual shockwave treatments during this summer's Del Mar meet.

At the same time, there are those, like Ryan Carpenter, a practicing veterinarian in Southern California, who regard

shockwave therapy as a legitimate veterinary practice when used within the rules and with necessary caution.

"It's got a bad name and people automatically assume that it's a bad thing, and it's not," said Carpenter. "All the science supports the way we use it as safe and effective, and to arbitrarily remove it because you don't understand it makes no sense to me."

In 2017, Carpenter and Jeff Blea, current chair of the American Association of Equine Practitioners' Racing Committee, **co-authored a report** on shockwave therapy for the CHRB when it last considered a shockwave rule change. The report's findings didn't call for further tightening of the rules, and indeed the proposed change was quashed.

The way in which Carpenter uses shockwave, he said, has become more conservative with time, and his methodology before a treatment typically looks like this.

The day after a horse works, Carpenter will evaluate it using one or more of a variety of tools, including nerve blocks, radiographs, ultra-sound, and nuclear scintigraphy. If, during the evaluation, the horse is shown to have a problem in something like its upper suspensory, "that's a perfect candidate for shockwave, and that horse benefits for that procedure," said Carpenter, who added that the horse will then be placed on a regime of light work—just walking, jogging or slow galloping.

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He said he couldn't remember the last time he administered shockwave treatment to a horse 10 days before a run, as the current rules permit. Nonetheless, he agrees with Scollay that strict policing of the procedure is vital.

"You could, if you were somewhere away from here, shockwave a horse the day of a race, put it on the van," he said. "There's no way to test for it. So, a lot of it is the honor system."

***"It's unlikely any individual horse has pathology at a single site"***

Which brings us back to the study Parkin recently conducted, and the import of his findings. Carpenter said that about 90% of the shockwave treatments he conducts are to the high suspensory and to the shin.

"Catastrophic breakdowns related to shins and high suspensory [injuries] are essentially non-existent. The thing we worry about in the racehorse is the fetlock," Carpenter said. "We're not shockwaving the areas where they have catastrophic injuries," Carpenter added. "You can't say, 'because the horse was shockwaved that's the reason why they broke down.' Look at the diagnosis--what was going on? Was there a misdiagnosis?"

During her time as Kentucky's equine medical director, Scollay was aware of only one instance of a horse fatally injured after

receiving a recent shockwave treatment, and the physical site of the treatment didn't match the site of the breakdown, she confirmed.

Nevertheless, Scollay wouldn't be surprised "if there is a correlation between a site being treated and subsequent failure," she said, adding that it 'ties in' with current understanding of pre-existing diseases, and the accumulation of damage over time.

On top of that, there remain lingering questions about exactly why shockwave is an effective technology, and the specific biological responses triggered via a treatment. Which leads to what she calls the bigger question:

"Is there a correlation between shockwave treatment and fatal injury at a different site?" she said. "Does the shockwave cause the systemic release of a locally released mediator that can exert effects elsewhere in the body—potentially increasing risk at other sites of bone injury?"

Parkin said he agreed that the area of the shockwave treatment doesn't necessarily tally up with the site of a catastrophic breakdown. Rather, he emphasized how the treatment, and the horse's inclusion on the vet's list, is an indicator of elevated risk of catastrophic injury--that the horse is probably lame, likely suffers pathology of some kind, and needs treatment.

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“It’s unlikely any individual horse has pathology at a single site,” he added.

Which explains why this kind of information is “an extra bit of kit in the kit bag” for regulators to use as a screening tool, Parkin said. “The more information we get, the better we can be at predicting true risk before a race.”

The trick, Parkin added, is that the information given regulators is as granular and specific as possible. “At the moment we have quite a lot of uncertainty about all of these risk profiles, but the more detail we have about exactly what the horses have experienced, that risk will only be more precise,” he said.

“There are tons and tons of things that we would love to get a handle on,” he added. “We’d like to look at the whole history of the horse in terms of veterinary records, everything that’s gone wrong with them. You’d be pretty sure lots of those things would each contribute some level of risk to the individual animal.”

Right now, Parkin is widening the net. He and his researchers are currently coding about 150 million data points over a 10-year period using as many as 50 different variables--things like work data, races, and shockwave use. Alone, some 3 1/2 million individual starts have been inputted, said Parkin.

“The code is running one week at a time to generate new

variables,” he said.

From that large national database, Parkin will then be able to zero in on regional jurisdictions, build an individual model for specific tracks, to see whether things like shockwave usage represent a significant risk or not in that peculiar location--something he’s currently doing for Southern California.

“We may see an elevated risk through shockwave in Southern California or it may disappear altogether because it’s accounted for by other things,” he said, adding that he hopes to have results prior to the Breeders’ Cup this year.

“Racing is so different from north to east to south to west,” he said. “We genuinely don’t know what we’re going to find.”

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## September Market cont. from p1



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But the fact is that neither has ever had a saddle on her back, and it now boils down to how destiny chooses to reward the faith and perseverance required for both transactions. For Mandy Pope, in making her only purchase of the fortnight, it was a case of holding out to thwart Sheikh Mohammed himself for the sale-topper. For Mr. Genaro, it was about being literally the last man standing. Ten of the last 11 yearlings in the catalogue had been scratched, but the Haynesfield filly kept her appointment; the hard-working Four Star Sales team secured their 118th sale; and that worn gavel came down one last time.

The commercial abyss dividing these two fillies reflects the unique nature of Keeneland September. It's not so much a market as *the* market. The frenzied closing session of Book 1 was off the charts, the \$8.2-million filly being one of eight to make seven figures on the day. But while the top end of the bloodstock market has been wild for a while now, on both sides of the Atlantic, it was only when the Amish and others had completed their shopping on Sunday that we could get the full picture.

The three Fasig-Tipton summer yearling sales--July in Lexington, plus the Select and New York auctions in Saratoga--between them cover plenty of ground, and have duly become a pretty good signpost to September. Last year, Fasig's summer business had anticipated huge KEESep numbers by tipping \$100 million for the first time, up from \$75 million just two years previously. Sure enough, Keeneland went through the roof, its \$377-million turnover comparing with \$308 million in 2017 and \$273 million in 2016.

This time around, understandably enough, the Fasig summer subsided 10.6% by gross; and 8% by average. The volume of trade had been very similar (69.9% of 523 hips finding a new home, compared with 70.7% of 538 the previous year) so it

looked as though the big spenders at the top end, still rolling in the cash glut of post-recession fiscal policy, might just have begun to go too hard to drag the rest of the market into their slipstream.

In the event, however, Keeneland shed just 4.5% of its monster 2018 market as turnover dipped to \$360 million. With the RNA rate virtually unchanged, around 24%, the average eased to \$126,096 from \$129,335.

TABLE A

US SUMMER & SEPTEMBER YEARLING MARKET PERFORMANCE 2012-19									
	FASIG-TIPTON JULY, SARATOGA & NY			KEENELAND SEPT			TOTAL		
	sold	aggregate	average	sold	aggregate	average	sold	aggregate	average
2019	523	90,368,000	172,778	2,855	360,004,700	126,096	3,378	450,372,700	133,325
2018	538	101,048,500	187,822	2,916	377,140,400	129,335	3,454	478,188,900	138,445
2017	510	85,316,000	167,286	2,555	307,845,000	120,487	3,065	393,161,000	128,274
2016	516	74,998,500	145,346	2,792	272,890,500	97,740	3,308	347,889,000	105,166
2015	532	81,636,500	153,452	2,745	281,496,100	102,549	3,277	363,132,600	110,812
2014	452	62,636,000	138,575	2,819	279,960,000	99,312	3,271	342,596,000	104,737
2013	467	60,711,000	130,002	2,744	280,491,300	102,220	3,211	341,202,300	106,260
2012	434	55,996,000	129,023	2,516	219,723,000	87,330	2,950	275,719,000	93,464

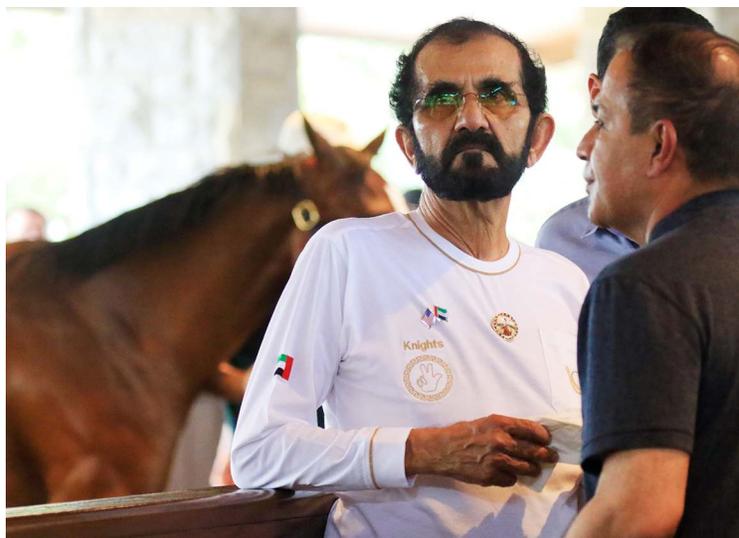
In sum, a \$450-million North American yearling market so far this year has lost \$27,816,200 in value, or 5.8%. It has still maintained a giddy advance on the post-recession consolidation of 2013 to 2016, when it was worth between \$341 million and \$363 million.

All bull runs contain the seeds of their own destruction, of course, and it's worth noting that the KEESep median slipped from \$50,000 to \$45,000. A lot of people sieving this catalogue need to recycle the value they find there, for instance as pinhookers at the 2-year-old sales. And there's little question that the elite sector of the bloodstock market is pretty faithfully reflecting the way a decade of recovery has principally reinforced great wealth.

But the biggest single impetus to the past two Septembers has not, of course, been a domestic investor. Even in a market like this one, the return of Sheikh Mohammed in person--having for many years previously left his investment here to his representatives--has made an enormous impact. In 2016, his former bloodstock manager John Ferguson gave \$2,245,000 for five hips; in 2017, his Godolphin team ranked third on the ledger with \$8,065,000 for 17 hips. With the boss back in town, to see the horseflesh and call the bidding, Godolphin has acquired 33 yearlings over the past two Septembers for a total of \$35,290,000.

And that's without an \$8-million underbid! It took the Sheikh that long to figure out that Mandy Pope was going to stop at nothing for the half-sister to Into Mischief, Beholder and Mendelssohn. As it was, he had to settle for the sale's four most expensive colts.

Once again, moreover, his brother Sheikh Hamdan came through as its second-highest investor. This time around, between them, their Godolphin and Shadwell operations gave



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\$27,070,000 for 28 hips. Nobody in this industry should ever, for one thoughtless moment, take for granted the global benefits arising from the Maktoums' love for the Thoroughbred. Their investment has been unprecedented not only in its scale but also in its commitment.

That the American market also owes much to the broader echelon of the big spenders is evident from the steady increase in the portion of KEESEP turnover claimed by a) seven-figure hips and b) the top ten investors each year.

**TABLE B**

**TOP OF THE KEENELAND SEPTEMBER MARKET 2013-19**

	TOP OF THE KEENELAND SEPTEMBER MARKET 2013-19			TOP 10 BUYERS		
	aggregate	hips	% of gross	aggregate	hips	% of gross
2019	40,900,000	22	11.4	79,330,000	130	22
2018	36,525,000	27	9.7	86,820,000	166	23
2017	19,950,000	13	6.5	66,950,000	162	21.8
2016	13,900,000	9	5.1	53,386,000	152	19.6
2015	14,525,000	11	5.2	43,340,000	147	16.1
2014	18,300,000	13	6.5	51,180,000	130	18.3
2013	25,250,000	18	9	50,974,000	146	18.2

Leslie's Lady rather distorts the first group this time around, with 22 sales representing 11.4% of the gross after 27 accounted for 9.7% last year. But both plainly represent a bigger slice of the pie than before.

The top 10 buyers at each sale, similarly, are consistently hitting above the level of four or five years ago. Though they came away with just 130 animals this time, compared with 166 last year, they still accounted for 22% of the gross (similar to 2018, but until recently that share was consistently in the teens).

Their tastes remain predictable, and they reliably left to pinhookers the challenge of finding physicals likely to punch

above their sires' weight. Of the 86 hips to make over \$600,000, 75 were by stallions that now stand (or, in a couple of cases, did so previously) at six-figure fees. Exceptional kudos, therefore, goes to Union Rags for producing no fewer than five of the remaining 11 at a 2017 conception fee of \$50,000.

Nine of those realizing more than \$600,000 resulted from a book of 235 that made Into Mischief the busiest sire in the land in 2017, at a new fee of \$75,000. That, of course, was 10 times the going rate just five years previously, and he has since continued soaring to \$175,000. Curiously, he still has a solitary seven-figure yearling to his name, having another near-miss with a \$950,000 colt here.

His half-sister helped American Pharoah to overtake Into Mischief as the sale's leading sire by gross (55 sold for \$24,044,000, against 68 for \$23,438,000) but the conservative books of War Front again permitted 14 of his collectors' items to top the averages at \$579,643. (Leaving aside, that is, the tiny sample for Dubawi {Ire}.)

His tryst with Leslie's Lady also helped American Pharoah into the top five by average, at \$437,164, though also rather stretched out the gap to a median of \$240,000. His debut here last year brought him 47 sales at \$416,702, with a median of \$320,000.

He's had plenty of early action on the track, of course, though some of his peers deserve a lot more patience. If there's anything as ridiculous as the stampede for unproven new stallions, it's the impatience the market then shows in demanding proof of their merits. Very often they aren't even permitted time to get horses on the track before the market runs away screaming.



*Keeneland*

But I can't alter the fact that the result is a significant sector within the overall marketplace. In grudging complicity, then, let's take a look at how the latest group of rookies fared at their first September Sale.

**TABLE C**

**FIRST-SEASON SIRES AT KEENELAND SEPTEMBER**  
*min four sold and \$50,000 gross*

	2017 fee	ring	sold	% sold	gross	average
Nyquist	40,000	38	24	63.2	6,033,000	251,375
Runhappy	25,000	47	39	83	9,472,000	242,872
Frosted	50,000	61	44	72.1	10,025,000	227,841
Tamarkuz	12,500	8	8	100	903,000	112,875
Outwork	15,000	33	23	69.7	2,365,000	102,826
California Chrome	40,000	48	27	56.3	2,685,000	99,444
Air Force Blue	25,000	47	28	59.6	2,572,000	91,857
Exaggerator	30,000	63	38	60.3	3,369,000	88,658
Not This Time	15,000	54	37	68.5	2,999,200	81,059
Hit It A Bomb	7,000	5	4	80	282,000	70,500
Upstart	10,000	49	32	65.3	1,874,500	58,578
Speightster	10,000	46	33	71.7	1,851,000	56,091
Brody's Cause	12,500	20	14	70	687,500	49,107
Anchor Down	10,000	17	15	88.2	709,000	47,267
Flintshire	20,000	30	27	90	996,000	36,889
Vancouver	15,000	30	19	63.3	667,700	35,142
Tourist	12,500	28	20	71.4	673,500	33,675
Mshawish	20,000	27	20	74.1	658,700	32,935
Firing Line	5,000	14	13	92.9	275,000	21,154
Texas Red	7,500	6	5	83.3	64,500	12,900
Big Blue Kitten	15,000	23	22	95.6	75,400	3,427

Putting aside as an outlier the first Triple Crown winner since the 1970s, the best average among other new sires last September was the work of Honor Code at \$228,095. That mark was comfortably passed by both Nyquist and Runhappy, and essentially matched by Frosted. Runhappy did especially well in processing his stock, 39 of 47 finding a new home, and for a \$25,000 cover, hit the ball out of the ground with a \$700,000 colt (Hip 551).

From a smaller sample, however, the star turn was Tamarkuz. He housed all eight of his hips, and five of them made six figures. An average of \$112,875 stacks up impressively against a \$12,500 conception fee, never mind against his revised tag of \$10,000. Here's a horse who beat two future Breeders' Cup Classic winners in the Dirt Mile, while his half-brother has become a Group 1 winner at Royal Ascot since these yearlings were born. Yet they result from a debut book of just 38 mares.

Others plainly need to look to their laurels, though it's always worth looking past the bald numbers. Exaggerator, for instance, achieved only an ordinary clearance rate in selling 38 of 63 into the ring. But if you add his RNAs, the average of his "last bids" actually falls pretty close to his \$88,658 average, at \$84,810. In other words, his unsold stock was not being allowed to go cheaply. Similar testing of Mshawish show that his RNA average, extremely unusually, actually exceeded that of his sales. So while his numbers may look disappointing, he has already had a businesslike fee cut--and it's good to know that sensible people are prepared to hang onto his stock long enough to let them show what they can do with a saddle on their backs.

Not that the RNA would always be a reliable instrument to

avoid "rewarding" sires, when ranked by average sales, for failing to shift their weakest stock. Either way, it's easy to identify one or two huge talents who are going to pay with their fees. But they retain every right to turn things around once their stock get onto the track.

The trouble is that \$360 million, changing hands in 13 sessions, will always mess with people's heads and skew their priorities. Scrolling down the list of averages, it's hard to stifle an impotent rage at the idiotic haste with which stallions are discarded. But I guess that gives us all a chance. Right down to a \$1,300 Haynesfield filly.

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## ARLINGTON 2020 DATES CRISIS AVERTED, BUT HORSEMEN REMAIN CONCERNED ABOUT FUTURE

By T.D. Thornton



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The Illinois Racing Board (IRB) on Tuesday averted a showdown on 2020 race dates by unanimously voting in a statewide schedule that includes a 68-date, Apr. 27-Sep. 30 Thoroughbred season at Arlington International Racecourse.

But the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (ITHA) expressed consternation and befuddlement over the decision, because too many unanswered questions about the future of Arlington's racing are still up in the air.

The entire Illinois racing community had been in crisis mode for the past week over whether or not Arlington—the showcase venue on the two-track Chicago circuit—would race in 2020.

Churchill Downs, Inc. (CDI), which owns Arlington, stunned Illinois horsemen last month by intentionally missing a deadline to apply for recently legalized racino licensure that would have bolstered purses at the track.

The decision took on an added layer of controversy because CDI has an ownership stake in a nearby competing casino and has stated an intent to open another near Chicago. This alleged conflict has fueled 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 over concerns that gaming there will hurt the bottom line at its existing and proposed casinos.

At a Sept. 17 race dates hearing, the IRB verbally grilled CDI executives over the corporation's apparent lack of commitment to Thoroughbred racing at Arlington, postponed its vote on 2020 dates, and gave CDI a mandate to come back before the board in a week's time to demonstrate some form of long-term dedication to racing in Illinois.

(By contrast, Hawthorne Race Course and Fairmount Park, the state's two other Thoroughbred tracks, are both swiftly moving ahead with the licensing and construction phases of their purse-boosting racinos, which were made possible by the June passage of the Illinois Gaming Act.)

At Tuesday's hearing, CDI executives once again faced difficult big-picture questions from commissioners about the corporation's long-term intentions for Arlington. Largely though, the CDI executives who spoke under oath did not budge from a publicly stated stance against applying for racino licensure.

So after listening to more than an hour's worth of testimony, the IRB's vote to go ahead and grant Arlington 2020 dates primarily came down to a consensus among board members that not having any racing at Arlington next year would likely inflict more harm than good on the racing circuit and the state.

Thus, the IRB ended up not disallowing Arlington's race dates, as it implicitly threatened to do last week.

Nor did the board include any type of forward-thinking stipulations or requirements that pertained to Arlington's future when the motion for race dates came to the floor for a vote.

"If you look at this as a soap opera, we had left in the last episode with the racing board telling Arlington that they had a week to come back and demonstrate a dedication to racing, and preferably a commitment to applying for the gaming license," David McCaffrey, the ITHA's executive director, told *TDN* via phone after the meeting. "But the very first thing [CDI] said is 'We are not going to apply for the gaming license.' That was a down moment for us, because we thought that they were going to be pressed hard on that issue."

Another factor that contributed to commissioners voting to give Arlington the go-ahead to race in 2020 was that CDI and several commissioners stated a belief that the gaming-enhanced era of Illinois racing won't truly start until 2021 (because the racinos have to get up and running) and that the IRB's decision on the race dates applications on Tuesday only applied to 2020.

"It is very important to keep in mind that, realistically, the first gaming license has not been issued," said IRB chairman Jeffrey Brincat prior to voting on the 2020 dates motion. "The first shovelful of dirt has not been turned, nor has the first wager been dropped and executed."

But the ITHA's McCaffrey strongly disagreed with that line of reasoning. He pointed out that both Hawthorne and Fairmount expect to be bolstering purses with gaming revenues by the fourth quarter of 2020, and the IRB's voting on 2020 race dates should reflect that expectation.

"It's a stunningly superficial understanding of the sport to say something like that because breeders, owners and horsemen make their plans based on what the future looks like," McCaffrey said. "If Arlington had committed to a gaming license like Hawthorne had, it would have had a gigantic 2020 effect on recruiting, people going out to buy horses, and future breeding plans."

IRB commissioner Thomas McCauley, who on Sept. 17 had chastised CDI for lacking "any regard for social responsibility whatsoever" preceded his affirmative vote on race dates by explaining that he now believed that the multi-year agreement that has been in place between Arlington and Hawthorne to maintain a shared racing circuit "ought to be given a lot of weight, at least for 2020," he said.

"At this point, there would be so much disruption with respect to [horse] workers' lives if this schedule materially changed that I'm going to vote yes," McCauley added.

Bradley Blackwell, CDI's senior vice president and general counsel, fielded the bulk of questioning from IRB commissioners at Tuesday's meeting. Although he affirmed statements that CDI made in a press release last week about being committed to racing at Arlington in 2020 and 2021, Blackwell often relied on corporate-speak responses ("we can only speak to what we've said publicly, and about our commitment to find a solution here") when commissioners pressed him on issues related to CDI's intentions and future strategies for Arlington.

At one point under questioning from McCauley—who eventually began to show hints of frustration when his direct queries were sidestepped—Blackwell wouldn't even agree to the broad statement that higher purses are generally in the best interest of Illinois racing.

"I can't go into detail what's in the best interest of Illinois racing..." Blackwell started to reply.

But his testimony was immediately drowned out by a chorus of objections from horsemen at the heavily attended meeting, prompting Brincat to threaten the horsemen with removal if they interrupted a speaker again.

"It was the most obnoxious comment I've ever heard," the ITHA's McCaffrey said of Blackwell's take on the importance of

purses. “And what does the chairman of the racing board do? He admonishes us for being out of line.”

Prior to voting, IRB commissioners lobbed several ideas at CDI officials that they suggested might demonstrate a commitment to racing. One idea—previously advocated by the ITHA—involved CDI giving back the “recapture” money that it has been legally allowed to reclaim from the purse account. For 2020, the estimated figure is about \$4.5 million.

That suggestion did not strike CDI executives as financially appealing, and they would not commit to doing so.

Another IRB commissioner suggested even something as seemingly innocuous as CDI restoring Hawthorne’s former Illinois Derby to the “Road to the GI Kentucky Derby” schedule to bring a bit of national attention to the state. But that idea too was politely rebuffed by CDI officials.

“When push came to shove today, [CDI] was basically asked how they would demonstrate commitment to all of these options,” McCaffrey said. “Gaming license? Recapture? Illinois Derby? And they said, ‘Nope, nope, nope.’ Then the racing board granted them the license anyway. I can’t explain it. My hands are figuratively in the air wondering what [the one-week voting delay] was all about.”

Hawthorne was awarded a 37-date autumn race meet (its traditional spring meet is on a one-year hiatus to allow for racino construction). Fairmount Park, 300 miles downstate, will race 60 dates in 2020.

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## INAUGURAL FASIG-TIPTON CALIFORNIA

### FALL SALE THURSDAY *by Jessica Martini*

The inaugural Fasig-Tipton California Fall Yearlings Sale will be held Thursday at the Fairplex Sales Pavilion in Pomona, with bidding scheduled to begin at 12 p.m. PT. The one-day auction features a catalogue of 285 yearlings, with 25 withdrawn as of Tuesday afternoon.

Fasig-Tipton will be hosting its second California auction, following its inaugural Santa Anita 2-Year-Olds In Training Sale in June. The sales company took over from the now-defunct Barretts this year and, as showing at the sales barns began Tuesday in Pomona, consignors are hoping to see plenty of out-of-town shoppers.

“Fasig-Tipton brings a bigger group of people, so I think that’s exciting,” said Kim McCarthy, whose McCarthy Bloodstock will send 31 yearlings through the sales ring Thursday. “We have a few more pinhookers coming out from Florida and Kentucky, so hopefully we’ll have some fun.”



Kim McCarthy | *Fasig-Tipton photo*

Fairplex, the longtime home of Barretts sales, hosted its final Thoroughbred auction with the company’s Fall Sale last October. It has been used sparingly as a sales pavilion since Barretts moved its 2-year-olds in training sales to Del Mar and Fasig-Tipton opened its California training sale at Santa Anita.

“This was what it was built for—this is a sales pavilion,” McCarthy said of the venue. “They built it to do exactly what we’re doing. It’s a shame it doesn’t get used more often.”

With the closure of Barretts and uncertainties in the California racing circuit, McCarthy agreed the success of the sale was vital to the state’s breeding industry.

“It’s huge,” she said of the auction’s importance. “We are down to one yearling and one 2-year-olds in training sale, so we need these to go well and that will keep all the breeders going. I think we are all kind of holding our breath and hoping it all goes well.”

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## POST TIMES SET FOR 2019 BC WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Post times for the two-day Breeders’ Cup World Championships, consisting of 14 races with purses and awards totaling more than \$30 million, which will be held Nov. 1-2 at Santa Anita Park in Arcadia, California, were announced Tuesday. The official race order and wagering menu for both days of the Championships will be announced Wednesday, Oct. 23. The 36th Breeders’ Cup begins Friday, Nov. 1 with Future Stars Friday, featuring all five Breeders’ Cup World Championships races for 2-year-olds, which comprises half of the 10-race program. There will be four undercard races preceding the first Breeders’ Cup race, with first race post time at 10:45 a.m. PT. Friday’s first Breeders’ Cup race will be Race

#5, which will have a post time of 1:12 p.m. PT. The \$2-million GI TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile will be the ninth race on the card, with a post time of 4:03 p.m. PT. Post time for the 10th and final race will be 4:43 p.m. PT. There will be 12 races on the Saturday, Nov. 2 program, featuring nine Breeders' Cup World Championships races. The day begins with three undercard races with a first race post time of 10:07 a.m. PT. The first Breeders' Cup race will be Race #4, which will have a post time of 11:55 a.m. PT. Post time for the \$6-million GI Breeders' Cup Classic, Race #12, will be 5:44 p.m. PT.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I consider Chris McGrath's [article on 'spreading genetic credit'](#) a must-read for those of us who are breeders, buyers, or agents. McGrath uses the phenomenal Leslie's Lady to shine light on misconceptions that negatively impact our industry.

McGrath's detailed exploration of Leslie's Lady's pedigree and how she came to be exposes false notions or myths that percolate through our breeding and sales scene, eventually impacting racing and the development of our American gene pool. I'm going to briefly touch on two of them.

**Myth #1.** Foals out of older mares have diminished quality. Of course, some do. But when older mares lose their mojo, the resulting foal will tell the story. It will be obvious to anyone who knows what they're looking at.

Using 23 year old Leslie's Lady and her spectacular \$8.2-million filly as an example, McGrath pokes fun at the "glib prejudice against older producers." As I wrote a dozen years ago in the CBA sales booklet, *Buying Sales Yearlings --Plain and Simple*, "If an older mare is healthy, physically and reproductively, she is just as likely to produce a hardy and vigorous foal as a younger mare." Those who disagree are probably not aware of the maternal origins of Secretariat, Go For Wand, Silverbulletday, Ouija Board, Sea The Stars, over 20 Breeders' Cup champions, and many thousands of stakes horses out of aging mares.

**Myth #2.** Stallions and sire lines provide the best evaluation of genetic quality and potential. As McGrath writes, "Stick to your sire lines if you really think such a coarse tool can interpret the myriad genetic variations" of racehorses. In other words, follow the crowd if you don't want to give females their due or bother digging into a full, refined picture of genetic influence.

For sure, top lines are important, but as McGrath points out, the world of breeding and racing is far more complex. To me, the extent of fascination with sires seems just another remnant of a pervasive chauvinism that has dominated American racing since inception, a chauvinism that commands every cross-section of the business from breeding, sales, and training

to industry leadership. Within this crucible, the inherent talent and person-to-horse communication of women in general have forever been undervalued in the sport; and like our horsewomen, so has the importance and DNA of our mares been under-appreciated and undervalued.

Our sport's history of male domination may even partially explain the seeming man-love embrace of sire lines at the core of commercial nicking programs, often used as a crutch in mating or purchase decisions. As a student of pedigrees with a doctoral level background in research, I find it stunning that alleged "nicks" in their current form are popular and widely used by people who want to be successful. Not only are nick ratings predominantly based on too few occurrences of a direct cross to have statistical significance, but it is not uncommon to see the granddad or great granddad used in place of the subject stallion.

But the biggest nicking fallacy of all is that the ratings leave out half of the pedigree, a very crucial half ... the female family. Thus, I very much appreciate McGrath's in-depth analysis of Leslie's Lady's female family which details the importance of distaff contributions and exposes the folly of ignoring or not properly valuing quality females. In the case of Leslie's Lady, this would mean ignoring the likes of Quill, Flower Bowl, Shenanigans, and Nothirdchance, etc.

Failure to include the contribution of mares, especially great mares, into a nicking calculus is like driving our car down the road on two tires. My suggestion to mare owners and buyers, therefore, is to do your own homework rather than rely on a methodology that has structural and statistical flaws and that contains more fluff than substance or utility.

And, specifically to mare owners, I recommend that you do what the astute David Hager did to mate Crystal Lady and produce Leslie's Lady. Begin your mating plans by considering the physical characteristics of sire and dam, and try to blend both to get a well-balanced, athletic individual. Next examine the female family for deep and enduring quality. You'll have a lot more success over time if you follow these first two steps and avoid the temptation to simply go for the fashionable sire of the day, or breed a page to a page, or listen to hogwash like "breed the best to the best and hope for the best," or jump for an A+ sire nick.

Finally, no matter how long we've been in the business, we should heed Chris McGrath's words when he writes that Leslie's Lady and "the \$8.2 million paid for Hip 498 last week requires professional horsemen everywhere to ask fresh questions of themselves."

**Rob Whiteley**  
Liberation Farm

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**THOROUGHBRED EDUCATION AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION AWARDS \$80,000 IN GRANTS**

The Thoroughbred Education and Research Foundation (TERF) has awarded nearly \$80,000 in grants to nine organizations.

In 2019, \$15,000 was awarded to Wilson College; \$14,285 to New Bolton Center; \$10,000 to Equine Advocates; \$6,000 to Cornell University; and \$5,000 to Retired Racehorse Project to fund scholarships and education. In addition, TERF granted \$10,000 to Belmont Child Care Association; \$10,000 to Maryland Horse Industry Foundation; and \$3,000 to Fair Hill Thoroughbred Show. The funds will support these organizations' general operating budgets. Lastly, \$5,000 was awarded to Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation to support their research efforts.

TERF's grants reflect the values set forth by founders Herb and Ellen Moelis during TERF's 2013 inception. TERF's current Board includes co-Chairs Kathleen Anderson, DVM, and James Orsini, DVM, Margaret H. Duprey, Gretchen and Roy Jackson, Ellen and Herb Moelis, Wendy Moon, Anita Motion, Toni Orsini, Scott Palmer, Josh Pons and Lucy Zungailia.

Contributions to TERF's financial capacity have been aided by Roy and Gretchen Jackson of Lael Stables, who recently announced a donation of 5% of their 2019 winnings to TERF.

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## 2019 Leading Dirt Sires of 2YOs by Earnings

for stallions standing in North America through Monday, Sept. 25

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Into Mischief</b> <i>(2005) by Harlan's Holiday Crops: 8 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$150,000</i>	1	6	1	5	--	4	43	12	164,848	1,085,106
										Frank's Rockette	
2	<b>Constitution</b> <i>(2011) by Tapit Crops: 1 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$15,000</i>	2	2	2	2	--	--	32	11	159,000	780,093
										Amalfi Sunrise	
3	<b>Competitive Edge</b> <i>(2012) by Super Saver Crops: 1 Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$7,500</i>	3	5	--	--	--	--	26	10	194,100	740,808
										Fierce Lady	
4	<b>Twirling Candy</b> <i>(2007) by Candy Ride (Arg) Crops: 5 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$25,000</i>	3	5	1	2	--	--	29	11	156,600	678,497
										Collusion Illusion	
5	<b>Sky Mesa</b> <i>(2000) by Pulpit Crops: 13 Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: \$15,000</i>	2	2	1	1	1	1	13	4	380,988	644,379
										Perfect Alibi	
6	<b>Khozan</b> <i>(2012) by Distorted Humor Crops: 1 Stands: Journeyman Stud FL Fee: \$4,000</i>	1	2	--	--	--	--	22	9	189,800	591,660
										Liam's Lucky Charm	
7	<b>Uncle Mo</b> <i>(2008) by Indian Charlie Crops: 5 Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$125,000</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	24	7	192,200	533,658
										Bast	
8	<b>Tapiture</b> <i>(2011) by Tapit Crops: 1 Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY Fee: \$7,500</i>	1	1	--	--	--	--	40	13	90,600	522,106
										Sky of Hook	
9	<b>Munnings</b> <i>(2006) by Speightstown Crops: 6 Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$20,000</i>	1	3	--	--	--	--	27	14	66,449	514,363
										Monedas de Oro	
10	<b>Goldencents</b> <i>(2010) by Into Mischief Crops: 2 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$20,000</i>	--	1	--	--	--	--	43	13	45,000	492,312
										Newstome	
11	<b>More Than Ready</b> <i>(1997) by Southern Halo Crops: 16 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$80,000</i>	1	3	--	3	--	--	13	6	154,023	491,542
										Magic Dance	
12	<b>Bayern</b> <i>(2011) by Offlee Wild Crops: 1 Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$15,000</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	26	8	77,050	487,208
										Biddy Duke	
13	<b>Brethren</b> <i>(2008) by Distorted Humor Crops: 3 Stands: Arindel Farm FL Fee: \$7,500</i>	--	1	--	--	--	--	25	9	68,950	478,291
										Genghis	
14	<b>Shackleford</b> <i>(2008) by Forestry Crops: 4 Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY Fee: \$20,000</i>	2	5	1	1	--	--	18	7	132,201	447,348
										Phantom Boss	
15	<b>Liam's Map</b> <i>(2011) by Unbridled's Song Crops: 1 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$20,000</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	21	3	261,000	434,984
										Basin	

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**Friday, Santa Anita, post time: 6:00 p.m. EDT**

**CHANDELIER S.-GI, \$300,000, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Been Studying Her	Fast Anna	KMN Racing LLC	Ward	Smith	122
2	K P Dreamin	Union Rags	Karl Pergola	Mullins	Fuentes	122
3	Comical	Into Mischief	ERJ Racing, LLC, Barber, Gary, Kenney, Dave, Madaket Stables LLC and Westside Racing Stable	O'Neill	Cedillo	122
4	Bast	Uncle Mo	Baoma Corporation	Baffert	Velazquez	122
5	Buyer's Remorse	Liam's Map	Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Gutierrez	122
6	Leucothea	Midshipman	Altamira Racing Stable, SoCal Seven Racing and McGoldrick, Brian	Miller	Arroyo, Jr.	122



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**Friday, Santa Anita, post time: 7:30 p.m. EDT**

**AMERICAN PHAROAH S.-GI, \$300,000, 2yo, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	American Theorem	American Pharoah	Kretz Racing LLC	Papaprodromou	Pereira	122
2	Fore Left	Twirling Candy	Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Gutierrez	122
3	Eight Rings	Empire Maker	SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Hertrich, III, Frederick, Fielding, John D. & Golconda Stables	Baffert	Velazquez	122
4	Express Train	Union Rags	C R K Stable LLC	Shirreffs	Smith	122
5	Storm the Court	Court Vision	David A Bernsen LLC, Exline-Border Racing LLC, Hudock, Dan and Wilson, Susanna	Eurton	Prat	122
6	Defense Wins	Flatter	C T R Stables LLC, Great Friends Stable, LLC, Kramer Racing, RAP Racing, K T Racing, Keh, Steven and Mansor, Tom	O'Neill	Bejarano	122
7	Shoplifted	Into Mischief	Grandview Equine, Cheyenne Stables & LNJ Foxwoods	Asmussen	Rosario	122
8	Nucky	Ghostzapper	Rockingham Ranch	Miller	Arroyo, Jr.	122
9	Collusion Illusion	Twirling Candy	Agnew, Dan J., Orr, Rodney E., Schneider, Jerry & Xitco, John V.	Glatt	Talamo	122



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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Eddie Haskell	Square Eddie	Wood, Philip J. and Hailey, James	Glatt	Rosario	125
2	Pee Wee Reese	Tribal Rule	Nicholas B. Alexander	D'Amato	Prat	125
3	Lombo 🍀	Graydar	Michael V. Lombardi	D'Amato	Franco	125
4	Boa Nova (Ire)	Zebedee (GB)	Electric City Racing and Dunn, Christopher T.	Meah	Maldonado	120
5	Stormy Liberal	Stormy Atlantic	Rockingham Ranch and David A Bernsen LLC	Miller	Arroyo, Jr.	125
6	Mr Vargas	Midshipman	Jay Em Ess Stable	Koriner	Talamo	125
7	Double Touch (GB)	Dutch Art (GB)	Hronis Racing LLC and John W. Sadler Racing, Inc.	Sadler	Velazquez	123
8	Tribalist	Tribal Rule	Abrams, Robert, Dutko, Mitchell and Paran, Michael	Heap	Espinoza	123

**Breeders:** 1-Reddam Racing LLC, 2-Nick Alexander, 3-Twin Creeks Farm, 4-Zalim Bifov, 5-Dapple Bloodstock & Gryphon Investments LLC, 6-Carl Johnson & Martha Johnson, 7-Honeypuddle Stud, 8-Dutko & Abrams



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**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**MRS. HENRY D. PAXSON MEMORIAL S.**, \$101,500, Presque Isle Downs, 9-23, (S), 2yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:10.92, ft.

1--**WEED WACKER, 120, f, 2, by Artie Schiller**

**1st Dam: Annette's Jet, by Golden Missile**

**2nd Dam: Requesting More, by Norquestor**

**3rd Dam: Casamora, by Villamor**

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** O/B-Triple Threat Stables LLC (PA); T-Lance Stokes; J-Walber Alencar. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$78,000. \*1/2 to A P Majestic (Majestic Warrior), SW, \$163,995.

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2--**Lula's Roadrunner, 117, f, 2, Uptowncharlybrown--Be Bop a Lula, by Unbridled's Song.** O/B-Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC (PA); T-Edward J. Coletti, Jr. \$20,000.

3--**Leaky Cauldron, 117, f, 2, Petionville--La Wildcat, by Forest Wildcat.** O-Tom Coulter; B-Arrowwood Farm, Inc. (PA); T-Rodrigo Madrigal, Sr. \$11,000.

Margins: 3 1/4, 3, 2 1/4. Odds: 3.00, 1.50, 5.80.

Also Ran: Capital Q, Baby Dragon, Biondetta, Ettaplace, Impazible Mink. Scratched: Chilly Sky.

Weed Wacker graduated on debut at Presque Isle Aug. 13 and followed suit with a black-type win Monday evening. Breaking sharply, the dark bay stalked from second through opening splits of :22.44 and :45.93. Seizing command at the top of the lane, she drew away for a decisive victory over favored Lula's Roadrunner. The winner has a yearling half-sister by Stay Thirsty and her dam Annette's Jet was most recently bred to Peace and Justice. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

**4th-Indiana Grand, \$32,500, Alw, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 9-24, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.47, fm.**

**MARQUEE PRINCE (c, 3, Cairo Prince--Try to Remember {MSP, \$124,867}, by Include)** posted back-to-back stakes wins at the Fair Grounds this winter, capturing the grassy Lloyd Captain Maestri Memorial S. Feb. 2 and the off-the-turf Black Gold S. Mar. 2. Fourth in the Cutler Bay S. over the Gulfstream lawn Mar. 30, he was a well-beaten 11th when last seen in Churchill's GII American Turf S. May 4 and was subsequently shelved. Hammered down to 3-2 favoritism for this return to action, the

bay ran two wide in a close-up fourth through opening splits of :23.04 and :47.67. Inching up alongside the top two entering the far turn, Marquee Prince stuck his nose in front at the top of the lane, but was instantly joined by Imperial Mission (Noble Mission {GB}). Those two battled into mid-stretch with Marquee Prince edging clear for a three-quarter-length success. The winner is a half to Holiday Soiree, SW & GISP, \$405,642. Sales history: \$215,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: MSW, 10-5-0-0, \$180,076. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart.](#)** O-Rick, Donna & Jeff Awtrey; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.



**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**3rd-Indiana Grand, \$31,000, Msw, 9-24, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:13.11, ft.**

**REAGAN'S EDGE (f, 2, Competitive Edge--Dayienu, by Sunday Break {Jpn})** was purchased by bloodstock agent David Ingordo for \$77,000 at OBS April after breezing a quarter-mile in a sharp :20 4/5 for consignor Pat Hoppel and was given a 5-1 chance in this unveiling. Away alertly, the chestnut dueled favored Pranked (Into Mischief) for early control through a half-mile in :47.41. Shaking free of that foe exiting the bend, she sailed clear in the stretch to win with ease by nine lengths, becoming the 12th winner for her freshman sire (by Super Saver). Competitive Fire (Competitive Edge) was the runner-up and Pranked held on for third. Reagan's Edge is the most recent offspring out of Dayienu, who was covered by Overanalyze in the spring. Sales history: \$45,000 Wlg '17 FTKNOV; \$30,000 Ylg '18 FTKJUL; \$77,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,600.

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O-David Ingordo; B-Mauk One Farm (KY); T-Cherie DeVaux.

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**Hollywood Hoopla (Will Take Charge) wins on debut at Presque Isle Downs Monday night.**

**3rd-Presque Isle Downs, \$30,100, Msw**, 9-23, 2yo, f, 1m (AWT), 1:39.99, ft.

**HOLLYWOOD HOOPLA (f, 2, Will Take Charge--Sapucaï, by Indian Charlie)**, dispatched at 3-1 in this career bow, was bumped and forced to check a bit rounding the first turn as favored Mysteriously (Tiznow) came out from the rail. She was only hindered for a stride or two and maintained momentum racing in fourth off the fence through a moderate early tempo. Taking command in early stretch, the bay coasted clear under a hand ride to win as she pleased by 5 1/4 lengths. She's a Trooper (Skipshot) completed the exacta and Mysteriously filled the show spot. Hollywood Hoopla is the first foal out of Sapucaï, who has since produced a yearling filly by Pioneer of the Nile and a weanling colt by that late WinStar stallion. The half-sister to Canadian champion Moonlit Promise (Malibu Moon) was bred back to Gun Runner. The winner hails from the family of Hore of the Year and top sire A.P. Indy (Seattle Slew) and MGISW sires Court Vision (Gulch) and Summer Squall (Storm Bird). Sales history: \$190,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Robert G. Schaedle, III; B-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC (KY); T-Christophe Clement.

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**Dontaskmeagain, c, 2, Karakontie (Jpn)**. See "Britain".



### FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25

**Cryptolight** (Fantastic Light), R.C. Cline Thoroughbred Farm  
4 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Thistledown, Msw 6f, EL TIO SAM, 15-1

**Danza** (Street Boss), Spendthrift Farm, \$3,500  
91 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-Indiana Grand, Msw 6f, STORMY CACTUSA, 30-1  
\$1,400 IND MIX yrl

### Global Power (Pulpit)

3 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
3-Thistledown, Msw 6f, POWERS OUT, 3-1

### Honor Code (A.P. Indy), Lane's End Farm, \$40,000

111 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-Penn National, Msw 5f, PEACE WITH HONOR, 4-1  
\$55,000 RNA OBS APR yrl

### Karakontie (Jpn) (Bernstein), Gainesway Farm, \$10,000

88 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner  
9-Remington, Msw 7 1/2ft, MARKS SAINT, 20-1  
\$15,000 KEE SEP yrl

### Khozan (Distorted Humor), Journeyman Stud, \$4,000

73 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner  
6-Louisiana Downs, Msw 6f, SEBS PRINCESS, 5-1  
\$5,500 ESL YRL yrl

### Palace Malice (Curlin), Three Chimneys Farm, \$15,000

123 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner  
1-Penn National, Msw 5f, FLY ON ANGEL, 3-1  
\$15,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$20,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$23,000 EAS MAY  
2yo

### Race Day (Tapit), Spendthrift Farm, \$6,000

95 foals of racing age/9 winners/4 black-type winners  
3-Thistledown, Msw 6f, IT'S A MANS WORLD, 7-2

### Summer Front (War Front), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000

97 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner  
1-Penn National, Msw 5f, ROSIE SUMMER, 10-1  
\$27,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$20,000 OBS APR yrl

### Tapiture (Tapit), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500

122 foals of racing age/14 winners/1 black-type winner  
9-Remington, Msw 7 1/2ft, MISTS OF TIME, 8-1  
\$35,000 KEE SEP yrl

### SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25

**Alpha** (Bernardini), Darley/Sequel, \$5,000  
96 foals of racing age/18 winners/0 black-type winners  
3-Presque Isle Downs, Msw 6f, GENEVIEVE'S Z VA, 4-1

### Flashback (Tapit), Diamond B Farm, \$3,500

176 foals of racing age/35 winners/0 black-type winners  
9-Remington, Msw 7 1/2ft, REAL OF IT, 20-1

**Real Solution** (Kitten's Joy), Blue Star Racing, \$5,000  
61 foals of racing age/18 winners/2 black-type winners  
3-Penn National, Msw 5f, CLASSY SOLUTION, 12-1  
\$4,500 KEE NOV wnl

**Super Ninety Nine** (Pulpit), Country Life Farm, \$3,000  
69 foals of racing age/15 winners/0 black-type winners  
3-Penn National, Msw 5f, RIO ABAJO, 4-1  
\$16,000 EAS OCT yrl

**Tidal Volume** (Tapit), Poplar Creek Horse Center, \$2,500  
48 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Thistledown, Msw 6f, HOPPER HUNTER, 6-1



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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**9th-Parx Racing, \$80,500**, 9-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m,  
1:45.56, ft.

**FLAT OUT BEAUTIFUL** (g, 3, Flat Out--Beautiful Stranger {SW, \$105,518}, by Foxhound) Lifetime Record: 11-3-3-2, \$130,030.  
O-Morris Kernan, Jr. & M-Z Racing Partnership; B-E. C. Hart (KY);  
T-Marcos Zulueta. \*\$65,000 Ylg '17 OBSWIN; \$22,000 2yo '18  
OBSAPR. \*\*1/2 to Reata's Quik Punch (Two Punch), MSW,  
\$203,716.

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**8th-Parx Racing, \$42,250**, (S), 9-24, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, 1m 70yT,  
1:41.62, yl.

**STORM FACTOR** (g, 4, The Factor--It's My Turn, by Stormy Atlantic) Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-0, \$48,046. O-Pewter Stable;  
B-C Biscuit Racing, Island Peak Stables, Squire Thoroughbreds &  
The Maryland Group (PA); T-Kathleen A. Demasi. \*\$57,000 Wlg  
'15 KEENOV; \$75,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$50,000 2yo '17  
OBSMAR.

**7th-Indiana Grand, \$38,500**, (S), 9-24, (NW4L), 3yo/up, 6f,  
1:11.93, ft.

**HERE COMES DOC** (g, 5, Silver Mountain--White Lamb, by Trippi) Lifetime Record: SP, 28-4-4-5, \$167,703. O-Michael B Neafus; B-South Fork Creek Stables, Inc. (IN); T-Randy Matthews.

**1st-Indiana Grand, \$37,500**, (S), 9-24, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 1m,  
1:41.65, ft.

**BAREFOOTBOOTLEGGERS** (g, 3, Storm's Eye--Good Whiskey, by Indian Charlie) Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-0, \$95,075. O-Clabar Mor Stables LLC & Haran Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Triple D Partners LLC (IN); T-John Haran. \*\$4,500 Ylg '17 PEDIND.

**6th-Indiana Grand, \$34,500**, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 9-24,  
3yo/up, 1mT, 1:35.09, fm.

**HARD TO BE GOOD** (g, 5, Hard Spun--Sweet Cat {MGSP, \$232,950}, by Kitten's Joy) Lifetime Record: 32-11-2-3,  
\$208,350. O-Willowbrook Stables, Ltd. (Neiman) & Jerry Carden;  
B-Southern Equine Stables, LLC (KY); T-Kim Hammond. \*\$95,000  
RNA Wlg '14 FTKNOV; \$75,000 Ylg '15 FTKJUL.

**2nd-Presque Isle Downs, \$31,680**, (S), 9-23, (NW1X), 3yo/up,  
1m (AWT), 1:37.65, ft.

**ALLURING SILVER** (g, 5, Silver Train--My Secretary, by Flight Forty Nine) Lifetime Record: 24-3-2-1, \$64,701. O-Robert D. Bone; B-Mike DeSaye (PA); T-Tim Girten.

**7th-Presque Isle Downs, \$31,200**, 9-23, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f  
(AWT), 1:10.26, ft.

**TEXAS MUSIC** (m, 5, Maclean's Music--Mizoes Ready, by More Than Ready) Lifetime Record: 20-6-3-3, \$112,988. O-Martin Brothers Racing Stable Inc. & The Unstable LLC; B-Bob Austin & John Witte (KY); T-Joseph R. Martin. \*\$32,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT. \*\*1/2 to Big Champion (Munnings), SW.

**6th-Thistledown, \$25,500**, 9-24, (C), 3yo/up, 1m 40y, 1:42.16,  
ft.

**SENSATIONAL RIDE** (g, 6, Dunkirk--Commendable Girl, by Commendable) Lifetime Record: 42-19-6-6, \$201,816.  
O-Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC; B-Dennis Ralph Morgan (GA);  
T-Jeffrey A. Radosevich.

**7th-Finger Lakes, \$24,898**, 9-24, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.12,  
gd.

**POSSETIZZLY** (g, 3, Posse--Mimi's Tizzy {MSW, \$190,130}, by Cee's Tizzy) Lifetime Record: 12-3-3-3, \$77,876. O/T-Ralph D'Alessandro; B-Harry L. Landry & Posse Syndicate (NY). \*\$13,000 RNA Ylg '17 OBSWIN; \$19,000 RNA Ylg '17 EASOCT.

**6th-Louisiana Downs, \$24,000, (S) (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$17,500),**  
9-23, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.06, ft.

**TAKES TWO TO TANGO (g, 3, Half Ours--Doyouwanttodance {MSW, \$185,950}, by Disco Rico)** Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-1, \$43,820. O/B-Melissa Cantacuzene (LA); T-J. Luis Garcia.

**4th-Finger Lakes, \$20,400, (S), (NW3BX)/Opt. Clm (\$15,000),**  
9-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:45.02, gd.

**FOREVER CHANGED (f, 3, Flashback--Elle Tish Slew {SP}, by Eltish)** Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-0, \$153,110. O-Happy Face Racing Stable; B-Seth Gregory & Robert Barney (NY); T-Charlton Baker. \*\$14,000 RNA Ylg '17 EASOCT.

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**3rd-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$19,392, 9-23, (NW3LX),**  
3yo/up, f/m, 7fT, 1:21.89, fm.

**ELEGANT DE DOMINO (f, 3, Twirling Candy--Lady Ghost, by Horse Chestnut {Saf})** Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-0, \$46,330. O/B-Thomas J. Young (KY); T-Billy Hardin.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Reception, f, 2, Attila's Storm--Garter, by Bernardini.** Zia, 9-24, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.61. B-R. D. Hubbard (NM). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

**Cabo Seniorita, f, 2, Line of David--Don'tgetsuspicious (MSW, \$499,109), by E Dubai.** Louisiana Downs, 9-24, 5fT, :57.80. B-Dream Walkin' Farms, Inc. (KY). \*\$9,500 RNA Ylg '18 FTKOCT. \*\*1ST-TIME STARTER.

**A BUCKLAND Sales Graduate**

**Colormepazzi, c, 2, Mission Impazible--Colormein, by Mr. Greeley.** Finger Lakes, 9-24, 5 1/2f, 1:07.27. B-Purple Haze Stables, LLC (NY). \*\*1/2 to Colormepompom (Pomeroy), SP, \$232,625.

**Copper Nickel, f, 2, Stroll--Ms. Purr, by Sir Cat.** Indiana Grand, 9-24, (S), 6f, 1:14.77. B-Frank Brown (IN).

**Affluent Gentleman, g, 3, Early Flyer--Affluent Lady, by West Acre.** Zia, 9-23, 6f, 1:12.00. B-Jerry D Chapman (TX).



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**Hidden Lies**, c, 3, **Liaison**--Hidden Temper, by Miswaki.  
Thistledown, 9-24, (S), 6f, 1:12.82. B-Daniel & Patricia Yates (OH). \*\$80,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT; \$135,000 RNA 2yo '18 FTFMAR. \*\*1ST-TIME STARTER. \*\*\*1/2 to Mr Tommy (Stephen Got Even), Ch. Imported Sprinter & Ch. Imported Older Horse-Pan, MSW, \$193,305.

**Chesapeake Bay**, f, 3, **Midshipman**--Culpeper Moon {SW, \$220,411}, by Malibu Moon. Louisiana Downs, 9-23, 6f, 1:11.96. B-Gus King Stables (TN).



**ARTIE SCHILLER**, Weed Wacker, f, 2, o/o Annette's Jet, by Golden Missile. Mrs. Henry D. Paxson Memorial S., 9-23, Presque Isle Downs

**ATTILA'S STORM**, Reception, f, 2, o/o Garter, by Bernardini. MSW, 9-24, Zia

**CAIRO PRINCE**, Marquee Prince, c, 3, o/o Try to Remember, by Include. AOC, 9-24, Indiana Grand

**COMPETITIVE EDGE**, Reagan's Edge, f, 2, o/o Dayienue, by Sunday Break (Jpn). MSW, 9-24, Indiana Grand

**DUNKIRK**, Sensational Ride, g, 6, o/o Commendable Girl, by Commendable. ALW, 9-24, Thistledown

**EARLY FLYER**, Affluent Gentleman, g, 3, o/o Affluent Lady, by West Acre. MSW, 9-23, Zia

**FLASHBACK**, Forever Changed, f, 3, o/o Elle Tish Slew, by Eltish. AOC, 9-24, Finger Lakes

**FLAT OUT**, Flat Out Beautiful, g, 3, o/o Beautiful Stranger, by Foxhound. ALW, 9-24, Parx Racing

**HALF OURS**, Takes Two to Tango, g, 3, o/o Doyouwanttodance, by Disco Rico. AOC, 9-23, Louisiana Downs

**HARD SPUN**, Hard to Be Good, g, 5, o/o Sweet Cat, by Kitten's Joy. AOC, 9-24, Indiana Grand

**LIAISON**, Hidden Lies, c, 3, o/o Hidden Temper, by Miswaki. MSW, 9-24, Thistledown

**LINE OF DAVID**, Cabo Seniorita, f, 2, o/o Don'tgetsuspicious, by E Dubai. MSW, 9-24, Louisiana Downs

**MACLEAN'S MUSIC**, Texas Music, m, 5, o/o Mizoes Ready, by More Than Ready. ALW, 9-23, Presque Isle Downs

**MIDSHIPMAN**, Chesapeake Bay, f, 3, o/o Culpeper Moon, by Malibu Moon. MSW, 9-23, Louisiana Downs

**MISSION IMPAZIBLE**, Colormepazzi, c, 2, o/o Colormein, by Mr. Greeley. MSW, 9-24, Finger Lakes

**POSSE**, Possetizzly, g, 3, o/o Mimi's Tizzy, by Cee's Tizzy. ALW, 9-24, Finger Lakes

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**SILVER MOUNTAIN**, Here Comes Doc, g, 5, o/o White Lamb, by Trippi. ALW, 9-24, Indiana Grand

**SILVER TRAIN**, Alluring Silver, g, 5, o/o My Secretary, by Flight Forty Nine. ALW, 9-23, Presque Isle Downs

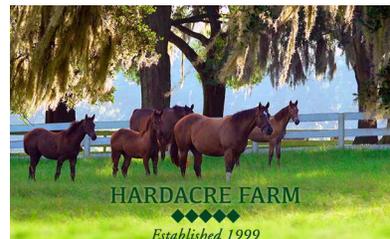
**STORM'S EYE**, Barefootbootlegger, g, 3, o/o Good Whiskey, by Indian Charlie. ALW, 9-24, Indiana Grand

**STROLL**, Copper Nickel, f, 2, o/o Ms. Purr, by Sir Cat. MSW, 9-24, Indiana Grand

**THE FACTOR**, Storm Factor, g, 4, o/o It's My Turn, by Stormy Atlantic. ALW, 9-24, Parx Racing

**TWIRLING CANDY**, Elegant de Domino, f, 3, o/o Lady Ghost, by Horse Chestnut (Saf). ALW, 9-23, Mountaineer

**WILL TAKE CHARGE**, Hollywood Hoopla, f, 2, o/o Sapucaí, by Indian Charlie. MSW, 9-23, Presque Isle Downs



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Lot 126, who topped Tuesday's session at €100,000  
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By Daithí Harvey

FAIRYHOUSE, Ireland--The Irish yearling sale season got underway at Tattersalls Ireland on Tuesday and the solid trade that was evident elsewhere in England, France and Germany so far this year continued. A trimmed down catalogue compared to last year, coupled with a diverse buying bench saw the session culminating with a healthy clearance rate of 86%. The aggregate of €5,045,500 compared favourably with last year's total off a bigger catalogue and the average of €25,612 was also on par with 2018. The median of €22,000 (+10%) was up slightly on last year's figure of €20,000. While the session topping price of €100,000 fell short of last year's corresponding price of €180,000, encouragement can be taken from the fact that 27 lots sold for €50,000 or more. This number, compared to 22 last year from circa 40 more yearlings suggests there was plenty of competition for the choicer lots.

"He's a lovely stamp of a horse and the sire works very well in Hong Kong; so let's hope he's lucky," were the words from former legendary jockey Mick Kinane after he signed the docket at €100,000 for lot 126. The sire in question was Holy Roman Emperor (Ire), responsible for such stars in Hong Kong as Designs On Rome (Ire), Beauty Only (Ire) and Charles The Great (Ire). **Cont. p2**

## COWELL POCKETS TEN AT KEENELAND

By Kelsey Riley

For many shopping at Keeneland September last week, when the seven-figure action started to drop away was when the real work began. One such buyer was Newmarket-based trainer Robert Cowell, who jetted in for the start of Book 3 and signed for 10 yearlings through Book 5 for an average of \$40,100.

This was nothing new for Cowell, known domestically as the 'sprint king' for his penchant with short-course runners. Cowell has been attending Keeneland September for about 10 years, but his 2019 count marks a significant up tick in business.

"I had originally been going over every other year, and then about three or four years ago I decided to start going every year and buy three or four, which then turned into four or five. This year, some other owners got on board and said, 'let's grab a few while you're there.' So we signed for 10 yearlings in the end."

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Mick Kinane (center) purchased the topper on behalf of the Hong Kong Jockey Club | Tattersalls Ireland

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The colt was offered by The Castlebridge Consignment on behalf of breeder Chasemore Farm and is the fourth produce out of the Nayef mare Ape Attack (GB). Another sire to have done well in Hong Kong is Dandy Man (GB) and Kinane added a colt by the Ballyhane sire to the HKJC purchases later in the day. **Lot 192** from Loughtown Stud is out of the stakes placed Cristal Fashion (Ire) (Jeremy) and was knocked down to Kinane for €50,000.

**SackvilleDonald Procures Dark Angel Colt**

SackvilleDonald have been long term supporters of this sale and the agency's Ed Sackville, along with trainer Tom Dascombe, combined to land **lot 226** from Michael Ryan's Al Eile Stud for €90,000. The colt by Dark Angel (Ire) is out of Ryan's former smart race-mare Duchess Andorra (Ire) (Duke Of Marmalade {Ire}) and also shares a sire with Dascombe's recent Ayr Gold



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Cup winner Angel Alexander (Ire). After fending off bids from Paddy Twomey and signing the buyer's docket Sackville said, "We've been very lucky with Dark Angel, last weekend being the most recent example. I was delighted Angel Alexander won at Ayr as his owners are great supporters of Tom's yard. This is a lovely individual from a highly rated mare."

While Tom Dascombe invariable enjoys his trips to this sale this trip will be even more memorable as he also added a nice stakes win to his already good season when Sir Boris (GB) (Due Diligence) won the Listed Ballyhane Blenheim S. across the road at Fairyhouse on Monday.

**Acclamation Colt Bound for States**

The third highest priced yearling of the day is bound for America after the BBA Ireland's Eamonn Reilly signed for **lot 183**, an Acclamation (GB) colt from Rathbarry Stud. The €80,000 colt is the first produce out of Click And Roll (Smart Strike), a half-sister to GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf and Royal Ascot winner Hootenanny (Quality Road) and it is that horse's former trainer Wesley Ward who will also train this yearling.

"He has been bought for a client of Wesley Ward's," Reilly said. "I bought a few yearlings for Wesley last year and they have all won so let's hope this lad does the same." **Cont. p3**



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### **Demand for “War” and “Thunder” Heating Up**

For the first half of the session the mantle of top lot was held by **lot 26**, a filly by Declaration of War, offered by Peter Nolan Bloodstock. The hammer came down at €70,000 for the January born chestnut out of the winning Montjeu (Ire) mare Silky (Ire) in favour of Marco Bozzi who was bidding on behalf of Justin Casse.

One of the best pinhooks of the day was undoubtedly **lot 106** who went the way of Federico Barberini for €65,000. The bay colt by Night Of Thunder (Ire) was offered by Jimmy Murphy's Redpender Stud having cost just €5,000 at Goffs last November. There were no significant updates on the dam's side but his sire's impressive start with his first crop of runners coupled with the yearling's positive physical development seemed to work the oracle.

### **Skiffington Strikes for Australia Colt**

Amanda Skiffington was another who went to €65,000 to acquire a colt by Australia (GB) offered by Castlehyde Stud as **lot 143**. Skiffington has unearthed a couple of Classic winners from this sale in the past in Galileo Gold (GB) and Hawksmoor (Ire) (Azamour {Ire}) and the responsibility of maintaining Skiffington's successful track record now rests with Newmarket trainer Tom Clover who will be taking charge of the colt. "He is a lovely athletic colt, my pick of the sale and I am thrilled to get him," Skiffington said.

### **Starspangledbanner's Fillies Shine**

Hubie De Burgh, standing alongside Fozzy Stack, struck for **lot 94** from Brendan Holland's Grove Stud. The daughter of Starspangledbanner (Aus) and the unraced Zain Art (Ire) (Excellent Art {GB}) was pin-hooked as a foal by Holland for €42,000 at Goffs last year and it took De Burgh's bid of €67,000 to secure the filly. **Cont. p4**

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**Tattersalls Ireland Day 1 Cont.**

The same buying team kept things simple later in the day when buying another daughter of Starspangledbanner for €70,000. **Lot 164** was offered by Denis Brosnan's Croom House Stud and is a half-sister to Hong Kong Group 2 winner Endowing (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}).

"We love Starspangledbanner, he really upgrades his mares and has done so well for a horse that has suffered fertility problems in the past," said De Burgh. "This is a lovely, athletic, scopey filly from a great family and is just the type of filly that Fozzy excels with."

**Established Sires & New Shooters Popular**

Brendan Holland had another good result when offering a Dark Angel (Ire) filly (**lot 117**) out of a half-sister to Authorized (Ire). Holland had bought her from the Bobby Flay dispersal at Tattersalls last year for 27,000gns. He recently described her as a "weak foal at that time" that had done very well since and so it proved in the ring when Ado McGuinness and his assistant Stephen Thorne saw off competition from Nick Bradley to secure the filly for €55,000.

Zhang Yuesheng, the principal of China based Yulong Investments was present at the sale and accompanied by Michael Donohoe of BBA Ireland, the increasingly influential investor acquired a number of yearlings. Among the more expensive ones was **lot 138**, a colt by Footstepsinthesand (GB), consigned by Tally-Ho Stud and purchased for €60,000. Soon after the Yulong/BBA axis signed for **lot 147**, a filly by The Last Lion (Ire) for €50,000. It was a successful pin-hook for Dermot Dunne's Rockview Stables who had bought the filly for €17,500 at Goffs last November.



Mark McStay (left) | Tattersalls Ireland

Mark McStay of Avenue Bloodstock was another active at the upper end of the sale and among his purchases was **lot 200**, a Showcasing (GB) colt bought in conjunction with Hugo Palmer for €65,000 and **lot 139**, a colt by Mastercraftsman (Ire) that cost €52,000. Another yearling destined for Newmarket is **lot 216** who was knocked down to Blandford Bloodstock for €62,000. The Mount Coote Stud-offered filly by Territories (Ire) will join Archie Watson.

**A "Famous" Reunion**

There was a reunion of sorts represented early in the day regarding the transaction of **lot 6**. The son of Famous Name (GB), offered by Ringfort Stud on behalf of neighbouring breeders Pat and Frances Smullen, was bought by Bobby O'Ryan on behalf of Dermot Weld for €50,000. Weld of course trained Famous Name to win 21 races, and he was steered to each of those victories by Pat Smullen. In fact, in a 38-race career only one other jockey rode Famous Name and that was Mick Kinane. Weld's purchase was bred by the Smullens out of Saying Grace (Ire) (Brief Truce) and is a full-brother to the 105-rated Escobar (Ire), a winner at York for David O'Meara in July.

The sale continues on Wednesday at 10 a.m.

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<i>Breeder: Chasemore Farm (GB)</i>				
<i>Consignor: The Castlebridge Consignment</i>				
<i>Purchaser: Hong Kong Jockey Club</i>				
226	c	<b>Dark Angel (Ire)</b>	<b>Duchess Andorra (Ire)</b>	90,000
<i>Breeder: M. Ryan (Ire)</i>				
<i>Consignor: Al Eile Stud</i>				
<i>Purchaser: SackvilleDonald</i>				
183	c	<b>Acclamation (GB)</b>	<b>Click And Roll</b>	80,000
<i>Breeder: Rathbarry Stud (Ire)</i>				
<i>Consignor: Rathbarry Stud</i>				
<i>Purchaser: BBA Ireland</i>				
26	f	<b>Declaration of War</b>	<b>Silky (Ire)</b>	70,000
<i>Breeder: Lynch Bages Ltd (Ire)</i>				
<i>Consignor: Peter Nolan Bloodstock</i>				
<i>Purchaser: Justin Casse</i>				
164	f	<b>Starspangledbanner (Aus)</b>	<b>Brazilian Samba (Ire)</b>	70,000
<i>Breeder: Epona Bloodstock Ltd (Ire)</i>				
<i>Consignor: Croom House Stud</i>				
<i>Purchaser: de Burgh Equine</i>				

## Cowell Pockets Ten At Keeneland Cont. from p1

It is likely not a coincidence that the spike in interest from Cowell's clients comes the year after Pocket Dynamo (Dialed In), a \$35,000 find by Cowell at Keeneland in 2017, finished second by a nose to Wesley Ward's Shang Shang Shang (Shanghai Bobby) in Royal Ascot's G2 Norfolk S. Pocket Dynamo was subsequently bought privately by Phoenix Thoroughbreds from owner Tom Morley. [Cont. p6](#)

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### Cowell Pockets Ten At Keeneland Cont.

“Tom Morley wasn’t really keen on getting any yearlings a few years ago,” Cowell said. “I told him I was going over to Keeneland, and when I got over there the first one I bought for him was Pocket Dynamo. This year he has [2-year-old listed winner] Strive For Glory, another Dialed In from Keeneland, so he’s excited by that sale and true to his word he was keen to buy a few more. Let’s hope we’ve got something that can fly the flag next year for us.”

“The type of horse we’re looking for is something that is first and foremost a good model, looks almost like a dragster, so slightly up behind and big thick shoulder in front, well balanced and with a good walk,” Cowell added.

“The mare must have been a producer, or it’s a first foal. And by sires that predominantly breed speed. Those would be the four main ingredients of what we try to buy. I’m trying to buy horses to go to Royal Ascot for the Norfolk or the Queen Mary, that sort of thing; I’m just trying to buy a nice sprinter.”

While Cowell lamented not being able to secure another by Darby Dan’s Dialed In this time around, he was able to sign for Morley for **lot 1925**, a Kantharos colt for \$70,000; **lot 2504**, a Congrats filly for \$35,000; **lot 2605**, a Palace filly for \$40,000; **lot 2763**, a Violence colt for \$50,000; **lot 3009**, a Super Saver filly for \$12,000; **lot 3039**, an Mshawish colt for \$37,000; and **lot 3106**, a Fed Biz colt for \$27,000. Cowell also signed for **lot 2322**, a Super Saver colt for \$50,000; **lot 2421**, a Distorted Humor colt for \$45,000; and **lot 2801**, a Speightster colt for \$35,000.

A good few of those sires will be foreign to Europeans, but Cowell said that doesn’t scare him in the slightest.

“I’m not a massive believer in that myth [that dirt-bred horses don’t go on the turf],” Cowell said. “A lot of horses that come over from America and go to the breeze-up sales would be dirt-bred, yet they come over here and breeze on grass without any

problem at all. They have to have a good set of feet on them, but as long as they’re not great massive feet or tiny little feet I guess it doesn’t really matter.

“With Dialed In, when we brought Pocket Dynamo over here the owner said to me, ‘what are the chances of this horse racing on the grass?’ And I said, ‘why not? What stops them?’ I’m not a massive believer in that myth; I know that some horses prefer the dirt or all-weather or grass, but I’m not a massive believer in it. I think what happens is that people think that’s the case, so they don’t buy them and they’re never tried on grass. Typically, it’s not really proven that they can’t go on grass.”

With such a large sample size to judge from, Cowell said there were a few sires that caught his eye.

“I would have loved to come home with a Runhappy,” he said. “He seemed to stamp his stock really well. And I would have loved to come home with an American Pharoah. There were a few of those that went a bit above our budget, but those were two sires in particular that I thought seemed to stamp their stock really well. There were many others, but those two in particular we seemed to follow a few of them into the sales ring.”

Cowell said the sheer numbers at Keeneland and the hot pace of the sale means that there are plenty of opportunities to land on a gem that others may have missed.

“There is so much choice out there at Keeneland,” he said. “You have 4,500 horses going through over two weeks and with not that many buyers, so statistically, you can find one that others haven’t seen in Keeneland. At [other sales], everyone sees everything 10,000 times. At Keeneland, things fall through the net. And the sale goes through so quickly in Keeneland that you have to be on the ball. You can miss something if you put a sugar in a coffee or you grab yourself a quick sandwich; you might miss five horses that look the part. You just have to be on the ball the whole time. [Cont. p7](#)”



Pocket Dynamo | Racing Post

### Cowell Pockets Ten At Keeneland Cont.

“The other thing I like about Keeneland is that essentially you know when it starts and you know when it stops. A lot of sales companies can go on too long and spend a lot of time selling horses, whereas it’s quick and efficient. I like the routine of how it all works. It would be nice if other companies got through these horses a bit quicker because it can become a bit tedious waiting and waiting and waiting long into the night especially in Europe to watch the horse go through. The system works really well out there and I enjoy it.”

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## RACE IS ON TO BE CHAMPION

By Pat Smullen

The jockeys' championship in Ireland is really hotting up. Donnacha O'Brien and Colin Keane are fighting it out at the top and at this time of the year, when bodies are starting to get a little bit tired, every winner counts.

It's a very tight race for the title at the moment with only one winner between them at the time of writing. Colin has great support from Ger Lyons whose stable is absolutely flying, and he also gets decent support from many other trainers. I have found myself in this position in the past, when you'd be hopeful of trying to win the championship but whoever is riding for Ballydoyle is always very much feared. Every day you pick up the paper and your heart sinks when you see all those back-end maidens being produced by Aidan O'Brien. I just feel it may swing in Donnacha's favour between now and the end of the year with the ammunition that comes from that stable at this time of the season.

Colin has had a tremendous year through his association with Ger, and Siskin has been their flagship horse. He obviously has a little bit of an advantage in that he can ride a bit lighter than Donnacha. I think it will give us great entertainment between now and the end of the season, following two exceptionally good riders that have improved beyond recognition in the past couple of seasons.

Donnacha has done remarkably well to have kept his weight in check. I must admit, throughout last winter when I saw him at several different times, I thought that he would struggle even to ride this year, but he has managed to get his weight back in check and has been riding really well. It would be nice to see him be champion again because time is not on his side, whereas Colin has a whole career ahead of him.



Colin Keane & Donnacha O'Brien | *Racing Post*

Donnacha, the reigning champion, is quite similar in style to his brother Joseph, who won the championship twice in his riding days. They also have similar use of tactics and I'm quite sure that is down to how they have been tutored by their father over the years. Aidan has always been a very strict teacher for how he wants people to ride and you can see that in both Joseph and Donnacha, in their technique and their style. It's unfair to compare them—they have both done exceptionally well—and I never bought into the argument that they only had success because they are their father's sons. They are both very talented riders and they have proved that on the track.

### Apprentice Race Also Tight

The apprentice championship is going to be equally compelling to the end of the season. Oisín Orr and Andrew Slattery are neck and neck at the moment and are both on 35 winners. They are both being very well supported by Dermot Weld, so he could be very influential in deciding who becomes champion apprentice. Andrew is having a huge amount of support from a lot of other trainers as well. He has that valuable five-pound claim which I don't think he will have for that much longer, but even once he gets down to three people will still want to use him as that allowance is so valuable.

Oisín is riding extremely well. The opportunities that Dermot has given him over the last few seasons have really improved him and brought him forward. He's a beautiful rider but he struggles with his weight and that's going to be a disadvantage to him, whereas Andrew is a naturally lightweight rider.

Andrew has only improved from week to week and with trainers wanting to avail themselves of his allowance, in my opinion that will swing the championship in his favour. He only finished his leaving cert in the summer and now he's concentrating fully on riding. **Cont. p8**



Andrew Slattery on Kastasa | *Racing Post*

**The Pat Smullen Column Cont.**

Andrew is a rider that I always thought was going to go a long way—he still has a long way to go and he realises that himself. I am in contact with him on a regular basis and I try to help him as much as I can. He knows he has a lot of work to do to become the finished article but the progress he is making is noticeable and he has a really good attitude which will take him a long way.

Saying that, Oisín also rides extremely well and he was the champion apprentice two years ago then he had a quiet season. His association with Dermot has really revived his career and he will continue to do well, I'm sure.

We all know that race-riding is only one aspect of being a jockey. You have to be able to conduct yourself properly, speak to owners and trainers, and go about it in a very professional way with a good attitude, and they both have that.

Whatever happens, it is going to be exciting and there's still a long way to go between now and the end of the season.

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"You've got to be very impressed with what he has done so far, haven't you?" Smith said. "We're not saying he's a better horse than Frankel, but so far he has achieved more as a 2-year-old than Frankel did. Frankel went on to achieve a rating of 136 as a 3-year-old, and 140 as a 4-year-old in 2012, so Pinatubo has still got a lot of improving to do to become the horse Frankel was."

Also reaching a mark of 126 as a 2-year-old in 2007 was New Approach (Ire), while a decade earlier Xaar (GB) had reached 127. Pinatubo is the highest-rated 2-year-old since Celtic Swing (GB) with a mark of 130 in 1994.

"Pinatubo is the highest-rated 2-year-old since Celtic Swing, who was rated 130 after winning the Racing Post Trophy by 12 lengths in 1994, with the runner-up Annus Mirabilis having previously won the Somerville Tattersalls S.," Smith said.

"Another horse you can compare him to is Xaar—rated 127 after winning the Dewhurst by seven lengths from Tamarisk, who had previously won a maiden and a couple of conditions races.

"In my opinion, Pinatubo has achieved more than Xaar but not quite as much as Celtic Swing, although 128 is his current rating and not his end-of-season rating."

Pinatubo could have one more outing this season in the G1 Dewhurst S. on Oct. 12.

"The more you look through his form, the better it looks, and it's backed up by very good times," said Smith. "The clock doesn't usually lie, but it's nice to see him winning in good times by five lengths and nine lengths, as he has on his last couple of starts. On the clock alone, you could rate him in the mid-130s.

"We'll see what turns up to take him on in the Dewhurst. It could be that those who might be able to give him a proper examination might duck him to try to win a Group 1 elsewhere, but we'll see."

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**PINATUBO RATED HIGHER THAN FRANKEL**

**Pinatubo (Ire)** (Shamardal) has been given an official rating of 128 by British Horseracing Authority handicapper Graeme Smith, putting him ahead of Frankel (GB) at the same stage of that unbeaten champion's career. Frankel ended his juvenile campaign in 2010 as joint-top 2-year-old with Dream Ahead at 126.



Pinatubo | *Racing Post*

## INNS OF COURT TO TALLY-HO

**MGSW & MG1SP Inns of Court (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}—Learned Friend {Ger}, by Seeking the Gold) will stand at Tally-Ho Stud in Ireland in 2020, the stud announced on Monday. Bred by Darley, the Godolphin colourbearer captured four group races from 2017-2019, including the June 2 G2 Prix du Gros-Chene at Chantilly for trainer Andre Fabre. The bay was also runner-up in the 2017 G1 Prix du Jacques Le Marois and the 2018 G1 Prix de la Foret. Second in the July 13 G3 Prix de Ris-Orangis last out, Inns of Court's record stands at 18-7-5-1 with earnings of \$652,854. A fee will be announced later.

Out of a half-sister to Japanese MG1SW Fierement (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), his second dam is Italian highweight and G1 Premio Lydia Tesio victress Lune d'Or (Fr) (Green Tune).

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**Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2019:**

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**Cable Bay (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Highclere Stud  
114 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner  
19:45-NEWCASTLE, 7f, GELSMOOR BAY (GB)  
10,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 3  
17:30-KEMPTON PARK, 6f, PEPPER BAY (GB)  
17:30-KEMPTON PARK, 6f, UPSTAGE (Ire)

**Cappella Sansevero (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}), Bridge House Stud  
60 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner  
18:00-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, DIAMOND COTTAGE (GB)

**Due Diligence** (War Front), Whitsbury Manor Stud  
85 foals of racing age/15 winners/3 black-type winners  
17:30-KEMPTON PARK, 6f, SCORPIO'S DREAM (GB)  
19,000gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; £11,000  
RNA Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018

**Fountain of Youth (Ire)** (Oasis Dream {GB}), Bearstone Stud  
71 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners  
18:45-NEWCASTLE, 6f, ELFRIDA BEETLE (GB)  
17:30-KEMPTON PARK, 6f, GIFT OF YOUTH (GB)  
40,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 2  
19:45-NEWCASTLE, 7f, KILIG (GB)  
12:15-REDCAR, 6f, PEARL STREAM (GB)

**Free Eagle (Ire)** (High Chaparral {Ire}), Irish National Stud  
87 foals of racing age/7 winners/1 black-type winner  
13:15-REDCAR, 7f, EAGLE COURT (Ire)  
€25,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2018  
18:00-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, FLY FALCON (Ire)  
150,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 2  
14:00-GOODWOOD, 10f, KHALIFA SAT (Ire)  
€20,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2017; €40,000 Goffs Orby  
Yearling Sale 2018

**Gleneagles (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), Coolmore Stud  
110 foals of racing age/14 winners/2 black-type winners  
18:45-NEWCASTLE, 6f, BOUND FOR HEAVEN (GB)  
£140,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018  
13:15-REDCAR, 7f, BRIGHT EYED EAGLE (Ire)  
€220,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2018

**Golden Horn (GB)** (Cape Cross {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud  
98 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner  
14:00-GOODWOOD, 10f, STAG HORN (GB)

**Gutaifan (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud  
166 foals of racing age/25 winners/0 black-type winners  
12:45-REDCAR, 8f, G FOR GABRIAL (Ire)  
€23,000 Goffs February Mixed Sale 2018; 21,000gns Tattersalls  
October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 3  
18:00-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, GLORIOUS RIO (Ire)  
€65,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2017; 80,000gns Tattersalls  
October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 2

**Hallowed Crown (Aus)** (Street Sense), Kildangan Stud  
77 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
19:45-NEWCASTLE, 7f, SIR HAVELOCK (Ire)  
€4,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2017; €16,000 Goffs  
Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2018

**Ivawood (Ire)** (Zebedee {GB}), Coolmore Stud  
100 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners  
12:45-REDCAR, 8f, BRYN DU (GB)  
38,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; 60,000gns

## Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 2

17:00-KEMPTON PARK, 6f, INEVITABLE OUTCOME (Ire)  
€40,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2017; €42,000 Goffs Orby  
Yearling Sale 2018

18:00-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, MACKELLY (Ire)  
55,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; €90,000 RNA  
Arqana Deauville August Yearling 2018; €30,000 Arqana May  
2yo Breeze Up Sale 2019

**Make Believe (GB)** (Makfi {GB}), Ballylinch Stud  
87 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner  
17:00-KEMPTON PARK, 6f, QASBAZ (Ire)  
30,000gns RNA Tattersalls December Yearlings Sale 2018;  
30,000gns Tattersalls Guineas Breeze-Up & HIT Sale 2019

**Music Master (GB)** (Piccolo {GB}), Throckmorton Court Stud  
15 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
12:15-REDCAR, 6f, NEWSICAL (GB)  
£10,000 RNA Goffs UK Autumn HIT & Yearling Sale 2018

**Outstrip (GB)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Dalham Hall Stud  
106 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner  
12:15-REDCAR, 6f, SPEED DATING (Fr)  
€37,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2018

**Shooting To Win (Aus)** (Northern Meteor {Aus}), Kildangan Stud  
26 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
17:00-KEMPTON PARK, 6f, HOOTENANNY (Ire)  
£5,800 RNA Tattersalls Ireland Ascot Sept. Yearling Sale 2018



Ivawood has three runners on Wednesday. | Coolmore Stud

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## DAUGHTER OF LAHALEEB DEBUTS AT NEWCASTLE

**6.45 Newcastle, Novice, £5,800, 2yo, f, 6ft**  
**ZEZENIA (IRE) (Oasis Dream {GB})** is out of the GI E. P. Taylor S. heroine and G1 1000 Guineas runner-up Lahaleeb (Ire) (Redback {GB}) and she debuts for her breeder Khaled Abdul Rahaim and the Roger Varian stable. She gets seven pounds from Juddmonte's winning **Jovial (GB) (Dubawi {Ire})**, a Sir Michael Stoute-trained daughter of Joyeuse (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) who is responsible for the stable's TDN Rising Star and G1 Coronation S. third Jubiloso (GB) (Shamardal).

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## BRITAIN



### Tuesday's Results:

**2nd-Chelmsford City, £9,400, Novice, 9-24, 2yo, f, 7f (AWT), 1:26.77, st.**

**BELLE ANGLAISE (GB) (f, 2, Cable Bay {Ire})--Belle Allemande, by Royal Academy)**, who broke her maiden over six furlongs at Brighton Sept. 2, raced in mid-pack early. Launched in midstraight, the 5-2 favourite hit the front 75 yards from the line en route to a half-length success from Cranberry (GB) (Toronado {Ire}). The dam, who also produced the G2 Adelaide Cup winner Johann Zoffany (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), GSW-Aus, \$406,083, is a half to the G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) and G2 Henkel-Rennen (German 1000 Guineas) heroine Que Belle (Seattle Dancer) who was in turn responsible for the GIII Will Rogers S.-winning sire Osidy (Storm Cat) and the G3 Prix de Royaumont scorer Quetsche (Gone West). Also connected to the G2 Schwarzgold-Rennen winner Quelle Amore (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}) and the GII Best Pal S. scorer and GI Del Mar Futurity and GI FrontRunner S. runner-up Know More (Lion Heart), she has a yearling filly by Nathaniel (Ire). Sales history: 10,000gns Wlg '17 TATFOA. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$11,766. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Graf Stauffenberg; B-Howard Barton Stud (GB); T-Stuart Williams.



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**2nd-Beverley, £6,400, Novice, 9-24, 2yo, 7f 96yT, 1:35.61, sf.**

**DONTASKMEAGAIN (c, 2, Karakontie {Jpn})--Al Beedaa, by Swain {Ire}**, who scored by 4 1/2 lengths at Brighton on debut Sept. 9, was soon in front. Brought towards the stand's side after straightening for home, the 7-2 second favourite maintained the gallop to score by 2 1/2 lengths from Zegalo (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}). The winner is a half-brother to the Gill River City H. scorer Villandry (Mr. Greeley), GSW-US, \$259,454, out of a half to the G1 Epsom Derby hero Erhaab (Chief's Crown). Her yearling is a full-sister to the winner, while she was also bred to Karakontie for 2020. Sales history: \$130,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; €140,000 RNA 2yo '19 ARQMA. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$9,384. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Crone Stud Farms Ltd; B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. (KY); T-Mark Johnston.

**6th-Lingfield, £5,300, Novice, 9-24, 3yo/up, 10f (AWT), 2:02.82, st.**

**GOOD TIDINGS (FR) (c, 3, Teofilo {Ire})--Nouvelle Bonne {Fr}, by Desert Style {Ire}**, third on debut over this trip at Salisbury 11 days previously, was quickly placed near the lead. Taking control approaching the two-furlong pole, the 10-11 favourite stayed on strongly to register a 2 1/2-length success from Nsnas (Ire) (Bated Breath {GB}). The winner is the first foal out of a daughter of the listed scorer and stakes producer Nouvelle Reine (Ger) (Konigsstuhl {Ger}) and therefore a half to Nouvelle Fortune (Ire) (Alzao) who was also successful at that level and finished third in the G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks). Her unraced 2-year-old filly is Nouvelle Princesse (Fr) (Manduro {Ger}). Sales history: €115,000 Ylg '17 AROYRG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$5,292. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-HH Sheikh Zayed bin Mohammed Racing; B-David Powell (FR); T-John Gosden.

**2nd-Lingfield, £5,300, Mdn, 9-24, 2yo, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:37.09, st.**

**REVESTAR (IRE) (c, 2, Sea the Stars {Ire})--Danseuse de Reve {Ire}, by Invincible Spirit {Ire}**, a Sept. 8 debut fourth tackling seven furlongs on the turf at York in his only prior start, was bounced along to track the leaders through the early strides of this synthetic bow. Inching into a close second by halfway, the 9-4 pick was stoked up to challenge on the home turn and kept on resolutely under a final-furlong drive to prevail by a length from dead-heaters Inca Man (Fr) (Rajsaman {Fr}) and Princesse Animale (GB) (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}). Kin to a yearling colt by Dark Angel (Ire), he is the second foal and scorer produced by a winning half-sister to G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Bethrah (Ire) (Marju {Ire}). His dam Danseuse de Reve (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) is out of a winning full-sister to G1 Prix Saint-Alary victress

Reve d'Oscar (Fr) (Highest Honor {Fr}), the latter producing seven black-type performers headed by G1SW Japanese champion Reve d'Essor (Jpn) (Agnes Tachyon {Jpn}). Sales history: €35,000 Ylg '18 GOFOR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,229. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Stanley Lodge; B-Tullpark Ltd (IRE); T-Simon Crisford.

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**4th-Beverley, £20,000, 9-24, 3yo/up, 5fT, 1:05.84, sf.**

**TARBOOSH (GB) (g, 6, Bahamian Bounty {GB})--Mullein {GB} {SW & GSP-Eng, \$117,727}, by Oasis Dream {GB}** Lifetime Record: SP-Eng, 35-10-3-4, \$155,492. O-The Guys & Dolls & Sandfield Racing; B-Landmark Racing Limited (GB); T-Paul Midgley. \*72,000gns Wlg '13 TATFOA; 100,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT; 8,000gns HRA '16 TATAHI. \*\*1/2 to Carry On Deryck (GB) (Halling), MGSP-Eng, \$195,659.

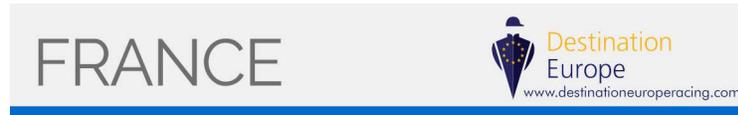
**1st-Chelmsford City, £9,400, 9-24, 2yo, 5f (AWT), :58.75, st.**

**ELECTRIC LADYLAND (IRE) (f, 2, Cable Bay {Ire})--Conversational {Ire}, by Thousand Words {GB}** Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-0, \$29,919. O-Miss Emily Asprey & Christopher Wright; B-Rathasker Stud (IRE); T-Archie Watson. \*€35,000 Ylg '18 GOFSP.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Able Kane (GB), g, 2, Due Diligence--Sugar Beet (GB) (SP-Eng),** by Beat Hollow (GB). Beverley, 9-24, 5fT, 1:04.16. B-Tom Chadney & Peter Green (GB). \*15th winner for freshman sire (by War Front). \*\*7,000gns Ylg '18 TAOCT.

**JunooH (Ire), g, 3, Le Havre (Ire)--Mumayeza (GB),** by Indian Ridge (Ire). Beverley, 9-24, 9f 207yT, 2:12.72. B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited (IRE).



**Wednesday, Maisons-Laffitte, post time: 1.25 p.m.**

**PRIX SARACA-Listed, €60,000, 2yo, 6 1/2fT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	1	Lloyd (Ire)	Zebedee (GB)	Guyon	Soudan	128
2	5	Ventura Lightning (Fr)	No Nay Never	Soumillon	Fahey	128
3	6	Hector Loza (GB)	Kodiac (GB)	Mackay	Dow	128
4	3	Guildsman (Fr)	Wttn Bassett (GB)	Murphy	A Watson	128
5	2	Alocasia (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Boudot	Devin	125
6	7	Ikigai (GB)	Sayif (Ire)	C Demuro	Gansera-Leveque	125
7	4	Minuty (Fr)	Charm Spirit (Ire)	Lemaitre	Head	125
8	8	Jessely (Fr)	Charm Spirit (Ire)	Barzalona	Marcialis	125

**Tuesday's Results:**

**2nd-Fontainebleau, €27,000, Mdn, 9-24, unraced 2yo, 6fT, 1:10.82, sf.**

**ZADAR (FR) (f, 2, Wootton Bassett {GB}--Zanyeva {Ire}, by Oasis Dream {GB})** was hustled along from her stands' side stall to chase the leaders in fourth after the initial strides of this debut. Shaken up passing the two pole, the 51-10 favourite was ridden to challenge entering the final eighth and kept on well under whipless coaxing thereafter to assert by 1 1/4 lengths from Mirage Hero (GB) (Due Diligence). Becoming the fourth winner for her dam, she is a half-sister to G3 Prix du Bois victress Zonza (Fr) (Alex the Winner), a yearling filly by Morandi (Fr) and a 2019 filly by Dabirsim (Fr). Her second dam Drama Club (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) is a half-sister to G1SW sire Pearl of Love (Ire) (Peintre Celebre) and MGSW sire Social Charter (Nureyev). Sales history: €160,000 Wlg '17 ARQDEC. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500.

**Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Riviera Equine SARL & Haras d'Etreham; B-Hugues Rousseau & Jean-Pierre-Joseph Dubois (FR); T-Fabrice Chappet.

**1st-Bordeaux-le-Bouscat, €18,000, Mdn, 9-24, unraced 2yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:44.26, vsf.**

**SHARIB (GB) (c, 2, Invincible Spirit {Ire}--Thamarat {GB} {SP-Fr}, by Anabaa)** broke sharply to gain immediate control of this first go. Holding sway throughout, the 18-5 chance set sail for home when nudged along in early straight and was not for catching once scooting clear approaching the final furlong, maintaining daylight in the latter stages to hit the line four lengths ahead of Suimaron (Ire) (Rajsaman {Fr}). He is the latest of nine foals and becomes the fifth winner out of Listed Prix Yacowlef third Thamarat (GB) (Anabaa), herself a half-sister to MG1SW sire Tamayuz (GB) (Nayef). The homebred bay is a half-brother to this year's G1 Prix du Jockey Club third Motamarris (Ire) (Le Havre {Ire}), Listed Prix de Thiberville runner-up Saraaba (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}) and to the MSP dam of G3 Prix de Cabourg, G3 Prix de Meautry and G3 Prix du Petit Couvert victress Tantheem (GB) (Teofilo {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €9,000. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (GB); T-Francois Rohaut.

**2nd-Bordeaux-le-Bouscat, €18,000, Mdn, 9-24, unraced 2yo, f, 8fT, 1:45.62, vsf.**

**LOOK OF VICTORY (FR) (f, 2, Charm Spirit {Ire}--Badee Ah {Fr} {SP-Fr}, by Motivator {GB})** chased the leaders trapped wide before settling under cover in sixth. Chased along to reduce arrears off the home turn, the 9-2 chance angled wide for a clear passage approaching the final furlong and ran on strongly

under mild urging to deny Minnipa (GB) (Dark Angel {Ire}) by a length nearing the line. She is the first foal produced by Listed Prix Joubert third Badee Ah (Fr) (Motivator {GB}), herself a half-sister to MSW G2 Prix du Conseil de Paris runner-up Kocab (GB) (Unfuwain) out of Listed Prix Joubert victress Space Quest (GB) (Rainbow Quest). From a family featuring MG1SW distaffer Enable (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}), the bay is kin to a yearling filly by Shalaa (Ire) and a 2019 colt by Nathaniel (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €9,000. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** 1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Sheikh Abdullah bin Khalifa Al Thani; B-SCEA du Haras de Victot (FR); T-Francois Rohaut.

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**4th-Fontainebleau, €28,000, 9-24, 3yo, 6fT, 1:09.48, sf.**

**NASHIRAH (GB) (f, 3, Dubawi {Ire}--Perfect Light {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 11-2-3-2, €57,720. O-Godolphin SNC; B-Godolphin (GB); T-Henri-Alex Pantall.

**4th-Bordeaux-le-Bouscat, €22,000, Cond, 9-24, 3yo, 12fT, 2:38.59, vsf.**

**AMBITION (GB) (f, 3, Dubawi {Ire}--Talent {GB} {G1SW-Eng, \$765,222}, by New Approach {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, €26,490. O-James Rowsell & Steve Ashley; B-Ashbrittle Stud & M H Dixon (GB); T-Xavier Thomas-Demeaulte. \*75,000gns 2yo '18 TATMAR.

## ASIA

**Tuesday, Funabashi, Japan**

**NIHON TV HAI-Listed, ¥54,400,000, Funabashi, 9-23, 3yo/up, 1800m, 1:52.10, ylg.**

1--**CHRYSOBERYL (JPN), 121, c, 3, Gold Allure (Jpn)--**

**Chrysoprase (Jpn), by El Condor Pasa.** O-Carrot Farm; B-Northern Farm; T-Hidetaka Otonashi; J-Yuga Kawada; ¥32,000,000. Lifetime Record: 5-5-0-0. \*Full to Chrysolite (Jpn), MSW & MGSP-Jpn, \$3,394,676; 1/2 to Marialite (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), Ch. Older Mare & MG1SW-Jpn, \$3,717,679; and Lia Fail (Jpn) (Zenno Rob Roy {Jpn}), GSW-Jpn, \$1,249,781.

2--**London Town (Jpn), 123, h, 6, Kane Hekili (Jpn)--Fairy Banyan (Jpn), by Honour and Glory.** O-Toru Makiura; B-Matsuura Farm; ¥11,200,000.

3--**Nonkono Yume (Jpn), 126, g, 7, Twining--Nonko (Jpn), by Agnes Tachyon (Jpn).** O-Kotaro Yamada; B-Shadai Farm; ¥6,400,000.

Margins: 4, 4, 1. Odds: 0.10, 12.80, 8.10.



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## TATTERSALLS IRELAND SEPTEMBER YEARLING SALE DAY 2

Lot	Sex	Pedigree	Price	Sale	Buyer
242	c	Camacho x Equinette	20,000	GOFFEB	Vendor
250	c	Prince of Lir x Fairmont	4,000	TATDEC	Federico Barberini
251	c	Dawn Approach x Faithful Duchess	10,000	GOFNOV	Vendor
254	c	Mehmas x Fast Pick	15,000	GOFNOV	Vendor
256	c	Ivawood x Feet of Flame	5,000	GOFFEB	Leamore Horses (P.S.)
260	f	Exceed And Excel x First Party	30,000	TATDEC	Joanna Morgan
266	f	Footstepsinthesand x Free Lance	7,000	GOFNOV	D O'Brien
269	c	Twilight Son x Gala Wedge	29,000	GUKDEC	Buckley BS
275	c	Territories x Gladys Cooper	20,000	ARQDEC	Normandie Breeding
276	c	Al Kazeem x Go Between	3,000	TATDEC	SJ Leahy BS
278	c	Pivotal x Graduation	22,000	TATDEC	Richard Knight BS Agent
283	c	Footstepsinthesand x Hadrienne	26,000	TATIRENOV	Tally-Ho Stud
285	c	Garswood x Hard Walnut	5,000	TATDEC	Catridge Farm Stud
288	c	Helmet x Haydn's Lass	10,000	TATDEC	Vendor
289	c	Bobby's Kitten x Heading North	10,000	TATDEC	Lanwades Stud
290	c	Equiano x Heavens Peak	5,000	GOFNOV	Vendor
293	c	Dragon Pulse x Highly Exclusive	15,000	GOFNOV	J B BS
298	c	Havana Gold x Honesty Pays	3,000	TATDEC	Nikita Investments
299	c	Gutaifan x Ibecke	10,000	GOFNOV	Vendor
300	c	Excelebration x Ibiza Empress	7,500	GOFFEB	Leamore Horses
305	c	Mayson x Infatuate	2,000	TATDEC	Ballintober Stud
311	c	Markaz x Jealous Beauty	11,000	GOFNOV	Cooneen Stud
313	c	Lawman x Jo Bo Bo	7,000	GOFNOV	Ballyhane Stud
315	c	Footstepsinthesand x Julieta	28,000	GOFNOV	S F F BS
318	c	Free Eagle x Kaiulani	3,000	TATDEC	Danesrath Stud
321	f	Make Believe x Kayd Kodaun	16,000	GOFNOV	Barry Lynch BS
322	c	Dragon Pulse x Keilogue	21,000	GOFNOV	Vendor
323	c	Sir Percy x Kelamita	10,000	TATDEC	Danesrath Stud
325	f	Adaay x Khaki	11,000	TATDEC	Whitsbury Manor Stud
326	c	Harzand x Kitoko	8,500	GOFNOV	Peter Nolan BS
328	c	Ruler of The World x Kodiak Lady	8,500	GOFFEB	Yeomanstown Stud
329	c	Acclamation x Komedy	38,000	GOFNOV	Brian Grassick BS
330	c	Buratino x La Ninfa Rossa	20,000	GOFNOV	Vendor
345	c	Twilight Son x Lilly Junior	25,000	TATDEC	Vendor
346	c	Dabirsim x Little Shambles	6,000	TATDEC	Platinum BS
348	c	Equiano x Love Action	16,000	TATDEC	Peter & Ross Doyle BS
350	c	Twilight Son x Love Or Fear	6,000	TATDEC	Patrick Donworth
351	c	Requinto x Lukes Well	5,500	TATIRENOV	G Mullins
352	c	Lawman x Lumiere Astrale	18,000	TATDEC	William Farrell
353	c	Starspangledbanner x Luminance	32,000	GOFNOV	BBA (Ireland)
355	f	Kodiak x Lyric of Fife	20,000	GOFNOV	Cooneen Stud (P.S.)
357	c	Mayson x Madame Vestris	10,000	TATDEC	Gary Dowling
358	c	Acclamation x Magic Minor	32,000	GOFNOV	BBA (Ireland)
360	c	Adaay x Malelane	13,000	GOFNOV	Vendor
365	f	Iffraaj x Maralika	16,000	TATDEC	William Kennedy
367	c	Dark Angel x Marenko	26,000	TATDEC	Blue Chip Investments

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368	c	Mayson x Marigot Bay	10,000	TATDEC	Springfield House Stud
375	c	Footstepsinthesand x Melodrama	5,000	TATDEC	Glenvale BS
380	f	Acclamation x Mirror Effect	8,000	TATDEC	Five Star BS
384	c	Dandy Man x Miss Legal Eagle	16,000	GOFNOV	Vendor
393	f	Teofilo x More Respect	50,000	GOFNOV	Ballybin Stud
396	f	Equiano x Mosqueras Romance	17,000	TATDEC	Rathasker Stud
398	c	Gutaifan x Mountain Glow	5,000	GOFNOV	SS BS
401	c	Elzaam x My Causeway Dream	8,000	GOFNOV	Vendor
404	c	Acclamation x Myturn	21,000	TATDEC	Hesslewood Racing
408	f	Dragon Pulse x New Magic	16,000	GOFNOV	Tradewinds
413	c	Bated Breath x Nos Da	5,500	TATDEC	Forge Stables
417	c	Adaay x Ocean Bluff	16,000	GOFNOV	Whitsbury Manor Stud
419	c	Vadamos x Of Course Darling	20,000	GOFNOV	Josh B BS
421	c	Adaay x Olympic Medal	15,000	TATDEC	Luke Coen
422	c	Excelebration x Open Book	9,500	GOFNOV	Forge BS (P.S.)
425	f	Dandy Man x Pearl Diamond	14,000	GOFNOV	Ballyhane Stud
431	c	Elzaam x Perfect Treat	6,500	GOFNOV	Ballyhane Stud
433	c	Estidhkaar x Pesca	5,000	GOFNOV	Vendor
439	c	Cable Bay x Positive Spin	1,000	TATDEC	Paula Flannery
442	c	Vadamos x Pretty Priceless	7,000	GOFNOV	Emerald BS
444	c	Footstepsinthesand x Princess Theodora	15,000	TATIRENOV	BBA (Ireland)
451	c	Estidhkaar x Quelle Histoire	6,500	GOFNOV	Piercetown Stud
456	c	Dragon Pulse x Rajastani	3,500	ARQDEC	Meridian International
458	f	Awtaad x Rathbride Raven	23,000	GOFNOV	J Foley
460	c	Cityscape x Real Me	8,000	TATDEC	GHS BS
468	c	Mehmas x Rip Van Music	22,000	GOFNOV	Tally Ho Stud
474	f	Twilight Son x Rosamaria	3,000	TATIRENOV	Danesrath Stud
476	c	Showcasing x Roxy Star	31,000	TATDEC	Harry Outers BS
477	f	Kodiac x Royal Sister Two	28,000	TATDEC	Vendor
480	c	Coulsty x Russian Spirit	12,000	GOFNOV	Torard Stud (P.S.)

\*Information sourced from Weatherbys. \*\*Price is in currency of sale sold at.

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## THE HUNT FOR VALUE



**Saxon Warrior** | Coolmore

by Richard Edmunds

In Part 1 of 'breeding on a budget' TDN AusNZ picked the brains of respected industry figures from around Australia and New Zealand, seeking their thoughts on stallion selections and decisions to breed successfully on a smaller budget.

Among new sires in 2019 standing for a service fee of \$25,000 or less, who do you think offers the best value for money?

### AUSTRALIA

**Damon Gabbedy** (Belmont Bloodstock Agency, Victoria): **Bolt d'Oro (USA)** (Spendthrift, \$13,750) represents unbelievable value. A 2-year-old Group 1 winner, he possessed blistering speed on the track and has sensational looks to match.

**Showtime** (Arrowfield, \$11,000) is also a stunning individual who possessed loads of racetrack ability. By sire sensation Snitzel, he is introduced at a very accessible fee and will be very well supported.

**Peter O'Brien** (General Manager, Segenhoe, NSW): I am a big fan of Deep Impact (Jpn), so **Saxon Warrior (Jpn)** (Coolmore, \$24,750) is a horse I was very keen to see, and he did not disappoint. An undefeated 2-year-old who went on to win the 2000 Guineas. He has Galileo (Ire) and Danehill (USA) on the dam's side, so effectively has the three best stallions of the modern era in his pedigree. I love his hip and shoulder, and he is incredible value for a stallion who ticks all the boxes.

**Royston Murphy** (Co-owner, Sledmere Stud, NSW): I believe **Written By** (Widden Stud, \$24,750) is the best-value new stallion in the Hunter this season. I think he's got everything that most people are looking for. He was a Group 1 winning 2-year-old, and he's a son of Written Tycoon, who looks like he's going to do a great job as a sire of sires. I think Written By is a lovely, powerful, strong type of horse – a real Australian type. And being free of Danehill, he's suitable for a lot of Australian mares.

**Dean Hawkins** (Manager, Wentwood Grange, NZ): The most intriguing prospect is the son of Deep Impact, **Saxon Warrior**. Some years, the Australasian-performed first season stallions offer good value on a budget – it just so happens that this year the internationally credentialed first season sires have been well placed in the market.

**Sheamus Mills** (Sheamus Mills Bloodstock, Victoria): I rate **Written By** as the best-value new stallion this season, because he is the best-looking of them. If you are looking to breed a good type, he has the pedigree, racetrack performance and looks to give you the best chance.

**Dean Hawthorne** (Dean Hawthorne Bloodstock, NZ): The prices paid for Group 1 winning Southern Hemisphere colts that have performed over sprinter/miler distances mean that not many of them start at fees under \$25,000. Therefore, two top-class Northern Hemisphere stallions who I think are great value considering their racetrack performance are **Harry Angel (Ire)** (Darley, \$22,000) and **Saxon Warrior**.

Harry Angel is a neat horse that should cross well with big, scopey Danehill-line mares. Saxon Warrior is a lovely horse by a world-class sire in Deep Impact, and he was a very smart racehorse who won Group 1 races at 2 and 3 years.

**Phill Cataldo** (Phill Cataldo Bloodstock, NZ): I like the pedigree of **Real Steel (Jpn)** (Arrowfield, \$16,500). I'm confident he will leave quality middle-distance performers like himself and his sire, Deep Impact. **Harry Angel** performed at the highest level at the ages of 2, 3 and 4, attaining an incredibly high Timeform rating of 132. He's Dark Angel's best son. Saxon Warrior has a top pedigree, was a Group 1 winner at 2 and 3 and is a real athlete.

## NEW ZEALAND

**Dean Hawkins** (Manager, Wentwood Grange, NZ): In New Zealand we see **U S Navy Flag (USA)** (Valachi Downs, NZ\$20,000), a European champion 2-year-old and the 3-year-old champion sprinter who won three Group 1 races including the July Cup. He's by War Front, whose first three damsires are Galileo, Storm Cat (USA) and Mr Prospector (NZ).

**Bruce Perry** (Bruce Perry Bloodstock, NZ): We have a really interesting group of first season sires including **U S Navy Flag (USA)**, who was an outstanding 2 and 3-year-old, so he deserves excellent support. I obviously have strong ties to certain stallions standing in New Zealand, but at the same time, that's only because I think they have the attributes to really succeed.

**Ardrossan** (Waikato Stud, NZ\$8000) is a stallion I am involved with and absolutely love. He's a great type by a breed-shaping sire (Redoute's Choice) and he had a huge amount of ability. **Ace High** (Rich Hill Stud, NZ\$10,000) is another really interesting sire. By High Chaparral (Ire), he is out of a Redoute's Choice mare who is out of a Sunday Silence (USA) mare, so if his progeny throw to any of those, he should be a success.

**Graham Bax** (Co-owner, Blandford Lodge, NZ): The new sires I am using this year are **U S Navy Flag** and **Ace High**.

**Phill Cataldo** (Phill Cataldo Bloodstock, NZ): **Ardrossan** is a good-looking son of Redoute's Choice, bought by renowned judge Bruce Perry. The best was never seen of him on the racetrack. **U S Navy Flag** has strong credentials and is a welcome addition to the New Zealand stallion ranks.

**Who was your pick of last season's first season sires from that same price bracket?**

## AUSTRALIA

**Sheamus Mills** (Sheamus Mills Bloodstock, Victoria): Of the sires whose first foals are arriving this year, my pick would be **Pariah**. He was a fast son of Redoute's Choice and finished second in the Blue Diamond as a 2-year-old. I think he has a similar profile to Beneteau – both by Redoute's Choice, from good families, good-looking horses and were very fast 2-year-olds. I saw Pariah recently and he's let down really well. I think he's a great option, and there's no rival to Redoute's Choice as a sire of sires.

**Shooting To Win** (Darley, \$22,000) and **Super One** (Newgate Farm, \$11,000) could be ready to explode in the near future.

**Peter O'Brien** (General Manager, Segenhoe, NSW): **Spieth (NZ)** (Aquis Farm, \$16,500) is simply an Adonis and is arguably the best-looking stallion in the Hunter. He was desperately unlucky not to have won a Group 1, and if you see his races you will understand. We have two foals already by him and they are weapons, and there is no prize in guessing who their father is. He has the best head and hip you could wish to see and this is what is immediate when you see his foals. They should be fast and early, so breeding this year to him will have you selling when his first crop are on fire.

**Royston Murphy** (Co-owner, Sledmere Stud, NSW): I really like **Spieth**. He was a good racehorse and came very close to winning some Group 1 races. The difference between winning a Group 1 race and finishing second is huge in terms of a stallion's price bracket. I've seen a couple of his foals and have been very happy with them. Another one I liked last year was **Pariah** (Arrowfield, \$22,000). I've seen him again this year and he's let down really well, he looks sensational. I've been impressed with his foals too, and I think he's quite good value at \$22,000.

## NEW ZEALAND

**Dean Hawkins** (Manager, Wentwood Grange, NZ): In New Zealand we supported **Time Test (GB)** (Little Avondale Stud, NZ\$10,000), a son of Dubawi (Ire) who received a 125 Timeform rating at 3 and 4. Standing at NZ\$10,000, he represented very good value.

**Bruce Perry** (Bruce Perry Bloodstock, NZ): Dubawi's son **Time Test**. He is a very good-looking and well-performed horse from a top family and if his early foals are anything to go by, he will have a bright future.

**Graham Bax** (Co-owner, Blandford Lodge, NZ): Last year's new sires I like are **Time Test**, **Turn Me Loose (NZ)** (Windsor Park Stud, NZ\$15,000) and **Tivaci** (Waikato Stud, NZ\$20,000).

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