



## SOLID MARKET CONTINUES ON AT KEEJAN



Co-session-topping hip 874 | Keeneland Photo

by Jessica Martini

LEXINGTON, KY - The Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale opened its Book 2 section with a solid, workmanlike session Wednesday in Lexington. Five horses sold for six figures during the session, led by a pair of mares who fetched matching \$125,000 final bids. Charles Fipke's C F Farms was first to hit that session-topping mark when acquiring the unraced **Oh Mrs. G** (Offlee Wild), in foal to Practical Joke, from the Elite Sales consignment. SF Bloodstock and Newgate Farm paid that same amount for the racing or broodmare prospect **Stallion Heiress** (Exchange Rate) from the Taylor Made Sales Agency consignment. The pinhooking partnership Fish Bloodstock, led by Brian Graves, purchased the day's highest-priced short yearling when going to \$120,000 for a son of Midnight Lute.

In all, 238 horses sold Wednesday for \$4,074,300. The average was \$17,119 and the median was \$8,000. Of the 380 horses catalogued for the session, 290 were offered and 52 were reported not sold for a buy-back rate of 17.93%. It was 20.27% in the third session a year ago when 236 head sold for \$3,442,700. The 2018 session average was \$14,588 and the median was \$7,750. The top price of \$145,000 was one of two six-figure offerings on the day.

The January sale opened with a strong two-session Book 1 and Elite's Liz Crow said buyers were still out shopping as the four-day auction moved into Book 2. **Cont. p3**

## RACING ROULETTE: A GOOD IDEA, AND WHY IT WILL NEVER WORK by Bill Finley

As expected, Santa Anita's attempt to simulate the casino game roulette as part of its wagering menu has not exactly been a roaring success. Track officials were not able to provide the TDN with exact handle figures on the bet, but it appears that the usual pools are somewhere between \$1,500 to \$3,000 per race.

On a busy night and if any big players have wandered over to one of the wheels, they might handle that much on a single spin of the wheel at any Las Vegas strip casino.

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Phoenix Investments and Aquis Farm partnered to purchase this Redoute's Choice colt (lot 34) on the opening day of Magic Millions. "He's a colt that we both liked. He's a great mover by a great sire," stated Phoenix's Amer Abdulaziz. See TDN AusNZ for comprehensive coverage. | Magic Millions

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“There seems to be really good foot traffic [at the sales barns],” Crow said. “I wish there was a little more of the middle market around. I think a lot of people feel that way. But a lot of people are still looking for quality. They want the really good ones and the horses that are left in the middle, a lot of them aren’t finding new homes.”

Taylor Made Sales Agency sold three of the session’s six-figure lots and was the day’s leading consignor with 66 sold for a total of \$1,399,400 and an average of \$21,203.

“The market has been really good,” the agency’s Mark Taylor said. “The bottom end is still treacherous, but for anything that has a hint of quality, there are multiple bids above the reserve and they are selling really well. It’s what we saw all last year, but there is still strength for anything with quality.”

The Keeneland January sale concludes Thursday with a final session beginning at 10 a.m.

**Oh Mrs. G to C F Farms**

**Oh Mrs. G** (Offlee Wild) (hip 874) topped early returns during Wednesday’s third session of the Keeneland January sale when Tom Thornbury signed the ticket at \$125,000 on behalf of Charles Fipke’s C F Farms. The unraced 8-year-old mare was in foal to Practical Joke and was consigned by Elite Sales. Out of

Mrs. Marcos (Private Account), she is a half-sister to Grade I winner Zoftig (Cozzene), dam of Grade I winners Zo Impressive (Hard Spun) and Zaftig (Gone West). Zoftig also produced the dam of Fipke’s Grade I-placed homebreds Verve’s Tale (Tale of Ekati) and Tale of Verve (Tale of Ekati).

“She has a huge page and I think people were looking for quality and there wasn’t a lot out there, so she kind of stuck out in the catalogue,” Elite’s Liz Crow said of the mare’s appeal. “She was a nice physical. She was a very pretty mare. Everyone who pulled her out liked her physical.”

The mare’s covering stallion was another selling point, according to Crow. During last year’s Keeneland November sale, 21 mares sold in foal to first-season sire Practical Joke (Into Mischief) for an average of \$97,143. The three-time Grade I winner stands at Coolmore’s Ashford Stud for \$30,000.

“This mare stuck out because she had such a great page and she is in foal to a hot new sire,” Crow said. “She’s by a good broodmare sire and she’s pretty. So she ticked a lot of the boxes for people who are still out looking for quality horses.”

Bred by Lemons Mill Farm, Oh Mrs. G was purchased by Stuart Grant’s The Elkstone Group for \$39,000 at the 2012 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October Sale. The Elkstone Group bred a filly by Declaration of War out of her in 2017 and a filly by Sky Mesa in 2018.



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## KEENELAND JANUARY – WEDNESDAY TOP FIVE BROODMARES

Hip	Name	Status	Price
<b>874</b>	<b>Oh Mrs. G</b> <i>(8, Offlee Wild--Mrs. Marcos, by Private Account)</i> Property of ELiTE Purchaser: C F Farms	<b>i/f Practical Joke</b>	<b>125,000</b>
<b>948</b>	<b>Stallion Heiress</b> <i>(5, Exchange Rate--Mendocino Beano, by Smart Strike)</i> Consignor: Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent LXIX Purchaser: SF Bloodstock & Newgate Farm	<b>Rcg/b'mare prospect</b>	<b>125,000</b>
<b>914</b>	<b>Sasini (GB)</b> <i>(5, Fastnet Rock {Aus}--Eva's Request, by Soviet Star)</i> Consignor: Blandford Stud (Padraig Champion), Agent Purchaser: Chromedome	<b>B'mare prospect</b>	<b>90,000</b>



<b>958</b>	<b>Street Sweets</b> <i>(6, Street Sense--Simply Delightful, by Speightstown)</i> Consignor: Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent XXXII Purchaser: Plumly Equine	<b>i/f Bodemeister</b>	<b>90,000</b>
<b>974</b>	<b>Tiamaria</b> <i>(5, Harlan's Holiday--Golden Damsel, by Gold Token)</i> Consignor: Baccari Bloodstock, Agent II Purchaser: Calumet Farm	<b>i/f Honor Code</b>	<b>90,000</b>

## TOP THREE SHORT YEARLINGS

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price
<b>953</b>	colt	<b>Midnight Lute</b>	<b>Stop the Lights</b>	<b>120,000</b> <i>(\$10,000 in utero '18 KEEJAN)</i> Breeder: Taylor Brothers Property, George E Saufley, Pollock Farms & Hugh Owen Consignor: Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent LVII Purchaser: Fish Bloodstock
<b>812</b>	colt	<b>Mshawish</b>	<b>Lemon Hero</b>	<b>100,000</b> Breeder: Edward Taylor & Springland Farm (KY) Consignor: Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent XVI Purchaser: The Legend Stables
<b>989</b>	filly	<b>Fast Anna</b>	<b>What Will Be</b>	<b>100,000</b> Breeder: Avla Pitts (MD) Consignor: Hunter Valley Farm, Agent Purchaser: Caroline & Grey Bentley

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## SF Snares Stallion Heiress

Multiple stakes-winning **Stallion Heiress** (Exchange Rate) (**hip 948**) will be joining the broodmare band of SF Bloodstock and Newgate Farm after selling for \$125,000 Wednesday at Keeneland.



Caroline Wilson | Keeneland Photo

The 5-year-old racing or broodmare prospect is out of Menocino Beano (Smart Strike) and is a half-sister to stakes-placed Conquest Fleetfoot (Afleet Alex). She was consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency.

“She is a lovely physical and she was obviously a very fast filly on the track,” said SF Bloodstock’s Caroline Wilson. “I think she’ll be great for our program.”

Bred in Ontario by Sean Fitzhenry, Stallion Heiress was purchased by Stallionville Enterprises for \$100,000 at the 2015 Keeneland September sale. She opened her racing career with three straight wins, including a pair of stakes scores at Fair Grounds in 2017, and was tabbed a **‘TDN Rising Star’**. Nathan McCauley purchased the filly for \$100,000 at last year’s Fasig-Tipton July Horses of Racing Age Sale and she made one start for Premier Racing Club.

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2018	JUSTIFY	101
<b>2017</b>	<b>TAPWRIT</b>	<b>103</b>
2016	CREATOR	99
2015	AMERICAN PHAROAH	105
2014	TONALIST	100
2013	PALACE MALICE	98
2012	UNION RAGS	96
2011	RULER ON ICE	100
2010	DROSSELMAYER	94
2009	SUMMER BIRD	100



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## Midnight Lute Colt a Pinhooking Prospect



Hip 953 | Keeneland Photo

A colt by Midnight Lute (**hip 953**) is destined for a return trip through the sales ring later this year after selling to pinhooker Brian Graves for \$120,000 Wednesday at Keeneland. Consigned by Taylor Made, the short yearling is out of Lightscameraaction (Will Take Charge), third in the 2018 GII Pocahontas S. He was bred by George Saufley, Pollock Farms, Hugh Owen and Taylor Brothers Properties.

“He was a leggy colt with a long neck and a really good mover,” said Graves, who bid while seated alongside Davant Latham and Phil Hager. “It was probably a little bit more than we would have liked to pay for a Midnight Lute, but the horse had a good year this year and he can get a very good racehorse. I guess, my argument is that, when you lead a quality horse up by a stallion who is proven to get good racehorses, people will believe. We’ll probably bring him back here in September and see how we did.”

Of a competitive yearling market this week in Lexington, Graves added, “It’s been extremely tough. It forces you into buying Midnight Lutes for \$120,000.”

Graves and company signed the ticket on hip 953 as Fish Bloodstock and that was also the name on the ticket securing **hip 883**, a daughter of Midnight Lute, for \$90,000 Wednesday.

Stop the Lights, who made only one racetrack appearance, is a daughter of multiple Grade I winner of Stop Traffic (Cure the Blues) and is a half-sister to Grade I winner Cross Traffic (Unbridled’s Song). She sold, with the Midnight Lute colt in utero, for \$10,000 at the 2018 Keeneland January sale. She preceded her yearling into the sales ring Wednesday, selling in foal to Mshawish for \$43,000 to Chad Schumer.

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# MINESHAFT

## A LEADING SON OF A.P. INDY BY AEI

Rank	Stallion	AEI	Fee
1	<b>MINESHAFT</b>	<b>1.78</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
2	FLATTER	1.66	\$40,000
3	MALIBU MOON	1.62	\$75,000
4	BERNARDINI	1.37	\$50,000

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“We bought her for some customers who own a share in Mshawish,” Taylor Made’s Mark Taylor said of purchasing Stop the Lights last January. “They were looking for a nice mare to get underneath him--they were looking specifically for a Storm Cat mare to breed to Msawish--and this is the one they landed on. Fortunately enough, Lightscameraaction jumped up and Cross Traffic had a big Breeders’ Cup winner. So the mare brought \$43,000 and the baby brought \$120,000.”

Taylor Made stands Mshawish (Medgalia d’Oro) and a short yearling from the first crop of the multiple Grade I winner consigned by the farm was first to bring six figures Wednesday when The Legend Stables bid \$100,000 for **hip 812**.

“I think they are not complicated,” Taylor said of his early impressions of Mshawish’s offspring. “They are very square, balanced and correct with good bone. They look like racehorses. They are not the flashiest horses, typically, just solid bay. They are a lot like him.”

Mshawish, who stands for \$10,000, won the 2014 G2 Zabeel Mile, 2015 GI Gulfstream Park Turf H. and 2016 GI Donn H. He concluded his racing career with a sixth-place effort behind California Chrome in the 2016 G1 Dubai World Cup.

“I think people don’t really remember how good a racehorse he was,” Taylor said. “He won two Grade Is over here, dirt and turf, won a Group 2 in Dubai. We bought into him before the World Cup and he ran an unbelievable race. I didn’t like the ride he got. [Frankie] Dettori had never ridden him before and put him on the lead. I think if they had ridden him more to his style, he would have run second to Chrome. But he was a serious, serious racehorse. We are very bullish on him and think he’s got a big chance.”

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Hager, Graves & Latham | Keeneland Photo



# MINESHAFT

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**SIR ANTHONY**, Harlan’s Holiday S. (G3) defeating G1W Audible

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SESSION TOTALS	2019	2018
• Catalogued	381	397
• No. Offered	290	296
• No. Sold	238	236
• RNAs	52	60
• % RNAs	17.9%	20.3%
• No. \$100K+	5	2
• High Price	\$125,000 (x2)	\$145,000
• Gross	\$4,074,300	\$3,442,700
• Average (% change)	\$17,119 (+17.3%)	\$14,588
• Median (% change)	\$8,000 (+3.2%)	\$7,750
CUMULATIVE	2019	2018
• Catalogued	1198	1178
• No. Offered	915	910
• No. Sold	703	651
• RNAs	212	259
• % RNAs	23.2%	28.5%
• No. \$300K+	19	14
• High Price	\$5,000,000	\$1,600,000
• Gross	\$42,931,600	\$31,744,700
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**MARES**

Hip	Name	Status	Price (\$)
887	Plein Air	B'mare prospect	50,000

(5, Lonhro {Aus}—False Impression, by A.P. Indy)

Consignor: Denali Stud, Agent XXV

Purchaser: Calumet Farm

Plein Air was claimed for \$16,000 at Gulfstream Park last September, and saw her stock rise after half-brother and \$450,000 KEESEP yearling Standard Deviation (Curlin) finished third from far back in October's GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity.

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 (5, Tapizar--Argent Affair, by Black Tie Affair {Ire})  
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Runner-up in maiden special weight company at the Fair Grounds last January, Silver Soiree was claimed for \$10,000 out of a fourth-place effort at Churchill Downs last September. Half-brother Forty Under (Uncle Mo) ran away with the GIII Pilgrim S. just two days later.

**1035 Blameitonthebadboy i/f Lookin At Lucky 55,000**  
 (5, Blame--Sky Haven, by Sky Mesa)  
 Consignor: Hunter Valley Farm, Agent  
 Purchaser: Windylea Farm LLC

Hunter Valley's Adrian Regan gave \$6,000 for this daughter of SW & GSP Sky Haven at the 2017 November sale and the mare was covered in late February 2018 by the sire of Horse of the Year candidate Accelerate on an advertised fee of \$17,500.

**SHORT YEARLINGS**

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
1067	filly	Shanghai Bobby	Corderosa	60,000
Breeder: GWTW Horses (KY)				
Consignor: Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent CII				

Purchaser: Patrice Miller, EQB, Agent

A full-sister to SP Orecchiette and from the family of GISW Celtic Melody (Mr. Greeley), this March foal was purchased for \$25,000 at KEENOV two months back.

UNDER THE RADAR 

In this series, we ask agents and others who book a lot of mares for their clients which sires might be flying slightly under the radar in this breeding season. Who might be getting overlooked in the rush for the new, hot thing? Read on.

**Marette Farrell:**

**HARD SPUN, Darley America, \$40,000**

Straightaway, I'd say Hard Spun. He's a phenomenal stallion and gets you a real runner. At the end of the day, we all get caught up in the whole sales thing, and he can get you a proper racehorse, and a sales horse, plus he's an emerging top-class broodmare sire. How can you overlook a horse like that at \$40,000? Cont. p10

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**CUPID**

Out of the top-class broodmare **PRETTY 'N SMART**, dam of 3 GSW's. Her 2018 yearling by **AMERICAN PHAROAH** sold for \$1,200,000.



**Under the Radar cont.**

We are always trying to anticipate which stallions are currently quiet and which ones are about to take off. I think Hard Spun is in this spot right now. His first crop since he came back from Japan have just turned three and he is poised to kick right into gear now that they are going to get the chance to go two turns, be it turf or dirt. In my opinion he is real value. Dave Anderson of Anderson Farms who I work with, had a filly of his sell for \$950,000 (at Keeneland September 2018). That's right there at the top of the tree, and you don't have to pay \$300,000 for a stud fee. For me, the versatility of that and the consistency of a stallion like that is hugely important. If you have a young mare from a good family that you think might have the tools to be a producer, Hard Spun can be a solid foundation sire to get her up and running. So, Hard Spun; a) because he'll help make a mare, b) because you'll have a chance at a racehorse and c) because you'll have opportunity for a good sale horse.

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The takeout rate on Santa Anita's roulette bet is the same as it is on win, place and show bets--15.43%. By law, that's the lowest amount they can charge. The retention, or takeout rate, on a Vegas roulette wheel is 5.26%. If a casino ever decided to play around with the roulette wheel to create a 15.43% take, no one would play the game. No one.

When it comes down to why racing lags behind virtually every other gambling game offered in this country, the answer is always the same--the competitors have a huge advantage because the price of making a casino, slots or sports bet is much lower than the price of making a bet on a horse. If the gas station on one side of the street charges \$2.49 a gallon and the one on the other side charges \$2.85, which gas station do you think is going to get the most business?

A roulette-based horse racing wager can never succeed with a 15.43% takeout. Yes, it was created to appeal to people who might be at the track for the first time and are confused by the pari-mutuel process. Anyone can understand roulette. A few small players and newbies might play it for fun, and, perhaps, it's worth keeping around for that reason alone.

**Cont. p11**



**Hard to argue with**

The \$40k stallion with \$850k and \$950k yearlings in 2018, plus seven career G1 winners and an Eclipse Champion three-year-old.

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**Racing Roulette cont.**

But no serious handicapper is going to go near a bet where the value is so poor. If \$3,000 is bet on racing roulette, \$2,537 is returned to the winners. Over the long-term, with a real roulette game that handles \$3,000, \$2,845 is paid back. That's quite a difference.

The shame of this is that racing roulette, if it could be done properly, is actually an excellent idea.

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**Mark Bet Slips South Track**  
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	Win	Place	Show

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Track Record: Square Eddie 119 lbs. 5 y.o. 1-14-11 1:13.11

	Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, LLC	Michael Machowsky(H.Alvarado)	12
	Silver, gold "TTT" on black oval on back, black diamonds on sleeves, black and silver cap		
<b>1</b>	<b>GRN He's Zippin On By</b>	L 115 <sup>5</sup> Heriberto Figueroa	\$40,000
Red	3y.o. B. c (KY) by City Zip - Doinghardtimeagain (Ministers Wild Cat) Bred in Kentucky by Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, LLC		
	Mark Dedomenico, LLC	John Sadler(J. Leyva)	3
	Fluorescent pink, navy blue 'D' on back, blue and white bar on sleeves, pink cap		
<b>2</b>	<b>RED Nice Work</b>	L 122 Joel Rosario	\$50,000
White	3y.o. Dk B/ Br. c (KY) by Midnight Lute - Grand Breeze (Grand Slam) Bred in Kentucky by Columbian Farm LLC		
	Colvin or Gould	David Hofmans(B. Fabbri)	5/2
	Blue, blue "CG" in gold circle on back, gold sash on front, gold bars on sleeves, blue cap		
<b>3</b>	<b>RED Drink</b>	L 122 Drayden Van Dyke	\$50,000
Blue	3y.o. Ch. c (KY) by Stay Thirsty - Queen Dido (Thunder Gulch) Bred in Kentucky by William D. Gould		
	Finish Line Racing, LLC, Palma or Riggio	Hector O. Palma(J. S. Valdez)	8
	Lime green, forest green hoop, forest green sleeves, lime green cap		
<b>4</b>	<b>BLK Time N Money</b>	L 122 Eswan Flores	\$50,000
Yellow	3y.o. Ch. c (NY) by Congrats - Dignified Air (Grand Slam) Bred in New York by Fred W. Hertrich III		
	Jeffrey Metcalfe	Paul Aguirre	5
	Powder blue, yellow sun emblem on back, powder blue and yellow cap		
<b>5</b>	<b>BLK Gran Martillo</b>	L 122 Ruben Fuentes	\$50,000
Green	3y.o. Dk B/ Br. g (KY) by Macho Uno - My Diamond Gal (Concorde's Tune) Bred in Kentucky by Egnus Farm		
	Glen Hill Farm	Thomas F. Proctor	10
	Black, orange and white yoke, black 'LHL' on front, gold cap		
<b>6</b>	<b>GRN Resident Liberal</b>	L 122 Joseph Talamo	\$50,000
Black	3y.o. Dk B/ Br. g (FL) by Two Step Salsa - Holidayssatthefarm (Smarty Jones) Bred in Florida by Glen Hill Farm		
	J K Racing Stable, LLC	Leonard Powell	5
	Yellow, blue diamond frame "JK" on back, blue diamonds on sleeves, blue and yellow cap		
<b>7</b>	<b>BLK Dyf</b>	L 122 Flavien Prat	\$50,000
Orange	3y.o. Ch. g (KY) by Midshipman - Mirjah (Evasive Quality) Bred in Kentucky by Tom Evans & Pam Clark		
	Donald R. Dizney, LLC	Bill Spawr(D. Rader)	5
	White, red diamonds, royal blue hoops, red diamonds and royal blue bars on sleeves, red cap		
<b>8</b>	<b>BLK Ohtani</b>	L 122 Tiago Pereira	\$50,000
Pink	3y.o. Ch. g (FL) by First Dude - Silver Lining (Runaway Groom) Bred in Florida by Donald R. Dizney, LLC		

• denotes Lasix, U denotes horses using Lasix for the first time. \* denotes California bred.  
 • Equipment Change: Drink Dyf will race with Blinkers On  
 • Equipment Change: Gran Martillo will race with Blinkers Off  
 • Dyf - has been gelded since last start.

**RED 2,3: 1/1. BLK 4,5,7,8: 7/5. GRN 1,6: 8/1**

The program page for Friday's fifth race shows roulette designations prior to each entrant's name, with the odds for each grouping printed at the bottom of the page.

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**SAINT LIAM** (c. by Saint Ballado). 9 wins, 3 to 5, \$4,456,995, horse of the year, champion older horse, Breeders' Cup Classic [G1] (BEL, \$2,433,600), Stephen Foster H. [G1] (CD, \$513,360), Donn H. [G1] (GP, \$300,000)-ntr, 1 1/8 mi. in 1:48 2/5, Woodward S. [G1] (BEL, \$300,000), Clark H. [G2] (CD, \$345,960), 2nd Whitney H. [G1] (SAR, \$150,000), Woodward S. [G1] (BEL, \$100,000), New Orleans H. [G2] (FG, \$100,000), Iowa Derby [L] (PRM, \$50,000), 3rd Oaklawn H. [G2] (OP, \$50,000). Sire.

**FUNTASTIC** (c. by More Than Ready). 4 wins at 3, \$409,943, N.A./U.S., United Nations S. [G1] (MTH, \$180,000), Gio Ponti S. (AQU, \$30,000). (Total: \$410,711).

**QUIET GIANT** (f. by Giant's Causeway). 2 wins, 1 to 2, \$139,389, Hill 'N' Dale Molly Pitzer S. [L] (MTH, \$60,000), Ruffalo S. (AQU, \$36,000), Lady of the Lake S. (AQU, \$36,000).

**GUN RUNNER** (c. by Candy Ride). 1 win, 1 to 2, \$150,000, N.A./U.S., Ruffalo S. (AQU, \$36,000).

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In any race where there are six or more horses, they are grouped into three categories, red, black and green. The better horses are supposed to wind up in the red group, which would then make that bet the heavy favorite. The black group is supposed to consist of a slightly less attractive group of horses and the greens are supposed to be the longest shots on the board. That way there's something for the chalk player, the guy looking to cash a \$5 or \$6 bet and the person hoping to nail a longshot with the green.

Not only could this be a good bet to introduce newcomers to the sport, but, if the takeout weren't so ridiculously high, it could really catch on. Unlike with real roulette, you can use your brain and handicapping savvy to find good plays. The red could be 3-5, but if the group includes the 8-5 favorite, the 2-1 second choice and a 6-1 shot you might conclude that it is a great bet and a good value.

There's also no reason why it can't be expanded to include exactas and trifectas. You could play a red-red-green tri or a red-black straight exacta. It would be something different. Most

new gimmicks racing has introduced are bound to fail from the start and have a short shelf life, but this is one that could really catch on--if not for the takeout.

The Stronach Group, which owns Santa Anita, is behind the new bet and it is to be commended for trying something different.

"This sport has to try new things and we can't be afraid," said TSG Chief Operating Officer Tim Ritvo. "I have thick skin. I'm not afraid to be laughed at."

One of the reasons Ritvo has risen to such a prominent role in racing is that he, perhaps more so than any other racing executive, understands and appreciates the betting customer. He knows the takeout on the bet is too high and that it is a serious impediment to its success. **Cont. p13**



Can Santa Anita's racing roulette experiment replicate the fast-paced thrill of its casino game inspiration? | Getty Images



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**Racing Roulette cont.**

When asked if he would be an advocate of dropping the takeout on the racing roulette bet, he replied, "I'm open to everything."

The problem is, The Stronach Group cannot lower the takeout on its own. It first needs the approval of the Thoroughbred Owners of California, and that's not going to happen.

"I don't believe this is designed to be a major percentage of the total handle," said Greg Avioli, the TOC's president and CEO. "From my perspective, it's more for the introductory experience. I welcome the innovation from Tim Ritvo and his team for trying things like this. The definition of innovation is failure. You have to try a bunch of things and some won't work and some day you will land on something that will."

While Avioli likes the bet, he likes it at 15.43%. His worry is that if the take on racing roulette were lowered to the 5% neighborhood, people would abandon the traditional win, place and show pools and put that money instead into the roulette bet. If so, that could mean less revenue for everyone.



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"If we're going to lower it to 5%, then you would likely see a cannibalization of the win pool," he said. "What you're really asking is do we want to lower the win, place, show takeout for the mature better? That's pretty much what would happen. If you had a 10% differential in takeout, I think a lot of people would go with the 5% versus the 15%."

He's not wrong. But here's the problem: betting on horse racing has dropped dramatically over the last 10 years or so. A total of \$14.725 billion was bet on the sport as recently as 2007. In 2017, that figure had dropped to \$10.909 billion. Without even accounting for inflation that's a 26% decline. And now racing is facing a new threat, and it could be a calamitous one. With sports betting about to be legal throughout much of the country and available on the internet, racing will be facing a new competitor that has the potential to do serious damage to the sport.

Ritvo is right. The answer is not to sit back and do nothing, but to try bold ideas. **Cont. p14**

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**Op/Ed cont.**

So why not do this? Lower the takeout on racing roulette to 5.26%, but just on an experimental basis. If Avioli is right, and he very well could be, and the result is less revenue because the traditional win, place and show pools drop, then cease the experiment and raise the takeout back to its old level. But this is a clever and intriguing bet and it's something that could really take off. The slice of the pie will be lower, but how big might the pie be if bettors flock to what would be the best bargain that has ever been offered in racing? Isn't it worth finding out?

Or we could just keep thinking inside the box and getting nowhere. Let's add another Pick 5 to the betting menu and offer \$1 hot dogs on Thursdays. That will change everything.

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**MJC ANNOUNCES NEW STAKES INCENTIVES**

The Maryland Jockey Club will waive entry and starting fees for any Grade I winner of the past 12 months if they run in any MJC stakes race other than the GI Preakness S., it was announced Wednesday. Additionally, any Grade II winner who contests either the Bald Eagle Derby or Laurel Futurity--both scheduled for Sept. 21--will have their fees waved. "As Maryland racing continues to grow we're hoping this incentive will strengthen our stakes schedule and help us build some stakes to the graded level," said Maryland Jockey Club Racing Secretary Chris Merz.

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**SNOOP DOGG, MARK RONSON TO PERFORM AT PEGASUS**

For the second consecutive year, The Stronach Group will team up with Groot Hospitality's LIV, owned by Miami club magnate David Grutman, to provide a star-studded experience at Gulfstream Park to celebrate the running of the GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational, to be held Jan. 26 at the Hallandale oval. This year's festivities will feature an afterparty and concert headlined by the legendary Snoop Dogg and chart-topper Mark Ronson to follow up last year's event with Post Malone.

The festivities will be located at the trackside club known as the Pegasus LIV Stretch Village, and will feature race-day entertainment, celebrities, VIP hospitality and eclectic programming leading up to the post-race concert. The Pegasus LIV Stretch Village will also showcase a restaurant row offering bites by Komodo, Swan, Bar Bevy and other local eateries. Tickets to Pegasus LIV Stretch Village are priced at \$75 and can be purchased [here](#).

"I am thrilled to be partnering with David Grutman again," said Belinda Stronach, Chairman and President, The Stronach Group. "Our focus for the Pegasus World Cup is to deliver an incredible guest experience, one that combines world-class Thoroughbred horse racing with the unique hospitality that you can only find in Miami. In order to engage a new generation of fans, we want to offer exciting and once-in-a-lifetime experiences. No one delivers those better than David and his team!"

This year's Pegasus partnership will also feature an exclusive Swan & Bar Bevy pop-up in the newly renovated Flamingo Room at Gulfstream Park. The Flamingo Room will be the home of a VIP Pegasus World Cup luxury experience. Tickets for the Flamingo Room begin at \$1,000 per person and are available at [www.pegasusworldcup.com](http://www.pegasusworldcup.com).

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**TRF TO PRESENT AT AMERICAN CORRECTIONAL ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE**



**TRF Second Chances in Maryland** | Anita Motion

The nationally-acclaimed TRF Second Chances Program will be recognized at the American Correctional Association’s 2019 Winter Conference Jan. 14 in New Orleans. The American Correctional Association is a private, non-profit, non-governmental trade association and accrediting body for the corrections industry.

Superintendent Catherine M. Jacobsen of the Wallkill Correctional Facility in Wallkill, New York will deliver a case study briefing to an audience of her peers at the annual conference of correctional facility professionals at 4 pm.

Superintendent Jacobsen will be joined by Kimberly Weir, Director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving and Chelsea O’Reilly, Program Development Manager from the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation to introduce the TRF Second Chances Program. The conference will take place at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, January 11-15.

Celebrating 35 years of service, TRF Second Chances is an innovative Thoroughbred aftercare program that first brought retired racehorses to the Wallkill Correctional Facility in 1984 to teach equine care within the institution’s vocational instruction curriculum. With Wallkill as its model, TRF has expanded the TRF Second Chances Program in partnership with prisons in Virginia, Maryland, South Carolina, Florida, Kentucky, and Illinois. Among the hundreds of graduates from the TRF Second Chances Program, many have found employment within the equine industry as farriers, grooms, and stable foremen.

“The TRF Second Chances has been an important and highly beneficial program at the Wallkill Correctional Facility for 35 years,” said Jacobsen. “I am so proud to share the story of this program with my colleagues across the correctional industry, as I have seen the impact on so many men and so many horses over the years. This is the sort of program that truly delivers on the promise of providing ‘Second Chances.’”

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**Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 4:47 p.m. EST**

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Bellavais 🌿	Tapit	Bortolazzo Stable LLC	Pletcher	Castellano	119
2	Hogans Holiday 🌿	The Factor	John Grossi's Racing Corp.	Vitali	Reyes	121
3	Bombshell 🌿	Bellamy Road	Team Valor International	Delacour	Saez	119
4	Valedictorian	Temple City	Epic Racing	Breen	Gaffalione	121
5	Rose Tree	Harlan's Holiday	Buttonwood Farm	Sheppard	Hernandez, Jr.	119
6	I'm Betty G	Into Mischief	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Ortiz, Jr.	121
7	La Signare (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	BT Signare Racing Venture & Madaket Stables LLC	Lynch	Ortiz	117
8	Monte Crista 🌿	Cape Blanco (Ire)	Country Life Farm	Trombetta	Velazquez	121

**Breeders:** 1-Phillips Racing Partnership, 2-Hunter Valley Farm, 3-WinStar Farm, LLC, 4-John Bowers, Jr., 5-Mr. & Mrs. Rodman W. Moorhead III, 6-Carol Kaye & Boyce Stable, 7-Moussa Mbacke, 8-Howard M. Bender Revocable Trust

**Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 3:45 p.m. EST**

**TROPICAL TURF S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Vici	War Front	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Gaffalione	117
2	White Flag	War Front	Robert S. Evans	Clement	Ortiz	119
3	Holiday Stone 🌿	Harlan's Holiday	Jim & Susan Hill	Weaver	Saez	117
4	Doctor Mounty 🌿	Street Sense	Larry Pratt & Dave Alden	McGaughey III	Castellano	123
5	Mr Freeze 🌿	To Honor and Serve	Jim Bakke & Gerald Isbister	Romans	Albarado	117
6	Heart to Heart	English Channel	Terry Hamilton	Lynch	Leparoux	119
7	Your Only Man 🌿	Creative Cause	Mitchell Goldberg, Frank Catapano & Mary Beth & Gary Reis	Vitali	Ortiz, Jr.	117
8	Conquest Big E 🌿	Tapit	Daniel C. Hurtak	Hurtak	Lopez	119

**Breeders:** 1-Claiborne Farm & Adele B. Dilschneider, 2-R. S. Evans, 3-Nesco II Limited, 4-G. Watts Humphrey Jr., Susan Keller, Vicki Oliver & G. Watts Humphrey III, 5-Siena Farms LLC, 6-Red Hawk Ranch, 7-Rose Hill Farm & Ralph Stroope, 8-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd.

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**LAS CIENEGAS S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2FT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Compelled	War Front	Glen Hill Farm	Proctor	Van Dyke	120
2	Fiery Lady	Unusual Heat	Dario Bernardi, John Cavalli, Christopher Rusty Custer, Ron McCauley & Timothy Mickelson	Meah	Figuroa	120
3	Tesora 🍀	Scat Daddy	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and TNIP Racing	McCarthy	Desormeaux	122
4	Belvoir Bay (GB)	Equiano (Fr)	Gary Barber	Miller	Prat	124
5	Selcourt	Tiz Wonderful	Medallion Racing, Keith Abrahams & Sandra Lazaruk	Sadler	Baze	120
6	Miss Southern Miss	More Than Ready	Peter L. Cantrell	Desormeaux	Bejarano	120
7	Last Promise Kept	Langfuhr	Timothy B. Turney	Proctor	Gryder	120
8	Lady Suebee 🍀	First Defence	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Quinonez	120
9	Painting Corners	Pleasant Strike	Altamira Racing Stable & Slam Dunk Racing	Miller	Rosario	120

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**Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 7:00 p.m. EST**

**LA CANADA S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Exuberance	Archarcharch		Seltzer Thoroughbreds	Kruljac	Franco 120
2	Stradella Road	Elusive Quality		Bo Hirsch, LLC	Stute	Bejarano 120
3	Lemoona 🍀	Lemon Drop Kid		Zayat Stables, LLC	Baltas	Prat 120
4	True Royalty	Yes It's True		Batchelor Family Trust	Sadler	Rosario 122
5	Bernina Star 🍀	Harlan's Holiday		D P Racing LLC	Cassidy	Desormeaux 120
6	Escape Clause	Going Commando		Don Schnell	Schnell	Baze 120
7	K P Wildcat 🍀	Include		Karl Pergola	Mullins	Chirinos 120

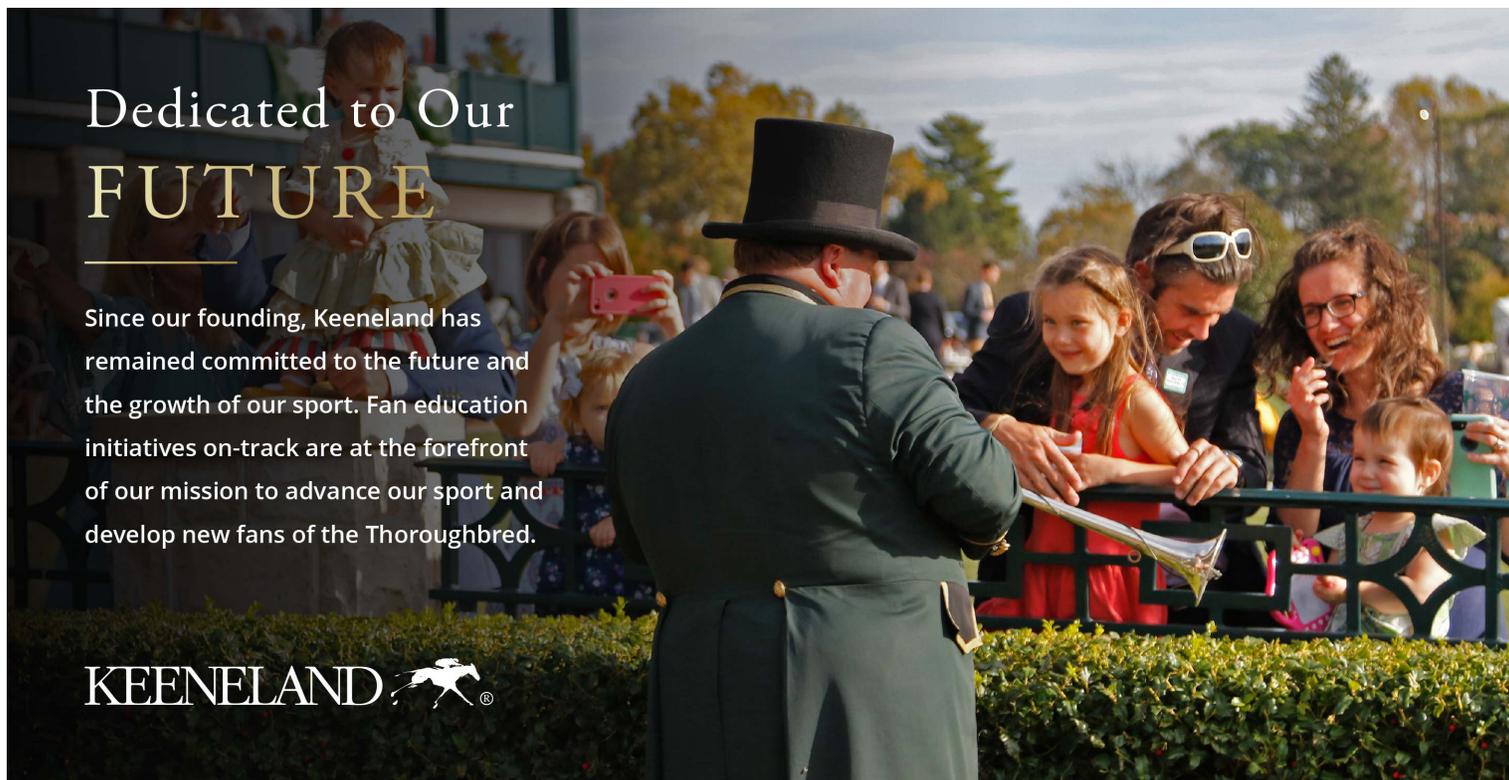
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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Cross Traffic</b> (2009) by Unbridled's Song	5	8	1	1	1	1	40	15	\$1,384,200	\$1,990,652
	Crops: 1									Jaywalk	
2	<b>Flatter</b> (1999) by A.P. Indy	4	7	--	1	--	1	42	13	\$261,610	\$1,087,166
	Crops: 12									La Fuerza	
3	<b>Candy Ride (Arg)</b> (1999) by Ride the Rails	3	5	3	5	1	1	31	8	\$1,496,000	\$2,321,573
	Crops: 11									Game Winner	
4	<b>Into Mischief</b> (2005) by Harlan's Holiday	3	7	3	4	--	1	74	27	\$192,100	\$2,119,556
	Crops: 7									Maximus Mischief	
5	<b>Quality Road</b> (2006) by Elusive Quality	3	4	1	2	1	2	38	15	\$588,000	\$1,361,521
	Crops: 5									Bellafina	
6	<b>Munnings</b> (2006) by Speightstown	3	3	--	--	--	--	52	17	\$149,268	\$897,235
	Crops: 5									Please Flatter Me	
7	<b>Kantharos</b> (2008) by Lion Heart	3	4	--	1	--	--	29	12	\$155,929	\$860,519
	Crops: 5									Surge of Pride	
8	<b>Uncaptured</b> (2010) by Lion Heart	3	3	1	1	--	--	22	6	\$138,939	\$450,679
	Crops: 1									Catherinethegreat	
9	<b>Smiling Tiger</b> (2007) by Hold That Tiger	3	3	--	--	--	--	11	6	\$140,000	\$376,700
	Crops: 2									Cruel Intention	
10	<b>Brethren</b> (2008) by Distorted Humor	2	4	--	--	--	--	42	18	\$372,500	\$1,402,283
	Crops: 2									Cookie Dough	
11	<b>Paynter</b> (2009) by Awesome Again	2	3	1	1	1	1	47	18	\$664,430	\$1,350,871
	Crops: 2									Knicks Go	
12	<b>Goldcents</b> (2010) by Into Mischief	2	6	--	--	--	--	65	26	\$150,400	\$1,184,986
	Crops: 1									Mr. Money	
13	<b>Distorted Humor</b> (1993) by Forty Niner	2	2	1	1	1	1	15	6	\$780,160	\$1,050,623
	Crops: 17									Restless Rider	
14	<b>Central Banker</b> (2010) by Speightstown	2	3	--	--	--	--	30	9	\$329,625	\$937,163
	Crops: 1									Bankit	
15	<b>Square Eddie</b> (2006) by Smart Strike	2	3	--	--	--	--	21	13	\$184,181	\$796,166
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**9th-Gulfstream, \$45,100, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 1-9, 4yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :56.92, fm.**

**ESCAPADE (f, 4, More Than Ready--Deja Vu, by Giant's Causeway)** broke her maiden sprinting over the Gulfstream lawn in late May and had a two-race winning streak snapped when a close second in an optional tagger across town Oct. 27. Favored at 9-5 here, she forced the issue from the outside, gained command in the stretch and dug in gamely to prevail by a nose in a three-horse photo. Factorofwon (The Factor) was second; Pastime (Lonhro {Aus}) was third. The winner's dam had a filly by Malibu Moon in 2017 and a filly by American Pharoah in 2018. She was bred back to Nyquist. This is the female family of GISWs Madcap Escapade (Hennessy), Mi Sueno (Pulpit) and Dubai Escapade (Awesome Again). Sales history: \$135,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-0, \$104,925. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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 **NORTH AMERICAN MAIDENS**

**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**7th-Gulfstream, \$43,560, Msw, 1-9, 3yo, 1mT, 1:36.44, fm. KING OTTOKAR (c, 3, Temple City--Birdie Birdie, by El Prado {Ire})** was a well-beaten fifth behind subsequent stakes winners Gladiator King (Curlin) and Seismic Jolt (Kantharos) on debut sprinting over the Gulfstream West lawn Oct. 28. The 12-1 chance broke well from his inside draw here and showed the way through fractions of :23.54 and :48.19. Julien Leparoux had plenty of horse left under him as they turned for home in complete command and King Ottokar kept finding in the stretch to graduate by 1 3/4 lengths. Exult (Noble Mission {GB}) was second. In addition to Free Rose (Munnings), MGSW, \$410,050, the winner's dam is also responsible for a More Than Ready filly of 2018. She was bred to Empire Maker for the 2019 season.

Sales history: \$55,000 RNA Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$115,000 Ylg '17 FTKTUR; \$140,000 RNA 2yo '18 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$26,550. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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 \$16,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Honorable Dillon** (Tapit), Rockridge Stud, \$5,000  
 105 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners  
 3-Charles Town, Msw 6 1/2f, ADONAI LOVE, 15-1  
 \$1,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$5,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo

**Moro Tap** (Tapit), Double Infinity Ranch, \$2,500  
 50 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners  
 6-Delta Downs, Msw 5f, MORO DREAMS, 20-1

**Strong Mandate** (Tiznow), Three Chimneys Farm, \$10,000  
 138 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners  
 3-Charles Town, Msw 6 1/2f, KELCIE'S MANDATE, 15-1  
 \$3,000 KEE SEP yrl  
 3-Santa Anita, Msw 1m, SUPREMA, 20-1  
 \$8,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Verrazano** (More Than Ready), Ashford Stud, \$22,500  
 268 foals of racing age/13 winners/2 black-type winners  
 3-Santa Anita, Msw 1m, BELLAZANO, 12-1  
 \$140,000 KEE SEP yrl  
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**6th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$23,500, Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 1-9, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.32, fm.**  
**IRISH STRAIT (g, 7, English Channel--Irish Sovereign, by Polish Numbers)** Lifetime Record: GSW, 26-7-2-8, \$391,438. O/B-Isabelle de Tomaso (NJ); T-H. Graham Motion. \*1/2 to Irish War Cry (Curlin), MGSW & GISP, \$1,257,060.

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**Curlin Grey, c, 3, Curlin--Surf Light (SW, \$185,137), by Malibu Moon.** Gulfstream, 1-9, (C), 1m, 1:38.95. B-Seclusive Farm & Chester Prince (KY). \*\$200,000 Ylg '17 FTKJUL.  
**Chess Master, g, 3, Overdriven--Chesty, by Chester House.** Tampa Bay Downs, 1-9, 5fT, :57.54. B-Brenda K Jones (FL).  
**Run On Energy, f, 3, Unbridled Energy--Sky Flying Eileen, by Sky Mesa.** Mahoning Valley, 1-9, 6f, 1:16.74. B-Williams Racing Corp (WV).  
**Island Vice, g, 4, City Zip--Two Island Belles, by Malibu Moon.** Mahoning Valley, 1-9, 6f, 1:15.85. B-Susan King (KY).

**CITY ZIP, Island Vice, g, 4, o/o Two Island Belles, by Malibu Moon.** MSW, 1-9, Mahoning Valley  
**CURLIN, Curlin Grey, c, 3, o/o Surf Light, by Malibu Moon.** MCL, 1-9, Gulfstream  
**ENGLISH CHANNEL, Irish Strait, g, 7, o/o Irish Sovereign, by Polish Numbers.** AOC, 1-9, Tampa Bay  
**MORE THAN READY, Escapade, f, 4, o/o Deja Vu, by Giant's Causeway.** AOC, 1-9, Gulfstream  
**NOT BOURBON, Bourbon Extension, g, 5, o/o Extend, by Unbridled's Song.** ALW, 1-9, Mahoning Valley  
**OVERDRIVEN, Chess Master, g, 3, o/o Chesty, by Chester House.** MSW, 1-9, Tampa Bay  
**TEMPLE CITY, King Ottokar, c, 3, o/o Birdie Birdie, by El Prado (Ire).** MSW, 1-9, Gulfstream  
**UNBRIDLED ENERGY, Run On Energy, f, 3, o/o Sky Flying Eileen, by Sky Mesa.** MSW, 1-9, Mahoning Valley



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## VALUE SIRES SERIES: FIRST 2-YEAR-OLDS



Muhaaarar led his sire crop by average at the yearling and foal sales | *Shadwell*

By Kelsey Riley

In the fourth installment of our value sires series, today we will look at stallions with their first 2-year-olds in 2019.

Over the past two years, these young horses have already been exposed to the tumultuous rigors of the commercial marketplace, their progeny having been either embraced or already written off at the foal and yearling sales. While many of the early supporters of these sires have already had their fates determined in the ring, those with yearlings or foals to sell this year will hold their collective breaths and hope their faith is rewarded with early results.

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## ROYAL MARINE RETURNS AT MEYDAN

**Royal Marine (Ire)** (Raven's Pass), winner of last year's G1 Jean-Luc Lagardere, makes his 3-year-old debut and tries dirt for the first time in a one-mile conditions race at Meydan on Thursday that is a trial for the G3 UAE 2000 Guineas. The Saeed bin Suroor-trained Godolphin colourbearer broke his maiden going seven furlongs at Doncaster last September before taking France's premier juvenile race over this trip. Oisin Murphy was aboard on both of those occasions, but Christophe Soumillon takes the reins on Thursday.

If Royal Marine transfers his talents to the dirt he will be tough to beat, but there are a few other lightly raced colts with last-out wins that could threaten. The Phoenix Ladies Syndicate's **Walking Thunder** (Violence) is unbeaten in two tries over this course, the most recent a 4 1/2-length score going this trip on Dec. 6. **Giant Hero** (Giant's Causeway) has run just once, back in July, but that was a four-length victory going five furlongs for trainer Steve Asmussen at Ellis Park. **Al Seel Legacy's** (Uncaptured) was a debut winner over 1400 metres at Meydan on Dec. 20 for trainer Doug Watson.

While all of the aforementioned are looking to earn the crown as the UAE's best 3-year-old, one who was in that position last year, Godolphin's **Gold Town (GB)** (Street Cry {Ire}), returns from defeat by Mendelssohn (Scat Daddy) when fourth in the G2 UAE Derby in the G2 Al Maktoum Challenge Round 1 over a mile. [Cont. p11](#)

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All the same, while a clutch of early winners is likely to help boost figures at this year's sales, it is far from a guarantee of long-term success. In another year's time we will be reflecting on who looks like a flash in the pan and who has provided runners that look like training on. But for now, let's run through the crop and try to pull out some value and, at the end, we'll select a gold, silver and bronze value sire.

The 'big guns' of this group have always been Muhaarar (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Gleneagles (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and Golden Horn (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), and interestingly they bring top Group 1 form respectively as a sprinter, a miler and a middle-distance horse. They were the top three first-season sires in 2017 at the foal sales by average and median and the only horses from the sire crop to break six figures in those categories, and they repeated that feat last year at the yearling sales.

**Muhaarar**, the Cartier champion sprinter of 2015 at three, appears to have been well-priced by Shadwell, having been able to hold his fee of £30,000 over his first four years. He has maintained strong books, the past two years covering 128 and 133 mares, respectively. His 55 yearlings sold (66 offered) last year averaged £177,628/€197,050. Shadwell heavily supported the horse at the sales, buying a 925,000gns half-sister to G1

Cheveley Park S. winner Fairyland (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) and a 500,000gns colt out of Alexander Goldrun (Ire), among others, and others to support the horse included Blandford Bloodstock, Peter and Ross Doyle, Roger Varian, Stephen Hillen and Kevin Ryan and Jamie McCalmont. With top-class middle distance influence Linamix (Fr) as his damsire, there should be plenty of hope that the four-time Group 1-winning sprinter and G2 Gimcrack S. winner—who is the highest-rated son of Oasis Dream—can provide sharp horses that last.

**Gleneagles**, out of that dream mare You'resothrilling—producer of two Classic winners and five stakes winners from her first five foals and a full-sister to Giant's Causeway—started out at €60,000 and is available for €30,000 this year at Coolmore after his first yearlings averaged £119,495/€132,455. That was for 52 sold (67 offered), and supporters at the sales last year included MV Magnier, Blandford Bloodstock, Klaravich Stables, Stroud Coleman and David Redvers. The fee cut should keep his support up in a crucial year after his numbers dipped to 119 last year from 136 in 2017. If there is a safe bet on both pedigree and performance, you'd think it would have to be the three-time Group 1-winning miler—and Group 1-winning 2-year-old—out of a blue hen full-sister to Giant's Causeway.

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In the same year that Muhaarar was dominating the sprinting ranks and Gleneagles the miling, **Golden Horn** was busy taking out Europe's top middle-distance prizes. His Group 1 haul counted the Derby, Coral-Eclipse, Irish Champion S. and Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. After standing his first three seasons at £60,000 at Darley's Dalham Hall, Golden Horn is trimmed to £50,000 this year after covering 107 mares in 2018 (down from 126 in 2017). Golden Horn's unraced dam Fleche d'Or (Dubai Destination) has also produced the stakes-winning Eastern Belle (GB) (Champs Elysees {GB}), and she is a half-sister to the G1 Coronation S. winner Rebecca Sharp (GB) (Machiavellian). Golden Horn had 36 yearlings sold (41 offered) for an average of £152,775/€169,467, and his median of £147,957/€164,318 suggests his progeny were of a consistent quality. Golden Horn raced just once at two, winning a maiden over Storm The Stars (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) in October, so it wouldn't be a surprise to see his progeny follow suit and start to make their mark later in the season.



**Darley dual Group 1-winning miler Night Of Thunder** | Alayna Cullen

A pair of Group 1 winners sit behind the leading trio by yearling averages: 2000 Guineas and Lockinge S. winner Night Of Thunder (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), and G1 Prince of Wales's S. winner Free Eagle (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}). **Night Of Thunder** won the Listed Doncaster S. at two before defeating Kingman (GB) and Australia (GB) in one of the deepest Guineas in memory. He would place in three more Group 1s before taking the Lockinge at four. He opened at €30,000 at Kildangan Stud and is now down to £15,000 at Dalham Hall. His 56 yearlings sold (71 offered) averaged £62,352/€69,184 and he was able to maintain good support in years two and three, covering 103 and 111 mares. At Kildangan for €4,000 are the Listed Woodcote S. and G2 Challenge S. winner **Fulbright (GB)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), who packed 30 starts into four seasons and was rated 119 by Timeform. **Cont. p4**

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Also standing for that amount at Kildangan is **French Navy (GB)**, who won four Group 3s from a mile to a mile and a quarter from ages two to seven.

**Free Eagle** is a Moyglare Stud homebred out of one of the family's prized broodmares, Polished Gem (Ire) (Danehill). His second dam is the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas winner Trusted Partner (Affirmed), and his third dam the dual Grade I-winning 2-year-old Talking Picture (Speak John). Free Eagle had a rather stop-start racing career, but when he was in action he was among the best of his generation; he broke his maiden by 5 1/2 lengths at Leopardstown at first asking at two before finishing second to Australia (GB) in the G3 Juvenile Turf Trial S. Off for a year, he came back to win the G3 KPMG Enterprise S. and finish third to Noble Mission (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) over the heavy going in the G1 Champion S. Going first-up in the



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G1 Prince of Wales's S. at four, he finally got his Group 1 and he was later third behind Golden Horn in the Irish Champion. Free Eagle's yearling average was £50,003/€55,510 off a €20,000 opening fee, and he is down to €12,500 for 2019.

One who well outperformed his fee at the yearling sales was Tweenhills's **Hot Streak (Ire)** (Iffraaj {GB}), a five furlong group-winning sprinter at two and three who was also placed in the G1 King's Stand S. at three. He stood for £7,000 in his debut year and dropped to £6,000 the subsequent two, but so good were his yearling sale results that he makes the rare increase (back up to £7,000 in 2019) before having runners. His 51 yearlings sold (61 offered) averaged six times his fee: £43,029/€47,778. Buyers of his yearlings included Shadwell, Australia's Kingcraft Bloodstock, David Redvers, Rabbah and Phoenix Thoroughbreds.

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There are plenty of indicators of class in his pedigree, too: Hot Streak’s second dam is a half-sister to sires Nashwan, Nayef and Unfuwain.

**Gutaifan (Ire)** stands alongside his sire Dark Angel (Ire) at Yeomanstown Stud, and he was the busiest of this sire crop at the yearling sales with 107 sold from 128 offered. His average of £42,512/€47,208 was 3.7x his opening fee of €12,500, and he stands for the third straight season this year at €10,000.

Gutaifan was retired to stud after a 2-year-old season that included wins in the G2 Prix Robert Papin and G2 Flying Childers S., so how his class would have carried on we can only speculate about, but he does have a G2 Ribblesdale S. and G2 Lancashire Oaks winner, as well as a dual G2 Hardwicke S. winner, under his second dam. Also there is last year’s G2 Park S. and G2 Joel S. winner Mustashry (GB) (Tamayuz {GB}), as well as G1 Premio del Jockey Club and G2 Moonee Valley S. winner Ventura Storm (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}).



Outstrip was popular at the yearling sales | Alayna Cullen

**Cable Bay (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire})’s first crop of yearlings returned an average 3.2x the £6,500 fee he commands at Highclere Stud. His 57 sold (72 offered) averaged £21,205/€23,564, and were headed by a pair that made £150,000 and £100,000 at Goffs UK’s Premier Yearling Sale. By Invincible Spirit, who is building an enviable record as a sire of sires, Cable Bay is a grandson of the G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest and G1 Sprint Cup winner Cherokee Rose (Ire) (Dancing Brave), who is also the second dam of Group 1 winners Mastery (GB) and Kirklees (Ire), and the third dam of Mukhadram (GB). Cable Bay was placed in a handful of the most important 2-year-old races, including the G1 Dewhurst, and at

four he recorded a pair of wins over seven furlongs in the G3 John of Gaunt S. and the G2 Challenge S.

Perhaps European buyers are tuned in to the remarkable record **Brazen Beau (Aus)**’s sire I Am Invincible (Aus) is compiling Down Under, or perhaps they just appreciate how good a sprinter the horse actually was. Either way, buyers responded to the Dalham Hall shuttler last year, and his yearlings averaged 3.7x his opening £10,000 fee at £37,574/€41,739. Brazen Beau is down to £7,000 this year after covering 95 mares last year, and that looks like pretty good value for a horse that was the second-best 3-year-old sprinter in the world in 2015, behind

only Muhaarar. Brazen Beau was a head shy of winning a Group 1 at two, but came roaring back at three to win one of Australia’s most important ‘sire making’ races: the G1 Coolmore Stud S.—that’s the same key race won by Zoustar (Aus), who Brazen Beau was rated four points higher than on the World Thoroughbred Rankings. Brazen Beau beat the elder champion sprinter Chautauqua (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) in the G1 Newmarket H. four months

later before traveling to Royal Ascot and finishing second in the G1 Diamond Jubilee S. After the first half of the racing season in Australia, Brazen Beau sits second on the first season sires’ table with two winners and one stakes winner. Considering Brazen Beau himself didn’t start until Feb. 5, that should bode well for what the second half of the season and beyond holds.

Also making a promising start from Dalham Hall with his first yearlings is the G1 Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf and G2 Champagne S. winner **Outstrip (GB)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), whose 60 yearlings sold (75 offered) averaged 3.5x his £5,000 fee at £17,804/€19,780). **Cont. p6**

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It bodes very well for the son of Grade I winner Asi Siempre (El Prado {Ire}) that, after his first foals hit the market in 2017, Outstrip covered 21 more mares in 2018 than the previous year (145). And, he has held his £5,000 fee through his first four years. Outstrip has certainly passed the first commercial test, now let's see if he can follow up on the racecourse.

**Make Believe (GB)** (Makfi {GB}), a grandson of the G1 Cheveley Park S. and G1 Irish 1000 Guineas-placed My Branch (GB) (Distant Relative {Ire}) and himself a dual Group 1 winner, stands at Ballylinch Stud for €12,000 this year, down from an opening €20,000. The winner of both starts at two, Make Believe bested subsequent G1 Prix du Jockey Club winner New Bay (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) to win the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains.



**Due Diligence is a G1 Diamond Jubilee S.-placed son of War Front | Whitsbury Manor Stud**

Two starts later he beat older horses dropping back a furlong in the G1 Prix de la Foret. Make Believe, who is a three-quarter brother to the dual Grade I-winning mare Dubawi Heights (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), had 46 yearlings (65 offered) average £40,072/€44,508.

Whitsbury Manor Stud, the farm that brought you Showcasing (GB), this year has the G1 Diamond Jubilee-placed **Due Diligence (War Front)** with his first runners. Due Diligence was a debut winner at Saratoga for Todd Pletcher at two, and for his 3-year-old campaign was transferred to Aidan O'Brien. He won the Listed Lacken S. over six furlongs before finishing second to Slade Power (Ire) (Dutch Art {GB}) in the Diamond Jubilee. Due Diligence's first-crop yearlings (62 offered, 44 sold) averaged £16,723/€18,582, and he is down to £4,000 this year.

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**A far better start with his first 2YO's than his sire GALILEO!**

**AUSTRALIA - 17 first crop 2YO winners including**

<b>BEYOND REASON</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Prix du Calvados-Gr.2
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Prix Six Perfections-Gr.3
<b>Sydney Opera House</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Criterion de Saint-Cloud-Gr.1
<b>Broome</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere-Gr.1
<b>Western Australia</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Futurity Trophy-Gr.1

**GALILEO - 14 first crop 2YO winners including**

<b>INNOCENT AIR</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Washington Singer Stakes-L.R.
<b>Galileo's Star</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Washington Singer Stakes-L.R.
<b>Global Genius</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chesham Stakes-L.R.

**It seemed a vintage year for the first-crop 2YO sires. Who excited you the most?**

*"The one I'm looking forward to the most is Australia. He has a very similar profile to his own sire, Galileo... I'd be amazed if his progeny didn't improve as much from two to three as his own sire's do."*



**Brendan Holland** of Grove Stud. Racing Post, 31<sup>st</sup> Dec.

**AUSTRALIA**

**Classic winner by GALILEO - like Gr.1 sires FRANKEL & NEW APPROACH**

**COOLMORE**

2018 yearlings realised  
**€475,000, €390,000, €250,000, €245,000, €240,000, €240,000, €220,000, €210,000, €210,000 etc.**

**Value Sires Series: First 2-Year-Olds Cont.**

**Cappella Sansevero (GB)**'s yearling average of £22,759/€25,271 is distorted by the fact that he had a half-brother to champion sprinter Harry Angel (Ire) sell to Roger Varian for 140,000gns at Tattersalls Book 1, but nonetheless the horse is a son of the in-form sire Showcasing who was a stakes-winner and Royal Ascot and Group 1-placed at two. He is down to €4,000 at Bridge House Stud.

Rathasker Stud last year unveiled Bungle Inthejungle (Ire) to be a leading first-season sire, and this year they bring us **Anjaal (Ire)** (Bahamian Bounty {GB}). The G2 July S. winner has been held at €5,000, and his first yearlings averaged £14,596/€16,213.

Coolmore has the following year's July S. winner, **Ivawood (Ire)** (Zebedee {GB}), with his first

juveniles this year. Ivawood also won the G2 Richmond S. and was second by a nose in the G1 Middle Park S., and at three he was third behind Gleneagles (Ire) in both the English and Irish 2000 Guineas. His yearlings averaged £18,963/€21,059, and after starting out at €9,000 he is down to €5,000 in 2019.

Coolmore has already relegated **Kingston Hill (GB)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) to its National Hunt ranks, but that doesn't preclude him from a siring a good horse on the flat, like he himself was. He won the G3 Autumn S. and G1 Racing Post Trophy at two and the G1 St Leger at three, and was second to Australia in the G1 Investec Derby as well as being fourth in both the Coral-Eclipse and the Arc. After covering 74 mares in 2017 he proved much more profitable after switching codes last year, covering 180 mares. **Cont. p8**



Kingston Hill's move to the National Hunt ranks doesn't preclude him from siring good flat horses | Coolmore



Muhaarar, pictured with Paul Hanagan, won four Group 1s during his racing career. His first runners race this year. | Racingfotos.com

### Value Sires Series: First 2-Year-Olds Cont.

Nonetheless, his yearlings were relatively well-received, averaging £14,465/€16,083.

In France, Galileo's **Galiway (GB)** certainly made a good impression with his five yearlings to sell. They averaged £24,519/€27,284, with a median of £24,743/€27,362 off a €3,000 stud fee. The Wertheimer-bred stands at Haras de Colleville, which has already brought us the rags-to-riches Kendargent (Fr). He was a winner and group-placed at two before winning a listed race at three. Galiway is a half-brother to Silent Name (Jpn) (Sunday Silence), a leading sire in Canada, and his dam, Danzigaway (Danehill), is a half-sister to multiple group winner and sire Gold Away (Ire) (Goldneyev). Galiway represents the Galileo over Danehill cross of established sires Frankel (GB) and Teofilo (Ire).

The 18-year-old **Elvstroem (Aus)** (Danehill) relocated to Haras de Petit Tellier in 2016, leaving behind 12 lifetime stakes winners in Australia. It should help his cause that he is from the immediate family of Starspangledbanner (Aus) and Highland Reel (Ire), and his first Northern Hemisphere yearlings had their admirers, realizing up to €100,000 at Arqana's October yearling sale. He is available for €5,000 in 2019.

While Sidestep (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) did well with his first yearlings averaging 5.5x his stud fee, he has been moved on to Telemon Stud in Australia and does not return to Haras du Logis in 2019. So, the Darley team relies on **Hunter's Light (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) to carry the baton. The chestnut is a triple Group 1 winner—in Italy and Dubai—and is from the family of Darshaan (GB) and that excellent racemare and producer Dar Re Mi (GB), who has given us Too Darn Hot (GB), Lah Ti Dar (GB) and So Mi Dar (GB). His first yearlings averaged £11,859/€13,102 off a €4,000 stud fee.

Another Group 1 winner available at a minuscule price in France is Haras de Montaignu's **Prince Gibraltar (Fr)** (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), who stands for €3,000. Winner of the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud at two, he won the G2 Prix Greffulhe at three before placing in the G1 Prix du Jockey Club and G1 Grand Prix de Paris. He added the G1 Grosser Preis von Baden at four. His 19 yearlings sold averaged £11,848/€13,102.

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### Value Sires Podium

**Gold** - Muhaarar (£30,000): if the hype from the sales is fulfilled on the racecourse, Shadwell will be rewarded for pricing him correctly from the start and he'll never stand for this little again.

**Silver** - Free Eagle (€12,500): One of this crop's best racehorses from a world-class pedigree has dipped to a bargain fee.

**Bronze** - Brazen Beau (£7,000): a world-class sprinter, from the Invincible Spirit line, rated higher than Zoustar on the track.

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### SPECIFICITY, DAM OF PRIDE, DIES AT 30

**Specificity (Alleged)**, the dam of the champion racemare Pride (Fr) (Peintre Celebre), died on New Year's Eve in France at the age of 30.

Bred in Kentucky by Pin Oak Farm, Specificity won the Listed George Stubbs S. at Newmarket when trained by John Gosden. She was later bought by Sven and Carina Hanson at Keeneland as an 8-year-old broodmare.

Exported once more, this time to France, Specificity produced another 14 foals to add to the three she left in America, with the most notable of her 11 winners being her eighth foal, the Hansons' treble Group 1 winner Pride. [Cont. p9](#)



Specificity with Lillie Drion Sundstrom

## Specificity, Dam of Pride Cont.

Raced on by her breeders until the age of six, Pride notched her first success in Britain when trained by Gerard Butler and continued to progress once switched to the care of Alain de Royer Dupre, for whom she won the G2 Prix Conseil de Paris and G3 Prix Allez France as a 4-year-old, followed by a brace of Group 2 victories at five.

Her annus mirabilis came in 2016 when an ambitious international campaign saw Pride win the G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud, G1 Champion S. and G1 Hong Kong Cup to end her career as the top-rated mare in the world. As a broodmare, Pride's most notable runner is the dual French Group 2 winner One Foot In Heaven (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), who is now trained in Australia by Chris Waller.

Pride was not her dam's sole group winner, as her daughter by Teofilo (Ire), born when the mare was 21 and named Fate (Fr), won the G3 Prix de Flore in 2014 and was also third in the G1 Prix Ganay.

"Specificity had a classic European pedigree, and we succeeded in buying her at Keeneland in 1996 for just \$150,000, as she was in foal to Caller ID," recalled Carina Hanson. "Her yearling colt [who became the five-time winner Noble Calling] was however probably the most expensive yearling sold by Caller ID when we sold him at Arqana August. He made almost the price of his dam."

She continued, "We mated her to Peintre Celebre as we wanted the Northern Dancer turn of foot, and we got Pride. Specificity had a fantastic temperament and was so kind. She was boarding with Anna Sundström at Haras du Grand Chene, and she was loved and taken care of by her daughter Lillie, who led her in and out from the paddock every day.

"She was in good spirits with legs like a yearling until her last days, when her heart started to weaken and she was put to sleep immediately."

Pride, now 19, has a yearling colt by Fastnet Rock—a full-brother to One Foot In Heaven—and was barren to the same stallion last year. She will visit Lope De Vega (Ire) this season.

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## Godolphin Stud and Stable Staff Awards Finalists

### David Nicholson Newcomer Award

Sophy Scott - Mark Johnston, Middleham, North Yorkshire  
April Clarke - Jedd O'Keeffe, Leyburn, North Yorkshire  
Max McLoughlin - Cheveley Park Stud, Newmarket, Suffolk

### Leadership Award

Dan Horsford - Alan King, Marlborough, Wiltshire  
Catriona Bissett - Nick Alexander, Leslie, Fife  
Barry O'Dowd - John Gosden, Newmarket, Suffolk

### Rider/Groom Award

Sean Graham - Philip Hobbs, Minehead, Somerset  
Stewart Gosnell - Richard Hughes, Lambourn, Berkshire  
Ian Clarkson - Micky Hammond, Middleham, North Yorkshire

### Stud Staff Award

Andrew Snell - Cheveley Park Stud, Newmarket, Suffolk  
Christine Chapman - Theakston Stud, Bedale, North Yorkshire  
Kevin Tobin - New England Stud, Newmarket, Suffolk

### Dedication to Racing Award

John Bottomley - Ollie Pears, Malton, North Yorkshire  
David Macleod - James Ewart, Langholm, Dumfriesshire  
Jaimie Duff - Lucinda Russell, Kinross, Perthshire

### Rory MacDonald Community Award

Deborah Hay - Lingfield Park Racecourse, Surrey  
Andrea O'Keefe - Jedd O'Keeffe, Leyburn, North Yorkshire  
Sarah Montgomery - Musselburgh Racecourse, East Lothian

# BRITAIN



### Wednesday's Results:

**2nd-Kempton, £6,000, Novice, 1-9, 3yo, 8f (AWT), 1:38.92, st/sl. CREATIONIST (c, 3, Noble Mission {GB})--Bargain Blitz, by Rahy),** who was third to the subsequent winner Set Piece (GB) (Dansili {GB}) over course and distance on debut Dec. 12, enjoyed a stalking spot tucked against the rail behind the leading pair. Working his way to the front with a furlong remaining, the 5-1 shot appeared to idle but held on by a short head from Enchanting Man (GB) (Dawn Approach {Ire}). The dam, who also has a 2-year-old filly by Hard Spun and a yearling filly by Orb before visiting Lemon Drop Kid, is a full-sister to the GII Hall of Fame S. winner T. D. Vance and a half to two other graded-stakes performers. **Cont. p10**

## 2nd-Kempton Cont.

The third dam is the GI Hempstead H. heroine Fantastic Find (Mr. Prospector), a half to the GI Carter H.-winning sire Dancing Spree who is the dam of the GI Acorn S. and GI Matron S. scorer Finder's Fee (Storm Cat). Sales history: \$45,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP; €78,000 2yo '18 GBMBR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$5,656. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Nick Bradley Racing 38 & Sohi; B-Courtlandt Farm (KY); T-Roger Charlton.



### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**5th-Kempton, £25,000, 1-9, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT), TIME, st/sl. KEYSTROKE (GB) (h, 7, Pivotal {GB}--Fondled {GB}, by Selkirk)** Lifetime Record: MSP-Eng, 17-6-2-0, £91,877. O-Front Runner Racing III; B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB); T-Stuart Williams. \*120,000gns Ylg '13 TAOCT; 38,000gns HRA '16 TATAUT.

**4th-Lingfield, £19,000, 1-9, 4yo/up, 12f (AWT), 2:33.73, st. COURT HOUSE (IRE) (c, 4, Dawn Approach {Ire}--Crossanza {Ire}, by Cape Cross {Ire})** Lifetime Record: SP-Eng, 9-3-4-0, \$70,823. O-HRH Princess Haya of Jordan; B-Nanallac Stud (IRE); T-John Gosden. \*€38,000 RNA Wlg '15 GOFNOV; €200,000 Ylg '16 GOFORB. \*\*1/2 to Cape Factor (Ire) (Oratorio {Ire}), SW-Eng & SP-Ger.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

**Minoria (GB), f, 4, Harbour Watch (Ire)--Mina (GB), by Selkirk.** Lingfield, 1-9, 6f 1y (AWT), 1:12.00. B-C. J. Mills (GB). \*1/2 to Minalisa (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), SW-Ire & MSP-Eng, \$178,287.

# IRELAND



## LOTS REVEALED FOR SCHMIDT RACING CHARITY AUCTION

Over 50 lots have been donated by the racing community and the wider public for a special horse racing charities event--'An Audience with Joe Schmidt', Horse Racing Ireland announced on Wednesday. The auction is scheduled for 1 p.m. at the Keadeen Hotel on Jan. 17 and will be collectively hosted by the Irish Injured Jockeys, the Irish Horse Welfare Trust and the Drogheda Memorial Fund. Among the items donated are yard visits to Willie Mullins, Aidan O'Brien or Jessica Harrington, as well as rare sports jerseys and other memorabilia. For the complete list,

click [here](#). There will be two separate auctions, an online auction with approximately 40 items and a 'Top Lot' auction with 12 high-priced items. Bidding for the online auction is now **open** and will close at 6 p.m. on Jan. 17. Goffs Director of Sales Nick Nugent will conduct the 'Top Lot' auction during the lunchtime event, with limited availability for tables of 10 at €1,000. All proceeds raised from the auction will benefit the Irish Injured Jockeys, the Irish Horse Welfare Trust and the Drogheda Memorial Fund.



Yeomantown Stud greeted the first reported foal of their resident stallion MGSW El Kabeir (Scat Daddy) on Jan. 9. Out of juvenile winner Shes Ranger (Ire) (Busranger {Ire}), who also ran third in the G3 Derrinstown Stud One Thousand Guineas Trial, the colt is from the family of GSW Glatissant (GB) (Rainbow Quest), dam of G1 English 2000 Guineas hero Footstepsinthesand (GB) (Giant's Causeway). El Kabeir is standing for €8,000 in 2019. | *Caroline Norris*



### IN HONG KONG:

**Simply Brilliant (GB), g, 5, Frankel (GB).** See 'Worldwide News'.

### IN AUSTRALIA:

**Prinz Hlodowig (Ger), g, 5, Rajsaman (Fr)--Princess Cheri (Ger), by Mondrian (Ger).** Caulfield, 1-9, Hcp. (£28k/€31k), 2420mT, 2:32.12. B-Ecurie Haras Des Marais. \*1/2 to Prince Cheri (Ger) (Lando {Ger}), GSW-Aus, \$298,431. \*\*GSP-Fr. \*\*\*€37,000 RNA Ylg '15 ARQAUG.

**IN QATAR:**

**Take A Nap (Ire)**, c, 4, **Vocalised**--Napping, by Danzig. Al Rayyan, 1-9, Hcp., 1200m, 1:12.13. B-J S Bolger. \*Won for the third time in five local starts. \*\*€3,500 Ylg '16 GOFNOV; 15,000gns HRA '18 TATJUL. **VIDEO**

# WORLDWIDE NEWS

**Royal Marine Returns at Meydan Cont. from p1**

Prior to that, he had romped in both the UAE 2000 Guineas and its trial. **Heavy Metal (GB)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) won this last year and closed out the season with a victory in the G2 Godolphin Mile over **Muntazah (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}). **North America (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) placed last year in this race and Round 2 before winning the G1 Al Maktoum Challenge R3, but he'll have to bounce back from a heavy defeat in the G1 Dubai World Cup when last seen. **Kimbear** (Temple City) was also well beaten on World Cup night when sixth in the Godolphin Mile, but he has a win over this track and trip in last season's G3 Burj Nahaar and could have a fitness advantage over some of these, having been third in a listed race at Meydan on Dec. 12.



Royal Marine winning the Lagardere | Scoop Dyga

Earlier on the card, Simon Crisford's G3 Prix Eclipse winner **Sporting Chance (GB)** (Kodiak {GB}) makes his seasonal debut in a 1400 metre turf conditions race. In the evening's final race, a mile turf handicap, Joseph O'Brien sends out his first Dubai runners, **King's Field (Ire)** (Kodiak {GB}) and **Equitant (GB)** (Equiano {GB}), who were one-two last out in a 1600 metre Dundalk handicap on Dec. 7.

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## MELBOURNE CUP WINNER TARGETS DUBAI GOLD CUP

Godolphin's 2018 G1 Melbourne Cup hero **Cross Counter (GB)** (Teofilo {Ire}) will return to the races in the G2 Dubai Gold Cup on Dubai World Cup night at Meydan on Mar. 30, trainer Charlie Appleby confirmed via the Godolphin website on Wednesday.

"Cross Counter has come back from Melbourne stronger and brighter than ever, and he has put on 25 kilos in body weight," Appleby said. "He looks great. After discussing his program with His Highness Sheikh Mohammed, we have pencilled in the Dubai Gold Cup as a starting point for 2019, and we will see where that takes us. It will be an opportunity for His Highness to see Cross Counter on the big night, and also for Godolphin fans in Dubai to give the horse the 'home town' welcome he deserves."

The 4-year-old gelding won the G3 Qatar Gordon S. last August and ran second in the G2 Great Voltieur S. at York later that month to stablemate **Old Persian (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) before his successful Flemington raid. Appleby did note that a Melbourne Cup title defense was not out of the question.

"A defence of his Melbourne Cup crown is an obvious long-range target but we know he will be getting a lot more weight this time," he said.

The aforementioned Old Persian will point to the G1 Sheema Classic on Mar. 30, with a nomination in the G2 City Of Gold as a prep, while GSW **Brundtland (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) is also possible for the Dubai Gold Cup. GSW **Loxley (Ire)** (New Approach {Ire}) is eyeing a run in the G1 Jebel Hatta before a run in the G1 Dubai Turf, and **Blue Point (Ire)** (Shamardal) is being aimed at the G1 Al Quoz Sprint after a run in the Meydan Sprint.

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## A 'BRILLIANT' WINNER FOR FRANKEL

by Alan Carasso

**Simply Brilliant (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) was the first of his sire's representatives to make the races in Hong Kong and had performed creditably, with four wins and five minor placings from 11 runs in the lower grades. The recent winner of a Class 1 over 1600 metres, the 5-year-old was allowed to take his chance with no weight on his back in Wednesday's G3 January Cup H. at Happy Valley and took advantage of a perfect trip before being involved in some post-race drama.

The well-backed third betting favourite landed in the box seat as market leader and MG1SW **Time Warp (GB)** (Archipenko) was pressed along to his outside by **Northern Superstar (SAf)** (Count Dubois {GB}) through demanding sectionals.

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### G3 January Cup H. Cont.

Alexis Badel went for Simply Brilliant at the top of the lane, popped off the fence to launch his bid, overtook the 133-pound top-weight Time Warp with half a furlong to race and ran home best. He then stumbled a few strides past the line, dislodging Badel, who was banged up, but otherwise not seriously injured. Simply Brilliant emerged unscathed. **Citron Spirit (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) just outfinished the progressive **Insayshable (Ire)** (Rajj {Ire}) for second. The first five across the line were all purchased privately in deals arranged by the SackvilleDonald agency.

"It was perfect," Badel said. "The horse showed very good speed, he was very fresh and had plenty of energy, so I could have even led. I was happy behind the favourite, but he was very strong today and gave me a very good turn-of-foot. He kept going impressively--he's still improving."

Zac Purton was slightly disappointed in the effort from Time Warp, who set an 1800m track record (1:47.61) when last seen at the Valley in June 2017.

"It's never easy carrying that weight against horses like this but to be frank, I thought he'd give me a bit more," he said of the chestnut, a latest third in defence of his title in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup Dec. 9.



Simply Brilliant | HKJC photo

### Pedigree Notes...

Bred by Cheveley Park Stud from 2003 G1 Fillies' Mile victress Red Bloom, Simply Brilliant (ex Senator) won two of five European starts and was a competitive sixth in the 2017 Britannia H. when trained by Richard Fahey. He becomes the 36th black-type winner and 27th group/graded winner for Frankel, who has now sired GSWs in eight different countries (England, France, Ireland, Japan, Australia, United States, UAE

and now HK). Red Bloom is a half-sister to SW Red Gala (GB) (Sinndar {Ire}) and is also dam of a 2-year-old colt by Intello (Ger) and a yearling filly by Lethal Force (Ire). She is currently in foal to the stud's Ulysses (Ire). Third dam Cerise Bouquet was a half-sister to champion and G1SW Ibn Bey (GB) (Mill Reef) as well as G1SW Roseate Tern (GB) (Blakeney {GB}). **Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

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### Wednesday, Happy Valley, Hong Kong

**JANUARY CUP H.-G3**, HK\$3,250,000 (£323,928/€359,421/A\$576,762/US\$414,616), Sha Tin, 1-9, 3yo/up, 1800mT, 1:48.83, gd.

1--**SIMPLY BRILLIANT (GB)**, 114, g, 5, by **Frankel (GB)**

**1st Dam: Red Bloom (GB)** (G1SW-Eng, MGSW & MG1SP-Ire, MGSP-Fr, \$762,557), by Selkirk

**2nd Dam: Red Camellia (GB)**, by Polar Falcon

**3rd Dam: Cerise Bouquet (GB)**, by Mummy's Pet (GB)

\***1ST STAKES WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN.** O-Simply Brilliant Syndicate; B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd; T-Frankie Lor; J-Alexis Badel; HK\$1,852,500. Lifetime Record: 17-7-3-2, HK\$8,812,200. \*Formerly Senator (GB). **Werk Nick Rating: C.** **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Citron Spirit (Ire)**, 113, g, 7, Invincible Spirit (Ire)--Citron Presse, by Lemon Drop Kid. (€450,000 HRA '14 ARQARC). O-Lau Ng Mui Chu; B-Mrs E Bifova; T-Ricky Yiu; \$715,000.

**MAB** | Purchased by MAB Agency (M-A Berghgracht)

3--**Insayshable (Ire)**, 115, g, 5, Rajj (Ire)--Imitation (GB), by Darshaan (GB). O-The Hon & Mrs Kenneth Lau Ip Keung; B-Lisheen Stud; T-John Size; \$373,750.

Margins: 3/4, NK, HF. Odds: 21-5, 48-1, 63-10.

Also Ran: Time Warp (GB), Dinozzo (Ire), Southern Legend (Aus), Horse of Fortune (SAf), Gold Mount (GB), Northern Superstar (SAf), Eagle Way (Aus).

**Click for the HKJC.com chart, PPs and sectional timing. VIDEO.**



### IN HONG KONG:

**Special Stars (Aus)**, g, 3, **Kuroshio (Aus)**--Love the Moment (Aus) (SP-Aus), by Savoir Vivre (GB). Happy Valley, 1-9, Hcp. (A\$246k), 1000mT, :57.33. B-Armidale Stud, Dr D M K Whishaw (Tas). \*A\$45,000 Ylg '17 MMFEB. **VIDEO**

**Australian-bred Winners Cont.**

**Country Star (Aus), g, 3, Starcraft (NZ)**--Moonrush (Aus), by Encosta de Lago (Aus). Happy Valley, 1-9, Hcp. (A\$347k), 1200mT, 1:09.52. B-Arrowfield Pastoral Pty Ltd (NSW). \*A\$90,000 Ylg '17 INGFEb. **VIDEO**

**Strathallan (Aus), g, 3, Stratum (Aus)**--Base Paradise (Aus), by Choisir (Aus). Happy Valley, 1-9, Hcp. (A\$164k), 1000mT, 57.82. B-Wall Street Thoroughbreds Pty Ltd (NSW). \*1/2 to Mr Utopia (Aus) (Elusive Quality), SW & GSP-Aus, A\$439,019; and Brazuca (Aus) (Teofilo {Ire}), GSW & MG1SP-SAf, \$152,120. \*\*A\$240,000 Ylg '17 INGFEb. **VIDEO**

**Super Lucky (Aus), g, 5, Myboycharlie (Ire)**--Aloha Charm (Aus) (SP-Aus), by Marauding (NZ). Happy Valley, 1-9, Hcp. (A\$164k), 1200mT, 1:10.56. B-Windemere Stud (Qld). \*Formerly Mymancharles (Aus). **VIDEO**

**Racing Luck (Aus), g, 5, Street Cry (Ire)**--Flying Success (Aus) (GSP-Aus, A\$173,730), by Flying Spur (Aus). Happy Valley, 1-9, Hcp. (A\$246k), 1650mT, 1:40.89. B-N Vass (NSW). \*Formerly Street Pursuit (Aus). \*\*A\$240,000 Ylg '15 INGMAR. **VIDEO**

**IN SOUTH AFRICA:**

**Di Mazzio (Aus), g, 5, Bernardini**--Gold Chant (Aus) (SP-Aus), by El Moxie. Greyville, 1-9, Hcp., 1000mT, :58.17. O-Carolyn L Roberts; B-Makybe Racing & Breeding (Vic); T-Michael Roberts. \*1/2 to Il Cavallo (Aus) (Choisir {Aus}), SP-NZ & Aus, \$188,519. \*\*1/2 to Amicus (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), G1SW-Aus, A\$797,485. \*\*\*A\$240,000 Ylg '15 INGMAR.

**JAPANESE GROUP RACES –2019**

Date	Race	Track
Jan. 12	Fairy Stakes (G3)	Nakayama
Jan. 13	Nikkei Shinshun Hai (G2)	Kyoto
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## PHOENIX, AQUIS RE-UNITE FOR SPECIAL REDOUTE'S



Lot 34 topped the first day of selling on the Gold Coast Magic Millions

by Bren O'Brien & Michael Cox

Two of international racing's rising powers combined to pay A\$1.6m for a Redoute's Choice colt from Bhima Thoroughbreds and both partners, Phoenix Investments and Aquis, expect it to be a sign of things to come in the Australian sales season.

Phoenix, an investment fund registered in Europe and the mastermind of Dubai-based businessman Amer Abdulaziz, first linked up with Aquis to buy yearlings last year and when both parties were interested in lot 34 at the Magic Millions, they were happy to get back together.

Aquis has made a substantial investment in the Australian breeding and racing industry over the past four years and chairman Tony Fung has made no secret of the fact that he can't climb that ladder alone, welcoming in plenty of partners along the way.

"He's a colt that we both liked. He's a great mover by a great sire," Abdulaziz told *TDN AusNZ* "We spoke to our partners and said this was the one we wanted to get and they agreed as well. So we went for it. With the pedigree he's got, being the best looking horse in the sale, we've definitely got high expectations of him."

The colt is out of Purely Spectacular (NZ) (Pins), making him a half brother to dual Group 1 winner Stratum Star as well as a stakes-placed filly in Serenade (Star Witness). He was sold by Bhima Thoroughbreds.

After a spirited burst of bidding, the Aquis/Phoenix teams, with Abdulaziz and Fung seated at tables next to each other in the sales ring, combined to secure the colt for the day's highest price.

"That's what you are going to have to pay for those horses," Aquis CEO Shane McGrath said. "Redoute's is a sire of sires here in Australia. He is a half-brother to a proper horse. He was our pick of the sale and the Phoenix guys agreed and he vetted out perfectly. Hopefully we have a bit of luck with him."

While the colt went slightly over what Aquis and Phoenix had wanted to pay, McGrath said it was worth going the additional bid to secure him.

"They are hard to value those horses. It was around about what we thought, and you go in with an open mind, give or take a bid or two," McGrath said. "We were getting to the pointy end. If you are there for A\$1.5m, you aren't going to lose him for a bid are you?"

### Upgrading the Family

Prior to Wednesday, the highest price paid for a yearling out of the mare was the A\$165,000 shelled out for Stratum Star at this sale six years ago. It is the highest-price paid for a Redoute's Choice yearling since the 2017 Easter Sale, where two lots went for A\$2.5m and a\$1.8m, respectively. **Cont. p2**

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Aquis CEO Shane McGrath on lot 34

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Coincidentally, the A\$1.6m was the exact same price the Aquis and Phoenix combination paid for a Snitzel colt out of Admirelle (General Nediym) at this sale 12 months ago. That colt is called Grand Admiral. But McGrath said a decision on who will train the Redoute's Choice colt won't be made until after he goes through Aquis's preparations at their farm at Canungra.

### Another Partnership

The partnership with Aquis to secure lot 34 is another example of Phoenix joining forces with like-minded partners to secure the horses they need to build the business, according to Abdulaziz.

"We've got partners all over the world, some in the UK, some in America, South America and other places and here as well," he said. "The operation gets bigger and bigger and it's almost 320 horses at the moment. We are still in a phase where we are expanding and we are hoping to achieve the same track record as we achieved last year in different countries. Our focus right now is Australia, getting horses so we can perform like we have in Europe and America."

At the moment, Phoenix's racing operation in Australia is relatively small scale, but the intention is there to expand significantly in the coming years.

"The plan is to get bigger and bigger here as Australia is one of the biggest markets. The plan is to have more horses and buy more horses," he said.

That includes this week on the Gold Coast, where Abdulaziz expects to pick up further purchases, either in partnership or on its own.

### International Buyers Dominate

The international influence in the Australian market has never been so strong. On Day 1, Yulong, backed by Chinese businessman Zhang Yuesheng, paid A\$1m for a filly by I Am Invincible, Asian Bloodstock Services paid the same for a Medaglia d'Oro (USA) colt, while American-backed Spendthrift went to A\$900,000 for a colt by Zoustar.

Abdulaziz says this international investment is only set to intensify given the quality on offer in Australia. "There's no doubt about that trend increasing. We've seen the best horses

in Australia go over to Europe and win, especially at Royal Ascot, that has given a great indication to buyers all over the world about the quality of Australian horses, which is on the highest level," he said.

He also praised the sales experience, which offered much more for international buyers than just an opportunity to purchase horses.

"The set-up and everything is amazing. The Magic Millions people have been great for us and we appreciate everything they have done. To be able to attract all these foreign buyers, they are doing a great job," he said.

### Bigger and Better for Rising Phoenix

Even with greater competition in the market, it is a case of bigger and better things for Phoenix, which is now fully registered in Luxembourg as an investment fund.

"We are fully regulated and fully registered," said Abdulaziz. "We've got a lot of investors involved with us and a lot on the waiting list, which is great for us. We have gone from a small player to an international player. We are building our brand at the moment, so it has been wonderful so far."

Phoenix's investment in the Australian industry is far greater than just buying yearlings. It has a substantial share in Aquis stallion Invader and purchased a lifetime right to I Am Invincible at last year's Chairman's Sale. It

is also investing in broodmares and Abdulaziz will return to the Gold Coast for the National Broodmare Sale in May.

The impact of Phoenix globally is already apparent through Signora Cabello's {Ire} (Camacho {GB}) win in the G2 Queen Mary S. at Royal Ascot and Gronkowski (USA), by Australia's own Lonhro, second placing in the GI Belmont S. behind Triple Crown winner Justify (USA) (Scat Daddy {USA}).

The success of the investment model is destined to inspire imitators, but rather than worry about other companies attempting to copy his model, it is something Abdulaziz would be glad to see.

"I hope they do. If they need our expertise, I'd be glad to help them. It's not easy and it's taken some time, but I'd love to see other people come in and follow what we've done, using a registered fund as opposed to these smaller syndicates," he said.



Team Phoenix Thoroughbreds celebrates after Signora Cabello's Royal Ascot victory | Horsephotos

## Hong Kong Interest Drives First A\$1-million Yearling

Marie Yoshida of Asian Bloodstock Services executed the first A\$1m purchase of the 2019 Magic Millions Sale, with **lot 10** 'taking her breath away' at first inspection. The colt by Medaglia d'Oro (USA) out of Group 1 winner Peggy Jean (Myboycharlie {USA}) sold for an even A\$1 million, an early highlight on the opening day of the sale.

Buying on behalf of Hong Kong-based owner Howard Liang, the owner of dual G1 Hong Kong Cup winner California Memory (USA) (Highest Honor {Fr}), Yoshida said the colt, who was offered by Widden, made a great first impression.

"I arrived here on Sunday morning and as soon as I started inspecting, he had so much presence. He's a very excellent mover. Medaglia D'Oro is a proven sire," she said. "He was not a cheap stallion. In 2016, he was standing for \$100,000. So he got some nice mares and this colt was just splendid.

"Congratulations to Magic Millions. To bring these type of horses here. This horse came here and we were just very impressed by his body type, his walk, his pedigree. Congrats to Widden Stud, they did a very good job to prepare him."

Liang and Yoshida were spotted earlier in the week inspecting horses with Peter and Paul Snowden, and this colt will be trained at Randwick by the father and son partnership.

"You just feel it. Many people will tell you in 30 seconds, you need to stop and breathe and really look at this one," she said. "We are very lucky to have top trainers in Peter and Paul Snowden. They don't know about him yet, but I think they will be very happy that they have got this colt."

The Snowdens have trained several horses in Australia for Liang previously and have the two Fastnet Rock 2-year-old colts Yoshida bought for Liang at last year's Magic Millions Sale, California August, who sold for A\$500,000, and California Boxer, who sold for A\$650,000.



Lot 10 | Magic Millions

The half-sister to this colt by I Am Invincible sold for \$750,000 at last year's Easter Sale to Emirates Park. She is called Enjaz and is currently in training with Team Hawkes at Randwick. This colt is the last foal from Peggy Jean, who died in 2017. Peggy Jean won two of her 14 starts for Gerald Ryan, but both wins were in valuable races in the A\$250,000 Inglis Classic and the G1 Sires Produce S.

## Spendthrift Snaps Up Zoustar Pinhook



Lot 117 | Widden Stud

Widden also sold the highly-anticipated pinhook colt by Zoustar out of Shakeira (USA) (Freud {USA}) for A\$900,000 to Spendthrift Australia. Shakeira was a listed winner in America and Redwall Bloodstock paid A\$310,000 for the colt as a weanling, returning a tidy profit on their investment when he sold as **lot 117** on the first day of the 2019 sales season.

Spendthrift Australia's General Manager Gary Cuddy was delighted with his purchase and congratulated Redwall on their canny investment. "We had him as the best Zoustar colt here so when they are as good as Zoustar, you have to dig deep in your pockets and hope that you end up with the horse that you want and that's what we've done," he said. "When you are here, you have to buy the best and you have to spend the money. And plenty of good judges were on him as well. Congratulations to the people that purchased him as a weanling, they've turned a good profit on him, but we are happy to have him."

In its four years of operation in Australia, Spendthrift has made no secret of its desire to develop its own stallions and this colt, although just a yearling, certainly fits the bill.

"We'd love be able to take him to America and stand him on the reverse shuttle. Being out of a good running American mare, it's one box ticked, so we'll get to the racetrack and tick that box as well," he said. **Cont. p4**

**Magic Millions Day 1 Cont.**

Cuddy said a trainer for the colt hadn't been determined yet, but given most of Spendthrift's Australia racing stock are prepared by Team Hawkes, it was a strong possibility he would end up there.

Widden had 10 lots in total go through the ring on Day 1, with nine sold and two passed in. They had the top two lots by Zoustar with **lot 191** going to Jon Kelly, Reg Inglis and Tom Magnier for A\$625,000. The half brother to Zoustar's star filly Sunlight by Sebring, **lot 152**, was a late withdrawal from the sale.

**Yulong, From Vendor to Buyer**

Yulong continue to make a splash, not just as a buyer of big priced yearlings, but now as a vendor as its yearlings are sold for the first time on the Gold Coast. Burgeoning breeding and racing outfit Yulong Investments Australia continued to build its broodmare band with a million-dollar lot immediately after making a solid debut as a Magic Millions vendor.

Yulong-bred **lot 71**, a filly by Dissident out of Rockzel (Zabeel {NZ}), had just been knocked down for A\$140,000 when Yuesheng Zhang paid seven figures for an I Am Invincible filly--the very next lot.

"It was good timing, and she was our number one yearling selection," said Yulong's Chief Operating Officer Sam Fairgray of **lot 72**. "From the moment I saw her step out of the box I thought, "wow, she is a cracker." I knew she was going to be expensive but I didn't know she was going to be that much."

Yulong has 130 broodmares on its 450-acre farm in Nagambie but Fairgray said that number could grow to 200.

"Mr. Zhang is about buying quality horses and this filly fits in that category of being able to be a racehorse and a future broodmare, because she is just such a quality type," said Fairgray. "She just had so much balance. Mr. Zhang is a great fan of I Am Invincible and this filly is out of a young mare.



**Lot 5, a filly by More Than Ready | Magic Millions**

"She is a great type too, and great types leave great types. We are starting to build a broodmare band and we have some great race fillies that will come through. She fits into that category. I really like the cross and there are lots of positives there for us. She is a quality filly and we are pleased to take home the one we wanted."

Two horses from Yulong's 10-horse draft went under the hammer, with the group's first ever Magic Millions lot, a filly by More Than Ready (USA) selling for A\$400,000 to Hawkes Racing.

"That was a pleasing result. We are underway with the commercial side of the business. Each year we will look to have representatives at the major sales," Fairgray said. "We want to be known as a farm that can rear top racetrack performers. We are going to stand stallions and we will continue to build that broodmare band. We will be selling progeny from our stallions as well as mares. Hopefully we can sell some high-class stakes performers.

"With 130 broodmares, and growing, it's all about keeping the quality up as well. Trying to improve our broodmare brand, rearing great yearlings and then getting them into the right stables."

**Mulcaster Rewarded for Patience**

Much of being a bloodstock manager is about playing a game of patience and Guy Mulcaster was rewarded for 12 months of it when he snapped up **lot 204** from Yarraman Park on the first day of the Magic Millions Sale.

Guy Mulcaster, who was buying for champion Sydney trainer Chris Waller, was especially keen on the I Am Invincible colt's full brother at last year's sale, but watched on as Reg Inglis, Jon Kelly and Paul Frampton shelled out a sale-topping A\$2 million for him. **Cont. p5**



**Lot 72 | Magic Millions**

## Magic Millions Day 1 Cont.

The big money then came out early on Wednesday with three of the four million-dollar first day purchases inside the first 72 horses in the catalogue. While he was beaten to the punch on several of the earlier high-priced horses, Mulcaster finally hit his target in the afternoon, with a A\$1.3 million bid successful for the son of Tai Tai Tess from Yarraman Park.

"It's been quite a long day on the better horses. We've had a couple of races we couldn't win but we waited for that colt and we are very happy we've got him," he said.

Mulcaster felt there was very little between the colt and his older brother who is now named Faretti and is showing considerable promise as he builds towards a debut for Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott.

"We really loved the colt last year and he was a bit further from our budget but I was happy to get this one. We've sat and waited and we got him," he said. "I didn't think there is much difference between him and the one last year. The mare really stamps them and there is plenty of Magic Albert in there."

Dam Tai Tai Tess (Magic Albert) is a listed winner from the family of Drumbeats (Redoute's Choice) and Delta Form (Marscay). Her second dam is the dual Group 1 winner Arborea (Imperial Prince).

But it was his type more than his pedigree which attracted Mulcaster, who said the ownership of the colt was pretty much already sorted.

"I think he has got a gun attitude. He strides out well and he's going to continue to furnish," he said.

## Records Fall on Day 1

Four A\$1-million dollar lots fuelled an historic day at the Gold Coast Magic Millions Yearling Sale but managing director Barry Bowditch hopes the best is yet to come. A million-dollar lot early on day one set the tone an average of A\$253,575 and total spend of A\$50,715,000, both Magic Millions records.

"We've set the bar high today, it was an incredible day's sale and we are pleased where we are after day one," Bowditch said. "We thought we had a solid lot of horses today and a very

strong catalogue. It's probably a better day one than last year and the numbers reflected that. This is a record day for a yearling sale here at Magic Millions, we have grossed almost \$51 million.

"It is a fantastic start to have an average of more than A\$253,000, which is a big increase from A\$215,000 last year and a very healthy clearance rate of 84%, that what was really pleasing us on day one. I think it is a solid catalogue all the way through but we did have a solid start. We would love to increase that clearance rate and keep the other key figures where they are right now."

Those four seven-figure lots, which started with Marie Yoshida buying a Medaglia d'Oro (USA) colt for Hong Kong owner Howard Liang was soon followed by Phoenix Thoroughbreds and Aquis Farm paying A\$1.6 million for the day's top lot, a Redoute's Choice colt, attracted the headlines, but Bowditch

was just as pleased with the diversity of the buying bench.

"Everyone got a piece of an action," Bowditch said.

"When you have a huge catalogue like this, you can't be relying on any one person or group buying, so for us to have a strong international buying bench and a strong domestic bench is incredibly important, because we need buyers at all levels here.

"There are horses ranging in value from A\$20,000 to A\$1.6 million, and that means you have to have a lot

of bums on seats. Over the next five days, we need the clearance rate to remain healthy and to do that you need a diverse buying bench."

Looking forward to day two, Bowditch identified **lot 379**, a colt by Fastnet Rock out of Ballet Suite (High Chaparral {Ire}) as an attention-grabbing type.

"He will feature prominently," he said. "But what I will say there is plenty of value, especially under the median level. There are horses here for everyone and there are horses here to fit everyone's budget. There are opportunities there, vendors will be willing to meet the market and I hope the buyers turn up and continue on from today's trend.

"When you have a big catalogue, there are 265 lots per day, they are not all going to make big money and you only have to look at the results last Saturday and the fields this Saturday, there are a lot of affordable horses in these feature races."



Lot 204, out of Tai Tai Tess | Bronwen Healy