DETAILS EMERGE IN RUIS REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING OVER JUSTIFY

by Dan Ross

More details are emerging as to the grounds by which Mick Ruis, trainer of 2018 GI Santa Anita Derby runner-up Bolt d'Oro (Medaglia d'Oro), is seeking a public review on Justify (Scat Daddy)'s scopolamine positive subsequent to winning the race, and the circumstances that led to those test findings being dismissed.

As first reported in the Louisville Courier Journal Wednesday, Ruis had requested the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) to conduct a public hearing into the board's dismissal of that test result. The board is reported to have informed Ruis on Tuesday that "further hearing on the subject is not required or warranted."

In a letter made available to TDN, Ruis' attorney, Darrell Vienna, lays out what he sees as the justification for the hearing: essentially, that the CHRB made a legal error in treating the overage as a Class 4c violation with a lesser penalty, rather than a tougher 3b penalty which would have required disqualification and redistribution of purse money. The drug, he writes, didn't officially receive its lesser categorization until Jan. 1 of 2019, well after the positive and the case dismissal.

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ON WEST VIRGINIA AND RACING'S FAILURE TO ADMINISTER ITSELF

The following is an open letter from Patrick Cummings, Executive Director of the Thoroughbred Idea Foundation:

West Virginia's problems are the entire industry’s problems. A horrific photograph emerged from West Virginia Oct. 16 in which it appears a horse, presumably euthanized previously, was dumped in a landfill, still with leg bandages in place. A police investigation is underway at the behest of various anti-racing lobbies, with some reporting the horse may have come from nearby Mountaineer Park. Details are still unconfirmed.

Regardless of the authenticity of the photograph, this is not an isolated example of the mind-bending operation of racing in the state.

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IN TDN EUROPE TODAY

TERRITORIES FILLY ON TOP AT TATTS

A 145,000gns filly by Territories (Ire) topped the first Book 3 session at the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale Thursday. Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Europe.
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Marzo (Medaglia d’Oro) pulls off a 14-1 upset in Thursday’s GIII Sycamore S. at Keeneland. | Coady

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"We believe that statements of CHRB Chairman Chuck Winner provide substantial evidence that the CHRB based its consideration and voting on the matter upon a mistaken understanding or interpretation of the law," states the letter, dated Sept. 27, to CHRB chief counsel John McDonough.

The "vote" referenced in the letter pertains to the private session meeting Aug. 28 of 2018 at which the board voted "unanimously not to proceed with the case against Baffert," as first reported in the New York Times' bombshell report on the matter.

After his win in the 2018 Santa Anita Derby, the Bob Baffert-trained Justify proceeded to annex the Triple Crown. He was retired unbeaten shortly thereafter.

In a written response Thursday concerning Vienna's September letter, CHRB executive director, Rick Baedeker, wrote that the CHRB's decision was based on the "merits of the case" which showed that Justify's positive was a case of environmental contamination.

"Scopolamine naturally occurs in Jimson Weed, which is sometimes harvested along with straw or hay and delivered to racetracks for feed or bedding. Such contamination has occurred in the past, as in 2016 when the CHRB issued an advisory after Jimson Weed had been found in straw at Del Mar and again in spring of 2018 at Santa Anita, when laboratory findings found that several horses in various barns had ingested plant alkaloids, including scopolamine, from straw, hay or other feed. Jimson Weed was subsequently located in straw there," Baedeker wrote.

"The Board, in consultation with the Executive Director and the Equine Medical Director [Rick Arthur], may choose not to file a complaint when an investigation determines that a laboratory finding resulted from factors beyond the control of the trainer.
“WIN MACHINE”
or owner, such as environmental contamination," Baedeker added.

Vienna's 19-page letter revolves around CHRB Rule 1843.2, which deals with the classification of drug substances.

He writes that he has reviewed the rulemaking file for 1843.2 from 2010 to 2019, and found that, "at all times from the date of the running of the 2018 Santa Anita Derby, through the testing of both the official and split sample collected from 'Justify' following that race, and through the subsequent dismissal of the finding of the substance scopolamine, prevailing CHRB rules provided that scopolamine was a category 3 substance with a B penalty designation."

This means the positive should have required "disqualification of the horse from the race in which it participated and forfeiture of any purse and that such disqualification shall occur regardless of the culpability for the condition of the horse," the letter states.

Vienna notes remarks former CHRB chairman Chuck Winner made to the Times arguing that, at the time of the violation, ARCI guidelines listed scopolamine as a class 4c substance, which would not trigger disqualification or redistribution of a purse. Winner is reported to have said that CHRB Rule 1843.2 classifications are based on the ARCI guidelines, unless specifically modified by the Board, and the Board never modified that designation.

Further reporting appears to support the assessment that Justify's scopolamine positive didn't necessitate his disqualification.

In a lengthy article for NBC, Tim Layden writes how, "California had, at the time of Justify's test, listed scopolamine as a Class 3b substance, which would have carried a penalty of disqualification," before adding that under ARCI rules, "that would still have meant a DQ; but under California rule 1859.5 - 'Disqualification for a positive test' - only substances in classes 1-3 carry a disqualification. Hence, Justify should not have been disqualified."

In his statement issued Thursday, Baedeker wrote that, with regard to penalty determination, "the Board has historically followed the ARCI penalty guideline with few exceptions. The penalty guideline however, was not used as a basis in the Board's decision. The decision made by the Board was final."

In his September letter to the CHRB, however, Vienna takes issue with the way in which it appears the ARCI's rules could have been used as a guideline. He writes that, in order for the drug to have been officially re-categorized, it needed to have done so via the Administrative Procedures Act (APA), an official process for putting laws into place. This didn't happen, he writes, until Jan. 1 of 2019, well after the drug positive and the board's closed-door session Aug. 28, 2018.
“Any attempt by the CHRB to issue, utilize, enforce, or attempt to enforce a rule without following the APA is called an ‘underground regulation.’ (Govt. Code 11340.5) State agencies cannot enforce or utilize underground regulations,” he writes.

“Simply put, the fundamental CHRB assertion that scopolamine was, at the relevant juncture herein described, a 4C violation is not true,” the letter states. “Review of the rulemaking file exposes that very critical fact. As you are no doubt aware, grounds for rehearing exist where the law was misinterpreted or mistakenly applied or where new evidence of a convincing nature was not available at the time. Such is the case, here.”

The need for a public hearing is “significant,” Vienna told the TDN, via telephone.

“In this case it’s significant to the tune of $400,000,” he added, referencing the difference in prize money between first and second place in the Santa Anita Derby. "Who knows, if [Bolt d’Oro] had won the Derby there might have been a bonus in syndication."

While the board has no formal obligation to conduct a public hearing on the matter, Vienna said, the intense spotlight under which racing currently sits--especially in light of the damning public comments made by California Governor Gavin Newsom--requires its rule making processes to be done with transparency.

“Let’s say that they revisit it with a proper understanding of the rules. They may come to the same conclusion, and they may not, but we need to see that deliberation,” said Vienna, who explained that he was unable yet to publicly reveal how he plans to proceed with the matter, but suggested litigation if the board fails to conduct the hearing, as requested.

“They can decide whatever they want, but that doesn’t mean we will stop there," he said. "What we do know is that in the best interests of this state and horse racing in general is to clear this up, and the only way to clear this up is to put some sunlight on it.”

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That same night at Mountaineer, 9-year-old mare Sophie Got Even made her first start since June 2014 in a $4,000 claiming event.

She was purchased as a broodmare, in-foal to Hold Me Back, for $1,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Winter Mixed Sale in February 2015. She was then bred to Colonial Colony, dropping
Printer Jam, a gelding who has earned more than $70,000 and won a race Oct. 9 at Indiana Grand for owner, trainer and breeder Denis Cluley—the same person who bought Sophie Got Even in 2015, and raced her on Wednesday evening off a five-year layoff.

Sophie Got Even ran fifth, beaten more than seven lengths, and earned $134.

On Monday, Oct. 14 at Mountaineer, 9-year-old mare Little Red Diamond made her fourth start of 2019. Prior to her first race of this year, on Aug. 21, she had not been seen at the races since Oct. 22, 2014. It does not appear as though this Kentucky-bred by Red Giant produced any foals, but that should not matter. She has been beaten more than 84 lengths in her four 2019 appearances, earning $340.

Runnin’toluva, the 1-2 favorite in the West Virginia Breeders’ Classic at Charles Town on Saturday, was allegedly bleeding from a gash to a hind leg following a pre-race gate incident, but allowed to race, and was eased to last.

West Virginia is not alone, nor is the Thoroughbred industry. An Ohio standardbred track ran the last two races on a March card after a horse got loose during a race, went into its infield lake and could not be retrieved. Yes, they kept racing. The Ohio Racing Commission did not comment when asked about the matter by local media.

Horse racing, no matter the breed, is judged by its worst behavior, not its best.

For all of the great horsepeople—owners, breeders, trainers, assistants, grooms, foremen, veterinarians, jockeys, exercise riders, farriers, officials and all other personnel responsible for the well-being of horses—there are, undoubtedly, rogue actors amongst them who do, or have done, unspeakable things.

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b) Tapit  
c) War Front  
d) Absolutely none of them

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and other states pales in comparison to the troubles which are now regularly presented and exploited by those seeking to destroy the industry and its history.

Casino companies which own and operate racetracks lack incentives to grow the sport. Logic suggests they would generally prefer a future without having to share revenue with horse racing.

There are some horsepeople, racing officials, administrators and regulators in some states who have allowed outrageous behavior to fester, leaving a trail of terrifying examples for the world to point to as reasons why our industry, which accounts domestically for more than 240,000 direct jobs and $15 billion in direct economic impact, should be shuttered.

Individual racing commissions and their staffs are in place to execute the rules and regulations governing the sport in their jurisdictions, but at the most fundamental level, they must ensure the safety and integrity of all participants. They license, and therefore allow, the personnel who own, train, ride and assist in the preparation and racing of horses. Many are failing to accurately police the sport, and it is jeopardizing its future.

This letter could suggest that the West Virginia Racing Commissioners--Jack Rossi, Ken Lowe and Tony Figaretti--are all responsible, in some capacity, for enabling such lax administration. But this would be underselling the entire situation.

A horrific situation in West Virginia is an industry-wide nightmare. There should be no delineation about the nature of these and other incidents and the larger sport--these things cannot happen.

Long-time industry participants point to the decades of threats which have faced racing, and still, we are here, breeding and racing.

American horse racing is proving incapable of policing itself--dramatic reforms are necessary to prove that we can exist in a modern society with far different standards than in the past. Racing needs to be administered in a much more responsible fashion. State racing commissions must step up and take legitimate control; the rest of us must demand it ourselves.

Many commissions are stocked with political appointees with little industry experience. In those jurisdictions with commissioners who do have the experience, many are viewed skeptically as protecting long-term interests as opposed to embracing the radical change the sport needs.

The love and passion of horses and racing is shared by so many of the sport’s participants--to an almost irrational degree. Participants young and old absorb a steady stream of attacks with each and every new incident and ponder why they have committed themselves to a business that seems incapable of
When change is floated in the horse business, responses are often negative and tinged with reasons why our business could not accept such change. Get over it. Change or fade into oblivion.

If you care about racing, it’s time to petition your state’s racing commissioners and demand they take their roles and the administration of racing far more seriously. It is in everyone’s best interest, and that includes our horses, to do so.

OMAHA BEACH TO DIRT MILE

Omaha Beach (War Front) will make his next start in the GI Breeders’ Cup Dirt Mile, according to Ed Golden’s Santa Anita Stable Notes. “We put our heads together and that’s the decision,” Hall of Fame trainer Richard Mandella said of the Fox Hill Farms colorbearer. Omaha Beach worked four furlongs in :48.20 (8/29) at Santa Anita Oct. 16. Scratched from the GI Kentucky Derby with an entrapped epiglottis, he returned to the races in style with a dramatic head victory in the GI Santa Anita Sprint Championship S. Oct. 5. He previously captured the GII Rebel S. Mar. 16 and GI Arkansas Derby Apr. 13.
BODEMEISTER RELOCATING TO TURKEY

Bodemeister (Empire Maker--Untouched Talent, by Storm Cat), sire of GI Kentucky Derby winner Always Dreaming from his first crop, is relocating to Turkey, WinStar Farm announced Thursday. Pending export requirements, the 10-year-old will take up residence at the Jockey Club of Turkey Stud Farm. From four crops of racing age, Bodemeister is the sire of four graded winners and 12 black-type winners. Bodemeister, winner of the 2012 GI Arkansas Derby, was second in both the Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S.

WV RACING COMMISSION RELEASES STATEMENT

After a euthanized Mountaineer horse was allegedly dumped at a landfill, the following statement was released on behalf of the West Virginia Racing Commission Thursday:

“The West Virginia Racing Commission is reviewing and investigating the circumstances surrounding the recent incident involving a racehorse at Mountaineer Park. All horses, including the horse in question, undergo a pre-race examination by a State Veterinarian to ensure that they are in sound racing condition. The horse in question experienced a catastrophic injury during the race and was pulled up. The horse was attended at the time of injury by a State Veterinarian, given sedation and pain management. The horse was then vanned off and euthanized by a second State Veterinarian off track.

From conversations with Mountaineer Park management, it is the understanding of the Racing Commission that Mountaineer Park has an arrangement for the disposal of horse remains and the specific manner in which the disposal is to occur does not appear to have been followed in this case. With that said, the Racing Commission does not have any specific regulation that directs our racetracks to dispose of horse remains in any specific manner. However, the Racing Commission desires that all equine athletes that compete on our racetracks whose racing lives have come to an end are treated in a dignified and humane manner. During the 2019 Legislative Session, the West Virginia Racing Commission was successful in getting legislation passed to give it funds to conduct necropsies on horses that die or that are euthanized on our racetracks. Going forward, as we are able to implement a plan to utilize those funds, deceased horses will be transported to qualified necropsy facilities for a necropsy. Thereafter, the facility will be responsible for the humane and respectful disposition of the remains.”

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AIRDRIE ANNOUNCES 2020 STUD FEES

Brereton C. Jones’s Airdrie Stud has announced stud fees for their roster for the 2020 breeding season. New stallion Preservationist, a Grade I-winning millionaire son of Arch, will stand for $10,000 and joins a young roster headlined by Cairo Prince (Pioneerof the Nile) whose fee will remain at $25,000 for a third consecutive year. Cairo Prince’s first crop of 3-year-olds includes six stakes winners, three of which have won at the graded level, putting him at the head of the second-crop sires list by both measures. Leading fourth-crop sire Creative Cause (Giant’s Causeway) will stand for $15,000 in 2020.

Last season’s incoming freshmen, Collected (City Zip) and McCraken (Ghostzapper), will remain at their initial stud fees of $17,500 and $10,000, respectively. American Freedom (Pulpit), whose first crop of foals will visit the sales ring this fall, will remain at $10,000, as will Upstart (Flatter), whose first yearlings include 15 individual six-figure sellers topped by a $510,000 Saratoga colt.

First-crop stallion Summer Front (War Front), the sire of Fighting Seabee, will also remain at $10,000. Stalwart Include (Broad Brush), sire of the earners of almost $50 million, will remain at $7,500 and Mark Valeski, an emerging son of the late Proud Citizen, will stand for $2,500.

“We take pride in providing value to our supporting breeders and we are confident that that will be the case in 2020 for commercial breeders as well as for end-users,” said Cormac Breathnach, Airdrie’s Director of Stallion Nominations. “Each of our last three incoming stallions has led his class by ROI at the weanling sales, averaging six-eight times the stud fee, and from what we have seen and heard of American Freedom’s first crop, he has every chance to continue that streak this fall. Cairo Prince’s prolific success from his debut $10,000 crop bodes extremely well for his future with his more expensively bred crops to come. And we feel that Creative Cause offers excellent value at $15,000 for a young Grade I-producing sire with his bloodlines and versatility.”

BROWN TRIO HEADS 14-HORSE VALLEY VIEW

by Joe Bianca

After capturing last Saturday’s GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup S. at Keeneland with his star 3-year-old turfer Cambier Parc (Medaglia d’Oro), Chad Brown will dip into his ‘B’ team to start a trio of contenders in Friday’s GIII Pin Oak Valley View S. for sophomore fillies on the Lexington lawn.

Leading the charge for the three-time defending Eclipse champion conditioner is Peter Brant’s Blowout (GB) (Dansili {GB}). Third or better in all seven career starts, the bay has never been beaten more than a half-length and looks for her...
first graded stakes success. Winner of the Wild Applause S. June 22 at Belmont, she was a narrow runner-up in the Gill Lake George S. July 19 at Saratoga and third in the Gill Lake Placid S. Aug. 17 at the Spa. Returning downstate in the Pebbles S. Sept. 14, she scored a convincing wire-to-wire tally and projects as the controlling speed once again here.

Klaravich Stables’ Catch a Bid (Real Solution) looms large as well. A dominant 4 1/2-length victress on debut June 6 at Belmont while getting her final quarter-mile in a sizzling :21.71, the $30,000 Fasig-Tipton October buy just missed when second by a neck to next-out Lake Placid heroine Varenka (Ghostzapper) in a Saratoga allowance July 14. Stepped up into stakes company in the Riskaverse S. there Aug. 22, she rallied into a slow pace to get up by a head. Filling out the Brown troika is Martin Schwartz’s Turf War (War Front), who went from last to first to upset the Christiecat S. going six furlongs at Big Sandy Sept. 6.

Katsumi Yoshida’s The Mackem Bullet (Ire) (Society Rock (Ire)) makes her first start since capturing a local graded stakes in the spring. Runner-up at 25-1 in last fall’s G1 Juddmonte Cheveley Park S., the bay was sixth in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf before being transferred from the Brian Ellison outfit to Wesley Ward. Dominating a Turfway optional claimer Dec. 31, she was fourth against males in the John Battaglia Memorial S. there Feb. 15 before relishing soft turf to take the GII Appalachian S. here Apr. 7.

Two other graded winners rate chances despite being drawn outside. Lady Prancealot (Ire) (Sir Prancealot (Ire)), who captured the Gilli Honeymoon S. June 1 at Santa Anita before running third to the aforementioned Cambier Parc in the GI Del Mar Oaks, drew the 12-post, while Hard Legacy (Hard Spun), victress of the Gilli Regret S. June 15 at Churchill before checking in fifth in the Del Mar Oaks, pulled post 13.

Thursday, Keeneland
SYCAMORE S.-GIII, $150,000, Keeneland, 10-17, 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:32.72, gd.
1--MARZO, 121, g, 4, by Medaglia d’Oro
1ST Dam: Spring Party (SW, $202,077), by Smart Strike
2nd Dam: Surf Club, by Ocean Crest
3rd Dam: Horns Gray, by Pass the Tab

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN, 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. ($1,000,000 Ylg ’16 KEESEP; $35,000 3yo ’18 FTKHRA; $140,000 4yo ’19 KEEJAN). O-Three Diamonds Farm; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Michael J. Maker; J-Ricardo Santana, Jr. $90,000. Lifetime Record: 16-4-4-3, $263,257.

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2--Nakamura, 121, g, 4, Animal Kingdom—I’m Always Hopeful, by Arch. ($110,000 Ylg ’16 KEESEP). O-Staghawk Stables; B-The Elkstone Group LLC (MD); T-H. Graham Motion. $30,000.

Selected as a yearling by JANE BUCHANAN

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3--Postulation, 121, g, 7, Harlan’s Holiday—Supposition (GB), by Dansili (GB). O-Runnymede Racing LLC; B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY); T-Michael R. Matz. $15,000.

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Marzo, claimed by these connections for $62,500 off owner Steve Landers Racing and trainer Brad Cox out of a third-place finish going 6 1/2 furlongs at Kentucky Downs Aug. 31, posted a career high here.

Placed in a stalking third for most of the way and always traveling nicely, the 14-1 shot launched a three-wide blitz off the far turn, took over inside the three-sixteenths pole and held sway to pull off the upset. Marzo entered off a close second in an optional claimer going a mile at Churchill Downs Sept. 26.

“We claimed him with this idea—stretch him out with this race in mind if another horse, Bigger Picture, didn’t make it," winning
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Blue Chipper will be the first Korean runner at the Breeders’ Cup meeting for the emerging racing nation. Dolkong (Afleet Alex) represented Korea with distinction at the 2019 Dubai World Cup Carnival, winning the Listed Curlin H. ahead of a third-place effort in Round 3 of the G1 Al Maktoum Challenge (2000m).

Blue Chipper is set to depart Seoul’s Incheon International Airport for Los Angeles Monday, Oct. 21.

FRANK JONES HONORED WITH KTO’S WARNER JONES AWARD

Frank L. Jones, Jr., a horse owner, breeder and horseplayer who has volunteered his time helping the Thoroughbred industry through his work on behalf of horsemen and as a regulator, will be honored by the Louisville-based Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners with the organization’s 2019 Warner L. Jones Jr. Horseman of the Year Award.

Jones is the featured honoree at the KTO’s 32nd annual awards gala Saturday, Nov. 16 at the Kentucky Derby Museum, located at 704 Central Avenue adjacent to Churchill Downs. Cocktails begin at 6 p.m. ET, with dinner at 7. Tickets are available for $125, including dinner and drinks, by contacting Marlene Meyer at 502-458-5820 or Chris Murphy at 502-500-5141.

“It’s a fantastic honor,” Frank Jones said. “I’m very pleased that people thought that much of me.”

The Warner L. Jones Jr. Horseman of the Year Award recognizes individuals for outstanding contributions to Kentucky racing and sharing the passion exemplified by Jones, who spent 50 years on the Churchill Downs board, including eight as chairman during the iconic track’s resurgence. Warner Jones—the first and so far only breeder of a GI Kentucky Derby, GI Kentucky Oaks and Breeders’ Cup winner—was the inaugural award winner in 1988, six years before his death.

Blue Chipper (Tiznow), who took his career record to seven victories from eight career starts when proving too tough for an international field in the Keeneland Korea Sprint (1200m) at Seoul Racecourse Sept. 9, arrived at that facility from Busan Racecourse in the south to begin the quarantine process in the international isolation stables ahead of his appearance in the GI Breeders’ Cup Dirt Mile Nov. 2 at Santa Anita.

Bred by Gerald Ford’s Kentucky-based Diamond A Racing Corp., the gelded son of 2010 GII Demoiselle S. winner Dixie City (Dixie Union) was bought back on a bid of $95,000 out of the Taylor Made consignment at the 2016 Keeneland September Sale. Exported to Korea, he won two of his three starts at two, but a series of injuries thereafter kept him away from the races for 16 months. He has been an unstoppable force at home since, with five consecutive victories, including a smashing 10-length tally in the Busan Owners’ Cup (1600m) July 28 (video). His final time of 1:36.1 over the deep surface broke the previous track record by better than a full second.

Dropped back in trip for the 1-billion won Keeneland Korea Sprint last time, Blue Chipper showed good speed from gate 13 to dispute the pace and came away late to score by 1 1/4 lengths as the 3-2 favorite (video).

JOURNEY by Alan Carasso

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THOROUGHBRED PARK SCULPTOR TO SELL PERSONAL ART COLLECTION

Gwen Reardon, the sculptor and artist responsible for the spectacular bronze horses at Lexington's Thoroughbred Park, will sell over 60 pieces from her personal collection at auction Nov. 8, 2019 conducted by Bluegrass Auction, Appraisal & Realty LLC. Reardon, 87, is well known for her life-size bronze sculptures of famous equines, which have been commissioned by individuals and organizations all over the world. Best known for Thoroughbred Park, her life-sized works also appear at the Kentucky Horse Park, Equestrian Park at Lexington Bluegrass Airport, as well as the bronze of Native Dancer in Centennial Park in Saratoga, N.Y.

The catalog and online bidding for the sale is available at the Bluegrass Auction website, www.bluegrassauction.com, along with complete terms and details. The live sale will be a special Friday evening event beginning at 7 p.m., inspection beginning at 5 p.m., located at the gallery at 1163 Floyd Drive in Lexington KY, 40505. Online bidding is available on the website for those who cannot attend.

LUCK AT THE CUP KICKS OFF FRIDAY

Luck at the Cup, a talk show that will spotlight some of the industry’s most iconic personalities as they prepare for the 2019 Breeders' Cup World Championships, is set to premier Friday.

Hosted by racing broadcaster Nick Luck and modeled after his popular television program in the UK, Luck on Sunday, the six-episode series will offer exclusive, one-on-one interviews with the owners, trainers, jockeys, veterinarians and racetrack executives.

“Our fans are increasingly looking to go behind-the-scenes and learn about the first-person experiences of those who are most deeply involved in the industry,” said Justin McDonald, Senior Vice President of Marketing at Breeders’ Cup. “In recent years, we’ve introduced a robust selection of new content and programming that provides this exact privileged access and insider insight they are seeking, and we’re thrilled to offer yet another opportunity for fans to follow along with their favorite racing figures with Luck at the Cup.”

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Friday, Keeneland, post time: 5:30 p.m. EDT

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### Saturday, Woodbine, post time: 2:18 p.m. EDT

#### ONTARIO FASHION S.-GIII, C$125,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f

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### Sunday, Belmont, post time: 5:13 p.m. EDT

#### ATHENIA S.-GIII, $200,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT

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### Sunday, Keeneland, post time: 4:57 p.m. EDT

#### ROOD AND RIDDLE DOWAGER S.-GIII, $125,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT

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# 2019 Leading Sixth-Crop Sires YTD by GISWs

For stallions standing in North America through Wednesday, Oct. 16

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FRIDAY'S RACING INSIGHTS:
HALF TO TEPIN DEBUTS AT KEENELAND

By Christie DeBernardis
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2nd-KEE, $71K, Msw, 2yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:39 p.m. ET

LNJ Foxwoods went to $750,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale to acquire REPOSSESSION (IRE) (War Front), who is a half-sister to two-time champion Tepin (Bernstein), and she debuts in this spot for trainer Ben Colebrook. A six-time Grade I winner, including the Breeders’ Cup Mile and Royal Ascot’s G1 Queen Anne S., Tepin earned over $4.4 million during her illustrious career and was sold to Coolmore for $8 million carrying her first foal by Curlin at the 2017 Fasig-Tipton November Sale. LNJ owned their dam Life Happened (Stravinsky) for a brief period, purchasing her for $750,000 at the 2014 Keeneland January Sale and later selling her privately. Repossession is also a half to MGSW millionaire Vyjack (Into Mischief) and MGSP Prime Cut (Bernstein). Dale Romans also unveils a well-related runner in Causeway Royce (Giant’s Causeway). The homebred is a half-sister to GSW Sweeping Paddy (Paddy O’Prado), SW C. S. Incharge (Take Charge Indy) and MGISP Cherry Wine (Paddy O’Prado).

EXPENSIVE MEDAG FILLY DEBUTS FOR STONESTREET & COX

6th-KEE, $71K, Msw, 2yo, f, 6f, 3:51 p.m.

Stonestreet Stables’ $825,000 OBS April purchase RAISON D’ETRE (Medaglia d’Oro) makes her career bow for Brad Cox in this test. A $172,000 FTKOCT yearling buy, the dark bay was the fifth highest-priced juvenile at the OBS April Sale after breezing in a snappy :9 4/5 for consignor Becky Thomas. She is out of SP Critikal Reason (Aptitude), a half-sister to GI Kentucky Oaks winner Lemons Forever (Lemon Drop Kid), who is the dam of champion Forever Unbridled (Unbridled’s Song) and GSW Unbridled Forever (Unbridled’s Song). Raison d’Etre is a half-sister to MSW & GISP Bajan (Speightstown) and GSP Virtual Machine (Drosselmeyer). Bruce Lunsford homebred Private Collection (Curlin) also makes her first trip to the post here. Her unraced dam is a half-sister to Grade I-winning millionaire Madcap Escapade (Hennessy), who is the dam of GSW Mi Sueno (Pulpit). Ben Colebrook also saddles a first timer with a strong pedigree in Adele Dilschneider and Claiborne Farm homebred Tickle (Distorted Humor), whose dam is a full-sister to champion and top sire Blame (Arch). This is also the family of Group 1 winner Archipenko (Kingmambo); GSW Size (First Samurai); GISP Mucho (Blame); and MSW & MGSP Sower (Flatter).
IN ORDER OF PURSE:
MARK MCDERMOTT S., $100,000, Presque Isle Downs, 10-16, (S), 2yo, 6f (AWT), 1:09.68, ft.

1--NEWSTOME, 117, c, 2, by Goldencents
   1st Dam: Newstouse, by Unbridled’s Song
   2nd Dam: Double Cat, by Storm Cat
   3rd Dam: Hollywood Wildcat, by Kris S.
   ($27,000 RNA Ylg ’18 KEESEP; $30,000 2yo ‘19 EASMAY).
1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Marie F. Trombetta; B-Equivine Farm (PA); T-Michael J. Trombetta; J-Antonio A. Gallardo. $60,000.

Margins: 3, 2 1/4, 1. Odds: 1.60, 7.40, 0.90.
Also Ran: Literally, Chilly Sky, Johnny Ritt, Tio Perico, Gravel Road.
A decisive debut winner at Parx Aug. 3, Newstome faded to seventh behind recent GIII Futurity S. winner Four Wheel Drive (American Pharoah) when trying turf in Colonial’s Rosies S. Aug. 31. Installed as the second choice in this return to the main track, the gray stalked the dueling leaders from a two-wide third through a :22.20 opening quarter. Seizing command approaching the far turn, Newstome charged clear in the lane to become his sophomore sire (by Into Mischief)’s sixth black-type winner. The winner’s dam produced an Exaggerator filly last year and a Declaration of War filly this term. She was bred back to hard-knocking MGISW Hoppertunity. Newstome hails from the family of champion Hollywood Wildcat (Kris S.) and GI Breeders’ Cup Mile victor War Chant (Danzig). Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:
6th-Keeneland, $73,780, Alw, 10-17, (NW2$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:37.87, gd.
WINNING ENVELOPE (f, 3, More Than Ready--Granby Girl, by Badge of Silver) finished third in Arlington’s Hatoof S. July 13 and was fifth next out in that venue’s GIII Pucker Up S. Aug. 10. She closed from well back to complete the trifecta in the Indiana Grand S. last time Sept. 4. Dispatched at 5-2, the chestnut was rated back to sit in ninth on the fence through opening splits of :24.81 and :48.75. Maintaining that position on the turn for home, she inched closer in early stretch and charged up the fence late to steal the show by a head in the final strides. East Moon (Speightstown) was forced to settle for second, finishing a head clear of favored La Signare (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}). The winner has a juvenile half-sister named Nominant (Palace Malice) and a yearling half-brother named The Predicament (Gemologist) Granby Girl was bred to More Than Ready this spring. Sales history: $3,000 2yo ‘18 KEJAN. Lifetime Record: MSP, 10-3-0-2, $146,988. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Lothenbach Stables, Inc. (Bob Lothenbach); B-Ramspring Farm (KY); T-Chris M. Block.

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7th-Keeneland, $72,766, Alw (NW2L)/Opt. Clm ($75,000), 10-17, 2yo, 6f, 1:10.50, ft.

**COMPLEXIFIER (c, 2, **Overanalyze**--**Freud's Irish Miss (SP), by Freud)** completed the trifecta on debut at Saratoga July 27 and was second next out there Aug. 24. He earned his diploma at third asking at Churchill Downs Sept. 20 and was heavily favored at 2-5 to repeat here. Pressing from second through a :22.65 opening quarter, the dark bay swept past pacesetter Letsstaypositive (Palace Malice) in mid-stretch and rolled clear to win by 2 1/2 lengths. The winner has a weanling full-sister and his dam was bred back to Overanalyze. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, $128,238.

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O-Fort Springs Racing; B-C. W. Swann & Wetherbee Holdings, LLC. (KY); T-Brian A. Lynch.

1st-Keeneland, $70,968, Msw, 10-17, 2yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:45.68, gd.

**PERFECT STAR (c, 2, **Into Mischief**--**Chic Dancer (GSW, $308,336), by Joyeux Danseur)** closed to be sixth in his six-panel unveiling on this venue’s main track 13 days ago and was dismissed at 20-1 in this switch to the lawn and extension in trip. Seizing the early advantage, the bay loped along through soft early fractions and extended clear in the lane to spring the upset by 3 1/2 lengths. The winner’s dam Classy Citizen is a half to Her Emmynency (Successful Appeal), GSW, $560,595. Perfect Star is the most recent produce for Chic Dancer, who visited Violence this past breeding season. Sales history: $190,000 Ylg ‘18 KEESEP; $20,000 2yo ‘19 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, $42,809.

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O-Anton Kubacak; B-S. D. Brilie, L.P. (KY); T-Scott Gelner.

3rd-Laurel, $41,200, Msw, 10-17, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.47, ft.

**HUNTING SEASON (f, 3, **Pioneerof the Nile**--**Flying Spur (GISP, $198,821), by Giant's Causeway)** finished fifth in her career bow in the slop at Belmont May 5 and was second in her next two starts at Laurel Aug. 1 and Sept. 6. Away alertly, the 2-1 shot tracked from third through modest early fractions. Still left with plenty to do at the top of the lane, the $575,000 KEESEP buy kicked into gear in mid-stretch, reeling in favored Twirling Star (Twirling Candy) and cruising clear to win by 2 1/4 lengths. The winner’s dam GISP Flying Spur produced a Cairo Prince colt earlier this year and was bred back to American Pharoah. The 13-year-old mare is a daughter of MGISW Lakeway (Seattle Slew) and a half-sister to SW Sluice (Seeking the Gold), who is the dam of GISW millionaire Muska (Empire Maker). Sales history: $575,000 Ylg ’17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, $42,800.

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O-Andrew Rosen & Edward Easton; B-Mike G. Rutherford (KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III.

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In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for Saturday’s programs at Kyoto and Tokyo Racecourses, featuring the exciting Mont Perdu (Cairo Prince). Runners entered for Sunday and Monday will appear in Saturday’s TDN:

Saturday, October 19, 2019

4th-KYO, ¥13,400,000 ($123k), Newcomers, 2yo, 1400m

GLASS COCKPIT (c, 2, Congrats--Million Gift {Jpn}, by Sunday Silence), a half-brother to SW Million Seller (A.P. Indy), is out of a daughter of dual Grade I winner Maplejinsky (Nijinsky II), whose produce include nine-time GISW and Eclipse Award winner Sky Beauty (Blushing Groom {Fr}) and the dams of MGISW Tale of Ekati (Tale of the Cat) and his GSW full-brother Tale of Silence; GI Breeders Cup Distaff upsetter Pleasant Home (Pleasant Tap); and MSW and recent Floral Park S. runner-up Goldwood (Medaglia d'Oro). Glass Cockpit’s third dam was champion Gold Beauty (Mr. Prospector), dam of European champion, MG1SW & unlucky GI Breeders Cup Sprint runner-up Dayjur (Danzig). B-Dr Masatake Iida (KY)

4th-TOK, ¥13,400,000 ($123k), Newcomers, 2yo, 1600m

AMERICAN FACE (c, 2, Tapit--Screen Goddess, by Giant’s Causeway), a $450K Keeneland September yearling purchase, is out of a winning half-sister to this breeder’s G Matriarch S. winner Star Billing (Dynaformer). The colt’s MGSW third dam To The Hunt (Relaunch) produced Krikorian’s MGISW Starrer (Dynaformer) and MGISW Stellar Jayne (Wild Rush), third to Ashado (Saint Ballado) in the 2004 GI Breeders Cup Distaff. B-George Krikorian (KY)

11th-KYO, ¥41,800,000 ($385k), Hcp., 3yo/up, 1200m

MONT PERDU (f, 3, Cairo Prince--Spanish Post, by Flatter) has done very little wrong in her career, with four victories and a third-place effort from her six trips to the post, including a track record-setting performer at Chukyo in July over 1200m (video, gate 9) and a facile score going five furlongs at Kokura Aug. 17 (video, gate 2). One of two females in this heat and the lone 3-year-old of either sex, Mont Perdu has been assigned a feathery 112 pounds and is in receipt of 15 pounds from the top-weights under handicap conditions. A $115K graduate of the 2017 Fasig-Tipton New York-Bred Sale, she fetched $325K at last year’s Fasig-Tipton Florida sale. B-Bluewater Sales LLC & Three Diamonds Farm (NY)

FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

Bayern (Offlee Wild), Hill ‘n’ Dale Farms, $15,000
94 foals of racing age/13 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Keeneland, Msw 6f, BAYERNESS, 8-1
$170,000 KEE SEP yrl; $350,000 EAS MAY 2yo
9-Laurel, Msw 1mT, LA BABIA, 15-1

Bourbon Courage (Lion Heart), Anchor & Hope Farm, $5,000
45 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner
9-Laurel, Msw 1mT, BOURBON STYLE, 20-1
$32,000 EAS OCT yrl

Commissioner (A.P. Indy), WinStar Farm, $7,500
94 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, COMMCAT, 6-1
$28,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl; $10,000 FTK OCT yrl

Constitution (Tapit), WinStar Farm, $15,000
123 foals of racing age/15 winners/3 black-type winners
2-Keeneland, Msw 1 1/16mT, SURSUM CORDA, 8-1
$40,000 KEE SEP yrl

Dramedy (Distorted Humor), River Oaks Farm, $2,000
20 foals of racing age/1 winner/1 black-type winner
3-Remington, $100K Oklahoma Classics Juvenile S., 6f, SOUTHGATE, 10-1
$6,500 RNA OKC YRL yrl

Honor Code (A.P. Indy), Lane’s End Farm, $40,000
111 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Keeneland, Msw 6f, RECODED, 6-1
$150,000 FTS AUG yrl

Jack Milton (War Front), Crestwood Farm, $6,500
58 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
9-Laurel, Msw 1mT, GRAND ENTRADA, 15-1
$19,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo
Khozan (Distorted Humor), Journeyman Stud, $4,000
73 foals of racing age/14 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Delta Downs, $100K Louisiana Jewel S., 7f, SEBS PRINCESS, 8-1
$5,500 ESL YRL yrl

Majestic City (City Zip), Questroyal North, $3,500
34 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, CITY PRINCESS, 9-2
$4,500 RNA EAS OCT yrl

Medal Count (Dynafamer), Spendthrift Farm, $3,500
61 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, BOOSTER GOLD, 15-1
$3,200 KEE JAN wnl; $5,500 OBS OCT yrl; $11,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Palace Malice (Curlin), Three Chimneys Farm, $15,000
123 foals of racing age/13 winners/2 black-type winners
6-Indiana Grand, Msw 5 1/2f, TRY TRY AGAIN, 15-1
$20,000 KEE SEP yrl

Secret Circle (Eddington), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, $5,000
45 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Indiana Grand, Msw 5 1/2f, AH YEAH, 7-2
$20,000 KEE SEP yrl

Summer Front (War Front), Airdrie Stud, $10,000
97 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
9-Laurel, Msw 1mT, SUMMER KISS, 8-1
$30,000 FTK OCT yrl; $35,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Wicked Strong (Hard Spun), Spendthrift Farm, $7,500
130 foals of racing age/13 winners/4 black-type winners
6-Keneland, Msw 6f, JILTED BRIDE, 4-1
$37,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; $32,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl; $150,000 OBS MAR yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

Fed Biz (Giant's Causeway), WinStar Farm, $10,000
187 foals of racing age/54 winners/4 black-type winners
10-Remington, $100K Oklahoma Classics Lassie S., 6f, DIAMONDS N SPURS, 20-1
$30,000 KEE NOV wnl; $27,000 RNA OBS APR yrl

Guilt Trip (Pulpit), Red River Farms, $2,000
67 foals of racing age/15 winners/2 black-type winners
8-Delta Downs, $100K Louisiana Jewel S., 7f, ORETTA, 12-1

Itsmyluckyday (Lawyer Ron), Spendthrift Farm, $3,500
136 foals of racing age/47 winners/1 black-type winner
10-Remington, $100K Oklahoma Classics Lassie S., 6f, ZAPIT, 30-1

Moro Tap (Tapit), Double Infinity Ranch, $3,500
51 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Remington, $130K Oklahoma Classics Distaff Turf S., 1
$7,200 TTA MIX yrl; $11,000 TTA APR yrl

Real Solution (Kitten's Joy), Blue Star Racing, $5,000
61 foals of racing age/19 winners/2 black-type winners
9-Keeneland, $150K Gill Pin Oak Valley View S., 1 1/16mT,
CATCH A BID, 6-1
$30,000 FTK OCT yrl

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

5th-Laurel, $49,185, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($35,000), 10-17, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (off turf), 1:38.22, ft.
VICTIM OF LOVE (f, 3, Speightstown--Spacy Tracy {GSW, $249,690}, by Awesome Again) Lifetime Record: SW, 10-3-1-1, $101,829. O-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Daniel J. Burke (KY); T-Todd M. Beattie. *$160,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. **Full to Benner Island, GSW & GISP, $305,863; and half to High North (Midnight Lute), MSW & MGSP, $435,930.

8th-Indiana Grand, $45,000, (S), 10-16, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44.77, ft.
DEVIL'S DUE WEST (g, 7, Devil His Due--Prophesy, by Pulpit) Lifetime Record: SW, 46-7-10-4, $326,248. O-James and Tami Eads; B-Steve West & Sharon E. Baker (IN); T-Michael Weaver.

8th-Delta Downs, $40,000, (S), 10-16, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5f, 1:58.93, my.
DEJOKE'S SONG (f, 3, Songandaprayer--Those Lion Eyes {SP, $190,501}, by Lion Heart) Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $40,200. O-John F. Earles; B-Tom Curtis & Wayne Simpson (LA); T-Allen Landry. *$12,000 RNA Ylg '17 ESLYRL; $30,000 2yo '18 EQL2YO.
4th-Laurel, $39,900, 10-17, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (off turf), 1:39.25, ft.

MORTAL STORM (f, 4, Tale of Ekati--Perfect Nodouble, by Perfect Soul {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 15-4-2-1, $92,580. O-Sam Passero; B-Charles Fipke (KY); T-Marilyn G. McMullen. **$1,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP. **Full to Avalina, SW, $126,650.

7th-Remington, $36,805, 10-16, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.17, ft.

ORNAMENTAL IRON (f, 4, Flat Out--Solid Scam, by Consolidator) Lifetime Record: 25-6-7-3, $99,513. O-GK Racing LLC; B-Tim & Nancy Hamlin (KY); T-Karl Broberg.

1st-Remington, $36,300, 10-16, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 5fT, :55.92, fm.

JUST BLAZE (g, 4, Soldat--Lose None {MSP, $200,636}, by Royal Academy) Lifetime Record: 25-7-0-4, $104,016. O-GFB Racing LLC; B-Pedi Racing LLC & Larry Rivelli (IL); T-Danny Pish.

8th-Presque Isle Downs, $34,060, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($35,000), 10-16, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.99, ft.

REGAL CHANT (f, 3, Regal Ransom--Chantilly Lady {SP, $157,603}, by Shore Breeze) Lifetime Record: 10-6-1-0, $119,950. O-Blazing Meadows Farm LLC; B-Shane & Kim Doyle (KY); T-Timothy E. Hamm. *$4,500 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP. *1/2 to Clairvoyant Lady (Astrology), SW, $341,210.

5th-Remington, $34,000, 10-16, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.94, ft.

ALPHA TO OMEGA (c, 4, Fort Larned--Rumpus Room, by Eddington) Lifetime Record: 7-2-3-1, $60,989. O-GK Racing LLC; B-John & Frank Penn (KY); T-Karl Broberg. *$50,000 Ylg '16 FTJUL.

6th-Finger Lakes, $20,400, 10-17, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:47.03, sy.

MISSALPHA (c, 3, Alpha--Dehere Miss, by Dehere) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, $28,710. O/B-My Purple Haze Stables, LLC (NY); T-Chris J. Englehart.

8th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, $19,392, (S), 10-16, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.11, sy.

SKYLAR’S TRICK (f, 3, Fiber Sonde--Phone Jazz, by Phone Trick) Lifetime Record: SP, 15-3-4-1, $82,182. O/B/T-Michael Sterling (WV).

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**High Heater, c, 2, Creative Cause**--Predictress, by Vicar.
Hawthorne, 10-17, 1mT, 1:39.48. B-Brereton C. Jones (KY).
*$47,000 RNA Ylg '18 FTKOCT; $55,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR.
**1/2 to Three Day Rush (Harlan's Holiday), SW, $266,898;
and Perfect Prediction (Majesticperfection), SW.

**Don't Get Khozy, f, 2, Khozan**--Get Noticed (SW-PR, $165,982),
by Graeme Hall. Gulfstream West, 10-17, (C), 7f, 1:26.77.
B-Special Effort Farm & Laura & Michael Colon (FL). *$10,000 Ylg '18 OBSOCT.

**Intersect, f, 3, Cross Traffic**--Among the Willows (SP), by
Brahms. Finger Lakes, 10-17, 6f, 1:13.66. B-Crusader Racing Inc (NY). *$25,000 Ylg '17 SARAUG.

**Grit and Curiosity, g, 3, Macho Uno**--Exchange Cat (MSP), by
Exchange Rate. Indiana Grand, 10-16, 1mT, 1:37.27. B-Elm
Tree Farm, LLC & Brookfield Stud (KY). *$77,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT.

**With Herself (Ire), f, 4, Lilbourne Lad (Ire)**--Caro Mio (Ire), by
Danehill Dancer (Ire). Presque Isle Downs, 10-16, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:42.27. B-Declan Johnson (IRE).

**ALPHA, Missalpha, c, 3, o/o Dehere Miss, by Dehere. ALW,
10-17, Finger Lakes**

**CREATIVE CAUSE, High Heater, c, 2, o/o Predictress, by Vicar.**
MSW, 10-17, Hawthorne

**CROSS TRAFFIC, Intersect, f, 3, o/o Among the Willows, by
Brahms. MSW, 10-17, Finger Lakes**

**DEVIL HIS DUE, Devil's Due West, g, 7, o/o Prophesy, by Pulpit.**
ALW, 10-16, Indiana Grand

**FIBER SONDE, Skylar's Trick, f, 3, o/o Phone Jazz, by Phone Trick.**
ALW, 10-16, Mountaineer

**FLAT OUT, Ornamental Iron, f, 4, o/o Solid Scam, by
Consolidator. ALW, 10-16, Remington**

**FORT LARNED, Alpha to Omega, c, 4, o/o Rumpus Room, by
Eddington. ALW, 10-16, Remington**

**GOLDENCENTS, Newstome, c, 2, o/o Newstouse, by Unbridled's**
Song. Mark McDermott S., 10-16, Presque Isle Downs

**INTO MISCHIEF, Aficionado, c, 2, o/o Classy Citizen, by Proud**
Citizen. MSW, 10-17, Keeneland

**INTO MISCHIEF, Perfect Star, c, 2, o/o Chic Dancer, by Joyeux**
Danseur. MSW, 10-17, Keeneland

**KHOZAN, Don't Get Khozy, f, 2, o/o Get Noticed, by Graeme**
Hall. MCL, 10-17, Gulfstream West

**LILBOURNE LAD (IRE), With Herself (Ire), f, 4, o/o Caro Mio (Ire),
by Danehill Dancer (Ire). MSW, 10-16, Presque Isle Downs**
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By Chris McGrath

NEWMARKET, UK—This was more like it. Not quite so many flashy vehicles in the car park, and much the same held true of the horsepower in the catalogue as well. Just a proper test of horsemanship, a chance to sieve out some affordable quality with your own eye.

With all the obvious physiques and pedigrees corralled into the first two instalments of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, Book 3 becomes a fascinating if gruelling forage for a diamond in the rough. It’s always fun to see people anxiously checking their catalogues when they hear the auctioneer thanking one of the real judges as the gavel comes down. What have they all just let slip through?

The strength of the market in Books 1 and 2, however, meant that nothing would be easy even for the real grafters. With the clearance rate, strong all week, again holding up very well at 86%, some sensed a genuine trickledown.

"It’s the same as all week," said one trainer who found himself to push the boat out. "Relatively speaking, you have to go the extra yard when you do find one. There’s not many falling through the net."

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TRANSATLANTIC ‘RISING STAR’ TIMELY FOR HOLLAND

By Chris McGrath

The timing could hardly have been better. Only the previous evening, Brendan Holland had staked a cool 310,000gns on a Kodiac (GB) colt out of Book 2 at the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale. That plainly leaves his Grove Stud accounts little margin for error, when he brings the horse back to Newmarket for the Craven Breeze-Up Sale next spring. But the same had appeared true, at the Keeneland September Sale last year, when he exported a son of American Pharoah for $275,000. And that proved a spectacular investment when the colt topped the Arqana Breeze-Up Sale in May at €1.1 million to Coolmore through Laurent Benoit.

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DETAILS EMERGE IN RUIS REQUEST FOR HEARING

More details are emerging as to the grounds by which Mick Ruis, trainer of 2018 GI Santa Anita Derby runner-up Bolt d’Oro (Medaglia d’Oro), is seeking a public review on Justify (Scat Daddy)’s scopolamine positive and the dismissal of those findings. Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.
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That said, it’s worth recognising how the top players—quite apart from the obvious tapering in quality—generally recognise that trainers and pinhookers deserve a relatively clear run at the nicer horses they work so hard to find at this level. While both the biggest dockets of the day were signed by Anthony Stroud, he was not acting for his biggest patrons at Godolphin.

As ever, of course, it is a two-way street and some of the good prices paid represented due reward for no less skill and commitment on the part of smaller breeders and vendors—starting with the top lot of the day, a 145,000gns filly from the first crop of Territories (Ire), a price exceeded only once in Book 3 history.

That’s a real feather in the cap of the Dalham Hall rookie, but also a sign of the strength of the market in what is often presumed to be a porous sector. While turnover dipped marginally on last year, by 3% to 5,211,500gns, the smaller volume of yearlings offered meant that the average (21,805gns from 21,398gns) inched forwards, with the median holding steady at 16,000gns.

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TATTERSALLS OCTOBER YEARLING SALE BOOK 3

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Breathtaking Dividend for Old Partners

"They've never had a touch like it," said Richard Kent of Mickley Stud as his clients Thorsten Feddern and Fred Ellis celebrated the sale-topping transfer of Lot 1567 to Stroud Coleman Bloodstock. "And they deserve it, they prepped her beautifully. I only met here here! She's very racy, walks beautifully and is very athletic."

Feddern was quick to repay the compliment, stressing: "For us, as small breeders, it's essential to have this co-operation with Mickley. We have done the prep at home but it is Richard and his team who do the talking, who have the people coming up to them here."

Of course, everyone needs luck for their toil to pay off. And the Territories (Ire) filly's half-sister Breathtaking Look (GB) (Bated Breath {GB}) had pulled a 20-1 Group success out of her hat following publication of the catalogue, at the St Leger meeting.

"For once the update was well timed," said Feddern wryly. "We're over the moon. She's been a star all the way, but we've had those before and never made a price like that. We've been breeding together for over 20 years, and this filly is third generation: we bought the grand-dam in Germany. We had a price we'd have kept her for—but not that price!"

They had sold Breathtaking Look herself in the same catalogue three years ago, again through Mickley, to Stuart Williams for 42,000gns. She is the first runner out of Love Your Looks (GB) (Iffraaj {GB}), who was twice Listed-placed herself, but at least as important to Stroud on this occasion was the sire.

"She's for an old client," he explained. "And we particularly wanted one by Territories, whose offspring have looked very good all through the sales, and I thought this was a good example: a nice, racy model, obviously with a good update. I'd say she'll be trained either here or in France, but she looks fast so more probably here."

Dream Goes on for Fanshawe Syndicate

Stroud duly raised the bar he had set when signing a 125,000gns docket for a Free Eagle (Ire) colt consigned by Mountain View Stud, jointly with Fred Archer Racing.

Operated by James Fanshawe in honour of the Victorian legend who built his Pegasus Stables, these syndicates are an absolute model of their type, their success spreading far beyond flagbearer The Tin Man (GB) (Equiano {Fr}). The old stalwart returns to Ascot Saturday with every chance of a fourth Group 1 success at the age of seven, but Lot 1426 is a half-brother to their latest success story, Archer's Dream (Ire) (Dream Ahead), whose four wins from six starts to date include a Listed sprint at Salisbury this summer.
Lot 1426
| Tattersalls

Dream Goes On cont.

Archer’s Dream was purchased in this ring as a December yearling, from Nicola Kent, for 38,000gns, and promises to have good residual value as the first runner out of Badr Al Badoor (Ire) (Acclamation [GB]), winner of four races for Fanshawe herself and a half-sister to G1 King’s Stand S. winner Profitable (Ire) (Invincible Spirit [Ire]) among several other black-type performers and/or producers.

And the hope is that the page will be enhanced by this colt soon enough. Though a May foal, Stroud reckons him built not to need too much time.

"He's a very nice, easy-going, athletic colt who should make up into a 2-year-old," reasoned the agent. "The dam is by Acclamation, who's a very good broodmare sire. And anyone is welcome to join the syndicate!"

Those who do will be joining a winning team as Fanshawe, though mysteriously neglected by most of the superpower investors, has this year surpassed even his own high standards with his most prolific campaign since 2002.

"The syndicates are great fun and most of the horses have won," Fanshawe said. "Each horse is in 10 shares but we find that people like to invest in more than one, so they can spread the risk, reduce costs, while still having a meaningful stake in yearlings that would be quite an undertaking in their own name. We also bought a Showcasing filly in Book 1 for 75,000gns."

Rory Mahon of Mountain View reported Badr Al Badoor to be carrying a collector’s item, having been one of the mares covered by the tragic Roaring Lion in his single season at stud.

"That's a great result," he said. "He is a very nice colt, very well balanced, and looks like a racehorse."

Two Witch of Fife Lines Meet Again

The Mahon family had already banked 62,000gns from Joe Foley for Lot 1411, on behalf of Clipper Logistics—for whom Foley found an 85,000gns Royal Ascot winner, Space Traveller (GB) (Bated Breath [GB]), in this catalogue two years ago.

This filly is in effect a Shadwell production as a daughter of Nayef acquired in utero with the stakes-placed Alqubbah (Ire) (Arcano [Ire]), culled for just £30,000 to Howson & Houldsworth at the mixed August Sale at Ascot in 2017. Her dam was placed in the G2 May Hill and this is the further family of 2,000 Guineas Magna Grecia (Ire) (Invincible Spirit [Ire]). Plenty of residual value there, then, though she looks built to enhance the page herself first.

"She's a beauty," said Foley. "She's out of a very good, sharp mare. I like to think a little out of the box, but Nayef is a good sire of fillies and she's from the good, deep family of Witch Of Fife (Lear Fan)."

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"She's for an owner in my yard who loves the sire," the trainer explained. "We tried for one earlier in the week but didn't manage so I'm delighted we managed to land such a lovely, good-walking filly."

She is the first foal of an unraced Canford Cliffs (Ire) half-sister to two Listed winners out of a half-sister to G1 Prix Vermeille winner Pearly Shells (GB)—whose own mother is a half-sister to the dam of Witch Of Fife.

Rabbah First to Last

One of the big players of Book 2 that did keep chipping quietly away was Rabbah, the session's leading purchaser with a dozen yearlings for an aggregate 411,000gns-headed by a 72,000gns colt from the first crop of The Last Lion (Ire) (Choisir {Aus}). That represented due reward for the patience of Hazelwood Bloodstock, who retained him at 20,000gns here last December. He had been acquired in utero as part of the package with his dam, Listed winner Anadolu (Ire) (Statue Of Liberty), when she sold for just €30,000 at Goffs February last year.

"We brought him to the foal sale last year but he was a bit immature, being a May foal," said Adrian O'Brien of Hazlewood. "But I liked his style, so decided to keep him. He has turned into a beautiful yearling and done very well."

The mare, out of a Grade II winner in California, looks well bought now—not least as her 2-year-old Istanbul (Ire) (Gutaifan {Ire}) is sufficiently well regarded by Richard Fahey to have been tried in the G2 Prix Robert Papin, running a creditable fifth, in his only start since winning his maiden.

Lynam Flying the Flag

Soffia (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}) has reminded everyone of the skills of Edward Lynam this summer, as a €52,000 yearling who won consecutively at Listed, Group 3 and Group 2 level. But it was another very fast filly who was in the back of the Co Meath trainer's mind as he signed a 70,000gns docket for Lot 1412.

"A nice filly and let's hope she's as lucky as another one I had by Starspangledbanner (Aus), Anthem Alexander (Ire)," he said. Anthem Alexander's two visits to Royal Ascot yielded success in the G2 Queen Mary S. and then a podium behind Muhaarar (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) in the G1 Commonwealth Cup. This filly is the first foal of a New Approach (Ire) half-sister to dual Group 3 winner Alanza (Ire) (Dubai Destination), that pair out of Classic-placed Alasha (Ire) (Barathea {Ire}) from the family of Alamshar (Ire) (Key Of Luck) among others. All good Aga Khan stuff, and now in no less respected hands at Lodge Park Stud. 

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"She's from a top-class farm," assented Lynam. "There are a lot of good milers in the pedigree, it's a good cross, and of course the sire had the [G1] Cheveley Park winner the other day [Millisle (Ire)]."

Giving Credit Where It's Due
Clive Cox has contributed significantly to the brisk start of another rookie, Whitsbury's Due Diligence, saddling the £13,000 Doncaster breezer Streamline (GB) to win three of his four starts, including the G3 Sirenia S. at Kempton last month. And the Lambourn trainer picked up another of the farm homebreds when giving 60,000gns for Lot 1385, a January filly out of Group 2-placed Tongue Twista (GB) (Stimulation {Ire})-crediting her as "a really racy, nice model to go to war with."

Whitsbury's Ed Harper, having clipped its son of War Front to £4,000 this year, is delighted how his first crop have meanwhile made their £6,500 opening fee pay.
"The sire's been going so well," he enthused. "He's had three stakes winners, two of them bred at Whitsbury, and hopefully this filly can become the first of his second crop. She was never in her box, as a real forward-going, ants-in-her-pants type of filly."

Cox also gave 55,000gns for Lot 1480, a Fountain Of Youth (Ire) filly consigned by Bearstone Stud from a wonderful family. The second dam, a sister to Al Bahathri (Ire) (Blushing Groom {Fr}), produced blue hen Green Room (Theatrical {Ire}) among other elite performers and/or producers.

Siyouni Maintains a Following Breeze
This is a fertile catalogue for the breeze-up consignors and Siyouni (Fr) was again at the top of their shopping list, following a 220,000gns pinhook investment between Star Bloodstock and Longways Stables the previous day. The latter of that pair broke the Doncaster Breeze-Up record with a £450,000 daughter of Siyouni in the spring, and Jim McCartan would certainly settle for that kind of dividend after giving 80,000gns for another one.

Lot 1496, consigned by Voute Sales, is a daughter of Enraptured (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}) who was similarly culled by Lady Bamford here last December for just 34,000gns-actually to her breeders Airlie Stud, who had once sold her as a Book 1 yearling for 450,000gns. She showed ability during a light career, winning a Newmarket maiden, and is a half-sister to a Group 3 winner in Pincheck (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), so McCartan hopes to draw out some of that quality in her daughter now.
"She looks a nice, balanced, precocious type," he said. "And the sire is very popular at the moment, particularly his fillies. I've only had one or two Siyounis myself, but they were very easy to manage."

Getting the Last Laugh
Dredging Book 3 reliably brings out the best in Alastair Pim, who always gets a greater kick out of eking out an extra bid for the little man than from an extra 100,000gns on a Book 1 sale-topper. True, the auctioneer seemed tempted to administer one instead when imploring Mick Easterby, late in the session, to stop prevaricating at 7,500gns over a colt sent up from Minster Stud. In the end, he outwitted the old Yorkshire fox by recognising a late bid and an 8,000gns docket was signed, with the due grace of 'the biter bit', by Easterby's son David.

David's cousin Tim will be receiving one of the most coveted of the later lots, with Anthony Bromley going to 75,000gns for an Intello (Ger) colt consigned by the National Stud. He saw off plenty of competition for Lot 1606, but that was only one aspect of his perseverance.
"John Cotton, who's a long-term client, wanted a middle-distance type that will make a 3-year-old," the Highflyer agent explained. "We came up short in Book 2 so I went through all the pedigrees last night and he was the last of around 40 I looked at. I was quite prepared to give up but it turned out that he absolutely stood out-and it didn't do any harm that he was the spitting image of Penzance (GB) (Pennekamp)!'"

The 2005 Triumph Hurdle winner, trained by Bromley's regular collaborator Alan King, is a half-brother not only to the champion miler Soviet Song (Ire) (Soviet Star) but also to the grand-dam of this colt-a wonderful pinhook by J.D. Moore, who signed for him at just 5,000gns here last December. Moore had been delighted to see the half-brother Dr Simpson (Fr) (Dandy Man {Ire}) get not one but two stakes updates since the publication of the catalogue. "Tim Lane helped me find the foal, and he has turned into a lovely, quality horse," he said. "He went to Ireland after the sales and then Tim and his team at the National Stud had him to prep. They have done a fantastic job, and a special shout-out to Joe Cullen who's been in charge here."

As we said at the outset, then: a day for the grafters.
Transatlantic ‘Rising Star’ Timely For Holland cont.

Sent him into training with Andre Fabre, Ocean Atlantique made a promising debut at Saint-Cloud last month and on Wednesday was named a ‘TDN Rising Star’ after winning a maiden over the same course by eight lengths. To see that, less than 24 hours after again rolling the dice so bravely at Tattersalls, could only fortify Holland’s belief. Because it’s a luxury no vendor can afford, simply to bank a profit and consider the job done. The horses still need to go out there on the track and encourage repeat business. For some reason, and most unfairly, that is perceived to be especially true of the breeze-up sector—albeit we all know how many expensive yearlings sent directly to their trainers from the yearling sales will never live up to their pricetags.

“It’s vitally important, not just for Grove Stud but for the whole breeze-up sector, that those high-priced ones go on and do well,” Holland said. “That’s why all the lads, all my co-consignors, will be as happy for me as I would be for them. Because we benefit collectively.”

“Hopefully this is only the start of a good career, for this horse. But it’s an impressive start, and important. We’re all aware of it and it is timely, for me, after sticking my neck out on Tuesday! But that’s what it’s all about. You have to believe in what you’ve sold, have to keep going, have to get them lined up again for next year.”

Ocean Atlantique might easily have gone even beyond the audacious reach of Holland, given that his second dam Dissemble (GB) is a half-sister to none other than the Juddmonte matriarch Hasili (Ire) (Kahyasi {Ire}). “The mare [Tare Green (Giant’s Causeway), a half-sister to Leroidesanimaux (Brz) (Candy Stripes)] had been slightly disappointing up until then,” Holland concedes. “But the back family is really as good as there is in the book. Listen, you've got to follow all these nice horses in, and sometimes one of them drops your way. That day we got lucky. But if you don't stick your hand up, you definitely won’t.” Holland generally avoids unproven sires, which is itself pretty instructive. Where the commercial yearling market often tries to ride the flimsy tide of fashion, he knows he needs raw materials of reliable substance. But he will make an exception to assess the stock of runners of real calibre.

“I’d looked at a lot of American Pharoahs,” he said. “And I soon found they had a few things in common: they were quite big; they had a slight plainness, but a very honest look about them; they all put their heads down; they were all athletic in their walk. And that was this horse, too. He was big, strong, balanced, athletic, with a very good eye.”

“As soon as he started working in the spring, for a big horse he was very light on his feet. And by May he was a bit like the ugly duckling, he had turned into a big, handsome horse with a great attitude. One thing everyone tells me about American Pharoah is that he himself had a tremendous attitude. And if you see 20 of them, you will see how positive and honest they are; how they go to the bridle and put their heads down. For us, that’s so important. You cannot look at their heads enough, because they have to come up that track on their own. It takes a certain quality in a horse to do that—and he had it in spades.”

Certainly Holland was never in doubt about the transferability, to the European environment, of the class American Pharoah had shown on dirt.

“First of all, the bottom half of this horse’s family is grass anyway,” he said. “But either they can run or they can’t, whatever the surface. Some horses in America, physically, don’t look suited to turf racing: that heavier type of horse, that slightly longer, slacker pastern. Maybe I’m right about that, maybe I’m not. But generally I do just feel that a good horse is a good horse.” Holland knew that this good horse was the talk of the sale at Deauville, but he also knew there were no guarantees. As it was, even as one who knows the business well enough never to be carried away, it proved a momentous day.

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Holland cont.

“It’s a milestone in any lifetime of selling horses, to have a
seven-figure sale,” Holland said. “I thought that if ever there was
a horse capable of it, on the day, it was him. But you wouldn’t
even dream of achieving it. No doubt about, it is something
significant in anyone’s career to do that at an auction.”

Holland joked that he was inclined to watch Wednesday’s race
from outside, through a window, in case the horse failed to land
short odds. But he had been given every confidence. “I was
assured, from the yard, that the improvement he’d make from
his first start would be much more significant than is normal for
one of Andre Fabre’s,” he explained. “He’s extremely laid back in
the morning, and they had struggled to get him as fit as their
debutants would generally be, so he had a huge blow after his
first race.”

Moreover that curve of improvement would seem very likely
to be sustained. “These Pharoahs are so big they have to be way
better again, at three,” Holland reasoned. “This one will be,
anyway. And so will the Lope De Vega (Ire) colt I sold for
€700,000 at the same sale [Carlos Felix (Ire)]. He’s also an
obviously high-quality horse, not as big but more backward. His
first run for David Simcock at Yarmouth last month was very
promising, the form has been franked, and he’s definitely an
exciting horse for next year.

“In general the breeze-up horses have done extremely well on
the track this year. There’s a lot of political turmoil around the
world but the market continued unabated. And I’m not hopeful,
I’m extremely confident, that the sector is getting stronger and
stronger.”

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Magical will be ridden by Donnacha O’Brien | Racing Post

After a week of uncertainty with the dramatic wet spell the
key player, Ascot’s QIPCO Champions Day was set down for
examination on Thursday with the main feature headed by
Ballydoyle’s Magical (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). As expected, Aidan
O’Brien opted to withdraw Japan (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) from the
G1 QIPCO Champion S. which leaves the G1 Irish Champion S.
heroine to fly the flag in a renewal in which the fillies outweigh
the opposite sex. Accompanied by last year’s G1 Queen
Elizabeth II S. runner-up I Can Fly (GB) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), the
4-year-old is drawn outside in eight as she bids to rebound from
a tiring effort when an aggressively-ridden fifth in
ParisLongchamp’s G1 Qatar Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe 13 days
ago. Donnacha O’Brien rides her as he did on that occasion, with
Ryan Moore at Randwick for Ten Sovereigns (Ire) (No Nay
Never) in The Everest.

O’Brien has some choice rides on the card and is hoping that
the star turn can provide the stable with a first success in the
prestigious affair. “Magical maybe doesn’t quite get home over a
mile and a half in very soft ground, so that maybe found her out
in the Arc and dropping back to a mile and a quarter could suit
her,” he explained. “She’s a very high-class filly and an
unbelievable mare.” Cont. p9
Fears that the meeting would be undermined by the volume of rain seem to have faded in part, with the inner or hurdles course set to be used for the Champion S., G1 QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares S. and G2 QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup now drying to good-to-soft with the possibility of good ground in the description if the venue escapes further showers. That will suit Bjorn Nielsen’s star stayer Stradivarius (Ire) (Sea the Stars (Ire)) as he bids for back-to-back wins in the Long Distance Cup. John Gosden is due to walk the track on Saturday morning before committing, but the odds of him being there on a day that demands his presence are looking highly favourable at present.

Stradivarius is one of six rides with leading chances for Frankie Dettori, whose Champion S. mount is the ‘TDN Rising Star’ Coronet (GB) (Dubawi (Ire)), while fellow ‘TDN Rising Star’ Star Catcher (GB) (Sea the Stars (Ire)) and King of Comedy (Ire) (Kingman (GB)), as well as Advertise (GB) (Showcasing (GB)) and the Balmoral H. favourite Lord North (Ire) (Dubawi (Ire)) will have the bookmakers fearing another of his attempts to go through the card.

The effect of the draw on the inner course remains to be seen, but it is established fact that on the traditional track high numbers have a distinct advantage over middle distances and beyond. That will be welcome news for connections of Star Catcher in the Fillies & Mares, where she is set to break from stall 11 as she bids to follow wins in the G2 Ribblesdale S. at the Royal meeting here June 20, the G1 Irish Oaks at The Curragh July 20 and G1 Prix Vermeille at ParisLongchamp Sept. 15. She is certain to start a short-priced favourite along with the fellow John Gosden-trained Stradivarius and Lord North in the Balmoral.

Gosden, who had a treble in 2018 with Cracksman (GB) (Frankel (GB)), Roaring Lion (Kitten’s Joy) and Stradivarius, is not expecting a repeat. “I don’t think so, no! We’ll be thrilled if we have a winner,” he said. “We’ve just walked into more rain but look what happened at Longchamp; that went heavy in 48 hours. It is autumn, it can happen, but I think we’ve still got some very good horses running from all around Europe.”

There will be general disappointment among the crowd if the two-year unbeaten run of Stradivarius comes to an end in the second race on the card, but Gosden reports him ready for what could be his sternest test of the season taking on Kew Gardens (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)) for the first time. “He’s been in very good form since the Doncaster Cup. He breezed yesterday morning and worked on Saturday and Frankie was very happy with him,” he said. “I have made it clear that I will be walking the inner flat track in the morning, which I did last year for him. I shall then discuss everything with Mr Nielsen. Last year we discussed it and decided to run and I hope that it’s the same this year.”

Star Catcher, who will be joined by the May 31 G1 Epsom Oaks and Oct. 5 G1 Prix de Royallieu heroine Anapurna (GB) (Frankel (GB)) and ‘TDN Rising Star’ Sparkle Roll (Fr) (Kingman (GB)), was also reported in peak condition for a fascinating encounter. “Star Catcher has been great from the Ribblesdale onwards. She won the Vermeille in good style when she got a clear run of it and she’s had nice gaps in her races,” Gosden added. “She goes there with every chance. I think it was a difficult choice for Frankie. He had great difficulty choosing going into the Royallieu where one got the run of the race and one did not and he found it a difficult choice again for Saturday, he really did, but he’s sticking with the filly who has had the longer time between her races.” Of Sparkle Roll, he continued, “She’s in tremendous form and will enjoy the ground and the trip. She’s had a funny old summer but she’s come back well in the autumn.”

Gosden was in bullish mood about Denford Stud’s June 30 G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud and Aug. 18 G1 Prix Jean Romanet winner Coronet, who bids to provide her trainer with a third consecutive edition of the Champion which has not been accomplished for a century. “Ever since Coronet won the Romanet we have been waiting to run her in the QIPCO Champion Stakes,” he explained. “We are very, very happy with her and, as I say, it’s been the plan for some time. We’ve been absolutely thrilled with her two group one wins this year. She’s such a tough race filly and she will be retiring after this race.”
FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Friday, October 18:
UNITED KINGDOM:

Anjaal (GB) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}), Rathasker Stud
149 foals of racing age/15 winners/0 black-type winners
18:05-NEWCASTLE, 7f, NEVER IN RED (Ire)
€4,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2018

Due Diligence (War Front), Whitsbury Manor Stud
85 foals of racing age/16 winners/3 black-type winners
18:55-WOLVERHAMPTON, 7.25f, MISCHIEF STAR (GB)
34,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; £30,000 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
18:05-NEWCASTLE, 7f, ITWOULDBERUDENOTTO (GB)
16,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 2

Fountain of Youth (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Bearstone Stud
71 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
13:35-REDCAR, 7f, TREVIE FOUNTAIN (GB)
28,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 3

Free Eagle (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}), Irish National Stud
87 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
15:10-REDCAR, 8f, EAGLE COURT (Ire)
€25,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2018

Fulbright (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Kildangan Stud
37 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
18:35-NEWCASTLE, 7f, DANCING LEOPARD (Ire)
€8,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2018

Ken Condon’s stable-star Romanised (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) will not run again this year but will remain in training for the 2020 season. Connections had been toying with the idea of targeting the GI Breeders’ Cup Mile after the colt emerged from an agonizing defeat in the G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp in September in good shape. However a final decision has been made about plans for Robert Ng’s Classic winner. “Romanised is finished for the season, but stays in training next year. Hopefully he comes back in the same form as he has been in this year,” Ken Condon confirmed on Thursday. “He’s had a very good season. He started in April and improved throughout the year, which was great. He’ll be let down now and we’ll look forward to his return,” he added. Having began 2019 with an eye-catching run in the G3 Gladness S. at Naas before solid efforts in the G1 Lockinge S. and G1 Queen Anne S. Condon envisages a similar style campaign next year, with a potential repeat win in the G1 Prix Jacques Le Marois no doubt also in the mix. “I’d have thought we’ll be looking at similar races - races like the Lockinge at Newbury and the Queen Anne at Royal Ascot. He’s done very well and we’re delighted with him.”

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Gutaifan (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud
166 foals of racing age/25 winners/0 black-type winners
17:25-WOLVERHAMPTON, 5f, SERAPHINITE (Ire)
30,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 3; £240,000 RNA Goffs London Sale 2019

Hot Streak (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}), Tweenhills Stud
79 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner
15:10-REDCAR, 8f, BORSTAL BULL (Ire)
€10,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2017; £37,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018

Hot Streak (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}), Tweenhills Stud
17:25-WOLVERHAMPTON, 5f, HOT HOT HOT (GB)
62,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 3; £23,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2018

Hot Streak (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}), Tweenhills Stud
17:25-WOLVERHAMPTON, 5f, STREET LIFE (GB)
30,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; €27,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2018

Hot Streak (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}), Tweenhills Stud
17:25-WOLVERHAMPTON, 5f, GUNMETAL JACK (Ire)
9,500gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; €10,500 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2018

Ivawood (Ire) (Zebedee {GB}), Coolmore Stud
106 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
18:35-NEWCASTLE, 7f, MISS VILLANELLE (GB)
48,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; £60,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2018

Ivawood (Ire) (Zebedee {GB}), Coolmore Stud
106 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
3-DUNDALK, 7f, AUTUMNAL (Fr)
4,000 Osarus September La Teste Yearling Sale 2018; €14,000 Osarus 2yo Breeze-Up Sale, La Teste 2019

Outstrip (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Dalham Hall Stud
106 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
3-DUNDALK, 7f, AGENT ZERO (Fr)
€10,500 Goffs November Foals Sale 2017; €23,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2018

Outstrip (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Dalham Hall Stud
3-DUNDALK, 7f, TITANIUM GREY (Fr)
€15,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018

Outstrip (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Dalham Hall Stud
3-DUNDALK, 7f, AMELIA JANE (Ire)
€15,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2018

Outstrip (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Dalham Hall Stud
3-DUNDALK, 7f, LEADERSHIP RACE (Ire)
68,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; €40,000 Goffs February Mixed Sale 2018

Free Eagle (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}), Irish National Stud
87 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
3-DUNDALK, 7f, PIKAIA (Ire)
27,000gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; €3,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2018

Outstrip (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Dalham Hall Stud
106 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
3-DUNDALK, 7f, LEADERSHIP RACE (Ire)
€65,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018

FRANCE:
Galiway (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), Haras de Colleville
31 foals of racing age/3 winners/1 black-type winner
1-DUSSELDORF, 1200m, WANAWAY (Fr)
6,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; €60,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2018

Outstrip (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Dalham Hall Stud
3-MAIS-LAFFITTE, 1100m, AUTUMNAL (Fr)
13,000 Osarus September La Teste Yearling Sale 2018; €14,000 Osarus 2yo Breeze-Up Sale, La Teste 2019

Sidestep (Aus) (Exceed And Excel {Aus})
70 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner
3-MAIS-LAFFITTE, 1100m, AUTUMNAL (Fr)
€13,000 Osarus September La Teste Yearling Sale 2018; €14,000 Osarus 2yo Breeze-Up Sale, La Teste 2019

Thursday’s Results:
3rd-Chelmsford City, £6,499, Novice, 10-17, 2yo, 7f (AWT), 1:26.84, st.
ALWAYS FEARLESS (IRE) (c, 2, Camacho {GB}--Zenella {GB} {SW-Eng}, by Kylclady {GB}), boasting much experience and coming off a latest third over a mile at Kempton Sept. 7, stalked the pace under cover in third early. Cont. p12
Always Fearless cont.

Committed in early straight, the 5-2 joint-favourite had the lead 150 yards from the finish and held on to score by a neck from Law of One (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)). That half-brother to Cloth of Stars (Ire) (Sea the Stars (Ire)) put up a highly encouraging debut, having been hampered at a crucial stage which may have cost him a debut success. The winner’s dam Zenella, who took the Listed Burredank S., has already produced these owners’ Listed Burradon S. scorer Fox Power (Ire) (Dark Angel (Ire)). A granddaughter of the GI Santa Barbara H. heroine Bequest (Sharpen Up (GB)), her yearling colt by Markaz (Ire) was sold for 50,000gns at this week’s Tattersalls October Book 2 Sale. Sales history: 270,000gns Ylg ’18 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-3, $10,187. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-King Power Racing Co Ltd; B-Diomed Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Richard Hannon.

2nd-Wolverhampton, £5,300, Novice, 10-17, 3yo/up, 8f 142y (AWT), 1:48.72, st.

Dawaam (c, 3, Kitten’s Joy—Nereid (GISW-US, $303,800), by Rock Hard Ten), backed into even-money favouritism coming off an absence having made a winning debut over a mile at Lingfield in November, was a touch rusty from the break and had to negotiate around rivals down the inside as the race wore on. Having to play catch-up as Nabeya (GB) (New Approach (Ire)) set sail for home halfway down the straight, the son of the GI American Oaks heroine Nereid stayed on strongly to overwhelm 15 rivals to win by a neck from Nabeya (GB) (New Approach (Ire)). That half-sister to the GI Belmont Oaks Invitational runner-up Sea Queen last year Figarella (GISW-US, $375,000 2-year-old colt Code Runner (Honor Code), while her yearling colt (Lemon Drop Kid), she also has Calumet Farm’s $375,000 2-year-old colt Code Runner (Honor Code), while her yearling colt Ebnzaidoon (Speightstown) was a $825,000 purchase by Shadwell at the latest Keeneland September Sale. She has been bred to Quality Road for 2020. Sales history: $450,000 Ylg ’17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $9,221. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Baumann Stables, Edward Bradley & Dr. Aaron Sones (KY); T-Owen Burrows.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Silver Samurai (GB), c, 2, Cable Bay (Ire)—High Tan (GB), by High Chaparral (Ire). Brighton, 10-16, 5f 214y (AWT), 1:15.37. B-Deb’s Stars Partnership (GB). *22nd winner for freshman sire (by Invincible Spirit (Ire)). **25,000gns Ylg ’17 TATFOA; €22,000 Ylg ’18 TATFOA.

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Hareem Queen (Ire), f, 3, Dark Angel (Ire)—Dulcian (Ire), by Shamardal. Southwell, 10-16, 4f 215yT, 1:15.37. B-Corduff Stud (IRE). *75,000gns Ylg ’17 TATOCT. **1/2 to Chessman (Ire) (Acclamation (GB)), GSP-Ire & SP-Eng.

Healing Power (GB), g, 3, Kodiak (GB)—Loch Ma Naire (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). Chelmsford City, 10-17, 7f (AWT), 1:25.97. B-St Albans Bloodstock Ltd (GB). *280,000gns Ylg ’17 TATOCT; 17,000gns HRA ’19 TAINT.

So Claire (GB), f, 3, Kyllachy (GB)—If So (GB), by Iffraaj (GB). Wolverhampton, 10-17, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:28.59. B-Foursome Thoroughbreds (GB). *50,000gns RNA Ylg ’17 TATFOA.

OBSERVATIONS on the European racing scene

CHASING DREAMS RETURNS AT WOLVES

5.55 Wolverhampton, Novice, £7,000, 2yo, f, 6f 20y (AWT)

CHASING DREAMS (GB) (Starspangledbanner (Aus)) makes her belated comeback after an impressive five-length defeat of the subsequent G3 Cornwallis S. winner Good Vibes (GB) (Due Diligence) on debut at Newmarket in April. Godolphin’s 750,000gns Tattersalls October Book 1 graduate from the family of Harry Angel (Ire) (Dark Angel (Ire)) meets 10 rivals in what should amount to the perfect re-entry ahead of big things.
7.25 Wolverhampton, Novice, £7,000, 2yo, 8f 142y (AWT)
MARIA ROSA (War Front) cost Godolphin $1.75million at last year’s Keeneland September Sale by virtue of the fact that she is a half-sister to the 2016 Kentucky Derby hero Nyquist (Uncle Mo). Racing for John Gosden, the April-foaled bay is joined by the operation’s Charlie Appleby-trained duo In the Night (IRE) (Shamardal), a relative of the G2 Ribblesdale S. winner Flying Cloud (IRE) (Storming Home (GB)), and Poet’s Mind (Dubawi (IRE)) who is a son of the GI Las Virgenes S. third Arethusa (A. P. Indy).

THURSDAY’S RESULTS:
2nd-ParisLongchamp, €27,000, Mdn, 10-17, unraced 2yo, f, 9ft, 2:07.09, hy.
ANCA (FR) (f, 2, French Fifteen (FR)--Ampersand (GB), by Rail Link (GB)) was steadied to race in mid division after an alert exit. Making headway under pressure once into the home straight, the 139-10 chance was ridden into third approaching the final furlong and kept on resolutely for continued urging to deny Alkandora (GB) (Nathaniel (IRE)) by a short head in a bobbing finish. River Rock (IRE) (Fastnet Rock (AUS)), a 450,000gns Tattersalls October Book 1 purchase, was a tailed-off last of ten.

3rd-ParisLongchamp, €27,000, Mdn, 10-17, unraced 2yo, c/g, 9ft, 2:10.83, hy.
ONLY THE BRAVE (FR) (c, 2, Iffraaj (GB)--Crystals Sky (Fr), by Hernando (Fr)) stalked the leaders in fourth after breaking to the fore in this debut. Rowed along passing the quarter-mile marker, the 46-5 chance joined the front rank entering the final furlong and was ridden out to assert by a length from Ashgabat (GB) (Dubawi (IRE)). He becomes the fourth winner for his dam and the January-foaled bay is kin to stakes-winning dual G3 Grosser Preis der Wirtschaft placegetter Cashman (Fr) (Soldier of Fortune (IRE)), Listed Prix de Pontarmé victor Chameur (Fr) (Shirocco (Ger)), a yearling filly by Sepoy (AUS) and a filly foal by Toronado (IRE). His second dam, Listed Prix Herod third Celestial Lagoon (Jpn) (Sunday Silence), has produced nine winners headed by MGSP Listed Prix Volterra victress Night of Light (IRE) (Sea the Stars (IRE)), stakes-winning G3 Prix Chloe second Maria Gabriella (IRE) (Rock of Gibraltar (IRE)), the dual stakes-placed Roatan (GB) (Daylami (IRE)) and last month’s ‘TDN Rising Star’ Highest Ground (IRE) (Frankel (GB)). Sales history: €37,000 Ylg ’18 AROCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Eckhard Sauren; B-Ecurie des Monceaux (FR); T-Henk Grewe.

4th-ParisLongchamp, €25,000, Mdn, 10-17, 3yo, 9ft, 2:04.70, hy.
GLYCON (FR) (g, 3, Le Havre (IRE)--Glorious Sight (IRE) (SW & MG1SP-Fr, $430,401), by Singspiel (IRE)) settled off the pace with one behind in rear from the outset of this belated debut. Making effortless headway in the straight, the 73-10 chance cruised to the front hard on the steel approaching the final eighth and lengthened clear in hand to score by a facile five lengths from Best Bowl (Fr) (Le Havre (IRE)). Kin to the hitherto unraced 2-year-old colt Glaser (GB) (Siyouini (Fr)) and a yearling filly by Dubawi (IRE), he is the third foal and scorer out of stakes-winning G1 Poule d’Essai des Pouliches and G1 Prix de Diane placegetter Glorious Sight (IRE) (Singspiel (IRE)). His dam, herself a daughter of G3 PRIX DU BOIS victress Zelding (IRE) (Warning (IRE)), dual Group 1 winner Hydrangea (IRE) (Galileo (IRE)), G1 Ranvet Rawson S. victor The United States (IRE) (Galileo (IRE)) and MGSW G1 Moyglare Stud S. and G1 Prix Morny (IRE) (Galileo (IRE)), is a half-sister to MGSW G2 Prix du Gros-Chene victress Beauty Is Truth (IRE) (Pivotal (GB)), who in turn produced G1 1000 Guineas and G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Hermosa (IRE) (Galileo (IRE)), dual Group 1 winner Hydrangea (IRE) (Galileo (IRE)), G1 Ranvet Rawson S. victor The United States (IRE) (Galileo (IRE)) and MGSW G1 Moyglare Stud S. and G1 Prix Marcel Boussac runner-up Fire Lily (IRE) (Dansili (GB)). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €12,500. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

1ST-TIME STARTER. O/B-SCEA Haras de Saint Pair (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

CONDITIONS RESULT:
5th-ParisLongchamp, €35,000, 10-17, 3yo, 8ft, 1:52.54, hy.
ANADOR (FR) (g, 3, Anodin (IRE)--Decize (Fr), by Kentucky Dynamite) lifetime record: GSW-Fr & G1SP-Fr, 6-3-0-1, €116,720. O-Ecurie Jean-Louis Bouchard & Mme Frederic Head; B-I D Fair (FR); T-Freddy Head. *€32,000 RNA Ylg ’17 ARAUG.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Blue Cup (Fr), g, 3, Kendargent (Fr)--Hunter Forward (AUS) (SP-US, $136,038), by Galileo (IRE). ParisLongchamp, 10-17, 7ft, 1:28.52. B-M Watt (Fr). *€95,000 Ylg ‘17 AROCT.

Khancharym (Fr), f, 3, Siyouni (Fr)--Breath of Love (Hwt. Older Mare-Ity at 7-9 1/2f, GSW-Ity & SP-FR, $126,785), by Mutakddim. ParisLongchamp, 10-17, 7ft, 1:28.52. B-Haras d’Etremham (FR). *€72,000 Ylg ‘17 AROCT. **1/2 to Bocaiuva (IRE) (Teofilo (IRE)), SW & GSP-Fr, $134,714.
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THE HILLS TO THE EVEREST

by Bren O'Brien

The climb to the richest racing prize on turf, the $14 million TAB Everest, began at the same place, in the idyllic Isis Valley, some 300km from the hustle and bustle of Randwick, for two of Saturday's 12 contenders.

Pierata (Pierro) and Yes Yes Yes (Rubick) will represent different owners and indeed different slotholders when they meet for the first time on Saturday, but they will be united by the support of the team at Kitchwin Hills, where they were both foaled and raised.

"Their mating plans were done via us in consultation with their owners and they were then foaled and raised here right through and sold as yearlings. They spent a significant time of their life here with us," Mick Malone, Kitchwin Hills' Stud Manager, said.

In The Everest's short history, no farm has been represented by two runners, but this year Kitchwin Hills and Godolphin's Woodlands Stud, where Godolphin pair Alizee (Sepoy) and Trekking (Street Cry {Ire}) were both foaled, will make up a third of the field for the race.

It was in September 2016 that Yes Yes Yes arrived at Kitchwin Hills and Malone posted a video for his breeder Brett Bradley of Arlington Park about the Rubick colt from Fantastic Light (USA) mare Sin Sin Sin.

"He was a really nice horse. He had lovely substance and beautiful markings and was up and going quickly," Malone said.

"There were no hiccups, everything went perfectly. He was one of those foals that gave you no worries. The good ones, you often forget about them because you don't even know they are here, they do everything right."

Malone's immediate impression as how much the colt reminded him of his sire.

"We've foaled a few out of the mare and she often stamps them a bit but there was a lot of Rubick about this bloke. He was a bit of a funny-shaped young horse and maybe he is still a bit like that, he was a lovely horse to look at, but was a bit low slung in the belly," he said.

When it came time to sell him at the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale 16 months later, Malone said Yes Yes Yes handled it all in his stride, but it took one of the best eyes in the business to see his tremendous potential.

"I'll credit John Foote, who I think is one of the best judges in the country and picked him as a yearling, he had the belief in him," Malone said.

"John's a horseman and he knows what they need to look like and what they need to be. I think a lot of people walked past him and didn't see him as an absolute must-have.

"He wasn't the standout yearling in the draft, and he wasn't the horse we were banging our chest about, but he was a quiet achiever. He just paraded quietly and did everything he needed to and never put a foot wrong."

The Rubick colt achieved a respectable price for the progeny of a first-season sire, $200,000, but that was still some $26,000 short of the sale average.

Interestingly, of the seven horses in the 2019 Everest who were sold through the yearling sales ring, four of them sold at a price less than the sale average, while an additional two were passed in.

The top-priced yearling in the field is Classique Legend (Not A Single Doubt), who topped the 2017 Inglis Classic Sale at $400,000, while the average price across the seven sold was $235,000. Those horses have now combined to win over $31.7 million in prizemoney.

Pierata Makes an Entrance

A couple of years before Yes Yes Yes was sold, Kitchwin Hills had also offered a colt foaled on the property by a first-year Coolmore stallion, in this case, Pierro. Pierata was much more keen to make himself known, but again, while interest was steady, it was far from strong.
"He knew he was a boy and he wanted to let you know, I guess when we were selling Pierro in that first year, they weren't the absolute flavour. They are a refined type of horse and looked like they would get over a distance," Malone said. "He is now the sharpest son of Pierro getting around and he bucked the trend a little bit. But on type, that wasn't necessarily the case as yearling. He's a totally different horse now, however."

Like was the case with Yes Yes Yes, it was a good eye, in this instance trainer Greg Hickman, who saw the potential in the colt out of Group 3 winner November Flight (Flying Spur).

"As a yearling, Greg Hickman saw what he's turned out to be, but he was never that robust colt at that stage," he said.

Hickman paid $160,000 for the future Group 1 winner, one of his shrewdest purchases, which he has parlayed into a further windfall for his syndicate of owners with Aquis Farm securing Pierata as a stallion prospect in a deal struck earlier this month.

"I caught up with Greg not long ago when we were assessing him as a stallion prospect and we got him out of the stable and looked at him and he's completely different. He definitely looks a proper horse now," Malone said.

"You can see when he goes to stud, if he gets that month or two to let down before, I think he'll blow people away. He's a lovely horse. Full credit to Aquis for backing him in because he will pay them back."

Yes Yes Yes Defying Expectations

Yes Yes Yes also looks on a path to the stallion barn, with Coolmore having purchased a significant share in him after his win in the G2 Todman S. earlier this year.

Malone admits he didn’t think when he sold him as a yearling that he would be a stakes-winning 2-year-old, but he has continued to defy expectations at every stage and could continue to do so on Saturday.

"That's credit to the horse and obviously the trainer and it was good to think we played a small role in his soundness in able to get him up and going early," he said.

"I spoke to Coolmore this week and they say he's absolutely flying. They are so happy with him. You can say it's tough for a 3-year-old against those older horses but if he wins it, then everybody will be talking about that."

When the farm pauses to watch The Everest on Saturday, it will be also a chance to acknowledge the hard work which goes into growing and developing these horses. Malone says there is a whole team to thank for that and success on Saturday would be the best acknowledgement.

He said he doesn't have a preference for either runner but that Pierata, given he is a more seasoned horse, is probably better positioned to make his mark.

"First and second would be lovely, wouldn't care which order," he joked. "Pierata does seem like the form horse and everything seems to be swaying a bit his way, but I would hate to write off Yes Yes Yes. I'm just looking forward to the race.

"The farm is going enormous. Whatever we are doing here, it seems to be working. The guys here are doing a terrific job and the farm has that ability to raise nice horses, which is important."