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TDN DERBY TOP 12

Game Winner | *Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportswire*

by T.D. Thornton

Last Saturday's trio of graded stakes preps on the GI Kentucky Derby trail didn't make much of a dent in the Top 12 rankings, and most of the top guns are awaiting March starts for their 2019 debuts. But the lower tier of this week's edition of the standings is percolating with intrigue as we await the first major blockbuster performance of the season that will (eventually) upend the pecking order.

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1) GAME WINNER (c, Candy Ride {Arg}--Indyan Giving, by A.P. Indy)

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Last Start: 1st, GI Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile , CD, Nov. 2
Next Start: GII San Felipe S., SA, Mar. 9
Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 30.

When trainer Bob Baffert aims a top sophomore on a two-race prep path prior to the Kentucky Derby, he's not just thinking about the Derby itself. The two-time Triple Crown-winning conditioner's longer-term intent is to prepare his A-list candidates for the rigors of three Classic races in a five-week span, and last week Baffert was able to tick off a list of qualities that 'TDN Rising Star' Game Winner has in his favor that could enable that plan to come to fruition. ***Continue to p11***

TAMPA BAY DERBY NEXT STOP FOR PROMISING WIN WIN WIN *by Joe Bianca*

Live Oak Plantation's **Win Win Win** (Hat Trick {Jpn}), a track-record setter in his latest start at Tampa Bay Downs, will get his first two-turn test in the GII Tampa Bay Derby Mar. 9 at the Oldsmar oval, trainer Michael Trombetta confirmed to *TDN* Monday. The homebred was under consideration for the prep for that event, this Saturday's GIII Sam F. Davis S., but will instead be trained up to the meet centerpiece, with his performance likely to go a long way in determining whether the colt is ultimately pointed for the GI Kentucky Derby.

"The Sam Davis would certainly have been a great option for us, but I elected to pass on that to give him a little bit of extra time to prepare properly going into the other race," Trombetta said. "That would've been back in three weeks off a pretty fast race." ***Cont. p3***

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THOROUGHBRED DAILY **NEWS**

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Hunch bet of the day. *Howboutdempats (Factum) scores a 3/4-length victory in Monday's third race at Parx for owner Lauren Horan and trainer Marten Woodhouse just one day after the New England Patriots won Super Bowl LIII.* | *Equi-Photo*

STEADY ACTION AT FASIG-TIPTON OPENER **4**
The Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Winter Mixed Sale opened with the first of two sessions in Lexington Monday. Graded stakes winner Cheekaboo (Unusual Heat) brought the day's top price when selling for $300,000 to K R Japan.

INTO MISCHIEF FILLY STANDS OUT **6**
A filly by commercial powerhouse Into Mischief was the highest-priced short yearling during Monday's session of the Fasig-Tipton Winter Sale, bringing a final bid of $200,000 from Irish Meadow Stable.

FROSTED FILLY TO MCMAHON & HILL **7**
A filly from the first crop of GISW Frosted is destined for resale after being acquired Monday by McMahon & Hill.

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Tampa Bay Derby Next for Win Win Win

(cont. from p1)

That pretty fast race was indeed the swiftest seven furlongs in Tampa Bay Downs's 93-year history, as Win Win Win overcame a slow start in the Jan. 19 Pasco S. to stop the timer in 1:20.89 while romping by 7 1/4 lengths (video). No horse had ever before run a sub-1:21 seven panels over Tampa's notoriously deep main track.

Win Win Win | *SV Photography*

"It was a lot of fun, we went down for the race and I was expecting him to do well, but did I think he would break the track record? No," Trombetta said. "He really showed up in a good way."

Now the dark bay prepares for the most important crossroad of his young career, as his connections attempt to figure out whether they have simply a dynamite sprinter or a potential superstar.

"I think he should be fine with it, but obviously it's still a big unknown for us," Trombetta said. "We haven't done two turns with this guy yet, but he has four races under him, two [5 1/2-furlong] sprints and two seven-eighths, so I think he's ready to transition over and give it a try."

Trombetta has experience with this specific scenario--training a dazzling sprinter early in his sophomore season who could be Kentucky Derby-bound if he can prove his mettle around two turns--and it's an experience that actually led the veteran Maryland-based conditioner to saddling the 2006 Derby favorite, Sweetnorthernsaint (Sweetsouthernsaint). That taught him to trust in the talent of his animal above all, something he'll do again with Win Win Win.

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"It's familiar territory," Trombetta said. "It's been a while, but I had Sweetnorthernsaint in 2006 and he broke his maiden and ran, if I remember right, a 102 Beyer sprinting at Aqueduct. All those same questions were asked--'Will he rate?' 'Will he go long?'--and all that kind of stuff. I think the good ones can do a lot, and we just have to see if he's one of those."

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STEADY ACTION AT FASIG OPENER

by Brian DiDonato

LEXINGTON, Ky--The money was there for perceived quality during the first of two sessions of Fasig-Tipton's Kentucky Winter Mixed Sale Monday in Lexington.

A total of 146 head changed hands on the day for a combined $4,677,200. The average was $32,036 and median was $18,000--both of which compare favorably to last year's cumulative stats of $28,673 and $10,500, respectively. The buyback rate for the session was 29.5%, compared to 22.7% for the entirety of last year's sale.

A total of 13 offerings reached or surpassed the $100,000 threshold Monday, putting the 2019 renewal on pace to meet or exceed the mark of 24 horses which did the same in 2018. Eight brought $200,000 or better during the entirety of last year's sale, but only two did the same on Monday.

Topping Monday's session was graded stakes-winning broodmare prospect **Cheekaboo** (Unusual Heat), who was purchased by K R Japan for $300,000 from the Small Batch Sales consignment as hip 57.

The day's second topper was also the priciest short yearling: hip 191, a daughter of Into Mischief consigned by Blake-Albina Thoroughbred Services LLC, brought $200,000 from Irish Meadow Stable. ***Cont. p5***

Cheekaboo | *Fasig-Tipton photo*

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2	**Paynter** (2009) by Awesome Again FYR: **2015** Stands: **WinStar Farm KY**	6 [2.42]	16 [6.45]	1 [0.40]	3 [1.21]	1 [0.40]	136 [54.84]	76 [30.65] **AWD** **YTD:** 6.9	133	$672,515 Knicks Go **AWD Lifetime:** 6.9	**$4,899,670**
3	**Jimmy Creed** (2009) by Distorted Humor	8 [4.12]	19 [9.79]	2 [1.03]	6 [3.09]	2 [1.03]	112 [57.73]	69 [35.57] **AWD** **YTD:** 6.65	122	$311,200 Spectator **AWD Lifetime:** 6.65	**$4,749,560**

TDN Rising Star FEEDBACK keeps her record perfect in her stakes debut with a win in the Grade 3 Forward Gal Stakes. The same weekend Violencia earned TDN Rising Star Status with her 7 1/2 length romp first time out. In addition, SW Louder than Bombs placed in the Dania Beach Stakes.

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"The market was very solid today," said Fasig-Tipton President and Chief Executive Officer Boyd Browning, Jr. "It's the same old story--we sound like broken records--the quality offerings were very much in demand, with lots of bidding and lots of activity on those horses. Unfortunately, not every offering at this time of the year is going to be perceived as a real quality offering. But, for the most part, there was a marketplace for virtually every horse that walked through there. So, I thought, all in all, it was a successful day and there's no question that the market continues to demand quality and is willing to pay for it... I think the stratification continues, and we don't see any reason in the marketplace, frankly, to give us any indication that it's going to change in 2019. I think we'll continue to experience stratification in the marketplace at 2-year-old sales, at yearling sales and the mixed sales in 2019."

There were no repeat buyers among the toppers until the 15th priciest lot, and Browning said he was pleased with the diversity of the buying bench.

"There was a broad cross-section of buyers," he said. "We sold the sale topper to a group from Japan; we had Australian representatives here who bought a few horses; obviously, some folks from south of the border were active in the marketplace; and certainly there was American participation. So, it was a broad and diverse group of buyers today."

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• No. Offered	207	246
• No. Sold	146	181
• RNAs	61	65
• % RNAs	29.5%	26.4%
• No. $100K+	13	9
• High Price	$300,000	$260,000
• Gross	$4,677,200	$4,134,200
• Average (% change)	$32,036 (+40.3%)	$22,841
• Median (% change)	$18,000 (+80.0%)	$10,000

Cheekaboo Heats Things Up Early

Grade II winner **Cheekaboo** (Unusual Heat) woke up a somewhat sleepy sales pavilion early in Monday's session, garnering a winning bid of $300,000 over the phone from Japanese interests. The ticket was signed as K R Japan.

Offered as a broodmare prospect, Cheekaboo was consigned as hip 57 by Small Batch Sales on behalf of Ciaglia Racing. *Click for walking video*.

"We had the reserve a bit less than that, so it was exciting to exceed the reserve," said Small Batch's Fletcher Mauk. "We're super excited for the owners--they did a great job exercising patience with this filly, putting her in the right places and they've been rewarded for it."

Fletcher Mauk | *Fasig-Tipton photo*

Hailing from the extended female family of Grade I winners Miss Josh, Royal Mountain Inn and Bit of Whimsy, Cheekaboo was purchased for $55,000 as a Barretts October yearling in 2014. Turned over to trainer Peter Eurton on behalf of Ciaglia Racing, Mike Burns and Sharon Alesia, her signature win was a 23-1 upset of the 2016 GII Honeymoon S. over nine panels of Santa Anita sod. She racked up total earnings just short of $372,000 from three wins and 24 starts.

"It was typical of what you'd expect for a Grade II winner in the last sale of the year before the breeding shed opens," Mauk said when asked about the interest Cheekaboo had garnered during inspection time. "Most of the larger farms were interested in her. They respect the race record; race record says a lot. I think for the sire, she was a bit of an anomaly because she was a bigger-bodied horse than what most people expected from Unusual Heat. So to have that long shoulder, high withers, powerful hip, I think really carried her further than it could have had she been a more typical offspring of Unusual Heat."

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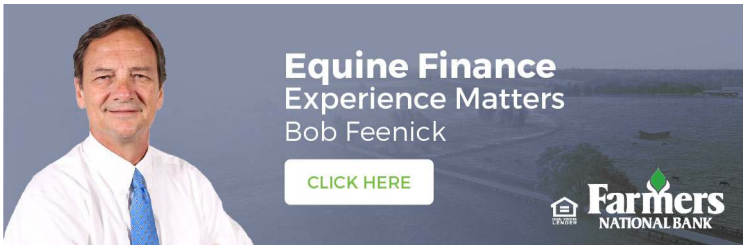

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Into Mischief Filly Stands Out

A filly by commercial powerhouse Into Mischief proved the most popular short yearling Monday at Fasig-Tipton, bringing $200,000 over the phone from Irish Meadow Stable. Bred by the Regan family's Newtown Anner Stud, she was offered by Blake-Albina Thoroughbred Services as hip 191.

"She's a lovely filly; a big, strong filly with a beautiful walk," said consignor Ron Blake. "We were really thrilled with her and hope she grows and develops. We think a lot of her. Anyone that would have her would be very proud to have her. We wish the best of luck to everybody."

Newtown Anner purchased hip 191's dam Kashami (Mizzen Mast)--who hails from the very productive Dr. John Chandler family of Grade I winners Dynaforce (Dynaformer) and Cetewayo (His Majesty) and millionaire Willcox Inn (Harlan's Holiday)--for $160,000 at the 2012 Keeneland September sale.

Kashami was a maiden special weight winner in eight attempts for Wayne Catalano. Hip 191 is Kashami's third foal--she produced a now-placed Pioneerof the Nile filly who sold privately after RNA'ing for $240,000 at the 2017 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga New York-bred sale; and a 2-year-old Majesticperfection filly who brought $100,000 at that same auction last term. Hip 191 was bred in Kentucky, and Kashami subsequently visited Kitten's Joy.

Hip 191 | *Fasig-Tipton photo*

Into Mischief has emerged as one of North America's best sires, both on the track and in the ring, and Blake acknowledged that his name carried plenty of weight in this open sale.

"You don't want to overload them and have too many of them, because the object is to come here and stand out and not be one of 40 or 50 Into Mischiefs--you want to be one of one or two, and have a nice enough horse that everyone wants it," he said. "We sold a Tiznow [colt] here last year for $260,000; we sold an Into Mischief filly here [in 2015] for $180,000, so every year we try to bring one that we think will stand out a little bit."

Blake said he was pleased with how his consignment had been received overall Monday.

"We've done pretty well today," he said. "We sold a Shackleford colt (hip 95) earlier for $70,000--I thought that was good money--so I think overall we've been pretty happy with today."

McMahon & Hill Double Down on Frosted

Agents Mike McMahon and Jamie Hill picked up their second filly from the first crop of Frosted (Tapit) Monday when they went to $160,000 to scoop up hip 111 out of Stuart Morris's consignment. They paid $240,000 for a New York-bred weanling filly by the same Darley inmate, also consigned by Morris, at Keeneland November.

"He was a great racehorse and a lot of times those great racehorses make good sires," Hill said of brilliant MGISW Frosted. "I know they bred him to a lot of good mares. It's the second Frosted we've bought, both of them from Stuart, both of them quite a bit of money, one of them was a New York-bred and this is a Kentucky-bred, so we've got our bases covered."

Frosted was a clear second--behind only farmmate Nyquist--by first-crop weanling average last year. His 12 foals to sell brought an average of $186,250.

Jamie Hill | *Fasig-Tipton photo*

Hill confirmed that hip 111 would be part of his and McMahon's successful pinhook venture.

Out of the young multiple stakes-placed mare Enchante (Bluegrass Cat), hip 111 is half to a now 2-year-old Uncle Mo filly who cost $250,000 at Keeneland September. Champion Forty Niner is under her fourth dam.

"We knew what the reserve was, and we were right at the reserve--maybe a tick over," Hill said of the price paid.

Of the market overall, he echoed a familiar sentiment: "If you have the right horse it brings the right money, but if you don't, you're left with nothing."

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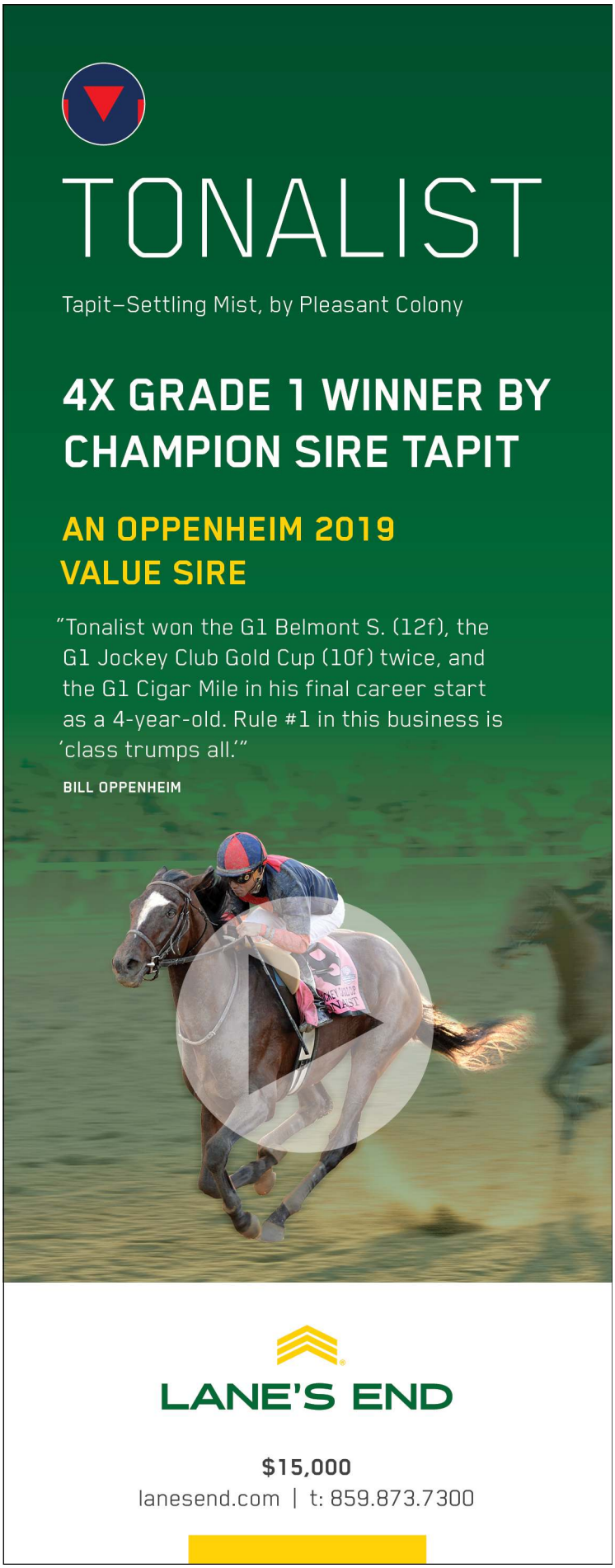

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MONDAY'S TOP BROODMARES

HIP	NAME	STATUS	PRICE ($)
057	**CHEEKABOO**	**broodmare prospect**	**300,000**
	(6, Unusual Heat--Sandy Cheeks, by Souvenir Copy)		
	Consignor: Small Batch Sales, Agent for Ciaglia Racing		
	Purchaser: K R Japan		
123	**FIVE STAR MOMMA**	**not pregnant**	**175,000**
	(10, Five Star Day--Momma in Law, by Nureyev)		
	Consignor: James B. Keogh (Grovendale), Agent I		
	Purchaser: Silverton Hill		
199	**KITTY PANDA**	**i/f Blame**	**160,000**
	(9, Sky Mesa--Fahamore, by Gulch)		
	Consignor: Winter Quarter Farm, agent		
	Purchaser: Fred Hertrich		
189	**JUST TALKIN**	**racing/b'mare prospect**	**160,000**
	(6, Midshipman--Sumthingtotalkabt, by Mutakddim)		
	Consignor: Brookdale Sales, agent		
	Purchaser: Justin Casse, agent		
237	**MIGHTY FINE**	**i/f Runhappy**	**150,000**
	(4, High Cotton--Back to Basics, by Alphabet Soup)		
	Consignor: James M. Herbener, Jr., Agent III		
	Purchaser: Shepherd Equine Advisors, agent for Larry Hirsch		
198	**KING'S GHOST**	**broodmare prospect**	**120,000**
	(7, Ghostzapper--Fourth Power, by Cozzene)		
	Consignor: St George Sales, Agent VII		
	Purchaser: Mare Madness IV		
064	**CLASS INCLUDED**	**i/f Star Guitar**	**110,000**
	(11, Include--A Classic Life, by Sky Classic)		
	Consignor: James B. Keogh (Grovendale), Agent I		
	Purchaser: Douglas S Arnold, agent		

MONDAY'S TOP YEARLINGS

HIP	SEX	SIRE | DAM	PRICE ($)
191	**filly**	**Into Mischief--Kashami**	**200,000**
	Breeder: Newtown Anner Stud Farm (Ky)		
	Consignor: Blake-Albina Thoroughbreds Services, Agent I		
	Purchaser: Irish Meadow Stable		
111	**filly**	**Frosted--Enchante**	**160,000**
	Breeder: Jumping Jack Racing (KY)		
	Consignor: Stuart Morris, agent		
	Purchaser: McMahon & Hill Bloodstock, agent		

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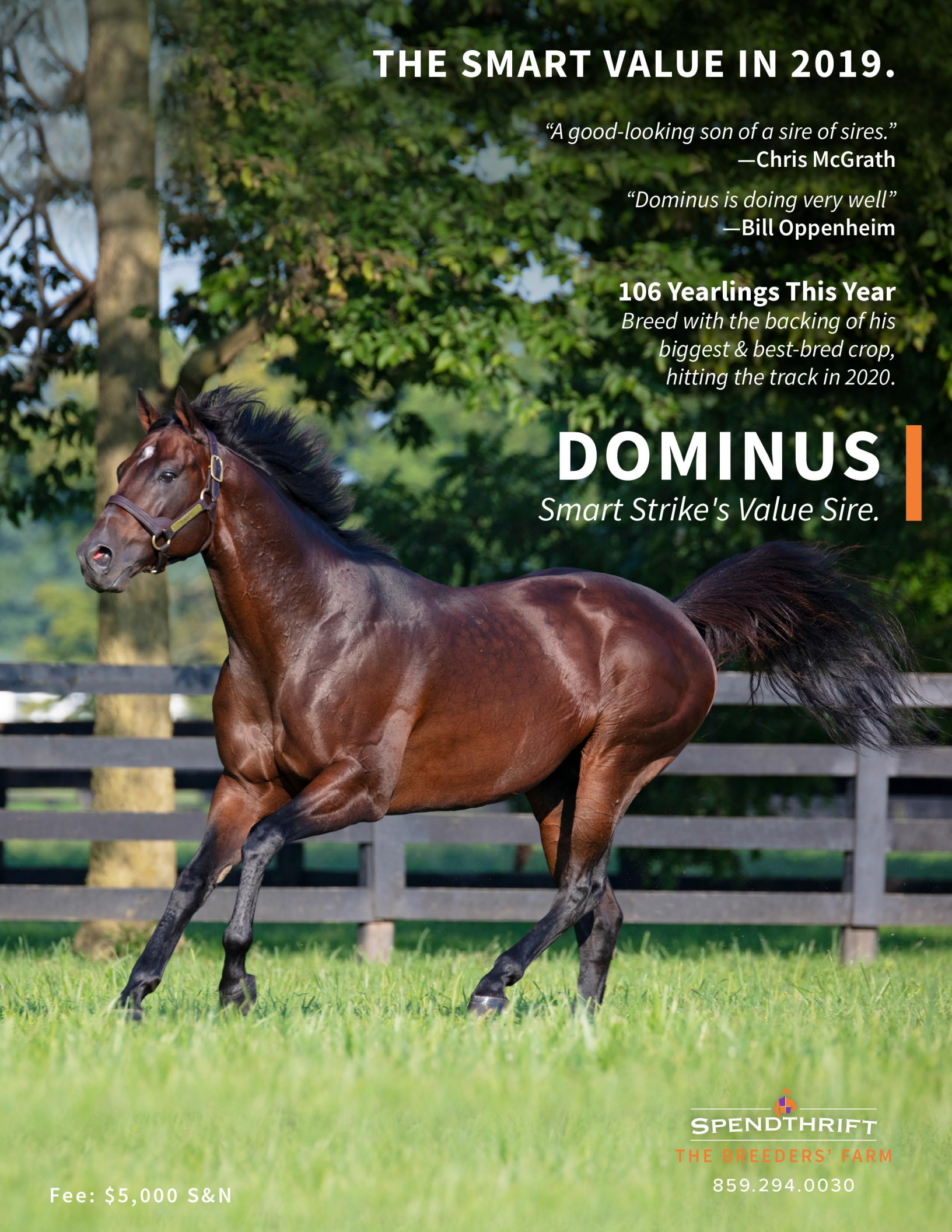
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130 **colt** **Exaggerator--Gem Sleuth** **120,000**
Breeder: China Horse Club International (Ky)
Consignor: Bluewater Sales LLC, Agent III
Purchaser: Dundrum Farm

072 **colt** **Tiznow--Coppermine** **120,000**
Breeder: Blackstone Farm (PA)
Consignor: Ballysax Bloodstock, Agent XX
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261 **filly** **Flatter--Never Yield** **110,000**
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Hip	Name	Status	Price ($)
147	Haveaniceweekend	b'mare prospect	100,000 PS

(5, Adios Charlie--Almost a Valentine, by High Cotton)
Consignor: St George Sales, Agent I
Purchaser: River Oak Farm

Trainer David Dunn claimed Haveaniceweekend for $7,500 at Parx last July. The mare was off the board in two subsequent starts for owner Carlos Rafael and trainer Bruno Tessore, but her full-brother Patternrecognition won the GII Kelso H. and GI Cigar Mile since the claim.

YEARLINGS

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price ($)
095	colt	Shackleford	Donnatale	70,000

Breeder: Richard Bosshard, Jr. (PA)
Consignor: Black-Albina Thoroughbred Services, Agent II
Purchaser: Billy Williams

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Price: $27,000

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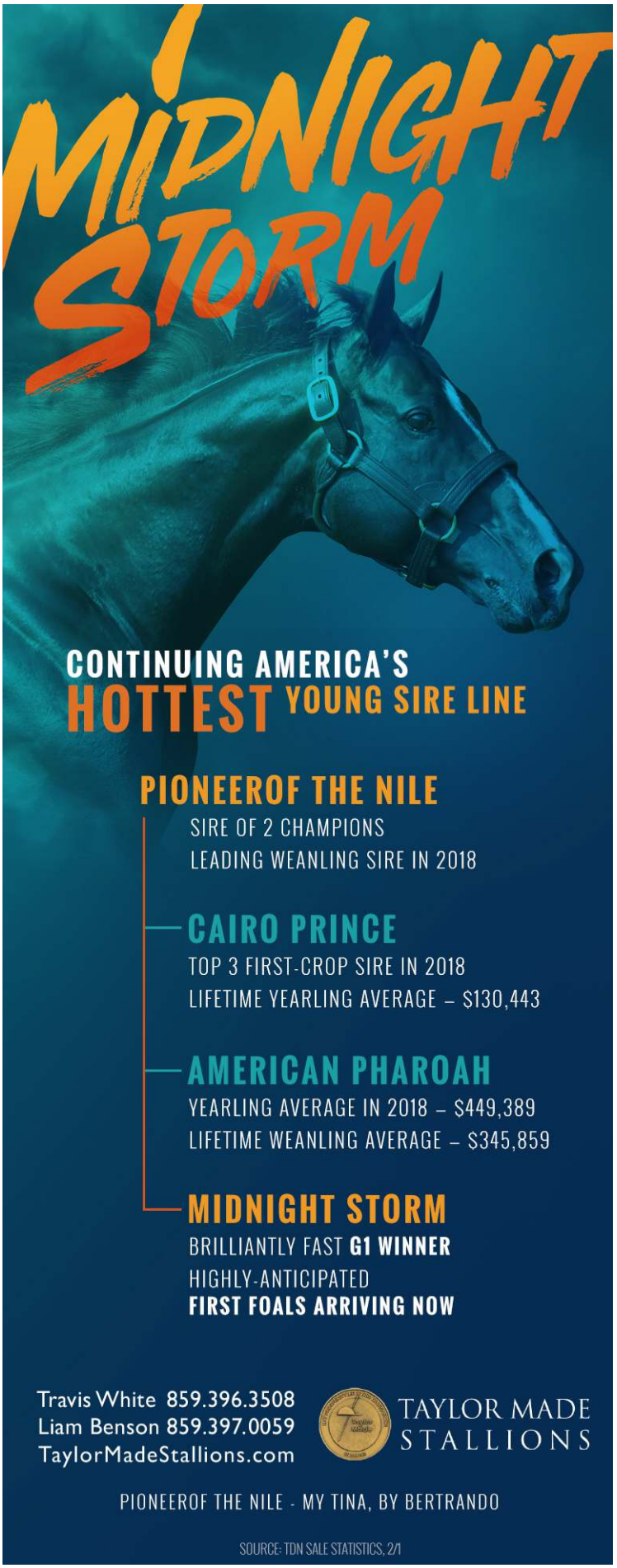
	GIII Suwanee River S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Thunder Road S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Endeavour S.	Tampa
	GIII Sam F. Davis S.	Tampa
	GIII Tampa Bay S.	Tampa
Feb. 10	GII San Vicente S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Sweet Life S.	Santa Anita



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TDN DERBY TOP 12 *(cont. from p1)*

In an XBTV shredrow interview, Baffert said Game Winner, a $110,000 KEESEP purchase, possesses a large physical frame, a good mind, and a demeanor that doesn't ruffle easily when going about his business in the mornings and afternoons. "The good ones, they know they're good. He's like a man against boys when he walks into the paddock," Baffert said. "I think he has enough foundation in him now," Baffert explained, noting that the colt's three published workouts so far in 2019 have been interspersed with plenty of two-mile jogs. Game Winner is still more than a month away from his next start in the GII San Felipe S. on Mar. 9.

2) SIGNALMAN (c, General Quarters--Trip South, by Trippi)
O-Tommie M. Lewis, David A. Bernsen, LLC & Magdalena Racing (Sherri McPeek). B-Monticule (KY). T-Kenneth G McPeek. Sales History: $32,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: GSW & MGISP, 5-2-2-1, $448,990.
Last Start: 1st, GII Kentucky Jockey Club S., CD, Nov. 24
Next Start: GII Fountain of Youth S., GP, Mar. 2
Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 18.

On Saturday, one month prior to his anticipated 2019 debut, Signalman breezed four furlongs in company in :46.53 (2/73) at Gulfstream Park, accelerating on cue at the half-mile pole after spotting a rail-running workmate a three-quarters length head start and the duo finished up on even terms.

The move was the second of four planned breezes prior to the GII Fountain of Youth S., and trainer Ken McPeek--who later that afternoon upset the GII Holy Bull S. with 29-1 Harvey Wallbanger (Congrats)--liked what he saw from this $32,000 FTKOCT General Quarters colt. “He's a big, powerful horse,” McPeek said. “He's extremely smart, and for a big horse he's fast. His last race [a rail-skimming win in the Nov. 24 GII Kentucky Jockey Club S.] I really liked. We asked him for speed early and he did that, then he overcame a bunch of traffic. You have to do that in May, don't you? You have to work through traffic, and he seems to understand what to do. It's a good position to be in right now.”

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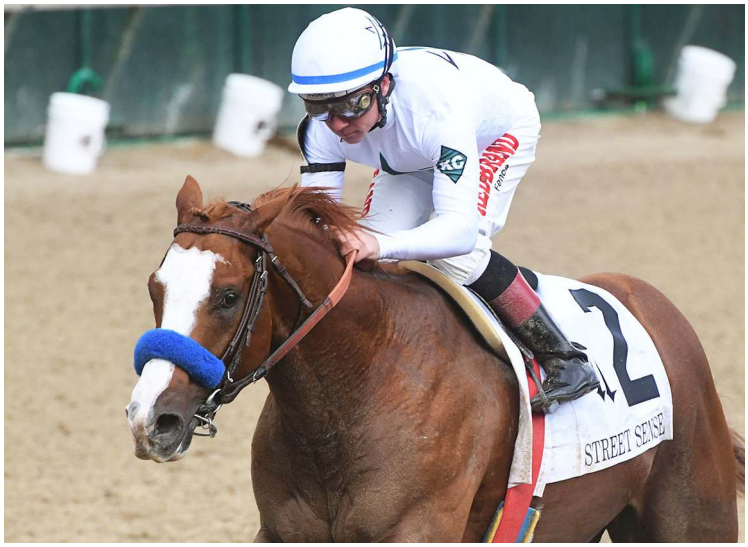
3) IMPROBABLE (c, City Zip--Rare Event, by A.P. Indy)
‘TDN Rising Star’. O-WinStar Farm LLC, China Horse Club International Ltd. & Starlight Racing. B-St. George Farm LLC & G. Watts Humphrey Jr. (KY). T-Bob Baffert. Sales History: $110,000 Wlg ‘16 KEENOV; $200,000 Ylg ‘17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GISW, 3-3-0-0, $269,520.
Last Start: 1st, GI Los Alamitos Cash Call Futurity, LRC, Dec. 8
Next Start: Possible for GII Rebel S., OP, Mar. 16
Equineline PPs. Caulfield on Improbable. KY Derby Points: 10.



Improbable | *Coady photo*

Improbable, like stablemate Game Winner, is on Baffert’s two-prep path to the Derby, and his most logical next-race landing spot is the GII Rebel Stakes at Oaklawn Park on Mar. 16. When XBTV asked last week about this $200,000 KEESEP City Zip colt’s top traits as a Derby candidate, Baffert replied, “His athleticism. He’s light on his feet.” But Baffert also admitted that he initially wondered if Improbable was bred to be a Classics contender because “most of the City Zips are going to be turf sprinters or whatever.” ***Cont. p13***

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So far, this has not been the case with Improbable, who sports a 7 1/4-length Breeders' Cup undercard romp in the Street Sense S. and a two-turn crushing of five overmatched rivals in the GI Los Alamitos Futurity. "This guy, I think he's got the right body that can carry him," Baffert said. But despite two daylight-margin stakes wins, an open question is how Improbable will handle deep-stretch adversity, because he has yet to have to fight off any sort of late-race challenge beyond the maiden ranks.

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4) WAR OF WILL (c, War Front--Visions of Clarity {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells)

O-Gary Barber. B-Flaxman Holdings Limited (KY). T-Mark Casse. Sales History: $175,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP; €250,000 2yo '18 ARQMAY. Lifetime Record: GSW, 6-2-1-1, $251,569.
Last Start: 1st, GIII Lecomte S., FG, Jan. 19
Next Start: Aiming for GII Risen Star S., FG, Feb. 16
Equineline PPs. Caulfield on War of Will. KY Derby Points: 10.

Even though it's already February, War of Will is the only horse to have raced in 2019 ranked within the first seven positions of the Top 12. The season so far has been lacking in eye-catching sophomore debuts, but there is little doubt that this turf-pedigreed €250,000 ARQMAY War Front colt belongs in the top tier based on his four-length manhandling of a decent crew in the Jan. 19 GIII Lecomte S. The impressive effort is likely to act as a deterrent to some wannabe Derby contenders whose connections might have thought the New Orleans prep route would be a path of least resistance, and War of Will will start as the deserving favorite if he runs as anticipated in the Feb. 16 GII Risen Star S. Remember, this was a juvenile whose first four races were all on grass, and he was beaten only 3 1/2 lengths as a maiden in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf. "I think he's a better dirt horse, although with a better trip in the Breeders' Cup he could have been a Breeders' Cup winner," trainer Mark Casse said last week. "But it was probably a blessing because had he won the Breeders' Cup, it would have been much tougher to try him on the dirt. Sometimes things happen for a reason."

LANE'S END FOALED, RAISED & SOLD

5) VEKOMA (c, Candy Ride {Arg}--Mona de Momma, by Speightstown)

O-R. A. Hill Stable & Gatsas Stables. B-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC (KY). T-George Weaver. Sales History: $135,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 2-2-0-0, $151,250. Last Start: 1st GIII Nashua S., AQU, Nov. 4 Next Start: Possible for GII Fountain of Youth S., GP, Mar. 2 Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 0.

Torie Gladwell *(Top Line Sales)*

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17c. Competitive Edge – Slamin' Dixie
"We have two very nice Competitive Edge two year olds including a colt out of Slamin' Dixie. He is extremely athletic with a great mind, a beautiful mover, very talented and looks like he's going to be a nice sharp early type. He is going to the Fasig Tipton Miami sale."

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It's been a 2-for-2 thrill ride for Vekoma so far (who shares a name with a roller coaster manufacturer), but a tough assignment looms as this $135,000 KEESEP colt nears his 2019 debut, which will come about four months after his GIII Nashua S. score last November. "We're still targeting the [Mar. 2] Fountain of Youth, or possibly the GIII Gotham the following weekend," trainer George Weaver told *TDN* on Sunday. "But he's made good progress and we're happy with him. He's a seriously talented horse. We need him to stay sound, and we need him to get over there and do his job. He hasn't gone two turns yet, and that's going to be the big question mark with regard to the Triple Crown. But he's by Candy Ride, so he should be able to get two turns. Hopefully we'll get the answer we're looking for." As a May 22 foal, Vekoma did look a little light on seasoning in the stretch runs of his first two races. As for his next race, the Fountain of Youth is likely to lure the more "loaded" field. But the presumably softer Gotham is a one-turn mile, so it wouldn't answer the all-important two-turn question right away.

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6) INSTAGRAND (c, Into Mischief--Assets of War, by Lawyer Ron)

'TDN Rising Star'. O-OXO Equine LLC. B-Stoneway Farm (KY). T-Jerry Hollendorfer. Sales History: $190,000 Ylg '17 FTKJUL; $1,200,000 2yo '18 FTFMAR. Lifetime Record: GSW, 2-2-0-0, $144,000.

Last Start: 1st, GII Best Pal S., DMR, Aug. 11

Next Start: Uncommitted

Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 0.

Instagrand | *Benoit photo*

John Gleason *(Woodford Thoroughbreds Training Center)*
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Lane Richardson
(Richardson Bloodstock)
17c. Competitive Edge – Hashtagsid ($170,000 Fasig-Tipton October yearling)
"He is doing amazing, we are really happy with him. He has great reach, a very fluid action and is incredibly willing. He has done everything perfect so far, just a racehorse from the get go."

Susan Montanye
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Although his dossier of workouts continues to expand--six published drills since Dec. 30, including a :59 five-eighths (2/35) at Santa Anita on Friday--the heavy-with-intrigue tale of Instagrand remains largely unchanged (at least publicly) since the unorthodox decision to back off from training last September. Owner Larry Best reportedly wanted a more robust sophomore season out of his $1.2 million FTFMAR investment after this Into Mischief colt won his debut and the GII Best Pal S. by a combined 20 1/4 lengths, but no commitment has been announced for Instagrand's 2019 coming-out party. We can speculate, though: Instagrand is nominated to Saturday's seven-furlong GII San Vicente S. (entries close Thursday). There appear to be no suitable dirt allowance races for 3-year-olds in the current Santa Anita condition book that runs through Feb. 18. The Feb. 16 Risen Star S. at Fair Grounds is worth mentioning (because the Best-owned, Jerry Hollendorfer-trained Instilled Regard (Arch) shipped for that race last year), and Instagrand got an early-bird nomination to the Risen Star by virtue of being an early nominee to the GII Louisiana Derby. Figuring out where and when this two-race sensation might pop up in the entries could end up being more of a challenge than handicapping his chances of winning when he does finally race.

7) KNICKS GO (c, Paynter--Kosmo's Buddy, by Outflanker)
O-KRA Stud Farm. B-Angie Moore (MD). T-Ben Colebrook. Sales History: $40,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; $87,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.
Lifetime Record: GISW, 6-2-1-1, $672,515.
Last Start: 11th GII Kentucky Jockey Club S., CD, Nov. 24
Next Start: GIII Sam F. Davis S., TAM, Feb. 9
Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 18.

There's no doubt that Knicks Go has proven credentials. The main question he has to answer in his 2019 debut this Saturday is whether or not he was a 2-year-old overachiever who peaked in two huge races (a 70-1 wire job in the GI Breeders' Futurity S. and a 40-1 second in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile). Prior to breezing a half mile in :48 flat on Saturday at Tampa Bay Downs (4/64), his :58.40 five-eighths bullet (1/39) on Jan. 26 was the final serious work for the GIII Sam F. Davis S., and last week trainer Ben Colebrook admitted that move was "probably was a little faster than we planned." But, he added, "Knicks Go did it really easy. He finished up with good energy and galloped out strong. We had given him some time off after his last start and he had put on some weight since, so he needed a serious work. He was savaging his feed tub later on." This $87,000 KEESEP Paynter yearling looms as the likely chalk in the Davis

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8) CODE OF HONOR (c, Noble Mission {GB}--Reunited, by Dixie Union)
O/B-W. S. Farish (KY). T-Shug McGaughey. Sales History: $70,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GISP, 2-1-1-0, $146,750.
Last Start: 4th, Mucho Macho Man S., GP, Jan. 5
Next Start: Aiming for GII Fountain of Youth S., GP, Mar. 2
Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 4.

Code of Honor is in regroup mode following a subpar showing at 4-5 odds in the Mucho Macho Man S. Jan. 5. I consider him a factor moving forward based primarily on his 14-1 adversity-overcoming second in the GI Champagne S. at Belmont Park last autumn, but also because his owner/trainer tandem doesn't send horses down the Derby trail unless they believe they have a legitimate candidate. In the wake of this Noble Mission (GB) homebred's Gulfstream defeat, trainer Shug McGaughey said he would be conditioning Code of Honor a touch more aggressively, and to that effect the colt fired a bullet 1:01 flat five-eighths last Tuesday at Payson Park (1/12). We're still about a month out, but the Fountain of Youth S. is shaping up as a pretty salty affair, with at least three contenders within this week's Top 12 considered possible for that Mar. 2 stakes.

LANE'S END BRED & RAISED

9) HIDDEN SCROLL (c, Hard Spun--Sheba Queen, by Empire Maker)

'TDN Rising Star' O/B-Juddmonte Farms, Inc. (KY). T-William I. Mott. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $31,800.
Last Start: 1st, Maiden Special Weight, GP, Jan. 26
Next Start: Uncommitted Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 0.

Part of the "Wow!" aura surrounding 'TDN Rising Star' Hidden Scroll has do with how infrequently trainer Bill Mott sends out debut winners, especially at a mile or over (3% win clip according to *DRF* stats), and how infrequently Mott cultivates early-season Derby prospects. Winning from post one in the slop at first asking in a 13-horse field is difficult enough, but to see the way this Hard Spun homebred opened up daylight margins through sizzling fractions in his maiden debut on the GI Pegasus World Cup undercard was something otherworldly. His winning time of 1:34.82 blew away the 1:36.22 clocking by older stakes horses five races later, and Mott told *TDN*'s Bill Finley the day after the breakout maiden win that because there is no suitable allowance race coming up in the Gulfstream condition book, a stakes shot could be next. "New Orleans, Hot Springs, Tampa, Gulfstream--we know when they are available," Mott said. "We liked him and I'm not surprised that he won. But you never know when you're going to see a performance like that--winning by 14 and being eased up."

Hidden Scroll | *Leslie Martin photo*

10) MUCHO GUSTO (c, Mucho Macho Man--Itsagiantscauseway, by Giant's Causeway)

'TDN Rising Star' O-Michael Lund Petersen. B-Teneri Farm Inc. & Bernardo Alvarez Calderon (KY). T-Bob Baffert. Sales History: $14,000 Ylg '17 KEEJAN; $95,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; $55,000 RNA 2yo '18 OBSMAR; $625,000 2yo '18 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: MGSW & GISP, 4-3-1-0, $234,000. Last Start: 1st, GIII Robert B. Lewis S., SA, Feb. 2

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Next Start: Uncommitted Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 14.

Newsflash: Bob Baffert has sent out the favorite in every graded dirt stakes for male juveniles/sophomores on the SoCal circuit dating back to September. That's a span of six races, and he's now won five of them (including one race when the fave lost but his higher-priced entry won). 'TDN Rising Star' Mucho Gusto (Mucho Macho Man) is the latest to hit the winner's circle, but the lack of depth in Saturday's five-horse GIII Lewis S. and a sealed/sloppy surface make it tough to get a true read on where this $625,000 EASMAY colt stands in the pecking order. Mucho Gusto broke alertly, backed off the lead, then targeted the pacemaker all the way down the backside before inhaling that overtaxed rival while in hand midway on the far bend. Mucho Gusto seemed to momentarily stall for a stride or two when set down for the drive three sixteenths out, then quickly recovered, responding to more energetic rousing while kicking clear to win by a geared-down 4 3/4 lengths. In the post-race interview, Baffert expressed satisfaction that Mucho Gusto got to the next level by learning to relax off the pace. Yet with reference to sidelined 'TDN Rising Star' stablemate Tale of the Union (Union Rags), who is also owned by Michael Petersen, Baffert conceded "This was actually the second string here--but he's a pretty good horse."

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11) MIND CONTROL (c, Stay Thirsty--Feel That Fire, by Lightning N Thunder)

O-Red Oak Stable (Brunetti) & Madaket Stables LLC. B-Red Oak Stable. T-Gregory Sacco. Lifetime Record: GISW, 5-3-1-0, $323,400.

Last Start: 1st, Jerome S., AQU, Jan. 1 Next race: GIII Gotham S., AQU, Mar. 9 Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 10.

Mind Control | *Sarah K. Andrew*

Mind Control had a schedule switch since our last update, with his connections opting out of last Saturday's GIII Withers S. at nine furlongs in favor of the Mar. 9 Gotham S. at a mile, which would be his fifth career one-turn race from six starts. On Sunday, this homebred Stay Thirsty colt breezed four furlongs at Belmont Park (14/103), his third published work at that distance since a capable, wire-to-wire annexation of the Jerome S. on Jan. 1. Last summer, the speed-centric Mind Control dueled his way to a frontrunning score in the GI Hopeful S. at Saratoga, then spiked a fever that forced a scratch from an October stakes start at Keeneland. A poor shipping experience combined with a bad gate break hampered his chances in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile (his only two-turn try). Mind Control is likely to remain focused on a path that points him to the GII Wood Memorial on Apr. 6, because his status as a Grade I winner triggers a bonus that raises the Wood purse from $750,000 to $1 million.

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12) MIHOS (c, Cairo Prince--Feline Flatline, by Lion Heart)

'TDN Rising Star'. O-Centennial Farms. B-Wayne, Gray & Bryan Lyster. T-James Jerkens. Sales History: $320,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: SW, 3-2-0-1, $108,880.

Last Start: 5th, GII Fasig-Tipton Holy Bull S., GP, Feb. 2

Next Start: Uncommitted

Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 0.

Even though this $320,000 KEESEP Cairo Prince colt finished fifth in Saturday's puzzling renewal of the Holy Bull S., Mihos retains a tenuous grip on the No. 12 spot in the rankings. The reason? To me, this 'TDN Rising Star' represents the best chance out of anyone from that race to still be a relevant Derby candidate three months from now. A 29-1 pick-up-the-pieces winner beat out an unfathomable 128-1 runner-up (both still have proving to do), and the 9-10 fave Maximus Mischief (Into Mischief) never fired despite a perfect trip. "He came out real good. He's acting good, but it's disappointing that he didn't like being in that crowd down the backside and all that dirt hitting him," trainer Jimmy Jerkens told *TDN* on Sunday. "He [backed] out of there bad on the far turn, but then he made a nice, even run at the end once he was clear. We were afraid of that--he didn't get a lot of bouncing around in his first few races. But he certainly got it [Saturday]. We'll give him a little time. We're not going to run back in the Fountain of Youth. But as far as sticking around for the [GI] Florida Derby or going up for the Wood Memorial, we'll just have to figure it out. We still think he's a nice horse. He acts like a classy sort, so I think he'll take it in and respond to it."

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On the Bubble (in alphabetical order)

Avie's Flatter (Flatter): Likely Canadian juvenile champ training at Palm Meadows and aiming for Tampa Bay Derby.

Bourbon War (Tapit): Pointing for return to graded stakes company after solid allowance win; difficult task looms if he goes in deep Fountain of Youth.

Coliseum (Tapit): A more focused effort in this Saturday's GII San Vicente S. could launch this headstrong 'TDN Rising Star' back into Derby-level contention.

Gray Attempt (Graydar): All-out wire job in the short-stretch Smarty Jones S. on opening day at Oaklawn; he's fast, but can he last over longer distances?

Gunmetal Gray (Exchange Rate): Second in the Lewis S.; keeps racking up Derby points with off-the-pace closing kicks.

Harvey Wallbanger (Congrats): Last-to-first rail-skimming move upset the Holy Bull S. at 29-1; might await 9f Florida Derby.

Maximus Mischief (Into Mischief): 'TDN Rising Star' had no obvious excuse despite sweet stalking in Holy Bull S. after expending plenty of energy with pre-race antics.

Nolo Contesto (Pioneerof the Nile): Recent Santa Anita maiden winner scratched out of last Saturday's Lewis S. when track came up sloppy.

So Alive (Super Saver): Todd Pletcher-trained half to Vino Rosso (Curlin) won Tampa allowance with blinkers added; fired bullet Sunday at Palm Meadows for expected start in Saturday's Davis S.

Tax (Arch): Distance-pedigreed stalker won three-horse photo in Saturday's Withers over so-so crew; could await 9f Wood Memorial.

Win Win Win (Hat Trick (Jpn)): Set new track record for seven furlongs in 7 1/4 length Pasco S. romp at Tampa last time out.

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ANNUAL KEEP DAY IN FRANKFORT

The Kentucky Equine Education Project will host its annual KEEP Day in Frankfort Feb. 12. The event provides KEEP grassroots members, industry leaders and horse breed associations an opportunity to share with state legislators the importance of horses to their districts and to the state's economy. It will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Senate Caucus Room, Room 265 in the Capitol Annex.

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CLASICO EL DERBY-G1, P94,500,000 *(US$144,805)*, Valpariso Sporting Club, 2-3, 3yo, 2400mT, 2:24.13, ft.

1--**YA PRIMO (CHI), 125, c, 3, Mastercraftsman (Ire)**
1st Dam: Yo Quisiera (Chi), by Special Quest (Fr)
2nd Dam: Yall (Chi), by Stagecraft (GB)
3rd Dam: Villena (Chi), by Balconaje (Arg)
1ST GROUP 1 WIN. O-Stud La Pacita; B-Haras Don Alberto (Chi); T-Guillermo Aguirre; J-Jeremy Laprida. P70,000,000. Lifetime Record: 8-4-0-1, $180,546. *1/2 to Yo Estoy Aqui (Chi) (Stuka), GSP-Chi, $131,356; and Your Fair Lady (Chi) (Stuka), SP-Chi. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A+.**

2--**El Expreso (Chi)**, 125, c, 3, Tumblebrutus--La Messalina (Chi), by Usual (Arg). O/B-Haras Don Luis (Chi); T-S. Inda; P14,000,000.

3--**Brown Storm (Chi)**, 125, c, 3, Scat Daddy--Blazing Storm (Ire), by Acclamation (GB). O/B-Haras Matriarca (Chi); T-Juan Pablo Baeza; P7,000,000.

Margins: 4HF; 2 1/4, 1. Odds: 3.40, 7.10, 35.00.

Also Ran: Nombar (Chi), Flash Flink (Chi), La Cañita (Chi), Gran Bribón (Chi), Top Lucky (Chi), Grey Moon (Chi), Cariblanco (Chi), Puerto Hamburgo (Chi), Avay (Chi), Primark (Chi), Fallen From Heaven (Chi), Cambridge (Chi), Mi Tres por Ciento (Chi)

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Leading 2018 Covering Sires

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Rank	Name	FYr	Loc	2018 Fee	Ring	Sold	Avg	Median
1	War Front	F08	KY	$250,000	9	9	$1,826,598	$1,500,000
2	Tapit	F06	KY	$300,000	7	7	$1,224,285	$750,000
3	Medaglia d'Oro	F06	KY	$250,000	8	8	$1,177,500	$812,500
4	Curlin	F10	KY	$150,000	17	9	$908,888	$750,000
5	Quality Road	F12	KY	$70,000	18	11	$459,545	$450,000
6	Uncle Mo	F13	KY	$125,000	12	8	$427,500	$360,000
7	Pioneerof the Nile	F11	KY	$110,000	14	10	$405,000	$415,000
8	Arrogate	F19	KY	$75,000	15	9	$387,777	$400,000
9	Candy Ride (Arg)	F06	KY	$80,000	15	8	$347,500	$205,000
10	Gun Runner	F19	KY	$70,000	17	12	$347,083	$332,500
11	Into Mischief	F10	KY	$100,000	23	17	$328,823	$275,000
12	Union Rags	F14	KY	$60,000	13	10	$313,500	$337,500
13	Mastery	F19	KY	$25,000	36	30	$227,666	$160,000
14	Honor Code	F17	KY	$40,000	17	13	$218,461	$130,000
15	American Pharoah	F17	KY	Private	20	14	$208,928	$195,000

Leading 2018 Freshmen Covering Sires

by average price for stallions standing in North America

Rank	Name	Sire's Sire	Loc	2018 Fee	Ring	Sold	Avg	Median
1	Arrogate	Unbridled's Song	KY	$75,000	15	9	$387,777	$400,000
2	Gun Runner	Candy Ride (Arg)	KY	$70,000	17	12	$347,083	$332,500
3	Mastery	Candy Ride (Arg)	KY	$25,000	36	30	$227,666	$160,000
4	Practical Joke	Into Mischief	KY	$30,000	29	23	$98,369	$72,000
5	Classic Empire	Pioneerof the Nile	KY	$35,000	23	12	$91,000	$87,500
6	Connect	Curlin	KY	$20,000	29	16	$71,812	$41,000
7	Lord Nelson	Pulpit	KY	$25,000	12	11	$64,727	$50,000
8	Klimt	Quality Road	KY	$10,000	26	17	$36,735	$27,000
9	Unified	Candy Ride (Arg)	KY	$10,000	21	16	$34,500	$25,000
10	Cupid	Tapit	KY	$12,500	28	19	$24,736	$15,000
11	Danzing Candy	Twirling Candy	CA	$5,000	6	6	$24,616	$19,000
12	Astern (Aus)	Medaglia d'Oro	KY	$15,000	10	5	$23,000	$15,000
13	American Freedom	Pulpit	KY	$10,000	14	8	$22,375	$17,500
14	Gormley	Malibu Moon	KY	$10,000	14	11	$17,681	$15,000
15	Keen Ice	Curlin	KY	$20,000	29	26	$16,307	$9,500

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Leading 2018 Sires of Weanlings

by average price for stallions standing in North America

Rank	Name	FYr	Loc	2017 Fee	Ring	Sold	Avg	Median
1	Pioneerof the Nile	F11	KY	$110,000	6	6	$617,500	$377,500
2	Tapit	F06	KY	$300,000	5	5	$516,000	$400,000
3	Medaglia d'Oro	F06	KY	$150,000	9	7	$344,285	$385,000
4	Curlin	F10	KY	$150,000	5	5	$325,000	$350,000
5	War Front	F08	KY	$250,000	5	4	$314,601	$274,203
6	Into Mischief	F10	KY	$75,000	26	15	$277,133	$250,000
7	Quality Road	F12	KY	$35,000	13	12	$259,583	$210,000
8	Nyquist	F18	KY	$40,000	11	8	$226,875	$202,500
9	Speightstown	F06	KY	$100,000	9	9	$224,444	$200,000
10	American Pharoah	F17	KY	Private	27	17	$224,411	$200,000
11	Uncle Mo	F13	KY	$150,000	10	7	$210,057	$180,400
12	More Than Ready	F02	KY	$60,000	12	8	$190,625	$177,500
13	Frosted	F18	KY	$50,000	18	12	$186,250	$167,500
14	Empire Maker	F05	KY	$85,000	6	4	$181,750	$215,000
15	Malibu Moon	F01	KY	$75,000	11	7	$180,000	$150,000

Leading 2018 Freshmen Sires of Weanlings

by average price for stallions standing in North America (through Keeneland November)

Rank	Name	Sire's Sire	Loc	2017 Fee	Ring	Sold	Avg	Median
1	Nyquist	Uncle Mo	KY	$40,000	11	8	$226,875	$202,500
2	Frosted	Tapit	KY	$50,000	18	12	$186,250	$167,500
3	Runhappy	Super Saver	KY	$25,000	20	17	$155,882	$160,000
4	California Chrome	Lucky Pulpit	KY	$40,000	13	9	$101,333	$95,000
5	Exaggerator	Curlin	KY	$30,000	25	14	$92,857	$85,000
6	Peace and Justice	War Front	PA	$3,500	2	2	$83,500	$83,500
7	Air Force Blue	War Front	KY	$25,000	25	20	$80,295	$72,500
8	Tamarkuz	Speightstown	KY	$12,500	5	5	$69,200	$50,000
9	Not This Time	Giant's Causeway	KY	$15,000	31	21	$67,833	$50,000
10	Upstart	Flatter	KY	$10,000	28	17	$60,352	$50,000
11	Speightster	Speightstown	KY	$10,000	44	36	$57,277	$52,000
12	Outwork	Uncle Mo	KY	$15,000	33	26	$51,750	$39,000
13	Mshawish	Medaglia d'Oro	KY	$20,000	18	17	$49,970	$30,000
14	Anchor Down	Tapit	KY	$10,000	13	10	$47,820	$45,000
15	Flintshire (GB)	Dansili (GB)	KY	$20,000	24	20	$43,357	$34,284

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4-Mahoning Valley, Msw 1m, WEMADEITTOFIFTY, 20-1
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Revolutionary (War Pass), WinStar Farm, $7,500
148 foals of racing age/17 winners/2 black-type winners
4-Mahoning Valley, Msw 1m, DAWN'S LIGHT, 6-5
$27,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Monday Cancellations

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ADDITIONAL RACING

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-Parx Racing, $59,564, 2-4, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:48.52, ft.

TIZ FAIR (m, 6, Fairbanks--Tiz Beverly, by Tiznow) Lifetime Record: 16-3-3-1, $132,779. O/B-Charles Fiumano (PA); T-Alfredo Velazquez.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Golden Gala, f, 3, **Goldencents**--Apple Pie Baby, by Not For Love. Parx Racing, 2-4, 1m 70y, 1:49.62. B-Classic Thoroughbred 25 (MD). *$40,000 Ylg '17 FTKJUL; $55,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR.

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Timing Now, c, 3, **Tapit**--Her Smile (GISW, $462,314), by Include. Chukyo, 2-2, Gogyo Sho, 6f. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $148,091. O-Kieffers Inc.; B-KatieRich Farms (KY); T-Katsuhiko Sumii. *$750,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. **VIDEO.**

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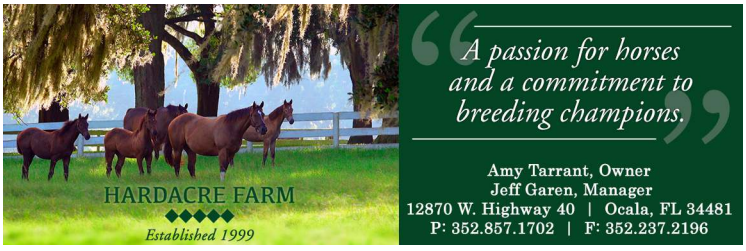

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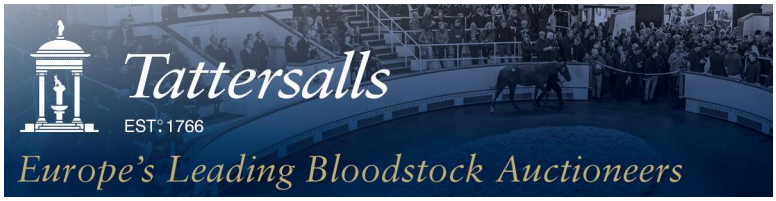


DIVERSE OFFERINGS AT GOFFS FEBRUARY

Action on the Goffs sales grounds | *Goffs*

By Daithi Harvey

KILDARE, Ireland--The Irish flat sales season gets underway on Tuesday with the two-day Goffs February Sale, which features something for everyone; with yearlings, 2-year-olds, horses in training, breeding stock and a smattering of National Hunt-bred horses thrown into the mix.

While a slimmer catalogue of 158 fewer horses means the sale will struggle to match last year's €4.8 million aggregate, the reduced numbers should hopefully help maintain a healthier clearance rate than the 65% attained in 2018. Last year's sale posted an average of €14,392 and a median of €6,650, while the top lot was the Jim Bolger-offered Glamorous Approach (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}) who was purchased by Ballylinch Stud for €280,000. **Cont. p2**

DIVERSIFICATION KEY AT CHEVELEY PARK

By Kelsey Riley

As an owner/breeder of both flat and National Hunt horses, a seller at public auction and stallion farm, Cheveley Park Stud has its fingers on a lot of pulses in the Thoroughbred business, and indeed David and Patricia Thompson's operation enjoyed notable successes in all these areas in 2018. In their own silks they enjoyed pattern-race wins with the likes of Angel's Hideaway (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Pilaster (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}), Regal Reality (GB) (Intello {Ger}) and Veracious (GB) (Frankel {GB}). Advertise (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), who they sold as a yearling, won the G1 Keeneland Phoenix S. and the G2 Arqana July S. On the stallion front, Pivotal (GB) continued to cement his legacy as a sire, sire of sires and broodmare sire; young stallions Intello (Ger), Mayson (GB) and Garswood (GB) had promising results on the track and Twilight Son (GB) had encouraging returns with his first foals at the sales.

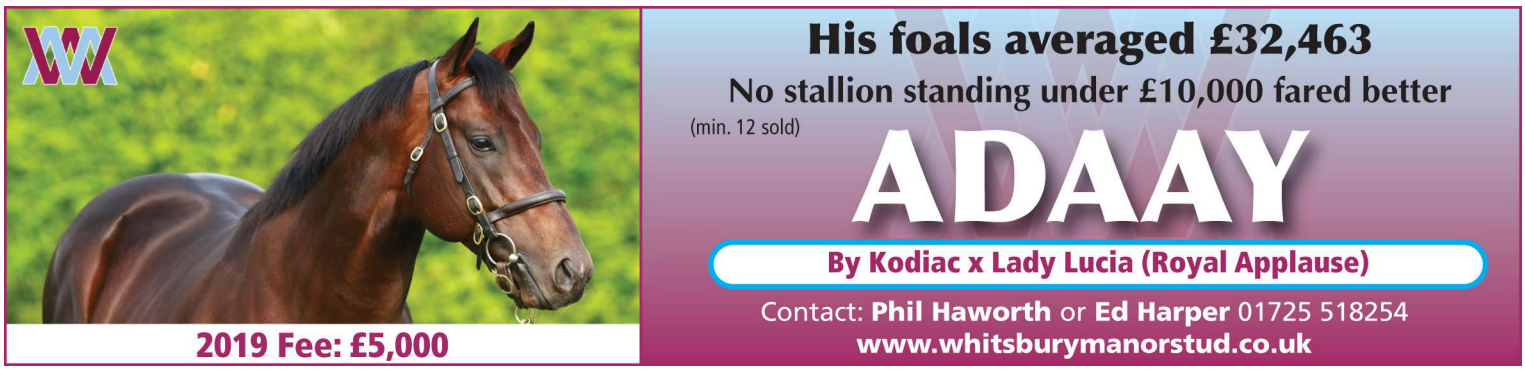
Progress doesn't happen looking backwards, however, and Cheveley Park is set to cover just under 160 of its own mares this year.

"About 40% will go to outside stallions, and 60% go to our own stallions, of which we have eight," said the stud's Managing Director Chris Richardson. "We have a busy season ahead. We have 10 foals on the ground and another 100 to foal in the coming months, so we have plenty to look forward to." **Cont. p3**

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

TDN DERBY TOP 12 FOR FEB. 5

After a jam-packed weekend of GI Kentucky Derby preps, T.D. Thornton has the latest edition of the TDN Derby Top 12. **Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.**



Diverse Offerings At Goffs February Cont. from p1

The 6-year-old subsequently added more black type to her CV when second in two listed races in the Ballylinch silks last year and Bolger offers another highly rated 6-year-old on Wednesday that should interest buyers. **Stellar Mass (Ire)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}), a 105-rated entire, is offered by Glebe House Stables as lot 333. The multiple stakes winner posted some smart efforts last summer including when second to Eziyra (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) in the G3 Ballyroan S. and he was also runner-up to Yucatan (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G3 International S. at The Curragh.

Day one provides an opportunity for pinhookers to get stuck in and with potentially just a seven-month turnaround to the autumn yearling sales, there ought to be plenty of traders keen to avail of that short window. An early yearling of interest could be lot 10 from Moyglare Stud. The colt by Teofilo (Ire) is out of the prolific stakes winner She's Our Mark (GB) (Ishiguru), who has bred two winners from three runners. Her third runner Titanium Sky (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) finished an eye-catching fifth on debut in a 2-year-old maiden at Gowran last September and with an entry in the G1 Tattersalls Irish 1000 Guineas, the Dermot Weld-trained filly could provide a significant pedigree update throughout this season.

Dark Angel (Ire) has been a friend to many pinhookers and breeders over the last number of years and an opportunity to acquire a full-brother to the speedy Easton Angel (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) presents itself with lot 22 from Drumachon Stud. The April born bay is also the only yearling by the Morristown Lattin stallion in the sale. Another whose pedigree could improve is lot 32, a filly by Estidhkaar (Ire) from Milltown House Stud.

A full-brother to Easton Angel will be offered at Goffs | *Racing Post*

She has a 200,000 gns 2-year-old half-brother by Society Rock (Ire) to run for her in the Shadwell colours this year while Very Excellent (Ire) (Casamento {Ire}), a half-brother to the dam Sunny Days (Ire) (Areion {Ger}), looks a winner waiting to happen judged on his debut at Dundalk last week.

The first foals of Derrinstown Stud stallion Awtaad (Ire) were very well received last year and lot 82 from Deer Forest Stud has plenty going for him on pedigree. The colt is out of G1 Premio Lydia Tesio winner Aoife Alainn (Ire) (Dr Fong), who has a perfect breeding record to date with three winners from three runners including Dr Richard Kimble (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}), a three-time winner last year in England.

With one withdrawn, last year's leading first season stallion No Nay Never is left with just one yearling on offer and lot 93 is a filly from Grenane House Stud out of the stakes performer Barzah (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}), who has produced two stakes performers among five winners in total. Another interesting yearling from Moyglare Stud is lot 110, a colt by Australia (GB) out of a Dream Ahead half-sister to 10-time MSW Tha'ir (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}).

Darley stallion Night Of Thunder (Ire) has his first runners this year and his yearlings made up to €350,000 at the sales last summer and fall. Cont. p3

Diverse Offerings At Goffs February Cont.

Lot 143 is the pick on pedigree of his pair of yearlings offered on Tuesday and is a half-brother to the stakes winner Champagne Or Water (Ire) (Captain Rio {GB}), from the family of Irish Classic-placed and Australian group winner Endless Drama (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}). The Richard Fahey trained 10-year-old Gabrial (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) came from his sire's first crop and has amassed over a million Euros in prize-money in his eight seasons of racing. His half-brother by Mehmas (Ire) is offered by Meadowlands Stud as lot 153.

Starspangledbanner has three yearlings catalogued | *Coolmore*

Coolmore stallion Starspangledbanner (Aus) has three yearlings catalogued with two of those coming from Airlie Stud. They include lot 195, a colt out of the French stakes winner Lungwa (Ire) (One Cool Cat).

Wednesday will see 2-year-olds, horses in training and breeding stock enter the ring and the interesting maiden mares that could prove popular include lot 318, **Vrai (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), offered by Baroda & Colbinstown. The 3-year-old was placed as a juvenile in France and as well as being a half-sister to G2 Railway S. winner Lilbourne Lad (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}) her now 2-year-old half-sister by Gleneagles (Ire) sold for 300,000gns to Alex Elliott last October. Lot 343, **Shareva (Ire)** (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}) from the Aga Khan Studs, is another young mare with sound credentials. Her dam Shareen (Ire) (Bahri) was a Group 3 winner and has bred two high-class fillies in dual G2 Blandford S. winner Shamreen (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) and G3 Singspiel S. winner Shahroze (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}).

Six lots later Grenane House Stud offer **It's A Wish (GB)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) as lot 349.

The 4-year-old was placed twice on the track but is a full-sister to G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest winner Signs Of Blessing (Ire). A few mares to be offered with attractive coverings include lot 373 from Godolphin, the stakes placed winner **Elshabakiya (Ire)** (Diktat) who is due to Dark Angel, while Baroda & Colbinstown offer lot 380, **Myopic (GB)** (Teofilo {Ire}). The 6-year-old produced a colt foal by Kodiac (GB) last year and is due to the same stallion in the middle of March.

Towards the end of the sale **Daddy's Gal** (lot 457) should pique some interest being an unraced daughter of Scat Daddy. Her dam Moon River Gal (Malibu Moon) was a winner in America and she has a 2-year-old filly by American Pharoah waiting in the wings.

There are also a number of supplementary lots added to the sale and they include lot 140A from Ballintry Stud. This is a yearling colt by Sea The Stars (Ire) out of Fly On The Night (Ire) (Equiano {Fr}), who was champion 2-year-old in Italy in 2015.

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In running through some of Cheveley Park's mating plans for 2019, Richardson began with one of the stud's brighter stars on the racecourse in recent years, the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. winner **Persuasive (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}). Cont. p4

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Diversification Key At Cheveley Park Cont.

"Starting with one of the mares who has foaled we have Persuasive, who won the G1 QEII beating the colts," Richardson said. "She had a very nice Frankel filly so we're delighted to have a filly out of a mare like that. She foaled on Jan. 18 and she goes back to Frankel."

Another Grade I-winning mare, the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf winner **Queen's Trust (GB)** (Dansili {GB}), visits Dubawi (Ire) for her second covering, as does her dam **Queen's Best (GB)** (King's Best). The latter was rested last year so will not have a foal of 2019.

One of the more recent additions to the Cheveley Park Stud stallion roster is the Niarchos-bred G1 Juddmonte International and G1 Coral-Eclipse S. winner Ulysses (GB) (Galileo {Ire}). Cheveley Park supported him with 50 mares in his first season last year and will send around 40 this year. Visiting the horse in both years will be a pair of mares bought for seven figures from the U.S. in 2017.

"We have a nice mare that cost $2 million at Fasig-Tipton called **Mesa Fresca** (Sky Mesa), who we bought in foal to War Front," Richardson said. "We have a very nice yearling filly by War Front out of her, and she's the dam of the GI Del Mar Oaks winner Harmonize. She is in foal to Ulysses, and goes back to him.

Cheveley Park Stud flagbearer Pivotal | *racingfotos.com*

"**Fools In Love** (Not For Love), who is the dam of Seahenge, winner of the G2 Champagne S., is currently in foal to Ulysses and goes back to him," Richardson added. "We paid $1 million for her at Keeneland so we're looking forward to seeing her foal in due course. **Cont. p5**

Diversification Key At Cheveley Park Cont.

"We're very keen to support our young stallion Ulysses, who I think is very exciting, bred as he is. We sent some nice mares to him last year and we're looking forward to seeing the foals. We have a few on the ground already: we have a very nice filly by him out of another mare we bought in America called **My Hope**. She is by Afleet Alex, we paid $525,000 for her at Keeneland and she's a half-sister to a colt called Carve, who was a multiple stakes winner in the States and it goes back to the family of Bound, Archipenko, Blame; it's a great family.

"Ulysses covered 115 mares in his first season so we're looking forward to seeing plenty more foals on the ground in due course," Richardson said. "He had six Group 1 winners visit him last year and the dams of eight Group 1 winners, along with over 30 stakes-producing mares."

Chris Richardson | *Tattersalls*

The Cheveley Park team are also awaiting Ulysses foals this season out of the dams of the aforementioned Regal Reality and Advertise. Both mares will visit outside sires after foaling; **Regal Realm (GB)** (Medicean {GB}) is booked to Caravaggio (Ire), while **Furbelow (GB)** (Pivotal {GB}), Advertise's dam, returns to his sire, Showcasing. Another outside stallion Cheveley Park will patronize this year is Shadwell's popular sprinter Muhaarar (GB), who has his first runners in 2019.

"**Integral (GB)** (Dalakhani {Ire}), the G1 Sun Chariot S. and G1 Falmouth S. winner, is in foal to Ulysses and goes to Muhaarar," Richardson said. "Her first foal is a Dubawi colt that has gone into training with Sir Michael Stoute and he's called Inherent. So we have a bit of action coming through on that."

Joining Regal Realm on the trip to Ireland will be **Infallible (GB)** (Pivotal {GB}), the dam of black-type winners Veracious, Intimation (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) and Mutakayyef (GB). Cont. p6

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		MARIAH'S STORM	IMMENSE

GLENEAGLES (IRE) (c by Galileo), **Champion 2yr old colt in Ireland in 2014**, **Champion 3yr old miler in Europe in 2015**, **won** 7 races at 2 and 3 years and £967,538 including 2000 Guineas, **Gr.1**, Irish 2000 Guineas, **Gr.1**, National Stakes, **Gr.1**, St James's Palace Stakes, **Gr.1**, Futurity Stakes, **Gr.2**, Tyros Stakes, **Gr.3**, placed third in Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere, **Gr.1**; sire.

1st Dam.
YOU'RESOTHRILLING (USA) (f by Storm Cat), **won** 2 races at 2 years and £109,644 viz Cherry Hinton Stakes, **Gr.2** and Naas Sprint Stakes, **Gr.3**, placed second in Albany Stakes, **Gr.3**; Own sister to **GIANT'S CAUSEWAY (USA)**;
dam of **five winners** viz-
GLENEAGLES (IRE) (c. by Galileo), see above.
HAPPILY (IRE) (2015 f. by Galileo), **Jt 3rd top rated 2yr old filly in Europe in 2017, won** 4 races at 2 years and £662,371 including Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere, **Gr.1**, Moyglare Stud Stakes, **Gr.1** and Silver Flash Stakes, **Gr.3**, placed second in Sun Chariot Stakes, **Gr.1**, third in 1000 Guineas, **Gr.1** and Irish 1000 Guineas, **Gr.1**.
MARVELLOUS (IRE) (f. by Galileo), **Jt 3rd top rated 3yr old filly in Europe in 2014**, **won** 2 races and £160,222 including Irish 1000 Guineas, **Gr.1**.
TAJ MAHAL (IRE) (c. by Galileo), **won** 4 races including Zipping Classic, Melbourne, **Gr.2** (twice), JRA Cup, Melbourne, **Gr.3**, placed second in Secretariat Stakes, Arlington, **Gr.1**.
COOLMORE (IRE) (f. by Galileo), **won** 1 race at 2 years viz C L & M F Weld Park Stakes, **Gr.3**, placed third in Belmont Oaks Invitational Stakes, **Gr.1**.

2nd Dam.
MARIAH'S STORM (USA) (f by Rahy), **won** 10 races at 2 to 4 years in U.S.A. and £475,571 including Arlington Washington Lassie Stakes, **Gr.2**, Turfway Park Breeders' Cup H., **Gr.2**, Arlington Matron H., **Gr.3**, Arlington Heights Oaks, **Gr.3**, Falls City H., **Gr.3**, Ak-Sar-Ben Oaks, **Gr.3**, placed third in Spinster Stakes, **Gr.1**;
dam of **eight winners** including-
GIANT'S CAUSEWAY (USA) (c by Storm Cat), **Champion 3yo in Europe in 2000 (9.5-10.5f.)**, **won** 9 races including International S., **Gr.1**, Eclipse S., **Gr.1**, Irish Champion S., **Gr.1**, St James's Palace S., **Gr.1**, Sussex S., **Gr.1**, Prix de la Salamandre, **Gr.1**, placed second in Irish 2000 Guineas, **Gr.1**, Queen Elizabeth II S., **Gr.1**, 2000 Guineas, **Gr.1** and Breeders' Cup Classic, **Gr.1**; champion sire in U.S.A.
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Diversification Key At Cheveley Park Cont.

She returns to the latter's sire, Sea The Stars (Ire). Richardson noted that Veracious remains in training with Sir Michael Stoute.

After enjoying so much success with its stallion barn flagbearer Pivotal, Cheveley Park is supporting his leading son in France, Siyouni (Fr), with the 2017 G2 Rockfel S. winner **Juliet Capulet (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) for her first covering.

Ulysses | *Racing Post*

"Siyouni is an interesting son of Pivotal, which brings me on to Pivotal, who has just turned 26 years of age," Richardson said. "He covered 53 mares last year, only eight of them were not in foal, so his fertility last year was exceptional for a horse of his age. We have just under 50 mares booked to him again this year so hopefully all being well he'll continue to breed a few select mares. He's such a phenomenal sire–he's produced champion sprinters to Classic mile-and-a-half winners. He's a sire of sires and now as a broodmare sire he's taking all before him. We have a mare who is a daughter of Islington that we bought last year called Angel Vision, and she visits Pivotal this year. She's currently in foal to Dark Angel."

Richardson noted that Cheveley Park's other 'elder' statesman–although he is nine years Pivotal's junior–Dutch Art (GB) is under a bit of a fertility issue cloud after returning some concerning figures end of last year. He will be closely monitored during the early part of the season but it could be that the six younger members of the roster may need to take up the baton. In addition to Ulysses those include Intello, who in addition to Regal Reality had G1 Prix Jean Prat winner Intellogent (Ire) and dual Group 3 winner Young Rascal (Fr) from his first crop of 3-year-olds last year. In an agreement with Intello's owners the Wertheimer brothers, the G1 Prix du Jockey Club winner has thus far alternated every second season between Cheveley Park and Haras du Quesnay in France. **Cont. p7**

Diversification Key At Cheveley Park Cont.

He is at Cheveley Park this year and will be visited by Troarn (Fr) (Wootton Bassett {GB}), the full-sister to Almanzor (Fr) bought by Cheveley Park for €600,000 at Arqana December in 2017.

Garswood is an interesting prospect heading into his first year with 3-year-olds, having sired two stakes winners last year off an opening £7,000 covering fee. Lethal Force has been a reliable source of winners but is still looking for that first stakes winner to raise his profile further, while Mayson has sired five stakes winners from four-figure fees from three crops of racing age. The youngest members of the roster are Group 1-winning sprinters Twilight Son (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}) and Unfortunately (Ire) (Society Rock {Ire}).

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"Garswood is a son of Dutch Art, a very good-looking horse and a horse we bred. He had two stakes winners in France last year so we're hopeful that he can build on that going forward," Richardson said. "We have Lethal Force who has lots of winners but probably just needs a good stakes horse. Mayson is teetering on the verge of making that big step up. He had another phenomenal year last year. Twilight Son, we were delighted with his first foals, they sold extremely well averaging nearly £30,000, which is treble his stud fee. They look really rather similar to his sire Kyllachy; his stock were always considered to be real trainers' type horses and hopefully Twilight Son can emulate that.

"We have Unfortunately, who was a champion Group 1-winning 2-year-old in France by Society Rock, who once again could rekindle what Cheveley has always been associated with, which is speed stallions."

As an added incentive for breeders to use the G1 Prix Morny winner Unfortunately, Cheveley Park is offering a £10,000 bonus to the breeder of Unfortunately's first 2-year-old winner from his first crop. **Cont. p8**

Diversification Key At Cheveley Park Cont.

The breeders of all 2-year-old winners from his first crop will receive a free return.

One could imagine that a reputation of producing precocious sprinters in a market that is increasingly craving such could put Cheveley Park on the front foot, but Richardson said the stud is actually looking to diversify its portfolio in the interest of its own racing ambitions and the greater good of the business–hence the introduction of stallions like Ulysses and Intello.

"Pivotal has been a prime example of the fact that most good horses that stay need to have some speed," Richardson said. "That's one thing that he's been able to introduce to the industry and his legacy will live long as a result of it. It's worked for us and there's been a number of people to say, 'Cheveley has always been associated with sprinters, stick with it, if it ain't broke don't fix it.' But we're conscious with our own breeding program for the future. We want to have the opportunity to be running in mile-and-a- quarter, mile-and-a-half races and competing on a more international front, as we have done as an example with Queen's Trust coming to the Breeders' Cup."

Factors such as Brexit and the extreme polarization in the breeding stock market last year mean that breeders face some uncertainties heading into the season, and Richardson said it will be important to control numbers and focus on quality.

"I think we're all very aware of the fact that we are facing some challenging times, especially in the UK," he said. "There are a lot of uncertainties over Brexit, which is something people are genuinely nervous about. The economy is indicating quite a lot of potential concerns going forward and we have to bear all those things in mind.

"The markets were very selective, it's certainly challenging times, but I think the important thing is we have to remain focused on controlling numbers. Within the industry there are a lot of people suggesting they want more fixtures, more races, more runners, which frankly is going to be difficult to maintain because there are only so many breeders and owners that can accommodate the number of horses that are being bred. We have to be conscious of the fact that we don't want to get back into a scenario where we're suffering from overproduction. In the States, there is a wealth of people who are prepared to invest in racing and breeding, and the markets are much more sustainable, whereas in Europe it's much more a delicate balance. I think the industry has to be careful. There is plenty of work going on behind the scenes with regards to prizemoney issues, and we're also trying to encourage people to have a longer-term view, using more middle-distance stallions, which I think is important for the future of the industry. It's not all about the commercial angles or precociousness." **Cont. p9**

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He added, "We do need to be looking at the industry with a long-term view, hence why we've tried to diversify into a few more middle-distance stallions."

With a diverse portfolio of young stallions and a strong band of top-quality broodmares working for them, Cheveley Park Stud has plenty of reasons to be optimistic heading into 2019 and beyond.

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Monday's Results:

8th-Wolverhampton, £5,800, Cond, 2-4, 3yo, 9f 104y (AWT), 2:01.98, st.

MARHABAN (IRE) (c, 3, New Approach {Ire}--Arsaadi {Ire} {GSP-Tur & MSP-Eng, $207,928}, by Dubawi {Ire}), who broke through going 10 furlongs at Lingfield in his second go last time Jan. 18, broke sharply and led from flagfall in this one. Holding sway throughout, the 1-2 chalk was shaken up off the home turn and pushed out to hold stablemate Cirque Royal (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}) by 3/4 of a length. The second of two foals produced by G3 International Istanbul Trophy second Arsaadi (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), the bay is a full-brother to stakes-winning G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains runner-up Hey Gaman (GB) and from a family featuring MG1SP G2 King's Stand S. hero The Tatling (Ire) (Perugino). Sales history: 240,000gns Ylg '17 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, $9,780. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.

O-Godolphin; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Charlie Appleby.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

3rd-Wolverhampton, £19,000, Cond, 2-4, 4yo/up, 8f 142y (AWT), 1:47.52, st.

HATHAL (h, 7, Speightstown--Sleepytime {Ire} {G1SW-Eng, $239,946}, by Royal Academy) Lifetime Record: GSW-Eng & SP-Fr, 19-5-4-4, $233,588. O-Dr A Sedrati & Partner; B-Tenth Street Stables LLC (KY); T-Jamie Osborne. *$275,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP; 320,000gns 2yo '14 TATBRE; 65,000gns 6yo '18 TATAHI. **1/2 to Gentleman's Deal (Ire) (Danehill), GSW-Eng, $276,549; Dame Ellen (Elusive Quality), SW-US; Spanish Harlem (Ire) (Danehill), GSP-Ire; and Oh Star (Tale of the Cat), SP-Fr.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Gantier (GB), g, 3, **Frankel (GB)**--Kid Gloves (GB), by In the Wings (GB). Chelmsford City, 2-4, 10f (AWT), 2:08.07. B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB). *1/2 to Treat Gently (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), MGSW-US & GSW-Fr, $544,695; and Ideology (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), SP-Fr, $182,825.

Solar Park (Ire), c, 3, **Kendargent (Fr)**--Solandia (Ire), by Teofilo (Ire). Wolverhampton, 2-4, 6f 20y (AWT), 1:14.02. B-Kildaragh Stud (IRE). *12,000gns 2yo '18 TATHIT.

WINNERS BY EUROPEAN SIRES

IN JAPAN:

Territorial (Jpn), h, 5, **Teofilo (Ire)**--Conservatoire, by Street Cry (Ire). Kyoto, 2-3, Inari Tokubetsu, 10fT. Lifetime Record: 18-4-4-3, $607,182. O-Godolphin; B-Darley Japan Farm (Jpn); T-Katsuichi Nishiura.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

STEWARDS SEEK FOUR-YEAR BAN FOR WEIR

The hearing into the show cause notices issued against licensed trainers Darren Weir and Jarrod McLean on Feb. 1, 2019, was concluded by the Racing Victoria stewards on Monday morning, Feb. 4, *Racing.com* reported. The charges brought against the duo will be heard on a yet to be determined date by the Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board, but stewards have indicated they will seek a four-year ban for Weir.

Submissions were made on behalf of both trainers by their legal representative, with Weir not contesting the three charges issued against him under AR 175(hh)(ii) for possession of an electric or electronic apparatus capable of affecting the performance of a horse; and the charge issued against him under AR175A for conduct prejudicial to the image, interests or welfare of racing. McLean will be contesting his single AR 175(hh)(ii) charge and a charge under AR175A.

After deliberating, the stewards will now request that the RAD Board hear and determine the charges laid against Weir at the earliest opportunity, but due to the severity of the charges, stewards will be seeking a four-year disqualification, of which Weir was appraised prior to deciding not to contest the charges.

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Darren Weir | *TDN AusNZ*

Stewards Seek Four-Year Ban for Weir Cont.

Weir will not be able to nominate horses for any races or official trials, any acceptances from Weir's yard will be withdrawn by order of the stewards, Weir will not be able to accept with any of his nominated horses, any horse currently nominated for a race, but not accepted, must be transferred to another trainer with the approval of the stewards if the owners still wish to compete in that race, and finally that Weir must divest himself of an registered ownership interest in a registered horse, prior to that horse being permitted to accept for any race.

Regarding McLean, significant conditions were also imposed until the RAD Board has heard and determined the charges. McLean will not be able to receive any horses to train that were in the care of Weir as of Jan. 30, 2019, but subject to the condition stated above, McLean will be permitted to continue nominating and accepting horses for races and official trials.

Racing Victoria Executive General Manager-Integrity Jamie Stier said in a statement, "This is a complex matter and the stewards were determined to be thorough and give due consideration to the submissions made, their legal advice and the ongoing investigations. Darren Weir is facing serious charges of possessing three electrical apparatus and conduct prejudicial to the interests or image of racing. He has advised the stewards that he will not contest those charges which have drawn considerable negative publicity to the sport.

"To that end, stewards have requested that the RAD Board expedite the hearing of Mr. Weir's charges at which point they will be seeking a four-year disqualification. Until such time as the RAD Board convenes to hear and determine Mr. Weir's charges, the stewards have imposed strict conditions on his licence that ensure he is not permitted to enter or race any horses as a trainer or owner.

"On the basis that Mr. McLean advised the stewards that he will contest the charges against him, significant conditions have also been imposed on his operation until such time as the charges have been heard and determined by the RAD Board. In reaching these positions on the show cause notices, the stewards note that investigations remain ongoing and that they reserve the right to act upon any new evidence that comes to hand during the course of those investigations."

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BHA must fight its corner amid racing's 'social contract' debate
Horses' welfare is under increased scrutiny, but the authorities must protect the sport from ignorance and misconceptions.
Greg Wood, *The Guardian*

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Date	Race	Track
Feb. 9	Queen Cup (G3)	Tokyo
Feb. 10	Kyodo News Service Hai (G3)	Tokyo
	Kyoto Kinen (G2)	Kyoto
Feb. 16	Diamond S. (G3)	Tokyo
	Kyoto Himba S. (G3)	Kyoto
Feb. 17	February S. (G1)	Tokyo
	Kokura Daishoten (G3)	Kokura
Feb. 24	Nakayama Kinen (G2)	Nakayama
	Hankyu Hai (G3)	Hanshin
Mar. 2	Ocean S. (G3)	Nakayama
	Tulip Sho (G2)	Hanshin
Mar. 3	Yayoi Sho (G2)	Nakayama
Mar. 9	Nakayama Himba S. (G3)	Nakayama
Mar. 10	Fillies' Revue (G2)	Hanshin
	Kinko Sho (G2)	Chukyo
Mar. 16	Flower Cup (G3)	Nakayama
	Falcon S. (G3)	Chukyo
Mar. 17	Spring S. (G2)	Nakayama
	Hanshin Daishoten (G2)	Hanshin
Mar. 23	Nikkei Sho (G2)	Nakayama
	Mainichi Hai (G3)	Hanshin
Mar. 24	March S. (G3)	Nakayama
	Takamatsunomiya Kinen (G1)	Chukyo
Mar. 30	Lord Derby Challenge Trophy (G3)	Nakayama
Mar. 31	Osaka Hai (G1)	Hanshin
Apr. 6	New Zealand Trophy (G2)	Nakayama
	Hanshin Himba S. (G2)	Hanshin
Apr. 7	Oka Sho (G1)	Hanshin

Leading Broodmare Sires by Black-Type Winners

for stallions standing in Europe through Sunday, Feb. 3

Earnings represent worldwide figures, stud fees listed are 2019 fees.

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	**Sadler's Wells**	3	3	1	1	--	--	156	25	120,000	743,423
	(1981) by Northern Dancer Crops: 29				*Stands: Coolmore Stud EUR (Dead)*					*War of Will*	
2	**Singspiel (Ire)**	2	4	2	3	--	--	129	18	571,835	1,330,355
	(1992) by In the Wings (GB) Crops: 15				*Stands: Dalham Hall Stud EUR (Dead)*					*Sciacchetra (Jpn)*	
3	**Redoute's Choice (Aus)**	1	1	--	--	--	--	29	6	755,364	1,299,152
	(1996) by Danehill Crops: 10				*Stands: Haras de Bonneval EUR (Exp)*					*Furore (NZ)*	
4	**Galileo (Ire)**	1	2	1	1	--	--	132	18	168,672	1,037,034
	(1998) by Sadler's Wells Crops: 11				*Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: Private*					*Red Roses (Jpn)*	
5	**Danehill**	1	3	1	1	--	--	121	20	150,000	883,960
	(1986) by Danzig Crops: 23				*Stands: Coolmore Stud EUR (Dead)*					*Poetic Charm (GB)*	
6	**Selkirk**	1	1	1	1	--	--	70	15	236,379	672,816
	(1988) by Sharpen Up (GB) Crops: 20				*Stands: EUR (Dead)*					*Senator (GB)*	
7	**Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)**	1	1	--	--	--	--	101	8	109,438	513,050
	(1999) by Danehill Crops: 10				*Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: €7,500*					*Ajmal (Ire)*	
8	**Cape Cross (Ire)**	1	2	--	--	--	--	91	16	60,000	510,147
	(1994) by Green Desert Crops: 13				*Stands: Kildangan Stud EUR (Dead)*					*Good Fortune (GB)*	
9	**Green Desert**	1	2	1	2	--	--	77	7	150,000	483,569
	(1983) by Danzig Crops: 25				*Stands: Nunnery Stud EUR (Dead)*					*D'Bai (Ire)*	
10	**Oasis Dream (GB)**	1	1	1	1	--	--	108	19	120,000	452,759
	(2000) by Green Desert Crops: 9				*Stands: Banstead Manor Stud Eng Fee: £30,000*					*Raven's Corner (Ire)*	
11	**Mark of Esteem (Ire)**	1	2	1	1	--	--	44	6	236,194	396,346
	(1993) by Darshaan (GB) Crops: 16				*Stands: Dalham Hall Stud EUR (Dead)*					*Exultant (Ire)*	
12	**Dubawi (Ire)**	1	1	1	1	--	--	46	4	270,000	376,355
	(2002) by Dubai Millennium (GB) Crops: 7				*Stands: Dalham Hall Stud Eng Fee: £250,000*					*Dream Castle (GB)*	
13	**Monsun (Ger)**	1	1	--	--	--	--	48	5	183,794	346,030
	(1990) by Konigsstuhl (Ger) Crops: 16				*Stands: Gestut Schlenderhan EUR (Dead)*					*Velox (Jpn)*	
14	**Cadeaux Genereux (GB)**	1	1	--	--	--	--	48	8	118,500	314,230
	(1985) by Young Generation (Ire) Crops: 22				*Stands: Whitsbury Manor Stud EUR (Dead)*					*Bin Battuta (GB)*	
15	**Authorized (Ire)**	1	1	--	--	--	--	23	3	186,392	237,723
	(2004) by Montjeu (Ire) Crops: 5				*Stands: Haras du Logis Fr Fee: €12,000*					*Vachement (GB)*	

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A MARK OF EXCELLENCE FOR A REVERSE-SHUTTLE ICON

Exceed And Excel | *Darley*

by John Berry

It's likely that Danehill (USA) (Danzig {USA}) will always be regarded as the king of the dual-hemisphere stallions. Not only was he the first shuttler to establish himself as a top-class stallion in both hemispheres, but his record of nine General Sires' Premierships in Australia and four in Great Britain and Ireland equates to a level of dual-hemisphere domination which is unlikely ever to be repeated. Subsequent to Danehill, the splendid More Than Ready (USA) (Southern Halo {USA}) earned himself the right to be considered the dual-hemisphere king with a worldwide tally (so far) of 43 Group 1 victories comprising 18 wins above the equator and 25 below it. After 18 consecutive years, More Than Ready is no longer shuttling and it is fair to say that **Exceed And Excel**, the standout among the reverse-shuttlers, now wears the dual-hemisphere crown. Aged 18, Exceed And Excel remains at the height of his powers, still regularly coming up with good horses in both Australia and Europe. 'TDN Rising Star' Mclaren, impressive winner on debut of Saturday's G3 Canonbury S. at Rosehill, is looking as if he could be his next star.

Obviously there is a lot of water to flow under the bridge between now and Golden Slipper Day, but Mclaren, who carries the China Horse Club silks and is raced by a partnership which also includes Newgate Farm and Winstar Farm, clearly should have a solid chance of following in the footsteps of Overreach (Exceed And Excel). She landed the G1 Golden Slipper S. in 2013 in the season which her sire ended as the nation's champion sire.

In retrospect, Exceed And Excel was born at just the right time. Trained at Rosehill by Tim Martin and racing in the colours of STC director Nick Moraitis, he was one of the best 2-year-olds in Sydney in the 2002/'03 season, winning on debut at Canterbury and finishing second in the G3 Black Opal S. down in Canberra before taking the G2 Todman S. at Rosehill en route to a midfield finish in the Golden Slippper. As a 3-year-old he did even better, taking five group races including the G1 Dubai Racing Club Cup against older rivals at Caulfield in September 2003 and the G1 Newmarket H. at Flemington in March 2004. Had he compiled such a record a few years earlier, his subsequent path would probably have been very different. But times were changing, and changing fast.

The reverse-shuttle route had previously been tried intermittently without generating much interest. However, in June 2003, Choisir (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) shocked the racing world by coming from Newcastle (NSW) to register his ground-breaking Royal Ascot sprinting double, giving the Northern Hemisphere a stunning wake-up call as to the merit of Australian sprinting form. Furthermore, he proved popular when standing for €15,000 on the Coolmore roster at Castle Hyde Stud in Ireland in the spring of 2004. At this time when Darley was starting to launch a serious challenge to Coolmore's position as Europe's dominant stallion farm. **Cont. p2**

Exceed And Excel after winning the Dubai Racing Club Cup | *Bronwen Healy*

Excelebration | *Coolmore*

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Following on from Coolmore's recruitment of Choisir, the addition of a legitimate reverse-shuttler to the Darley roster seemed an obvious tactic. Exceed And Excel fit the bill perfectly, not least because his sire Danehill was the reigning champion sire both of Australia and of Great Britain and Ireland at the time.

Exceed And Excel thus began his so-far-uninterrupted regime of shuttling between Darley's Kelvinside Stud in New South Wales and the operation's bases in the British Isles. He is currently holding court at Kildangan Stud in Ireland at a fee of €50,000 in his 15th consecutive European season, with his itinerary now having comprised eight seasons at Dalham Hall and seven at Kildangan, the management at Darley having taken the sensible decision to switch him around between the two bases and thus making him easily available to breeders on both sides of the Irish Sea.

As has been the case with More Than Ready, the sheer volume of Exceed And Excel's success has been remarkable. Mclaren's victory on Saturday made him the 154th stakes winner for his sire. If the Gerry Harvey-bred Magic Millions graduate can indeed progress to Group 1 glory, he would become the 12th individual Group 1 scorer for his sire. The 11 who have already hit the bullseye include eight Aus-breds and three from the British Isles: Excelebration (Ire), Margot Did (Ire) and Outstrip (GB). These 11 horses have landed at total of 22 Group 1 triumphs between them, split between Australia (13), Hong Kong (3), England (2), France (2), the USA (1) and the UAE (1). While the geographical scope of Exceed And Excel's success has been extensive, the distance-range of these races has been limited: he has established himself as a specialist sire of short-distance gallopers, with none of his progeny's top-level triumphs coming beyond a mile.

Unsurprisingly, Exceed And Excel, in common with so many other sons of Danehill, has already produced several very effective stallions. Leading the charge at present is the 2011 G1 Caulfield Guineas winner Helmet, courtesy of the admirable 2018 G1 Dubai World Cup hero Thunder Snow (Ire); while Bungle Inthejungle (GB) was one of the most successful first-season sires in the British Isles in 2018. There are several young unproven Exceed And Excel stallions at stud around the world of whom James Garfield (Ire) is perhaps the most exciting in light of his defeat of subsequent GI Breeders' Cup Mile S. hero Expert Eye (GB) (Acclamation {GB}) in last year's G3 Greenham S. at Newbury. James Garfield is currently standing his first season at Rathbarry Stud in Ireland at a fee of €7,000.

It is possible that long-term Exceed And Excel will be regarded as being at least as influential through his daughters as his sons. He has sired some terrific fillies over the years, most notably the four-time Group 1 heroine Guelph as well as the aforementioned Golden Slipper victrix Overreach, and his daughters have already produced the winners of 38 group races (a total which includes six Group 1s, won by five individual horses).

Two races in particular have highlighted the fact that Exceed And Excel should be regarded as an influential sire beyond the first generation. Firstly, the G1 Queen Of The Turf S. at Randwick last April produced a quinella for daughters of Exceed And Excel mares with Alizee (Sepoy) winning from Prompt Response (Beneteau). (The latter, incidentally, went on to land the G1 Tattersalls Tiara at Doomben two months later). Six months later came the G1 Middle Park S. at Newmarket, England's most prestigious six-furlong juvenile race. This was won by the Aidan O'Brien-trained Ten Sovereigns (Ire) (No Nay Never {USA}) who is a son of the Exceed And Excel mare Seeking Solace (GB); while third place was taken by the Bungle Inthejungle colt Rumble Inthejungle (Ire). **Cont. p3**

Alizee | *Bronwen Healy*

Exceed And Excel Cont.

Ten Sovereigns was not the only top juvenile in Aidan O'Brien's stable last season produced by an Exceed And Excel mare. The champion trainer also won the G2 Futurity S. at The Curragh with Anthony Van Dyke (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) whose dam Believe'N'Succeed (Exceed And Excel) won the G2 Blue Diamond Prelude S. at Caulfield in 2008 before starting her breeding career in Australia by producing the Group 1-winning sprinter Bounding (Lonhro) and subsequently heading to Coolmore in Ireland after being bought by Tom Magnier for A$1.1 million at the Magic Millions Patinack Dispersal Sale at the Gold Coast in September 2014.

Believe'n'succeed certainly isn't the only high-class Exceed And Excel filly to have gone on to become a very good broodmare. The outstanding Guelph has produced Encryption (Lonhro), winner last season of the G3 Black Opal S. in Canberra and this term of the G2 Danehill S. at Flemington. Margot Did (Ire), successful in the G1 Nunthorpe S. over five furlongs at weight-for-age at York in 2011, is responsible for last year's G2 Prix de Sandringham winner Mission Impassible (Ire). Furthermore, Essaouira (Exceed And Excel), who has produced the Group 1 winners Astern (Medaglia D'Oro {USA}) and Alizee and the Group 3 winner Mogador (Lonhro), was not a stakes winner but was a very fast filly even so, scoring so well on debut at Moonee Valley in February 2009 that she went off the odds-on favourite in a listed race at Caulfield three weeks later.

It will be very interesting to see how Mclaren fares in the big two-year-old races in the coming weeks. Whether he does or does not rise to the very top, though, one thing is certain: Exceed And Excel is likely to consolidate further the very significant position which he already holds in the breeding scene on both sides of the equator.

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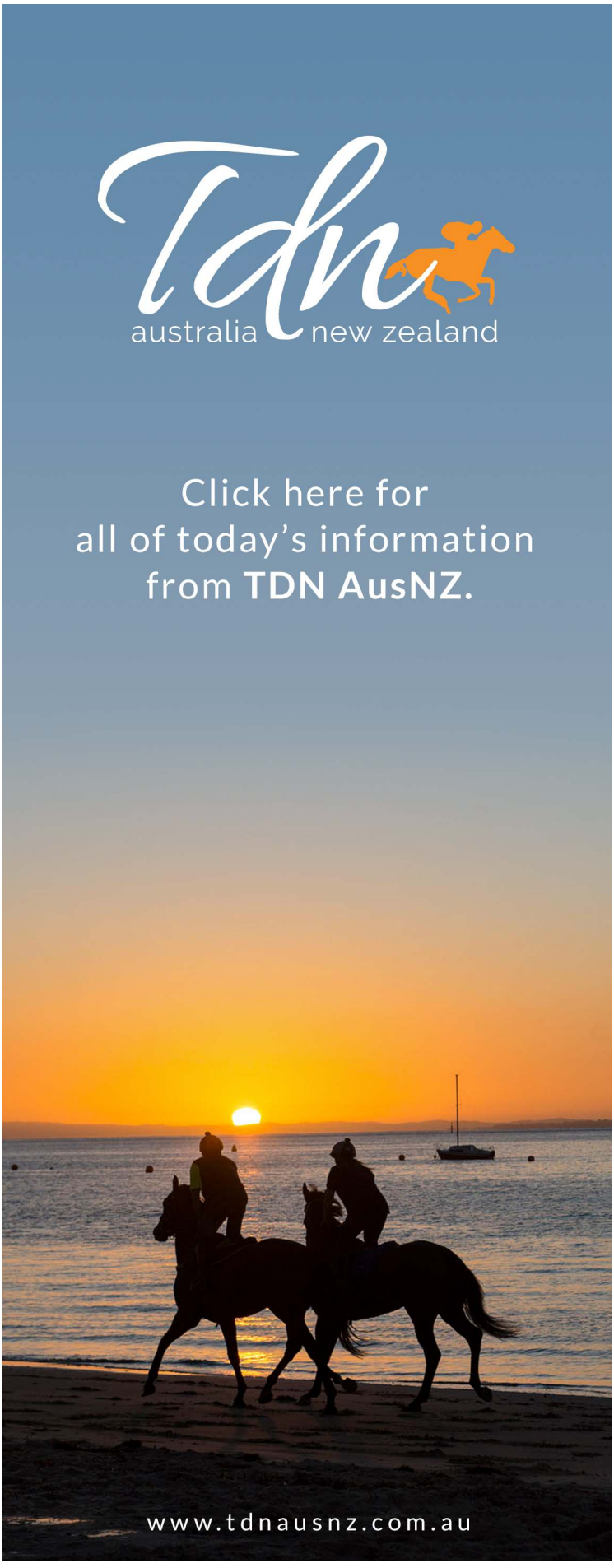
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