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GARY STEVENS, ASKING OLD QUESTIONS ANEW



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by Dan Ross

That's it. Finito. No more morning workouts beneath the cool lozenge of the waning moon. No more afternoons being led back to the winner's circle beneath the sun and the blazing glory. Memories of those days? Echoes, now, around the trophy cabinet. Career robes dusted off, packed away. The ol' brain, conditioned to fraction-of-a-second, life-and-death maneuvers mid-race, must be put to use anew.

"I'll never even sit on a pleasure horse again," admitted Gary Stevens, about an injury--a fractured vertebrae in the neck digging against his spinal cord--that yanked the curtain down somewhat abruptly on one of racing's most decorated riding careers. A storied career, too--one with a shape-shifters fluidity. A multitude of pegs unyielding to the square hole.

He says he's lucky not to be in a wheelchair. Towards the end of the month, he'll go under the surgeon's blade. "If I don't have surgery, [the vertebrae's] going to continue to degenerate, and eventually I would be where I don't want to be from the neck down," he added.

Sure, he was well into his final act in the saddle, and so, the incident in the post parade ring at Del Mar last month--the one that gave him whiplash, and a new injury to go with all the rest--can hardly be said to have cheated him his dues. Yet, there was, at least, one more scene to play out. The problem was the shepherd's crook that appeared stage left.

"I was thinking through the first Saturday in May, if everything went right from December. Five months," Stevens said. **Cont. p3**

BODY & SOUL: TWO GALLERIES IN A MUSEUM

by Robert D. Fierro, DataTrack

There are about a half-dozen ways one can look at the steady but inexorable marches to the top of the Thoroughbred breeding world by Medaglia d'Oro and Kitten's Joy, but if you don't start with their daddy, you would have missed the point.

That would be El Prado (Ire), an accomplished but generally overlooked winner of the G1 National S. in his native country whose pedigree, racing record (he was co-champion at two in Ireland with St. Jovite), and conformation captivated Frank Stronach so much that he purchased the son of Sadler's Wells and retired him to Airdrie Stud before deciding that he would get into the stallion business himself at Adena Springs Farm.

Named for the great Spanish museum of art built within the confines of a meadow-like park (*prado* translates into *park* in English), the powerful but somewhat lightly made gray was imbued with a genetic pool which was deep in quality and some sire power. **Cont. p7 (click here)**

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♪ **Tizrobertcharles is coming to town** ♪ Tizrobertcharles (Bwana Charlie) and Gary Cortolillo get into the holiday spirit during their rounds. After seven starts on the Florida racing circuit, Tizrobertcharles was retired from racing and then rehabilitated and trained by Florida Thoroughbred Retirement and Adoptive Care (TRAC) for his next career with the Davie Police Department's Mounted Patrol Unit. So be good for goodness sake. | Photo courtesy of Davie Police Department

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Gary Stevens, Asking Old Questions Anew cont. from p1

"And if the horse that I had my eye on worked out to what I think he can be, then that would've finished up the year," Stevens continued, playing coy with the horse's name.

"Everything was making me happy two weeks ago. I was enjoying what I was doing."

The mounts were on the wane, yes. "But the horses I had were good horses."

By the time we spoke, on a rare wintery California morning, the initial dust from his retirement announcement--all those ovations of a career among the "greatest ever"--had begun to settle, leaving in its wake the yawning silence of a life in transition. And so, the blustery showers interspersed with radiant bursts of sunshine seemed a fitting mirror to Stevens's mood. Cataract-like shadows from the clouds of uncertainty ahead flitting over his recollections of the past.



Gary Stevens | Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportswire

There's no avoiding this latest injury. Stevens moves stiff-backed, as though encased within an invisible body brace, his doctor having warned him to play it safe. No accidents that could imperil the spinal cord any more than it already is. "I have never dealt with nerve pain before. I've dealt with broken bones, torn ligaments--horse stepping on your foot," he said, lingering over the burning and the stinging. "It comes in moments, but hopefully, that can be corrected."

Pain, as he knows all too well, can have a voracious appetite, and Stevens currently wears a hunted quality in contrast to the jockey who, nearly six years before, at the tender age of 50, commenced his third step out of retirement. Back then, he had endured a two-month military-styled boot-camp in Washington State, and returned south rock-hardened for the tasks ahead.

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By the end of his first year back, he'd landed a GI Preakness S. on Oxbow (his 9th Classic), and a first-ever GI Breeders' Cup Classic, on Mucho Macho Man. In all, the past six years bagged him a further 16 Grade I's, including a vintage romance with Beholder, culminating with their thrilling victory over Songbird in the 2016 BC Distaff.

"I never would've got to have the relationship with two of the greatest horses that I've ridden had I not come out of retirement, and that's Beholder and Mucho Macho Man," he said.

Indeed, his late-career renaissance was prompted by a sense of unfinished business. "I'd lost that burn," Stevens said, about his retirement in 2005. "The only thing that was lighting me up was a million-dollar race. That's what was turning the trigger on. When I came back [in 2013], I'd realized some things--things I still needed to do." In saying that, Stevens's whole career has been pockmarked with periods of restlessness and hungry curiosity--just take the years leading to and from the millennium. He was still enjoying his pick of horses Stateside, and yet he upped-sticks to Europe on various busman's holidays,

riding regularly for the likes of John Gosden and Andre Fabre, as well as a couple of sirs: Henry Cecil and Michael Stoute.

Straddling the transatlantic this way, he's in an enviable position to pass judgment on some of the most successful trainers of the modern era. He rattled off the ones he's ridden for, epic-list style--making sure his father, trainer Ron Stevens, got first call--before hopscotching over names like Whittingham, Lukas, and Frankel, as well as the aforementioned Euros. "I mean, these are champion trainers that any guy hopes he can ride one for," he said. "That list is huge."

In terms of "ease of communication," he singles out Stoute and Richard Mandella for highest honors. Indeed, with Stoute, "his work was done at home," said Stevens. "I would go to his house and sit like we're sitting right now the night before a race, and we would discuss what we thought may or may not happen. The next day, as soon as I was finished riding, the phone would ring and it would be Michael. We would discuss the horses, what had just been done. Good, bad or indifferent."

As for Mandella, "there's a reason he's in Charlie Whittingham's barn at Santa Anita," Stevens said. "They're so meticulous in their work. You know, people always say, 'oh, they always get the best-bred horses.' But best-bred horses don't mean anything unless the guy calling the shots knows what to do with them." **Cont. p5**

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Stevens's upbringing in the pristine wilds of Idaho, breaking Thoroughbreds when he was nine years old, hardly seasoned him for the opulent living rooms of knighted Newmarket trainers. "I mean, we weren't wealthy at all, but I thought we were the richest kids in the world." What it did prepare him for was the decidedly Dickensian world of racetrack life, where a hard-scrabble rise through the ranks is achieved through luck, wile and gumption, and not a little hard graft.

He describes his father, Ron, as "the Idaho version of Vince Lombardi," the so called "toughest" coach in pro football. "You lived the Vince Lombardi way, man. If you mess up, go run a lap. If it's a horse, if you mess up, go and clean that horse's hooves. Not just one horse, do the whole shed row. You didn't make the same mistake twice." It instilled a philosophy of never make-do. "And if people say, 'you can't do this,' I like to prove them wrong."



Gary Stevens wins the 1995 Kentucky Derby aboard Thunder Gulch | Horsephotos

When he came out of retirement at 50, for example, "they honestly thought I was crazy, including 'The Chief,' Allen Jerkens. I'll never forget the day that I was at Gulfstream to ride Mucho Macho Man, after I'd won the Breeders' Cup Classic. [Jerkens] came up to me and he says, 'Gary, I thought you were completely crazy, but you proved me wrong. You still have it.'"

That same shape-shifter quality of his career maketh the man, too--some would distill it down to being "complicated." For on the one hand, there's his swagger and ease before the camera--the part of him, armed with a press-ready quip, that led to gigs on NBC and in film. "I've always been very confident in my gut feelings," he said. "They've worked out pretty well for me since I was an early teen. If it looks like arrogance, it's not. That's just the way I was taught. In every great rider you see it--in their demeanor, walking out to the paddock."

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With two crops racing, **Animal Kingdom** is doing at least as well as Curlin, Street Sense and the others – but from mares of lesser quality...

Stallions ranked by Stakes winners, at the same stage in their careers

	STAKES WINNERS (GRADED)	MARE QUALITY OF FIRST CROP BY CI AND CPI	2019 FEE
Animal Kingdom	6 (2)	2.52	\$15,000
Street Sense	6 (3)	2.76	\$50,000
Blame	5 (3)	3.19	\$30,000
Curlin	5 (1)	4.64	\$175,000
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There was his cerebral approach to race-riding, and the tunnel vision--how he largely shut out the press a week before a big race. "Until two weeks ago, that's how I approached a racehorse. I'm going into battle out there, and I need to know every move of the jockey, what their pluses are, what their minuses are, and the horses they're riding."

Then there's the candor, and his "heart on my sleeve" probity. "Sometimes I say some things that I regret, but hopefully, I'm man enough that I can recognize it, and make apologies to make things right." One aspect of his life that he's been strikingly forthright about are his struggles with injury, and the resulting addiction issues. Indeed, Stevens and injury have long been bedfellows, though decidedly unhappy ones.

As a child, he suffered from Parthes disease, which affects the hip. It put him in a metal leg brace for months. And from there pretty much, the injuries kept adding up and adding up. A collapsed lung and the broken vertebrae from a fall in 2003, for example. The broken collarbone from a training accident in 2010. A new knee and the new hip in recent years. Mind you, the ol' joints have never been what you'd call precision engineered. "Your knee is going to look like a watermelon by the time you're 35 years old," the doctors once told him.

"I don't really know what riding pain-free is," he added. "I really don't. From 16 years old, there's always been a broken

finger or broken toe or elbow that's been bounced off the starting gate."

It's manageable when the adrenaline's flowing, "covering whatever you've injured," Stevens said. But when the adrenaline stops, boy, does the hurtin' come back bad. "I've been addicted to pain pills on different occasions throughout my career--hard to get off of," he admitted, matter-of-fact. His problems with alcohol have also been well documented. An all too common part of a jockey's life. When Garrett Gomez and Chris Antley-- "Chris was like my little brother"--both succumbed to their own individual demons, "there was no emotion because it was something I expected."

What would help, he said, is if the riding weights were raised in the U.S. "It's hard, and people will say you can't do it, but we're not making them as small as we used to, especially here in America and in Europe. Our nutrition has changed a lot. [Children are] getting bigger and bigger and bigger."

And whilst on the subject of change, let's talk about the racing calendar. "The problem with our sport here in America is we're year-round," he said. "There's never any downtime. It's not a six-month sport where you can heal things up. Sometimes we're healing ourselves up in competition, and then something else goes wrong."

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Those particular dramas are behind him now, once and for all--no more maybes. No more farewell tours. Indeed, already he's started shedding his riding equipment, gifting saddles to close friends, taking a leaf out of Laffit Pincay's book, "the Pirate," who in retirement gave Mike Smith his saddle with the "skull and crossbones on it."

There's a new career on the horizon (which Stevens stubbornly won't reveal). And there's the surgery at the end of the month. "I'm a little bit scared because you never know what's going to happen," he said. "It's not easy. It's not cut and dry."

All of which he's viewing, however, with a backward glance, over Derby wins--three in all--that have placed tectonic strains on his personal life. Over Breeders' Cup victories--11 in all--that have asked unreasonable demands of his body. "I said all along this game has peaks and valleys, and it seemed like the longer a valley was, the higher the peak."

And yet, Stevens added, "I wouldn't change anything."

So, what's driven him all these years? Religion? Faith? Family, he said, parents, wife, children, grandchildren, have been key. And then there's the specter of that great imponderable. "It's like the old Kris Kristofferson song, 'Why Me Lord?' Of all the billions and billions of people that are born, I could not understand, couldn't grasp it," he said. "As my career kept on, I still asked, "why me?"

He's asking it now, under new but not unfamiliar circumstances, knowing there won't be an answer. Chances are, there never will be. But it's not surprising the question keeps cropping up. That hungry curiosity--it's got him this far. As for where it takes him now--well, we'll just have to find out.

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Two Galleries in a Museum, cont. from p1

BODY & SOUL



by Bob Fierro

His dam Lady Capulet (by Sir Ivor) was a full sister to Sir Wimborne, who also won the National in Ireland when it was a Group 2. Sir Wimborne was retired to John Hettinger's Akindale Farm in New York where he developed into a leading sire at the beginning of that state's incentive program. Lady Capulet was also a half-sister to the gray speedball Drone, a son of Sir Ivor's sire Sir Gaylord, who went unbeaten in four starts but broke down; Drone was a popular and somewhat successful sire.

With a family like that, which in most branches had roots in Kentucky, one would think El Prado would have been a popular choice as a Northern Dancer-line sire. **Cont. p8**

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However, we are talking about the early 1990s here, when turf horses were not all that popular, and Sadler's Wells was just beginning what turned out to be an extraordinary career at Coolmore. Indeed, El Prado, the first son of Sadler's Wells to retire in this country, entered stud a decade before his sire's great son Galileo (Ire) was foaled.

Who knew?

Well, it turns out that plenty of people had a hint (including Ken and Sarah Ramsey, as well as Albert and Joyce Bell), and in the end, El Prado sired more than 80 stakes winners.

The Ramseys sent Kitten's First, a daughter of the super turf sire Lear Fan (the mare was named for Sarah Ramsey's nickname) to his court and got a powerful chestnut colt which they offered at the OBS April 2-year-old sale. That colt failed to sell at \$95,000 and was sent to the stable of Dale Romans, where the colt became a very accomplished Grade I winner on

the turf under the name of Kitten's Joy.

The Bells, on the other hand, sent Cappucino Bay, a daughter of the moderate sire Bailjumper, and were rewarded with a very special-looking dark bay colt whom they put into training. After

finishing second in his debut at the end of his juvenile campaign, he broke his maiden so impressively that Bobby Frankel purchased him on behalf of Edmund Gann, for whom the striking colt went on to win the GI Travers S., among other graded events, under the name Medaglia d'Oro, bestowed upon him by the Bells.

Which brings up an aside. In March 2002, preparing to leave Ocala Breeders' Sales simulcasting facility after a breeze show, your correspondent ran across the

late bloodstock agent and raconteur Dick Lossen, who grabbed me excitedly.

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"You've got to watch this horse Frankel has in the San Felipe," he said, "but I can't pronounce his name, maybe you can because I think it's Italian--meedaglee ah dee-oor-o."

I looked at the past performances and winced. "Dick, it's meh-dahlia-dorro, you heathen"

"What the heck kind of a name is that?" he replied.

His college-age son rolled his eyes and said, "It's the name of an espresso coffee, Dad."

To which I replied, "Yes, and thank you for not saying ex-presso."

Of course, Medaglia d'Oro won, franking Dick's handicapping skills and triggering smiles of ethnic pride among huge numbers of Italian-American households.

But we digress.



Medaglia d'Oro | Darley photo

Thus far we have seen that a vastly underrated stallion managed to sire at least two exceptionally talented racehorses who have emerged as hugely successful sires. One, Kitten's Joy, is the leading North American-based sire by international earnings in 2018 and also the sire of the European Horse of the Year Roaring Lion. The other, Medaglia d'Oro, equaled the record of Mr. Prospector, Danzig, and Storm Cat by having seven Grade I winners in a single year (2017) after he'd already given us the eminent works of art Rachel Alexandra and Songbird, among others. To boot, his son Violence currently tops the second-crop sire standings.

But the dams and female families of these two top sires could not be further apart in pedigree mix or stallion crosses--and to the naked eye, they are quite different.

But when we get to biomechanics, we have two horses that are quite the same in many respects. The Phenotype Target shows that El Prado and his two best sons are basically from the same mold. They are Power horses but their positions far out from the center indicate that they are also somewhat lightly made. They are almost perfect examples of how American breeding stock has evolved over the past 50 years to accommodate such biomechanics. **Cont. p10**



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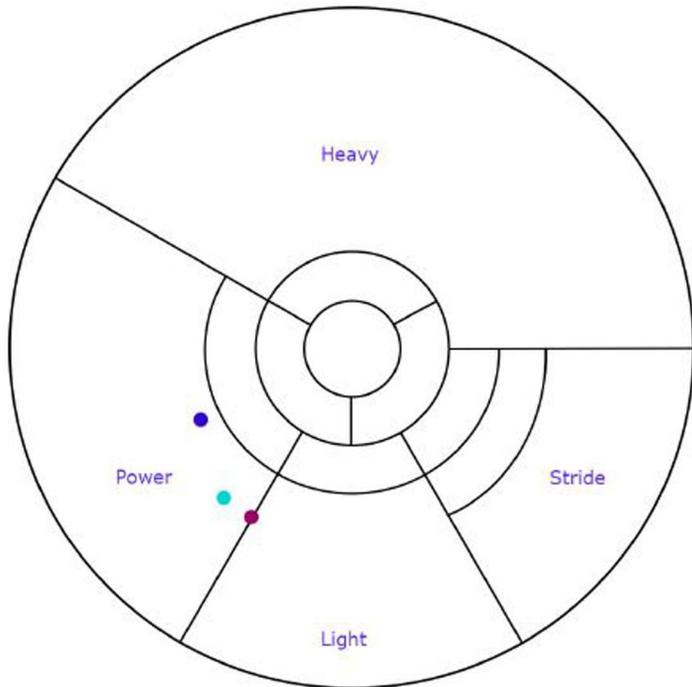
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Then the market for racehorses changed--trainers wanted more speed (Power) and size (which often was found in lighter made horses), and the breed shifted phenotypically toward the positions on the Target occupied by El Prado and his two best sons. In that respect, Kitten's Joy and Medaglia d'Oro are almost identical paternal half-brothers.

In addition, further plumbing of the biomechanical algorithms finds that, among the leading sires, both Kitten's Joy and Medaglia d'Oro are not only very close to each other in terms of size and scope, but also several other stallions are close to them in that respect, including Flatter, Deputy Minister, A.P. Indy, and Empire Maker. Nice crowd.

Our biomechanically expert colleague Frank Mitchell opines that Kitten's Joy's best runners are probably more powerful

overall than those of Medaglia d'Oro, but the latter brings a bit more versatility and perhaps refinement to the fray. Thus, one could look at them in terms of baseball, football, and basketball stars with Kitten's Joy sending out David Ortiz, Ben Roethlisberger, and LeBron James while Medaglia d'Oro would counter with Aaron Judge, Tom Brady and Larry Bird.

That's a bit to contemplate. It's time to feed the cat and make the espresso.

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TRPB TO INTRODUCE DIGITAL TATTOO FOR HORSES

The Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau has created a digital identification tattoo for racehorses and expects the system to be implemented by 2020 across North America, the organization announced Tuesday. With wireless technology, the tattoo will require two-factor authentication--scanning a microchip and uploading updated digital photos of horses of racing age--to provide a superior form of identification and further ensure integrity.

Starting Jan. 1, 2020, any Thoroughbred making a first lifetime start in a recognized parimutuel race that has not been previously tattooed will need to have the TRPB Digital Tattoo in order to be correctly identified in the paddock and permitted to race. The TRPB employs 56 technicians throughout the United States and Canada who will be responsible for applying the digital tattoo. Owners must ensure that their Thoroughbreds have been microchipped and registered with The Jockey Club. Microchips became a condition of foal registration starting with foals born in 2017. For more information about the introduction and rollout of the digital tattoo, visit the [TRPB website](#) or call Emma Smith at (410) 398-2261, ext. 248.

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NEW VOCATIONS RECEIVES ASPCA GRANT

New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program has been awarded a grant from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals through their Rescuing Racers initiative, the charity announced Tuesday. New Vocations was one of nine equine adoption and rescue groups to receive a portion of \$225,000 that was disseminated as part of the initiative in 2018.

The grant will help New Vocations further its mission to rehab, retrain and rehome retiring Thoroughbred and Standardbred racehorses. Many horses retiring from the racetrack have injuries that require time and rehabilitation before they can begin transitional training for a second career. The money awarded will support New Vocations' goal of taking in additional injured horses and caring for them until they are ready to begin transitional training for placement into new homes.

"While their racing careers may have ended, these retirees still have much to offer," said Dr. Emily Weiss, vice president of ASPCA Equine Welfare. "New Vocations has been a leader in transitioning and finding new homes for these horses. We are pleased to award them this grant through our ASPCA Rescuing Racers Initiative to help them continue this lifesaving work."

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner (\$)	Earnings (\$)
1	Scat Daddy <i>(2004) by Johannesburg Crops: 8</i>	5	7	3	4	1	2	40	13	3,798,000	5,835,466
				<i>Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>						<i>Justify</i>	
2	Curlin <i>(2004) by Smart Strike Crops: 7</i>	4	11	4	8	1	3	76	37	1,728,400	5,538,068
				<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$175,000</i>						<i>Good Magic</i>	
3	Into Mischief <i>(2005) by Harlan's Holiday Crops: 7</i>	5	13	3	9	1	2	99	48	1,141,120	4,960,971
				<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$150,000</i>						<i>Audible</i>	
4	Tapizar <i>(2008) by Tapit Crops: 3</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	50	33	2,818,200	4,002,255
				<i>Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$10,000</i>						<i>Monomoy Girl</i>	
5	Midnight Lute <i>(2003) by Real Quiet Crops: 7</i>	3	7	1	3	1	2	71	30	1,535,000	3,416,116
				<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$15,000</i>						<i>Midnight Bisou</i>	
6	Tapit <i>(2001) by Pulpit Crops: 11</i>	6	13	3	8	--	1	64	30	495,400	2,967,949
				<i>Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$225,000</i>						<i>Hofburg</i>	
7	Malibu Moon <i>(1997) by A.P. Indy Crops: 16</i>	3	8	2	4	1	1	58	27	1,177,800	2,907,218
				<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$75,000</i>						<i>Magnum Moon</i>	
8	Medaglia d'Oro <i>(1999) by El Prado (Ire) Crops: 11</i>	4	9	2	5	--	2	39	21	645,408	2,724,028
				<i>Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$200,000</i>						<i>Wonder Gadot</i>	
9	Violence <i>(2010) by Medaglia d'Oro Crops: 2</i>	4	11	2	6	--	1	74	40	384,200	2,642,339
				<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$40,000</i>						<i>Cosmic Burst</i>	
10	Candy Ride (Arg) <i>(1999) by Ride the Rails Crops: 11</i>	6	7	3	5	1	2	56	26	483,820	2,447,230
				<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$80,000</i>						<i>Trigger Warning</i>	
11	Street Sense <i>(2004) by Street Cry (Ire) Crops: 8</i>	2	7	2	4	1	1	59	30	696,000	2,307,834
				<i>Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$50,000</i>						<i>McKinzie</i>	
12	Quality Road <i>(2006) by Elusive Quality Crops: 5</i>	3	6	1	3	--	1	50	30	632,660	2,175,111
				<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$150,000</i>						<i>Core Beliefs</i>	
13	Union Rags <i>(2009) by Dixie Union Crops: 3</i>	1	5	--	3	--	--	66	39	232,200	2,173,803
				<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$60,000</i>						<i>Free Drop Billy</i>	
14	Flat Out <i>(2006) by Flatter Crops: 2</i>	3	5	--	1	--	--	69	44	128,611	2,114,620
				<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$5,000</i>						<i>United Patriot</i>	
15	More Than Ready <i>(1997) by Southern Halo Crops: 15</i>	3	5	1	4	1	1	52	28	758,000	2,112,868
				<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$80,000</i>						<i>Catholic Boy</i>	

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FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19

Abstraction (Pulpit), Doubletree Farm, \$3,000

32 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner
 10-Zia, Msw 6f, KALLI, 30-1

Black Onyx (Rock Hard Ten), Stonewall's Prestige Stallions, private

9 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 3-Mahoning Valley, Msw 6f, MISTY MOONLIGHT, 20-1

Central Banker (Speightstown), McMahan of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, \$7,500

75 foals of racing age/9 winners/2 black-type winners
 6-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, CENTER ICE, 12-1
 \$14,000 RNA FTN MIX wnl; \$50,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$3,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Flashback (Tapit), Diamond B Farm, \$7,500

105 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners
 4-Delta Downs, Aoc 7f, MISS FLASHBACK, 20-1
 \$16,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$55,000 OKC YRL yrl

Guilt Trip (Pulpit), Red River Farms, \$2,500

32 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner
 4-Delta Downs, Aoc 7f, GOODPROFIT, 5-2

Handsome Mike (Scat Daddy), Pleasant Acres Stallions, \$4,000

60 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
 4-Delta Downs, Aoc 7f, NAUGHTY ME, 4-1

Honorable Dillon (Tapit), Rockridge Stud, \$5,000

83 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
 6-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, ADONAI LOVE, 15-1
 \$1,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$5,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo

Itsmyluckyday (Lawyer Ron), Spendthrift Farm, \$8,000

82 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners
 3-Delta Downs, Msw 5f, MY RAINEY DAY, 8-1
 \$3,000 ESL MIX yrl



Sabercat (Bluegrass Cat), Averett Farm, \$3,500

10 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 3-Delta Downs, Msw 5f, COLLEGE CAT, 15-1

Strong Mandate (Tiznow), Three Chimneys Farm, \$10,000

82 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
 6-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, KELCIE'S MANDATE, 8-1
 \$3,000 KEE SEP yrl

Sum of the Parts (Speightstown), Red River Farms, \$2,000

13 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 3-Delta Downs, Msw 5f, OTTO PARTS, 20-1
 \$1,700 ESL MIX wnl; \$14,000 TTA APR 2yo

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19

Shanghai Bobby (Harlan's Holiday), Arrow Stud, \$15,000

242 foals of racing age/83 winners/5 black-type winners
 6-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, SHANGHAI KITTY, 12-1



ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-Zia, \$42,500, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 12-18, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.80, ft.

HENNESSY EXPRESS (f, 3, Roll Hennessy Roll--Accomodate, by Pleasantly Perfect) Lifetime Record: SP, 16-5-2-3, \$219,318.

O-Dale F. Taylor Racing, LLC.; B-Dale Taylor (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher. *1/2 to Storming Back (Attila's Storm), SP, \$154,979; and Hit a Lick (Attila's Storm), SP, \$196,265.

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BANG THE DRUM (c, 4, Jump Start--Crafty Crypto, by Crafty Prospector) Lifetime Record: SP, 18-2-6-5, \$117,826. O-Pewter Stable and Montour Stable; B-Ronald E. DeWolf (PA); T-Kathleen A. Demasi. *\$13,500 Ylg '15 EASOCT. **1/2 to Motega (Yonaguska), MSW, \$127,862; and Willa Wando (Wando), MSP, \$245,717.

4th-Zia, \$35,500, (S), 12-18, (NW2L), 2yo, 1m, 1:39.58, ft.

HESA PROSPECTOR (g, 2, Abstraction--Al's Time, by Thatsusitheolbean) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$42,425. O/B-Donnell Echols (NM); T-Joel H. Marr.

9th-Zia, \$32,000, 12-17, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17.70, ft.

VALENTINE DIVINE (g, 4, Divine Park--Mountain Buddies, by Friends Lake) Lifetime Record: 9-3-4-1, \$72,410. O-Patricia Green; B-Brereton C. Jones & Jimmy Blanton (KY); T-Greg Green. *\$35,000 RNA Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$4,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.

8th-Zia, \$30,000, 12-18, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16.71, ft.

OH MY WORD (f, 3, Kafwain--Lexie Miss, by Forestry) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, \$32,080. O-James & Jackie Ashcroft; B-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, LLC (CA); T-Sherry Armstrong.

7th-Mahoning Valley, \$23,500, 12-18, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:06.63, ft.

GLENNWOOD (c, 3, Paynter--Enchanted Woods {GSP, \$108,005}, by Woodman) Lifetime Record: SP, 9-2-1-2, \$51,597. O-Jak Racing LLC.; B-Zayat Stables, LLC (KY); T-Bart A. Barnes. *1/2 to Insta Erma (Pioneerof the Nile), MSW & GISP, \$572,242; Mordi's Miracle (Lawyer Ron), SW & GSP, \$361,859; and Emmajestic (Zensational), GSP, \$173,325.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Maya Solomea, c, 2, Risque Remarque--Solomea, by A.P. Indy. Mahoning Valley, 12-18, 1m 70y, 1:50.11. B-Calumet Farm (KY).

Drive Thru Gary, g, 2, Southwestern Heat--Rose's Turn, by Dixie Union. Zia, 12-18, (S), 6f, 1:11.84. B-J. Kirk & Judy Robison (NM).

Schmultzy, g, 3, Beau Classic--Irish Date (SW), by Take Me Out. Mahoning Valley, 12-18, (S), 6f, 1:17.07. B-Deborah Flanigin (OH).

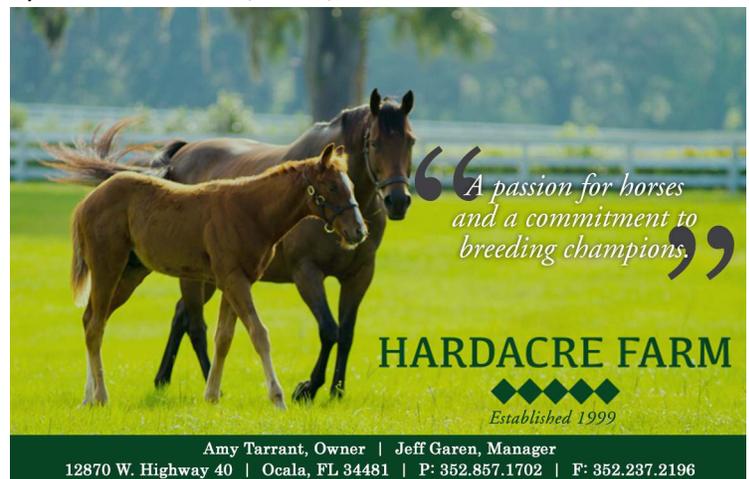
Onetensixteen, g, 3, Overanalyze--Braun 'n Gold, by Forestry. Mahoning Valley, 12-18, (S), 6f, 1:14.51. B-Steve M DeMaiolo (OH). *\$35,000 Wlg '15 KEENOV; \$77,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP. **1/2 to Alliseisgold (Purge), MSP, \$232,710.

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Elusive Hero, g, 3, Run Away and Hide--African Charm, by Johannesburg. Parx Racing, 12-18, 1m, 1:43.31. B-Richard J. Forbush (KY). *\$115,000 Ylg '16 FTKOCT.



- ABSTRACTION**, Hesa Prospector, g, 2, o/o Al's Time, by Thatsusitheolbean. ALW, 12-18, Zia
- BEAU CLASSIC**, Schmultzy, g, 3, o/o Irish Date, by Take Me Out. MSW, 12-18, Mahoning Valley
- DIVINE PARK**, Valentine Divine, g, 4, o/o Mountain Buddies, by Friends Lake. ALW, 12-17, Zia
- JUMP START**, Bang the Drum, c, 4, o/o Crafty Crypto, by Crafty Prospector. ALW, 12-18, Parx Racing
- KAFWAIN**, Oh My Word, f, 3, o/o Lexie Miss, by Forestry. ALW, 12-18, Zia
- OVERANALYZE**, Onetensixteen, g, 3, o/o Braun 'n Gold, by Forestry. MSW, 12-18, Mahoning Valley
- PAYNTER**, Glennwood, c, 3, o/o Enchanted Woods, by Woodman. ALW, 12-18, Mahoning Valley
- RISQUE REMARQUE**, Maya Solomea, c, 2, o/o Solomea, by A.P. Indy. MSW, 12-18, Mahoning Valley
- ROLL HENNESSY ROLL**, Hennessy Express, f, 3, o/o Accomodate, by Pleasantly Perfect. AOC, 12-18, Zia
- RUN AWAY AND HIDE**, Elusive Hero, g, 3, o/o African Charm, by Johannesburg. MSW, 12-18, Parx Racing
- SOUTHWESTERN HEAT**, Drive Thru Gary, g, 2, o/o Rose's Turn, by Dixie Union. MSW, 12-18, Zia



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DARLEY Q&A PART 1: THE NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK



Cracksman returns to the scales after winning his second Champion S. *Racingfotos.com*

by Alayna Cullen

The Darley stallion roster is ever growing and with five new stallions retiring across Europe, *TDN's* Alayna Cullen spoke with a few members of the nominations team about the new boys on the block.

TDN: How important is it to have new sires retiring each year?

Sam Bullard: We run a stallion operation with the aim being to get the best stallions of tomorrow. You can't get the best stallions of tomorrow if you don't have new horses coming in. The market moves very fast nowadays, and people are moving on to the next horse very quickly. And I think all stallion operations are looking for exciting new horses to come in. We only want to have horses that are capable of producing top-class runners themselves.

Dawn Laidlaw: There is always a lot of excitement behind the new horses so this year we are really lucky, we have two world champions in **Harry Angel (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) and **Cracksman (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) so that gets a lot of people up here to see them and keeps refreshing the roster. [Cont. p2](#)

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TDN: The new horses are an exciting bunch, but Sam I know you are particularly eager to talk about one of them who is that?

SB: Cracksman, the highest-rated horse in the world for the last two years. We're incredibly lucky to have him here at Dalham as a new headline act on the roster. Mr. Oppenheimer very kindly wanted to stand the horse with us, and Sheikh Mohammed fortunately was delighted to buy into the horse. He's a beautiful looking horse and by 13 pounds, the best son of the great Frankel, to have raced to date. So we're thrilled to have him.

TDN: What would you say were some of his best performances on the racetrack?

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GARY STEVENS ASKING OLD QUESTIONS ANEW

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SARACEN HORSE FEEDS

Darley Q&A Part 1 Cont. from p1

SB: Well, I think you can't deny that his two [G1] Champion stakes at Ascot probably were the two greatest days. Whether you prefer the 3-year-old or the 4-year-old race is up to you. People talk about them a lot. I actually refer to the [G1 Prix] Ganay as one of his greatest races. The ground was fast, the trainer would say faster than was ideal for him, but he put a very good field to the sword in a very impressive way on his very first outing as a 4-year-old in France this year.

TDN: Dawn you've mentioned before that you have a soft spot for one of the new stallions, which one?

DL: I love Harry Angel. Harry Angel is just, for me, a lovely horse. He's not an overly big horse, he has a little bit of Acclamation (GB) length about him, great color, lovely head, great eye and a great attitude. I just think he could be our next superstar.

TDN: He was electric on the racecourse. Can you sum up his career?

DL: He was just beaten, first time out, in his maiden but then he broke his maiden in the [G2] Mill Reef which gave him a TimeFrom rating of 111. That mark was a full nine pounds higher than his own father achieved when he won the same race. As a 3-year-old he was second in the [G1] Commonwealth Cup at Royal Ascot just behind Caravaggio (Scat Daddy). After that he came back in the [G1] July Cup here at Newmarket and reversed that form. There were a lot of good horses behind him that day, a lot of other Group 1 winners.

His next outing was at Haydock and it was touch and go whether he was going to run that day. It was very soft ground and it was a last minute decision after Clive had walked the course. Harry put up a really impressive performance that day, easily winning by four lengths.

TDN: He was bred by a renowned Irish breeder. What in his pedigree suggests he could be a great sire?

DL: Well he's by another great stallion, Dark Angel, but he is also out of Cadeaux Genereux (GB) mare, Cadeaux Genereux himself [being] a July Cup winner. So you've got a lot of speed on both sides of that family. His mother is a half-sister to dual Group 1 winner Xtension (Ire) too, so I think there is lot going for Harry Angel.

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9 Group winners including 3 Royal Ascot-winning 2YO's from his first crop. From €7,500 nominations.



FLEETING, May Hill Stakes-Gr.2

2018 LEADING EUROPEAN 2YO SIRES

(BY NUMBER OF GROUP/SW'S IN EUROPE & NORTH AMERICA)

Rk	Stallion	2019 Fee	SW's
1	GALILEO	Private	8
-	Lope de Vega	€80,000	8
3	ZOFFANY	€25,000	7*
4	NO NAY NEVER	€100,000	6
5	Kingman	£75,000	5
-	Showcasing	£35,000	5
7	Invincible Spirit	€120,000	4
-	Kodiac	€65,000	4
9	Dubawi	£250,000	3
10	CAMELOT	€40,000	2
-	FOOTSTEPSINTHESAND	€10,000	2
-	ROCK OF GIBRALTAR	€7,500	2

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Darley Q&A Part 1 Cont.

TDN: David there is a son of Kitten's Joy retiring to Dalham this year. What can you tell us about Hawkbill?

David Walsh: As you said Hawkbill is by Kitten's Joy. He was a \$350,000 yearling from Keeneland and he's from the family of Cozzene which has a champion turf influence on the pedigree, so I think it made sense for him to run in Europe. He had his international campaign on the turf which was incredible for Charlie and for Godolphin.

His most impressive performance, for me anyway, was definitely his third run as a 3-year-old when he won the [G1] Eclipse. He beat the likes of Time Test (GB) and The Gurkha (Ire) so impressively, it was an amazing run really.



Harry Angel is new to the Darley roster in 2019

TDN: He also had a winning campaign in Dubai. I'm sure that was a great thrill for the team?

DW: Yes, he won the [G2] Dubai City of Gold and then progressed on to win the [G1] Dubai Sheema Classic on Dubai World Cup night. Having winners anywhere in the world is important for Sheik Mohammed but having them on World Cup night is extra special so it was incredible for him to do that.

TDN: How is he going down with breeders so far?

DW: He is a really good looking horse. He came in from Charlie's about a month ago and he's just progressed and progressed. He's a good looking, good walking horse. He's gone down really well with breeders in the UK. We had open days at Dalham Hall over the Tattersalls December Sales and the horse that everybody's talking about is Hawkbill and how well he walks.

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Darley Q&A Part 1 Cont.

TDN: We can't forget the new horse retiring to Ireland which is Jungle Cat (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}).

Anthony is he an attractive sire prospect for Irish breeders?

Anthony O'Donnell: I suppose there's a number of different lines of appeal to him. The fact that he's great value, especially in this current market, is one of them. He's the son of Iffraaj who Irish breeders have had huge amounts of success with when he retired to stud in Kildangan in 2007. We are very excited about standing him and also being able to supply breeding rights in him to British and Irish clients.



Hawkbill | Horsephotos

AD: He has a fantastic temperament. He was trained by Mark Johnson as a 2-year-old and then went to Charlie Appleby at three. He ran 32 times in total and never had a lame step. So

from a temperament and soundness aspect, he is right up there.

He's a good looking horse too. A lot of Irish breeders, who've seen him over the last couple of weeks, who have seen Iffraaj can see the resemblance between him and his father. So we're very excited about showing him to more Irish clients over the next couple of months.

TDN: You mentioned he ran 32 times. What were some of his career highlights?

TDN: He seems to have a great mind and constitution. What would you say on those qualities?

AD: He had a very good 2-year-old career, being placed in the [G2] Coventry S. at Royal Ascot. He was also placed in the [G2] Richmond S. [Cont. p5](#)

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AD: The highlight of his 2-year-old career would have been when he was just beaten a nose in the [G2] Gimcrack behind Muhaarar (GB). Earlier this year he won two group races in Dubai one of which was the Group 1 Al Quoz Sprint, over six furlongs. He traveled to Australia this year too and won the G1 Sir Rupert Clarke over seven furlongs.

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GIMME FIVE
with Dermot Cantillon

TDN: Favourite racing moment of the year?

DC: It would have to be **Skitter Scatter** (Scat Daddy)'s win in the G1 Moyglare S. I loved the enthusiasm of the filly, the trainer, and especially the owners. In an era of mega owners, it renewed my faith in the sport of racing and the possibility that if we try and try again it could be our turn.

TDN: A horse that really stood out for you in 2018?

DC: I was very impressed with **Calyx (GB)** (Kingman {GB}) in the G2 Coventry S. at Royal Ascot. Unfortunately he meet with a setback but the second, **Advertise (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}), subsequently franked the form in winning a Group 1.

TDN: An outstanding achievement by a breeder, owner or trainer?

DC: It would have to be how quickly Charlie Appleby has progressed to become a master of his craft.

TDN: Big hope for 2019?

DC: That the dawn of the “new” Curragh racecourse brings about a new racing clientele in Ireland, badly needed for our sport.

TDN: Your New Year’s resolution?

DC: To find out from Horse Racing Ireland what are the criteria needed for Naas racecourse to become a Premier racetrack.

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FRENCH PRIZE MONEY LEVELS MAINTAINED FOR 2019

Prize money across France will be maintained in 2019 after France Galop unveiled their budget for next year, despite a decline in receipts from the PMU, *Jour de Galop* reported. France Galop President Edouard de Rothschild confirmed the news before the Committee of France Galop on Monday. France-Galop will draw on its monetary reserves and has also asked for an advance from the PMU which will keep purses at the same level in 2019. [Cont. p6](#)



Edouard de Rothschild | *Racing Post*

French Prize Money Levels Maintained Cont.

Also, in an effort to decrease operating expenses, racing at Maisons-Laffitte will **cease** at the end of 2019 as previously announced in November.

“As of Dec. 9, the bets on horses are down 2.6% compared to last year,” said de Rothschild during the proceedings. “That’s 220 million in less than 11 months and nearly 70 million products gross of bets, also in less. This is a continuation of the trend of the last eight years in which we lost around 1.8 billion in bets. Beginning in the second half of 2017, not accepting this reality, I started, along with my trotting colleagues, to search, then find and set up new management at the PMU. New management to revisit and revive the business.”

He continued, “Cyril Linette unveiled the main outlines of his plan at the last Committee meeting. This plan has now become a concrete one, with a series of initiatives planned for the beginning of the year. Among them: the new Quinté +, the simplification of the range of bets. These objectives all have in common the goal of winning back the most faithful players, to give them the desire to play with a more readable product, and higher earnings expectations. Why should we believe in this plan more than all those that have been presented to you for years? By that the PMU’s turnover assumptions for the three years ahead are realistic. The management plans, for 2020 and 2021, [are] a level of stakes close to the figure of 2018. Thirty million in marketing, sales and IT expenses are budgeted to finance this stimulus in 2019. Half of the budget will be devoted to recruit new bettors.”

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COOLMORE NH ROSTER ADDS TWO STARS

Wings Of Eagles (Fr) (Pour Moir {Ire}–Ysoldina {Fr}, by Kendor {Fr}), who won the G1 Investec Derby in 2017, and high-class stayer and MG1SW **Order of St George (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}–Another Storm, by Gone West) have been recruited to Coolmore’s National Hunt division and will stand at The Beeches Stud and Castlehyde Stud in Ireland, respectively. Both will command €6,500.

Wings Of Eagles, who was bred by Aliette and Giles Forien at Haras de Montaigu in France, stood his first year at stud at his birthplace for €8,000 this term, while Order of St George will be standing his first season in 2019.

“He’s an Epsom Derby winner from the Montjeu (Ire) sire line and is a fine, big horse, seriously good-looking and good-actioned—just the type people in our business want to breed to,” said The Beeches Stud Manager Robert McCarthy.

“Order of St George is a lovely mover with quality, size and scope in abundance,” commented Cathal Murphy of the two-time G1 Irish St. Leger hero. “He won a total of 11 races including the Irish St Leger as a 3-year-old by a margin of 11 lengths, which earned him a Timeform rating of 129, along with the Ascot Gold Cup the following season. No horse since Fame And Glory has retired straight to [a] National Hunt stud with such a high rating and we’re delighted to have him at Castlehyde.”

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WATSON TO RIDE FIRST CALL FOR CHARLTON NEXT YEAR

Champion apprentice jockey Jason Watson will ride as number one jockey to Roger Charlton in 2019. Watson stamped his authority on the apprentice race and hitting the headlines in the summer when winning the Stewards' Cup at Glorious Goodwood for Hugo Palmer aboard Gifted Master (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}). The teenager also bagged Group 1 honours for Luca Cumani through God Given (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}) in Italy.

Beckhampton trainer Charlton said on his website, www.rogercharlton.com, "I am really pleased to announce that Jason Watson, this year's champion apprentice, will be riding for Beckhampton as first jockey next year. I have watched his progress with interest and I have been most impressed by what I have seen. He is a very strong, stylish, determined and he has a good understanding of race tactics. He has ridden 110 winners this year, and in winning the apprentice championship by a margin of 26 winners, he rode more winners than any other apprentice since Paul Hanagan in 2002; more than Oisín Murphy, William Buick and David Probert."

He added, "Adam McNamara will continue to ride as our second jockey. He is part of the team here and knows the horses well. He has now ridden over a 100 winners and rode 20% of our total this year."

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2018:

UNITED KINGDOM

Bungle Inthejungle (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Rathasker Stud

95 foals of racing age/26 winners/2 black-type winners
17:05-NEWCASTLE, 6f, GEOGRAPHY TEACHER (Ire)
€6,500 RNA Goffs November Foals Sale 2016; €15,000
Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2017
14:25-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, JUNGLE WARFARE (Ire)
£56,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2017

Coach House (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Bucklands Farm & Stud (GB)

76 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
17:05-NEWCASTLE, 6f, KEMMERIDGE BAY (GB)
3,500gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2017 - Book 4
16:30-NEWCASTLE, 6f, QUICKSILVER (GB)
22,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2016; 12,000gns
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2017 - Book 3
17:05-NEWCASTLE, 6f, TOBEEORNOTTOBEE (GB)
9,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2016; £18,000 Goffs UK
Premier Yearling Sale 2017

Gale Force Ten (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Irish National Stud

98 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
16:30-NEWCASTLE, 6f, ARRIBA DE TODA (Ire)
16,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2016; £18,000 Goffs
UK Premier Yearling Sale 2017

Garswood (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}), Cheveley Park Stud

74 foals of racing age/6 winners/2 black-type winners
16:30-NEWCASTLE, 6f, HAIGHFIELD (GB)

Gregorian (Ire) (Clodovil {Ire}), National Stud

85 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
17:05-NEWCASTLE, 6f, GUNNABEDUN (Ire)
€25,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2016; €17,000 Goffs
Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2017

Kingman (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Banstead Manor Stud

116 foals of racing age/24 winners/5 black-type winners
12:40-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, COZI BAY (GB)

Olympic Glory (Ire) (Choisir {Aus}), Haras de Bouquetot

119 foals of racing age/21 winners/1 black-type winner
12:40-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, SPEED SKATER (GB)
30,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2017 - Book 2

First-Season Sires With Runners Cont.

Slade Power (Ire) (Dutch Art {GB}), Kildangan Stud
 99 foals of racing age/15 winners/0 black-type winners
 14:25-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, BIZ MARKEE (Ire)
 €82,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2016; 65,000gns Tattersalls
 October Yearling Sale 2017 - Book 1

Xtension (Ire) (Xaar {GB}), Ire
 25 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
 15:55-NEWCASTLE, 8f, XTARA (Ire)
 €3,500 RNA Goffs November Foals Sale 2016; €6,500
 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2017

IRELAND

Australia (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), Coolmore Stud
 126 foals of racing age/16 winners/1 black-type winner
 4-DUNDALK, 8f, GRANDMASTER FLASH (Ire)
 40,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2016; 52,000gns
 Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2017 - Book 2
 4-DUNDALK, 8f, METAL MAN (Ire)

Olympic Glory (Ire) (Choisir {Aus}), Haras de Bouquetot
 119 foals of racing age/21 winners/1 black-type winner
 4-DUNDALK, 8f, HEREIA (Ire)
 €28,000 RNA Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2016 -
 English Version; €28,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings
 2017; 40,000gns RNA Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up Sale 2018



Gale Force Ten is looking for his 12th winner in Great Britain on Wednesday. | Irish National Stud



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OBSERVATIONS
 on the European racing scene

12.40 Lingfield, Cond, £5,800, 2yo, f, 7f 1y (AWT)
 Anthony Oppenheimer's homebred newcomer **COZI BAY (GB)** (**Kingman {GB}**) is kin to MGSW sire Zebedee (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and one of two contenders from the John Gosden stable. Her rivals include once-raced stablemate **Beehaar (GB)** (**Dark Angel {Ire}**), who is a great-granddaughter of the storied Miesque (Nureyev).

2.25 Lingfield, Cond, £5,800, 2yo, 8f 1y (AWT)
 Khalid Abdullah's **ENTITLED (GB)** (**Dansili {GB}**) ran sixth in a June heat at Newmarket and gets a second chance to shed maiden status before season's end. Representing the same John Gosden yard as her MG1SW half-sister Enable (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}), she is opposed by a cast of 10 featuring Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's homebred firster **Alandalos (GB)** (**Invincible Spirit {Ire}**), who is a daughter of G1 1000 Guineas and G1 Coronation S. heroine Ghanaati (Giant's Causeway), from the Charles Hills stable; and China Horse Club International's fellow newcomer **Martin King (GB)** (**Oasis Dream {GB}**), who is a Clive Cox-trained son of GI Beverly D S. victress I'm A Dreamer (Ire) (Noverre).

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Amouri Gleam (GB), f, 3, **Arabian Gleam (GB)**--Tour d'Amour (Ire), by Fruits of Love. Southwell, 12-18, 6f 16y (AWT), 1:16.69. B-Ray Craggs (GB). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

FRANCE



Tuesday's Results:

8th-Deauville, €27,000, Mdn, 12-18, 2yo, f, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:28.09, st.

OLYMPE (FR) (f, 2, **Charm Spirit {Ire}**--**Naissance Royal {Ire}** {**MGSW-US & GSP-Fr, \$740,213**}, by **Giant's Causeway**), second tackling one mile at Clairefontaine last time Oct. 26, tracked the leaders in third after the initial exchanges here. Looming large on the bridle in the straight, the 23-10 chalk eased to the front with 300 metres remaining and was ridden out to hold the late thrust of Tifosa (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) by a half-length, becoming the 27th winner for her freshman sire (by Invincible Spirit {Ire}). She's also the fourth scorer produced by GII Nassau S., GII Lake Placid S. and GII Las Palmas H. victress Naissance Royale (Ire) (Giant's Causeway) and the bay is kin to G3 Prix Penelope third Jadhaha (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), a yearling filly by Galileo (Ire) and a filly foal by Shalaa (Ire). Sales history: €130,000 Ylg '17 ARAUG. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, €25,650. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Haras Voltaire; B-Ecurie des Monceaux (FR); T-JC Rouget.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Harbour Spirit (Fr), g, 2, **Charm Spirit (Ire)**--Save Me The Waltz (Fr), by Halling. Deauville, 12-18, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:28.59. B-Haras d'Etream & Riviera Equine SARL (FR). *26th winner for freshman sire (by Invincible Spirit {Ire}). **€48,000 Wlg '16 ARQDEC; €46,000 Ylg '17 AROCT; €50,000 2yo '18 ARQMAY. ***1/2 to Dealbata (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), SW & GSP-US, SW-Fr, \$190,417.



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	G3 Kyoto Kimpai	Kyoto
Jan. 6	G3 Shinzan Kinen	Kyoto
Jan. 12	G3 Fairy S.	Nakayama
Jan. 13	G2 Nikkei Shinshun Hai	Kyoto
Jan. 14	G3 Keisei Hai	Nakayama
Jan. 20	G2 American Jockey Club Cup	Nakayama
	G2 Tokai S.	Chukyo
Jan. 26	G3 Aichi Hai	Chukyo
Jan. 27	G3 Negishi S.	Tokyo
	G3 Silk Road S.	Kyoto
Feb. 3	G3 Tokyo Shinbun Hai	Tokyo
	G3 Kisaragi Sho	Kyoto
Feb. 9	G3 Queen Cup	Tokyo
Feb. 10	G3 Kyodo News Service Hai	Tokyo
Feb. 16	G3 Diamond S.	Tokyo
	G3 Kyoto Himba S.	Kyoto
Feb. 17	G1 February S.	Tokyo
	G3 Kokura Daishoten	Kokura
Feb. 24	G2 Nakayama Kinen	Nakayama
	G3 Hankyu Hai	Hanshin
Mar. 2	G3 Ocean S.	Nakayama
	G2 Tulip Sho	Hanshin
Mar. 3	G2 Yayoi Sho	Nakayama
Mar. 9	G3 Nakayama Himba S.	Nakayama
Mar. 10	G2 Fillies' Revue	Hanshin
	G2 Kinko Sho	Chukyo
Mar. 16	G3 Flower Cup	Nakayama
	G3 Falcon S.	Chukyo
Mar. 17	G2 Spring S.	Nakayama
	G2 Hanshin Daishoten	Hanshin
Mar. 23	G2 Nikkei Sho	Nakayama
	G3 Mainichi Hai	Hanshin
Mar. 24	G3 March S.	Nakayama
	G1 Takamatsunomiya Kinen	Chukyo
Mar. 30	G3 Lord Derby Challenge Trophy	Nakayama
Mar. 31	G1 Osaka Hai	Hanshin
Apr. 6	G2 New Zealand Trophy	Nakayama
	G2 hanshin Himba S.	Hanshin
Apr. 7	G1 Oka Sho	Hanshin
Apr. 13	G3 Arlington Cup	Hanshin
Apr. 14	G1 Satsuki Sho	Nakayama
	G3 Antares S.	Hanshin
Apr. 20	G3 Fukushim Himba S.	Fukushima
Apr. 21	G2 Flora S.	Tokyo
	G2 Yomiuri Milers Cup	Kyoto
Apr. 27	G2 Aoba Sho	Tokyo



BEANS WON'T BE SPILLED BY AQUIS



Spill The Beans | Aquis Farm

by Bren O'Brien

Aquis Farm is such a big fan of the progeny of its young stallion **Spill The Beans** that it will retain all of its own yearlings by him to race, offering just one, via a client, at the upcoming Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale.

There are seven of the first crop by Spill The Beans, a son of Snitzel, who stands for A\$11,000 at Aquis's Conungra farm, on offer in the 2019 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale catalogue. He looks to continue a successful recent run for Queensland-based sprint sires.

The Fung family have made no secret of their love for fast Australian horses and this season stood two other sons of Snitzel, **Invader** and **Jukebox**, for their first seasons at their Hunter Valley farm.

Aquis's Bloodstock Manager Aaron Bott told *TDN AusNZ* that the 30 or so yearlings by Spill the Beans that Aquis has bred from his first crop were too good to put to market.

"What we've done is that we've backed the horse. We like what we see that we have supported him with good mares. So we will be racing everything we've bred to him that we own 100% of. We will be racing 30 of his progeny," Bott said. "He is a very exciting young horse. He was undefeated as a 2-year old. Being a son of Snitzel, he's certainly putting speed into them."

Following the Queensland Boom

The impact of Eureka Stud's **Spirit of Boom** and Lyndhurst Stud's **Better Than Ready** on the Queensland breeding scene has been massive over the past 12-18 months. Spirit of Boom finished second on the first-season sires table last season, while Better Than Ready, who claimed his first stakes win with a double last Saturday at Doomben, is a runaway leader this season.

"What's even more exciting is after the weekend, looking back across the past two seasons with Spirit of Boom and Better Than Ready, in terms of numbers, Spill The Beans will make a huge impact," Bott said. "Spirit of Boom covered 138 mares in his first year and then Better Than Ready was 150, whereas Spill The Beans covered over 200 mares. So in terms of pure numbers, he will make quite an impact.

"He got good quality mares, obviously the ones we put to him, and they will be given the best of opportunity by us through top grade trainers, so he's an exciting young horse."

Bott expects the seven lots at Magic Millions to be well received by the market. "Everyone knows the horse. He raced up there in Queensland (winning the G2 QTC Cup). A lot of people have been out to see him and they have been very impressed with him as a type," he said. "They've seen a lot of his stock too. He had some good sales with his weanlings and I'm sure that will flow onto his yearlings as well." **Cont. p2**



A foal by Spill The Beans | Aquis Farm

One to Market

Lot 1103 in the Spill the Beans colt Aquis is offering on behalf of a client. He is out of Tiptoe (Viscount), who is a half-sister to Group 1 winner Crawl as well as Treppes, the dam of multiple Group 1 winning sprinter Trapeze Artist (Snitzel).

"He's quite a nice flashy horse. Everything you want in a horse. He's well-balanced and a good moving horse. He'll have his admirers," he said. "He got good mares in his first year and this is a good example. A Viscount mare with, good depth being from the family of Crawl and Marching and the connection to Trapeze Artist, which makes this colt a close relative in blood."

The Aquis Draft

Aquis has 23 lots in total catalogued, with Bott particularly excited about **lot 177**, a colt by Exceed and Excel out of Group 1 winning mare Star Shiraz (Sequalo).

"He is certainly going to turn heads and be an early horse and a good horse," he said. "A lot of people will like him and like what they've seen."

He is also excited about the two colts on offer by I Am Invincible, with the Yarraman Park stallion's progeny on fire on the track at the moment. **Lot 264** is out of the speedy Group 2 winner Varena Miss (Redoute's Choice), the half sister to Group 1 winners Criterion and Comin' Through. The other I Am Invincible, **lot 540**, is out of Eimhis (Al Samer), which is the family of County Tyrone, Samaready and Almalad.

Aquis has several lots on offer from other first-season sires, including a filly by No Nay Never (USA), who has made a huge impact in Europe in his first season. That filly, **lot 166**, has made excellent progress in her preparation heading towards the sale according to Bott.

Lot 679, by Press Statement out of Incredible (Keep The Faith) boasts a physique to match her pedigree according to Bott. Her dam is a half-sister to Faith Hill out of the black-type winning mare Simply Believe (Kenmare {Fr}).

"She's a very forward type and another well balanced horse with good bone. There is a lot to like about her."

An Important Sale

Aquis will be active as both a vendor and a buyer at the sale, with Bott expecting the burgeoning operation to make a significant impact.

"It's a very important sale to us and very important to the Fung family. We are still young in the game and young in the industry but we've already had success with Magic Millions through Houtzen, Dubious, Lean Mean Machine and Spaceboy," he said. "We are very much looking forward to the sale. It's the first sale of the year and it's always a good buying and selling sale."

Bott said the Fung family was also looking to further build its partnerships with others in the industry through Magic Millions.

"Mr. Fung is all about the enjoyment of racing and loves racing with partners. We are very happy to open the gates and let people in and race with us. We like doing things together and creating partnerships," he said.

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Date	Race	Track
Feb. 9	C. F. Orr S.	Caulfield
Feb. 16	Lightning S.	Flemington
Feb. 23	Blue Diamond S.	Caulfield
	Futurity S.	Caulfield
	Oakleigh Plate	Caulfield
Mar. 2	Chipping Norton S.	Warwick Farm
	Surround S.	Warwick Farm
	Australian Guineas	Flemington