

## KEEJAN KICKS OFF 2019 SALES SEASON



Abel Tasman winning the 2017 Kentucky Oaks | Horsephotos

by Christie DeBernardis

Coming off a strong November sale, Keeneland looks to pick up 2019 right where they left off with the four-day Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale, which kicks off at 10 a.m. Monday.

The 1,583-horse catalogue is highlighted by champion **Abel Tasman** (Quality Road), who sells as **Hip 288** during the opening session. There are 709 broodmares/broodmare prospects, 601 yearlings, 258 horses of racing age and six stallions.

"I think it starts with the quality offerings the consignors have brought to the sale," said Keeneland's Vice President of Sales Bob Elliston. "It starts with champion mare Abel Tasman and then recently Fatale Bere, Grade I winner of the Del Mar Oaks. Those two would make headlines at any kind of breeding stock sale, so we are very excited about that."

A Grade I winner at ages two, three and four, Abel Tasman won an Eclipse Award and six Grade I events, earning a total of \$2,793,385 for Clearsky Farm, China Horse Club and Hall of Famer Bob Baffert.

"I think that she's one of these rare collector's items that don't come around very often," said Mark Taylor, whose Taylor Made Sales is consigning the mare. "A lot of those great mares are in private hands, they don't see the sales ring, so she's unique. Winning six Grade Is, for anybody that races horses, I mean winning a Grade I is difficult." *Cont. p3*

## TRANSFORMATION OF TVG SEEMS INEVITABLE

*The Week in Review, by Bill Finley*

If you were trying to watch the early races from Gulfstream and Aqueduct on TVG over the weekend, you had a problem. On Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. EST, TVG is airing a sports betting show called "More Ways to Win." One of the hosts is Dave Weaver, who has been part of TVG's racing team.

By the time More Ways to Win went off the air on Saturday, two races had been run at Gulfstream, two at Aqueduct and Tampa and one at Laurel. For the Aqueduct and Gulfstream races, they interrupted the sports betting show just long enough to show the running of the race. There was nothing in the way of build up or analysis from the network's horse racing experts.

As things stand now, the racing fan isn't missing that much because of the More Ways to Win show. What is disturbing is the direction this is surely going to go. *Cont. p3*

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**Looking back: March 31, 2018.** Coolmore's Mendelssohn (Scat Daddy) wins the \$2-million G2 UAE Derby at Meydan with a front-running tour-de-force on Dubai World Cup night. | Horsephotos

**BELLAFINA RETURNS TO FORM IN SANTA YNEZ ROMP 9**

Last seen running a disappointing fourth as the favorite in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, Kaleem Shah's Bellafina (Quality Road) bounced back emphatically with an 8 1/2-length tour de force in the GII Santa Ynez S. at Santa Anita.

**TOM'S D'ETAT CONFIRMED FOR PEGASUS**

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**KEEJAN Kicks Off 2019 Sales Season cont. from p1**

“To do it six times, and then the iconic races that she won in the fashion she won them in, and her versatility,” Taylor continued. “She’s rare, and it’s really, really a privilege to have her in the barn. Mares like her just don’t come around very often.”

The January sale boasts some impressive recent graduates, such as MGISW Catholic Boy (More Than Ready), MGISW Mind Your Biscuits (Posse), MGSW Flameaway (Scat Daddy) and GSW and GISP Mucho Gusto (Mucho Macho Man).

“If you bring these kinds of quality racehorses, as well as quality broodmares and short yearlings, with the outstanding successes that have occurred, people are keen on coming to January,” Elliston said.

At last year’s January sale, 909 horses sold for a gross of \$34,996,000 with an average of \$38,499 and a median of \$12,000. The 2018 renewal was topped by MGSW Mrs. McDougal (Medaglia d’Oro), who summoned \$1.6 million from bloodstock agent Steve Young. The highest-priced yearling was a \$1-million son of Triple Crown winner American Pharoah purchased by Coolmore’s M.V. Magnier.

The January sale runs through Thursday with sessions beginning at 10 a.m. daily.

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**The Week in Review, cont. from p1**

More Ways to Win is from the sports betting firm Fanduel. TVG and Fanduel are owned by the same company. Fanduel is putting this much emphasis into a sports betting show when its product is currently available only to a tiny percentage of the country. New Jersey residents can bet with Fanduel online or at the Meadowlands. Fanduel also runs the sports book at the Greenbrier Resort in West Virginia and has the contract to eventually open a sportsbook at a casino in Pennsylvania. That’s it.

Just imagine what the scope of Fanduel’s sports betting platform will be in the U.S. in, say, five years. It will be massive. If they’re devoting this much time to sports betting on TVG now, what will happen when they’re in 30 states and their sports betting revenue dwarfs their take on racing?

The likely answer is that TVG is going to become a sports betting network that may or may not show a few horse races here and there. The racing can always be farmed out to TVG2, but that network is not available to nearly as many people as the main TVG network is.

People love to complain about TVG and, in particular, some of its hosts. You might want to stop taking TVG for granted because the TVG as we know it is probably not long for this world.

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For what it's worth, the More Ways to Win show is outstanding, with lots of valuable insights from hosts, Weaver among them, who clearly know their stuff.

**Upheaval On Road to the Derby**



**Gunmetal Gray | Benoit**

The first week in January is not normally a time when you expect anything significant to happen when it comes to potential candidates for the GI Kentucky Derby, but last Saturday's races produced the sort of upheaval normally found when the major preps come rolling around.

It was a very good day for two horses and a not-so-good-day for two others.

Despite the horse having had only one career start, the hype machine had hit overdrive for **Coliseum** (Tapit), the favorite in the GIII Sham S. at Santa Anita. That was hardly a surprise. Trained by Bob Baffert, by Tapit, owned by Godolphin and an easy winner of his maiden race, the 'TDN Rising Star's potential seemed unlimited. The only glitch was that Baffert had often mentioned that the horse was high on talent but needed to make strides in the maturity department.

Baffert's worst fears came true when Coliseum left the gate seemingly disinterested and never really got into gear. In a flat performance, he finished sixth, beating one horse. While it was a major setback, it's way too early to give up on Coliseum.

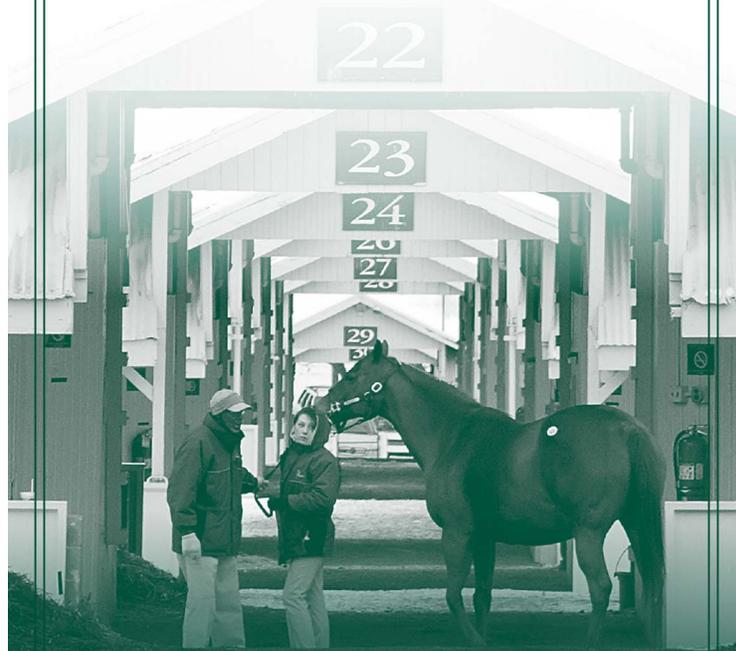
"He needed the race and he got behind after he didn't break and I was afraid of that," Baffert said.

Still, with the way his 3-year-olds had been mowing down everything in sight since last summer, it was a shock to see a highly regarded Baffert colt throw in a clinker. Guess, the guy is human after all.

Horses mature at different rates and Baffert will, no doubt, eventually bring out the best in him. That may not happen by Derby Day, so, perhaps this could be a GI Haskell-GI Travers horse. We'll see. **Cont. p5**

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As Coliseum took a step in the wrong direction, Sham winner **Gunmetal Gray** (Exchange Rate) vaulted into the top tier of Derby contenders with a visually impressive win. The horse was last on the final bend before unleashing a powerful turn of foot that carried him to a one-length win under Mike Smith. It was the first start for the Jerry Hollendorfer-trained colt since he finished fifth in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile.

Even with the explosive late effort, there will no doubt be skeptics when it comes to Gunmetal Gray. His Beyer figure was an 82. That's not the kind of number it takes to win the Kentucky Derby. Not even close.



Mihos | Lauren King

At Gulfstream, there was a similar story in the one-mile Mucho Macho Man S. **Code of Honor** (Noble Mission {GB}), appeared to be a major player on the way to Louisville. In the hands of Hall of Fame trainer Shug McGaughey, he broke his maiden at Saratoga and then finished second in the GI Champagne after stumbling at start and spotting the field several lengths. With a fever having knocked him of the Juvenile, he finally made it back to the races yesterday, and the results were not pretty. With no apparent major excuses, he finished a lackluster fourth.

The winner was **'Rising Star' Mihos** (Cairo Prince). In his first try beyond six furlongs he stayed perfect at three-for-three for trainer Jimmy Jerkens, winning by a neck. While there was nothing wrong with his race, he will likely have to do more before being considered an upper echelon Derby candidate.

**Did Computer Sharks Attack Sham Pools?**

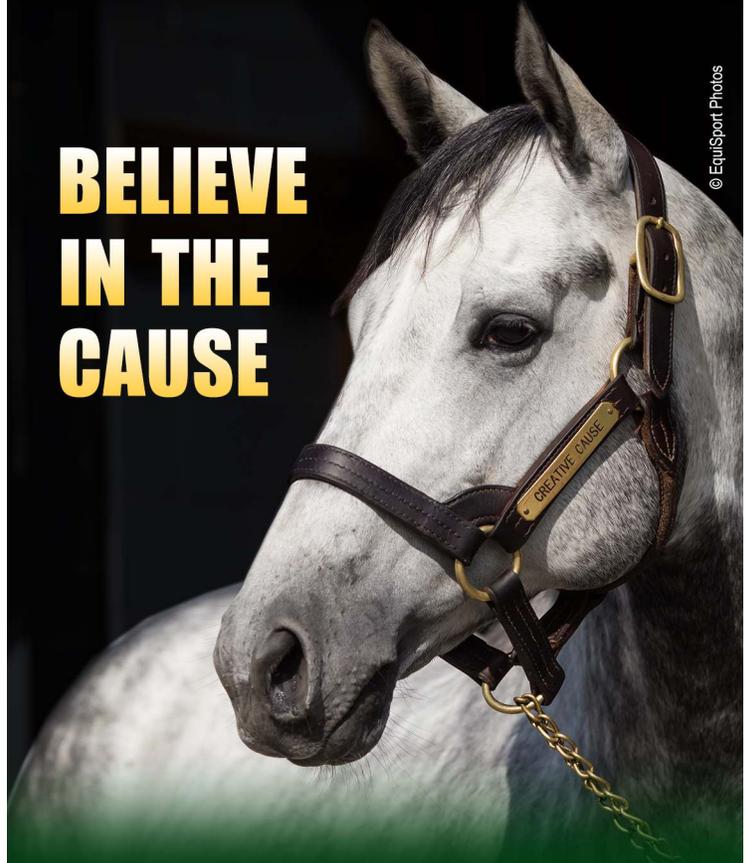
Looks like the computer guys--those big players who use computer algorithms to handicap the races and collect huge rebates--made major last-second bets on the Sham.

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Based on the betting patterns, they were clearly convinced that Coliseum was an overlay. Whether or not they collected on Gunmetal Gray is unclear.

Here are the odds when the horses entered the gate and the final odds:

Horse	Start of Race	Final Odds
Sueno	16	18
Gray Magician	8	5
Savagery	25	17
Easy Shot	70	87
Coliseum	2-5	3-5
Gunmetal Gray	7-2	7-2
Much Better	12	7

This may have been a no harm, no foul situation since the price on the winner didn't change. But suppose someone had bet on Much Better and he won. They were expecting to collect \$26 and instead cashed for \$16. You win, but you feel like you lost. That's not how you keep your customers coming back. Imagine how much money had to bet on a Saturday card at Santa Anita to account for such huge late odds swings? This is bad for the game.

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## TDN PODCAST Q&A: KING LEATHERBURY

*King T. Leatherbury is a horse racing legend, but not in the manner of a Bob Baffert or a Wayne Lukas. Leatherbury has been grinding it out since 1958, primarily with claiming horses, but the 85-year-old trainer has been so good at what he does that he's the fifth winningest trainer of all time in North America and he is in the Horse Racing Hall of Fame. Leatherbury was a recent guest on the **Thoroughbred Daily News** podcast, brought to you by Taylor Made. Excerpts from that podcast appear below.*

**TDN:** According to recent articles, you're down to two horses. You're going to give both the winter off and take some time off for yourself. We also see that Laurel has announced it has named a stakes race in your honor. While that's obviously something you're thrilled about, it has people asking questions. What is your future? What about retirement?

**KL:** Everyone says I'm retiring, so to answer I thought I'd start off with a joke. The doctor is telling the guy that he's in good shape at 50 years old. The guy says, 'Who says I'm 50? I'm 60.' He said, 'Well, you are in good shape. How old was your father when he died?' He said, 'Who says he's dead?' He said, 'He's 82 and doing well.' He said, 'Good heavens. Well, how old was your grandfather when he died?' **Cont. p7**



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**KL (cont.):** He said, 'Who said he died? He's 102 years old. In fact, he's getting married tomorrow.' Then the guy says, 'Good gosh, why would a man 102 years old want to get married?' He said, 'Who says he wants to?' I haven't announced that I am retiring. The thing is, rumors are going around because I'm dwindling down on horses. I was down to five, then I was down to three, and then two. We sent those two a couple of days ago back to the farm and we'll pick them up later this year. I wanted to give them a break. So, that's it. I'm a horse trainer with no horses to train. Right now, we're just waiting and in February, in the middle of February, we'll pick up our turf horses. We also have some turf horses on the farm.

**TDN:** King, like most horse trainers, I'm guessing that you probably haven't had many days off over the last 60 years. Perhaps none. What do you think about the down time? How are you going to fill your day? Are you looking forward to it? Are you not looking forward to it?

**KL:** No, I'm not particularly looking forward to it, but I'll just do what comes up. I can just work around the house and certainly I'll continue to go to the races many days. I do enjoy that, that's what got me into the game. I'll enjoy going to the races and watching other peoples' horses run. Then I'll catch up on some work around the house.

**TDN:** It's not just you, a lot of trainers, a lot of fellow members of the Hall of Fame, have had the same sort of problem at some point in their career, usually around their mid-70s or so. People just seem to lose confidence in them. Is this just a horse racing problem? Is it a societal problem? Why do you think people are so easy to give up on the King Leatherburys of the world.

**KL:** It's a natural thing. Just like with any sports teams--look at the football and basketball coaches--if they don't win then they're always looking to fire the coach. People have got to make a change when they're not winning. You do hit slumps and when I didn't hit slumps is when I had a lot of claiming owners, and I had a lot of claiming horses. With those, as they go, you replace them. They're easy to replace and so you can continue a higher rate of winning than you can with the homebreds.

**TDN:** You bred, trained and owned Ben's Cat, who was probably the best horse you ever trained and gave your career a huge lift only a few years ago. This might be hard to put into words but what did he mean to your life and to your career?

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**KL:** Oh, my golly. He's the one who pushed me into the Hall of Fame because he was competing on the high level, which means a lot to the Hall of Fame people that vote. You win cheap races, they don't count much, but the good ones bring recognition to you.

**TDN:** He started his career in 2010, ran 63 times, won 32 races, 26 of them stakes races, he earned \$2.6 million. He won the Jim McKay Turf Sprint five times. King, in an era where horses have become soft and aren't durable like they were in the glory days of the '60s when you were winning those 350 races a year, did you ever think you'd see another like this, that some horse like this could even come around and do what he did?



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**KL:** No. It's just luck. It's just luck and percentages. The more horses you deal with the better chance you have to come up with something. They only come around every once in a great while. So if you try something many times, you've got a chance to hit something like that. You try to use some laws of probability on different things and you know something is going to hit here and there. But no, you can't just plan out something that comes along and turns out like that. You can plan it, but it very seldom will work out the way you think.

**TDN:** Unfortunately, the story of Ben's Cat didn't end well. Just 24 days after his last race, he's retired, sent to what is going to be a great home and he passes away from colic. That must've been just heartbreaking for you.

**KL:** It was devastating. It was really sad. He made it through all those years of racing to stay sound and then that happened. It was a tragic ending for a remarkable horse.

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**KL:** I started out with Ragozin himself, Len Ragozin, who originated the sheets. He called me and he told me, 'Look, you don't know me. I like your record. When you get a horse it improves. I'm going to call you up to claim some horses.' He called me and I claimed one and I ran the horse back and it won. I claimed another horse and ran the horse back and it won. That happened three straight times and I'm saying, 'Geez, this guy's a genius. Whatever he's doing, it was pretty good.' Anyhow, that's the way I got to know those sheet people and then I started believing in them. Back then, you couldn't buy them, you had to be kind of a member of their gang. Then he went public with them. I've been using sheets and it helps you evaluate the value of the horse and the ability of the horse.

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2	Candy Ride (Arg) (1999) by Ride the Rails FYR: 2006 Crops: 11		17 [7.17]	30 [12.66]	10 [4.22]	19 [8.02]	4 [1.69]	7 [2.95]	237	128 [54.01]	230	\$7,000,000 Gun Runner	\$17,976,492
3	Scat Daddy (2004) by Johannesburg FYR: 2009 Crops: 8		20 [5.85]	39 [11.40]	12 [3.51]	21 [6.14]	2 [0.58]	6 [1.75]	342	171 [50.00]	269	\$3,798,000 Justify	\$16,381,744
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5	More Than Ready (1997) by Southern Halo FYR: 2002 Crops: 15												

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1	Kitten's Joy (2001) by El Prado (Ire) FYR: 2007 Crops: 10		15 [4.75]	29 [9.18]	9 [2.85]	15 [4.75]	3 [0.95]	7 [2.22]	316	114 [36.08]	168	\$3,929,935 Hawkbill AWD Lifetime: 7.83	\$16,572,471
2	More Than Ready (1997) by Southern Halo FYR: 2002 Crops: 15		9 [4.31]	18 [8.61]	6 [2.87]	10 [4.78]	4 [1.91]	7 [3.35]	209	67 [32.06]	95	\$1,332,784 Eagle Way (AUS) AWD Lifetime: 7.04	\$7,334,822
3	War Front (2002) by Danzig FYR: 2008 Crops: 9		19 [10.86]	30 [17.14]	8 [4.57]	20 [11.43]	4 [2.29]	10 [5.71]	175	70 [40.00]	94	\$952,096 Homesman AWD Lifetime: 7.32	\$7,333,210
	Scat Daddy (2004) by Johannesburg		15 [5.73]	28 [10.69]	9 [3.44]	17 [6.49]	1 [0.38]	4 [1.53]	262	92 [35.11]	128	\$776,625 Mr Melody AWD Lifetime: 7.18	\$7,087,454

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**SANTA YNEZ S.-GII**, \$200,000, Santa Anita, 1-6, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:22.00, ft.

1--**BELLAFINA**, 124, f, 3, by **Quality Road**



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**2nd Dam: Akronism, by Not For Love**

**3rd Dam: Jerry Bomb, by Explosive Bid**

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O-Kaleem Shah, Inc.; B-JSM Equine LLC (KY); T-Simon

Callaghan; J-Flavien Prat. \$120,000. Lifetime Record: 6-4-1-0, \$708,000.

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2--**Mother Mother**, 120, f, 3, **Pioneerof the Nile**--Mother, by Lion Hearted. **'TDN Rising Star'** (\$450,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP).

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3--**Tomlin**, 120, f, 3, **Distorted Humor**--Belle of Perintown, by Dehere. (\$200,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP). O-Fairview, LLC; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Steven Specht. \$24,000.

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Kaleem Shah's Bellafina seemed well on her way to an Eclipse statuette heading into November's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies at Churchill Downs, but disappointed as the favorite, ending her title hopes. Sunday at Santa Anita, however, the \$800,000 Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream purchase gave the racing world an empathic reminder that she is nevertheless one of the top contenders as eyes start to look towards the GI Kentucky Oaks with a comprehensive romp in the GII Santa Ynez S.

Second at odds-on in her career bow July 4 at Los Alamitos, Bellafina scored by 4 1/4 lengths in the GII Sorrento S. Aug. 5 at Del Mar and triumphed by the same margin in the GI Del Mar Debutante S. Sept. 1. Appearing ready for her coronation after a recording a stylish 6 1/2-length rout in the GI Chandelier S. around two turns here Sept. 29, she pressed the pace under the Twin Spires as the 19-10 favorite before fading to finish a well-beaten fourth. **Cont. p10**

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Reported to be in season during that effort, all eyes were on Bellafina as she kicked off her 3-year-old campaign in the Santa Ynez.

Away smoothly and in a straight line with all the money on, she punched through between horses to travel along the hip of clear second choice Mother Mother through a modest :22.67 quarter.



Bellafina | Benoit

Drawing on even terms with that one passing the half-mile pole, Bellafina awaited her cue from Flavien Prat and poked a head in front on her own accord going by a :45 flat half. Given just a slight nudge outside the quarter pole, the heavy favorite easily shook away from her rival nearing the stretch and poured it on from there, cruising under the wire the easiest of winners in sharp time. Mother Mother held on for second, ahead of Tomlin, who was in turn well clear for the show.

“She pretty much just took [Prat] to the front and I thought from halfway we were looking pretty good,” trainer Simon Callaghan said. “She wasn’t even blowing after the race. She was so composed and it was like it was nothing for her.”

Shah added in regard to the Breeders’ Cup loss, “It was just not meant to be, not her day. She needed to come back and show us what she did today to validate that she’s one of the best fillies in the country.”

**Pedigree Notes:**

Bellafina is a full-sister to last year’s Federico Tesio S. victor Diamond King, who also placed in three graded stakes in 2018. Her dam is a stakes-placed half-sister to Have At It (Kitten’s Joy), winner of last fall’s Gil Hill Prince S., out of MGSW Akronism. Akron Moon is responsible for a juvenile filly by Verrazano and was bred back to Quality Road once more last spring.

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Tom's d'Etat | Sarah Andrew

G M B Racing's **Tom's d'Etat** (Smart Strike) has been confirmed to run in the GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational Jan. 26 at Gulfstream Park, according to the ownership's racing manager Greg Bensel. The 6-year-old began serious preparations for North America's richest race with a half-mile breeze in :49 flat (19/110) Sunday at Fair Grounds, his first major activity since capturing the Tenacious S. by 3 1/2 lengths Dec. 22 at the New Orleans oval. That was the first stakes try for the bay, who has racked up six victories in nine career outings.

"This will be a true test," Bensel told the Fair Grounds notes team. "We don't know where he fits in the Pegasus, but I do know that he's won six out of his nine career races so he deserves a chance. He's a horse that can definitely go the distance up against that type of talent. It will be the most talented field there can be."

Bought for \$330,000 as a Keeneland September yearling, Tom's d'Etat announced himself with a nine-length romp in a Saratoga optional claimer last summer, but had gone unseen for over a year before resurfacing with another dominant optional claiming score Nov. 4 at Churchill prior to his Tenacious heroics. He will have two more breezes before the Pegasus, Stall said.

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*Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream grad **Bellafina** (Quality Road) bounces back with a stylish romp in the GII Santa Ynez S.*



**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**6th-Santa Anita, \$61,122, Alw, 1-6, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16.61, ft.**

**BASHFUL (f, 4, Orb--Chief Secretary, by Deputy Minister)** zoomed home from last to first to score on debut in a Del Mar turf sprint Nov. 22, and was the 8-5 chalk facing winners for the first time despite the surface switch. Unhurried again here and allowed to drop back to last, the bay got going into the bend as she picked off foes rapidly into a :44.76 half. On the leader in the blink of an eye in upper stretch, she cruised home a very promising 3 1/4-length winner. Loving Lynda (Empire Way) completed the exacta. The winner is a half to Left a Message (Mr. Greeley), SW & GSP, \$214,922. Her dam, a half-sister to GSW and late sire Exchange Rate (Danzig), produced an Empire Maker filly Feb. 5 and was bred back to that stallion. Sales history: \$330,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0,



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O-Fox Hill Farms, Inc.; B-Kinsman Farm (KY); T-Richard E. Mandella.



**7th-Santa Anita, \$60,053, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 1-6, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:36.08, ft.**

**ALL OUT BLITZ (c, 4, Concord Point--Smart and Single, by Smart Strike)**, who placed in both the GII San Vicente S. and the GIII Sham S. as a 3-year-old, kicked off consecutive wins for his connections, as stablemate Bellafina (Quality Road) captured the GII Santa Ynez S. one race later on the card. A winner of a Los Alamitos optional claimer going this trip Sept. 21, the bay ran second in the Comma to the Top S. over this strip Oct. 28 in the wake of GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile scorer Battle of Midway (Smart Strike). Fourth in the Nov. 21 Zia Park Derby, he was a 7-2 proposition Sunday. The Kaleem Shah homebred settled well off the fence in second behind a :23.11 opening quarter set by Air Vice Marshal (War Front). **Cont. p2**

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**7th-SA cont.**

Under tight restraint from Tyler Baze as he sidled up to that foe's outside, he was let out a notch on the far turn and was traveling ominously well through three-quarters in 1:10.80. Still dueling with Air Vice Marshal down the straight, he received a few right-handers and was shoved over the line to win by a head. Smart and Single foaled a full-brother to the winner, the sophomore Bachchan (Concord Point), and has a yearling filly already named Classical Tune (Bayern). She was once again covered by that GI Breeders' Cup Classic-winning sire last spring. All Out Blitz's second dam is GI Test S. victress Leave Me Alone (Bold Badgett), who has also produced GI Spinaway S. bridesmaid Tap to It (Tapit). Lifetime Record: MGSP, 12-3-2-2, \$176,030. **Click for the [Equineline.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Kaleem Shah, Inc. (KY); T-Simon Callaghan.



**8th-Laurel, \$44,646, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 1-6, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:44.86, ft.**

**HER ROYAL HIGHNESS (f, 3, Paddy O'Prado--Joan of Arc, by Roman Ruler)** ran on to be second going seven panels locally Nov. 2 behind impressive next-out Churchill optional claiming winner Needs Supervision (Paynter) and ahead of three more runners who broke their maiden at next asking, including eventual Sandpiper S. romper Fashion Faux Pas (Flatter). She went one better herself over a mile here Dec. 9, and was 5-2 to clear her next condition. Settling into fourth while a bit off the inside early, the big grey filly mounted a three-deep bid heading for home and had better than a length on her competition hitting the quarter pole. Idling a bit in the stretch, she found another gear when she heard footsteps and quickened nicely to put 2 1/2 lengths on favored Lady Banba (Into Mischief) at the line. The winner is a half to Catcha Rising Star (Red Giant), SW, \$235,030. Her dam produced a Vancouver (Aus) colt in 2018. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$55,140. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Albert Frassetto (KY); T-H. Graham Motion.



**8th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$20,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 1-6, 3yo, 1m 40y, 1:41.84, ft.**

**SO ALIVE (c, 3, Super Saver--Mythical Bride, by Street Cry {Ire})**, a half-brother to last year's GII Wood Memorial S. winner Vino Rosso (Curlin), GSW, \$842,500, was named a '**TDN Rising Star**' for a narrow first-up victory from far back sprinting in the Keeneland mud Oct. 27.

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**8th-TAM cont.**

He could only muster a sixth-place finish as the favorite in Churchill slop Nov. 24, but was backed down to 11-10 donning blinkers and trying a dry strip for the first time. In the thick of things as a number of foes scrambled for position into the first turn, So Alive briefly found a spot in fourth down the backside before moving into a joint second in between foes. He struck the front after a half in :47.68, but was well off the inside and was in fact headed by two horses entering the stretch. Finding his courage with the help of several Samy Camacho left-handers, he kicked past Counter Offer (Tapizar) and widened late to win by 1 1/2 lengths before galloping out with excellent energy and giving the impression that he might have more to give as he matures. The winner's 2-year-old half-brother by Pioneer of the Nile was a \$575,000 Keeneland September yearling. His dam produced an Uncle Mo colt in 2018 and was bred back to Curlin. Her dam is SW/GSP Flaming Heart (Touch Gold), who is responsible for MGSW and GI Belmont S. runner-up Commission (A.P. Indy) and GSW and GI Breeders' Cup Sprint second Laugh Track (Distorted Humor). Sales history: \$160,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$52,569. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Robert V. LaPenta; B-John D. Gunther (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**8th-Gulfstream, \$43,420, Msw, 1-6, 3yo, f, 7 1/2ft, 1:30.73, fm. POSITIVE SKEW (f, 3, City Zip--Ermine Slippers, by El Prado {Ire}),** sent off the even-money choice, was cleanly away but didn't have enough steam to get to the front and settled into a midpack sixth through an opening quarter in :22.90. Improving her position as Dearly Declared (Declaration of War) assumed control through a half in :47.50, the grey closed with purpose while wide approaching the quarter pole. Five wide into the home turn, she collared the frontrunner midstretch, unfurled her grey legs while spurting clear late and held off closing Take Ten (Uncle Mo) by 1 1/2 lengths at the wire. Dearly Declared was third. Ermine Slippers produced a filly by Frosted last season and was bred back to Honor Code. The \$140,000 KEESEP yearling represents the family of dual Grade I-winning I Ain't Bluffing (Pine Bluff). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$34,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Klaravich Stables, Inc.; B-Double K LLC (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.

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**5th-Gulfstream, \$43,420, Msw, 1-6, 4yo/up, 7 1/2fT, 1:30.35, fm.**

**FIRST WARRIOR (c, 4, War Front--First Passage, by Giant's Causeway)** finished far back in one dirt sprint and one dirt route in 2017, and he resurfaced some 11 1/2 months later to be sixth behind recent GI Malibu S. runner-up Identity Politics (Into Mischief) in a rained-off seven-panel maiden special weight at Belmont Oct. 14. Showing the way through a :48.48 half, the striking dark bay was briefly headed around the home bend, but found another gear in the stretch and kicked clear. Favored Chad Brown trainee and Doswell (Giant's Causeway) turned heads as he flew home late after missing the break, but First Warrior still had 3/4 of a length to spare at the line. The winner is a half to Berned (Bernardini), GSW, \$438,781, who sold for \$825,000 at the 2018 Fasig-Tipton November sale. Dam First Passage, herself a \$1.2-million KEESEP yearling, produced a Curlin filly last season and was bred back to Tapit. She hails from the female family of GISW Harmony Lodge (Hennessy), MGSW Graeme Hall (Dehere), GSWs Stratford Hill (A.P. Indy) and Win McCool (Giant's Causeway), et al. Sales history: \$410,000 Ylg '16 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$28,007. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Cheyenne Stables LLC & Andrew Rosen; B-AR Enterprises, LLC (KY); T-Kiaran P. McLaughlin.

**Broken and Trained by Randy Bradshaw**

**6th-Gulfstream, \$43,210, Msw, 1-6, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:23.55, ft.**  
**QUEEN OF BEAS (f, 3, Flatter--Wild Bea {SP}, by Wild Rush)** rallied resolutely to be second as the favorite here Dec. 13, and was the public's 3-2 pick to go one better this time around. Tucked in just behind the speed early, she waited for running room heading for home. Tipped out for clear sailing into the stretch, she wore down Angelia (Curlin) in the final furlong to post a 1 3/4-length victory. The winner is a full sister to Flattering Bea, MSW, \$441,082. Her dam most recently visited Street Boss. Sales history: \$170,000 Ylg '17 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$33,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Kingsport Farm; B-James Arrison (KY); T-Jorge R. Abreu.

**Winning with Woodford**

**8th-Fair Grounds, \$38,000, Msw, 1-6, 3yo, 7 1/2fT, 1:33.27, fm.**  
**CONATIVE (c, 3, Noble Mission {GB}--Queen Daenerys, by Street Sense)** settled for seventh after some traffic trouble going nine panels over this course Dec. 26. Ignored at 20-1, the rail-drawn bay enjoyed a much cleaner stalking trip here and held off favorite Please Sit Down (Gio Ponti) by 3/4 of a length on the wire. The winner's dam is a half to GISW Dreams Gallore (Silver Ghost). **Cont. p5**



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She has a 2-year-old colt by The Factor and a yearling filly by Distorted Humor and was bred back to Overanalyze. Sales history: \$70,000 RNA Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$40,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$22,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-Glockenburg LLC; B-Green Lantern Stables, LLC (KY); T-Pavel Vashchenko.

**7th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$20,000, Msw, 1-6, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:45.22, fm.**

**THOMOND PARK (c, 3, Giant's Causeway--My Limit {SP, \$135,360}, by Wagon Limit)** was a close second first out on the Delaware lawn Oct. 3, but faded to sixth as the favorite at Gulfstream Park West 24 days later. Shedding blinkers and getting first-time Lasix for this, the 22-10 favorite broke well and settled in in second. Pushed along to turn the heat up on the frontrunner entering the home bend, the homebred wore down the foe in midstretch and kept finding to defeat Bourbon Tan (English Channel) by 3/4 of a length. Thomond Park, a \$350,000 KEEJAN in utero purchase, is a half to Birdatthewire (Summer Bird), GISW, \$808,430. Her dam has a 2-year-old by Malibu Moon and most recently visited the same stallion. Lifetime

Record: 3-1-1-0, \$19,350. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Castleton Lyons (KY); T-Christophe Clement.

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**9th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$20,000, Msw, 1-6, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:37.42, fm.**

**ELLYB (f, 3, Pioneerof the Nile--Eversmile, by Theatrical {Ire})** was a distanced ninth in her debut going six furlongs on the main track here Dec. 15 and was installed the 9-2 third choice to turn things around on the grass. In control early, the dark bay carved out splits of :22.91 and :48.19, was comfortably in front turning for home and bounced home a four-length winner over Tula (Hat Trick {Jpn}). The winner is a half to Coil (Point Given), MGISW, \$1,154,360; and Chiropractor (Kitten's Joy), GISW, \$280,145. Eversmile, a half to champion turf mare Possibly Perfect (Northern Baby), is also responsible for a 2-year-old colt by Speightstown. She was bred back to Pioneerof the Nile. Sales history: \$360,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$11,850. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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**FOUR RIVERS JOHN DEERE S.**, (NB) \$85,000, Sunland, 1-6, (S),  
3yo, 6f, 1:09.58, ft.  
1--**ROLL ON DIABOLICAL**, c, 3, by **Diabolical--Hennesey Smash**  
(MSW, \$252,006), by **Roll Hennessy Roll**. (\$11,500 Ylg '17  
RUIAUG). O-Clara Moore Thomas; B-Barbara M. Coleman, Brad  
E. King & Todd W. Fincher (NM); T-Thomas W. Pierce, Jr.;  
J-Alejandro Medellin. \$51,000. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0,  
\$154,450.  
2--**Stoney Who**, 122, g, 3, Quinton's Gold--Lucky Emmie B, by  
Fortunate Prospect. O/B-Sam E Stevens & Sammy L Stevens  
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3--**Sunscreen**, 122, g, 3, Southwestern Heat--Playoftheday, by  
Attila's Storm. O-R. D. & Shuan Hubbard; B-R D Hubbard (NM);  
T-Casey T. Lambert. \$8,500.  
Margins: 6, NK, 2 3/4. Odds: 9.00, 10.00, 2.10.

**LASENORA S.**, \$85,000, Sunland, 1-6, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:08.90, ft.  
1--**AFRICAN HEAT**, 121, f, 3, **Southwestern Heat--Good Mama**,  
by **Indygo Shiner**. O-J. Kirk & Judy Robison; B-J. Kirk Robison  
(NM); T-Henry Dominguez; J-Ry Eikleberry. \$51,000. Lifetime  
Record: 4-3-1-0, \$151,889.

2--**Roll On Matilda**, 121, f, 3, Roll Hennessy Roll--Pay Back Time,  
by Songandaprayer. (\$55,000 Ylg '17 RUIAUG). O-Raymond L.  
Gilder; B-Fred Alexander & Todd Fincher (NM); T-Todd W.  
Fincher. \$17,000.

3--**Flight Song**, 121, f, 3, Attila's Storm--Hang Glide, by Dome.  
O-R. D. & Shaun Hubbard; B-R. D. Hubbard (NM); T-Todd W.  
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**BIG DRAMA S.**, \$75,000, Delta Downs, 1-5, 3yo, 7 1/2f, 1:35.03, ft.  
 1--**SIX SHOOTER, 119, g, 3, Trappe Shot--Academy Road, by Lemon Drop Kid. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** O-Dundalk 5 LLC, N P H Stable & Wes Herek; B-Craig D. Upham (KY); T-Paul E. Holthus; J-Thomas L. Pompell. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-3, \$123,850.

2--**Ninth Street, 122, c, 3, Street Boss--Plan Nine, by Mizzen Mast.** O-H. V. Farms, Ltd.; B-H. V. Farms, Ltd. (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. \$15,000.

3--**Mr Money Bags, 120, g, 3, Silver City--Miss Photogenic, by You and I.** O/B-Roy W. Cobb (TX); T-Mike R. Neatherlin. \$7,500.

Margins: 1 1/4, HF, 10 1/4. Odds: 1.60, 4.70, 6.10.

**BOLD EGO H.**, \$65,000, Sunland, 1-6, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:02.80, ft.

1--**WOMAN AT THE WELL, 121, f, 4, Old Fashioned--Scoot On By, by Catienus.** (\$22,000 RNA Ylg '16 OBSAUG; \$55,000 2yo '17 OBSMAR). **1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** O-Karl Pergola; B-Gail Rice (FL); T-Weston Martin; J-Roimes Chirinos. \$39,000. Lifetime Record: 9-5-1-1, \$143,290. \*1/2 to Triple Cross (Werblin), MSP, \$293,090.

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2--**Life of Illusion, 123, m, 5, Harlan's Holiday--Atlantic Park, by Awesome Again.** (\$170,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP). O-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding (KY); T-Henry Dominguez. \$13,000.

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3--**Super Humor, 119, m, 7, Super Saver--Heavenly Humor, by Distorted Humor.** (\$100,000 Ylg '13 FTKOCT; \$33,000 3yo '15 KEENOV; \$17,000 RNA 5yo '17 KEEJAN; \$42,000 5yo '17 FTKHRA). O-Judge Lanier Racing; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (ON); T-Miguel L. Hernandez. \$6,500.

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**SAM'S TOWN S.**, (NB) \$50,000, Delta Downs, 1-5, 4yo/up, 5f, :58.72, ft.

1--**A M MILKY WAY, 118, g, 7, Elusive Bluff--Actress E (SP), by Noactor.** O/B-David Davis (TX); T-Beverly Burress; J-Eguard Andres Tejera. \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 33-9-2-3, \$308,380.

2--**Hold Me Black, 123, g, 5, Hold Me Back--Stylish Affair, by Not For Love.** (\$20,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT). O-Craig Drago; B-C. Oliver Iselin (VA); T-Allen Landry. \$10,000.

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3--**Imma Bling, 120, g, 6, Too Much Bling--Imma Be a Wildcat, by D'wildcat.** O-Richard Bahde; B-Hall's Family Trust (TX); T-Randy L. Morse. \$5,000.

Margins: 1, 6 3/4, 3. Odds: 16.90, 7.20, 9.60.

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**STARR OF QUALITY (m, 5, First Dude--Gator Blitz, by Gone West)** Lifetime Record: 20-5-3-6, \$214,968. O-Tom Acker & Jon Lindo; B-Donald R Dizney, LLC (CA); T-William Spawr.

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**8th-Aqueduct, \$69,513, (S), (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 1-6, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:25.66, my.**

**FIERY OPAL (g, 5, Gemologist--Impending Storm, by Mineshaft)** Lifetime Record: 19-5-4-4, \$188,100. O-Silvino Ramirez; B-SF Racing LLC (NY); T-Antonio Arriaga. \*\$185,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$200,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.

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**7th-Gulfstream, \$44,420, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 1-6, 4yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :58.49, fm.**

**PRECOCIOUS PEACH (f, 4, Doctor Peach--Precocious Pet, by Slew Gin Fizz)** Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-1, \$57,150. O-Big Lick Farm; B-Mossarosa (FL); T-Sarah Nagle. \*1/2 to Daddy's Boo (Sweet Return {GB}), GSP, \$409,692.

**8th-Delta Downs, \$39,210, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 1-5, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:26.62, ft.**

**GENTRIFIED (g, 5, Malibu Moon--Sea Jewe {MGSP, \$196,825}, by Sea Hero)** Lifetime Record: 29-6-5-3, \$153,560. O-M and M Racing (Mike Sisk); B-Adena Springs (KY); T-Karl Broberg. \*\$200,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.

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**IN ARREARS (g, 5, Scipion--Tejano Sea, by Sea of Secrets)** Lifetime Record: SP, 30-5-10-3, \$258,983. O-Robert D. Bone; B-David Baxter (MD); T-Claudio A. Gonzalez. \*Full to Keep Momma Happy, SW, \$129,100.

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**6th-Sunland, \$26,500, 1-6, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.45, ft.**

**BECKHEM'S BEAUTY (f, 4, Colonel John--Beautiful Greeley, by Mr. Greeley)** Lifetime Record: 12-2-2-2, \$56,726. O-Larry Allen and John Jones; B-Pursuit of Success LLC (KY); T-Dick Cappellucci. \*\$30,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR.

**4th-Charles Town, \$24,500, (S), 1-5, (NW3L), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:48.29, sy.**

**PARTY LIFE (g, 4, Fiber Sonde--Ladies Party, by Seattle Slew)** Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-2, \$54,092. O-FTF Racing LLC; B-John McKee (WV); T-Alfred H. Scott, Jr.

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**5th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$23,500**, Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 1-6, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.44, fm.

**NA PALI SPIRIT (m, 5, Dialed In--Ascot Yael {GSW, \$333,456}, by Ascot Knight)** Lifetime Record: 20-5-7-2, \$137,520.

O-Michael Gilmore; B-Bill & Phyllis Adair & Connie Brown (KY); T-Ignacio Correas, IV. \*\$4,000 Ylg '15 KEEJAN; \$1,000 RNA Ylg '15 FTKOCT.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Oh My Oh**, f, 3, **Comic Strip**--Oh the Joy, by Tribal Rule. Golden Gate Fields, 1-5, (S), 6f (AWT), 1:11.01. B-William T. Gray (CA).

**Miss Fia**, f, 3, **Maclean's Music**--Setafire, by Jump Start. Santa Anita, 1-6, (C), 6f, 1:10.83. B-Tarabilla Farms (KY). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

**In Cahoots**, c, 3, **Tizbud**--Something Gorgeous, by Whitney Tower. Golden Gate Fields, 1-6, (S), 6f (AWT), 1:11.53. B-Ron Watchorn (CA). \*1ST-TIME STARTER. \*\*1/2 to Something Sonic (Swiss Yodeler), SP, \$182,906.

**Siena Magic**, c, 4, **Candy Ride (Arg)**--Cloudburst (SW), by Storm Cat. Aqueduct, 1-6, (C), 6 1/2f, 1:19.41. B-Pursuit of Success LLC (KY). \*\$240,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP.

**Frathouse Music**, g, 4, **Limehouse**--Sweet Music (MSW, \$176,587), by Melodisk. Charles Town, 1-5, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:22.34. B-Naomi R. Long (WV). \*1/2 to Red Hot Diva (Devon Deputy), MSW, \$411,626.

**Spicy Vibration**, g, 4, **Papa Clem**--Salty Fries (SW, \$139,406), by In Excess (Ire). Santa Anita, 1-6, (S), (C), 5 1/2f, 1:03.74. B-Legacy Ranch Inc (CA). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

**Cowboy's Plan**, f, 4, **Plan**--Funky Mama, by Bop. Charles Town, 1-5, 4 1/2f, :53.52. B-Circle ABC Farm, LLC & Christine & Brett Thomas (MD).



**CANDY RIDE (ARG)**, Siena Magic, c, 4, o/o Cloudburst, by Storm Cat. MCL, 1-6, Aqueduct

**CITY ZIP**, Positive Skew, f, 3, o/o Ermine Slippers, by El Prado (Ire). MSW, 1-6, Gulfstream

**COLONEL JOHN**, Beckhem's Beauty, f, 4, o/o Beautiful Greeley, by Mr. Greeley. ALW, 1-6, Sunland

**COMIC STRIP**, Oh My Oh, f, 3, o/o Oh the Joy, by Tribal Rule. MSW, 1-5, Golden Gate

**CONCORD POINT**, All Out Blitz, c, 4, o/o Smart and Single, by Smart Strike. AOC, 1-6, Santa Anita

**DIABOLICAL**, Roll On Diabolical, c, 3, o/o Hennesey Smash, by Roll Hennessy Roll. Four Rivers John Deere S., 1-6, Sunland

**DIALED IN**, Na Pali Spirit, m, 5, o/o Ascot Yael, by Ascot Knight. AOC, 1-6, Tampa Bay

**DOCTOR PEACH**, Precocious Peach, f, 4, o/o Precocious Pet, by Slew Gin Fizz. AOC, 1-6, Gulfstream

**ELUSIVE BLUFF**, A M Milky Way, g, 7, o/o Actress E, by Noactor. Sam's Town S., 1-5, Delta Downs

**FIBER SONDE**, Party Life, g, 4, o/o Ladies Party, by Seattle Slew. ALW, 1-5, Charles Town

**FIRST DUDE**, Starr of Quality, m, 5, o/o Gator Blitz, by Gone West. ALW, 1-6, Santa Anita

**FLATTER**, Queen of Beas, f, 3, o/o Wild Bea, by Wild Rush. MSW, 1-6, Gulfstream

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**GIANT'S CAUSEWAY**, Thomond Park, c, 3, o/o My Limit, by Wagon Limit. MSW, 1-6, Tampa Bay  
**LIMEHOUSE**, Frathouse Music, g, 4, o/o Sweet Music, by Melodisk. MSW, 1-5, Charles Town  
**MACLEAN'S MUSIC**, Miss Fia, f, 3, o/o Setafire, by Jump Start. MCL, 1-6, Santa Anita  
**MALIBU MOON**, Gentrified, g, 5, o/o Sea Jewel, by Sea Hero. AOC, 1-5, Delta Downs  
**NOBLE MISSION (GB)**, Conative, c, 3, o/o Queen Daenerys, by Street Sense. MSW, 1-6, Fair Grounds  
**OLD FASHIONED**, Woman At the Well, f, 4, o/o Scoot On By, by Catienus. Bold Ego H., 1-6, Sunland  
**ORB**, Bashful, f, 4, o/o Chief Secretary, by Deputy Minister. ALW, 1-6, Santa Anita  
**PADDY O'PRADO**, Her Royal Highness, f, 3, o/o Joan of Arc, by Roman Ruler. AOC, 1-6, Laurel  
**PAPA CLEM**, Spicy Vibration, g, 4, o/o Salty Fries, by In Excess (Ire). MCL, 1-6, Santa Anita  
**PIONEEROF THE NILE**, Ellyb, f, 3, o/o Eversmile, by Theatrical (Ire). MSW, 1-6, Tampa Bay  
**PLAN**, Cowboy's Plan, f, 4, o/o Funky Mama, by Bop. MSW, 1-5, Charles Town  
**QUALITY ROAD**, Bellafina, f, 3, o/o Akron Moon, by Malibu Moon. Gil Santa Ynez S., 1-6, Santa Anita  
**SCIPION**, In Arrears, g, 5, o/o Tejano Sea, by Sea of Secrets. ALW, 1-6, Laurel  
**SOUTHWESTERN HEAT**, African Heat, f, 3, o/o Good Mama, by Indygo Shiner. LaSenora S., 1-6, Sunland  
**SUPER SAVER**, So Alive, c, 3, o/o Mythical Bride, by Street Cry (Ire). AOC, 1-6, Tampa Bay  
**TIZBUD**, In Cahoots, c, 3, o/o Something Gorgeous, by Whitney Tower. MSW, 1-6, Golden Gate  
**TRAPPE SHOT**, Six Shooter, g, 3, o/o Academy Road, by Lemon Drop Kid. Big Drama S., 1-5, Delta Downs  
**WAR FRONT**, First Warrior, c, 4, o/o First Passage, by Giant's Causeway. MSW, 1-6, Gulfstream

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The first foals of Awtaad were popular at the sales | Derrinstown Stud

By Kelsey Riley

The latest edition of our value sires series (click for parts **one** and **two**) focusing on stallions with their first yearlings in 2019 gives us the opportunity to look at how the market has actually assessed the first progeny of the sires, rather than speculating as such based on pedigree and racetrack performance. With such a large slice of the European foal market feeding pinhooking trade, the progeny of fast, precocious, unproven stallions have become more and more popular—those foals expected to develop early and that have the added bonus of being safe from the scrutiny of their sire having runners in a year's time. We will learn more about a lot of these stallions at the yearling sales, but for now there is plenty to draw clues from.

There were two sires from this crop that undoubtedly found favour with the market at the 2018 foal sales: Shalaa (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and Awtaad (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}).

Standing for €27,500 at Haras de Bouquetot, **Shalaa** was the most expensive newcomer of this sire crop in 2017, and was the undisputed leader at the sales, his 19 sold from 27 offered averaging £84,207/€93,249. He had the crop's top-priced filly and colt (240,000gns and 160,000gns). A sharp 2-year-old, Shalaa reeled off wins in the G2 July S., G2 Richmond S., G1 Prix Morny and G1 Middle Park S. Injury ruled him almost entirely out of a 3-year-old campaign, but he returned in the autumn to

win the G3 Bengough S. Invincible Spirit's record as a sire of sires is there for all to see, and Kingman (GB) and Charm Spirit (Ire) only helped that cause last year. Bouquetot has pledged support of Shalaa, in buying his foals at the sales and in sending him its crown jewel Treve (Fr) in his debut year. He is down to €22,000 for 2019.

Derrinstown Stud's **Awtaad** was a bit more of the surprise package, and he was certainly no one-hit wonder: his close average of £59,239/€65,630 and median of £52,011/€57,593 suggest an even quality among his foals, and 29 of his 35 offered were sold. He had two make six figures at both Tattersalls and Goffs with a high price of 170,000gns. His fee stays at €15,000 this year. He covered 115 mares in his debut season and 69 last year. Awtaad beat the G1 2000 Guineas winner Galileo Gold (Ire) (Paco Boy {GB}) in the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas and was then third to that rival in the G1 St James's Palace S. He won the G2 Boomerang S. in the autumn. **Cont. p2**

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**Value Sires Series: First Yearlings Cont. from p1**

He is from the immediate family of 2019 Classic aspirant Madhmoon (Ire) (Dawn Approach {Ire}), and his fourth dam is a half-sister to Seattle Slew and a full-sister to Seattle Dancer.

Standing alongside Awtaad at Derrinstown is **Markaz (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), a full-brother to Group 1-winning sprinter Mecca's Angel (Ire) who himself was a Group 3-winning sprinter at three and four. Markaz stays at €6,000 after covering 104 and 81 mares in his first two years, and he had his admirers at the foal sales, with colts selling for 60,000gns, 40,000gns and €65,000. His 25 sold averaged £15,935/€17,652.

Another to receive a warm reception at the foal sales was Whitsbury Manor's **Adaay (Ire)**, which shouldn't be surprising given that he is a dual Group 2-winning sprinter by Kodiak (GB). Adaay has taken a minor fee cut each year at stud (dropping from £7,000 to £6,000 to £5,000) but that has helped keep his numbers up: he covered 122 mares in year one and 106 last year. Adaay had 26 sell from 41 offered for an average of £32,721/€36,252.

Ballylinch Stud's pair of Fascinating Rock (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) and New Bay (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) each take a small fee trim heading into their crucial third year, and both had promising results at the foal sales. **Fascinating Rock** won the G1 Champion S. and G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup—with Found (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in second both times—earning RPRs of 125 for both those. He was rated 127 by Timeform and was second only to Golden Horn (GB) on the world rankings for middle distance turf horses in 2015. Fascinating Rock's 12 sold at the foal sales for an

average of £37,490/€41,548 included a pair of fillies sold at Goffs for €185,000 and €110,000. He is down to €7,500 this year from €10,000.

G1 Prix du Jockey Club winner **New Bay** takes a cut to €15,000 from €20,000 after covering 105 and 99 mares in years one and two. He had 21 sold from 29 offered last year with an average of £32,493/€35,953. He had a top price of 80,000gns for a colt at Tattersalls. New Bay is, like Kingman, out of a Zamindar mare, and in fact that Horse of the Year appears on his page under his third dam, as do the successful sires Oasis Dream (GB) and Beat Hollow (GB).

Coolmore is represented by two in this group: dual Group 1-winning miler The Gurkha (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and Australian shuttler Pride of Dubai (Aus), a dual Group 1-winning juvenile by Street Cry (Ire). **The Gurkha** was the second-most expensive sire of this crop in 2017 at €25,000, and he drops to €17,500 this year. While his career on the racecourse was short-lived, it was very productive: he won the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains at third asking, earning an RPR of 122. He was then second to Galileo Gold in the St James's Palace (RPR 121), second to Hawkbill



**Dual Group 1 winner Fascinating Rock stands for €7,500 this year | ITM**

(Kitten's Joy) in the G1 Coral-Eclipse (RPR 120), and he rounded out his career with a win over Galileo Gold and Ribchester (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}) in the G1 Sussex S. (RPR 124). The Gurkha is out of a Danehill Dancer mare, so carries the same cross that has produced sires like Frankel (GB) and Teofilo (Ire) (out of Danehill mares). His second dam is a half-sister to Arc winner Solemia (Ire) (Poliglote {GB}). The Gurkha has been busy the last two seasons, covering 154 and 135 mares. **Cont. p3**

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## Value Sires Series: First Yearlings Cont.

**Pride of Dubai** won the 2015 G1 Blue Diamond S. and G1 Inglis Sires' S.—Australia's second and third most prestigious juvenile Group 1s. His stakes-placed dam Al Anood (Aus) (Danehill) is a half-sister to both Chiang Mai (Ire), the dam of G1 Pretty Polly S. winner Chinese White (Ire) (Dalakhani {Ire}), and Rafha (GB) (Kris {GB}), dam of sires Invincible Spirit (Ire) and Kodiak (GB). The already illustrious family has a chance to improve its sire-producing strike rate, with Gustav Klimt (GB) and James Garfield (Ire) both retiring to stud this year. Pride of Dubai has covered 137 and 100 mares his first two seasons. His first foals sold for up to 82,000gns and averaged £23,035/€25,557, although just 19 of 39 offered were sold.

Territories (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and Twilight Son (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}) stand just down Duchess Drive from one another at Dalham Hall and Cheveley Park Stud, and both head into their third year with the promise of big books thus far and decent results at the foal sales. **Territories** is by Invincible Spirit from the female family of Street Cry and Shamardal, and as a 3-year-old he was second to Gleneagles (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 2000 Guineas, won the G1 Prix Jean Prat and was second to Esoterique (Ire) (Danahill Dancer {Ire}) in the G1 Prix Jacques le Marois. The price of £12,000 has apparently been right; he covered 131 mares in year one and 127 in year two. His average was £30,473/€33,795, his top price was 70,000gns and his foals were bought by the likes of Tally-Ho Stud, JC Bloodstock, McKeever Bloodstock, Paca Paca Farm and Mags O'Toole. Also at Dalham Hall for £6,000 is **Charming Thought (GB)**, a G1 Middle Park S.-winning son of Oasis Dream (GB) from the family of Group 1 winners Ballingarry (Ire), Starborough (GB) and St Nicholas Abbey (Ire). [Cont. p4](#)



The Gurkha is from a similar cross to the one that produced Frankel and Teofilo | *Coolmore*

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**Twilight Son** won his first five starts, including the G1 Sprint Cup, before finishing second to Muhaarar (GB) in the G1 British Champions Sprint. He won the following year's G1 Diamond Jubilee S., and has the potential to be an important successor to his sire Kyllachy and grandsire Pivotal (GB) at Cheveley Park as a truly classy sprinter. He covered 140 and 115 mares in his first two seasons at £10,000, and dips to £8,000 this year. His top price was a €95,000 colt at Goffs, and he had 35 sold from 45 offered for an average of £29,668/€32,902.

Darley's Kildangan Stud has three in this group: Belardo (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), The Last Lion (Ire) (Choisir {Aus}) and Buratino (Ire) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}). **Buratino** just edges out Belardo as being the most popular in their first two seasons: Buratino covered a combined 234 at €5,000, and Belardo 209 at €15,000. Buratino's toughness and precocity is apparent in the fact that he was making his sixth start when he beat Air Force Blue (War Front) by two lengths in the G2 Coventry S., and he finished out the season with placings behind that rival and Shalaa in the G1 Phoenix S. and G1 Middle Park S., respectively. His stakes-winning second dam is a half-sister to Danehill Dancer (Ire).

**Belardo** won the G1 Racing Post Trophy at two and, at the conclusion of a busy 3-year-old campaign, just the all-conquering Solow (GB) stood between him and a win in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. Belardo got redemption the following year in the G1 Lockinge S., and back at Ascot again found only Tepin too good in the G1 Queen Anne. He boasts some solid credentials on paper, too, being out of the G2 Lowther S. and G1 Cheveley Park S.-placed Danaskaya (Ire) (Danehill). He drops down to €10,000 this year, and his 17 sold averaged £27,810/€30,838. **Cont. p5**



The first foals of Mehmas were popular at the sales | *Racing Post*



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**Value Sires Series: First Yearlings Cont.**

The Last Lion was retired after a 10-start 2-year-old campaign with trainer Mark Johnston where he was never off the board. His four wins included the G1 Middle Park S. and the G3 Sirenia S., and he was second to Prince of Lir (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) in the G2 Norfolk S. The Last Lion looks to follow in the footsteps of

Dark Angel (Ire), the last Middle Park winner to retire at two, and he rides the momentum that Choisir is building as a sire of sires with the likes of Starspangledbanner (Aus) and Olympic Glory (Ire). He covered 60 mares in his debut season at €12,000 and 50 last year when dropped to €7,500. He stays at that fee. His 19 sold last year averaged £23,037/€25,544

The Last Lion's Norfolk S. conqueror Prince of Lir is listed as private at Ballyhane Stud after covering 118 mares for €5,000 in year one and 84 for €4,000 last year. His foals made up to €38,000.



**Dual Derby winner Harzand**  
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Another pair earning accolades at the foal sales were Tally-Ho's Mehmas (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}) and Rathbarry Stud's Kodi Bear (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}). Like The Last Lion, Mehmas—who represents the same cross as Dark Angel—retired after his 2-year-old season, when he won the G2 July S. and G2 Richmond S. before placing in the G1 National S. and the Middle Park.

Mehmas started at €12,500 and is now down to €10,000, and he had 35 sold from 51 through the ring. His top price was an 85,000gns colt at Tattersalls bought by Peter and Ross Doyle and his average was £20,585/€22,825. Kodi Bear was a listed winner and runner-up in the Dewhurst at two before winning the G3 Sovereign S. and G2 Celebration Mile at three. He is down to €6,000 this year, and his 16 sold at the foal sales included colts for 40,000gns and €40,000 off his opening €10,000 fee. His average was £16,695/€18,515.

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Tally-Ho is also home to the Group 1-winning miler **Vadamos (Fr)** (Monsun {Ger}). Typical of his German breeding, Vadamos broke his maiden over 1 1/4 miles at three and won a listed race over 1 1/2 miles two starts later, but he proved sharp enough to win the G2 Oettingen-Rennen at four and was soon kept to around that trip. He won the G2 Prix du Muguet, G3 Prix Messidor and G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp at five. Vadamos was well supported in year one at €10,000 with 167 mares, but just 65 visited last year and he has subsequently dipped to €7,500.

Imagine being able to get to a dual Derby-winning son of Sea The Stars (Ire) from an Aga Khan family for €10,000? That, friends, is **Harzand (Ire)**, who takes a fee cut this year from €15,000 at the Aga Khan's Gilltown Stud. After covering 87 mares in year one, Harzand was visited by just 30 last year. Despite a rather cold reception from breeders, Harzand was actually relatively well received at the foal sales: of his six offered at Tattersalls, one was bought back, but of the five that sold three were well in excess of the stud fee. Same at Goffs: a filly was bought back for €78,000, and his other two offered sold for €35,000 and €60,000.

Tara Stud stands the dual juvenile Group 2 winner **Estidhkaar (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), a half-brother to Group 1 winner Toormore (Ire) (Arakan {Ire}) who was well supported at €5,000 in year one with 136 mares and who had a colt bought by Yeomanstown for 80,000gns at Tattersalls.

**Pearl Secret (GB)** (Compton Place {GB}) punched above his weight at the foal sales, his average of £15,682/€17,397 for 20 sold (21 offered) dwarfing his stud fee of £4,000. A median of £12,121/€13,445 again points to an even level of quality. A winner at two, the flashy chestnut was a group-performing sprinter from three to seven. He is from the family of Dutch Art (GB).

**Bobby's Kitten** (Kitten's Joy) has been well supported at Lanwades Stud in his first two seasons, covering 90 and 94 mares at £12,500, and he drops to £10,000 this year. A Grade III winner at two, he beat No Nay Never at three in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint.

The supporting cast to Shalaa in France includes Haras d'Etreham's Scissor Kick (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) and Haras de Bonneval's Dariyan (Fr) (Shamardal). A dual Group 3 winner over six furlongs in his native Australia at three, **Scissor Kick** should fit in well in Europe; his third dam is Juddmonte's Kerali (GB), best known as the dam of the great Hasili (Ire), who produced five Group 1 winners in addition to Group 2 winner Dansili (GB). Scissor Kick's eight first-crop foals sold off a €10,000 stud fee (subsequently dropped to €8,000 and €6,000) averaged £13,333/€14,798.

G1 Prix Ganay winner **Dariyan** has held steady at €8,000. The son of G1 Hong Kong Vase winner Daryakana (Fr) (Selkirk)—and grandson of G1 Prix de Diane and G1 Prix Vermeille winner Daryaba (Ire) (Night Shift)—had seven sell for an average of £13,235/€14,692.

### Value Sires Podium

**Gold** - Twilight Son (£8,000): a classy sprinter from a sireline that produces classy sprinters.

**Silver** - Fascinating Rock (€7,500): one of the best of his generation now at a bargain price.

**Bronze** - Pearl Secret (£4,000): a hard knocker on the racecourse that really punched above his weight at the foal sales.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

*The following Letter to the Editor was submitted in response to Kevin Blake's Jan. 4 Op/Ed on how Ireland and Britain need to continue working together for their mutual benefit, despite the upcoming challenge of Brexit. Should you wish to chime in, please send your thoughts to [garyking@thetdn.com](mailto:garyking@thetdn.com).*

Kevin Blake may well be correct in saying that Britain and Ireland are the finest breeders of flat racehorses in the world, but his figures do not give the full story. As anyone involved with breeding in France or Germany knows, where a horse is bred is not a straightforward question and the suffix it carries after its name does not tell the whole story.

As long as a majority of Europe's best stallions are based in England and Ireland, and although France has made great strides in recent years with horses like Siyouni (Fr), Le Havre (Ire) and Wootton Bassett (GB) this is still the case, breeders in France and Germany who aspire to competing at the top international level are obliged to send their mares to be covered abroad, which means in many cases to foal abroad too. As a result the leading performers bred by breeders like the Wertheimers brothers, the Ecurie des Monceaux, the Haras de Saint Pair, or Gestut Ammerland, Gestut Rottgen and Gestut Fahrhof and many others more often than not carry the suffixes Ire or GB, as that is where they were born. In 2018, you only have to consider horses like Polydream (Ire), Intellogent (Ire), Magic Wand (Ire), Sistercharlie (Ire), Trais Fluors (GB), bred and raised in France but born elsewhere. If it is only the suffix which counts then Goldikova (Ire), the best known French horse of the century, would be included among the successes of Irish breeding.

In France this problem has been addressed, not without controversy, by the assimilé scheme. [Cont. p7](#)



Despite being an Irish-bred, Goldikova was considered to be a French national treasure | Sarah K. Andrew

**Letter to the Editor Cont.**

Horses who are born outside France can qualify for French bred premiums as long as they return to France with their dams at the end of the covering season and remain in France up to a certain point of their yearling year. In Germany, there is a similar scheme and a mare has to stay in Germany at least once every three years if her progeny are to qualify for premiums.

There have been those in France and Germany who wished to take a different, nationalistic approach and to give premiums only to the progeny of domestic sires. However, in France and Germany those arguing for international cooperation and the pursuit of excellence prevailed and over the last few decades exchanges between the major European breeding and racing countries have expanded dramatically. One would have thought this was a clear example of where European countries have all benefited from working together to facilitate exchanges and the movement of people and goods. These benefits and this cooperation will clearly be affected by Brexit and directly threatened by a no deal Brexit.

Safeguarding these exchanges is in all probability more important than arguing about which of the European countries has the best record for producing high-class horses. European racing and breeding have moved ever closer together during the 21st Century and we have to hope this movement is not brought to a sudden halt on Apr. 1st.

–Jocelyn de Moubray

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**Sunday's Result:**

**5th-Newcastle, £6,400, Novice, 1-6, 3yo, 10f 42y (AWT), 2:11.15, st.**

**ONE VISION (IRE) (g, 3, Shamardal--Music Chart {GSP-UAE}, by Exchange Rate)**, sent off the 9-4 favourite, settled in midpack one off the fence. The chestnut began to make up ground on the turn and was shifted out two furlongs from home. Splitting horses 200 metres out, One Vision tackled long-time leader Top Power (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}) and those two battled to the line, with the Godolphin runner prevailing by a head. The winner is the first foal out of Music Chart, who was third in both the G3 UAE Oaks and Listed UAE 1000 Guineas and whose half-sister 2009 Chiquita Picoso (Congaree) produced an even more high-profile performer by Exchange Rate in Homerique. Successful in last year's G3 Prix de Psyche, she was also third in the G1 Prix de Diane and G1 Prix de l'Opera. Connected to the operation's G1 Fillies' Mile scorer White Moonstone (Dynaformer), the dam has a 2-year-old filly by Pivotal (GB) and a yearling colt by Belardo (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,267. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Charlie Appleby.



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**IN HONG KONG:**

**Ka Ying Star (GB)**, g, 4, **Cityscape (GB)**--Casual Glance (GB) (SP-Eng), by Sinndar (Ire). Sha Tin, 1-6, Hcp. (£196k/€218k), 1600mT, 1:35.31. B-Kingsclere Stud. \*Formerly Urban Aspect (GB). **VIDEO**



**A 'STAR' IS BORN**

by Alan Carasso



Ka Ying Star lays down a Classics marker | HKJC photo

As anyone intimately acquainted with Hong Kong racing would relate, it is not a simple task for an imported galloper to open their account in Class 2 at first asking. But former Andrew Balding trainee **Ka Ying Star (GB)** (Cityscape {GB}), winner of three from four in England when raced as Urban Aspect (GB), proved equal to the task with a smart front-running score over 1600 metres Sunday afternoon at Sha Tin.

Drawn gate five in a heat that attracted no fewer than nine horses with local Classics aspirations, Ka Ying Star flashed his usual early speed and pressed through to take up the running from fellow 4-year-olds **Furore (NZ)** (Pierro {Aus}) and **Easy Go Easy Win (NZ)** (Savabeel {Aus}) who took the box seat in a moderately paced affair. Still going well on the engine after 1200 metres that were clocked in just 1:13.28, Ka Ying Star failed to swap over to his left lead in the stretch, but found

plenty in the final half-furlong to score by 1 3/4 lengths (**video**) at odds of 28-1. Easy Go Easy Win remained glued to the rail throughout and did slightly the better than Furore to grab second money. **Enrichment (Aus)** (Teofilo {Ire}) ran with credit for fourth in his second local appearance, while favoured **Charity Go (Ire)** (Harbour Watch {Ire}) wasn't done any favours by the lack of pace and was sixth, one spot ahead of **Helene Leadingstar (Aus)** (Wanted {Aus}).

"He'll definitely go to the [Jan. 27] Classic Mile and he'll come on from this race for sure," winning trainer Tony Cruz told HKJC's David Morgan. "He isn't 100% fit yet, but the race went to plan for him. The horse was a front-runner in England so I told [jockey] Vincent [Ho] to go to the lead where he likes to be. He's like his sire, Cityscape—he won from the front, too."

Campaigned by Juddmonte Farm, Cityscape made two appearances at Sha Tin in his career, just missing at odds of 32-1 behind Able One (NZ) (Cape Cross {Ire}) in the 2011 G1 Hong Kong Mile. Ka Ying Star is out of the stakes-placed Casual Glance (GB) (Sinndar {Ire}), a half-sister to G3 Diomed S. hero Passing Glance (GB) (Polar Falcon), French GSW Hidden Meadow (GB) (Selkirk), SW & MGSP Scorned (Ger) (Selkirk) and SW & MGSP Kingsclere (GB) (Fairy King).

In addition to the Classic Mile, the 4-year-old series includes the Hong Kong Classic Cup (1800m) Feb. 17 and the HK\$18-million BMW Hong Kong Derby (2000m) Mar. 17.

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**Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong**

**BAUHINIA SPRINT TROPHY H.-G3**, HK\$3,250,000 (£328,947/€363,849/A\$592,140/US\$414,975), Sha Tin, 1-6, 3yo/up, 1000mT, :56.33, gd.

1--**JOLLY BANNER (AUS)**, 113, g, 7, by **Lonhro (Aus)**

**1st Dam: Valkyrie Diva (Aus) (GSW-Aus, A\$208,275), by Jade Robbery**

**2nd Dam: Tugela, by Riverman**

**3rd Dam: Rambushka, by Roberto**

**\*1ST GROUP WIN. 1ST STAKES WIN.** (A\$300,000 Ylg '13 INGEAS). O-Mr & Mrs Kenny Cheng Tsin Ki; B-Makybe Racing & Breeding (Vic); T-Ricky Yiu; J-Matthew Poon; HK\$1,852,500. Lifetime Record: 29-7-4-8, HK\$10,327,325. \*Formerly Wonder Kid (Aus). \*\*1/2 to Wales (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), SW-Aus, A\$217,110; C'Est Beau La Vie (Aus) (Bernardini), SW & G1SP-Aus, A\$244,100. **Werk Nick Rating: D+.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

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2--**Styling City (Aus)**, 115, g, 3, **Starspangledbanner (Aus)**--Secret Liaison (Aus), by Artie Schiller. (A\$300,000 Ylg '17 INGEAS). O-Gary Ling Kay Wai & Ling Chiu Shing; B-Hesket Bloodstock (Vic); T-John Moore; J-Douglas Whyte; HK\$715,000.

3--**Wishful Thinker (Aus)**, 113, g, 5, I Am Invincible (Aus)--Zebithea (Aus), by Barathea (Ire). (A\$80,000 Ylg '15 MMMAR; A\$120,000 RNA 2yo '15 INGRTR). O-Ideal Brilliance Syndicate; B-Mr J Davies (Qld); T-Richard Gibson; J-Alexis Badel; HK\$373,750. Margins: 1 1/4, 1, 3/4. Odds: 89-1, 21-10, 27-10. Also Ran: Ivictory (Aus), Jumbo Luck (Aus), Fabulous One (NZ). **Click for the [HKJC.com chart](#), [PPs](#) and [sectional timing](#). [VIDEO](#). [Click for the \[free EquineLine.com catalogue-style pedigree\]\(#\).](#)**

### Sunday, Kyoto, Japan

**NIKKAN SPORTS SHO SHINZAN KINEN-G3**, ¥72,630,000 (US\$669,026/£525,772/€587,019), Kyoto, 1-6, 3yo, 1600mT, 1:35.70, fm.

1--**VAL D'ISERE (JPN)**, 123, c, 3, by Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)

1st Dam: Fargo (Jpn), by Heart's Cry (Jpn)

2nd Dam: Matikanesasameyuki, by Woodman

3rd Dam: Russian Ballet, by Nijinsky II

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN.** O-G1 Racing; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); T-Kunihiko Watanabe; J-Yuichi Kitamura. ¥38,441,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.** \*Triple Plus\*. **Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).**

2--**Meiner Flap (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, Victoire Pisa (Jpn)--Meine Elena (Jpn), by Roses in May. O-Thoroughbred Club Ruffian; B-Big Red Farm (Jpn); ¥15,126,000.

3--**Mikki Brillante (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, Deep Brillante (Jpn)--Epic Love (Ire), by Dansili (GB). (¥52,000,000 Wlg '16 JRHAJUL). O-Mizuki Noda; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥9,563,000.

Margins: NK, 1HF, 1 1/4. Odds: 5.80, 31.70, 4.40.

Also Ran: Passing Through (Jpn), Happy Hour (Jpn), Miyake (Jpn), Go Timing (Jpn), Intruse (Jpn), Donau Delta (Jpn), Copano Martin (Jpn), Shadow Emperor (Ire), Nihonpiro Henson (Jpn).

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Off the mark over this course and distance at first asking on Nov. 10, the newly minted 3-year-old Val d'Isere (Jpn) earned his first group tally in the G3 Nikkan Sports Sho Shinzan Kinen on Sunday. Able to secure a spot against the fence in seventh behind a half-mile in :47.30, the dark bay burst up the inside once the field hit the home straight. Outfooting most of his rivals from there, he took charge but had to contend with the closing Meiner Flap (Jpn). He fended off that foe by a neck at the line. The ninth black-type winner and seventh group winner for his sire Lord Kanaloa (Jpn), Val d'Isere is the first foal from his three-time winning dam. Lord Kanaloa already has three Group 1 winners to his name, included recent G1 Hopeful S. victor Saturnalia (Jpn), 2018 Japanese Filly Triple Crown victress Almond Eye (Jpn) and G1 Mile Championship winner Stelvio (Jpn).

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### IN HONG KONG:

**Follow Me (Aus)**, g, 3, **Lope de Vega (Ire)**--Star Over Kansas (Aus), by Starcraft (NZ). Sha Tin, 1-6, Hcp. (A\$247k), 1400mT, 1:21.67. B-R R & P L Crosby (NSW). \*A\$35,000 Wlg '16 MGLMAY; A\$32,000 Ylg '17 MGMMAR; A\$160,000 RNA 2yo '17 MMOCT. **VIDEO**

**Mongolian Legend (Aus)**, g, 5, **Fastnet Rock (Aus)**--Purde (NZ) (GSW-Aus, \$141,144), by Bahhare. Sha Tin, 1-6, Hcp. (A\$247k), 1650m (AWT), 1:38.59. B-Reavill Farm Management (NSW). \*1/2 to Let's See Action (Aus) (Flying Spur {Aus}), SP-Sin, \$366,444; and Honey Toast (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), SP-Aus, A\$444,575. \*\*A\$260,000 Ylg '15 INGEAS. **VIDEO**

### IN SINGAPORE:

**Evil Roadster (Aus)**, g, 4, **Canford Cliffs (Ire)**--Flying Dialogue, by Fusaichi Pegasus. Kranji, 1-6, Open Maiden (A\$21k), 1000m (AWT), 1:00.53. B-Auslucerne Pty Ltd (NSW). \*A\$17,000 Ylg '16 MGMMAR; A\$40,000 2yo '16 MMOCT. **VIDEO**



## INGLIS MAKES CHAIRMAN'S COMMISSION PLAY



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by Michael Cox

Inglis has made another play for increased market share of the breeding stock market by announcing changes to its commission structure for upcoming sales. Having already revamped its Weanling And Breeding Stock Sales Series, Inglis has announced changes to its commission structure including zero sales commission at May's Chairman's Sale.

The change signals a serious attempt by Inglis to gain some ground in the breeding stock sales market. It had already been announced that the Inglis Weanling and Breeding Stock Sales Series had been moved to May, a shift aimed at being more attractive for broodmare vendors in particular, but the cutting of commissions is another shot across the bow of its interstate rival.

Not only will race fillies and broodmares sold at the Chairman's Sale carry zero sales commission, but there will be no sales commission charged on the balance over A\$100,000 for any weanling, race filly or broodmare offered through the Australian Broodmare & Weanling Sale, as well as the Great Southern Sale.

### *Changes to Benefit Breeders*

Leaving aside the competitive angle and timing of the announcement, Inglis General Manager of Bloodstock Sales, Sebastian Hutch, believes breeders will be the big winners.

"The no sales commission structure for the Chairman's Sale represents a great opportunity to those with quality race fillies and breeding stock," he said. "The demand for the best Australian breeding stock, from both domestic and international investors, is essentially insatiable and there has already been a significant amount of interest expressed in the Inglis Breeding Stock Sale Series for 2019, from both vendors and buyers.

"We have tremendous conviction in our ability to sell quality breeding stock and we believe we can do it as well, if not better than anyone else. The move around the commission structure is designed to attract those people with select equine breeding stock to participate in the Chairman's Sale."

He added, "It's a select sale with limited numbers, but it is an initiative that represents a great opportunity for people with quality race fillies or broodmares that they want to put through the ring."

The sale begins three weeks later than last year on May 2, kicking off with Day 1 of the Australian Broodmare & Weanling Sale and followed by The Chairman's Sale on the Friday evening. Weanlings will now be moved from the Chairman's Sale and added to the opening session.

### *Timing Change Intended to Boost*

After a much-heralded start under lights at the Newmarket complex in 2017, the Chairman's Sale suffered a downturn in 2018 and perhaps timing was to blame. Being positioned immediately after a big Easter sale and squeezed between day one and two of The Championships didn't leave much breathing space and Hutch believes the move to May will give both buyers and vendors a chance to "decompress." **Cont. p2**

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**Inglis Makes Chairman's Commission Play Cont. from p1**

"We have taken on feedback from the previous two Chairman's Sales and factored that into our 2019 scheduling," Hutch said. "The timing, three weeks after the Easter sale, provides ample opportunity to decompress after the Easter sale and what can be an arduous sales season. It also provides more chance for people looking for pin-hooking opportunities to look at the weanling sale."

The schedule change also includes subtle changes in the flow of the four-day program. Hutch said early May was also an ideal time to secure fillies in training with an eye to the schedule of major races in Adelaide and Brisbane.

"We feel that Sydney in May is a very convenient time for people with high-end bloodstock to offer it to a cosmopolitan market," he said. "Whether they are people with race fillies with upside through the latter part of the New South Wales season, or the Queensland and Adelaide carnivals, where they are a multitude of opportunities for fillies and mares to exploit black type. In the case of pregnant mares, many of whom are in the Hunter Valley, it represents a convenient time slot and location for moving mares without exposing them to as much risk mares are open to when travelling."

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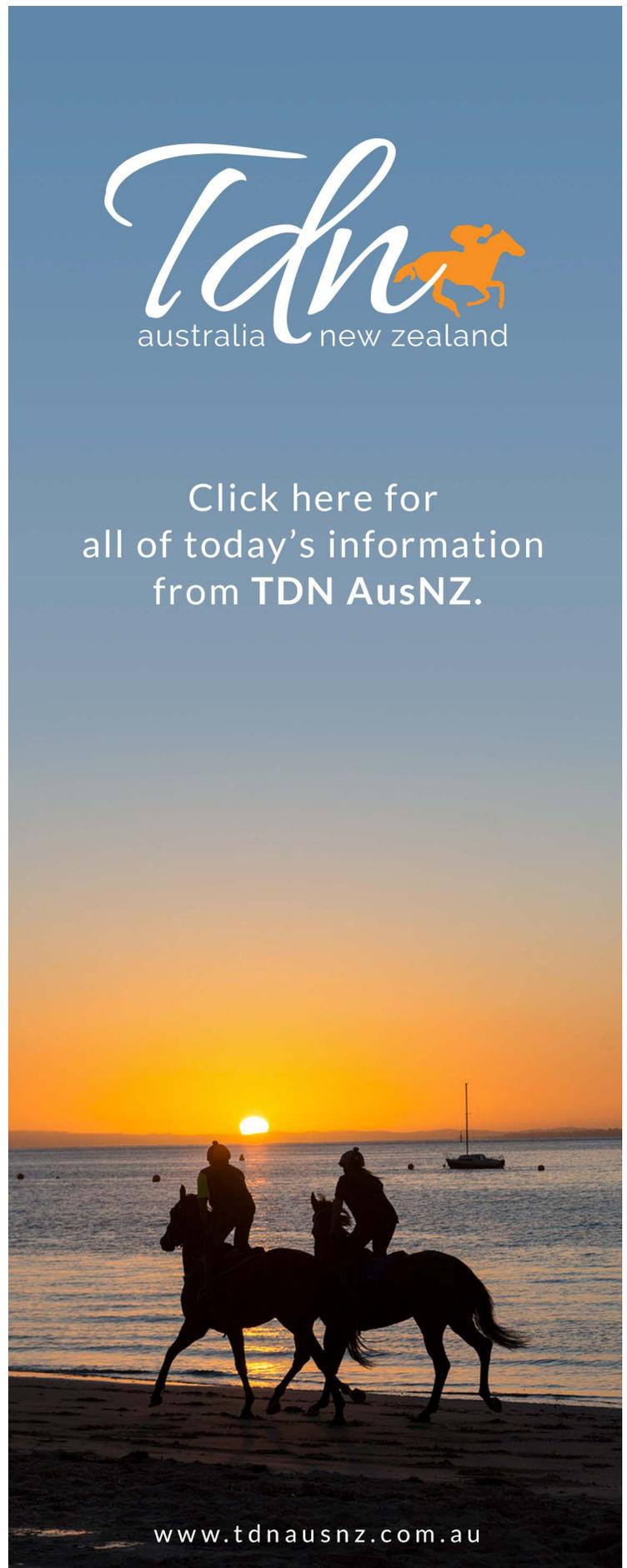
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