



REGIONAL SIRES FOR 2019



Ocala Stud's Adios Charlie is responsible for 2018 GI Cigar Mile H. hero Patternrecognition | Louise Reinagel

by Chris McGrath

As a sequel to our recent exhaustive survey of Kentucky sires for 2019, it seems only fair to cast the net wider and seek some value in the regional market. In doing so, however, we exchange one problem of scale for another: the sheer volume of stallions concentrated in the Bluegrass creates a far more coherent marketplace than the one fragmented from one coast to the other.

There is, of course, a degree of traffic between the two. Stallions who fail to find a sustainable niche in Kentucky often migrate to new pastures in state programs. Exceptionally, there will even be young stallions who make a sufficient impact in Florida or Maryland to move the other way, as did Kantharos and Malibu Moon.

Yet there is little point in comparing the fees of regional stalwarts with those commanded even by ordinary Kentucky stallions. Written into their respective values are the practical limitations of mare populations, shipping costs and so on. In states with incentive programs nourished by gaming revenues, it may be worth transporting a mare for a Kentucky cover before returning to foal, say, in New York. Generally speaking, however, local sires will maximize your eligibility for restricted prizes.

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CANADIAN OWNER/BREEDER BILL GRAHAM PASSES AWAY

By Perry Lefko

The Canadian Thoroughbred horse racing community is mourning the passing of Bill Graham, a larger than life figure in the industry as a prominent owner, breeder and builder in various capacities. He passed away Tuesday at 81-years-old following a battle with lung cancer.

Graham, a burly individual who played three seasons as an offensive lineman in the Canadian Football League, had been involved in the business for almost 50 years. He was inducted into the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame in 2014 and was scheduled to receive the E.P. Taylor Award of Merit at this year's Sovereign Awards along with fellow breeder/owner Gus Schickedanz for their lifelong dedication and commitment to Thoroughbred racing and breeding in Canada.

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Regional Sires for 2019 cont. from p1



Freud's GISW Fourstar Crook | Sarah K. Andrew

So the challenge is to pick out one or two sires, within that context, who look eligible to punch above their fee. We'll only look at the principal markets. There may be better value in Texas than living legend **Too Much Bling** (Rubiano), for instance, but at a lifetime 10.34% of black-type winners to named foals, I'll just have to take your word for it. (That would be just as true if he stood at Claiborne, alongside the \$250,000 stallion who, uniquely in the nation's top 100, could read that number and still look Too Much Bling in the eye).

Because even within the deeper pools, we're just dipping a subjective line or two to hook some value. So no point recommending **Uncaptured** (Lion Heart) in Florida, with his book already full; nor highlighting that **Central Banker** (Speightstown) made a bright start, when he stands for the same money as New York's multiple champion sire **Freud** (Storm Cat).

Value is always in the eye of the beholder, and will vary wildly between end-users and commercial breeders. **Courageous Cat** (Storm Cat), to take one lurid example, is plainly "value" slashed to \$2,500 from \$6,000 for 2019 by Questroyal North in New York: he's an awful lot of horse for that fee, as a Grade I winner with a world-class pedigree, and entitled to get you any kind of runner for the equivalent of a few dozen bales of hay. But very small books in the last couple of years will give him limited opportunity to build commercial momentum on the four black-type winners who kept him in the top six New York sires in 2018. So it depends what you're after. Each to their own. **Cont. p4**

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CALIFORNIA

GRAZEN (Benchmark), \$5,000 Tommy Town Thoroughbreds

Wait, we'll come to Grazen in a minute. But were there seriously only 10 mares left for **Ministers Wild Cat** in 2018? A top 10 California sire every year since 2012, he is one of the last available sons of the great Deputy Minster out of a GI Breeders' Cup Distaff winner. He obviously didn't show the same track ability as his half-brother War Chant (Danzig) but his 18 stakes winners have come at a perfectly respectable percentage for a horse standing at \$4,000. And, just a hunch, but I'd bet that with that pedigree someday one of his daughters will foal a champion.

Conversely, breeders have been slowly waking up to his younger studmate Grazen, who has only sired 88 named foals across six crops, but has produced such striking dividends that



Grazen's Enola Gray | Benoit

he has entertained 101 and 68 mares over the past two years. Of just 62 starters, his 51 winners have included no fewer than seven at the black-type level. These include Grade III winner

Enola Gray, who also has a Grade I podium to her name.

Grazen was a fast horse, who wired a Grade III field for a 103 Beyer, and if there is little immediate distinction in his family then there is no denying his own sire's oomph. Benchmark, a son of Alydar, was also responsible for GI Santa Anita Derby winner Brother Derek and those blitzing Grade I winners Points Offthebench and Idiot Proof. Wherever it's coming from, Grazen is earning his stripes and the foals conceived this

year will be able to ride any success achieved by a book that more than trebled in 2017. Giants beware: this David's sling is now loaded.

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SMILING TIGER (Hold That Tiger), \$6,500 Harris Farms

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Smiling Tiger also landed running at stud, as California's leading first-crop sire in 2017, and last year his 32 winners included five at the black-type level--a tally surpassed nationally, in his intake, only by the stellar Violence (Medaglia d'Oro). These were crowned, in the final days of the year, by a breakout Grade I winner in Spiced Perfection, who turned herself from a \$6,500 yearling into a La Brea S. winner.



Spiced Perfection | Horsephotos

Smiling Tiger's dam Shandra Smiles (Cahill Road) produced another Grade I winner by a son of Storm Cat in She's A Tiger (Tale Of The Cat), winner of the Del Mar Debutante and Eclipse champion despite her demotion in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies; and it's a bottom line loaded with Florida speed, the second dam being by Ta Wee's son Great Above (broodmare sire of Housebuster).

So there's both class and dash on the page; while Smiling Tiger was as terrifically sound and hardy as he was fast. All in all, the kind of commercial package many a Kentucky farm would be proud to offer.

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FLORIDA

VALIANT MINISTER (Candy Ride {Arg}), \$3,000 Bridlewood

This is plainly a roll of the dice--but one that looks warranted at the odds. Because, unlike most regional rookies, you really couldn't say where he might end up if only he can get started.

A \$680,000 sale-record OBS June breezer, Valiant Minister won his only start at Santa Anita in a hand-ride for a 99 Beyer, and Bob Baffert has openly billed him as a freak. Unfortunately the horse was then derailed by a stalls accident. We all know that there are 49 duds for every Maclean's Music (Distorted Humor), but what makes Valiant Minister at least look a valid experiment is his pedigree.

He's out of a Deputy Minister mare, which gives him an automatic credit, and is a full brother to Grade I-placed Moe Candy; while the second dam is Grade I winner Lunar Spook. He's a strapping lad, by an emerging sire of sires, and 78 mares in his debut book last year will give him a very secure toehold to show what he can do.

You couldn't be at all surprised if he came up with a six-figure breezer or two. And, with so little downside, you're entitled to those Maclean's Music daydreams.

ADIOS CHARLIE (Indian Charlie), \$3,000 Ocala Stud



Adios Charlie's GISW Patternrecognition | Horsephotos

With the farm reporting Uncaptured full--and he certainly launched himself into the slipstream of another son of Lion Heart in Kantharos, since uprooted for Kentucky, with eight winners from 29 starters including three at black-type level--then how about rewarding this guy for his Grade I knockout with Cigar Mile winner Patternrecognition? **Cont. p7**



MEDAGLIA D'ORO's
Golden girls

Multiple G1 winner and \$3m purchase American Gal is booked to Medaglia d'Oro for 2019

I bought American Gal with a very short list of stallions in mind: **Medaglia d'Oro** was at the very top of that list. She's a very accomplished racehorse and deserves a proven sire of **Medaglia d'Oro's** quality and the A.P. Indy line is proven to work on this cross.

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Regional Value Sires - Adios Charlie cont.

It's not as though Adios Charlie can't do quantity as well, his 62% winners-to-starters in 2018 (67 of 108) is outstanding among meaningful members of an intake headed by a rather more expensive son of the same sire in Uncle Mo (himself setting a 49% clip).

Besides Patternrecognition (a \$420,000 OBS April 2-year-old, who also won the GII Kelso H.), Adios Charlie had four other stakes winners last year and is plainly parlaying pedigree and performance into results despite a very modest fee: he is out of a sister to a dual Grade I winner (on turf, definitely an angle for breeders) and himself showed authentic caliber in a light career, winning the GII Jerome S. decisively from good horses (namely GI Preakness S. third Astrology {A.P.Indy}) and Grade I sprinter Justin Phillip (First Samurai). Definitely time to say hello to Adios Charlie.

At the same farm and fee, incidentally, **Prospective** (Malibu

Moon) has made a good start. With a second crop entering the fray in 2018, he came up with 34 winners from 51 runners including three at the black-type level.

GONE ASTRAY (Dixie Union), \$4,500 Northwest Stud

Perhaps the best pedigree in the state and he has quietly made it tell, mustering black-type winners through his first four crops at a superior career clip to any of its other leading stallions. There were five more in 2018, surpassed only by Florida's leading sire First Dude (Stephen Got Even)--who had a much larger running population and stands at over twice the fee.

Gone Astray was a dual Grade II winner, in the Pennsylvania Derby and Ohio Derby, showing enough ability to qualify him as a

legitimate conduit for a Phipps family that features numerous still more accomplished animals: he's out of a Mr P half-sister to champion filly Smuggler, out of Hall of Famer Inside Information.



Gone Astray | Serita Hult

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Regional Value Sires - Gone Astray cont.

He has the imposing physique to match and it would have made a big difference to his profile had his second-crop son Pretty Boy Flash managed to bridge that neck and nose to Practical Joke (Into Mischief) in the GI Hopeful S. As it is, his books have since held steady in the 70s and his pedigree and build together suggest that his stock could consolidate with maturity. Gone Astray could still hit the bull's eye.

BRETHREN (Distorted Humor), \$7,500 Arindel Farm

As a straw in the wind, a filly as zippy as Cookie Dough—who won a couple of Florida stakes by an aggregate 13 lengths before her late defection from the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies—is perhaps worth catching. She is from the second crop of a well-related young stallion who in 2018 had 30 winners and as many as eight black-type performers from 65 starters. Another of his three stakes winners, Old Time Revival, was second in the GIII Gotham S.



Cookie Dough | Leslie Martin

Well related? No less than you would hope for a horse named Brethren. He was the next foal after GI Kentucky Derby winner (and \$30k stallion) Super Saver (Maria's Mon) delivered by Supercharger (A.P. Indy), herself sister to one Grade I winner and to the dam of another. This modern flowering of an old Phipps family potentially qualifies Brethren, an unbeaten 2-year-old who didn't really go on after winning the GIII Sam F. Davis S., as one whose blood and looks together turn him into a good deal better stallion than he was a runner.

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TWIRLING CANDY

#2 NORTH AMERICAN SIRE BY ABC INDEX

Sire	ABCI	Fee
WAR FRONT	2.68	\$250,000
TWIRLING CANDY	2.27	\$25,000
CURLIN	2.25	\$175,000
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MARYLAND

FREEDOM CHILD (Malibu Moon), \$2,500 Country Life Farm



Freedom Child | *Christie DeBernardis*

A 13-length success in the GII Peter Pan S. could have been a flash in the pan, given the sloppy track that day, but Freedom Child has certainly made an auspicious start to his new career.

He could not be in better hands to do so, of course: the same farm launched his remarkable sire, and is now knocking the ball out of the park with Friesian Fire (A.P. Indy) from the same line.

Having sent his second crop into battle last year, Freedom Child had 18 winners from just 28 runners including two at black-type level. He has a page you could take anywhere in Kentucky, being out of a Deputy Minister daughter of Grade I winner City Band (Carson City)--whose full sister is the granddam of champion juvenile Shanghai Bobby (Harlan's Holiday).

Though a May 18 foal, Freedom Child was able to command \$350,000 at the big Saratoga sale--testament to his big, easy stride--and while he does have a couple of small books to ride out now, he deserves backing to do so.

MADEFROMLUCKY (Lookin At Lucky), \$5,000 Northview Stallion Station

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Madefromlucky | *Sarah K. Andrew*



TWIRLING CANDY

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Regional Sires - Madefromlucky cont.

Here's a young gun from the farm that brought you Great Notion (Elusive Quality)--a state champion who himself looks undiminished value, even as he turns 19, with eight of his 56 winners in 2018 scoring at the black-type level.

Whether Madefromlucky's first foals, now hitting the ground, can propel him towards similar heights remains to be seen. But you have to say that many a Bluegrass farm would envy a millionaire out of an unraced full-sister to none other than Tapit (Pulpit). Madefromlucky, from his perennially under-rated sire's debut crop, held his form through four seasons as a dual Grade II winner at age three, who finished up winning a Grade III by a dozen lengths at age five.

Obviously his dam, as a sister to Tapit, shares the additional honour of being out of a half-sister to Rubiano. One way or the other, breeders will be turning up some pretty fertile soil here.

NEW YORK

BELLAMY ROAD (Concerto), \$5,000 Irish Hill & Dutchess Views

It should scarcely be necessary to highlight the credentials of a stallion eclipsed only by the gold standard of Freud (Giant's Causeway) in the state earnings table in 2018. But even the emergence of a chip off the old block in Diversify, who carried his speed to a second Grade I success in the Whitney S., has not prevented a clip to Bellamy Road's fee from \$6,000--a gesture, no doubt, towards a mysteriously myopic drop in his book from 63 to just 35 last year.

Given that he has yet to gain a full foothold in the restricted program, that level of business woefully underplays the eminence he has achieved in open company. Diversify is one of no fewer than 31 black-type winners for Bellamy Road, the memory of whose epoch-making 17-length GI Wood Memorial success--earning an eye-watering 120 Beyer--was cruelly dimmed by the crash into which he launched his first foals.



Bellamy Road | Louise Reinagel



TWIRLING CANDY

18 BLACK-TYPE HORSES (11%) IN 2018

Stakes performers since December include:

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- BOB AND JACKIE**, Eddie Logan S.
- TWIRLING DEVON**, Arizona Juvenile Fillies S.
- THE CREEP**, 2nd Gold Rush S.
- MORTICIA**, 2nd Abundantia S.
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Regional Sires - Bellamy Road cont.

It must be granted that he had a challenging sire and damsire, but there is real class deeper in the family. End-users, certainly, must be pinching themselves that such an accomplished animal should be available at \$5,000—just a quarter of the fee he commanded when moved to WinStar after producing a Grade I winner in his first crop.

That first season at WinStar yielded another elite winner (GI La Brea S. scorer Constellation) plus a GI Kentucky Oaks runner-up and Diversify himself. A horse built as massively as Bellamy Road is bound to produce an occasional slow-burner of that ilk, but that only augurs well for all his intervening stock as it matures.

Bottom line: is there a sire in the Empire State more eligible to produce a Derby horse?

BUSTIN STONES (City Zip), \$5,000 Waldorf Farm



Bustin Stones's stakes winner Cartwheelin Lulu | Chelsea Durand

Heirs to City Zip have come to seem ever more precious since his loss and this one offers a very persuasive package, by regional standards, as a Grade I winner who was never headed in six starts. A seven-length debut scorer, he then reeled off three stakes wins against state-breds before graduating to win the GII General George S. and then the GI Carter H.

Bustin Stones will have a very small footprint of juveniles this year, but has moved his book back up to 40 mares in the last two years after seizing his limited early opportunities (doubling his fee in the process). No fewer than 123 of his 159 lifetime starters have won, seven at the black-type level.

He is built to sprint and exudes toughness, blue-collar qualities also evident in his stock. Here's a horse rolling up his sleeves and getting the job done.

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PENNSYLVANIA

FLASHBACK (Tapit), \$3,500 Diamond B Farm



Flashback | *Louise Reinagel*

He's been evicted from Kentucky pretty hastily, his first runners in 2018 having acquitted themselves perfectly respectably. A dozen winners from 38 runners is on a par with several rivals being feted for a strong start, while only Mucho Macho Man (Macho Uno) can match his two graded stakes placings. Boujie Girl made the frame in both the GI Del Mar Debutante S. and GII Sorrento S., while Tripwire was beaten just half a length at the Grade III level.

In fairness, the Kentucky market is becoming pretty congested for young sons of Tapit, so it makes sense to try and relaunch him in a state program with bonuses to play for. Especially at a farm that can produce a left-field success like Uptowncharlybrown (Limehouse), whose startling early percentages doubled his book in 2018.

In a brief but accomplished career, Flashback won the GII Robert B. Lewis S. by six lengths before chasing home Goldencents (Into Mischief) in the GI Santa Anita Derby. Those achievements are underpinned by a full-sister who won two Grade I races besides making the podium in the Kentucky Oaks, in Zazu. Their dam by Mr. Greeley has also produced a smart juvenile in England, while the next two dams are by Pleasant Colony and Nijinsky, so there could be a wider turf angle than is generally associated with Tapit.

Flashback is a striking animal, his coat dappled as though by silver leaves, and has covered 294 mares in three years since siring this debut crop. That's quite a following wind for a young stallion set adrift so soon.

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Bill Graham Passes Away cont. from p1



Bill Graham | *Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame*

Graham was a successful businessman in Graham Brothers Construction, which built highways, roads, bridges and industrial developments, including three race courses at Woodbine Racetrack and the surrounding area.

In addition to breeding and racing, Graham contributed his time as a Vice-President of the Horsemen's Benevolent and

Protective Association of Ontario, Director of the Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society, Commissioner of the Ontario Racing Commission, a Steward of the Jockey Club of Canada and a member of Woodbine's Board of Directors.

"I think we've lost one of the major, current founders of the breed (in Canada)," said Dermot Carty, Director of Sales at Adena Springs and Director of Sales of International Bloodstock Agency. "It's a huge loss."

Trainer Mike Doyle, who had a long association with Graham and conditioned several horses for him for some 40 years, added, "He really, really enjoyed every aspect of the horse business because it was different than his other business. He worked hard on a regular basis. He did his own matings. He listened to his farm manager, he might have even talked to [others] about it at the races, maybe get a little input. He was a big, tough guy. He did what he was he going to do anyway."

Among Graham's many accomplishments was breeding 2012 Canadian Horse of the Year **Uncaptured** (Lion Heart), who won six of seven races as a 2-year-old and more than \$500,000. A multiple graded stakes winner for owner John C. Oxley, who bought him as a yearling for \$290,000, Uncaptured won more than \$1 million in lifetime earnings. His many victories included the 2013 Princes of Wales S., one of Canada's Triple Crown races. **Cont. p14**

SIMPLY SUPER

TDN UNDER THE RADAR

Super Saver is still a horse I feel can make a big comeback and impact. He had three legitimate Grade I stakes winners in his first crop. His \$30,000 fee is half of what he was in 2017. Super Saver had 24 2-year-old winners in 2018 and a \$117,000 yearling average. These 2-year-olds hitting the racetrack were from his \$50,000 crop and the yearlings going to sales in 2019 were his best-bred crop at \$65,000. He has gone through his lull with his third and fourth crops on the racetrack that many stallions now have to overcome and he is primed for a major up-tick with these 3-year-olds and a strong group of 2-year-olds hitting the track this summer. Plus, he has the numbers to keep going with 154, 154 and 127 mares bred the past three seasons. I think where a stallion stands is important and WinStar has delivered time and time again.

- Craig Bendoroff, published 1/13



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Bill Graham Passes Away cont.

Graham, who could be tough on the outside, but was considered a gentle soul by those who knew him, operated under the name Windhaven Farms in prominent pink and blue silks and had properties in Ontario and Kentucky.

Carty said that whatever Graham did, he put his mind into it, including horse racing.

“He surrounded himself with some pretty sharp individuals,” Carty said, noting Bob Hancock, who managed his farm in Ontario for about 35 years, and Tim Beeson, who managed his Kentucky operation for almost 25 years.

“Between those two and himself he managed to develop not only an eye for great broodmares, but also to breed horses that could run,” Carty said. “He was a great guy, and once you got through the gruff [exterior], he was a lot of fun and he was decent. He turned out to be a great breeder and was always looking out to improve on whatever he had. He had another 150

acres added to his farm in Kentucky to make it better. He always did things top class.”

He continued, “He put his heart and soul into it and got results. He didn’t do things halfway. He was always looking for value in his mares. He bought a mare off of us in foal to Ghostzapper (Awesome Again) for \$85,000 and sold the baby as a weanling for about \$500,000.”

Peter Berringer, President of the Ontario Division of the CTHS, said, “Bill Graham’s participation and enthusiasm for the horse racing industry was inspiration for everyone. He will be remembered as one of the most influential builders, breeders and owners and will be sorely missed. Our condolences to his family and friends.”

Graham bred and raced a top 2-year-old filly, **Tiz Brehtaking** (Tiznow), a winner last year of three of five races, including the GIII Mazarine S., before suffering a leg injury.

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Tiz Brehtaking | Michael Burns/WEG

Grade 1 winner by **TAPIT**

- 1st **Gold Cup at Santa Anita Stakes-Gr.1**, 1¼ m, by 3¼ lengths earning a **108 Beyer**.
- 1st **Rebel Stakes-Gr.2**, 1¼ m, by 1¼ lengths, defeating Classic winner Creator.
- 1st **West Virginia Derby-Gr.2**, 1½ m, by 4 lengths.
- 1st **Indiana Derby-Gr.2**, 1¼ m, Del Mar by ¾ length.
- 1st **Harry F. Brubaker Stakes-L.**, 1 m, by ¾ length.

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Bill Graham Passes Away cont.

Ken Richardson, Graham Brothers' Secretary and Vice-President of Administration, said Graham was successful in the construction business because of his commitment to do well, his commitment to his fellow employees and his attention to the details of a project. He said Graham was equally diligent in his involvement in horse racing.

"It certainly wasn't a hobby when you have 50 horses," Richardson said. "It started out that way, I know that. He enjoyed the competitiveness of the horse racing industry because Bill was a very competitive person himself. He loved to be around the horse racing industry. I can recall Bill being up extra early every morning going to watch his horses work out before he'd come to work in the construction industry. He was into all aspects of it. He just took a great interest in it."

Graham had a particularly strong impact raising and racing fillies, winning many of the premier distaff stakes races in Canada, beginning with **Sugar Raiser** (Flag Raiser), who won the Boniface S. in 1973. One of his more popular winners was **Blondeinamotel** (Bates Motel), a winner of the 1989 Canadian Oaks.

In 2012, he won his first Sovereign Award as Breeder of the Year with just 32 starters that won 20 races, including six stakes. In 2013, he bred 20 winners from 29 starters that earned \$2.2 million. **Captivating** (Kris S.), dam of Uncaptured, was named the 2013 Sovereign Award for Broodmare of the Year.

"When I got into the breeding business I was the new pup on the block," Graham said several years ago. "The big guys were Windfields, Stafford, Kinghaven, Sam-Son and [Frank] Stronach."

He won his first Sovereign Award as an owner with **Wavering Girl** (Wavering Monarch), voted Canada's top 3-year-old filly in 1989. He also won the Sovereign Award for 1998 champion 2-year-old filly **Fantasy Lake**. In 1997, he won the Sovereign Award for champion 3-year-old filly **Cotton Carnival** (Dixieland Band).

Majestic Kahala (Majestic Prince), trained by Mort Hardy, was Graham's first major filly winner. She was victorious in several stakes, including the E.P. Taylor in 1977, and was later sold for \$2.5 million. Graham sold one of her offspring, **Malaak** (Dream Ahead), for \$650,000 at Keeneland and she became a major stakes winner in England.

Graham is survived by his two daughters, Dianne and Jackie. Funeral arrangements are pending.

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MATCH SERIES GETS BIG MAKEOVER FOR 2019

by T.D. Thornton

Although the \$450,000 overall bonus scheme for breeders, owners, and trainers is unchanged from its 2018 level, the scheduling, number of races, and cumulative purses for the stakes that comprise the Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred Championships (MATCH) series will get a significant makeover for 2019.

The chief changes for the points-based challenge series at Laurel Park (Apr. 20), Penn National (June 1), Delaware Park (July 13), Parx (Sept. 2) and Monmouth Park (Sept. 28) include:

- 1) Each participating track getting its own exclusive showcase day of MATCH stakes
- 2) The exclusion of both high-end graded stakes and below-par stakes in terms of purse value, which will be replaced by 20



Racing at Laurel Park | Maryland Jockey Club

- 3) A streamlining of the number of horse divisions, from five to four
- 4) The doubling of marketing money put up by each track to promote the series.

The MATCH series, which debuted in 1997 and ran for five years, was brought back in 2018 after a long hiatus. It is the brainchild of Alan Foreman, the chairman/chief executive officer of the Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, and the goal of the series is to highlight regional racing while rewarding the connections of mid-Atlantic horses and providing a season-long focal point for fans and bettors.

"Last year we got our feet wet with it. It was a success," Foreman told *TDN* via phone Wednesday. "I saw somebody online this morning who said, 'Well they've made an awful lot of changes to it.'" **Cont. p17**

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The clincher surely has to be his spectacular start as a broodmare sire. The venerable A.P. Indy topped the 2018 table with Black Type winners at 4.66% and 9.81%, eclipsing such broodmare sire legends as Storm Cat (2.71% Black Type winners) and his son Giant's Causeway (2.93%). Bernardini produced his at an off-the-charts 7.77% and 12.14%. Aptly enough, his latest G1 success in this capacity came in the Travers through Catholic Boy.

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MATCH Series Gets Big Makeover for 2019 cont.

Foreman continued, "How can you call that a success?" But we looked at what we accomplished in 2018, and now the thinking is, 'How can we make it better?' So that's what we're trying to do for 2019."

The basic MATCH concept remains the same. Horses competing in the series earn points based on participation and order of finish. The owners and trainers of the leading 1-2-3 point-earners in each division earn bonus money (\$375,000 available). The overall points-earning owner (\$50,000) and trainer (\$25,000) for the entire series also earn bonuses. Like last year, this money is paid by various the horsemen's groups and state breeding organizations in the mid-Atlantic.

There are also separate Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware breeder bonuses (\$40,000 available), with each state's breeding organization fronting \$5,000 payouts for the top point-earning horse of each sex that is certified in their respective programs.

The altered format of the races will be the most noticeable shakeup to MATCH (see schedule [here](#)).

Last year, the MATCH series began on GI Preakness S. weekend at Pimlico Race Course, then hopped around from track to track. An unequal number of races got carded at each venue. And some tracks opted to include graded stakes worth

up to \$250,000, while others carded \$75,000 stakes.

In hindsight, Foreman said, "We thought it was probably a mistake to open on Preakness weekend. And graded stakes races are great, but they're not great for the series. You get a different caliber of horse, and those [graded stakes horses] are generally going to go elsewhere; they're not necessarily going to continue on in the series. This year, we wanted a competition where the horses in the region are going to stay in the series and contest the series, and give us something that you don't see elsewhere in the industry."

In fact, so few horses earned points in several of last year's divisions that only \$380,000 of the \$450,000 in available bonus money got paid out because the rules state that a horse must participate in at least three races within its division to be eligible for a bonus.

"They didn't earn enough points to qualify, and that's something that we were scratching our heads about," Foreman said. "Some of it had to do with the divisions we ran last year, and it was also because of the competition from graded stakes horses. We think we've fixed it this year in a way that we shouldn't have that problem. Remember, we had five divisions last year. We'll only have four this year. It's not that we've reduced the bonus pool. It's just that we have one less division."

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The expansion of the Stakes program invalidates comparisons with historic great [broodmare sires], but **the fact remains that [Bernardini] is comfortably ahead** of modern benchmarks in Galileo, Giant's Causeway and Shamardal.

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But the switch to standardization—four stakes of \$100,000 apiece at each of the five participating tracks—means a reduction in both the number of races and overall purse money for the series. Last year, MATCH had 25 total races with \$2.9 million in purses.

“We tried to make it level for everyone. We said let’s do 20 races, \$100,000 each for \$2 million in total purses,” Foreman said. “They’re all \$100,000 races, they’re all stakes, and we’ve left it to the tracks to name those races, and doing it in a way that they’re not interfering or competing with their own stakes schedules or stakes at other tracks within the region.” (Like in 2018, the 2019 stakes money comes from each track’s own purse account.)

The four horse divisions have been streamlined as follows: 3YO & Up Sprint Dirt; 3YO & Up Sprint Turf; 3YO & Up Fillies and Mares Sprint Dirt; 3YO & Up Fillies and Mares Long Turf.

Presque Isle Downs, which participated last year, won’t be included in the 2019 MATCH series. The Maryland Jockey Club will be represented by Laurel only, and not Pimlico.



Elysea’s World winning the Violet S., a MATCH series race | Equi-Photo

Foreman said one betting-related benefit of having four MATCH races at each track on a stand-alone showcase day will mean the likely addition of reduced-takeout Pick Fours on those respective cards. This is pending regulatory approval in each state, he added, but he believes such wagers are doable.

“We’re going to do little things, and we’re going to make them work. We’ll keep trying to innovate,” Foreman said. “I can’t overstate enough the level of cooperation that is required and put forth by the tracks and the horsemen to really make this thing work. We had some very close to irreconcilable issues that we thought might prevent the series from going forward this year. This is not simple. When you move days and change days that some tracks covet, it affects everybody in the region. It is a really significant collaborative effort.”

Foreman said one of the sticking points during 2019 negotiations was that having a “championship day” was “a condition of being in the series” for Monmouth.

“And then, in doing the schedule for this year, we thought, ‘Well, why can’t everybody have a big event day, and why don’t we sequence the races so we move from track to track, sort of what NASCAR does?’

“We thought it would be a scheduling nightmare. And it was incredibly difficult—but it worked. Everybody liked the idea of each track having a special day just for MATCH, which does conclude at Monmouth with a championship day. We think it will enhance the series, and it will be good for the horsemen, because they’ll be able to move from track to track.”

Foreman said another change is that last year, MATCH tracks paid for the series’s administration and advertising costs on a sliding scale that was not publicly disclosed.

“This year, they’re all paying the same,” Foreman said. “They’ve increased their contributions this year—they’ve doubled their marketing contributions—which I just think shows the confidence that they have in the series.”

In the spirit of recognizing that MATCH is an ongoing work in progress, Foreman said that its member organizations are already looking ahead to tweaks that might be implemented for 2020.

“We have a new [regional] player this year in Colonial Downs,” Foreman said, referencing the Virginia track that will be back in action for the first time since 2013. “We actually talked with them—they’re not far enough along yet with [planning] their summer meet, and we were too far along to include them in MATCH. But I think that you’ll see them in the series in 2020, so we’ll probably expand. We also talked to New York. That brings along a whole host of other [issues], but at least we’re having a conversation with them.”

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BARKLEY HOPING OAKLAWN MEET HIS NEXT STEP ON ROAD TO PROMINENCE



Jason Barkley | Coady Photo

By Bill Finley

Hot Springs might be a fun place to spend the racing season, but trainer Jason Barkley probably couldn't wait to get out of town when the meet ended last year. Just 28 and trying to make a name for himself, he went 0-for-16 at Oaklawn with one close second. Four months later, things had gone from bad to worse. Entering the beginning of August, his record on the year was 0-for-43.

Barkley was finding out firsthand how difficult it is for a young trainer, particularly one who didn't apprentice under a Todd Pletcher, Wayne Lukas or Chad Brown and didn't have the backing of a major owner, to break into the business.

While he didn't have any winners, he did have a plan. He knew he was never going to be an overnight sensation, but he had to keep moving forward and build his stable, even if it was one very small step at a time. He had enough confidence in his abilities that he believed he would inevitably have a break through and that each break through would lead to another.

It was just a "beaten" \$16,000 claimer at Ellis Park, but when **Katie's Reward** (Warrior's Reward) won on Aug. 5 for the Barkley stable it was as if the cloud that had been hovering over his head instantly vanished. She began a streak that saw him go 11-for-38 through the rest of the year.

Now, Barkley is returning to the same track, Oaklawn, that ate him up and spit him out, with a far better barn, momentum and confidence that this will be a meet where he will make some noise.

"For me, this is a big meet," he said. "Last year's meet was a struggle for me. I came in with five [horses] and we were hitting the board, but weren't winning any races. I'm coming in with more horses this year and much better stock. I don't look at it as

a 'now-or-never' meet. The idea is to just keep progressing. I had five here last year. Now I have 12. If I can leave here with 15, 18 that would be exactly the type of thing that would keep moving us forward."

Barkley is a third-generation trainer. His grandfather was trainer Paul Byers and his father is Jeff Barkley, who is still active. The younger Barkley knew early on what he wanted to do with his life, and began preparing for his career at a very young age.

"I walked my first horse when I was still in elementary school," he said. "My grandfather and father were in same barn at Ellis Park when I was a kid. I've been in the barn since I was big enough to walk a horse."

He attended the University of Louisville, working summers for trainers Kelly Von Hemel, Steve Margolis and Paul McGee. After he graduated from Louisville's equine program, he became a vagabond of sorts. He was not interested in going to work for one of the big barns and having to wait several years to move up what is essentially a corporate ladder. Instead, he purposely bounced around, hoping to learn different aspects of the sport from trainers who have different specialties. His first major job was as an assistant to Nick Zito. He also worked as an assistant to Joe Sharp before going to the Wesley Ward stable, his last stop before going out on his own in 2017.

"I thought if I bounced around I could see different ways that people do things," he said. "I got to be around higher-class horses with Zito. Joe had a little bit of everything, cheaper horses and better horses and he had moved on to becoming a trainer after a relatively short time with Mike Maker. I learned how he became so successful so fast. With Wesley, I wanted to learn about the 2-year-old game. The way I see it, everyone pays attention to 2 year-olds and stakes horses, and everything else is just filler."

He's no threat to take home the Oaklawn training title, but it would be a surprise if Barkley didn't win at least a handful of races at the meet.

"The quality I have this year versus last year? It's not even close," he said.

He's hopeful that he can win his first career stakes race when he sends out **Arch Avenue** (Archarcharch), a recent allowance winner at Turfway and \$5500 yearling bargain buy, in the Feb. 2 Martha Washington S. He is also excited about **Highland Lass** (Quality Road), who was picked up at the 2018 Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale after starting her career in Southern California.

"We also have some higher-end claimers and a maiden that I like a lot," Barkley said.

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Barkley cont.

He's progressed from the trainer who left Oaklawn last year after a humbling experience. But he knows he has a long way to go. Win four or five races at Oaklawn, keep getting his name out there on social media, pick up another client or two, claim a couple of solid horses at this meet, work hard.

"I like to set goals," he said. "What do we need to make happen to keep moving forward? We have checked some boxes lately."

At Oaklawn, he hopes to check a few more.

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Fasig-Tipton has catalogued an initial 47 entries for its 2019 Kentucky Winter Mixed Sale supplemental catalogue, which can be viewed [here](#). The sales company will continue to accept supplemental entries throughout the week.

The new entries, catalogued as hips 430-476, include:

- **Vicki T** (Street Sense) ([hip 444](#)): This half-sister to GISW Zipessa (City Zip) is being offered by Ballysax Bloodstock as a broodmare prospect.
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- **Oops Times Two** (Badge of Silver) ([hip 470](#)): The broodmare prospect consigned by Scott Mallory is a half-sister to MGISW young Coolmore sire Practical Joke (Into Mischief).
- **Taking Aim** (Trappe Shot) ([hip 476](#)): Consigned by Gainesway as a racing/broodmare prospect, the 4-year-old filly is a three-quarter sister to Grade I-winning sire Tapizar (Tapit).

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UNDER THE RADAR 

In this new 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.



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January 19, 1955...Swaps won the San Vicente S., the first race of his three-year-old campaign, by 3½ lengths at Santa Anita Park. He went on to triumph over Nashua in the Kentucky Derby, but was in turn defeated by his rival in a \$100,000 match race at Washington Park on Aug. 31, his only loss that year.

January 19, 1986...Lester Piggot, who took nine renewals of the Epsom Derby, won for the final time in his career when he guided Sonny Barich to victory in the International Jockeys' Cup at Bay Meadows.

January 20, 1972...Secretariat was shipped from Virginia to Florida to be trained by Lucien Laurin.

January 20, 1979...Odds-on favorite Affirmed, with Steve Cauthen aboard, finished second in the San Fernando S. at Santa Anita, beaten 2 3/4 lengths by Radar Ahead. It was their fourth consecutive defeat. Cauthen subsequently lost the mount on Affirmed to jockey Laffit Pincay, Jr., who rode the horse for the remainder of his four-year-old season, winning seven victories in as many starts. Affirmed was later voted Horse of the Year for 1979. Cauthen had ridden Affirmed to a Triple Crown sweep the previous year and the pair recorded 11 wins in their 16 races together.

January 23, 1994...Pat Day, at age 40, became the 10th rider in North American racing history to ride 6,000 winners when he rode Miss Popsnorkle to victory in the first race at Oaklawn Park.

BREEDERS' CUP TICKETS ON SALE MAR. 4

Tickets for the 2019 Breeders' Cup at Santa Anita Nov. 1-2 will go on sale to the public Mar. 4. There will be an exclusive pre-sale prior to that date and fans are encouraged to sign up now at BreedersCup.com/2019 for information and pre-sale access.

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2	Distinctive B	With Distinction	Rockingham Ranch and David A Bernsen LLC	Miller	Van Dyke	120
3	Kanthaka	Jimmy Creed	West Point Thoroughbreds	Hollendorfer	Prat	122
4	St. Joe Bay	Saint Anddan	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Baze	120
5	Conquest Tsunami 🌿	Stormy Atlantic	Gary Barber	Miller	Rosario	120
6	Awesome Anywhere 🌿	Awesome of Course	All Schlaich Stables LLC, Hollendorfer, LLC, Team Green LLC & George Todaro	Hollendorfer	Smith	120
7	Roy H 🌿	More Than Ready	Rockingham Ranch and David A Bernsen LLC	Miller	Lopez	124

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Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 6:49 p.m. EST

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Wicked Indeed	Tapit	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Hernandez, Jr.	122
2	Malpais 🌿	Hard Spun	Richard & Connie Synder & Brett & Billie Jo Setzer	Sharp	Beschizza	122
3	Tackett	Limehouse	DARRS, Inc.	Stidham	Bravo	122
4	Mr. Money 🌿	Goldencents	Allied Racing Stable, LLC	Calhoun	Saez	122
5	Night Ops	Warrior's Reward	Big Chief Racing, Madaket Stables, Rocker O Ranch & Keith Desormeaux	Desormeaux	Morales	122
6	Hog Creek Hustle 🌿	Overanalyze	Something Special Racing, LLC	Foley	Geroux	122
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TOBOGGAN S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
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2018 Leading Second-Crop Sires by Winners

for stallions standing in North America

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Violence (2010) by Medaglia d'Oro	8	19	2	8	--	2	152	83	\$385,200	\$5,441,805
	FYR: 2015									Cosmic Burst	
	Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY									Fee: \$40,000	
2	Flat Out (2006) by Flatter	3	11	--	2	--	--	132	73	\$133,011	\$3,356,856
	FYR: 2015									United Patriot	
	Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY									Fee: \$5,000	
3	Graydar (2009) by Unbridled's Song	3	5	1	1	--	--	122	68	\$161,025	\$2,672,121
	FYR: 2015									Lombo	
	Stands: Taylor Made Farm KY									Fee: \$7,500	
4	Paynter (2009) by Awesome Again	5	13	1	3	1	1	125	66	\$672,515	\$3,791,668
	FYR: 2015									Knicks Go	
	Stands: WinStar Farm KY									Fee: \$12,500	
5	Overanalyze (2010) by Dixie Union	3	11	--	1	--	--	127	59	\$186,430	\$2,731,561
	FYR: 2015									Analyze the Odds	
	Stands: WinStar Farm KY									Fee: \$15,000	
6	Jimmy Creed (2009) by Distorted Humor	5	13	1	5	--	2	106	58	\$279,453	\$3,488,968
	FYR: 2015									The Money Dance	
	Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY									Fee: \$20,000	
7	Animal Kingdom (2008) by Leroidesanimaux (Brz)	3	7	1	3	--	--	116	50	\$119,105	\$2,384,379
	FYR: 2015									Camila Princess	
	Stands: Darley KY									Fee: \$15,000	
8	Point of Entry (2008) by Dynaformer	3	8	1	4	--	2	99	48	\$654,400	\$3,428,493
	FYR: 2015									Analyze It	
	Stands: Adena Springs KY									Fee: \$20,000	
9	Alternation (2008) by Distorted Humor	5	9	2	2	--	--	89	48	\$272,950	\$2,594,095
	FYR: 2015									Limation	
	Stands: Pin Oak Stud KY									Fee: \$10,000	
10	Orb (2010) by Malibu Moon	2	7	1	2	1	1	107	47	\$262,650	\$2,572,821
	FYR: 2015									Sippican Harbor	
	Stands: Claiborne Farm KY									Fee: \$12,500	
11	Soldat (2008) by War Front	1	3	--	--	--	--	89	47	\$204,490	\$1,638,848
	FYR: 2015									Big Drink of Water	
	Stands: Woodford Thoroughbreds FL									Fee: \$1,500	
12	Data Link (2008) by War Front	2	5	--	--	--	--	116	45	\$89,180	\$1,885,120
	FYR: 2015									Masked	
	Stands: Claiborne Farm KY									Fee: \$2,500	
13	New Year's Day (2011) by Street Cry (Ire)	3	4	--	1	--	--	76	41	\$135,250	\$1,529,231
	FYR: 2015									Stolen Pistol	
	Stands: Stud Enternamente Rio Brz									Fee: N/A	
14	Liaison (2009) by Indian Charlie	2	7	--	2	--	1	93	39	\$359,600	\$1,839,956
	FYR: 2015									Moonlight Romance	
	Stands: Mighty Acres OK									Fee: \$2,500	
15	Oxbow (2010) by Awesome Again	2	3	2	2	--	--	82	35	\$311,030	\$1,706,297
	FYR: 2015									Coach Rocks	
	Stands: Calumet Farm KY									Fee: \$15,000	

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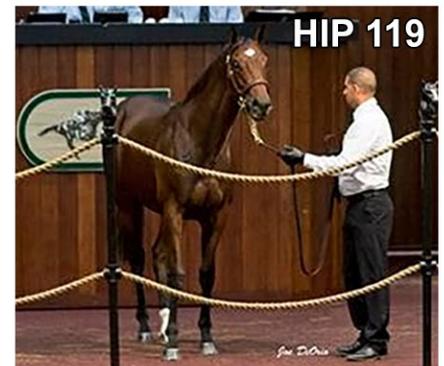
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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

4th-Gulfstream, \$46,220, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000),
 1-16, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12.10, ft.

JUST AIN'T RIGHT (f, 3, Yes It's True--Me and Miss Jones, by Smarty Jones) defeated a big-figure next-out winner first up over track and trip Dec. 13, and was the 19-10 narrow second choice behind Wildwood's Beauty (Kantharos) to remain unbeaten. Attending a three-way pace scrum from the fence through an opening quarter of :22.48, the bay stayed glued to her chief market rival through a :46.20 half. That pair threw it down in the lane, and Just Ain't Right dug deep and got the bob by a head. The winner's now 4-year-old half-sister Take Me With You (Scat Daddy)--an \$800,000 FTFMAR juvenile buy--was third in Royal Ascot's G3 Albany S. at two. She has a 2-year-old half-brother by Wicked Strong. Second dam Forest Heiress (Forest

Wildcat) is a MGSW full-sister to Wildcat Heir. Sales history: \$18,000 RNA Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$160,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$250,000 2yo '18 FTFMAR. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$50,400.

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O-Bortolazzo Stable LLC; B-Montese LLC (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.



9th-Gulfstream, \$45,150, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500),
 1-16, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:36.62, ft.

GOLDEN AWARD (f, 4, Medaglia d'Oro--Arch's Gal Edith, by Arch), previously campaigned by her late breeder Harvey Clarke, earned her third-straight impressive tally Wednesday in Hallandale Beach. Second going long at Belmont in May and sprinting at Saratoga in July, the bay broke through by 5 1/4 lengths over a pair of next-out winners over 6 1/2 panels at Belmont Sept. 21. She doubled up in a Churchill allowance back on the stretch-out Nov. 7, and was 4-5 to pick up where she left off. **Cont. p2**

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ISSUES NEW OPINION ON WIRE ACT'S APPLICATION; NTRA TO UPDATE INDUSTRY ON RELATED DEVELOPMENTS

Earlier this week the Department of Justice (DOJ) released an opinion reversing its 2011 opinion that the federal Wire Act applies only to sports wagering and not to other types of online wagering. The new opinion says the Wire Act applies to all online gaming including online poker and online lottery ticket sales.

Alex Waldrop, NTRA president and CEO, issued the following statement regarding the DOJ's decision to reconsider whether the Wire Act applies to non-sports gambling:

"As expected, the Department of Justice issued a lengthy opinion reversing its 2011 opinion by stating that the Wire Act applies to all forms of online wagering, no just sports wagering. This opinion does not affect our longstanding right to conduct interstate online wagering on horse racing as long it is conducted in compliance with the Interstate Horseracing Act. We will continue to review the opinion and update the industry as the situation develops."

Since the NTRA led the successful effort to amend the Interstate Horseracing Act (IHA) in 2000, the horse racing industry has been able to forcefully argue that the prohibitions of the Wire Act do not apply to legal, state regulated online wagering on horse racing.

Several states legalized online lottery and casino gaming following the DOJ's 2011 opinion. Furthermore, after last year's Supreme Court decision striking the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act (PASPA), some states legalized online sports betting operations within their borders. There are questions as to how this week's opinion ultimately affects casinos, lotteries and even online sports betting platforms. The NTRA thinks these uncertainties could potentially result in litigation.

In any event, the NTRA's federal legislative team will be working with allies on Capitol Hill to ensure that racing will not be negatively affected by this ruling.

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9th-GP cont.

Perched just behind the leading duo in third early, the bay ranged up three deep through six panels in 1:12.39 and kicked away from there to score by a convincing 3 1/2-length margin. Tweeting (Uncle Mo) completed the exacta. The winner is a half to none other than I'll Have Another (Flower Alley), ch. 3yo colt, MGISW, \$2,693,600. She has a 2-year-old half-sister named All American Gal (American Pharoah) and her dam most recently visited Bernardini. Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-0, \$149,600. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Summer Wind Equine; B-Harvey A. Clarke (KY); T-William I. Mott.



5th-FG, \$43,000, Alw/OC (\$50K), 3yo, 1m70yds, post time: 3:23 p.m. ET

A pair of promising, well-bred sons of **Tapit** headline this event that could very well provide a preview of a future Derby prep. **Gun It**, a \$2.6-million KEESEP yearling out of MGISP Miss Besilu (Medaglia d'Oro) and from the immediate family of Horses of the Year Saint Liam (Saint Ballado) and Gun Runner (Candy Ride {Arg}) as well as last year's GI United Nations S. hero Funtastic (More Than Ready), settled for fourth after showing speed first up at Churchill Oct. 28. He put it all together last time here Dec. 22, airing by 4 1/4 lengths and garnering the **'TDN Rising Star'** nod. **Cornacchia** also earned the **'Rising Star'** distinction on the same day Gun It did. Buzzed about ahead of his six-panel unveiling, he endured tons of traffic trouble, but still got up by a nose late at even-money. A \$685,000 FTSAUG buyback, his dam is MGSW/MGISP sprinter Great Hot (Brz) (Orientate). Cornacchia is trained by Brad Cox, as is 2-1 morning-line second choice (behind Gun It) **Owendale (Into Mischief)**, who was beaten a neck in an identical spot to this one on that same Dec. 22 card.

TJCIS PPs

2nd-SA, \$55,000, Msw, 4yo/up, f, 6f

Thor-Bred Stable homebred **Gold Arrow (Medaglia d'Oro)** makes her belated debut here. Out of GISW Rigoletta (Concerto), she is a half to none other than fellow Jerry Hollendorfer trainee and 2017 GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile winner Battle of Midway (Smart Strike). Last year's GI Cigar Mile H. winner Patternrecognition (Adios Charlie) is out of a half to the dam. **TJCIS PPs**

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 7-Gulfstream, Msw 5fT, NOBIZ LIKE JETBIZ, 12-1
 \$65,000 KEE JAN yrl; \$160,000 FTS AUG yrl
 7-Gulfstream, Msw 5fT, OVERLEVERAGED, 12-1

Magician (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Haras de Corlay, \$12,500
 126 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners
 8-Fair Grounds, Msw 1mT, CLASSICAL MAGIC, 10-1

Merit Man (With Distinction), Lovacres Ranch, \$5,000
 29 foals of racing age/3 winners/1 black-type winner
 7-Santa Anita, Aoc 6 1/2f, ALL TEA ALL SHADE, 5-1

Mucho Macho Man (Macho Uno), Adena Springs, \$15,000
 122 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner
 7-Santa Anita, Aoc 6 1/2f, MUCHO UNUSUAL, 6-5
 \$170,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Uncaptured (Lion Heart), Ocala Stud Farm, \$6,000
 141 foals of racing age/8 winners/3 black-type winners
 7-Gulfstream, Msw 5fT, YES I AM FREE, 6-1
 \$135,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Verrazano (More Than Ready), Ashford Stud, \$22,500
 268 foals of racing age/15 winners/2 black-type winners
 8-Fair Grounds, Msw 1mT, DARLING VERA, 6-1
 \$180,000 KEE SEP yrl

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Twenty-five years ago, something happened that forever changed the course of my life.

Every day I was immersed in the analysis of pedigrees in an effort to acquire mares from top families at sensible values to offer for resale to breeders worldwide. That's how I built and sustained my farm, the original Questroyal. One day, a fine horseman and lifelong friend, Raymond DeStefano, told me about a stallion prospect that intrigued him. I was not inclined to invest in or promote stallions, but I looked at the pedigree, the race record, and then the horse. And in an instant, with a conviction that I had never-before experienced, I wanted that horse more than any other horse I had ever considered in my life. His name was **Belong to Me**, and when his first foals raced, the world noticed. He vied with a prominent Kentucky-based stud as the nation's leading freshman sire and became the most valuable stallion ever made in New York.

I retired from the horse business a few years later to pursue my interest in art. I had a thrilling career and I believed that I would never return. In each year over the last two decades, many old friends did their best to rouse my interest. I remained steadfast.

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Once again, Raymond DeStefano made a fateful call, not to me, but to Chris Bernhard, a young man who used to work for me and who I have always believed to be one of the most gifted horseman I have ever known. Chris sent me a text describing a young stallion prospect. And in an instant, that overwhelming feeling, an irresistible instinct that I experienced once before twenty-five years ago, was born again. And with a staunch conviction I bought one, then two, then three breeding rights, and would have bought more if they were available. Once again, Chris and I worked together and we purchased five mares at Keeneland, stakes and graded stakes producers from world class families, all of which will be bred to this young stallion that brought me back into the game.

His name is **Redesdale** - by a brilliantly bred, champion sprinter and leading sire. His dam is by Danzig and is the full sister to Danehill, the 17 time leading sire in 5 different countries. His third dam by Buckpasser is the half sister to the best sire that ever lived- Northern Dancer.

Redesdale was undefeated in his first three starts. He flashed extraordinary speed and displayed class as he turned back multiple challenges in his victories. Then, in the Grade 3 Commonwealth at Keeneland, he charged into contention at the top of the stretch and, in one misstep, visible to anyone who watches the replay, he fractured his knee, but with genuine heart he raced on to a most respectable finish.

Think about this: at the top of the stretch, before the injury, he was poised to win. He would then have been an undefeated graded Stakes winner from this sensational sires family. What else might have he accomplished? What might his stud fee have been? Consider Danzig, who just happens to be his maternal grandsire. He was also undefeated in his first three starts and was injured before he won a stake. No one will ever forget his accomplishments as a sire!

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-Gulfstream, \$44,940, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 1-16, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44.09, ft.

CHATIMENT (g, 5, Divine Park--Beth's Brew, by Storm Brewing)
 Lifetime Record: SP, 24-6-5-3, \$158,925. O-Morning Moon Farm; B-Westwind Farms (KY); T-Frank J. Russo. *\$9,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. **1/2 to Uncle Brent (Pioneering), SW, \$210,326.

5th-Mahoning Valley, \$32,700, (S), 1-16, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.75, ft.

OAKEN (g, 3, Giant Oak--Antique Silver, by Silver Train)
 Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, \$60,178. O-Marion F. Gorham; B/T-Robert M. Gorham (OH).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Full Swing, f, 3, **Verrazano**--Excited (GSW, \$244,796), by Giant's Causeway. Gulfstream, 1-16, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:43.87. B-Chelston (KY). *1/2 to Thrilled (Uncle Mo), SW & MGSP, \$333,153.

Mongoo, f, 4, **Family Calling**--Done Goose, by Mongoose. Mahoning Valley, 1-16, (S), 6f, 1:16.77. B-Debra Schaber (OH).

Shack's Harem, m, 5, **Shackleford**--Holy Harem (MSP), by Holy Bull. Mahoning Valley, 1-16, (S), 6f, 1:15.70. B-Fair Weather Farm, Inc. (OH).

DIVINE PARK, Chatiment, g, 5, o/o Beth's Brew, by Storm Brewing. AOC, 1-16, Gulfstream
FAMILY CALLING, Mongoo, f, 4, o/o Done Goose, by Mongoose. MSW, 1-16, Mahoning Valley
GIANT OAK, Oaken, g, 3, o/o Antique Silver, by Silver Train. ALW, 1-16, Mahoning Valley
MEDAGLIA D'ORO, Golden Award, f, 4, o/o Arch's Gal Edith, by Arch. AOC, 1-16, Gulfstream
SHACKLEFORD, Shack's Harem, m, 5, o/o Holy Harem, by Holy Bull. MSW, 1-16, Mahoning Valley
VERRAZANO, Full Swing, f, 3, o/o Excited, by Giant's Causeway. MCL, 1-16, Gulfstream
YES IT'S TRUE, Just Ain't Right, f, 3, o/o Me and Miss Jones, by Smarty Jones. AOC, 1-16, Gulfstream

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EURO-BREDS HIT CALIFORNIA PURPLE PATCH



Irish-bred River Boyne wins the G2 Mathis Brothers Mile at Santa Anita in December | *Benoit*

By Kelsey Riley

The opening of Santa Anita's winter meet late last month came with a spate of good results for European-breds, and three of those had more in common than their suffixes alone. The G2 Mathis Brothers Mile winner **River Boyne (Ire)** (Dandy Man {Ire}), the Listed Lady of Shamrock S. winner and GI American Oaks third **Amandine (GB)** (Shamardal) and the Listed Blue Norther S. third **Thriving (GB)** (Kodiac {GB}) were all sourced from Britain by owners Red Baron's Barn and Rancho Temescal along with American-based agent Joe Miller of Kern Thoroughbreds. All three are trained in California by Jeff Mullins.

The now 4-year-old River Boyne had been placed at two in Ireland for trainer Gordon Elliott, but he has done nothing but progress since Miller signed for him for 70,000gns at the 2017 Tattersalls Autumn Horses-in-Training Sale. Miller was working on behalf of the California-based father and son team of Jed Cohen and Tim Cohen, who race horses together as Red Baron's Barn and Rancho Temescal. Joining Mullins, River Boyne was second at Del Mar about a month post-sale and then proceeded to win three straight, including the Listed Pasadena S. River Boyne has now won seven times for his new connections and has been off the board just once in 11 stateside starts.

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ALPHA CENTAURI WILL VISIT GALILEO

MG1SW **Alpha Centauri (Ire)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}-Alpha Lupi {Ire}, by Rahy) will visit Coolmore's Derby hero and multiple champion sire Galileo (Ire) this spring, Niarchos racing manager Alan Cooper confirmed to the *Racing Post*. The lanky grey filly rolled through four consecutive Group 1 victories last spring and summer beginning in the Irish 1000 Guineas, followed by the Coronation S., the Falmouth S. and finally the Prix Jacques Le Marois. Her Flaxman colours were finally lowered by the tough-as-nails MG1SW Laurens (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}) when she **ran 3/4s of a length second in the G1 Matron S. and sustained a chipped right front fetlock in the process.**

"She is absolutely sound now and appears to be enjoying the transition from a filly in training to the paddocks," Cooper told *Racing Post*. "Galileo fits the bill for her. And of course it's also the Galileo--Danehill cross."

The '**TDN Rising Star**', who was trained by Jessica Harrington, is a half-sister to Irish SW and English MGSP Tenth Star (Ire) (Dansili {GB}). [Cont. p4](#)



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REGIONAL SIRES FOR 2019

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Euro-Breds Hit California Purple Patch Cont. from p1

The Mathis Brothers Mile on Dec. 26 was his third graded win, and came after a half-length second in the GI Hollywood Derby.

“He’s an amazing horse and Jeff Mullins has done a great job keeping him at a high level for the whole year,” Miller said. “He cost 70,000gns at the sale. He was still a maiden when we bought him off Gordon Elliott on the last day of the sale, which is usually the worst day. There’s usually not a lot of quality on the final day and he was the one horse that we liked that day, and we were lucky enough to buy him. We ran him right off the plane when he got to America and he’s really never missed a beat. It was great that he was able to end the year on a high note for them.”

On the same card that River Boyne won the Mathis Brothers Mile, Amandine took the Listed Lady of Shamrock S. going a mile. Perhaps even more remarkably, the then 3-year-old filly wheeled back three days later to finish third stepped up to a mile and a quarter in the GI American Oaks.

Amandine had been twice placed at two for trainer David Elsworth and broke her maiden last summer for David Simcock. Miller purchased Amandine when he was in Newmarket for last year’s renewal of the Tattersalls Autumn Horses-In-Training Sale, but not in the ring; he bought her privately for Red Baron’s Barn, Rancho Temescal and Shanderella Stables from breeder Lordship Stud, having some inside knowledge of the family.

“My racing partnership, Triton Stable, had raced the dam, Kissable, in America as partners with Lordship Stud’s Trevor and Libby Harris,” Miller said. “She won a stake for us at Saratoga and she was a lot of fun, and the HARRISES bought us out on her at the Tattersalls Sale as a broodmare [for 180,000gns]. Amandine is the first foal out of her. She wasn’t quite good enough to get black-type in Europe, so we worked out a deal where we bought her and Trevor and Libby get to buy her back at the end of her racing career. It’s a mutually beneficial deal. We ran her back three days later in the American Oaks after she won and she ran a really good third and we’re really proud of her to come back on such short rest and do so well.”

Amandine should be a broodmare prospect for the HARRISES to look forward to, being a stakes-winning and Grade I-placed filly from the deep Juddmonte family of G1 St Leger and G1 Racing Post Trophy winner Brian Boru (GB) (Sadler’s Wells), G2 Hardwicke and G2 Great Voltigeur S. winner Sea Moon (GB) (Beat Hollow {GB}), G1 Investec Derby and G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe winner Workforce (GB) (King’s Best) and Godolphin’s 2018 G1 Caulfield Cup and dual German Group 1 winner Best Solution (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}).

Miller also picked up the then 2-year-old filly Thriving at Tattersalls last October, paying 110,000gns for the bay who had won a maiden and novice race during the summer. **Cont. p3**

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Euro-Breds Hit California Purple Patch Cont.

Thriving was distanced when thrown into Grade III company on her American debut in late November, but she bounced back to be third in the Blue Norther going a mile on Dec. 30.

“She had a very bad trip first start off the plane, but we ran her back four weeks later in the Blue Norther and she ran great,” Miller said. “She was wide the whole way and got some black-type. Jeff Mullins is really high on her and she’s going to run back in a stake in January going down the hill [on the Santa Anita turf].”

Miller has been sourcing horses from Europe since starting out as a bloodstock agent in 2005, and last December he added a new destination to his calendar, visiting Deauville for the first time for Arqana’s December Breeding Stock Sale. Miller was looking for horses for both Red Baron’s Barn and the aforementioned Triton Stable, and he came away with one for each. Miller signed for the German listed-placed **Guiliana (Fr)** (Zoffany {Ire}) on behalf of Red Baron’s Barn at Arqana for €150,000, and for Triton Stable he bought privately **Cartabianca (Fr)** (Vision D’Etat {Fr}) after she won the Listed Prix Petite Etoile on the Deauville all-weather on Nov. 27. Guiliana has joined another French ex-pat, trainer Leonard Powell, in California while Cartabianca has gone to Roger Attfield at Payson Park.



Amandine winning the Lady of Shamrock S. | Benoit

Of his buying strategy, Miller said, “We’re looking specifically for horses that are correct; they have to have very good conformation and be very good movers. If they’re not very good movers they’re not going to stay sound in California or anywhere we send them. We’re specifically looking for very good-looking horses that are good movers that we think hopefully can have their best year ahead of them. For buying horses for Red Baron’s Barn and Rancho Temescal, Tim Cohen comes to the sales with us.” [Cont. p4](#)

Euro-Breds Hit California Purple Patch Cont.

He added, “He has a farm in California, he’s very hands-on and understands horses. He knows what he likes so it’s really a team effort of myself, him and Edward Freeman, who trains for him in California as well. We all put our heads together and he makes the final call on what he wants to buy.”

Miller added another international angle to his business last year when signing on as the American representative for New Zealand Bloodstock. That company’s flagship Karaka yearling sales series kicks off on Jan. 27 and runs through Feb. 3, and Miller said he expects American participation in New Zealand racing to grow.

“The goal is to try to get more Americans to be involved in the racing industry down there,” he said. “They have had such worldwide success with their horses, and it’s not so much about trying to get people to bring those horses back to America as it is just trying to get people involved with racing down there, whether they race them in New Zealand or Australia. We have a few Americans coming to the sale for the first time—Justin Casse is coming, who likes to go to every sale in the world, so that wasn’t a hard sell. Justin owned a piece of a Tavistock colt that we pinhooked last year—he, I and Kip Elser owned it and we bought it for NZ\$150,000 and sold it for NZ\$400,000. Justin was

kind of sold after that so he’s coming this year and Kip Elser and Mike McMahon and Jamie Hill are coming. We have a few Americans that we’ve put it on their radar and they’re going to give it a try this year.”

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Alpha Centauri Will Visit Galileo Cont. from p1

Her second dam, the dual French Classic heroine East of the Moon (Private Account) is a daughter of the legendary Flaxman bluehen Miesque (Nureyev), and a two-time winner of the GI Breeders’ Cup Mile. Miesque produced French Classic hero and successful sire Kingmambo to the cover of Mr. Prospector and this is also the family of GI Breeders’ Cup Mile winner Karakontie (Jpn) (Bernstein), UAE Group 1 winner Real Steel (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and G1 Prix du Jockey Club victor Study of Man (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) among many other high-class descendants. [Cont. p5](#)



THE FASTEST by Iffraaj
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Alpha Centauri Will Visit Galileo Cont.

The resulting foal will carry the exceptional Galileo–Danehill cross, but there are also three Group 1 winners out of Mastercraftsman’s sire Danehill Dancer (Ire) (Danehill) to date: Irish/English highweight and Classic hero The Gurkha (Ire), MG1SW Alice Springs (Ire), and multiple champion Minding (Ire), responsible for 12 top-level victories between them.

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TRAINING INCIDENT CLAIMS LIFE OF JARDINE WORK RIDER

Natasha Galpin, a work rider for trainer Ian Jardine, died during a training accident on the grass gallops Tuesday morning after her mount sustained a fatal guttural pouch myosis (ruptured artery). She was 22. Galpin’s mount was treated immediately, but could not be saved.

“Our main priority throughout has been Natasha and the rest of our staff, who are distraught at the loss of a colleague and friend but have been extremely supportive of each other,” Iain Jardine Racing announced in a statement on Wednesday. “As a Team here, we are doing our best to get through and cope with this devastating situation. Natasha was an experienced and valued, full-time member of Team IJR. She was an accomplished event rider and ran her own livery yard. She worked alongside her boyfriend Olyn. Our thoughts and prayers are with Natasha’s parents and sisters at this very sad time and we hope you will join us in respecting their privacy. We are grateful for the help we are receiving from racing’s support network including Racing Welfare and the National Trainers Federation.” [Cont. p6](#)



Natasha Galpin | *Racing Post*



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“I know I speak for everyone at the BHA when I say we are truly shocked and devastated about this tragic news,” said British Horseracing Authority Chief Executive Nick Rust in a statement. “While such incidents are extremely rare, there is an element of risk every time a rider sits on any horse and as such we must never take for granted the bravery and commitment of our workforce. Our deepest sympathies are with the family and friends of Natasha Galpin and the yard of Ian Jardine.”

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BASTIDE NAMED FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE FOR COOLMORE

Hermine Bastide has been named the new French representative for Coolmore in the wake of **Mathieu Legars's** departure to Arqana. Bastide has spent the past nine years working for Ballydoyle Racing Stables for trainer Aidan O'Brien first as a rider, and then in the office.

“It’s a wonderful opportunity,” said Bastide. “I am very excited about my new role and meeting French breeders over the weeks and months ahead.”

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Aidan O'Brien, Group 3 winner Sergei Prokofiev (Scat Daddy) & Hermine Bastide | Coolmore

LONGINES CEREMONY TO BE LIVE STREAMED

The Longines World’s Best Racehorse and Longines World’s Best Horse Race Ceremony will be streamed live by Longines and the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA). Scheduled for Jan. 23, the sixth edition of the awards will be held at The Landmark hotel in London and begin at 2:45 p.m.

GMT/9:45 a.m. EST. The live stream will be available at longines.com and ifhaonline.org, as well as the Longines and Longines World’s Best Racehorse Rankings Facebook page. The G1 Qatar Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe was named the Longines World’s Best Horse Race in 2015 and 2017. The GI Breeders’ Cup Classic earned that distinction in 2016. The connections of the winning horse and the connections of the Longines World’s Best Horse Race with both be presented with Longines watches, while the former will receive a replica of the Longines World’s Best Racehorse vase and the latter a trophy in the shape of a horse head.

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MG1SW Decorated Knight (GB) (Galileo {Ire})’s first reported foal was born at Bechmann Stud in Denmark the morning of Jan. 15. Out of Charming Loza (GB) (Lawman {Fr}), the colt is from the extended family of MG1SW Just The Judge (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}). Said Hanne Bechmann, “The colt is very striking, strong and well made.” Decorated Knight is standing the 2019 season for €12,000 at the Irish National Stud. | *Bechmann Stud*

STALLIONS' FIRST FOALS

RIBCHESTER (IRE)

- Four-time highweighted miler and MG1SW Ribchester (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}) celebrated the arrival of his first two reported foals on Monday, Jan. 14.
- The winning Disclose (GB) (Dansili {GB}), who also placed second in the Listed Prix Coronation, foaled a chestnut colt at Skara Stud in County Meath, Ireland. He is a half-brother to SW Encrypted (GB) (Showcsing {GB}).

- Breeder Derek Gibbons commented, “He has good bone and lots of substance.”
- Ribchester’s first filly is out of Lever Park (Ire) (Camacho {GB}) and was bred by David and Emma Armstrong at Highfield Farm in Lancashire. The Armstrongs purchased Ribchester as a yearling at Doncaster and campaigned him early in his juvenile season.
- The son of Iffraaj is based at Darley’s Kildangan Stud in Ireland and will command a fee of €25,000 in 2019.

PROFITABLE (IRE)

- Darley stallion and 2016 G1 King Stand S. hero Profitable (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) sired his first reported foal last week in Ireland.
- Out of multiple winner Roxelana (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}) herself a half-sister to UAE 1000 Guineas heroine Lovely Pass (Ire) (Raven’s Pass) and SW Spirit Raiser (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), the filly is a granddaughter of G1 Falmouth S. heroine Macadamia (Ire) (Classic Cliche {Ire}).
- “We are delighted with the filly,” said John Walsh, bloodstock agent for breeder Con Harrington. “She is a good size with a lot of presence like her sire.”
- Profitable, who is based at Kildangan Stud in Ireland, will stand the 2019 season for €12,000.

BRITAIN



ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Target Zone (GB), c, 3, **Champs Elysees (GB)**--Sailors Path (GB), by New Approach (Ire). Kempton, 1-16, 8f (AWT), 1:38.78. B-G. B. Partnership (GB).

Paradise Boy (Fr), c, 3, **Mamool (Ire)**--Palace Secret (Ger), by Big Shuffle. Lingfield, 1-16, 12f (AWT), 2:33.89. B-Hubert Honore & S.A.R.L. Crispin De Moubay (FR). *€9,500 Ylg ‘17 BBAGS.

UPCOMING SOUTHWELL FIXTURES

TRANSFERRED

Four evening fixtures at Southwell have been moved elsewhere, as there was a delay in installing floodlights at the racecourse. The Feb. 18 card was transferred to Newcastle, Feb. 22’s card was moved to Chelmsford City, Kempton Park will host the original Feb. 28 fixture and Wolverhampton plays host to the Mar. 5 card. Both the Feb. 22 and Feb. 28 fixtures were originally leased from the British Horseracing Authority and were moved following the usual process of re-offering BHA leasehold fixtures.

FRANCE



Wednesday’s Results:

3rd-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €23,000, Mdn, 1-16, 3yo, f, 8f (AWT), 1:39.43, st.

TARAATEEL (GB) (f, 3, **Oasis Dream {GB}**--Farmah {Hwt. 3yo-Ity at 5-7f, GSW-Ity & SW-Fr, \$158,256}, by Speightstown), sent off at 5-1, tracked the leading trio throughout the early stages. Staying on strongly to cut down Lady Te (Ger) (Tertullian) in the last 100 metres, the homebred eked out a neck margin at the line. The winner is the first foal out of the G3 Premio Carlo E Francesco Aloisi-winning sprinter Farmah, whose own dam is the G1 Poule d’Essai des Pouliches heroine Torrestrella (Ire) (Orpen). Also responsible for two other smart Shadwell performers in the G3 Prix Paul de Moussac scorer Wusool by Farmah’s sire Speightstown and the G3 Rose of Lancaster S. winner Intilaaq (Dynaformer), she is connected to Heuristique (Ire) (Shamardal) who was third in the 2017 G1 Poule d’Essai des Pouliches and the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup winner Queens Ring (Jpn) (Manhattan Cafe {Jpn}). Farmah’s 2-year-old is a son of Muhaarar (GB), while she also has a yearling colt by Dubawi (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €11,500. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Co. Ltd (GB); T-Francois Rohaut.

4th-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €23,000, Mdn, 1-16, 3yo, c/g, 8f (AWT), 1.38.22, st.

TROUVILLE (FR) (g, 3, **Le Havre {Ire}**--Dont Teutch {Fr} {SW & GSP-Fr, \$106,165}, by Country Reel), runner-up on debut over 9 1/2 furlongs on Deauville’s Polytrack Dec. 15, tanked his way to the front initially before being restrained to race behind the leading duo. Still full of running as he took back control approaching the 300-metre marker, the 4-5 favourite forged an authoritative three-length success from Kinixys (Fr) (French Fifteen {Fr}). The listed-winning dam was bought by Gerard-Augustin Normand through Sylvain Vidal shortly after registering a career-best piece of form when third in the 2011 G2 Criterium De Maisons-Laffitte. She has a 2-year-old full-sister to the winner named Teuch Cloud (Fr) and a yearling filly by Dabirsim (Fr). Sales history: €40,000 Ylg ‘17 ARV2. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €16,900. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-Domaine De La Cornilliere (FR); T-Christophe Ferland.

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**IN HONG KONG:**

Warm the Voice (Ire), g, 4, **Vocalised**--Heir Today (Ire), by Princely Heir (Ire). Happy Valley, 1-16, Hcp. (£137k/€154k), 1650mT, 1:39.91. B-J S Bolger. *GSP-Ire. **VIDEO**

Gamechangers (Ire), g, 6, **Canford Cliffs (Ire)**--Awjila (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB). Happy Valley, 1-16, Hcp. (£137k/€154k), 1200mT, 1:09.86. B-Glenvale Stud. *Formerly Aspen Mountain (Ire). **€190,000 Ylg '14 GOFORB. **VIDEO**

IN AUSTRALIA:

Kaecilius (GB), g, 4, **Shamardal**--Flight to Fancy (GB), by Galileo (Ire). Warwick Farm, 1-16, Hcp. (£28k/€31k), 1400mT, 1:22.58. B-Waratah Thoroughbreds Pty Ltd. *300,000gns RNA Ylg '16 TATOCT.

Shadal (Ire), g, 4, **Shamardal**--Sharedah (Ire), by Pivotal (GB). Doomben, 1-16, Hcp. (£17k/€19k), 1640mT, 1:39.04. B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited. *1/2 to Alward (Ire) (Aqlaam {GB}), GSP-Aus, \$318,886. **Formerly Tansheet (Ire). ***110,000gns HRA '17 TATDEC.

IN QATAR:

Lo De Nalane (Ire), c, 4, **Pivotal (GB)**--Ilhabela (Ire), by Azamour (Ire). Al Rayyan, 1-16, Maiden, 1200m, 1:12.10. B-R Nahas & A Louis-Dreyfus. *€6,000 HRA '17 ARQNOV. **VIDEO**

Receding Waves (GB), h, 6, **Dick Turpin (Ire)**--Welanga (GB), by Dansili (GB). Al Rayyan, 1-16, Hcp., 1100m, 1:04.04. B-Genesis Green Stud Ltd & John Troy. *22,000gns Ylg '14 TATOCT; £80,000 HRA '15 DONNOV. **VIDEO**

SOUTH AFRICA

FIRST SOUTH AFRICAN RUNNER FOR AUSTRALIA

by Alan Carasso

Australia (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) is set to be represented by his first South African runner in the form of the 3-year-old filly **Sleeping Single (GB)** in Thursday's second race at Kenilworth.

Bred by David and Diane Nagle's Barronstown Stud, the March foal, a €220,000 graduate of the 2017 Goffs Orby Sale, is out of Weekend Fling (Forest Wildcat), dam of Group 3 winner Craftsman (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) and GSP Royal Empress (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), and a half-sister to US Grade I

winner Archrarch (Arch), GSW Balance of Power (Silver Train) and SW Run Sully Run (Cherokee Run). The filly's third dam is Pattern Step (Nureyev), winner of the 1988 GI Hollywood Oaks for the legendary conditioner Charlie Whittingham.

Trained during her racing days by Mark Johnston, Weekend Fling has proved a commercial hit for the Nagles since they acquired the mare--then 10 years of age--for \$425,000 at the 2014 Keeneland November sale via Blandford Bloodstock. The Arch colt she was carrying at the time of her purchase was a 90,000gns Tattersalls December foal before being purchased by the US-based Lothenbach Stables for \$430,000 at Keeneland September in 2016. The mare's foal of 2017, a colt by Muhaarar (GB), was knocked down to the BBA Ireland for €400,000 at last year's Orby Sale.

Australia was represented by 17 winners from his first crop to race in 2018, including G3 Prix du Calvaldos winner Beyond Reason (Ire) and Sydney Opera House (GB), runner-up in the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud.

Sleeping Beauty is trained by Justin Snaith and will be ridden by Richard Fourie in the 1200-metre test. Post time for the day's second event is 12.40pm local time (10.40 GMT).

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**IN HONG KONG:**

Star of Joy (Aus), g, 5, **Snitzel (Aus)**--At Ease (Aus) (SW-Aus, A\$180,150), by Canny Lad (Aus). Happy Valley, 1-16, Hcp. (A\$245k), 1200mT, 1:10.01. B-J W Kelly Suffolk Vale & Co (NSW). *Formerly Decorated Soldier (Aus). **A\$135,000 Ylg '15 MMGCYS. **VIDEO**

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3	Asoof (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Soumillon	bin Suroor	125
4	Monza (Ire)	Footstepsinthesand (GB)	Lopez	Olsen	125
5	Victory Wave	Distorted Humor	Stott	bin Suroor	125
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by John Boyce

Many in Europe are worried about the direction of commercial bloodstock breeding, where an ever-greater focus on fast-maturing stock puts the future of the staying horse at risk. And they are right to be concerned. They can cite Australia as a clear example of what happens if the quality of staying horses is neglected in favour of 2-year-old and sprint racing. Cup races dominated by horses bred overseas and ever stronger international raids on the big weight-for-age middle-distance contests. There are however fundamental differences to the dynamics of racing in Australia and elsewhere in the world. And these key differences have brought huge benefits to Australian racing, which incidentally must be considered the healthiest and therefore the best economic model in the world. There are many racing nations that would gladly have what Australia's already got--great prize-money, racecourse attendance and racehorse ownership participation--even if it did come to some extent at the cost of protecting the diversity of the breed. After all, racing must first survive if there is to be a breed.

There is no doubt that the big owner-breeders in the Northern Hemisphere have done wonders for the thoroughbred in all its manifestations, particularly the staying horse. But conversely, it is the absence of global superpower participation at European levels that gives Australian racing its unique status, where thousands of Australian owners at all levels have every opportunity to own top-class racehorses. Just look at the example of Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}).

The democracy of Australian ownership also underpins the success of the yearling sales. Unlike Europe, where many of the very best racing prospects never come up for sale, most of Australia's best do. Using the foal crops born in Australia from 2010 to 2015, we can say that 57% of all black-type winners were sold as yearlings. That's a remarkably high proportion, which climbs even higher to 68% if we include all stakes winners offered for sale at some point before racing. Compare this to the 39% in North America in the same period or the 46% in Europe. Moreover, the higher up the class scale you go in Australia, the proportion of stakes winners offered for sale as yearling climbs ever higher.

Champion sire Snitzel is a good case in point: 64 (75%) of his 85 stakes winners were sourced at a yearling sale. In fact, all his winners at the highest level--except Trapeze Artist--came from a yearling sale. Even the great Redoute's Choice, who could quite easily have been the preserve of the big owner-breeders had he stood his entire life in Europe, has built his considerable reputation through the sales ring--with 25 (74%) of his major winners coming from the yearling sales. **Cont. p2**



Star colt The Autumn Sun in the ring | TDN AusNZ

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128	G1w	PIERRO	2009	C	Lonhro	Miss Right Note	230,000
127	G1w	DISSIDENT	2010	C	Sebring	Diana's Secret	210,000
126	G1w	REDZEL	2012	G	Snitzel	Millrich	120,000
126	G1w	BOBAN	2009	G	Bernardini	Kenbelle	100,000
125	G1w	SHOOTING TO WIN	2011	C	Northern Meteor	Listen Here	160,000
125	G1w	LUCKY HUSSLER	2009	G	Husson	Talaq Dancer	100,000
125	G2wG1p	PIERATA	2014	C	Pierro	November Flight	160,000
124	G2wG1p	STAR TURN	2013	C	Star Witness	Golden Delicious	400,000
123	G1w	STRATUM STAR	2011	C	Stratum	Purely Spectacular	165,000
123	G1w	SUPER COOL	2009	G	Fastnet Rock	Queen Mother	150,000
122	G1w	AWESOME ROCK	2011	C	Fastnet Rock	Awesome Planet	575,000
122	G1w	VANCOUVER	2012	C	Medaglia d'Oro	Skates	185,000
122	G1w	ZOUSTAR	2010	C	Northern Meteor	Zouzou	140,000
122	G1w	CAPITALIST	2013	C	Written Tycoon	Kitalpha	165,000
122	G1w	ACE HIGH	2014	C	High Chaparral	Come Sunday	130,000
122	G2w	RUBICK	2011	C	Encosta de Lago	Sliding Cube	460,000
121	G2w	ILLUSTRIOUS LAD	2011	G	I Am Invincible	Industrious	40,000
121	G2wG1p	EUROZONE	2010	C	Northern Meteor	Miss Vandal	110,000
121	G2wG1p	CHARLIE BOY	2010	G	Myboycharlie	Maritime	80,000
120	G1w	SWEET IDEA	2010	F	Snitzel	Flidais	240,000
120	G1w	LEVENDI	2014	C	Pierro	Lipari	140,000
120	G1w	D'ARGENTO	2014	C	So You Think	Fullazz	135,000
120	G2w	KISS AND MAKE UP	2013	C	More Than Ready	Fashions Afield	150,000
120	G2wG1p	DIVINE CALLING	2010	G	Stratum	Rubicall	210,000
120	G2wG1p	SEABURGE	2013	C	Sebring	Polska	220,000

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And 80% of the 108 stakes winners by former Champion sire Fastnet Rock were sales graduates. But it is the reverse in Europe. It seems the better the sire the more likely the major owner-breeders will be in control of most of his progeny.

The outstanding Coolmore sire Galileo (Ire) typifies this. From his Northern Hemisphere crops only 22 (31%) of his 70 Group 1 winners were purchased at auction as yearlings. And the same is true of Darley's brilliant sire Dubawi (Ire), with only 28% of his Group 1 winners sold at public auction. There is, of course, a huge dividend derived from the investment made by owner-breeders, not least that the quality of bloodlines is nurtured and maintained for the benefit of all.

This free access for all Australia's owners--big and small--to the very best racing prospects is a key driver in the success of the Australian model. And Winx is its current poster girl. It also helps that she was a relatively modest A\$230,000 Magic Millions yearling.

Given the long list of impressive winners in recent times at the Gold Coast, it's no surprise that the sale is going from strength to strength. Our list of Magic Million graduates since 2011--those rated 120 or higher by Timeform--features some of the nation's very best racehorses, including the best to come out of

any yearling sale in the period. And the best news of all is that this select group of racehorses cost an average of just A\$192,500 and only one of the 26 more than A\$500,000.

As long as yearling sales continue to fulfil the role as the predominate source for top-class horses, the vitality and diversity of Australian racing looks assured.

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