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## SANTA ANITA: TAKING STOCK AFTER BREEDERS' CUP



Santa Anita | Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportswire

By Dan Ross

What with the tremulous fault-lines quaking beneath their feet and the combustible topography of a wildfire-ripe urban sprawl, Californians carry like a heavy hex the everyday threat of nature's equalizing force.

Stakeholders in the state's racing industry have had to summon some of that same California fortitude this year thanks to an annus horribilis brought to a gut-wrenching nadir with **Mongolian Groom's catastrophic injury** in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic--a worst-case scenario for an industry hoping the worst was behind it that led to U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein's **renewed calls** for racing to be suspended at Santa Anita. It's no wonder trainers there continue to be chastened.

"When people ask me what I do, I've always been really proud of the fact that I've got this incredible job where I get to work with the animals that I love," said a down-beat Dan Blacker, early last week. "To go from that to almost, I won't say ashamed, but I just don't feel as proud anymore. I'm not as willing to promote the fact that I'm a horse trainer as I used to be."

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## TAPIT COLT LEADS WAY AT KEENOV

by Steve Sherack

**New York Central** (Tapit), winner of this spring's GIII Maryland Sprint S. at Pimlico, brought \$240,000 from Saudi owner Khalid Mishref to top Wednesday's session of the Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale.

The 4-year-old colt was previously campaigned in partnership by WinStar Farm LLC, China Horse Club International Ltd. and SF Racing LLC and trained by Hall of Famer Steve Asmussen. He was consigned by WinStar Racing, agent, as **Hip 3089**. The gray was fifth in the Bet on Sunshine S. last time at Churchill Downs Nov. 2.

Produced by the winning Forest Wildcat mare Fashion Cat, **New York Central** is a half-brother to GII Saratoga Special S. winner **Corfu** (Malibu Moon) and hails from the family of MGI SW Peace Rules. **New York Central** was previously a \$390,000 KEENOV weanling and \$750,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling.

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**Santa Anita: Taking Stock After Breeders' Cup cont.**

Though the dust is settling on this year's Breeders' Cup, the anxiety is hardly dissipating with it, **two fatalities at Del Mar on Sunday** furthering tensions. And so, just how do those caught in the crosswinds view the road forward?

What aren't required are reactionary "knee-jerk" changes, said The Stronach Group's (TSG) chief strategy officer, Aidan Butler, and that includes any decisions surrounding possible surface switches at Santa Anita.

In the weeks leading up to the two-day event, the steady drumbeat of change from dirt to synthetics grew in volume. During a pre-Breeders' Cup safety and security press briefing, for example, TSG chief veterinary officer Dionne Benson said that "nothing is off the table, including the potential to bring synthetic back."

The reasons why appear clear. According to the **Jockey Club's Equine Injury Database**, the 2018 fatality rate on synthetic surfaces was 1.23 per 1,000 starts, as compared to 1.86 per 1,000 starts on the dirt.



**Santa Anita undergoing track maintenance earlier this year | Horsephotos**

Butler tells the same story as Benson. "We are looking at everything," he said. "But what I don't want to do is throw in a synthetic track and work out the horses hate it, the horsemen hate it."

If the "powers that be" decide to make the switch back from dirt to synthetics--Santa Anita's prior synthetic surface was ripped out in 2010--the decision would have to be pursued with an extensive period of research and evaluation, said Butler, who added that he has already been "in talks" with Michael Dickinson, who established the Tapeta racing surface.

According to figures from the British Horseracing Authority and Arena Racing, there have been 8,799 starts since the last catastrophic injury on the latest iteration of the Tapeta surfaces installed at Wolverhampton and Newcastle in England. Overall, there have been 0.03% fatalities over three years at both tracks. **Cont.**



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"I've got to make sure that it works in the climate at Santa Anita out here," Butler added. "It gets so cold in the mornings and so hot in the afternoons, you've got to make sure [the materials] won't turn to rack and ruin."

Butler also confirmed that another idea had been floated: to make the main track a turf course, and the inner surface, currently grass, into a synthetic track.

"You can start to have the conversation: if you re-do any of the surfaces at the track, are you happy with the current format?" he said. "We know turf racing is on the rise. We know people love it. We know field size is generally better."

Nothing, however, is set in stone, Butler said, stressing that no time frame for change has been nailed down.

"You've got to take a really careful, methodical approach to all of this," he said.



Eoin Harty | Benoit

Attitudes among the trainers towards a return to synthetics is mixed, admitted California Thoroughbred Trainers (CTT) president Eoin Harty, pointing to fears among some of a perceived connection between synthetic surfaces and a higher prevalence of training injuries (the TDN addressed this concern and the broad science behind synthetics surfaces in this [lengthy story](#) from earlier this year).

"I haven't polled the entire Santa Anita horse community to find out where they stand," Harty said. "But I think we're past the point of being averse to

the synthetic track going in. We've tried every form of dirt surface possible, we've got the best track man out there, and we still can't stop having these fatalities." **Cont. p5**

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A self-professed "fan" of synthetic surfaces, Harty said that he would like to see it installed "as soon as possible," though he added that he has no personal knowledge of a possible timeline moving forward.

In the meantime, Harty said he believes the dirt surface at Santa Anita, currently riding deep and slow, could be modified to make it less taxing on the horses.

"I know the track superintendent [Dennis] Moore has done everything he can to prevent the loss of life," he added. "The breakdowns have been minimized, but they're still happening."

More broadly, Harty said that he hopes any further changes in California will be made transparently, to promote a greater sense of "stability" across the backstretch.

"People will know which direction we're going in, and we'll plan accordingly," Harty added. "Just the trepidation around

here right now, without knowing exactly what direction we're going in is making a lot of people nervous."

One of those people is owner-breeder **Tim Cohen** of Rancho Temescal.

"The hard part is the uncertainty," said Cohen. "It's hard to invest when you have no idea where we're headed. That comes from everybody, from the regulators, from management."

Not that he believes the state reforms instituted since the spring have been misdirected.

"Anything that assures or has a better opportunity for helping the horses on the racetrack, anything that improves rider and horse safety is good," Cohen said.

Rather, Cohen repeated a criticism he has made before--a need for greater stakeholder inclusion in decision--making processes.

"A broader consensus, that's what we need," he said. "We need broader consensus and we need broader involvement to solve this problem." **Cont. p6**



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Looking at the problem numerically and in isolation can offer conflicting stories. Del Mar, for example, boasted an "unprecedented" safety record of zero race-day fatalities from 2,372 starts during its summer meet. Before that, Santa Anita went six weeks without a catastrophic injury during training and racing. But during the recently concluded Santa Anita fall meet, which ran from Sept. 27, and Nov. 3, there were seven fatalities in all, four during racing and three training, one of which was before the meet began (this number includes a sudden cardiac death).

However, fatality numbers in Southern California since Mar. 14, when broad safety protocols were enacted and the inclement winter weather had largely ended, show the state in a positive light when held up to national numbers. Since that date, the fatality rate across Santa Anita, Del Mar, and afternoon Thoroughbred racing at Los Alamitos has been 1.51 fatalities per 1000 starts, both on dirt and turf (this includes a freak accident at Los Alamitos).

"We can't look at a six-week period and say it has or hasn't worked," said Benson, who argues the safety protocols instituted this spring are working. "Just to give you an idea, within the last week, I heard from two separate veterinarians about three horses that were retired based on what we have been doing."

Looking ahead, Benson views the future arrival of more sensitive imaging modalities to Santa Anita--a Positron Emission Tomography (PET) scan unit and a standing magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) unit--will help significantly to eliminate the "grey area" in diagnosing problems earlier.

Pre-existing injuries, which aren't always clinically apparent, are present in more than 85% of catastrophic breakdowns, studies have shown. But those using these modalities, however, will have to acclimatize to the equipment, Benson warned.

"It's just like when we switched from traditional radiology to digital radiology, and how we could see so much more, you have to know what the more that you're seeing means clinically for a horse," she said.

Many of those approached for this story discussed their frustration of wider industry trends that can factor into catastrophic injuries--breeding and confirmation patterns, for example, and the preparation of young stock for the sales--are too often left out of the conversation.

"Everybody's got to be willing to give up what they're holding on tight to for the betterment of the horse and horse racing," said Southern California-based private veterinarian, Ryan Carpenter. "And that's everybody, from management and how they're writing races, to owners who have expectations for what their horses should and shouldn't be doing."

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According to the California Horse Racing Board's (CHRB) equine medical director Rick Arthur broader structural changes to the calendar are needed to avoid the over-racing and over-training of an already depleted horse inventory in the state.

"In my opinion, we do not have enough horses in Southern California to race quality racing four days a week," Arthur said, pointing to a period in California's history--before Hollywood Park's fall meet was established in the early 1980s--when the calendar was less intense. "I would make sure there are breaks between meets, a minimum of two weeks."

Another area of uncertainty concerns possible changes to use of the riding crop, which, **as proposed earlier this year**, would make it an offense to use it for anything but safety purposes--a contentious issue once again brought to prominence in light of Mongolian Groom's catastrophic injury in the Breeders' Cup.

"Mongolian Groom was whipped as he came around the final turn, so even if he was in pain and wanted to slow down, he could not have done so," PETA stated in a subsequent press release.



Mongolian Groom | Horsephotos

Discussion and action of the proposed rule change is on the agenda at the **next CHRB meeting Nov. 21**, though the specific language of the proposed rule for discussion and action is not yet publicly available.

According to Jockey's Guild manager, Darrell Haire, his organization believes the current rules already protect horses against rider abuse and need no further modification.

"We have the most stringent rules in the nation," said Haire, adding that his organization has been in discussions in recent weeks with industry stakeholders, including members of the CHRB. "If a rider abuses a horse, they should face severe punishment. But that's already happening."

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And yet, as under siege as the industry appears at present, there's "light at the end of the tunnel," said Harty. "For the first time in memory, it looks like every horseman's group and racetrack is pulling together with the same oar," he said. "I think we all realize the precariousness of the situation."

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**Tapit Colt Leads the Way KEENOV cont. from p1**

New York Central is being pointed at the \$1.5-million Dirt Sprint in February 2020 on the undercard of the \$20-million Saudi Cup at King Abdulaziz Racetrack, per Mishref.

"Hopefully he will do well for us," Mishref said. "He looks good as an individual. I love his conformation, and he's filled out. He could be a stallion prospect in Saudi Arabia down the road; step by step, we're going to try and promote the breeding in the long run."

Mishref continues to make headlines this week. He purchased the impressive 2-year-old Keeneland maiden winner Liam's Legend (Liam's Map) for a session-topping \$325,000 at KEENOV Tuesday. He has also made a big splash in the private market, recently buying into GI Pennsylvania Derby upsetter Math Wizard (Algorithms) and narrow G1 Dubai World Cup runner-up Gronkowski (Lonhro {Aus}), respectively. **Cont. p8**



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Horses of racing age led a strong market during Wednesday's eighth session. Mike Ryan, agent, was the session's leading buyer, purchasing four head for \$410,000, including MGISW **Annals of Time** (Temple City) and last out Hudson H. winner **Build to Suit** (Dominus), both from the ELiTE consignment for \$190,000 apiece.

WinStar Racing was the session's leading consignor with gross receipts of \$1,634,500 for 18 horses.

Wednesday's top-priced broodmare was the 15-year-old

**Magical Ride** (Storm Cat--Victory Ride, by Seeking the Gold). The dam of GI Preakness S. runner-up Ride On Curlin (Curlin), offered by Lane's End, agent, in foal to Lookin At Lucky as **Hip 2772**, was purchased by Empire Thoroughbreds, agent, for \$170,000. She is out of GI

**Test S. heroine Victory Ride.**

A colt by Midshipman brought \$67,000 from Scoot Stables to lead the way for weanlings Wednesday. Pope McLean (Crestwood Farm), agent, consigned the colt, as **Hip 2848**. He is out of the Pétionville mare Sharp Finnish and is from the family of Grade III winners Baby J and Hot Brush. The gray was bred in Kentucky by Tilford Hardin Sharp.

On Wednesday, Keeneland sold 234 horses for \$7,344,400, for an average of \$31,386 and a median of \$16,500. Cumulative sales with four sessions remaining in the auction are \$191,698,200 for 1,895 horses. The average is \$101,160, and the median is \$45,000.

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## Klaravich/Lawrence Part Ways

Seth Klarman of Klaravich Stables and William Lawrence ended their longtime and very successful partnership in Lexington Wednesday, selling their eight final horses owned together.

Recent standouts campaigned by the duo include: Horse of the Year candidate and recent GI Breeders' Cup Turf hero Bricks and Mortar (Giant's Causeway); three-time Grade I winner Practical Joke (Into Mischief); GI Preakness S. winner Cloud Computing (Maclean's Music); and GI Cigar Mile H. hero Patternrecognition (Adios Charlie).

The group of eight Keeneland November offerings all sold without reserve as Racing Prospects through the ELiTE consignment:



Annals of Time | Sarah Andrew

- **Hip 3136, Annals of Time** (h, 6, Temple City--Lemon Haze, by Distant View) \*Last out winner of Saratoga's GI Sword Dancer S. and also the winner of the 2016 GI Hollywood Derby. \*\*\$80,000 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall Yearling. \*\*\*Purchased by Mike Ryan, agent, for \$190,000.

- **Hip 3142, Build to Suit** (r, 5, Dominus--Aspen Mountain, by Chief Seattle) \*This \$140,000 Fasig-Tipton New York Saratoga New York-Bred Yearling was a last out winner of Belmont's Hudson H. Oct. 19; sports a record of 10-6-2-2 and earnings of \$342,850. \*\*Purchased by Mike Ryan, agent, for \$190,000.

- **Hip 3160, Focus Group** (h, 5, Kitten's Joy--Cocktail Hour, Dynaformer) \*Winner of this year's GI Pan American S. and also third-place finisher in the GI Northern Dancer Turf S. Sept. 14 was a \$140,000 Keeneland September yearling. \*\*Purchased by Christophe Clement for \$170,000.

- **Hip 3161, Frontier Market** (g, 6, Lemon Drop Kid--Sedley, by El Prado {Ire}) \*Three-time winner and a close second in GI Baltimore/Washington International Turf Cup S. Sept. 21 and third in the Artie Schiller S. at Aqueduct earlier this month.

\*\*\$100,000 Keeneland September yearling. \*\*\*Purchased by David Ingordo, agent, for \$170,000.

- **Hip 3156, Favorable Outcome** (h, 5, Flatter--Shananie's Song, by Eltish) \*Winner of the 2017 GI Swale S. and third-place finisher in the GI Champagne S. and GI Malibu S. was previously a \$300,000 OBS March graduate. \*\*Purchased by Cindy Evans & Amy Hardy for \$20,000.

- **Hip 3157, Financial System** (g, 5, Twirling Candy--Early Vintage, by Jump Start) \*Three-time winner and \$320,000 Keeneland September yearling graduate. \*\*Purchased by Mike Ryan, agent, for \$20,000.

- **Hip 3143, Call Provision** (g, 6, Lemon Drop Kid--Run In, by Dynaformer) \*Multiple graded-placed \$140,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga New York-Bred yearling with a record of 19-7-4-1 and earnings of \$519,725. \*\*Purchased by Mike Ryan, agent, for \$10,000.

- **Hip 3085, Minsky Moment** (h, 5, Flatter--River Nore, by Archers Bay) \*A \$290,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga New York-Bred yearling graduate, this Empire-bred is a two-time winner. \*\*Purchased by Craig Smith Racing for \$6,000.

"My understanding is that Seth is going to continue to play at the top end of the game competing for Eclipse Awards and Bill is going to play at a smaller level, but still be involved in the horse business," said Bradley Weisbord of ELiTE Sales. "Klaravich Stables will be a leading owner for many years to come. Seth Klarman could be the Eclipse Award leading owner this year. He deserves it."

Weisbord continued, "Annals of Time was coming off an ankle chip surgery after winning the Sword Dancer and Built to Suit was coming off a win, too. They were both signed for by Mike Ryan and will be staying with Chad Brown. Focus Group and Frontier Market will be heading to new trainers."

ELiTE posted the session-leading average of \$105,385 for consignors Wednesday, selling a total of 13 head for \$1,370,000.

"We're extremely thankful to work for the biggest names in the game," Weisbord said. "This [horses of racing age] has really been our bread and butter for the last three years. We try to keep the quality as high as possible. There's no better endorsement than when people that play this game every day choose us to consign for them. We had five of the top nine horses sold Wednesday, and as we continue to get the support from people like Chad [Brown], Todd [Pletcher], Seth [Klarman], Jonathan [Thomas], etc., we'll continue to lead this space and we thank the buyers for stepping up." --@SteveSherackTDN

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SESSION TOTALS	2019
• Catalogued	417
• No. Offered	280
• No. Sold	234
• RNAs	46
• % RNAs	19.67%
• High Price	\$240,000
• Gross	\$7,344,400
• Average	\$31,386
• Median	\$16,500
CUMULATIVE	2019
• Catalogued	3194
• No. Offered	2,393
• No. Sold	1,895
• RNAs	568
• % RNAs	29.97%
• No. \$500K+	54
• High Price	\$3,200,000
• Gross	\$191,698,200
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**KEENELAND NOVEMBER WEDNESDAY**

**RACING/STALLION PROSPECT TOPPERS**

HIP	NAME	STATUS	PRICE (\$)
<b>3089</b>	<b>New York Central</b>	<b>Racing/Stallion Prospect</b>	<b>240,000</b>
	<i>(c, 4, Tapit--Fashion Cat, by Forest Wildcat)</i>		
	Consigned by WinStar Racing, agent		
	Purchased by Khalid Mishref		
<b>3093</b>	<b>One Eyed Jack</b>	<b>Racing/Stallion Prospect</b>	<b>200,000</b>
	<i>(c, 3, Uncle Mo--Free Money, by Street Sense)</i>		
	Consigned by Claiborne Farm, agent		
	Purchased by Steven W. Young, agent		
<b>3136</b>	<b>Annals of Time</b>	<b>Racing/Stallion Prospect</b>	<b>190,000</b>
	<i>(h, 6, Temple City--Lemon Haze, by Distant View)</i>		
	Consigned by ELITE, agent		
	Purchased by Mike Ryan, agent		

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**KEENOV Wednesday's Toppers cont.**

**3142 Build to Suit Racing/Stallion Prospect 190,000**  
*(r, 5, Dominus--Aspen Mountain, by Chief Seattle)*

Consigned by ELiTE, agent  
 Purchased by Mike Ryan, agent

**3153 Empty Tomb Racing/Stallion Prospect 190,000**  
*(c, 3, Speightstown--Sure Peg, by Arch)*

Consigned by WinStar Racing, agent  
 Purchased by Three Diamonds Farm

**3170G Czechmigh Racing Prospect 190,000**  
*(c, 2, Street Sense--Czechers, by Indian Charlie)*

Consigned by ELiTE, agent  
 Purchased by Meah/Lloyd Bloodstock, agent for Calvin Nguyen

**BROODMARE TOPPERS**

**2772 Magical Ride i/f Lookin At Lucky 170,000**  
*(m, 15, Storm Cat--Victory Ride, by Seeking the Gold)*

Consigned by Lane's End, agent  
 Purchased by Empire Thoroughbreds, agent

**2938 Aspiring i/f Accelerate 160,000**  
*(m, 15, Seeking the Gold--Lassie's Legacy, by Deputy Minister)*

Consigned by Lane's End, agent  
 Purchased by Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa

**AUERBACH STEPS DOWN FROM CHRb**

*By Dan Ross*

California Horse Racing Board (CHRb) vice chair, Madeline Auerbach, told the *TDN* Wednesday morning that she formally resigned from that position Monday.

"During the decades I have been involved in the horse-racing industry, my work has centered on doing what is best for these amazing animals," Auerbach said, in a news release. "I want to thank Governor Jerry Brown for appointing me to the Board and allowing me to do so."

Auerbach's exit marks the latest in a recent exodus-stream from the board. Former chairman Chuck Winner left his seat this summer, when his term ended. Earlier this week, CHRb executive director **Rick Baedeker** confirmed that he's leaving his position before next spring, while the *San Diego Tribune* reported that commissioner Fred Maas will leave the board Jan. 1, when his term expires.

A CHRb commissioner since early 2014, Auerbach is a long-time owner, breeder in the state, perhaps best known for the part she played as co-owner of multiple California leading sire Unusual Heat, who died in 2017. Auerbach credits the horse's accomplishments as spearheading the work she has done for racehorse aftercare.

Most notably, Auerbach founded and is the former chairperson of CARMA, a pioneering non-profit racehorse retirement program in California. Other hats includes membership with The Jockey Club, a former seat on the Thoroughbred Owners of California Board of Directors and she's a founding director of the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance.

Auerbach has recently been under fire over "conflicts of interest" accusations stemming from her current racing interests and her regulatory position. In August, a spotlight was shone on Favel, a horse she owned in partnership with Tim Ritvo, The Stronach Group (TSG) COO. Ritvo subsequently relinquished his interest in the horse.

In a Q&A in Friday's *TDN*, Auerbach explains what she felt was the political coercion behind her decision to leave the CHRb, the welfare crisis that has engulfed the industry this year, and the road ahead for the sport.

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**HOCKEY STAR, OWNER, ERIK JOHNSON ON THE TDN WRITERS' ROOM**



**Erik Johnson** | Getty Images

Erik Johnson is a superstar hockey player for the Colorado Avalanche, but he's also a racehorse owner. This past weekend, he became part of the story swirling around racing in California when his filly Princess Dorian broke down at Del Mar in an \$8,000 claiming race. "How could we not step up and do everything we can to save this horse," he asks on this week's *TDN Writers' Room* podcast.

Johnson told the writers--Joe Bianca, Alan Carasso, Bill Finley and DJ Stables' Jon Green--about what happened at Del Mar, and why they decided to spend \$20,000 saving an \$8,000 claimer with, he admits, no residual value.

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**Erik Johnson on the TDN Podcast cont.**

“She was entered Sunday in an \$8,000 claiming race going six-and-a-half furlongs at Del Mar,” he said. “Se was approaching the top of the stretch and it looked like she was going to go right on by and she took a real bad step. Immediately, I was watching the race, and my stomach sunk. It was the worst feeling ever. I reached out to (trainer) Andrew Lerner, and he let me know it didn’t look good. And I told him, ”Listen, do whatever you can to save this horse’s life. I don’t care what it costs. She deserves it.”

Johnson said not only was it the right thing to do, but that he hopes that it will serve as a representative example to people both in and out of the industry. “I think everyone knows the negativity surrounding California racing right now,” said Johnson. “I hope that most owners would do what I did and give the horse a chance to recover. I look at it like, `how much money do you spend on bills every month? How much money do you spend on buying horses? And you’re telling me you can’t fork over \$20,000 to save a horse’s life?’ I mean, come on. It seems like a no-brainer to me. How could you not do everything you could?”

“I think people need to see that people care for their horses in this way--not that they don’t, because think 99.9 percent of them do, but I think it’s important to show the general public. Look at the lengths that people are going to to save this horse’s life. Princess Dorian is worth nothing if she retired as a broodmare today, but she’s worth everything to try and save her life and give her a good life. She earned \$150,000 on the racetrack. She deserves nothing less.”

To listen to the entire podcast, which includes an extended interview with Johnson and also visits the topics of the two-year-old and three-year-old divisional pictures and the 2020 Derby prospects, [click here](#).

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**BAILEY NAMED GULFSTREAM RACING SECRETARY**

Dave Bailey has been named the racing secretary at Gulfstream. He previously served as assistant racing secretary in Hallandale in 1996 and held the same position at Hialeah. He was the racing secretary at Arlington Park in 1997 and at Penn National from 2011 to 2016.

“We’re ecstatic to have Dave join Gulfstream Park,” said Mike

Lakow, Vice President of Racing at Gulfstream. “Dave has an impressive resume, has excelled in this position at the top tracks and has a great relationship and rapport with horseman throughout the country as well as our team at Gulfstream and The Stronach Group.”

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**FINGER LAKES CANCELS WEDNESDAY CARD**

Finger Lakes was forced to cancel their Wednesday card due to track condition after heavy snowfall Tuesday, which caused the cancellation of that day’s card as well. Live racing will resume Thursday, Nov. 14, and an additional race card has been added Friday, Nov. 15 to make up for the cancelled Tuesday card.

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**Saturday, Churchill Downs, post time: 5:36 p.m. EST**

**RIVER CITY H.-GIII, \$175,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Cullum Road	Quality Road	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Gaffalione	121
2	Emmaus (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	M and J Thoroughbreds & Riverside Bloodstock	Murphy	Hill	121
3	Blue Sky Kowboy	Kodiak Kowboy	T. Biondo, Oak Rock Racing LLC, L. Donohoe & Cherrywood Racing Stables, II	Boyce	Doyle	121
4	Mr. Misunderstood	Archarcharch	Flurry Racing Stables LLC	Cox	Geroux	121
5	My Bariley	Mizzen Mast	Captain Jack Racing Stable LLC	Granitz	Sanjur	121
6	Space Mountain	Street Cry (Ire)	Hooties Racing LLC & Michael M. Hui	Maker	Santana, Jr.	121
7	Bemma's Boy	Into Mischief	Paradise Farms Corp.	Maker	Leparoux	121
8	Get Western	Get Stormy	Ward C. Pitfield	LoPresti	Hernandez, Jr.	121
9	Admission Office	Point of Entry	Amerman Racing LLC	Lynch	Ortiz	121
10	Lascaux	Raison d'Etat	Calumet Farm	Fernandez	Rocco, Jr.	121

**Breeders:** 1-Hargus and Sandra Sexton & Silver FernFarm, LLC, 2-Kilcarn Stud, 3-Barr Three LLC, 4-Athens Woods, 5-Captain Jack Racing Stable LLC, 6-G. Watts Humphrey Jr. & St. George Farm LLC, 7-Lochlow Farm, 8-Barr Inman, 9-Mrs. Jerry Amerman, 10-Calumet Farm

**Saturday, Del Mar, post time: 7:00 p.m. EST**

**BOB HOPE S.-GIII, \$100,000, 2yo, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Rager	Into Mischief	ERJ Racing, LLC, D. Kenney & W. Strauss	Lerner	Garcia	118
2	Howbeit	Secret Circle	C T R Stables LLC	O'Neill	Bejarano	118
3	Thousand Words	Pioneerof the Nile	Albaugh Family Stables & Spendthrift Farm	Baffert	Prat	118
4	Zimba Warrior	Khozan	Charles & Cynthia Marquis	Desormeaux	Valdivia, Jr.	118
5	High Velocity	Quality Road	Gary and Mary West	Baffert	Van Dyke	118
6	Strongconstitution	Constitution	Roadrunner Racing and Sayjay Racing LLC	O'Neill	Cedillo	118

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1	<b>Quality Road</b> (2006) by Elusive Quality FYR: 2012	9	24	5	8	4	4	215	108	4,000,000	12,323,221
										City of Light	
2	<b>Munnings</b> (2006) by Speightstown FYR: 2012	10	23	1	6	--	1	238	135	313,396	7,112,645
										Om	
3	<b>Midshipman</b> (2006) by Unbridled's Song FYR: 2012	8	20	1	3	--	--	178	99	182,044	4,795,140
										Bohemian Bourbon	
4	<b>Kantharos</b> (2008) by Lion Heart FYR: 2012	6	16	2	2	2	2	183	99	1,536,850	6,612,549
										X Y Jet	
5	<b>Blame</b> (2006) by Arch FYR: 2012	5	14	5	9	1	4	163	81	418,000	4,753,641
										Marley's Freedom	
6	<b>Lookin At Lucky</b> (2007) by Smart Strike FYR: 2012	5	13	3	8	1	3	184	90	2,105,800	7,666,036
										Country House	
7	<b>Temple City</b> (2005) by Dynaformer FYR: 2012	5	13	3	5	2	2	227	98	523,300	5,134,145
										Annals of Time	
8	<b>Super Saver</b> (2007) by Maria's Mon FYR: 2012	6	12	1	3	--	--	213	116	302,000	4,534,929
										Super Steed	
9	<b>Warrior's Reward</b> (2006) by Medaglia d'Oro FYR: 2012	2	8	--	1	--	--	209	104	249,921	3,871,884
										Night Ops	
10	<b>Tale of Ekati</b> (2005) by Tale of the Cat FYR: 2012	2	6	--	2	--	--	88	49	166,130	2,053,734
										Totally Obsessed	
11	<b>Street Magician</b> (2004) by Street Cry (Ire) FYR: 2012	1	5	--	--	--	--	59	25	158,933	1,383,516
										So Street	
12	<b>Pleasant Strike</b> (2004) by Smart Strike FYR: 2012	3	5	--	--	--	--	21	8	128,343	229,232
										Painting Corners	
13	<b>Hold Me Back</b> (2006) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2012	3	3	--	1	--	--	111	64	111,769	2,245,370
										Carlos L.	
14	<b>Line of David</b> (2007) by Lion Heart FYR: 2012	--	3	--	--	--	--	107	43	183,488	1,392,369
										Celesse	
15	<b>Southwestern Heat</b> (2004) by Gone West FYR: 2012	1	3	--	--	--	--	45	27	102,000	794,247
										Sunscreen	

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## THURSDAY'S RACING INSIGHTS: LIEBLONGS DEBUT EXPENSIVE STRONG MANDATE

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**7th-CD, \$95K, Msw, 2yo, f, 6 1/2f, post time: 4:06 p.m. EST**

**STRONG FLAG (Strong Mandate)** cost Alex and JoAnn Lieblong \$435K as a Fasig-Tipton July Yearling last summer, making her the most expensive of 28 of her sire's offspring reported as sold last year. The bay, purchased in utero for \$90K at the 2016 Keeneland November sale, is out of an unraced daughter of four-time Grade I winner My Flag (Easy Goer), the dam of champion and fellow GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner Storm Flag Flying (Storm Cat). Strong Flag's third dam is the irrepressible and undefeated Personal Ensign (Private Account), who was also responsible for Grade I winners Miner's Mark (Mr. Prospector) and Traditionally (Mr. Prospector), MGISP Our Emblem (Mr. Prospector) and the dam of GISW Mr Speaker (Pulpit) and GSW Fire Away (War Front). **TJCIS PPs**

**4th-DMR, \$52K, Msw, 2yo, 5fT, post time: 5:00 p.m. EST**

**CEBOLLA (American Pharoah)**, bred by this sire's trainer in partnership with Madeline Auerbach and raced in the colors of Jill Baffert, is a gelded son of Jax El (Unusual Heat), making him a half-brother to the reliable Dr. Dorr (Lookin At Lucky), a Grade II winner for these connections. The Feb. 9 foal is out of a full-sister to GSW Pretty Unusual. **TJCIS PPs**

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**Quality Seeker**, c, 4, **Quality Road**--Arravale (Horse of the Year & Ch. Grass Mare-Can, MGISW, \$1,129,697), by Arch. Hawkesbury, 11-13, Hcp. (\$24k), 2000mT, 2:02.18. B-Robert J Costigan (KY). \*Won by 5 1/4 lengths. \*\*1/2 to Nancy O (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}), GSP. \*\*\*\$85,000 RNA Wlg '15 KEENOV; €260,000 Ylg '16 GOFORB; 55,000gns HRA '18 TATOCT.

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**American Pharoah** (Pioneer of the Nile), Ashford Stud, \$100,000  
162 foals of racing age/23 winners/4 black-type winners  
4-Del Mar, Msw 5fT, CEBOLLA, 6-1

**Bourbon Courage** (Lion Heart), Anchor & Hope Farm, \$5,000  
46 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner  
1-Penn National, Msw 6f, MUSICAL TIMES, 5-1

**Competitive Edge** (Super Saver), Ashford Stud, \$7,500  
111 foals of racing age/18 winners/4 black-type winners  
1-Penn National, Msw 6f, INSPIRED GEM, 4-1  
\$47,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$23,000 RNA EAS MAY 2yo

**Constitution** (Tapit), WinStar Farm, \$15,000  
123 foals of racing age/21 winners/4 black-type winners  
3-Aqueduct, Msw 7f, KANSAS KIS, 8-1  
\$50,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$57,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Conveyance** (Indian Charlie), Buck Pond Farm, \$5,000  
41 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners  
7-Churchill Downs, Msw 6 1/2f, A J ROCK, 8-1  
\$27,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$85,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$150,000 OBS  
OPN 2yo  
3-Aqueduct, Msw 7f, WATER WHITE, 2-1  
\$50,000 FTK JUL yrl

**Golden Lad** (Medaglia d'Oro), Northview Stallion Station, \$5,000  
67 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner  
6-Laurel, Aoc 1m, LADDIE LIAM, 2-1  
\$14,500 EAS DEC yrl  
1-Laurel, Wmc 1m, MINE NOT MINE, 5-2  
\$72,000 EAS OCT yrl

**Golden Ticket** (Speightstown), Questroyal North, \$6,000  
32 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
4-Aqueduct, Msw 1 1/16mT, LEGEND OF BAM, 12-1  
\$8,500 FTN MIX wnl; \$25,000 OBS MAR 2yo

**Honor Code** (A.P. Indy), Lane's End Farm, \$40,000  
111 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-Penn National, Msw 6f, PEACE WITH HONOR, 7-2  
\$55,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo  
1-Laurel, Wmc 1m, SECURITY BREACH, 3-1

**Imagining** (Giant's Causeway), Anchor & Hope Farm, \$7,500  
54 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Laurel, Aoc 1m, DREAMING OF LOVE, 12-1

**Jack Milton** (War Front), Crestwood Farm, \$6,500  
58 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Aqueduct, Msw 1 1/16mT, BACK CHARGE, 10-1  
\$28,000 EAS DEC wnl

**Karakontie (Jpn)** (Bernstein), Gainesway Farm, \$10,000  
88 foals of racing age/9 winners/2 black-type winners  
8-Del Mar, Msw 1mT, CANYON CREST, 7-2  
\$6,500 RNA BAR OCT yrl

**Liam's Map** (Unbridled's Song), Lane's End Farm, \$20,000  
114 foals of racing age/12 winners/2 black-type winners  
2-Gulfstream West, Msw 7 1/2ft, TYNAN, 6-1  
\$225,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Mr Speaker** (Pulpit), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000  
79 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Hawthorne, Msw 6f, PLACATI, 12-1  
\$12,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

**Palace** (City Zip), Spendthrift Farm, \$6,000  
87 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner  
5-Hawthorne, Msw 6f, PALAGO, 7-2

**Palace Malice** (Curlin), Three Chimneys Farm, \$15,000  
123 foals of racing age/13 winners/2 black-type winners  
3-Aqueduct, Msw 7f, MIRABELL MEI, 10-1  
\$60,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$100,000 KEE SEP yrl  
4-Aqueduct, Msw 1 1/16mT, TRUE PALACE, 15-1  
\$15,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$9,000 EAS MAY 2yo

**Tapiture** (Tapit), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500  
123 foals of racing age/21 winners/1 black-type winner  
7-Churchill Downs, Msw 6 1/2f, TAP N SWAY, 6-1

**Wicked Strong** (Hard Spun), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500  
130 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner  
4-Aqueduct, Msw 1 1/16mT, FOREVER WICKED, 5-2  
\$6,000 EAS MAY 2yo  
3-Aqueduct, Msw 7f, WICKED HAPPY, 12-1  
\$40,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$150,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$65,000 RNA OBS  
MAR 2yo; \$22,000 OBS OPN 2yo

### SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, NOV. 14

**Clubhouse Ride** (Candy Ride {Arg}), Harris Farms, \$2,500  
65 foals of racing age/20 winners/1 black-type winner  
8-Del Mar, Msw 1mT, MARGOT'S BOY, 15-1

**Cross Traffic** (Unbridled's Song), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000  
162 foals of racing age/47 winners/6 black-type winners  
4-Del Mar, Msw 5fT, BENNY CHANG, 6-1  
\$52,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$92,500 OBS MAR 2yo

**First- and Second-Crop Runners cont.**

**Strong Mandate** (Tiznow), Three Chimneys Farm, \$10,000  
 140 foals of racing age/44 winners/2 black-type winners  
 7-Churchill Downs, Msw 6 1/2f, STRONG FLAG, 4-1  
 \$435,000 FTK JUL yrl

**Will Take Charge** (Unbridled's Song), Three Chimneys Farm,  
 \$30,000  
 207 foals of racing age/44 winners/3 black-type winners  
 7-Churchill Downs, Msw 6 1/2f, FANCIFIED, 12-1  
 \$60,000 KEE SEP yrl



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 1m, 1:40.58, ft.

**HAREM'S CAT (f, 3, Cowtown Cat--Holy Harem {MSP}, by Holy Bull)** Lifetime Record: 13-2-1-2, \$61,296. O-Mark & David Doering & Jeff Gardella; B-Fair Weather Farm Inc (OH); T-Mark Doering. \*\$6,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Abarrio Forever, f, 2, Congrats--Rap Queen, by Stormin Fever.** Gulfstream West, 11-13, (C), 1m, 1:42.07. B-Edward Seltzer & Beverly Anderson (KY). \*\$9,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$13,000 2yo '19 OBSOPN.

**Acoustic Storm, g, 3, Sidney's Candy--Lightning Speed, by Two Punch.** Mahoning Valley, 11-13, (S), 1m, 1:39.27. B-Steinmetz Equine Holdings LLC (OH).

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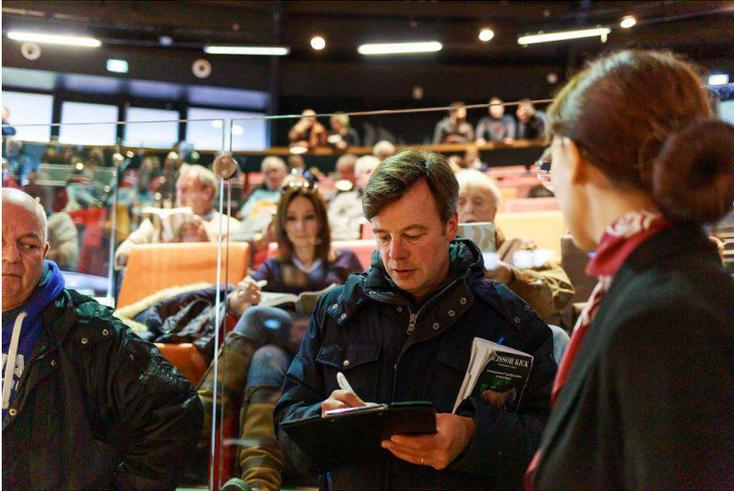
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Donations of stallion seasons are now being accepted for the **New York Thoroughbred Breeders' Annual Stallion Season Auction**, to be held on [Starquine.com](http://Starquine.com) from Tuesday, January 14 to Thursday, January 16.

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## EVEREST RACING A UNIQUE INVESTMENT



Ghislain Bozo wants to bring new investors into racing | Zuzanna Lupa

By Kelsey Riley

Ghislain Bozo, a significant top-level player on the French bloodstock scene for the better part of two decades, understands the importance of bringing new players into the racing and breeding game. That's why he has spearheaded Everest Racing, a racing club that targets Parisian-based businessmen and high-rolling investors and aims to give them a positive entry into the sport by racing a select group of high-class fillies.

The structure of Everest Racing is rather unique in that its investors will be able to draw confidence from its links to four important European stud farms, as well as an association with ODDO-BHF, a leading French- and German-based private investment bank. The stud farms are Ecurie des Monceaux, operated by Bozo's brother Henri; Tweenhills Stud in Britain, Ballylinch Stud in Ireland and leading German stud farm Gestut Brummerhof. The fillies will be owned 50% by the stud farms and 50% by Everest Racing, comprised of ODDO-BHF's clients. The relationship will be mutually beneficial: ODDO-BHF's investors will have access to the expertise of Bozo and the other partners, while racing will have the opportunity to build new bridges with influential persons formerly outside the walls of the game.

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## ADVERTISE TO START AT £25,000

**Advertise (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}), a triple Group 1-winning sprinter at two and three, will begin his stud career at the National Stud in 2020 for a fee of £25,000. National Stud Director Tim Lane said of the Group 1 Phoenix S., Commonwealth Cup and Prix Maurice de Gheest winner, "Advertise possessed the perfect combination of speed, precocity and toughness. His three Group 1 victories cemented him as one of the best sprinters of his generation and we are very confident he has the physical attributes to be the complete package for breeders."

Also new to the National Stud is G1 Irish St Leger winner **Flag of Honour (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), who will be available for £4,500.

"Flag of Honour is a Group 1 Classic-winning son of the great Galileo," Lane said. "He was a versatile horse and a Group winning 2-year old that developed into a leading stayer. He also gave some top-class performances at the highest level over one mile and a quarter. He is beautifully bred and is a very exciting dual-purpose prospect for breeders."

The National Stud roster is completed by **Aclaim (GB)** (£9,500) and **Time Test (GB)** (£8,500), both represented by their first foals this year, and **Rajasinghe (Ire)** (£5,000), whose first foals arrive next year.

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### National Stud 2020 Fees

<b>Advertise (GB)</b> (Showcasing {GB})*	£25,000
<b>Aclaim (GB)</b> (Acclamation {GB})	£9,500
<b>Time Test (GB)</b> (Dubawi {Ire})	£8,500
<b>Rajasinghe (Ire)</b> (Choisir {Aus})	£5,000
<b>Flag Of Honour (Ire)</b> (Galileo {Ire})*	£4,500

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## IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

### SANTA ANITA: TAKING STOCK AFTER BREEDERS' CUP

Dan Ross follows up with Santa Anita management and the California horse community to reflect on this year's Breeders' Cup and weigh options for the future. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

**Everest Racing A Unique Investment cont. from p1**

Everest Racing will put up €1-million, with 20 shares available, and the quartet of stud farms will also put up €1-million between them.

“What we want to do is attract new people into the game; people who don’t know about horses, necessarily,” Bozo explained while taking a break from shopping for mares at Keeneland last week. “We have set up this racing club in order to get people to invest in horses, but it’s not an investment; it’s a leisure experience. We want them to follow the horses, enjoy racing, see the training and breeding. We want to give them a flavour of the full experience of racing.”

The aim in the first year of Everest Racing is to build a stable of “five or six” fillies. Three of those were purchased at Arqana August by Bozo’s Meridian International: a full-sister to last year’s G3 Prestige S. winner Antonia de Vega (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) for €310,000 (lot 34); a Kingman (GB) filly out of the listed-winning More Than Sotka (Fr) (Dutch Art {GB}) for €240,000 (lot 131); and a daughter of Kodiak (GB) out of Wadjet (Ire) (Shamardal), a great-granddaughter of Miesque, for €120,000 (lot 208). A Zoffany filly out of Wooing (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), a full-sister to champion Rip Van Winkle (Ire), was added at Tattersalls October

Book 2 for 120,000gns (lot 728). Bozo said the budget--€2-million, which includes all costs through the end of the fillies’ 3-year-old seasons--will likely allow for one more filly to be bought at the breeze-ups next year. The fillies will go through the sales ring at public auction at the end of their 3-year-old

seasons to dissolve the partnerships. Bozo has an MBA and pursued business ventures globally before settling back into the bloodstock world for which he was bred, as the son of the famed French stud manager Antoine Bozo, in the early 2000s.

Bozo explained how having ODDO-BHF on board has added extra layers of integrity to Everest Racing.

“We’ve had to go through a lot of due diligence,” he said. “It has to be presented to a committee of the bank as a new product of the bank; it’s very time consuming. They’re giving a lot of guarantee when it comes to conflict of interest, transparency of what we’re buying, etc. It is our principle that everything has to be very transparent, so we’ve set up a strategic committee that is taking stock of everything we’re doing. It’s very regulated.

“For the bank, it’s a way to network and get new clients from the racing world, and to allow their clients to discover the racing world. It’s a win-win situation for them as well. And their clients are in Paris, so for them to go to ParisLongchamp is quite easy.”

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Ghislain Bozo



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Stallion Parade

Breeders are invited to the LANWADES STALLION PARADE on Sunday 1st December, please contact [info@lanwades.com](mailto:info@lanwades.com) for an invitation. The stallions will also be available to view throughout the Tattersalls December Sales from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm.

<p><b>BOBBY'S KITTEN</b></p> <p>FIRST RUNNERS 2020</p> <p>The only son of KITTEN'S JOY at stud in England &amp; Ireland</p> <p>£8,000</p>	<p><b>SEA THE MOON</b></p> <p>A LEADING EUROPEAN 2ND CROP SIRE IN 2019</p> <p>The only son of SEA THE STARS at stud in England</p> <p>£15,000</p>	<p><b>SIR PERCY</b></p> <p>A POTENT MIX OF SPEED &amp; STAMINA</p> <p>The last representative of the MILL REEF sire line at stud in England &amp; Ireland</p> <p>£7,000</p>	<p><b>STUDY OF MAN</b> <span style="font-size: 0.8em; transform: rotate(-45deg); background-color: white; color: red; padding: 2px;">NEW for 2020</span></p> <p>SON AND GRANDSON OF LEGENDS</p> <p>The only son of DEEP IMPACT at stud in England</p> <p>£15,000</p>
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All nominations on 1st October Special Live Foal terms

For its initial venture, the Everest Racing fillies will be trained in France by Jean-Claude Rouget, Pascal Bary and Francis Graffard. Bozo said it's very possible that the stable could expand beyond France in the future.

"At a later stage we could absolutely have a horse in training in England, Germany or Ireland," he said. "Why not? We're very open to that."

He re-iterated that the main objective is a positive experience.

"What is important for us is that the people have a good experience," Bozo said. "Ecurie des Monceaux has a very nice suite at ParisLongchamp and we'll probably be going to Royal Ascot in very nice conditions as well. They'll discover the stud farms; we'll do two or three trips a year to really bring the group together and give them a good experience. We want to take them to Ascot, to the sales, and maybe do something a bit special like the Palio in Siena, Italy.

"I think it's a good way for people to come in and learn the business, but we don't sell it as an investment; we really sell it as an experience. We're very clear on that part. What we hope is that some of these people will go out on their own and race some horses themselves and maybe start breeding. We need to attract new people into the industry, otherwise it just goes around and around. We need a good betting system and a good industry but we really need the owners, so that's what we're trying to do."

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Soldier's Call, new to Ballyhane in 2020 | *Racing Post*

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### DANDY MAN UP TO CAREER-HIGH €15,000

**Dandy Man (Ire)**, whose flagbearers on the track in 2019 included Group 3 winners Dandhu (GB), Dr Simpson (Fr), River Boyne (Ire) and the ill-fated former Group 1 winner Lady Kaya (Ire), will command a career-high fee of €15,000 at Ballyhane Stud in 2020, *Racing Post* reports. Ballyhane introduces **Soldier's Call (Ire)**, a Group 2 and Royal Ascot-winning 2-year-old by Showcasing (GB) who was multiple Group 1-placed in sprint company, for €10,000.

"We've had a very good response to the news of Soldier's Call's arrival and he's been very popular with breeders," Ballyhane's Joe Foley told *Racing Post*. "He's an exciting prospect and breeders are loving him and have already booked some beautiful mares into him."

Ballyhane's roster is completed by the proven **Elzaam (Aus)** and **Prince of Lir (Ire)**, whose first crop is two next year, both at €4,000.

"We're keen to price these horses realistically for the current market to give breeders every chance of doing good business with Ballyhane stallions," Foley said.

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### Ballyhane Stud 2020 Fees

<b>Dandy Man (Ire)</b> (Mozart {Ire})	€15,000
<b>Soldier's Call (Ire)</b> (Showcasing {GB})*	€10,000
<b>Elzaam (Aus)</b> (Redoute's Choice {Aus})	€4,000
<b>Prince of Lir (Ire)</b> (Kodiac {GB})	€4,000

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# BREEDING STOCK SALE

7-10 DECEMBER  
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## Lot 7 SULLY

m.2015 Siyouni x Shaama Rose  
In foal to Le Havre



Dual Listed winning daughter of Siyouni, covered for the first time by Le Havre.

## Lot 91 SOLOLA

m.2005 Black Sam Bellamy x Spirit of Eagles  
In foal to Harry Hangel



Half-sister to the great SILVANO and SABIANGO and dam of Group 3 winner SMAIH.

## Lot 146 CHANTERELLE

m.2007 Trampolino x Spectacular Joke  
In foal to Wootton Bassett



Sister to COX ORANGE and AMONITA, already dam of 3 black-types including the 3-time Group 2 winner ENBIHAAR.

## Lot 161 UNAIDED

m.2009 Dansili x Wosaita  
In foal to No Nay Never



Dam of the 2019 Breeders' Cup Mile (Gr.1) winner UNI, from the stellar family of INVINCIBLE SPIRIT.

## Lot 175 FASHION FAMILY

m.2016 Frankel x Ascot Family  
In foal to Siyouni



Blue-blooded mare from the top class family of FLOTILLA, carrying her first foal by the exciting Siyouni.

## Lot 178 ILANGA

f.2016 Penny's Picnic x Molly Mara  
Racing and breeding prospect



104-rated winner of the Prix Texanita (Gr.3), from the family of German Group winners MOLLY ART and MOLLY MAX.

## Lot 181 HIGH PROFILE

f.2016 Dansili x High Maintenance  
Racing and breeding prospect



Half-sister to the great multiple Group 1 winner SOLOW, by the great broodmare sire Dansili.

## Lot 191 DALKEYA

f.2016 Exceed and Excel x Daltama  
Racing and breeding prospect



Half-sister by Exceed and Excel to Group 1 winner DOLNIYA, from the top family of DAYLAMI, DALAKHANI and DALKALA.

## Lot 210 BRODERIE ANGLAISE

m.2015 Galileo x Pieds de Plume  
In foal to No Nay Never



Half-sister to Group winner HEARTHSTEAD MAISON, from the family of PLUMANIA, carrying her first foal by No Nay Never.

## MARMELO RETIRED TO HARAS DU GRAND COURGEON

Long-distance specialist **Marmelo (GB)** (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}--Capriolla {GB}, by In The Wings {GB}) has been retired from racing and will stand the 2020 season as a dual-stallion prospect at Haras du Grand Courgeon in Lion d'Angers, France. He will stand the initial season at stud at €3,500. Group 2 placed at three, the Hughie Morrison trainee won the G3 Prix de Barbeville and G2 Prix de Kergorlay the following season. During his 5-year-old season, he took the G2 Prix Maurice de Nieuil and the Listed Grand Cup S. before rounding off the season with a runner-up finish in the G1 Melbourne Cup at Flemington. In five starts this term, Marmelo annexed the G3 John Porter S. and in his latest trip to post, he successfully defended his title in the Prix de Kergorlay in August. He retired with seven wins from 22 starts and earnings of £1,151,138. Bred by Deepwood Farm, the 6-year-old is a half-brother to Group 3-winning stayer Vent de Force (GB) (Hurricane Run {Ire}).

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## WEATHERBYS SALES REVIEW 2019 PART 1 RELEASED

The Weatherby's Bloodstock Sales Review 2019 Part 1 has been released and is now available at [www.betterendsshop.co.uk](http://www.betterendsshop.co.uk). In total, there are 385 stallions represented in the initial review, which features yearlings sold in Europe, in addition to those by European-based sires sold at major auctions in North America and Japan. Part 2 of the publication, which is slated to be published in January, encompasses all horses--including mares and foals--sold throughout the 2019 season. In total, the two volumes will provide editorial, statistics and sales details for over 14,000 horses.

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Three-time Group 1-winning sprinter Advertise will stand for £25,000 at the National Stud | *Racing Post*

# FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

## FRANCE

**Elvstroem (Aus)** (Danehill), Haras du Petit Tellier  
 36 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
 1-FONTAINEBLEAU, 1800m, TRUE PEARL (Fr)  
 €13,000 RNA Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2018

**Galiway (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}), Haras de Colleville  
 31 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner  
 5-TOULOUSE, 2000m, GALINA (Fr)

**Gleneagles (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), Coolmore Stud  
 111 foals of racing age/24 winners/3 black-type winners  
 2-FONTAINEBLEAU, 1800m, MEASURE OF TIME (Ire)  
 80,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017

**Machucambo (Fr)** (Anabaa Blue {GB}), Haras de la Croix Sonnet  
 9 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
 2-FONTAINEBLEAU, 1800m, DIVINPOETE (Fr)  
 2-FONTAINEBLEAU, 1800m, MONTESCO (Fr)

**Prince Gibraltar (Fr)** (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), Haras de Montaigu  
 51 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
 2-FONTAINEBLEAU, 1800m,  
 €19,000 Osarus September La Teste Yearling Sale 2018  
 2-FONTAINEBLEAU, 1800m, MY CHARMING PRINCE (Fr)  
 €14,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2018



Gleneagles | Coolmore

**Sidestep (Aus)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus})  
 70 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner  
 2-FONTAINEBLEAU, 1800m,  
 €19,000 Arqana Deauville Autumn Mixed Sale 2018; €26,000  
 Arqana May 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2019  
 70 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner  
 5-TOULOUSE, 2000m,  
 €10,000 RNA Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2018

## OBSERVATIONS on the European racing scene

### DAUGHTER OF OPERA HEROINE SHALANAYA MAKES DEBUT

**11.55 Fontainebleau, €27,000, Mdn, unraced 2yo, f, 9fT**  
 His Highness The Aga Khan's **SHALAMBA (IRE)** (**Zoffany {Ire}**) is a daughter of G1 Prix de l'Opera heroine Shalanaya (Ire) (Lomitas {GB}) and represents Mikel Delzangles in this debutantes' heat. Her 11 rivals include Antonia Devin's **Anahata (Fr)** (**Doctor Dino {Fr}**), who is a homebred half-sister to another G1 Prix de l'Opera victress in Nonza (Fr) (Zanzibari), from the Henri-Francois Devin stable.

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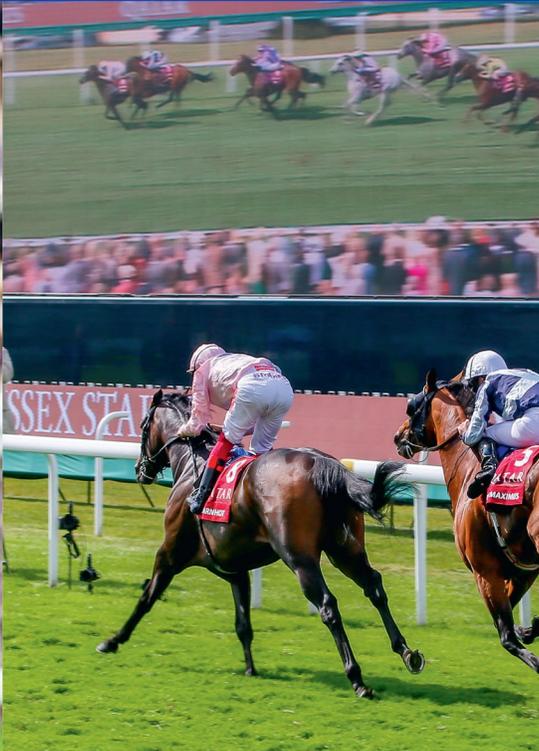
**Thursday, Fontainebleau, post time: 2.42 p.m.**

**PRIX CERES-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, f, 7fT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	10	Bowled Over (Ire)	Kingman (GB)	Breux	Graffard
2	9	Lady Aria (GB)	Kodiac (GB)	J Watson	Bell
3	5	Air de Valse (Fr)	Mesnil des Aigles (Fr)	C Demuro	Barande-Barbe
4	6	Simona (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Moutard	Graffard
5	12	Villalar (Fr)	Whipper	Peslier	Laffon-Parias
6	11	Tosen Shauna (Ire)	Alhebayeb (Ire)	Bachelot	Rulec
7	15	Nuala (Fr)	Soldier Hollow (GB)	Boudot	Fabre
8	17	Invitational (GB)	Poet's Voice (GB)	Pasquier	Varian
9	2	Orchid Star (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Barzalona	C Appleby
10	3	Grace Spirit (GB)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Hamelin	de RoyerDubre
11	4	Parousia (GB)	Shamardal	Cheminaud	Pantall
12	1	Flaming Star (Fr)	Scr	Scr	Scr
13	7	Waldblumchen (Ger)	Sea the Moon (Ger)	Benoist	A&G Botti
14	16	Green Siren (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Lecouevre	Bollack-Badel
15	13	K Club (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Hardouin	Hirschberger
16	14	Gypsy Spirit (GB)	Gregorian (Ire)	Guyon	Clover
17	8	Tencartrubieslace (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Piccone	Dlchr-Sanchez

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**Wednesday's Results:**

**PRIX DU GRAND CAMP-Listed**, €52,000, Lyon-Parilly, 11-13, 3yo/up, 12fT, 2:47.31, hy.

1--**PONTILLE (Fr)**, 126, f, 4, by **Whipper--Ponte Brolla (Fr) (MSP-Fr)**, by **Highest Honor (Fr)**. **1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.**

O-Ecurie de Montlahuc, Mme Lucile Falque & Laurent Benoit; B-Jean-Claude Seroul (Fr); T-Elias Mikhalides; J-Aurelien Lemaitre. €26,000. Lifetime Record: 15-4-2-0, €77,570. \*1/2 to Ponte Tresa (Fr) (Sicyos), GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$460,983.

2--**Good Question (Fr)**, 132, g, 4, Manduro (Ger)--Question of Time (Fr), by Olden Times (GB). (€3,000 Ylg '16 AROCT). O-Georges Duca & Mme Laurence Samoun. €10,400.

3--**Forever Yours (Fr)**, 126, f, 4, Motivator (GB)--Everlast (Fr), by Anabaa. (€25,000 Ylg '17 ARAUG). O-Laurent Haegel. €7,800. Margins: 6HF, 2HF, HF. Odds: 17.20, 6.50, 6.50.

Also Ran: Jacksun (Fr), Fabulous Las Vegas (Fr), Royal Family (Fr), Jizellita (Fr), Dalvini (Fr), Boulevard (Ire), Argyron (Ire), Silverwave (Fr). DNF: Silverwave (Fr). Scratched: Nikkei (Ger).

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Pontille was plucked from a Clairefontaine claimer last year and went postward for this first black-type start coming back off a Sept. 30 handicap score at Chantilly. Leading throughout this stamina test, she was shaken up when threatened off the home turn and ridden further clear inside the final quarter mile to secure a career high by daylight.

Pontille is one of three scorers out of a dual stakes-placed half-sister to G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest heroine Porlezza (Fr) (Sicyos), who in turn produced GSW G1 Prix Morny third Pontenuovo (Fr) (Green Tune) and Listed Prix La Fleche runner-up Ponte Vespucci (Fr) (Anabaa). Her dam Ponte Brolla (Fr) (Highest Honor {Fr}) is also kin to the dam of G1 Doomben Cup hero Pornichet (Fr) (Vespone {Ire}) and the February-foaled bay is half to GSW G1 Prix Royal-Oak third Ponte Tresa (Fr) (Sicyos) and a 2019 filly by George Vancouver.

**1st-Lyon-Parilly, €27,000, Cond**, 11-13, 2yo, 8fT, 1:49.25, hy. **VEILLEUR DE NUIT (IRE) (c, 2, Lope de Vega {Ire}--Perfect Day {Ire})**, by **Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}**, an Oct. 12 debut scorer tackling nine furlongs at Marseille-Borely last time, asserted for an early lead down in trip here. Holding sway thereafter, the 23-10 pick was nudged along at the quarter-mile marker and ridden out inside the final 300 metres to comfortably account for Gourmet (Fr) (Dunkerque {Fr}) by 2 1/2 lengths. He is one of four winners from as many runners produced by a daughter of G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Yesterday (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), herself a full-sister to G1 Moyglare Stud S. victress Quarter Moon (Ire). The April-foaled bay is half-brother to a yearling colt by Acclamation (GB) and a 2019 filly by Almanzor (Fr). Sales history: €100,000 Ylg '18 ARAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0,

€22,500. **Video**, sponsored by [Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Ecurie Skymarc Farm, Ecuries Serge Stempniak & Ecurie des Charmes; B-Ecurie Skymarc Farm & Ecurie des Charmes (IRE); T-Fabrice Vermeulen.

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**2nd-Angers, €45,000, Cond**, 11-13, 3yo, 15fT, 3:24.91, hy.

**OR GRIS (Fr) (g, 3, Gris de Gris {Ire}--Caprice Flore {Fr})**, by **Kotky Bleu {Fr}** Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-2, €42,725. O-Mlle Marie-Cecile de Saint-Seine, Etienne Leenders & Gregoire Leenders; B-E & Mme E Leenders (Fr); T-E & Gregoire Leenders.

**2nd-Lyon-Parilly, €30,000, Cond**, 11-13, 3yo, 11fT, 2:31.51, hy.

**CAPITOLE (Fr) (g, 3, Born to Sea {Ire}--Capitale {Fr})**, by **Pivotal {GB}** Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 14-3-5-1, €77,060. O-Ecurie des Mouettes; B-Scuderia Bolgheri (Fr); T-Richard Chotard.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Adelphie (Fr)**, f, 2, **Prince Gibraltar (Fr)**--Holiday Maker (GB), by Dubai Destination. Lyon-Parilly, 11-13, 10fT, 2:27.20. B-Mme Annie Delarue (Fr). \*3rd winner for freshman sire (by Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}). \*\*€10,000 Ylg '18 AROCT.

**Rougegarde (Fr)**, g, 2, **Red Dubawi (Ire)**--Krestena (Fr), by Kendor (Fr). Angers, 11-13, 8fT, 1:43.26. B-Mme Dominique Sepulchre (Fr). \*2nd winner for freshman sire (by Dubawi {Ire}). \*\*€0 RNA Wlg '17 ARQDEC.

**Oviedo (Fr)**, c, 2, **Wootton Bassett (GB)**--Mischka (Ire), by Anabaa. Lyon-Parilly, 11-13, 10fT, 2:26.87. B-Marc Bridoux (Fr). \*€60,000 RNA Ylg '18 ARAUG; €30,000 Ylg '18 ARQNOV.

IRELAND

**FLEMENS FIRTH COLT TOPS TATTS IRE NH**

**Lot 896**, a colt by Flemensfirth, led the proceedings with an €88,000 final bid at the penultimate session of the Tattersalls Ireland NH Sale Wednesday. Tattersalls regular Lennie Walker outbid John Nallen for the son of listed-winning Morning Supreme (Ire) (Supreme Leader). The Apr. 11 foal was consigned by Ballincurrag House Stud, offered on behalf of Ashroe Stud Ltd. "He will come back to the Derby Sale, I like trading them and let's hope he is another Captain Chris," said Walker. The session concluded with an aggregate of €3,477,850, a median price of €16,000 and an average price of €18,499. The clearance, comparable to 2018, was 72%. Tattersalls Ireland November National Hunt Sale concludes today, featuring foals followed by broodmares. It begins at 10 a.m. (local time).

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## NAVAN OPENS NEW SCHOOLING TRACK

Navan Racecourse opened its new training track, located on the inside of the main track, Wednesday. Following the official opening, approximately 70 horses used the new track.

“Following on from feedback from some of the top local trainers and jockeys, we have decided to run the horses right-handed around the inside of our main track giving a lovely gradual testing uphill finish,” said Navan Racecourse Manager Peter Killeen. “We are running over two distances of a mile and a half and two miles today as it’s our first time schooling on the track, but our intention going forward is to accommodate distances between six furlongs and two miles. Hopefully, Navan can now play a role in satisfying the growing demand for trainers to school their horses and we will hold schooling days on a regular basis.”

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### IN AUSTRALIA:

**Aussie Nugget (Ire)**, g, 3, **Dansili (GB)**--Anticipation (Fr), by Muhtathir (GB). Bendigo, 11-13, Hcp. (£19k/€22k), 1600mT, 1:35.66. B-Mabaki Investments (KY). \*€105,000 Ylg '17 GOFORB.

**Whosyourhousemate (GB)**, g, 5, **Bahamian Bounty (GB)**--Starlit Sky (GB), by Galileo (Ire). Scone, 11-13, Hcp. (£12k/€14k), 900m, :52.11. B-Heather Raw. \*32,000gns Ylg '15 TATOCT; 95,000gns HRA '17 TATOCT. \*\*1/2 to Sedmikraska (GB) (Excellent Art {GB}), Ch. 3yo Filly-Cze.

## WORLDWIDE NEWS

### SECOND CARD CANCELLED AT HAPPY VALLEY

The Hong Kong Jockey Club was forced to cancel Happy Valley Racecourse’s Nov. 13 card due to safety concerns stemming from continued social unrest, in areas surrounding both the city oval and Sha Tin in the New Territories. It is the second cancellation of a live program at Happy Valley this season, following on from the first Sept. 18, however safety concerns on

that occasion were caused by a single pro-establishment lawmaker whose horse was declared to run and who was insistent upon his participation.

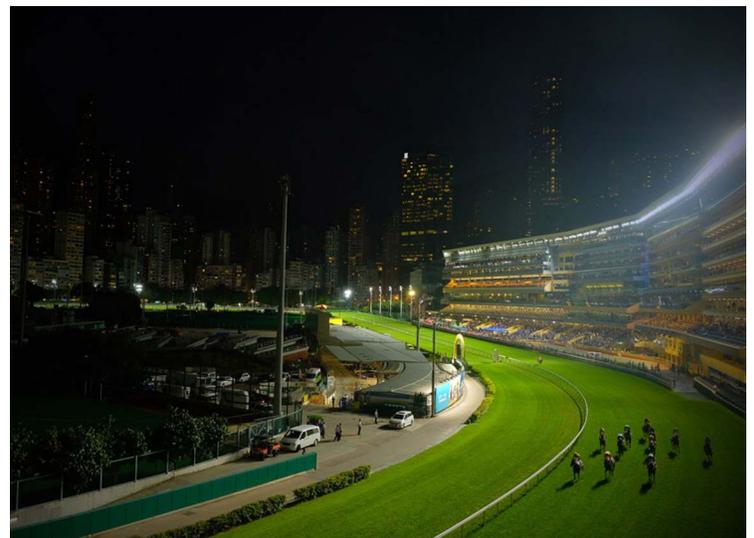
There were suggestions as early as Wednesday morning that the meeting was in some jeopardy, as protests broke out at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) in Sha Tin, just one kilometre from the Sha Tin stable area, and casting doubt on the ability to transport horses to Happy Valley.

In a statement issued at 1:35pm local time Wednesday, the HKJC said: “In organising race meetings, the Club always puts safety as a top priority. The Club has been monitoring the situation in Hong Kong closely. It has conducted a thorough risk assessment of the race meeting tonight and concluded that the latest social unrest and public transportation situation throughout the territory do not support our employees and racegoers arriving and particularly departing from the racecourse smoothly and safely. As such, the Club has decided to cancel the race meeting at Happy Valley Racecourse tonight.”

According to South China *Morning Post*, Wednesday’s protests were some of the worst since they began six months ago and caused a serious disruption of public bus routes and MTR train services. Many stations were closed and in one case, a train was forced to stop after it hit a bike and other objects that had been thrown onto the track. Passengers had to walk the last 100 metres in order to get to the station.

Happy Valley is home to the Longines International Jockeys’ Championship, just three weeks away on Dec. 4. The Longines Hong Kong International Races take place at Sha Tin Dec. 8.

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## FIRST-SEASON SIRES DO BATTLE



Pride of Dubai | Coolmore

by Bren O'Brien

So far only two of the stallions who entered stud in Australia in 2016 have tasted racetrack success in Pride Of Dubai and Spill The Beans, but that can quickly change this weekend with seven stallions having representatives.

Pride Of Dubai has already secured stakes success thanks to Tanker and can add to that with Dubai Star to tackle the Listed Merson Cooper S. at Sandown on debut for Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott. She will be his third Australian runner, with Meydan Lass to be the fourth when she takes on the Max Lees Classic at Newcastle for Kris Lees later that afternoon.

Early momentum is always a bonus for a first season sire and having had five to the trials to date from the 47 named foals in his first crop, Pride Of Dubai looks well-positioned to continue to make an impression.

"Ever since Pride Of Dubai's progeny started the breaking-in process there have been great reports on them. As it happens they have come to hand very quickly," Rob Archibald, Racing Manager and Nominations for Coolmore Australia said.

"His three runners to date are highlighted by Ciaron Maher and David Eustace's Tanker registering his first stakes winner and the Lindsay Park trained Bella Nipotina coming so close in the \$500,000 Inglis Banner on Cox Plate day.

We are confident that they will build on the early momentum and continue to go from strength to strength as we get further into the season. He is a very exciting sire of the future."

He got one up on his Coolmore barnmate, Vancouver, in getting that first winner, but you get the feeling a flood of successes from the progeny of the Golden Slipper S. winner is not that far away. Vancouver has already had two stakes-placegetters in Postcode, who was second in the G3 Breeders' Plate, and Ticket To Ride, who was third in the G3 Gimcrack S.

The sense of a rush of Vancouvers hitting the track is from the fact that he has had 16 of his first crop trial already, although only three have debuted in races. Thunder Peak becomes starter number four in the Merson Cooper S. on Saturday where she debuts for Michael Moroney.

"Vancouver made a phenomenal start with his first crop. To date he has only had two runners in Australia and they're both Group performers," Archibald said.

"The Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott trained Posctcode is Timeform's second highest-rated 2-year-old colt this season and is unlucky not to be a winner already. Similarly, the Freedman Racing trained Ticket To Ride looks like a very smart filly for the future. We expect to see a wave of talented horses hit the track in the coming months and make a real impression."

No Nay Never (USA) is the third of Coolmore's first season sires and while he is yet to have a runner get to the track, you get the sense they will make their presence felt when they do, with a filly called Yes Yup Yay winning a Gold Coast trial by 8.5l on Monday for trainer Melissa Leitch.

"No Nay Never is one of the most exciting young sires in the world with 20 stakes winners and 13 stakes winning 2-year-olds already," Archibald said.

"He is tailor-made for success in Australia and the 8.5l trial win by Yep Yup Yay at the Gold Coast this week gives us even more confidence that his first Southern Hemisphere crop will make their presence felt this season. He is a very special sire and his progeny display all the characteristics that are required for success in Australia."

Vinery Stud's Headwater has had five runners to the track so far this season, including Mick Price and Michael Kent Jr. trained River Twain, who represents in the Merson Cooper S. having run eighth in the R. Listed Inglis Banner at Moonee Valley.

Sun Stud's Ready For Victory and former Arrowfield stallion Real Impact (Jpn) both have their first runners in that race.

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Ready For Victory has the Robbie Laing-trained Miss Juvenile, who led all the way to win a recent jumpout at Cranbourne while Real Impact has the Jason Warren-trained filly Real Feeling, who closed off nicely to win a recent Mornington jumpout.

Former Darley shuttler Night Of Thunder (Ire), who equalled the European record for stakes-winners by a first season sire, had his first Australian starter in the recent Maribyrnong Plate and has his second with River Night in the Merson Cooper S.

**Trust in Sunshine**

Swettenham Stud's Trust In A Gust has his first runner in the 2-year-old race at the Sunshine Coast.

Trust In Aloha debuts in the famous Sangster colours, after a decision by Swettenham principal Adam Sangster to send four of Trust In A Gust's first crop to Stuart Kendrick to train.

"I'd been up there to the Sunshine Coast a few times and I thought these Trust in A Gusts were particularly forward and with Queensland having so many early 2-year-old races it made sense to send them up to Stuart Kendrick," Sangster said.

"This filly is from a family which tend to take a little bit more time, but she has come to hand a bit earlier."

Kendrick and his clients have bought into Trust In Aloha, who hasn't trialled publicly, but Sangster says 'has a bit of a motor'.

An early winner would be a further boost to Trust In A Gust, who Sangster said has had his busiest season in terms of volume of mares on the back of the impression his first crop made at the yearling sales earlier this year.

Trust In Aloha is not the only one of the stallion's progeny expected to make an impact this season, with Sangster saying Ciaran Maher had a strong opinion of a filly named Lover's Trust, who was picked out by John Foote at the 2018 Inglis Great Southern Sale.

All in all, there have been 14 first season stallions who have had Australian runners so far this season, including Darley's Exosphere, Newgate's Super One and Criterion, Widden's Outreach, Vinery's Press Statement, Woodside Park's Rich Enuff and Kingstar's Bull Point.

Among those yet to have a starter along with No Nay Never are Darley's Kermadec (NZ), Rosemont Stud's Nostradamus and Arrowfield's Panzer Division.



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