



'HEART' AND 'FLAME' FIND GRIT DEEP IN BLOODLINES



Heart to Heart | *Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportswire*

by Andrew Caulfield

Thanks to [Bill Finley's Op/Ed piece last Thursday](#), the topic of lack of runners in the U.S. has been much discussed in recent days. The Jockey Club's figures show that the average field size has fallen to fewer than eight runners per race since 2011 and that a modern American racehorse can be expected to make little more than six starts per year, compared to an average of 10.88 in 1965 and 8.28 in 1985.

If you are wondering why I picked those last two time points, it's because two of last weekend's American graded winners descend from Irish-bred mares which, at around those times, were proving themselves as tough as they were talented.

Heart to Heart, the GI Gulfstream Park Turf S. winner who has made 34 starts in six years of action, has Fair Astronomer as his fourth dam, whereas **Flameaway**, the admirable Scat Daddy colt who landed the GIII Sam F. Davis S., has Flame of Tara as his third dam.

Fair Astronomer, born in 1960, was a fine example of the type of fairy tale which racing sometimes produces. With a dam who never raced and a second dam who won two races under Pony Turf Club rules, Fair Astronomer failed to attract a bid when offered for sale as a yearling. Yet by the end of 1962, she had established herself as the fastest 2-year-old filly in Europe, having won six of her nine starts, gaining victories in Ireland, England and France. **Cont. p3**

LUCULLAN POISED FOR TURF FEAST IN 2018

by Joe Bianca

The Godolphin and Darley names have been synonymous with top-class turf talent overseas for decades now, but in America, they adjusted to the market and have mostly made their bones by breeding and racing dirt horses. Every now and then, however, their rich history of buying and breeding turf mares manifests itself Stateside, with the latest promising example being **Lucullan** (Hard Spun), an ascendant grass talent who appears primed for big things in 2018 after starting his 4-year-old season with a sharp allowance victory Sunday at Gulfstream.

Back when Storm Cat was first laying the groundwork to be a superstar sire, he was represented by a hard-knocking lawn specialist in Caress, a six-time stakes and three-time graded stakes winner in the mid-1990s. Bred and owned by Louis Wolfson's Harbor View Farm, the mare went through the ring at the 2000 Keeneland November sale and John Ferguson plunked down \$3.1 million of Sheikh Mohammed's money to secure her.

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King of the 'hill'. A colt by Medaglia d'Oro and out of 2014 Canadian Champion Female Sprinter Hillaby (Distorted Humor-Sealy Hill) surveys his surroundings at Stonestreet Farm in Lexington, KY. The colt was foaled on January 31 and is owned by Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings. Hillaby will be bred back to Tapit. | Stonestreet

JORGE RICARDO: GREATNESS BEYOND THE TRACK

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The greatness of Jorge Ricardo extends far beyond becoming the jockey with the most wins in the history of racing. It is in his professionalism, his character and his spirit.

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Heart & Flame Find Grit Deep in Bloodlines *(cont. from p1)*

As all of her starts were over five furlongs, the favorite distance of her sire Star Gazer, it seemed likely that Fair Astronomer would prove to be a

sprinter. However, she had changed trainers and countries after being sold for 8,000gns and her new conditioner had different ideas. The filly spent most of her second season racing between a mile and a mile and a quarter, winning four of her nine starts and boosting her Timeform rating from 123 to 125.

Because she was racing before the introduction of the Pattern Race system, Fair Astronomer was sometimes asked to carry big weights in valuable handicaps.



Flameaway edges Catholic Boy | SV Photography

On her debut as a 4-year-old (when she combined racing with conceiving her first foal) she finished a neck second of 45 runners (yes 45) under top weight in the Lincolnshire H.

Despite proving less effective as a broodmare, Fair Astronomer established a female line which has yielded several Grade I winners, including Malhub (Golden Jubilee S.), Mourjane (Arlington H.), Deputy Commander (Travers S.), Donna Blini (Cheveley Park S.) and Gentildonna (Japan Cup and Dubai Sheema Classic). Now Heart to Heart, a son of English Channel,

has added his name to the list (I will return to English Channel later in this article).

Flame of Tara, the third dam of Flameaway, was also given a thorough testing, as might be expected of a filly trained by Jim Bolger. To be brief, she won the first three of her four juvenile starts before boosting her Timeform rating to 124 as a 3-year-old, when she won two Group 2 races--the Coronation S. and Pretty Polly S.--which now carry

Group 1 status. She won over a mile and a half as a 4-year-old, when she boosted her career total to 21 starts.

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Don Alberto's champion filly Unique Bella earns a 109 Beyer in the Santa Maria (G2), her sixth graded stakes victory.



Flame of Tara's legacy has also been substantial, with her greatest gift being daughter Salsabil, who was gaining her third classic success when she defeated colts in the Irish Derby. It is going to be interesting to see how far the versatile Flameaway stays. Although his sire Scat Daddy won the GI Florida Derby, his reputation as a sire is largely based on such fast performers as Lady Aurelia, Caravaggio, No Nay Never and Acapulco. It is in Flameaway's favor, though, that his second and third dams won at around a mile and a half and that his dam Vulcan Rose is a daughter of the Kentucky Derby winner Fusaichi Pegasus.

A recurring theme in the TDN commentaries in recent months has been the belief that turf racing is growing in popularity. Scat Daddy, of course, enjoyed considerable success as a turf sire, even though he raced only on dirt, and Flameaway has now won on all-weather, turf and dirt.

Heart to Heart is much more a turf specialist, with all but one of his 14 victories coming on the grass. This is hardly surprising in a son of English Channel, a stallion whose entry in the *Blood-Horse* Stallion Register puts his total progeny earnings to November last year at \$31,403,483. Significantly it also records that no less than \$22,782,348 of that total has been earned on turf, thanks to the likes of The Pizza Man (GI Arlington Million, GI Northern Dancer Turf S.), Interpol (Northern Dancer Turf S.), Johnny Bear (Northern Dancer Turf S.), Al's Gal (GI E.P. Taylor

S.), Parranda and Skyring. They have helped him achieve a top-ten finish among North America's leading turf sires in each of the last five years, even though some of his crops have been comparatively small by modern standards. He had only 52 named foals in his second crop, foaled in 2010, and 55 in his 2013 crop.

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Flameaway as a yearling at Saratoga | Taylor Made photo

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English Channel is standing his 11th season in 2018 and his fourth at Calumet, having spent his first two years at Hurricane Hall and the next five at Lane's End. His fee has been constant at \$25,000, which is a reasonable amount for a champion son of the accomplished Smart Strike, sire also of the \$150,000 Curlin.



English Channel | ThoroStride

At 15.3 hands, English Channel isn't a big horse and his connections always thought that turf would be his surface. He made all 23 of his starts on turf and--rather like his sire Smart Strike--gradually developed into a major force at four. English Channel won three Grade Is from nine to 12 furlongs as a 4-year-old, before adding another three Grade Is the following year, when his impressive victory in the Breeders' Cup Turf clinched the Eclipse Award.

His broodmare sire Theatrical (Ire) was another champion turf performer (and another who was at his most formidable as a 5-year-old). Although his reputation as a highly effective stallion rested firmly on his turf runners, Theatrical also sired the occasional Grade I winner on dirt.

There seems to be no reason why English Channel cannot continue to shine, provided he gets strong enough support. His first crop--his biggest at 107 named foals--contained the impressive total of seven graded stakes winners and his third, numbering 87 named foals, contained a similarly attractive total of five graded winners. Now that Heart to Heart has won the Gulfstream Park Turf S., every one of those five (V.E Day, Al's Gal, Johnny Bear and Interpol being the others) has won at Grade I level, which is surely something to brag about.

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Lucullan Poised for Turf Feast in 2018

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She went on to produce Golden Velvet (Seeking the Gold) for Darley, a stakes-placed filly in France who nevertheless found her best success on dirt for trainer Kieran McLaughlin with a pair of graded stakes scores in 2008.

Golden Velvet's first two foals raced under McLaughlin's watch as well, and had just one turf try in 22 combined starts. Lucullan also started on the main track, but after two ho-hum efforts last spring in New York, was put on grass and immediately had the proverbial lightswitch turn on. He broke his maiden June 23 at Belmont with a sharp turn of foot, something that would become a theme for the rest of the season. Third in an allowance July 30 at Saratoga, the bay nevertheless came home in :21.48 for his last quarter-mile. He rattled off a :21.89 final split to clear his one-other-than condition back at Belmont Sept. 10 and flew home in



Lucullan winning Sunday at Gulfstream | Leslie Martin

:33.60 for his final three furlongs when running a neck second at 14-1 in the GIII Hill Prince S. there Oct. 7. Given a few months off, he returned with an easy three-length tally Sunday, getting his last three panels in :33.95.

"He's a really, really nice horse that we decided to give a little bit of a break to after his second in the Hill Prince," McLaughlin

said Monday. "It was a really good race, good effort and we felt like he could be an important horse this year for our stable. Yesterday was the start of the year and he was very impressive. It was just an allowance race, but we hope to move up to stakes races soon."

Lucullan, unlike most McLaughlin trainees, takes it easy on the timer in most of his workouts. He always brings that acceleration in the afternoon though, regardless of who his pilot is. The colt was ridden in his previous five outings by Kendrick Carmouche before getting acquainted with Irad Ortiz,

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“He’s got a great turn of foot,” McLaughlin said. “We don’t do a whole lot in the morning time to see that, but he’s easy to ride. Kendrick did a great job on him on multiple occasions, but he’s in New York, so Irad picked up the mount and rode him great yesterday.”



Kieran McLaughlin | Coady Photography

As for what’s next in Lucullan’s story, McLaughlin couldn’t pin down a particular spot one day removed from his return, but is mulling several different options as bridges to the meat of the turf racing season.

“It’s hard to say right now,” he said. “We’re not going to rush him back anywhere and we hope to have a long, good, successful summer with him. We’re not going to wait that long either, but we’ll look around first. We could run back [at Gulfstream] later. Fair Grounds has a nice race Mar. 24 [the GII Muniz Memorial H.], then there’s Keeneland or Churchill once we get him back to New York. We probably will keep him from a mile to a mile and an eighth.”

McLaughlin also touched on a few other Godolphin runners with high hopes for 2018, including **Westwood** (Bernardini), a 4-year-old gelding out of multiple champion Ashado. Graduating third out Nov. 5 at Aqueduct, the bay was second in an allowance there Dec. 1 before jumping forward to earn a 105 Beyer when going one better Jan. 20. Westwood is slated to try to build on that breakthrough in a second-level allowance/optional claimer Thursday at the Big A.

“He’s doing great, so we entered him back for Thursday,” McLaughlin said. “He’s a very nice gelding, so we’ll just try to win races and make money. If he runs well, we’ll probably step up to stakes.”



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Godolphin also has a pair of GI Kentucky Derby hopefuls in McLaughlin's care, led by recent GIII Withers S. hero **Avery Island** (Street Sense). The 57-year-old conditioner said that he'll pass on the GIII Gotham S. Mar. 10 at Aqueduct since that race was cut back from a two-turn event to a one-turn mile for this season's renewal.

"He came out of the race fabulous, but the Gotham is a mile, so we won't do that with him," McLaughlin said. "He may run in the [GII] Wood [Memorial], but we're undecided at this time. I talk to [Darley president] Jimmy Bell each week and [Avery Island] will probably work Friday morning. He's on course to run on a Saturday, but we're not sure which Saturday or where."

McLaughlin is regrouping with GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. victor **Enticed** (Medaglia d'Oro), who finished a well-beaten fourth as the favorite behind runaway winner Audible (Into Mischief) in the GII Holy Bull S. last Saturday at Gulfstream.

"We were disappointed, obviously, but we had the one hole, which is the shortest way around, but is also the crowded way around," he said. "He was in tight all the way and might not have liked that. The winner was very impressive and we're not sure what we're going to do with him, but he came out of the race in good shape and he, too, will work Friday. I'll be in touch with Jimmy Bell and make some plans, but they're both doing well out of their races and we are going to run back. Where and when, I'm not sure, but we're going to have to make that decision soon." [\(Click to return to p1\)](#)

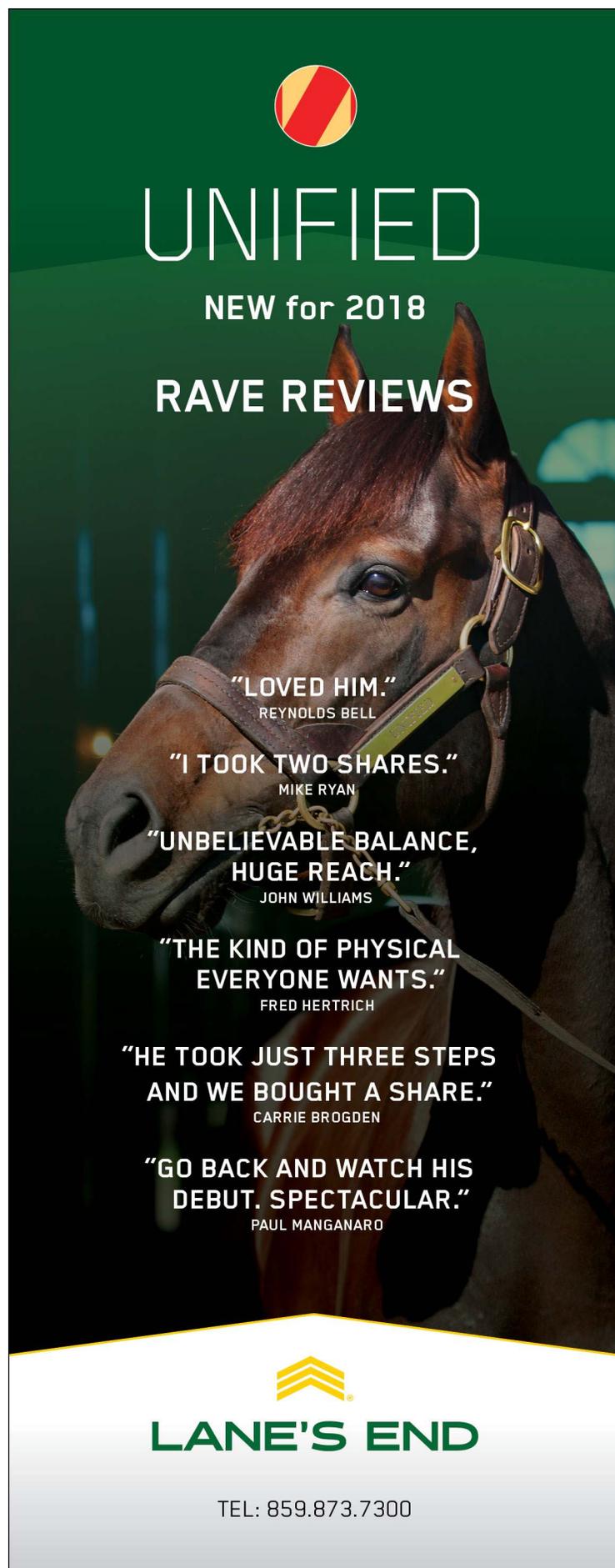
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JORGE RICARDO: GREATNESS BEYOND THE RACETRACK

by *Diego Mitagstein*

The greatness of Jorge Ricardo extends far beyond becoming the jockey with the most wins in the history of racing. It is in his professionalism, his character and his spirit. He is an idol-- someone who sets an example, someone who always has a smile on his face and someone who values a Group 1 winner and a 5-year-old maiden in the same way.

An examination of those unique, different and enviable qualities unearths what makes Jorge Ricardo special. His record-setting achievement Wednesday at San Isidro represented the fulfillment of a dream that guided his life in recent years: to surpass Russell Baze as the winningest jockey of all time. In the magical moments following his 12,845th winning ride aboard Hope Glory (Honour and Glory), "Ricardinho" spoke with humility and passion: "I thank everyone for the support and affection they always gave me. But I also want to thank Russell Baze with all my heart--he is the man who inspired me to move forward. He is a great person without whom I would not have achieved what I achieved. I have respect for an incredible professional who is as much the owner of this record as I am."





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Now 56 years old, Jorge Ricardo is happy--relieved, it could be said--after his dream to be the jockey with most all-time wins became a reality. The road to the record consisted of two steps. His story begun in his native Brazil and wrapped up in Argentina, where he has competed for more than a decade. While everything went according to plan, Ricardo admittedly endured some discomfort in the final days leading up to his crowning accomplishment.

"I was getting anxious, very nervous," Ricardo said. "At Gavea, in Brazil, Monday's rain ruined me, because all the races went to the dirt and my horses had [a great] chance on the grass. I lost two incredible races."



Jorge Ricardo | turfdiario.com

Ricardo's voice nearly broke when describing the feeling of finally breaking the record.

"I felt happiness, joy, desire to embrace everyone--I remembered everyone," Ricardo said. "Many people who were there to see it--and another who is no longer there, who were part of my career--[encouraged me] to do what I like the most."

Ricardo said that, barring the unforeseen, he knew he would eventually capture the record.

"I never doubted that I would tie the record or [surpass] it--never--even in the worst moments," Ricardo said. "After my last fall, I knew that only death could keep me from realizing my dream. I know that 20, 30 or 40 is not the same as 56, but I am not finished either. I have good form, I take care of myself more than ever and I am still able to fight."

Ricardo had a bout with cancer in 2009, and he also won that race. He held the jockey record at the time of his diagnosis, but Baze amassed more victories in the twilight of his career and regained the lead while Ricardo underwent treatment.

The goal of regaining the record was a driving force for "Ricardinho" all these years and, true to form, he said he will attack every future goal with similar motivation.



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"Every race that I win from now on will be a new record--it sounds good," Ricardo said with a laugh. "My goal is now fulfilled and my new goal will be to continue with the same enthusiasm and the same professionalism to get the best advantage possible. At the end of the year, I will decide what to do--I will see how my body and head are and I will decide if I should keep riding or retire. I think it is more likely that I will stay active, but be more selective. But I'll talk to my family and I'll decide."

Ricardo also took a moment to reflect on the attention his accomplishment gained across the globe.

"It brings great emotion and equally great pride," Ricardo said. "It was not easy to achieve it, and to see that it has been talked about in so many countries [is special]. It's the same here in South America, having gained so many friends throughout my career. I have nothing but gratitude to all of them."

The Brazilian waited all his life to reach this sublime moment. Aboard Hope Glory, he finally broke the record with the same passion and heart that have defined him throughout his magnificent and incomparable career. But he always desires more wins, so it came as no surprise that Ricardo quickly registered win number 12,846 aboard Gold Attraction (Lingote de Oro).

Each race that he wins in the future will only add to his legend and a sense of pride amongst the South American racing community. The passage of time, which is sure to eventually see "Ricardinho" hang up his tack, will reveal one of the most important jockeys in the history of horse racing and one of the greatest professionals in the history of sport.

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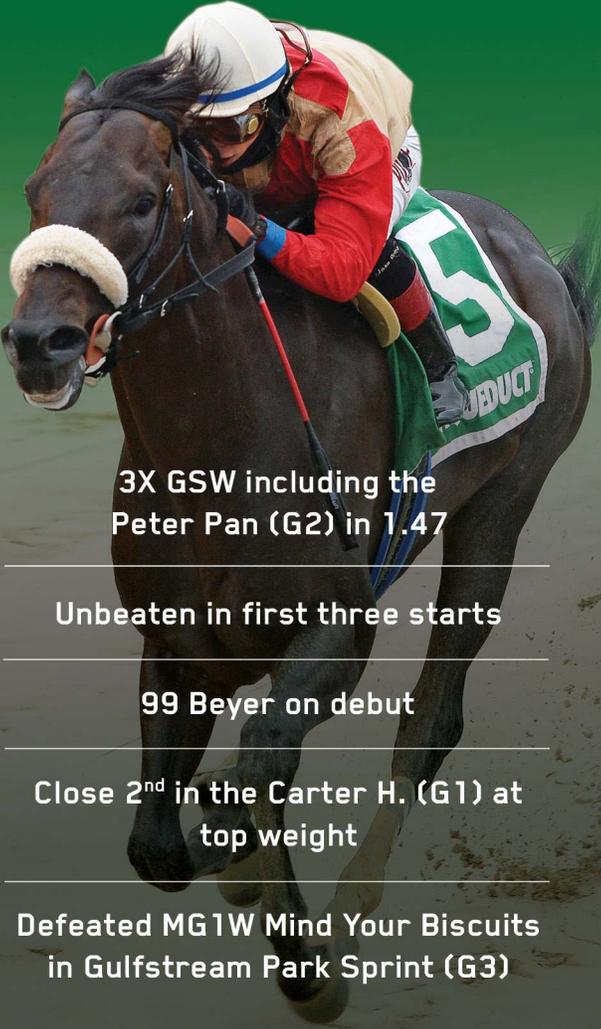


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Why did you get involved in the sport?

Honestly, I was a little girl who had a lot of energy and loved horses. I grew up in Dublin city without any kind of horse background. My cousin, Sarah, paved the way for me by convincing my

parents to let me take riding lessons. Through sheer luck, this unrealistically brave 10-year-old wound up at Crossogue Stud in Tipperary where I was introduced to Mark Molloy's string of National Hunt horses. He was kind enough to indulge an enthusiastic kid, and I spent pretty much every vacation for the next decade either jumping cross country or on the gallop.

My first introduction to the equine industry in the U.S. came in 2010 through an internship at Ashford Stud. That's where I caught the bug for good. I returned the following year, this time to Castleton Lyons, and from there landed a spot in the Godolphin Flying Start program. I have been fortunate to meet many people who were willing to give me an opportunity, and I'm very grateful. Eight years later, Lexington, Ky, is my home. I got involved in the industry because of the horses and I have stayed in the business because of the people.

What is your earliest racing memory?

Going racing in Galway in the summer. I was very young, but I remember the buzz. Ireland has a lot of great racing festivals, and Galway is one of the most iconic. My first experience in America was the Keeneland Spring meet, so I've been spoiled on both sides of the Atlantic.

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MINESHAFT H.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT	ML
1	Cedartown 🐾	Candy Ride (Arg)	Godolphin, LLC	Stidham	Bravo	121	8-5
2	No Distortion 🐾	Distorted Humor	Loooch Racing Stables, Inc.	Rini	Albarado	116	15-1
3	Scuba 🐾	Tapit	DARRS, Inc.	Walsh	Leparoux	120	6-1
4	Rich Daddy	The Daddy	HRH Racing and Kenneally, Eddie	Kenneally	Castellano	117	8-1
5	The Player	Street Hero	Bradley, William B. and Hurst, Carl	Bradley	Borel	120	5-2
6	Thirstforlife 🐾	Stay Thirsty	Wesley E. Hawley	Hawley	Lanerie	115	8-1
7	First Premio 🐾	Pure Prize	Team Valor International	Casse	Beschizza	114	8-1
8	Team Colors	Street Cry (Ire)	Joseph Allen LLC	Sweezey	Velazquez	116	12-1

Breeders: 1-Halo Farms, 2-Brereton C. Jones, 3-Palides Investments N.V., Inc., 4-Brereton C. Jones, 5-Carl Hurst, Fred Bradley & William Bradley, 6-Camas Park Stud, 7-Ronald G. McPeck, 8-Joseph Allen

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 5:05 p.m. EST

RACHEL ALEXANDRA S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT	ML
1	Actress On Board	Langfuhr	Margaret Keach	Bennett	Pedroza	116	20-1
2	Testing One Two	Star Guitar	Brittlyn Stable, Inc.	Arceneaux	Saenz	120	6-1
3	Classy Act 🐾	Into Mischief	Carl R. Moore Management LLC	Calhoun	Castellano	116	6-1
4	Wonder Gadot 🐾	Medaglia d'Oro	Gary Barber	Casse	Velazquez	122	4-1
5	She's a Julie 🐾	Elusive Quality	Whispering Oaks Farm LLC	Asmussen	Lanerie	116	12-1
6	Heavenly Love	Malibu Moon	Debby M. Oxley	Casse	Leparoux	122	6-1
7	Patrona Margarita	Special Rate	Craig D. Upham	Calhoun	Hernandez, Jr.	122	6-1
8	Monomoy Girl 🐾	Tapizar	Dubb, Monomoy Stables, LLC, The Elkstone Group LLC and Bethlehem Stables LLC	Cox	Geroux	120	8-5

Breeders: 1-Margaret Keach, 2-Brittlyn, Inc., 3-George Krikorian, 4-Anderson Farms Ont. Inc., 5-Godolphin, 6-Debby Oxley, 7-Craig D. Upham, 8-FPF LLC & Highfield Ranch

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Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 5:35 p.m. EST**FAIR GROUNDS H.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT	ML
1	Thatcher Street	Street Sense	Bloch, Randall L., Milner, Phil, Seiler, John and Amtietan, LLC	Wilkes	Hernandez, Jr.	116	12-1
2	Zulu Alpha	Street Cry (Ire)	Calumet Farm	Howard	Mena	114	20-1
3	Galton	Offlee Wild	Michael M. Hui	Maker	Castellano	117	5-1
4	One Mean Man	Mizzen Mast	Hillerich Racing, Inc. and Flint, Bernard S.	Flint	Albarado	117	12-1
5	Granny's Kitten	Kitten's Joy	Ramsey, Kenneth L. and Sarah K.	Maker	Leparoux	116	8-1
6	Mr. Misunderstood	Archarcharch	Flurry Racing Stables LLC	Cox	Geroux	119	3-1
7	Applicator	Henrythenavigator	Olympia Star, Inc.	Yanakov	Gilligan	117	12-1
8	Synchrony	Tapit	Pin Oak Stable	Stidham	Bravo	115	9-2
9	High Noon Rider 🦄	Distorted Humor	GenStar Thoroughbreds	Cox	Bridgmohan	117	6-1
10	Tiz a Slam	Tiznow	Chiefswood Stable	Attfield	Lanerie	115	20-1
11	Great Wide Open (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	M and J Thoroughbreds LLC and Riverside Bloodstock, LLC	Murphy	Beschizza	116	20-1
12	Catcho En Die (Arg)	Catcher In The Rye (Ire)	Mack, Earle I. and Wachtel, Adam	Mott	Velazquez	117	8-1

Breeders: 1-Randy Bloch, et al, 2-Calumet Farm, 3-Flaxman Holdings Limited, 4-Bernard Flint & Ron Hillerich, 5-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 6-Athens Woods, 7-Mikhail Yanakov, 8-Pin Oak Stud, LLC, 9-Flaxman Holdings Limited, 10-Chiefswood Stables Limited, 11-Newtown Anner Stud, 12-Livschitz, Jorge Eduardo

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 6:03 p.m. EST**RISEN STAR S. PRESENTED BY LAMARQUE FORD-GII, \$400,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT	ML
1	High North 🦄	Midnight Lute	Shortleaf Stable, Inc.	Cox	Lanerie	116	15-1
2	Noble Indy 🦄	Take Charge Indy	WinStar Farm LLC and Repole Stable	Pletcher	Velazquez	116	5-1
3	Givemeaminit	Star Guitar	Valene Farms LLC	Stewart	Bridgmohan	116	15-1
4	Snapper Sinclair 🦄	City Zip	Bloom Racing Stable LLC	Asmussen	Beschizza	120	8-1
5	Instilled Regard 🦄	Arch	OXO Equine LLC	Hollendorfer	Castellano	120	8-5
6	Supreme Aura 🦄	Candy Ride (Arg)	Stallionaire Enterprises LLC	Stidham	Bravo	116	8-1
7	Bravazo	Awesome Again	Calumet Farm	Lukas	Stevens	116	8-1
8	Kentucky Club	Oxbow	Calumet Farm	Lukas	Graham	116	30-1
9	Principe Guilherme	Tapit	Three Chimneys Farm	Asmussen	Geroux	116	7-2
10	Ebben 🦄	Trappe Shot	Craig Aguiar	Margolis	Saez	116	30-1

Breeders: 1-Mercedes Stables LLC, 2-WinStar Farm, LLC, 3-Clear Creek Stud LLC, 4-K & G Stables, 5-KatieRich Farms, 6-St George Farm, LLC, 7-Calumet Farm, 8-Calumet Farm, 9-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 10-Hinkle Farms



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TERRY FINLEY JOINS WHOA

Terry Finley, founder and CEO of West Point Thoroughbreds, has joined the Water Hay Oats Alliance. In announcing his support for WHOA, a grassroots organization formed to support the passage of federal legislation to prohibit the use of performance-enhancing drugs in the sport of horse racing, Finley released the following statement:

“For many years, I thought bringing in an outside entity to manage our sport’s drug testing and anti-doping programs was a bad idea. My outlook has changed.

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REID PROMOTED TO NSA MANAGER OF RACING OPERATIONS

Courtney C. Reid, a mainstay of the National Steeplechase Association's racing program since November 2015, has been promoted to Manager of Racing Operations, it was announced Monday.

"In a short period, Courtney has become a very important asset to the NSA and steeplechasing," said Guy Torsilieri, president of the NSA. "She is extraordinarily competent, she is a very quick study, and she has brought much-needed technological skills into our racing operation."

A native of Williamsburg, Virginia, she holds an undergraduate degree from James Madison University and a master's degree from Liberty University. She previously worked for the Virginia Racing Commission under longtime racing official Bernard J. Hettel.



Congratulations to last week's **JockeyTalk360.com** Jockey of the Week John Velazquez, who won the GIII Tampa Bay S. aboard Eclipse Award Champion Wold Approval (Northern Afleet) at Tampa Bay Downs and led the nation in wins and earnings with nine victories, good for \$331,420.



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During her time at the NSA, Reid has graduated from the Racing Officials Accreditation Program's stewards school and become an accredited steward. She also has worked in the racing offices of the New York Racing Association and the Breeders' Cup.

"I am both flattered and grateful that the NSA Board has acknowledged my efforts with a promotion and a new title," she said. "I am very grateful for the many opportunities the NSA has provided me in the short time I have been with the association, and I look forward to the future...Thoroughbred racing is my passion, and while steeplechasing represents a small segment of the industry, it is steeped in tradition and plays an important role in Thoroughbred history, especially at Saratoga, which is my favorite racetrack."

Reid will continue to report to Bill Gallo Jr., the NSA's director of racing.

"Courtney Reid has had a distinct and definitive effect on our racing operations at the NSA," he said. "In a very short time, she has grasped the scope of the racing program and has streamlined many of our racing functions. Her understanding of technology and its benefits when applied to the traditions of racing allows us to move forward with swift precision to better serve our horsemen and the race meets. She is an invaluable asset to me in my role as Director of Racing, and I am delighted that the NSA Board has recognized her many contributions."

Members of the NSA Executive Committee praised the skills that Reid has brought to the NSA and the talents she has honed in her tenure with the organization.

"Courtney has quickly learned the nuances of the racing office and works well with our horsemen and race meets," said NSA Vice President Doug Fout, a longtime licensed trainer and Middleburg Spring's president. "In my opinion, she's the best thing to come along for the NSA in a long time. From a horseman's view, she's always on top of her game."

As a steward, Reid will also be able to provide assistance to officials at race meets.

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EASTERN U.S.

Monday's Results:

4th-PRX, \$56,300, Msw, 2-12, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20.23, my. PINATUBO (c, 4, **Quality Road--Charlie My Girl, by Unbridled's Song), finished third in his debut here Oct. 28 and produced a pair of runner-up efforts locally Dec. 16 and at Penn National Jan. 18. The 2-1 second choice was ridden hard in the early stages to get to the front and guided the field through an opening quarter in :22.57. He continued to save ground on the far turn and kicked clear passing the furlong marker before holding off a late charge from favorite Why God (Birdstone) in the final strides to graduate by 3/4 of a length. Pinatubo was purchased as a juvenile for \$100,000 at the OBS April sale after breezing a furlong in :10 flat. His unraced dam, who is a half to GSW Magic Broomstick (More Than Ready), also has a 3-year-old colt named Moeraki (Uncle Mo). Sales history: \$65,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-1, \$54,534. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Matthew Schera; B-C Biscuit Racing & Smart Angle, LLP (PA); T-Michael V. Pino.**

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Animal Kingdom (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}), Jonabell Farm, \$35,000

215 foals of racing age/12 winners/3 black-type winners

9-HOU, Msw 1mT, THRASHER, 2-1

\$75,000 KEE SEP yrl



Animal Kingdom looks to add another winner to his resume Tuesday at Sam Houston | Darley

Fifteen Love (Point Given)

5 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners

5-HOU, Msw 1mT, PODEROSO EQUUS, 8-1

Flashpoint (Pomeroy), Le Mesa Stallions, \$2,500

63 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners

7-FG, Msw 6f, BIG EM C, 6-1

\$1,000 ESL MIX wnl; \$2,000 ESL YRL yrl

7-FG, Msw 6f, NEBULAS, 8-1

\$49,000 KEE NOV wnl

Freedom Child (Malibu Moon), Country Life Farm, \$3,500

58 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner

3-PRX, Msw 6f, SCARFREE, 4-1

Holiday Promise (Harlan's Holiday)

13 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners

9-HOU, Msw 1mT, HOLIDAY JOKE, 4-1

Liaison (Indian Charlie), Spendthrift Farm, \$10,000

166 foals of racing age/12 winners/2 black-type winners

5-MVR, Msw 6f, DONTLAUGHIMPAIDFOR, 8-1

\$1,200 KEE SEP yrl

7-FG, Msw 6f, TENSAS TALK, 6-1

\$11,000 OBS AUG yrl; \$8,700 TTA APR 2yo

Memories Last (Thats Our Buck), TX

4 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners

9-HOU, Msw 1mT, JAMARS WHITEGOLD, 20-1

\$1,000 TTA MIX yrl

Morning Line (Tiznow), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000

134 foals of racing age/17 winners/2 black-type winners

7-FG, Msw 6f, ZIPPY, 6-1

\$15,000 OBS WIN yrl; \$20,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$45,000 OBS APR 2yo

Power Broker (Pulpit), SAU, \$10,000

136 foals of racing age/18 winners/0 black-type winners

5-HOU, Msw 1mT, ANTAGONIST, 6-1

5-MVR, Msw 6f, POSITIVE VIBES, 20-1

\$2,000 KEE SEP yrl

Snappy Halo (ARG) (Southern Halo), Calumet Farm, \$7,500

32 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners

7-SUN, Alw 6 1/2f, SNAPY HOUR, 12-1

\$98,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl

7-SUN, Alw 6 1/2f, SOUTHERN SHINER, 8-1

\$1,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

7-SUN, Alw 6 1/2f, WILMAS IRISH ROVER, 6-1

BREEDERS' EDITION

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-PRX, \$42,750, (S), 2-12, (NW2BX), 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:26.73, gd.

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By Daithi Harvey

While the demolition and total rebuild of The Curragh Racecourse enclosure and grandstand is easily the highest-profile capital project undertaken in Irish racing this century, the reintroduction of Horse Racing Ireland's Capital Development Scheme several years ago has seen a number of other Irish racecourses avail of the grant aid to upgrade their facilities.

The scheme is open to all 26 Irish racecourses, with HRI providing 40% of the cost of approved projects. With this current fund having come on stream in 2014, the well is starting to run dry.

"We're in the closing stages of it now, it runs until 2019 and most racecourses have submitted proposals at this stage," Horse Racing Ireland's chief executive Brian Kavanagh said on Monday. "We've evaluated all the plans received and approved most of them; I think there is about half a dozen that have yet to be decided."

Only last week HRI announced further development work at Clonmel, Dundalk and Bellewstown. This follows recently completed renovations at Naas, with Punchestown also in the midst of a significant facelift that will see a new owners' facility unveiled.

"Jason Morris [HRI director of racing] and his team work closely with the racecourses and their proposals to come up

with a priority list for development and we've seen various examples in recent times," Kavanagh said. "Some of it may seem insignificant, but for example the new weigh room announced for Clonmel last week is a huge project for a relatively small track. Naas got great feedback from their new facility earlier this month and I was over in Punchestown the other day and their development is due for completion in time for their jumps festival in April."

At Naas two weeks ago, 'The Circle' was opened to the racing public. The panoramic facility was created as part of a €3.2-million HRI Capital Development Scheme that commenced last year. The cylindrically designed building, located between the parade ring and grandstand, allows for greater vantage points.

The track's manager, Tom Ryan, said, "The Capital Development Fund gave us quite a bit more scope than would have been the case to really develop a top-class facility, and we are thrilled with the feedback from it." **Cont. p2**

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Ryan continued, "The previous building that was there badly needed to be replaced and when we were looking at options Turnberry Consulting, who had been working with The Curragh and Leopardstown, impressed us with their proposal. They've consulted on some of the major racecourse projects around the world and they proposed a round building, originally based on the driver's building at Silverstone. Committing to such a novel and high-end facility also ties in with our aim to provide that extra wow factor for owners who are the lifeblood of the industry."

Ryan and his committee at Naas have also overseen some major renovations of the racing surface there, including leveling over two furlongs of the sprint track, and he said he is hoping that between the recent improvements for man and beast, the track's promotion to 'premier status' will not be long coming.

While contributing 40% to a project is a major help, racetracks still need to secure the lions' share of the funding to carry out renovations, and Kavanagh said Irish racecourses are in a financial position to think about major spending.

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-Naas Manager Tom Ryan

"It's great to see all the racecourses so keen to improve and putting most of their media rights revenues back into facilities," he said. "While a lot of the tracks have other sources of revenue the media rights have been a huge boost and in fairness to the racecourses none of them are taking dividends, but ploughing income back into the business. However, while racecourses are in better financial shape than they have been for some time, with regards to facilities many of them are playing catch up."

Kavanagh estimated around €125 million will have been put into Irish racecourses, including Northern Ireland based Down Royal and Downpatrick, by the end of the scheme with HRI contributing 40%. However, he acknowledges more needs to be done.

"There is no shortage of projects still on the table and while it's great that they are being done, they are badly needed," he said. "You can't operate in the sports entertainment business without offering good facilities. It's the minimum that's expected nowadays and thankfully the racecourses are stepping up to the mark."

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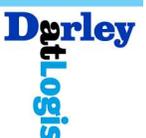
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He continued, "We stopped the Capital Development Fund for about four years when our own funding was cut and when the economy was struggling, so it was important to get it back up and running when we did. We are currently working on implementing something similar to kick in when the current one runs its course."

From a development point of view racing's headline act is the home of the Classics, and there is no doubt Irish racegoers will welcome the grand opening of a shiny new Curragh next year.

"Over the past 20 years The Curragh had practically nothing spent on it, so to say it was overdue is an understatement," Kavanagh said. "Work is progressing well and should be complete by the end of the year."

[Click here](#) for a video update on the Curragh construction released by the racecourse on Monday.

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Ireland has a high number of racecourses for its population relative to other countries; about one racecourse per 200,000 people compared to one for every million people in Britain. For this reason attracting customers in through the gates in significant numbers is an ongoing challenge. The main focus of the original Capital Development Scheme well over a decade ago was based around improving facilities for industry participants with projects like new stable yards, betting facilities and weigh rooms high on the list. However, the current scheme sees paying customers and the all-important racehorse owner as the main beneficiaries.

"We put a priority on customer facilities for this scheme including owners and trainers and there has been a lot of progress made in this area in the last few years, admittedly from a low base," Kavanagh said. "We're trying to put owners in the centre of what we do. Aidan McGarry [HRI's ownership manager] got some interesting feedback from extensive research he carried out and the race day experience for owners was one of the key areas that needed to improve, so we've been working with racecourses to rectify that and obviously the development of owners' facilities is key to that improvement."

Kavanagh has witnessed racing at the highest level around the world and is well aware of what is on offer for participants in other jurisdictions. **Cont. p4**

Fund Delivering Progress for Racegoers Cont.

"We can certainly take it to another level in time, but for example The Curragh will have world-class facilities next year and I was very impressed with Leopardstown last week," he said. "There was a great atmosphere in the owners' area, a real club feeling; I actually watched the Ireland Rugby match there and the atmosphere was fantastic."

Irish racing is not dissimilar to racing in other countries in that it faces ongoing challenges to engage with younger generations in the face of changing demographics and increased competition from other sports and pastimes. Added to this the uncertainty put forward by a shake-up in the media rights situation means the sport has to be ready to adapt to different situations that may be out of its control. With Irish racecourses steadily becoming more customer-centric and now providing facilities that are expected by those investing in the sport, most racecourses can be satisfied they have invested wisely in times of plenty, and will be better placed to develop their businesses in years to come.

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NEW SERIES COULD DRAW MAJOR SPONSORS

A blueprint has been unveiled for Championship Horse Racing, a multi-million pound team horse racing series that could be staged as early as 2019 and could generate support for racing from leading global brands. The news was first reported by *Racing Post*.

The Championship Horse Racing series would include 12 branded teams, expected to be supported by some of the world's biggest brands. Each team would have 30 horses, not necessarily with one trainer, and four jockeys, which would race in the teams' silks rather than the owners'. The series would take place over eight consecutive Thursdays, each one at a different racecourse. Each card would include six handicaps (48 races in total) with prizemoney in excess of £100,000. The competition will operate on a points system similar to F1 to determine the winning team and the champion jockey. Each of the 12 teams would have one runner per race. The concept is still very much in its infancy, with Ladbrokes quoting 9-2 the series will take place next year, and 1-8 it will not.

Jeremy Wray, chief executive of Championship Horse Racing, said, "This is a fantastic chance for racing to lead the way in changing how people watch sport, both live and in terms of bite-size, interactive content. The viewers will become fans and engage with brands like never before, on a global scale. Furthermore, everyone in racing benefits, be they stable staff, owners or jockeys."

The Jockey Club spoke out in support of the concept, Group Chief Executive Simon Bazalgette saying, "The Jockey Club is all about the long-term health of British racing, so the series is something that makes complete sense for us to support. Jeremy and his team are bringing a really far-thinking approach to the offer they're taking to market for brands to get involved. I hope that will result in a fantastic new competition launching next year that can excite existing and new fans alike and welcome some great new partners for our sport."



John Gosden has spoken out in support of Championship Horse Racing | Tattersalls photo

Leading trainer John Gosden said, "The series is the most creative and positive racing sponsorship opportunity I have seen and I hope it will become a tremendous success."

Richard FitzGerald, chief executive of Racecourse Media Group, added, "The series promises to be a compelling spectacle for viewers and has the potential to take racing to a whole new audience."

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SAMMY JO BELL RETIRES



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Jockey Sammy Jo Bell, whose highlight in the saddle came when riding two winners as an apprentice at the 2015 Shergar Cup, has retired from race riding, she told *Racing Post*. The 27-year-old has said she has received a temporary placement position at York Racecourse.

Bell was off for 10 months after sustaining a serious injury in May 2016, and had 16 winners last year following a career-best 28 the year before. She rode 82 winners in total and earned £740,951 in British prizemoney.

"It's something I've been thinking about for quite a long time," Bell told *Racing Post*. "I came back from the injury, but I didn't really get out of it what I'd wanted. I rode 16 winners from 167 rides last year, which is good, and I know a lot of people would cut their arm off to have that, but it wasn't enough for me. I tried as hard as I possibly could when I came back. I felt I rode as good as I ever had. I don't think there was anything I could've done differently and there are no rides I look back on and think of as awful. Even so, I'm 27 and I think you have to draw a line somewhere. I've decided it's time to move on."

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BRITAIN



BRITISH EBF RELEASES ANNUAL REVIEW

The British European Breeders' Fund contributed a record £1.6-million to racing in 2017, according to the organization's **annual review**. A total of 630 flat races in Britain carried EBF conditions last year--being confined to the progeny of stallions contributing income to the fund or individual horses opted in by their owners--and those races carried total prizemoney of £6,713,900.

In addition, 84 jumps races were run under EBF conditions in 2017.

The EBF also supports flat and National Hunt stallion parades, the TBA Stars of the Future National Hunt Foal Show and important equine veterinary research projects. The British EBF, working with racecourses and the British Horseracing Authority, has also supported initiatives to enhance opportunities for fillies and staying juveniles.

Rachael Gowland, Marketing and Communications Manager of the EBF, said, "The British EBF is an integral part of the funding mechanism for racing in this country. The trustees felt that an annual document to illustrate to the industry where that investment comes from and how it is utilised will create a better awareness of the huge commitment stallion owners have to British racing."

NARS RELAUNCHES ONLINE PRESENCE

The National Association of Racing Staff (NARS), formerly known as the National Association of Stable Staff, is celebrating its rebranding with the launch of a new website and an app focused on easy-to-access services for its 6,500 plus members. The app, available for IOS and Android, will include information on the terms and conditions of their work in a racing yard, as well as online polls, competitions and push notifications.

Nominations for the Godolphin Stud and Stable Staff Awards close Feb. 19 at 5 p.m.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Dorella (Ger), f, 3, **Reliable Man (GB)**--Diacada (Ger) (GSW-Ger, \$171,911), by Cadeaux Genereux (GB). WOL, 2-12, 9f 104y (AWT), 2:04.44. B-Gestut Rottgen (GER). *48,000gns Wlg '15 TATFOA. **1/2 to Diatribe (GB) (Tertullian), MSW-Ger; and Daktani (GB) (Kallisto {Ger}), SW-Ger.

FRANCE



CONDITIONS RESULTS:

6th-PTB, €17,000, **Cond**, 2-12, 5yo/up, 12f (AWT), 2:31.30, st.

TECTONA (IRE) (m, 7, Shirocco {Ger})--Too Marvelous {Fr}, by Dansili {GB}) Lifetime Record: 27-4-1-3, €43,800. O-John Robert Powell; B-Marquise de Moratalla (IRE); T-Louisa Carberry. *€20,000 4yo '15 ARQJUL. **1/2 to Earth Amber (GB) (Hurricane Run {Ire}), GSP-Eng.

French Report Cont.

5th-PTB, €15,000, Cond, 2-12, 4yo, 12f (AWT), 2:29.54, st. BROGLIE (FR) (f, 4, Le Havre {Ire}--Malegganda {Fr}, by Divine Light {Jpn}) Lifetime Record: 16-2-0-1, €31,000. O-Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-Franklin Finance SA (FR); T-Yann Barberot.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Great America (Ire), f, 3, Lethal Force (Ire)--Miss Legal Eagle (Ire), by Authorized (Ire). PTB, 2-12, 10 1/2f (AWT), 2:11.52. B-Mylestown Farms Ltd (IRE). *€9,000 Ylg '16 GOFSP.

Dance the Blues (Fr), g, 3, Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)--Sienna May, by Dixie Union. PTB, 2-12, 10 1/2f (AWT), 2:11.81. B-Marquise de Moratalla (FR). *€47,000 Ylg '16 AROCT.

Highest Sun (Fr), g, 4, Sunday Break (Jpn)--Highest Price (Fr), by Highest Honor (Fr). PTB, 2-12, 15 1/2f (AWT), 3:22.18. B-Mme Laurence Gagneux & Mlle Muriel Montauban (FR). *€18,000 RNA Ylg '15 ARQNOV; €14,000 RNA 2yo '16 ARQJUN.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

CLASSIC BOOK ONE CLOSES WITH GAINS



Newgate's Henry Field (right) and trainer Wayne Hawkes | Inglis

Book one of Inglis's Classic Yearling Sale at Riverside Stables closed on Monday the way it began on Saturday evening, with major gains across all indicators. A total of 511 yearlings (92%) sold for a gross of A\$48,203,000, which was up 34%. The average and median rose by similar margins at A\$94,331 (+32.2%) and A\$75,000 (+36.4%), respectively. A remarkable 53 vendors enjoyed a 100% clearance rate, headed by Catriona and Royston Murphy's Sledmere Stud with 21 of 21 sold.

The leading vendor by aggregate was Newgate Farm, whose Henry Field said, "We're very pleased, it's been a great sale and Inglis have put so much into the complex and they deserved to be rewarded with the quality of the buying bench that's turned up and the quality of the horses that the vendors have brought to the sale. We've pretty much met the market on every horse; it's been a wonderful sale."

Inglis Managing Director Mark Webster said, "As far as I'm aware there has never been a select yearling sale anywhere in the world that has enjoyed a clearance rate as high as 92% before, so to our loyal vendors and all of our buyers, I thank you. The statistics are a testament to the quality of horse that has been presented over the past three days. It's a new era at Riverside Stables and it's a new era for the Classic sale. The great thing about it is the improvement in quality over the past few years has made this a sale of international quality, yet Book 2 is still very accessible for those who haven't been able to get on the board yet or whose budgets are not as strong as others."

I Am Invincible (Aus), who was responsible for three of top five lots overall, was the sale's leading sire by average (three or more sold) with 11 sold for an average of A\$260,455. His son Brazen Beau was leading first-season sire by average with all four offered sold for an average of A\$193,750.

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-Mark Webster

Top billing on Monday belonged to a colt by **first-season sire sensation** Spirit of Boom (Aus) (Lot 569) who was picked up by Julian Blaxland's Blue Sky Bloodstock for A\$410,000. Spirit of Boom, the sire of four stakes winners just past the midway point of the season, stands at Eureka Stud in Queensland, and it was fellow Queensland nursery Gleeson Thoroughbred Connections that brought the son of Our Dreaming (Tale of the Cat) to Sydney.

"We just feel very lucky to turn up with a colt that was a ripping type by the sire of the moment and we've been rewarded," said the farm's Jacob Gleeson.

Hong Kong-based trainer Tony Millard swooped at A\$380,000 for a son of Vinery's Pluck (lot 466) who is already a half-brother to a winner in Hong Kong, Listed HK Classic Mile hero Nothingilikemore (Aus) (Husson {Arg}), who runs in the 1800-metre Listed Hong Kong Classic Cup this coming weekend.

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Classic Book 1 Closes With Gains Cont.

A colt by popular first-season sire Dissident (Aus) is also likely bound for Hong Kong after being picked up by George Moore for A\$300,000. Newgate Farm's offering (lot 410) is a half-brother to the U.S. stakes-placed winner Saint Aggie (Langfuhr) and three other winners.

Snitzel's half-brother Hinchinbrook has been popular at this sale and he was prominent once again on Monday when a colt from Sefton Park Thoroughbreds was picked up by Hong Kong-based agent John Foote for A\$260,000. Lot 364 is out of the unraced Donnahro (Aus) (Lonhro {Aus}), who is herself a half-sister to Snitzel's stakes-placed Choice Snitzel (Aus).

Book 2 of the Classic sale takes place on Tuesday.

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SESSION TOPPERS

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Session Three

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
569	c	Spirit of Boom (Aus)	Our Dreaming (Aus)	410,000
<i>B-Gleeson Thoroughbred Connections Pty Ltd</i>				
Consigned by Gleeson Thoroughbred Connections				
Purchased by Blue Sky Bloodstock				
466	c	Pluck	Katisam	380,000
<i>B-Mr. S Smith</i>				
Consigned by Toolooganvale Farm				
Purchased by Tony Millard as agent				
541	c	Starcraft (NZ)	Mrs Bradbury	340,000
<i>(A\$30,000 wnl '17 INGJUN)</i>				
<i>B-Cardinal Racing Pty Ltd</i>				
Consigned by Bowness Stud				
Purchased by Carmel Size				
410	c	Dissident (Aus)	Future Saint	300,000
<i>(A\$160,000 yrl '17 INGAPR)</i>				
<i>B-Rothwell Park</i>				
Consigned by Newgate Farm				
Purchased by George Moore Bloodstock				
364	c	Hinchinbrook (Aus)	Donnahro (Aus)	260,000
<i>B-Ms. V Brown</i>				
Consigned by Sefton Park Thoroughbreds				
Purchased by John Foote Bloodstock				

396	c	Pierro (Aus)	Fimatino (Aus)	250,000
<i>B-Mr. RD Hannon</i>				
Consigned by Ascot Park				
Purchased by Magus Equine				
429	f	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Happy Hippy (Aus)	250,000
<i>B-Wallings Bloodstock Pty Ltd</i>				
Consigned by Tyreel Stud				
Purchased by Godolphin Australia				



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SPONSORS OF THE FOLLOWING STATS FOR THE:

INGLIS CLASSIC YEARLING SALE

Book 1

SESSION TOTALS	2018	2017
• Catalogued	240	150
• No. Offered	228	140
• No. Sold	208	122
• RNAs	20	18
• % RNAs	9%	13%
• High Price	A\$410,000	A\$230,000
• Gross	A\$17,465,500	A\$7,667,000
• Average (% change)	A\$83,969 (+33.6%)	A\$62,844
• Median (% change)	A\$65,000 (+18.2%)	A\$55,000
CUMULATIVE	2018	2017
• Catalogued	600	600
• No. Offered	556	564
• No. Sold	511	505
• RNAs	45	59
• % RNAs	8%	10%
• High Price	A\$480,000	A\$400,000
• Gross	A\$48,203,000	A\$36,027,500
• Average (% change)	A\$94,331 (+32.2%)	A\$71,342
• Median (% change)	A\$75,000 (+36.4%)	A\$55,000

COOLMORE PAIR TO CLASH IN DIAMOND

Coolmore Australia's top 2-year-old colt and filly--**Long Leaf (Aus)** and **Ennis Hill (Aus)**, both by Fastnet Rock (Aus)--are likely to meet in the G1 Blue Diamond S. on Feb. 24, Coolmore Australia General Manager Michael Kirwan told *Racing.com*.

"I think it's fair to say that both are being trained for the Blue Diamond, at the moment anyway," Kirwan said, also lamenting the fact that Australia has no juvenile Group 1s restricted to fillies. "That's the plan. Obviously its two weeks from the race but it's the intention at the moment that both horses be trained for that race." **Cont. p8**



Long Leaf | Bronwen Healy

Coolmore Pair to Clash in Diamond Cont.

Long Leaf won the Listed Blue Diamond Preview on Jan. 27, while Ennis Hill took the G3 Chairman's S. on Feb. 3. Kerrin McEvoy has been confirmed as Long Leaf's rider.

In other Blue Diamond news, Craig Williams has opted to stay aboard **Kinky Boom (Aus)** (Spirit of Boom {Aus}) in the A\$1.5-million feature. The filly became a 'TDN Rising Star' with a debut victory in the Restricted Listed Inglis 2YO Premier on Feb. 3. Mark Zahra has booked his ride aboard Godolphin's **Plague Stone (Aus)** (Lonhro {Aus}), runner-up in last weekend's G3 Blue Diamond Prelude. Kinky Boom, Plague Stone, Long Leaf, and Prelude winner **Written By (Aus)** (Written Tycoon {Aus}) share the first line of betting for the Blue Diamond.

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RECORD NOMS FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The fifth edition of The Championships, conducted at Royal Randwick on Apr. 7 and Apr. 14, drew a record level of nominations with 1454, Racing New South Wales and the Australian Turf Club announced on Monday. This is a 5% (75) increase on last year's nominations. The A\$3-million G1 The Star Doncaster Mile over 1600 metres drew 181 entries (+30), while the A\$2-million G1 BMW Australian Derby attracted 155 (+22). There were 148 nominations for the A\$1-million James Boag's Australian Oaks, a rise of 20, while the crown jewel of The Championships, the A\$4-million G1 Longines Queen Elizabeth S.-won last year by Australian Horse of the Year **Winx (Aus)** (Street Cry {Ire})--drew 121 nominations, a rise of 20.

"The Championships has now established its own place on the world stage and these events are the undisputed grand finals of racing in this country," said Racing NSW Chief Executive Peter V'landys AM. "It's also very pleasing to see a marked increase in

interest from international stables this year after nearly 40 overseas horses were nominated."

Winx has been dual nominated, with a chance to defend her title in the Queen Elizabeth, as well as the G1 Coolmore Legacy S. Godolphin's **Polarisation (GB)** (Echo Of Light {GB}) is also back to defend his title in the G1 Sydney Cup. Grey speedball **Chautauqua (Aus)** (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) is eyeing his fourth G1 TJ Smith, while A\$10-million The Everest hero **Redzel (Aus)** (Snitzel {Aus}) is also nominated.

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Winx | Bronwen Healy

Monday, Tokyo, Japan

DAILY HAI QUEEN CUP-G3, ¥67,430,000

(US\$620,507/£448,860/€504,937), Tokyo, 2-12, 3yo, f, 1600mT, 1:33.70, fm.

1--TETRADRACHM (JPN), 119, f, 3, Rulership (Jpn)

1st Dam: Living Proof (Jpn), by Falbrav (Ire)

2nd Dam: Proof of Love (Jpn), by Sunday Silence

3rd Dam: Page Proof, by Seattle Slew

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN. O-Katsumi Yoshida; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); T-Kazuo Konishi; J-Hironobu Tanabe; ¥35,581,000. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: C+.**

2--**Finift (Jpn)**, 119, f, 3, Deep Impact (Jpn)--Kokoshnik (Jpn), by Kurofune. O-Carrot Farm; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥14,166,000.

3--**Arusha (Jpn)**, 119, f, 3, Deep Impact (Jpn)--Zazu, by Tapit.

O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥8,883,000.

Margins: 3/4, 1 3/4, NK; Odds: 4.60, 10.80, 11.90.

Also Ran: Ohana (Jpn), Mau Lea (Jpn), Hathor (Jpn), Social Club (Jpn), Moderate (Jpn), Lofty Phrase (Jpn), Red Belle Rose (Jpn), L'Haylesroses (Jpn), Tsuzumimon (Jpn), Catch Me Up (Jpn), Atom Astrea (Jpn), Narratrice (Jpn), Maltese Lumen (Jpn).

Click for the Racing Post chart or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. JRA Video.

Leading General Sires by YTD Earnings

for stallions standing in Europe through Sunday, Feb. 11

Earnings represent worldwide figures, stud fees listed are 2017 fees.

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Dubawi (Ire) <i>(2002) by Dubai Millennium (GB) FYR: 2007</i>	1	4	1	4	--	--	66	18	\$225,000	\$1,150,884
				<i>Stands: Dalham Hall Stud Eng Fee: £250,000</i>						<i>Benbatl (GB)</i>	
2	Exceed and Excel (Aus) <i>(2000) by Danehill FYR: 2006</i>	1	2	1	2	--	1	99	21	\$214,233	\$1,073,173
				<i>Stands: Kildangan Stud Ire Fee: €50,000</i>						<i>Mr Stunning (Aus)</i>	
3	Thewayyouare <i>(2005) by Kingmambo FYR: 2011</i>	1	1	1	1	--	--	40	6	\$650,000	\$1,002,242
				<i>Stands: Haras de Corlay Fr Fee: €3,000</i>						<i>Toast of New York</i>	
4	Shamardal <i>(2002) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2007</i>	1	2	--	1	--	--	90	17	\$210,000	\$632,434
				<i>Stands: Kildangan Stud Ire Fee: Private</i>						<i>Winter Lightning (Ire)</i>	
5	Mastercraftsman (Ire) <i>(2006) by Danehill Dancer (Ire) FYR: 2011</i>	1	1	--	--	--	--	67	7	\$135,600	\$588,173
				<i>Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: €25,000</i>						<i>Masterhorseman (NZ)</i>	
6	Fastnet Rock (Aus) <i>(2001) by Danehill FYR: 2011</i>	--	1	--	1	--	--	59	11	\$111,495	\$585,353
				<i>Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: €70,000</i>						<i>Infinity Endeavour (Aus)</i>	
7	Workforce (GB) <i>(2007) by King's Best FYR: 2013</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	93	12	\$94,605	\$568,332
				<i>Stands: Knockhouse Stud Ire Fee: €4,500</i>						<i>Hatto Love (Jpn)</i>	
8	Lope de Vega (Ire) <i>(2007) by Shamardal FYR: 2012</i>	--	2	--	1	--	--	53	7	\$242,720	\$565,217
				<i>Stands: Ballylinch Stud Ire Fee: €60,000</i>						<i>Barwod (GB)</i>	
9	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire) <i>(2004) by Danehill FYR: 2008</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	103	12	\$135,600	\$520,163
				<i>Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: €15,000</i>						<i>Verbinsky (Ire)</i>	
10	Elusive City <i>(2000) by Elusive Quality FYR: 2005</i>	1	3	--	1	--	--	82	18	\$84,414	\$511,833
				<i>Stands: Haras d'Etream Fr Fee: €7,500</i>						<i>Fabulous One (NZ)</i>	
11	Oasis Dream (GB) <i>(2000) by Green Desert FYR: 2005</i>	--	1	--	1	--	--	64	15	\$128,310	\$489,789
				<i>Stands: Banstead Manor Stud Eng Fee: £30,000</i>						<i>Chater Thunder (Fr)</i>	
12	Lilbourne Lad (Ire) <i>(2009) by Acclamation (GB) FYR: 2013</i>	1	1	1	1	--	--	37	6	\$398,435	\$476,810
				<i>Stands: Rathbarry Stud Ire Fee: N/A</i>						<i>Dinozzo (Ire)</i>	
13	Dark Angel (Ire) <i>(2005) by Acclamation (GB) FYR: 2009</i>	--	1	--	1	--	--	76	15	\$118,948	\$464,149
				<i>Stands: Yeomanstown Stud Ire Fee: €85,000</i>						<i>Exogenesis (Ire)</i>	
14	Helmet (Aus) <i>(2008) by Exceed and Excel (Aus) FYR: 2014</i>	1	1	1	1	--	--	34	4	\$200,000	\$380,743
				<i>Stands: Dalham Hall Stud Eng Fee: £12,000</i>						<i>Thunder Snow (Ire)</i>	
15	Siyouni (Fr) <i>(2007) by Pivotal (GB) FYR: 2012</i>	1	5	--	2	--	--	48	13	\$74,800	\$375,511
				<i>Stands: Haras de Bonneval Fr Fee: €75,000</i>						<i>Hayabusa One (Fr)</i>	

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