

'DOCTOR DANZIG' IS NO DILETTANTE



Dr. David Richardson (left) and Hiram Polk with SW/MGSP Harrods Creek | Horsephotos

by Chris McGrath

The Scottish soccer manager Bill Shankly famously rebuked people who treated his sport as a matter of life and death. "I can assure you it is much, much more important than that," he said.

In our own walk of sporting life, perhaps nobody is better qualified to introduce due perspective than Dr. David Richardson. Through a long and distinguished medical career, crowned by chairmanship of the American College of Surgeons, the University of Louisville professor has almost daily been reminded how relatively trivial are the challenges of the other environment that has always engaged his intellect. And yet he by no means disparages the right of Thoroughbreds to consume our attention and dreams.

"I did big surgery," he says. "The first liver transplants in Kentucky, for example. I ran a trauma program for years. Major surgery is extraordinarily high stakes, high risk, high reward--and a lot of pressure. But while I've never had to do horses for business, I'm very sympathetic with people who do. If you've paid a big stud fee, or bought a high-priced mare, and are counting on that to make your nut for the year, I would think that's a very intense thing. Great when it works, terrible when it doesn't. It's not like life and death. But it's certainly a lot of pressure."

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362 SOPHOMORES NOMINATED TO 2019 TRIPLE CROWN

Led by the newly crowned 2-year-old champions--both male and female--a total of 362 horses from all over the world have been nominated to the 2019 Triple Crown. Each was made eligible to the series--consisting of the \$3-million GI Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs May 4, the \$1.5-million GI Preakness S. at Pimlico Racecourse May 18 and the \$1.5-million GI Belmont S. at the New York oval June 8--with a \$600 early nomination fee. Horses not nominated to the series originally may be supplemented for \$6,000 through Apr. 1. A comparable 360 horses were nominated at the first stage in 2018.

Gary and Mary West's **Game Winner** (Candy Ride {Arg}) clinched the Eclipse Award for champion 2-year-old male with a determined defeat of **Knicks Go** (Paynter) in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile beneath the Twin Spires last November. **Cont. p9**

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Drumette duo. Oaklawn fans could be seeing double this year, with champion Monomoy Girl (Tapizar) a candidate for the April 14 GI Apple Blossom Handicap and her 3-year-old full brother, Cowboy Diplomacy, scheduled to make his career debut in Friday's seventh race. Cowboy Diplomacy, pictured paddock schooling this week, has been based at Oaklawn for about two months, recording eight workouts for trainer Brad Cox and owners Pocket Aces Racing LLC and Madaket Stables LLC. | Taylor Radimer

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That said, somehow you know that had he instead made the Turf his profession--and there must be hundreds of people who owe their lives to the fact that he did not--then he would have proved no less adept, under that pressure, than with a scalpel in his hand. How many bloodstock professionals, after all, could headline a curriculum vitae as impressively as can this "amateur" prospector?

For as a young medic Richardson knew Woody Stephens as "Uncle" (albeit the trainer was actually his father's cousin) and did a good deal of scouting on his behalf. In fairness, Henryk de Kwiatkowski wanted a Northern Dancer yearling, and at Saratoga in 1978 there was only one in the sale. Richardson had been to see Northern Dancer in Maryland and was struck by this colt's resemblance to his sire, but demurred when Stephens--having seen the going rate at Keeneland that July--suggested they'd



Danzig | Patricia McQueen photo

need a couple of million for him.

"He had splints a child could see," he recalls. "You'd have to be pretty game to pay a lot of money for a horse like that. So they opened the bidding by asking for \$1 million, \$2 million, you know how they do. And then they backed down and said: 'Okay we'll do it the hard way: \$100,000.' And Henryk bid two, and somebody bid three, and Henryk bid and they put him in at four. And he waved: 'No, no: 310!' The guy looked at him and laughed and said: 'Okay, we'll do it that way if you want.' And nobody else ever bid."

One Sunday the following year Stephens rang Richardson and asked whether he could get a bet down. "This horse we bought last year, the Northern Dancer colt?" Stephens said. "This is the best 2-year-old I've had since Never Bend."

"Okay, so what's his name?"

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"What's that town they started the war over? In Poland."

"Danzig?"

"Yeah, that's it! Danzig."

Richardson asked what he had done with the horse. Stephens liked to blitz a youngster one time, in :46 or so.

"Nothing," replied Stephens. "Halves in :48. But I'm just telling you. I know this is a great horse."

And he had a little angle to work the odds. He would put up a kid rider, Joe Brocklebank.

"If he falls off, I'll shoot him," laughed Stephens. "But if he just stays on, we'll win. We're going to the bank with Brocklebank!"

Brocklebank is nowadays a bloodstock agent and when Richardson sees him at the sales he always exclaims that same phrase. Because it was true: Richardson acquired a share in Danzig, one that would redeem many a misadventure with other horses.

Not that Danzig was a flash in the pan. When James Mills cashed in Devil's Bag, he asked Richardson to help him find a colt with the proceeds. Of a shortlist of four yearlings, one turned out to be Gone West; another, Alysheba.

"Some people knocked Gone West because he toed out pretty good on the right fore," Richardson remembers. "But I loved the horse, and Woody loved him, so we bought him for \$1.9 million

for Mr. Mills. Then we bid a little on Alysheba, too, because we had enough money for two. But Woody didn't like the broodmare sire, Lt. Stevens, so he stopped. Not a bad shortlist, though!"

So the scholarly young man from rural Eastern Kentucky proved able to parlay his brains into a pastime that had

fascinated him since boyhood, when he would leave friends at the Coney Island amusement park in Cincinnati to bluff his way, underage, into the adjacent River Downs racetrack. He bought his first Thoroughbred in 1975, at 30; and had his first stakes winner in 1978. "I enjoy all aspects of it," he says with a shrug. "I like to bet; I like to breed horses; I love to race horses. Even in claiming races I still get a kick out of winning."

So while he has never relied on the Turf for his living, nor has he ever been a mere dilettante. And while he renounces any claim to knowing more than the next guy, he is prepared to credit himself for the hard yards. "That's the one thing I will say," he concedes. "I've spent tens of thousands of hours working things out. I've looked at thousands of yearlings. I've looked at broodmares, November and January, snow knee-deep or better, freezing my butt off. So to me that's part of paying



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your dues, and trying to become better versed, and staying up with the game. Because if you really do that carefully, you see how sometimes horses that win races aren't the prettiest things, or the best conformed."

Even for so cerebral a man, the grail we all seek in a horse can be no more articulated than learned from a manual. One of his racing partners, past president of the national Hereford cattle breeders' association, persuaded Richardson to buy a couple of bulls, a few cows.

"And it's interesting: when he sees a group of 10, 15 yearlings or weanlings, he'll pick out the best one or two," Richardson says. "And when I've gone to his place and he's put me in a field of bull calves and said: 'Pick out some by such-and-such [a bull sire].' And it's got that I'm pretty good at doing that.

"But a lot of it is just plain luck. I laugh when you hear an agent buying a horse because 'it ticks all the boxes.' Every year at Saratoga there are maiden claiming fields with one horse that cost a million bucks, another that cost \$750,000, and then the winner cost \$22,000, and the second \$9,000. And I wonder if they ticked all the boxes, too! But that's what makes it fun."

Especially since he has never been able to spend in his own cause the way he could for Mills or de Kwiatkowski. As he says, anybody can buy a horse for a million. What is really rewarding, then, is to turn up a runner like Northern Emerald, the Green Dancer filly he found for \$55,000 who won the GI Flower Bowl S.

"There are so many intangibles," Richardson stresses. "People do heart scans. But if you think about cardiac physiology, how complex it is... They talk about heart size but the real question is how does it squeeze? What's called the ejection fraction. How fast can it pump blood? How efficiently, in terms of oxygen use? So it's not just heart, but lungs. So people try to assess that, too, on a treadmill. But that's still not like running a race at distance. But even if you could get the cardiovascular bit right, then how



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about the legs? And the mind? You can gauge some of those things, sometimes--but it's very hard to say how the whole package will stand up to raceday pressures."

Never mind all the environmental variables to be thrown into the equation: the right race coming up, the pace falling right. Richardson accepts that data can be validly measured across the horse population, but deplores the credulity that allows faux science to pronounce definitively on an individual. You're far better off, he feels, just heeding those instincts you develop through experience.

Take Mrs. Revere, the Grade I-placed, 12-time winner he raced in the 1980s with Dr. Hiram Polk, honoured by a Grade II turf stake at Churchill in November. As a yearling she was entered for the old September Sale--in the days when the big money at Keeneland was paid in July--and one Sunday they went out to Hermitage Farm to see how she was doing.

"We just watched her for the best part of an hour," Richardson recalls. "Probably 20 fillies round a feed tub. And she's probably the smallest one there. But when she walked up, the others got out of the way. Round the water trough, the same thing. And then we watched her run across the field. No question, despite her size, she was the alpha female. So we just said: 'Let's take her out of the sale. We probably won't get a lot for her anyway.'"

Sadly, Mrs. Revere only managed one foal before succumbing to a lymphoma. But that foal was Maria Balastiere (Majestic Light)--so named for Paul Revere's daughter, who married the first American consul to Singapore--and she won the GIII Regret S. at Churchill.

"When Mrs. Revere died we were all set to breed her to Danzig," says Richardson. "It just breaks your heart. But Maria had 10 winners from 11 foals, and I still have the sixth generation of that family now. Those are the kind of things that, to me, make it really fun."

Richardson keeps around 15 mares, nowadays including several in Louisiana. After his young stock is broken, some will stay down there--not just to profit from breeders' awards, but to enhance their owner's enjoyment of Cajun people, culture and cuisine. But those of adequate promise will be given a chance with Richardson's cherished old friend Bill Mott.

"The thing about Bill is that he genuinely cares about the horse," Richardson explains. "He doesn't push them. He may never win the [GI Kentucky] Derby, but he's certainly a good enough horseman. The horse that was second in the [GI] Hopeful [Mucho (Blame)], I can see him being a Classic type this year. Bill thinks like a horse. His father was a vet. He grew up on a ranch, had his first winner when he was 15. He puts the horse first, he's patient, he gets the most out of what he has. And of course I've known him 30-plus years now, it's always fun if you



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have one good enough to be with him."

Richardson notes how Stephens, similarly, was breaking horses when as young as 12. "He had no education to speak of, he could read, but not particularly well, but he was very quick, very clever, very bright," he says. "He was such an interesting man. Later on I took care of him as a patient and we became very close."

Though now retired from clinical surgery, Richardson retains many senior roles at the university hospital. And it is astonishing, sitting in the lobby to the sales pavilion at Keeneland, to see every third or fourth person stop and hail him, their faces suddenly breaking into a smile. "Hey Doc!" Time and again, you see not just respect but affection. Often he inquires after the health of some relative in whose case he has taken a benign interest. Sometimes, inevitably, to no avail. One gentleman shakes his head. "He passed on Sunday. But thank you for everything you did."

Is that something you can ever get used to? Even after all these years?

"If you do, then you're in trouble," Richardson replies. "I always tell the students in residence that a little bit of you will die with every patient you lose. You've got to be concerned but not consumed. But if you can help someone get through a hard situation, to me that's what life's about. This was a case of a bad cancer. But I consider it a blessing in my life that I was able to get to know this man a bit.

"If you think about it, what an honour it is that people let you do these things to them. Stop their heart [during open heart surgery], hope you can get it going again. I think the hardest thing, especially for young people, is to be confident without being cocky. Boy, you get arrogant, that's the kiss of death. But you got to be confident. You're gonna take someone's liver out, you sure better think you know how to sew one back in."

Possibly this is not the place to expand on Richardson's insights into the moral and social challenges facing his profession in the 21st Century. But some are too important, in our walk of life no less than any other, to be ignored. As people live longer, for instance, will society authorize expensive treatments to improve the comfort of a centenarian with dementia? A few years ago Richardson himself faced a health crisis and--after consulting his daughter and brother, themselves also physicians--resolved not to accept dialysis if his kidneys failed. Luck was on his side: he was able to recover and tend his wife in her own last days; and happily, moreover, has since been blessed to find love again.

"All these judgements are very difficult," he says of the daily dilemmas of his calling. "I think if you're a compassionate person it never gets easy. And if it does, then I worry about you. But it's not just a cliché: if you do something out of love, then you never do the wrong thing. Because nobody can see the future. So



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nobody can ever really know for sure the right thing to do. You never know how long somebody's going to live, what their quality of life is going to be, how an operation's going to go. But so long as you're trying to do it right, and you're thinking about the patient and their family, then you don't make a mistake. Think about how many times in our lives we are backed into doing what we're sure is the wrong thing, and then it has worked out fine--better even than it would have been otherwise."

And perhaps that is where Richardson's great affinity with the Turf comes in. We have all experienced exactly those kind of inadvertent twists of fortune, for better or worse, when trying to piece together the Thoroughbred puzzle.

"It's a tough business, but it's a great sport," Richardson said. "Horses are such wonderful creatures. I take a lot of people out to the track--we do it every year with the surgical residents--and the joy people have when they experience racing, even as novices, is amazing to see. So I hope we never lose that."

As he told his fiancée, taking her racing for the first time: "This'll be a test...I'm pretty much all-in on this stuff!"

And while he accepts that there are challenges, sometimes he feels we are too down on our own sport. "The concussion problem in NFL isn't going to go away," he says. "Better helmets aren't going to fix that, the way the brain rattles around inside

the skull. So that's going to be a huge problem. Baseball's too long, too boring. No matter what sport, you go through ebbs and flows and cycles. And I think sometimes we get a little too pessimistic. Sure there are things we need to work on. Aftercare's a huge issue. The value of that real estate, at Santa Anita and Gulfstream. Other forms of gaming. But you go to the great tracks, on the great days, there are still very few things that beat what we do."

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Triple Crown Nominations cont. from p1

Game Winner is being prepared for a seasonal debut in California and is one of 17 nominees from the powerhouse barn of dual Triple Crown-winning conditioner Bob Baffert. The Hall of Famer looks loaded for another run at glory, as his other trainees include GI Los Alamitos CashCall Futurity hero **Improbable** (City Zip) and recent GIII Robert B. Lewis S. winner **Mucho Gusto** (Mucho Macho Man). The three aforementioned Baffert runners are among 18 'TDN Rising Stars' nominated to the Triple Crown.

Jaywalk (Cross Traffic) is one of four fillies nominated to this year's Triple Crown, having closed out her 2018 campaign with a powerful, front-running victory in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. The gray is trained by John Servis, who sent out Smarty Jones (Elusive Quality) to wins in the 2004 Kentucky Derby and Preakness before the Pennsylvania-bred was upended in the Belmont.

Trainer Kenny McPeck has a half-dozen of his runners nominated, including the overachieving duo of **Signalman** (General Quarters), third in the Juvenile ahead of a tally in Churchill's GII Kentucky Jockey Club S.; and **Harvey Wallbanger** (Congrats), who tossed his hat into the ring with a 29-1 upset of the GII Fasig-Tipton Holy Bull S. Feb. 2, defeating 'TDN Rising Star' **Maximus Mischief** (Into Mischief) into third.

Other horses of note include impressive GIII Lecomte S. winner **War of Will** (War Front); comebacking 'TDN Rising Star' **Instagrاند** (Into Mischief); **Gray Attempt** (Graydar), a latest winner of Oaklawn's Smarty Jones S.; GI Champagne S. runner-up **Code of Honor** (Noble Mission {GB}); **Gunmetal Gray** (Exchange Rate), victorious in the GIII Sham S. last month and second to Mucho Gusto in the Lewis; **Mind Control** (Stay Thirsty), the GI Hopeful S. hero who kicked of 2019



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"this colt may be special"

A powerful debut performance from Triple Crown nominated colt **SOLDADO** at Gulfstream Park on Saturday finishing 2¾ lengths clear of his rivals. Trained by Todd Pletcher for A 1 A Racing.

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with a score in the Jerome S. at Aqueduct; and reformed claimer **Tax** (Arch), who served notice that he could be a 3-year-old of significance in last weekend's GIII Withers S. Notable for their absence on the list at the first stage are Champagne winner and **'Rising Star' Complexity** (Maclean's Music), as well as **Call Paul** (Friesan Fire), who resumed with a game success in the GIII Swale S. Feb. 2.

A total of 20 entries were received from overseas--11 from Europe, five from Dubai and four from Japan. Coolmore has engaged seven horses, including the Ontario-bred GSW duo of **'TDN Rising Star' Sergei Prokofiev** (Scat Daddy) and **Van Beethoven** (Scat Daddy).

Steve Asmussen led all trainers with 27, while Todd Pletcher and champion trainer Chad Brown joined Baffert with 17 nominees. Brad Kelley's Calumet Farm led among owners with 13 entries and tied with Chuck Fipke and Godolphin as the breeder of six nominees.

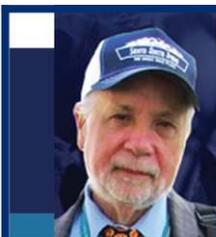
Among sires, Tapit leads the list for the third straight year with 19 nominees, followed by Into Mischief with 15 and Curlin with 13. Cairo Prince and Uncle Mo are the other stallions into double digits with 11.

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TRIPLE CROWN NOMINATIONS – 2019

Sire (Sire's sire)	#Noms
Tapit (Pulpit)	19
Into Mischief (Harlan's Holiday)	15
*Curlin (Smart Strike)	13
Cairo Prince (Pioneerof the Nile)	11
Uncle Mo (Indian Charlie)	11
Candy Ride (Arg) (Ride the Rails)	8
*Union Rags (Dixie Union)	8
Flatter (A.P. Indy)	7
Violence (Medaglia d'Oro)	7
Malibu Moon (A.P. Indy)	6
**Scat Daddy (Johannesburg)	6
*Street Sense (Street Cry {Ire})	6
Will Take Charge (Unbridled's Song)	6
Bodemeister (Pioneerof the Nile)	5
Distorted Humor (Forty Niner)	5
Exchange Rate (Danzig)	5
Ghostzapper (Awesome Again)	5
**Pioneerof the Nile (Empire Maker)	5
Quality Road (Elusive Quality)	5

*Classic winner **Sired Triple Crown winner



Steve Haskin's
DERBY DOZEN

I was very impressed with the Todd Pletcher-trained first-timer SOLDADO, who was bumped at the start and then turned in a big sweeping move to take over at the eighth pole before drawing off to score by 2 3/4 lengths in 1:10 flat...

This was a visually stunning performance, as Soldado had to put in a long-sustained run and looked like he had way too much to do to catch Honest Mischief, who had cruised to the lead with

Jose Ortiz looking back with confidence at the head of the stretch. But Soldado was soon all over him, and drew clear with long powerful strides, coming home his final quarter in :24 1/5.

It's just too bad Soldado got such a late start. Mark that name down. You will be hearing a lot from him in the near future. It will be interesting to see if Pletcher tries to pull a Justify and put him on the Derby trail despite his late start and go to the Derby with only three career starts. It's a tall order indeed, but this colt may be special.

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bred by Fantasy Lane Stable
\$150,000 G3 Victory Ride Stakes

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\$400,000 G1 Beholder Mile Stakes
\$300,000 G1 Clement L. Hirsch Stakes
\$200,000 G2 Santa Maria Stakes

FAHAN MURA

bred by Michael Moran
\$150,000 G3 Robert J. Frankel Stakes

THE ANSWER TO MULTIPLE PIMLICO STUDIES? YET ANOTHER STUDY

by T.D. Thornton

The legislative answer to the Maryland Stadium Authority (MSA)'s multi-year study that recently recommended a \$424-million razing and rebuilding of Pimlico Race Course was filed in the state Senate Feb. 4.

The gist of the proposed bill? The state should conduct yet another study to figure out who might pay for what was called for in the previous study.

According to a summary of SB800, the bill, if passed, would establish "the Workgroup to Study the Implementation of Phase 2 of the MSA's Pimlico Race Course Study [and] make recommendations regarding financing options."

Six weeks ago, the MSA's Phase 2 Pimlico study called for a sweeping plan to build a new 15/16-mile dirt track, seven-furlong turf track, grandstand, and four-story clubhouse as part of a shared-space neighborhood that would include athletic fields, commercial and residential mixed-use, and a health care campus. The focal point would be the construction of The Palio, a 300 by 500 foot public multi-use plaza designed to serve both as the once-annual saddling area for the Preakness while also hosting outdoor public concerts, performing arts,

festivals, and markets.

But the MSA's detailed Phase 2 research did not address who might pay for what amounts to the most ambitious racetrack reconstruction project in America in decades.

The Stronach Group (TSG), which operates both Pimlico and Laurel Park, has repeatedly expressed interest in wanting to cease all operations at Pimlico and move the second jewel of the Triple Crown to Laurel, where TSG has invested in tens of millions in upgrades in recent years. TSG management has also indicated it is not willing to pay hundreds of millions of dollars to revamp Pimlico, which last year conducted only 12 dates of racing.

Baltimore's civic officials have been emphatic about not wanting to suffer the economic consequences of losing the Preakness to Laurel, some 25 miles south of the city.

The *Baltimore Business Journal* reported that Sen. Antonio Hayes, chairman of the Baltimore City Senate Delegation, and Sen. Jill Carter, who represents Park Heights, co-sponsored the bill on behalf of on behalf of Baltimore's mayor, Catherine Pugh.

When the Phase 2 study was released, some Maryland horsemen expressed concern that the entire issue was being framed around the threat of Baltimore's losing the privilege and history of hosting the Preakness, and not what might be best for the state's Thoroughbred industry as a whole.



Street Boss has sired winners of the *Kentucky Oaks*, *King's Bishop*, *Arkansas Derby* and *American Oaks*. That's more G1 winners than Into Mischief, who retired to stud at the same time.



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Whatever happens with the bill proposing the new study, the Preakness is unlikely to be on the move in the immediate future: The deadline for completing the new study would be Dec. 1, 2019, and by Maryland law, relocating the state's signature horse race requires the approval of the General Assembly.

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UPDATED FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR MCKATHAN

For those unable to attend the funeral arrangements for J.B. McKathan Saturday in Ocala, the funeral home will be live-streaming them on www.robertsfunerals.com.

The family will be receiving friends at the visitation Saturday, Feb. 9 from 1-4 p.m. at Roberts of Ocala Downtown Chapel at 606 SW 2nd Avenue in Ocala. Pastor Bob Miller of Ocala Farm Ministry will be officiating the funeral service which will begin at 4 p.m. immediately following the visitation. McKathan will be laid to rest the following Saturday, Feb. 16, at Pleasant Home Cemetery in Andalusia, Alabama. The family has requested that memorial donations may be made to the Ocala Farm Ministry, 489 NW 110th Ave., Ocala, FL 34482; or Old Friends Farm, 1841 Paynes Depot Road, Georgetown, KY 40324.

PETTIGREW DEPARTS BREEDERS' CUP

Bryan Pettigrew is stepping down from his position as the Senior Vice President of Marketing and Sponsorship of Breeders' Cup to pursue other interests, it was announced Wednesday. Pettigrew joined the company in 2015 and was responsible for marketing, sponsorship sales and community relations. "We appreciate Bryan's work building the Breeders' Cup brand and managing our partnership program. We wish him the best in his future endeavors," said Craig Favel, Breeders' Cup President and CEO.

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ROOD & RIDDLE EQUINE HOSPITAL TO HOST SEMINAR

Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital will host Rood & Riddle Responds, an educational seminar for people engaged in the equine industry, Feb. 28 at Embassy Suites in Lexington, Ky. Now in its 34th year, the seminar's panel will include surgeons, internal medicine experts, podiatrists, reproduction specialists and breeding farm practitioners.

"Rood & Riddle is pleased to once again sponsor a continuing education program for our many interested clients and friends," said Dr. Tom Riddle of Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital. "The question and answer format has been extremely successful, so we are excited to continue the forum this year."

RSVP to the event by Feb. 25 to wfields@roodandriddle.com or by phone (859) 280-3316.

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EQUILLOTTERY GAMES TO FEATURE KEENELAND RACES

Keeneland and live sports lottery game provider EquiLottery Games have reached an agreement to feature races from the 2019 Keeneland Spring Meet as part of the upcoming trial run of Kentucky's Win Place Show, the first daily U.S. lottery game based on the results of live horse racing. Due to this agreement, Kentucky Lottery players in 45 test locations across the state will be able to purchase Win Place Show tickets based on Keeneland races every day of the meet from Apr. 4-26.

"We have been supportive of this initiative over the years as the EquiLottery Games team has taken this game from concept to reality," said Keeneland CEO and President Bill Thomason. "We're excited about the potential of this product to bring new fans to the sport of horse racing and create a new revenue stream for an industry so important to Kentucky's economy. Keeneland is proud to support this initial trial run of Kentucky's Win Place Show and hopes to see the game expand across Kentucky and beyond."

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COVER SONG, 6, Fastnet Rock (Aus)--Misty for Me (Ire), by Galileo (Ire)

Foal born Jan. 24, a filly by Dubawi (Ire)

Will be bred back to Quality Road.

Owned by B. Flay Thoroughbreds.

Boarded at Stone Farm.

Accomplishments: GSW of \$122,227.

AKRON MOON, 9, Malibu Moon--Akronism, by Not For Love

Foal born Jan. 31, a colt by Quality Road.

Will be bred back to Quality Road.

Owned by Whisper Hill Farm, Three Chimneys Farm & JSM Bloodstock.

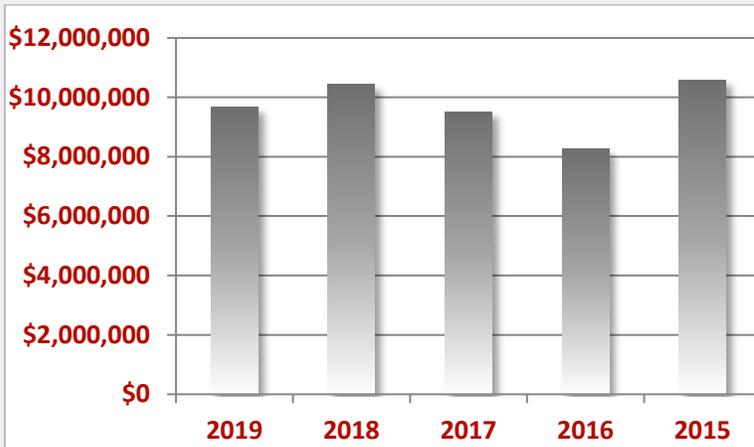
Boarded at Timber Town Stable, KY.

Accomplishments: SP; dam of Diamond King (Quality Road), MSW & MGSP, \$341,600; and Bellafina (Quality Road), MGISW, \$708,000.



Akron Moon's colt of 2019 by Quality Road

FASIG-TIPTON KY WINTER MIXED

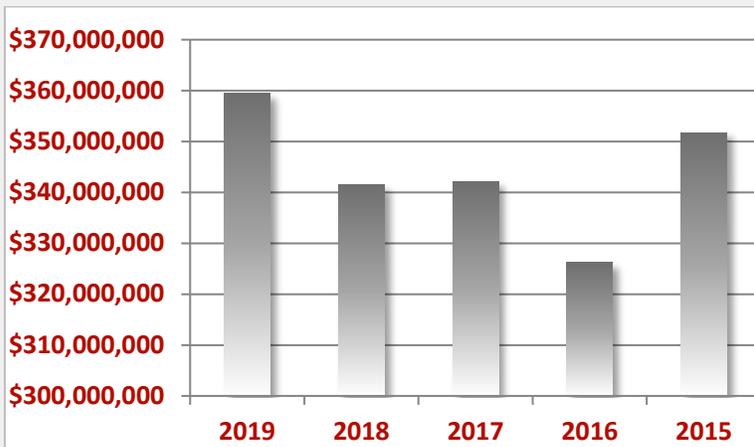


“Figures from the two-day Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale remained largely steady from recent editions of the auction. The buy-back rate ticked lower and there was a diverse buying bench leading to a broader market and competitive bidding straight through to the last horse through the sales ring Tuesday.”

-Jessica Martini

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2019	531	411	327	22.6%	79.6%	61.6%	\$9,659,400	\$29,593
2018	574	471	364	18%	77.3%	63.4%	\$10,436,800	\$28,673
2017	640	471	351	26.4%	74.5%	54.8%	\$9,501,800	\$27,071
2016	528	437	341	17.2%	78%	64.6%	\$8,260,600	\$24,225
2015	616	493	406	20%	82.4%	65.9%	\$10,560,700	\$26,012

CUMULATIVE NA MIXED SALES (2018-2019)



“Fasig-Tipton brought the curtain down on the breeding-stock sales season with its Winter Mixed Sale. Taken as a whole, the auctions proved demand remains high in the marketplace, particularly, and by now predictably, at the upper end. The 2018/2019 breeding stock sales recorded the highest gross and average of the last five years and, with the start of the breeding season looming, bidding remained competitive to the end, offering glimmers of a broadening marketplace.”

-Jessica Martini

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2019	9,754	7,643	5,631	21.6%	73.7%	57.7%	\$359,483,040	\$63,840
2018	9,428	7,526	5,516	20.2%	73.3%	58.5%	\$341,451,432	\$61,902
2017	10,459	8,163	5,741	21.9%	70.3%	54.9%	\$342,134,895	\$59,595
2016	10,205	8,087	5,954	20.7%	73.6%	58.3%	\$326,189,890	\$54,785
2015	9,853	7,986	6,022	18.9%	75.4%	61.1%	\$351,745,020	\$58,410

2019 Leading Sires of 3YOs

for stallions standing in North America through Tuesday, Feb. 5

Earnings and Black-type represents worldwide figures & stud fees are for 2018

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Violence (2010) by Medaglia d'Oro Crops: 3 Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$40,000	2	3	1	1	--	--	32	7	89,280	389,211
										Feedback	
2	Cairo Prince (2011) by Pioneerof the Nile Crops: 2 Stands: Airdrie Stud KY Fee: \$25,000	1	1	--	--	--	--	37	6	71,460	359,285
										Mihos	
3	Tapit (2001) by Pulpit Crops: 12 Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$225,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	24	4	149,244	345,495
										Timing Now	
4	Hard Spun (2004) by Danzig Crops: 9 Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$40,000	1	3	--	--	--	--	46	8	58,280	340,443
										A Thread of Blue	
5	Congrats (2000) by A.P. Indy Crops: 10 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$12,500	1	1	1	1	--	--	33	6	208,320	317,982
										Harvey Wallbanger	
6	Paynter (2009) by Awesome Again Crops: 3 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$12,500	1	1	--	--	--	--	38	8	90,000	305,804
										Needs Supervision	
7	Curlin (2004) by Smart Strike Crops: 8 Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$175,000	--	2	--	--	--	--	34	5	33,440	282,480
										Sheriff Brown	
8	Into Mischief (2005) by Harlan's Holiday Crops: 8 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$150,000	--	2	--	1	--	--	44	4	33,600	275,939
										Maximus Mischief	
9	Quality Road (2006) by Elusive Quality Crops: 6 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$150,000	1	1	1	1	--	--	23	4	120,000	256,629
										Bellafina	
10	I'll Have Another (2009) by Flower Alley Crops: 4 Stands: Ballena Vista Farm CA Fee: \$6,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	48	2	55,260	254,447
										I'll Charm (JPN)	
11	Munnings (2006) by Speightstown Crops: 6 Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$20,000	1	3	--	--	--	--	32	7	45,105	248,682
										Fancy Dress Party	
12	Scat Daddy (2004) by Johannesburg Crops: 8 Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)	1	2	--	--	--	--	24	6	50,000	239,996
										Divine Image	
13	Super Saver (2007) by Maria's Mon Crops: 6 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$30,000	--	1	--	--	--	--	36	6	45,550	220,451
										Smart Alchemy	
14	Sky Mesa (2000) by Pulpit Crops: 13 Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: \$15,000	--	1	--	--	--	--	27	6	46,200	217,679
										Bettyann	
15	War Front (2002) by Danzig Crops: 10 Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$250,000	1	1	1	1	--	--	10	4	120,000	215,071
										War of Will	

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Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 4:30 p.m. EST

LAS VIRGENES S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Calf Moon Bay 🐾	Bodemeister	Hollendorfer, Mark DeDomenico & Todaro, George	Hollendorfer	Rosario	120
2	Enaya Alrabb 🐾	Uncle Mo	Enaya Racing	O'Neill	Smith	120
3	Bellafina 🐾	Quality Road	Kaleem Shah, Inc.	Callaghan	Prat	124
4	Mother Mother 🐾	Pioneerof the Nile	Bolton, George, Hall, Barry, Lipman, Barry, Mathiesen, Mark and Molasky, Andrew	Baffert	Van Dyke	120
5	Tomlin 🐾	Distorted Humor	Fairview, LLC	Specht	Baze	120

Breeders: 1-Betz/Kidder/Lamantia/J. Betz/Graves/Davidson, 2-Tony Holmes & Dr. & Mrs. Walter Zent, 3-JSM Equine, LLC., 4-T. F. VanMeter, 5-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC

Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 6:30 p.m. EST

SAN MARCOS S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Unapologetic 🐾	Temple City	Acker, Allen Racing, Bloom & Lindo	Spawr	Franco	120
2	Roman Rosso (Arg)	Roman Ruler	Zaur Bifov	Baffert	Roman	120
3	Chicago Style	Kitten's Joy	Glen Hill Farm	Proctor	Van Dyke	124
4	Epical	Uncle Mo	D P Racing LLC	Cassidy	Baze	120
5	Platinum Warrior (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Yuesheng Zhang	Sadler	Foley	122
6	Sejo (Ire)	Nathaniel (Ire)	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Prat	120
7	Dabster 🐾	Curlin	Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa al Maktoum	Baffert	Talamo	120
8	Beach View 🐾	Giant's Causeway	Levy Racing	Powell	Bejarano	122
9	Lucky Soul 🐾	Lookin At Lucky	Cannon Thoroughbreds, LLC	McCarthy	Figueroa	120
10	Flamboyant (Fr)	Peer Gynt (Jpn)	Bienstock, David and Winner, Charles N.	Gallagher	Blanc	120
11	India Mantuana 🐾	Wilburn	Richard A. Bell	Bell, II	Rosario	117
12	Ya Gotta Wanna 🐾	Proud Citizen	Mersad Metanovic Bloodstock, House & Sones	D'Amato	Gryder	120
13	Prince of Arabia 🐾	Mineshaft	D P Racing LLC	Cassidy	Desormeaux	120

Breeders: 1-Darrell Brown & Lendy Brown, 2-Melincue, 3-Glen Hill Farm, 4-Jamm, Ltd., 5-Triermore Stud, 6-Stilvi Compania Financiera SA, 7-G. Watts Humphrey Jr., Susan Keller, Victoria Oliver & G. Watts Humphrey III, 8-Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds, LLC, 9-J. C. Davis Farm, Inc., 10-SNC Regnier & San Gabriel Inv. Inc., 11-Paul Knapper, 12-Brereton C. Jones, 13-Eileen H. Hartis

Saturday, Tampa Bay Downs, post time: 5:15 p.m. EST

SAM F. DAVIS S.-GIII, \$250,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Counter Offer 🐾	Tapizar	Six Column Stables, LLC	Wilkes	Gallardo	118
2	Going for Gold 🐾	Atreides	Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC	Hess, Jr.	Bracho	118
3	Knicks Go 🐾	Paynter	KRA Stud Farm	Colebrook	Jimenez	124
4	Cave Run	Street Sense	Godolphin, LLC	Harty	Castanon	118
5	Moonster 🐾	Malibu Moon	Calumet Farm	Romans	Camacho	118
6	Kentucky Wildcat	Tapit	Godolphin, LLC	Albertrani	Bravo	118
7	Five Star General 🐾	Distorted Humor	WinStar Farm, China Horse Club & SF Racing	Delacour	Ortiz	118
8	So Alive 🐾	Super Saver	Robert V. LaPenta	Pletcher	Castellano	118
9	Well Defined	With Distinction	Stonehedge LLC	O'Connell	Morales	122
10	Still Dreaming 🐾	Flatter	West Point Thoroughbreds & Larsen, Chris	Motion	Vargas, Jr.	118

Breeders: 1-Elm Tree Farm, LLC & Angel Diaz Tapia, 2-Machmer Hall, Craig Brogden & Carrie Brogden, 3-Angie Moore, 4-Godolphin, 5-Mark Stansell, 6-Godolphin, 7-WinStar Farm, LLC, 8-John D. Gunther, 9-Stonehedge, LLC, 10-Hinkle Farms

Saturday, Tampa Bay Downs, post time: 3:45 p.m. EST**TAMPA BAY S.-GIII, \$175,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Cheyenne's Colonel 🌿	Colonel John	Marcy Brooks	Brooks	Wales	117
2	Inspector Lynley	Lemon Drop Kid	Janney, III, Stuart S. & Phipps Stable	McGaughey III	Ortiz	117
3	Divisidero 🌿	Kitten's Joy	Gunpowder Farms LLC	Rubley	Toledo	119
4	Qurbaan 🌿	Speightstown	Shadwell Stable	McLaughlin	Bravo	124
5	Irish Strait	English Channel	Isabelle de Tomaso	Motion	Vargas, Jr.	117
6	Admiralty Pier	English Channel	Hoolie Racing Stable, LLC & Lunsford, Bruce	Minshall	Cannon	117
7	Heart to Heart	English Channel	Terry Hamilton	Lynch	Leparoux	121
8	My Bariley	Mizzen Mast	Captain Jack Racing Stable LLC	Granitz	Camacho	119

Breeders: 1-Builder's Mart, Inc., 2-Stuart S. Janney, III LLC. & PhippsStable, 3-Hinkle Farms, 4-Justin Carthy, 5-Isabelle H. de Tomaso, 6-Calumet Farm, 7-Red Hawk Ranch, 8-Captain Jack Racing Stable LLC

Saturday, Tampa Bay Downs, post time: 4:45 p.m. EST**LAMBHOLM SOUTH ENDEAVOUR S.-GIII, \$175,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	She's Pretty Lucky	Lookin At Lucky	Will Kari	Kenneally	Lynch	116
2	Get Explicit	Get Stormy	Modeste Racing Stable	Minshall	Hernandez	116
3	Bonnie Arch	Regal Ransom	Clarendon Stable Racing Stables 16, LLC.	Wilkes	Gallardo	116
4	Monte Crista 🌿	Cape Blanco (Ire)	Country Life Farm	Trombetta	Centeno	116
5	Conquest Hardcandy 🌿	Candy Ride (Arg)	Alfonso Cammarota	Sano	-	116
6	Hawksmoor (Ire)	Azamour (Ire)	Lael Stables	Delacour	Castellano	116
7	Viva Vegas 🌿	The Factor	Merriebelle Stable LLC	Correas, IV	Castanon	116
8	Rymska (Fr)	Le Havre (Ire)	Sheep Pond Partners, Jathiere, Coleman & Herrick	Brown	Ortiz	118
9	Goodyearforroses (Ire) 🌿	Azamour (Ire)	James D. Spry	House	Jimenez	116
10	Streetwithoname 🌿	Street Sense	Brown, Brown, Harty & Pulliam	Harty	Cannon	116
11	Bombshell 🌿	Bellamy Road	Team Valor International	Delacour	Vargas, Jr.	118

Breeders: 1-Will Kari, 2-Modeste Racing Stable, 3-P. Lindsay Bohannon, 4-Howard M. Bender Revocable Trust, 5-The New Hill Farm LLC, 6-Tenuta Genzianella, 7-Summer Grove Farm, LLC & Terry Gabriel, 8-Eric Feurtet, 9-The Hornets, 10-Godolphin, 11-WinStar Farm, LLC

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 2:27 p.m. EST**SUWANNEE RIVER S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Vagabond Princess	Pure Prize	Michael R. Meeks	Sanchez	Albarado	117
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3	Avie's Mineshaft	Mineshaft	Ivan Dalos	Carroll	Landeros	121
4	Rymska (Fr)	Le Havre (Ire)	Madaket Stables, Coleman, Team Hanley & Herrick	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	123
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Breeders: 1-Phillip Match MD, 2-Emory A. Hamilton, 3-Tall Oaks Farm, 4-Eric Feurtet, 5-John Bowers, Jr., 6-Glenangus Farm LLC, 7-Stride Rite Racing Stable, Inc., 8-The New Hill Farm LLC

Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 5:30 p.m. EST

THUNDER ROAD S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	River Boyne (Ire)	Dandy Man (Ire)	Red Baron's Barn LLC and Rancho Temescal LLC	Mullins	Prat	124
2	Ohio (Brz)	Elusive Quality	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Treitman, Bruce	McCarthy	Fuentes	120
3	Le Ken (Arg)	Easing Along	Pozo de Luna, Inc.	McAnally	Baze	120
4	Desert Stone (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Zayat Stables, LLC	Baltas	Rosario	120
5	True Valour (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Qatar Racing Limited	Callaghan	Atzeni	120
6	Blackjackcat	Tale of the Cat	Kirkwood, Al and Sandra S.	Hollendorfer	Smith	120

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9th-Gulfstream, \$44,240, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 2-6, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:35.81, ft.

BOURBON RESOLUTION (c, 4, New Year's Day--Vindicated Ghost, by Vindication) earned his cap and gown third out two summers ago at Saratoga before running eighth in that fall's GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity at Keeneland. Filling out the trifecta in his sophomore debut last May, he scored an optional claiming victory June 28 at Churchill, but was later disqualified from purse money due to a positive test. Returning as a 99-10 proposition here, the \$125,000 Fasig-Tipton July buy tracked the speed from a crowded second flight through a :23.83 quarter. Shuffled back a bit as the pace quickened through a :45.85 half, the dark bay advanced along the rail approaching the

straightaway, squeezed through an inside opening at the three-sixteenths pole and outkicked longest shot in the field Colour Guard (Archarcharch) to the line for a 3/4-length tally. Sales History: \$125,000 Ylg '16 FTKJUL. Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-2, \$101,340. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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1st-Sam Houston Race Park, \$20,500, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 2-6, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:40.66, fm.

BACKFLASH (f, 3, Medaglia d'Oro--Time to Tap, by Tapit) graduated at second asking over the Remington turf Oct. 18 and was fourth there in both a main-track allowance Nov. 20 and the Trapeze S. when last seen Dec. 16. Off as the 9-5 second choice in this return to the lawn, the homebred tracked from fourth past splits of :23.83 and :49.62, swept to the lead at the furlong grounds and held off favored Blessings First (Pioneerof the Nile) to prevail by 1 3/4 lengths. The winner is the first foal out of an unraced full-sister to champion and five-time GISW Untapable and half-sister to GISW and sire Paddy O'Prado (El Prado {Ire}). She is responsible for a juvenile Uncle Mo filly named Margaux Mania and a yearling colt by Candy Ride (Arg) and was bred to Gun Runner last term. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$40,758. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O/B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

7th-Gulfstream, \$43,350, Msw, 2-6, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.42, fm.

CLINT MAROON (GB) (g, 3, Oasis Dream {GB}--Lady Aquitaine {GSP-Eng}, by El Prado {Ire}) finished last of five debuting in a Belmont off-the-turfer Oct. 7 and was third going a sixteenth shorter when switching to grass here Jan. 9. Off as the 12-5 second choice in this spot, the gray broke on top and led narrowly through a :24.90 quarter before deferring to sit second past a :48.97 half. Taking over at the fence nearing the turn for home, he kicked clear by midstretch and held sway from favored firster Value Engineering (Lemon Drop Kid) for a 1 1/2-length success. The winner is a half to Lady of Kyushu (Smart Strike), SW & MGSP-Fr, \$151,021, and shares a second dam with MG1SW Roderic O'Connor (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). His dam is responsible for a juvenile Lope de Vega (Ire) colt in Great Britain. Sales History: €140,000 Ylg '17 ARAUG. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$31,595. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-St. Elias Stable; B-Sahara Group (GB); T-Todd A. Pletcher.



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Cairo Prince (Pioneerof the Nile), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000
228 foals of racing age/22 winners/3 black-type winners
6-Turfway, Msw 1m, ROAD TO CAIRO, 12-1
\$75,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

Mark Valeski (Proud Citizen), Airdrie Stud, \$2,500
57 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, VERCRUYSE, 9-2

Verrazano (More Than Ready), Ashford Stud, \$22,500
268 foals of racing age/18 winners/2 black-type winners
6-Turfway, Msw 1m, ALBIREO, 15-1
\$7,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$45,000 KEE SEP yrl
6-Turfway, Msw 1m, ARTEMUS BRIDGE, 1-1
\$55,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

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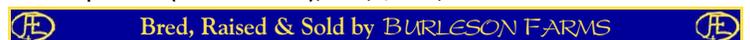
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Bronzed, c, 3, Fed Biz--Bronze Route, by Mud Route.
Gulfstream, 2-6, (C), 6f, 1:09.67. B-Lyn & Mike Burleson (KY).
*\$9,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT; \$22,000 RNA 2yo '18 EASMAY. **1/2
to Top Seed (Grand Slam), SW, \$117,583.



Scraps, c, 3, Brethren--Romin Robin (GSP, \$296,138), by Pure Precision. Gulfstream, 2-6, (C), 5fT, :56.70. B-Arindel (FL).

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BRETHREN, Scraps, c, 3, o/o Romin Robin, by Pure Precision. MCL, 2-6, Gulfstream

FED BIZ, Bronzed, c, 3, o/o Bronze Route, by Mud Route. MCL, 2-6, Gulfstream

MEDAGLIA D'ORO, Backflash, f, 3, o/o Time to Tap, by Tapit. AOC, 2-6, Sam Houston

NEW YEAR'S DAY, Bourbon Resolution, c, 4, o/o Vindicated Ghost, by Vindication. AOC, 2-6, Gulfstream

OASIS DREAM (GB), Clint Maroon (GB), g, 3, o/o Lady Aquitaine, by El Prado (Ire). MSW, 2-6, Gulfstream



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SATISFACTORY START TO SALES YEAR AT GOFFS



Lawman filly lot 298 proved dearest Wednesday | Goffs photo

By Daithí Harvey

KILDARE, Ireland - The second and final session of the Goffs February Sale followed a similar script to the opening day, but it still saw some significant transactions take place. The first 40 or so lots offered in the morning were 2-year-olds, some broken, others not, and while it represents an unusual stage of a flat horse's lifecycle to be offered--it hovers between yearling sale stage and breeze-up stage--the section still produced one of the more high-profile sales of the whole auction when an unnamed Lawman (Fr) filly sold for €110,000.

While not many were rejoicing over the level of business being conducted, the sale still held its own and taking into account the reduced catalogue proceedings were more or less in line with last year. The aggregate of €3,976,150 was achieved by selling 264 of the 386 offered lots yielding a 68% clearance rate, while both the average of €15,061 and the median of €7,850 showed minor gains on last year.

At the close of business Goffs CEO Henry Beeby said, "Goffs February starts each year as the preferred option for many breeders at this time of year, as it combines the largest selection of weanlings with an eclectic mix of mares and fillies with breeding potential. Yesterday's weanlings enjoyed a vibrant trade with strong competition for the best from a huge group of pinhookers who did battle for the youngsters they feel will be the most obvious candidates for the first-choice yearling sales later in the year. [Cont. p2](#)

EUROPEAN PATTERN COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES CHANGES

Officials from the European Pattern Committee (EPC) met at the offices of the British Horseracing Authority Jan. 24 and laid out its changes in the pattern via a release Wednesday.

Announcing that it was "pleased to support France's request to provide an end-of-season opportunity at Group 1 level for fillies at longer distances," the committee approved an upgrade to the top level for ParisLongchamp's Prix de Royallieu (2800m), which takes place on Arc weekend Oct. 5. There was a single downgrade from Group 1 status, the Premio Lydia Tesio, leaving Italy with no races at the top level. The country has also been demoted to the status of associate member of the EPC, with the hope that it will become a full member in the near future.

The upgrading of the Royallieu is a continuation of commitment by the EPC to protect and enhance the programme for staying horses across Europe. This time last year, the EPC agreed to upgrade Glorious Goodwood's Lillie Langtry S. to Group 2 status. Additionally, as part of the stayers' project, the EPC has agreed to boost Newmarket's Zetland S. to Group 3 level.

A trio of races received hikes to Group 2 status: the Balanchine S. (6f) at The Curragh in late June; the seven-furlong City of York S. in August; and the Premio Dormello at the San Siro in October. The G1 Prix Jean Prat will see its distance shaved from a mile to seven furlongs, with the objective of making the race a target in its own right for 3-year-olds and so it may be used as a steppingstone to races like the Maurice de Gheest and/or Jacques Le Marois.

There were no downgrades from Group 2, while the Zawawi Cup at Sweden's Jagersro Racecourse was the lone demotion from Group 3. Some 24 races--14 at Pattern level and 10 Listed races--are at the risk of downgrade for 2020, including the Prix de Malleret, the Deutsches Derby, the Presidente Della Repubblica and the Topkapi Trophy.

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Consequently, the knock-on effect is a trade that remains unforgiving for those that did not fall into that category; such is the way the market is operating at present as we clearly saw at all sales and locations through the autumn. Today's breeding stock and mixed session has performed well with statistics that reflect the first choice nature of the sale and so we have enjoyed top prices in several categories on both days for the sales taking place at this time of year. We have been delighted to welcome a truly international group of buyers from as far afield as Uzbekistan whilst the home team has also been very active."

He continued, "Of course the catalogue was smaller by over 150 lots when compared to last year, which in turn was 120 less than in 2017, so it was unlikely were going to match the turnover. However, all the other figures show growth so we have started the year with positivity and have much to look forward to in the coming months. For now we extend our thanks to each vendor and every purchaser for their support as we are nothing without them."



Lot 380 | Goffs photo

Session-topping lot 298 certainly got every chance to achieve her maximum price in the ring and after a marathon game of bidding tennis between Curragh trainer Michael O'Callaghan and Tom Biggs of Blandford Bloodstock, it was the former who emerged victorious after a bid of €110,000. The Lawman (Fr) filly was offered by Baroda & Colbinstown to dissolve a partnership and boasts a regal back pedigree, being out of La Divina (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), a full-sister to champions Islington (Ire) and Greek Dance (Ire). Michael O'Callaghan has built up a quality squad to go to war with this year and he reported, "I've bought her to race for an existing client, she is a lovely filly and has a great pedigree. She has been in pre-training with David Myerscough so she has plenty of ground work done." **Cont. p3**

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O'Callaghan signed for the filly under Moran Stud Farm, a name which also cropped up later on as the buyer of **lot 380** Myopic (GB) (Teofilo {Ire}). The winning half-sister to stakes winner Twitch (Ire) (Azamour {Ire}) was offered in foal to Kodiak (GB) and was hammered down for €95,000.

The consigning team of David Cox and David Myerscough offered another attractive proposition in **lot 318** Vrai (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), and they were duly rewarded when the 3-year-old filly was snapped up by Mick Flanagan for €75,000. The half-sister to Lilbourne Lad (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}) has shown consistent form in both France and England, placing three times and her appeal was heightened by the future prospects of her year younger half-sister by Gleneagles (Ire) who sold for 300,000gns as a yearling last year.

"She is a lovely moving filly with a great pedigree and she will most likely be covered by New Bay (GB)," reported Flanagan afterwards.

The €75,000 mark was also reached when BBA Ireland's Eamonn Reilly signed for **lot 333** Stellar Mass (Ire), the multiple stakes winning 6-year-old entire offered by Jim Bolger's Glebe House Stables.

Goffs Scandinavia agent Filip Zwicky had his heart set on acquiring one mare in particular in the catalogue and his conviction was rewarded when **lot 389**, First Spirit (First Defence) was knocked down to him for €80,000. Zwicky, standing alongside a Danish client who had flown in on the day especially to see the mare, was pushed for much of the way by Matt Houldsworth, but when Zwicky countered Houldsworth's €72,000 bid with an €8,000 rise, it was a tactic that ultimately sealed the deal for Zwicky.

The unraced half-sister to Group 1 winner Announce (GB) (Selkirk) was offered by Grenane House Stud in foal to Zoffany (Ire) and the agent said, "She was the one we wanted and I thought she was the most beautiful mare with the head of a queen." Zwicky continued, "I have bought her for JC Organisation, who are new to breeding, but who invested in some nice yearlings last year. She will go to York Stud in Denmark and the progeny will be retained to race in Scandinavia to hopefully raise the profile of racing in the region."

Mares from the draft of the Aga Khan Studs are often most sought after not only for their deep current pedigrees but also for what the pedigrees may unearth in the future. **Lot 343** Shareva (Ire) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}) is a prime example and she was purchased by Tally-Ho Stud for €62,000, with Tony O'Callaghan getting the better of Hugo Merry for the 4-year-old.

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Shareva was placed five times for Dermot Weld and, as a daughter of Group 3 winner Shareen (Ire) (Bahri) and a half-sister to two stakes winners in Shamreen (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) and Shahroze (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), her breeding credentials are obvious. In addition to this, the dam has a 2-year-old filly by Iffraaj (GB) and a yearling filly by Sea The Stars (Ire) coming through the ranks and is currently in foal to Frankel (GB). According to Roger O'Callaghan Shareva will be sent straight to the breeding shed at Tally-Ho with a date with rookie stallion Kessaar (Ire) on the immediate agenda.

Sean Flannery was a key member of the Goffs Bloodstock team until he decided on a major lifestyle change last year and returned to college to study medicine. But he hasn't turned his back completely on the bloodstock business as he teamed up with his father Gerry Flannery to buy lot 373. Elshabakiya (Ire) (Diktat) was offered by Godolphin in foal to Dark Angel (Ire) and while the Flannerys had to fork out €62,000 to buy the 11-year-old, who was a black type performer in her racing days. Given the stallion will stand this year for €85,000 it seemed to represent good value.

"It's obviously an attractive cover so she will go back home [to Esker Lodge Stud] and hopefully we will be back here in November with the foal," reported Sean Flannery. "We haven't decided who we will cover the mare with this year, but we will discuss it over the next while." Of his current life as a trainee doctor in the University of Limerick Flannery said, "It's certainly different, but I'm loving it. It's my first time back here in Goffs since I started, as I missed the November Sale probably for the first time since I was about 10 years old. I actually have an exam tomorrow, so I'm glad we got this one so I can head off now and do some study."

Following on from his major purchase of a Sea The Stars (Ire) colt on Tuesday, Avaz Ismoilov was busy again on Wednesday stockpiling bloodstock and he signed for 18 lots in total during the session, the majority of them fillies at the other end of the market compared to Tuesday's main acquisition. Speaking to the TDN through an interpreter, Ismoilov indicated all the cheaper lots would make their way to Uzbekistan to boost that country's breeding industry. Ismoilov purchased the former Ballydoyle trained James Cook (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}--Red Evie {Ire}, by intikhab) for 42,000gns in Newmarket last year and the plan is to acquire up to 100 fillies to support that young stallion's career in Uzbekistan.

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• High Price	€120,000	€280,000
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• Median (% change)	€7,850 (+18%)	€6,650

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GOFFS FEBRUARY SALE – DAY TWO

Lot	Name	Status	Price (€)
298	Unnamed	Racing prospect	110,000
	<i>(f, 2, Lawman {Fr}--La Divina {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells)</i>		
	Consignor: Baroda & Colbinstown Studs		
	Purchaser: Moran Stud Farm		
380	Myopic (GB)	i/f Kodiak (GB)	95,000
	<i>(6, Teofilo {Ire}--Blinking {GB}, by Marju {Ire})</i>		
	Consignor: Baroda & Colbinstown Stud		
	Purchaser: Moran Stud Farm		
389	First Spirit	i/f Zoffany (Ire)	80,000
	<i>(4, First Defence--Choice Spirit, by Danzig)</i>		
	Consignor: Grenane House Stud		
	Purchaser: Filip Zwicky		

EUROPEAN NEWS



European Pattern Changes cont. from p1

"The Committee continues to observe the highest standards of quality control and has downgraded races where necessary and put racing authorities on notice of races at risk of downgrade in 2020," EPC Chairman Brian Kavanagh said. "Regrettably, the downgrades included Italy's final remaining Group 1 race, the Lydia Tesio.

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The Committee welcomed the attendance of representatives of the Italian Ministry for Agriculture and their commitment to address the difficulties which had shrouded Italian horse racing and thoroughbred breeding in recent years. Pending completion of a series of reforms to address these difficulties, Italy will have the status of an associate member of the European Pattern. 2018 was an exciting year for Pattern racing throughout Europe and these changes will ensure that 2019 offers an improved programme.”

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ParisLongchamp will play host to the G1 Prix de Royallieu on Arc weekend | *Racing Post photo*

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UNITED KINGDOM

Charm Spirit (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Tweenhills Stud
193 foals of racing age/31 winners/1 black-type winner
19:25-CHELMSFORD CITY, 5f, SPIRITUALLY (GB)
35,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2017 - Book 1

Kuroshio (Aus) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Clongiffen Stud
22 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
17:10-CHELMSFORD CITY, 10f, LADY WOLF (GB)

Magician (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Haras de Corlay
126 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners
17:50-CHELMSFORD CITY, 10f, ACT OF MAGIC (Ire)
€14,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2016; €22,000 Goresbridge Flat Breeze-Up Sale 2018

Morpheus (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Haras du Grand Chesnaie
176 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
17:50-CHELMSFORD CITY, 10f, MADE IN LEWISHAM (Ire)

€20,000 Tattersalls Ireland Flat Breeding Stock Sale 2016;
10,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2017 - Book 2

Mukhadram (GB) (Shamardal), Nunnery Stud
183 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner
17:50-CHELMSFORD CITY, 10f, CHAKRII (Ire)
€38,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2016; £18,000 RNA Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2017
17:50-CHELMSFORD CITY, 10f, TABOU BEACH BOY (GB)
8,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2017 - Book 2

FRANCE:

Dunaden (Fr) (Nicobar {GB}), Overbury Stud
77 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
2-CHANTILLY, 1900m, STUNNING PEARL (GB)
10,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2016; €7,000 Arqana Deauville Autumn Mixed Sale 2018

Sommerabend (GB) (Shamardal), Haras de Saint Arnoult
80 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
2-CHANTILLY, 1900m, RUE DAUPHINE (Fr)
€3,000 Arqana Deauville Autumn Mixed Sale 2017; €4,000 RNA Osarus 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2018

War Command (War Front), Coolmore Stud
223 foals of racing age/27 winners/1 black-type winner
2-CHANTILLY, 1900m, KORONEKI (Ire)
55,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2016; €50,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2017

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

1st-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €35,000, Cond, 2-6, 3yo, 10f (AWT), 2:04.87, st.

MAN OF CAIRO (FR) (c, 3, Spirit One {Fr}--Ismailia {Fr}, by Dunkerque {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, €40,300. O-Mme Nathalie Memran; B-Claude Memran & Mme Christina de Asis Trem (FR); T-Frederic Rossi.

7th-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €19,000, Cond, 2-6, 4yo/up, 7 1/2fT, 1:36.01, hy.

RONCEY (FR) (h, 5, Pivotal {GB}--Mixed Intention {Ire} {MSW & MGSP-Fr, \$206,795}, by Elusive City) Lifetime Record: 9-6-0-0, €82,950. O-Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-Franklin Finance SA (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Art Premier (Ire), g, 3, **Dutch Art (GB)**--Slippers Best (GB) (SP-Ger), by Mount Nelson (GB). Cagnes-sur-Mer, 2-6, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.58. B-Lane Stud Farms Ltd (IRE). *€25,000 Ylg '17 AROCT.

In Vero Veritas (Fr), f, 3, **Lawman (Fr)**--Roche Ambeau (Fr) (SW-Fr, \$110,335), by Chichicastenango (Fr). Pornichet-la-Baule, 2-6, 10 1/2f (AWT), 2:11.65. B-Ecurie des Monceaux (FR). *€40,000 Ylg '17 AROCT.

Emmasamiclau (Fr), c, 3, **Tin Horse (Ire)**--Rain Esteem (GB), by Mark of Esteem (Ire). Pornichet-la-Baule, 2-6, 10 1/2f (AWT), 2:12.02. B-Jean-Paul Chaze & Lionel Orillard (FR).

Val Bever (Fr), f, 4, **Denon**--Verzasca (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. Pornichet-la-Baule, 2-6, 12f (AWT), 2:31.28. B-Cocheese Bloodstock Anstalt & Mme Antoinette Tamagni-Bodmer (FR). *1/2 to Vertana (Ire) (Sinndar {Ire}), SW-Fr, \$116,551; and Val d'Hiver (Fr) (Zaffen {Fr}), SW-Ger.



IN SINGAPORE:

Elite Power (GB), g, 5, **Sakhee's Secret (GB)**--London Welsh (GB), by Cape Cross (Ire). Kranji, 2-6, Hcp. (£40k/€45k), 1000m (AWT), :59.20. B-Usk Valley Stud, Mr Martin Graham. *Formerly Wick Powell (GB). **SW-Eng. ***11,000gns Wlg '14 TATDEF; €32,000 Ylg '15 TISEP; 70,000gns HIT '17 TATJUL.

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IN THE USA:

Clint Maroon (GB), g, 3, **Oasis Dream (GB)**. See 'TDN North American Racing.'

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Wednesday's Results:

2nd-Kempton, £6,000, Cond, 2-6, 3yo, 8f (AWT), 1:40.85, st. **DON JUPP (c, 3, More Than Ready--Dame Ellen (SW-US), by Elusive Quality)** raced in a handy fourth along the fence until inching into third at halfway in this unveiling. Making ominous headway once into the home straight, the well-backed 6-4 chalk was shaken up to lead entering the final eighth and stayed on strongly under mild coaxing in the latter stages to assert by two lengths from Gold Fleece (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}). He becomes the second winner produced by a stakes-winning daughter of G1 1000 Guineas-winning European highweight Sleepytime (Ire) (Royal Academy) and the bay is kin to a 2-year-old filly by American Pharoah and a yearling filly by California Chrome. His dam Dame Ellen (Elusive Quality) was bred back to California Chrome last year. Sales history: \$50,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,026. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** 1ST-TIME STARTER.

O-Gute Freunde Partnership; B-Tenth Street Stables (KY); T-Marco Botti.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Major Blue (GB), g, 3, **Delegator (GB)**--Bahama Blue (GB), by Bahamian Bounty (GB). Wolverhampton, 2-6, 6f 20y (AWT), 1:15.54. B-Littleton Stud (GB).

WORLDWIDE NEWS

DUAL GROUP RACES HIGHLIGHT CARNIVAL CARD



North America | DRC/Andrew Watkins

Older dirt horses and the 3-year-old set take centre stage at Meydan Thursday evening for the G2 Al Maktoum Challenge R2 (1900m) and the G3 UAE 2000 Guineas. And there look to be standout individuals in both races.

With defending Al Maktoum Challenge winner Thunder Snow (Ire) (Helmet {Aus}) awaiting Super Saturday, the race very much goes through the tough **North America (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), who missed by a neck to the Godolphin runner last year.

Meydan Thursday Preview cont.

The powerful bay turned the tables on the future GI Breeders' Cup Classic third in Round 3 of the Challenge, but he missed the kick in the World Cup and did little thereafter, finishing 10th. North America returned with a vengeance in his latest, romping by nine lengths in Round 1 (1600m) of the Maktoum Challenge Jan. 10.

"We think he has improved since that last run, with which we were obviously delighted," said Bhupat Seemar, assistant trainer. "A lower draw (gate 5), would have been preferred, but it is only a small field and we could not be happier with him."

Cosmo Charlie (Stay Thirsty) enters this first 2019 in what appears to be career-best form, having handed **New Trails** (Medaglia d'Oro) a 7 1/4-length beating in the Listed Entisar S. over 2000m of this track Dec. 20.

Phoenix Ladies Syndicate's US Triple Crown nominee **Walking Thunder** (Violence) has won his three career trips to post by a combined 19 lengths and should prove tough to solve in the Guineas.

"Everything we have asked of him, he has done with ease and we basically do not know how good he might be," trainer Ahmad bi Harmash commented. "He has never been tested at home or in a race. Thursday's race has been his first main target throughout."

The \$42,000 OBS April Breezer, nine-length winner of a Jan. 10 conditions heat over Thursday's trip, should get his stiffest challenge from fellow US-Bred **Moshaher** (Goldencents), who could scarcely have been more impressive breaking his maiden in his only trip to the races to date, scoring by 6 1/4 lengths going eight panels Jan. 5.

"Walking Thunder looks the one to beat, but our fellow has had a great preparation and is a really smart horse," trainer Doug Watson said. "We are very much looking forward to it."

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Wednesday's Results:

FORTUNE BOWL S., S\$200,000 (£113,992/€129,746/A\$207,227/US\$147,627), Kranji, 2-6, 3yo/up, 1400mT, 1:21.86, gd.

1--**BLIZZARD (AUS), 121, g, 7, Starcraft (NZ)--Stormy Choice (Aus), by Redoute's Choice (Aus).** (A\$75,000 Ylg '13 INGMAR). O-Infinity Stable; B-G S A Bloodstock Pty Ltd (Vic); T-Lee Freedman; J-Daniel Moor; S\$119,000. Lifetime Record: GSW & G1SP-HK, 35-9-4-6, \$2,113,978. *1/2 to Furore (NZ) (Pierro {Aus}), SW-HK, G1SP-Aus, \$876,489.

2--**Countofmontecristo (NZ), 121, g, 5, Echoes Of Heaven (Aus)--Replicate (NZ), by Towkay (Aus).** (NZ\$57,500 2yo '15 NZBRTR). O-Joe Giovanni Sarjeet Singh. S\$42,500.

3--**Jupiter Gold (Aus), 128, g, 5, Congrats--Contented (Aus), by More Than Ready.** (A\$130,000 Ylg '15 MMGCYS). O-Jupiter Gold Stable. S\$21,500.

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Blizzard, a Group 3 winner and third in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint during his time in that jurisdiction, posted his first Singapore victory in Wednesday's Fortune Bowl S. at Kranji. His 4-year-old half-brother Furore (NZ) (Pierro {Aus}) is on a Hong Kong Derby trajectory following his win in the Hong Kong Classic Mile last month.

Singapore Turf Club photo

SINGAPORE FEATURE RACES – 2019		
Date	Name	Distance
Mar. 3	S\$500k Chairman's Trophy	1600mT
Apr. 5	S\$250k JBBA Singapore 3YO Sprint <i>(1st leg Singapore 3YO Challenge)</i>	1200mT
May 3	S\$500k Singapore 3YO Classic <i>(2nd leg Singapore 3YO Challenge)</i>	1400mT
May 5	S\$200k Rocket Man Sprint	1200mT
	S\$200k Moonbeam Vase	1600mT
May 25	S\$1m Singapore Guineas <i>(3rd leg Singapore 3YO Challenge)</i>	1600mT
	S\$1m Lion City Cup	1200mT
	S\$1.5m Kranji Mile Invitational	1600mT
June 30	S\$500k Stewards' Cup	1400mT
July 19	S\$250k Aushorse Golden Horseshoe	1200mT
July 21	S\$1.15m Emirates Singapore Derby	1800mT
July 28	S\$200k Jumbo Jet Trophy	1400mT
Aug. 18	S\$200k Committee's Prize	1600mT
Aug. 25	S\$500k Merlion Trophy	1200m (AWT)
Sept. 20	S\$150k El Dorado Classic	2000mT



WEIR RECEIVES FOUR-YEAR DISQUALIFICATION



Embattled trainer Darren Weir has received a 4-year ban
Emma Berry photo

by Bren O'Brien

Champion trainer Darren Weir was disqualified for four years by the Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board on Wednesday, a week after a raid of his Ballarat stables by police and stewards uncovered three electronic jiggers.

Weir did not contest any of the four charges against him, meaning they were resolved by the RAD Board just seven days after the raids took place. The Board agreed with stewards that a four-year disqualification was in order.

He will not be able to interact with any licence holder in Australian racing for the period of his ban and has been given 10 days to transfer horses under his care.

"Mr Weir will not be permitted to participate in the racing industry in any way over the four-year period, including, but not limited to his participation in the training of horses, attending race meetings and licensed premises and deriving any benefit from the industry," RV Executive General Manager--Integrity, Jamie Stier said.

"In the interests of Mr Weir's owners and staff and the welfare of horses, the stewards have granted permission for licensed trainer Michael Leonard to assume care of Mr Weir's horses for a period of up to 28 days whilst discussions continue for a permanent solution."

"During this 28-day period, Mr Leonard will be permitted to oversee the training of horses at Forest Lodge Stables, however, he will not be permitted to nominate horses transferred to him from Mr Weir for any race or official trial."

Weir currently leads the Melbourne's training premiership for the 2018/19 season with 93 wins, 61 victories clear of David, Ben Hayes and Tom Dabernig, who are his nearest rivals, while he also leads the Victorian and Australian premierships.

Police continue to investigate Weir in the wake of the raids last week, while stewards haven't ruled out additional charges as their investigation also continues.

Weir's Warrnambool foreman Jarrod McLean opted to contest his charges and his hearing over the possession of a jigger will be heard at a date to be confirmed.

Racing Victoria's Chairman Brian Kruger sent a statement to the state's 50,000 racehorse owners on Wednesday, acknowledging the negative headlines, but urging the industry to remain united and to continue to support the hard working participants operating within the rules.

We need to work together to become more effective at preventing breaches of integrity occurring in the first place.

RV Chairman Brian Kruger

"Personally, I have been shocked, then angry and frustrated, that we are again seeing headlines that detract from the amazing work that so many people do to make our industry great," Kruger said.

"However, I can assure you that the Racing Victoria Board and management are more determined than ever to do whatever needs to be done to deliver the highest levels of integrity and the best possible animal welfare outcomes."

"We must do this in order to ensure racing's image and reputation are where we all want them to be and to ensure our industry remains vibrant and continues to grow."

"We owe nothing less to our participants, our owners and the vast numbers of people that rely on racing for their livelihoods and their enjoyment." **Cont. p2**

Weir Disqualification cont.

"I do believe our integrity team does an outstanding job in identifying and prosecuting breaches of the Rules of Racing. They are dedicated and passionate about delivering a level playing field for all participants."

"I would like to thank all those who have acknowledged the fantastic work of our integrity team over the course of the last week."

Kruger said the challenge remained to continue to improve integrity measures.

"However, as an organisation and as an industry, we need to work together to become more effective at preventing breaches of integrity occurring in the first place. The Racing Victoria Board and management have already begun working on ideas in this area and it will be an ongoing focus for us over coming weeks and months," he said.

"While we have moved as quickly as possible to deal with the issues that have arisen this past week, there is still a significant amount of work to be done to deal with the fallout from today's decision of the Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board to disqualify Mr Weir for four years."

"Racing Victoria is doing everything possible to assist both the people and the horses that may be affected and for this reason we have added special conditions to the terms of Mr Weir's disqualification to assist with the transition of horses and employment opportunities for impacted staff."

"While there will no doubt be continued media coverage following today's decision, I am sure you, like me, are looking forward to seeing some positive stories flowing from some great racing this weekend, as well as the ongoing build up to our inaugural The All-Star Mile."

"In the meantime, thank you for your ongoing support of our fantastic industry."

It Takes A Team: Dane Robinson

Today we talk to a graduate of the Godolphin Flying Start program, who has used all of the contacts and experiences offered to him through the course to gain a leg up in the industry. Dane Robinson is the Racing Manager of Highclere Racing and attributes the success in his career so far to the Flying Start course and the mentors he has met along the way.

TDN AusNZ: Can you tell us a bit about yourself, how did you get started in the industry?

DR: I grew up in a family of horse men and women on the South Coast of NSW. My grandfather Kevin Robinson and father Terry have been training for decades. Pop was a legend in his day in

harness racing and along with the help of his family, steered the stable towards thoroughbreds in the 90's, before his passing in 2005. Dad still trains Thoroughbreds out of his Shoalhaven Heads property where we have access to Seven Mile Beach to work the horses. In my opinion, it's one of the world's best surfaces and environments to train a racehorse.

While sport and school took priority, I got involved doing weekend stable shifts and took every opportunity to be at the races with either Dad or my uncle Robert Price, who trains with my cousin Luke out of Kembla Grange.

Once I finished my finance degree at Wollongong University, I landed a job with Gai Waterhouse in her finance department and was fortunate to be part of the team during Fiorente's Melbourne Cup and Overreach's Golden Slipper victories. From there, I was lucky enough to score a spot on the Godolphin Flying Start Program which give me world-wide experience, education and contacts in the breeding and racing industry; and that ultimately led me to Harry Herbert and Highclere.



TDN AusNZ: How did the Godolphin Flying Start Program help you to get established within the industry?

DR: Flying Start accelerated my establishment in the thoroughbred industry by at least five years or so and has given me further experience, confidence and industry contacts. To this day, I continue to draw on the experiences and relationships built over the two-year program and will do so throughout the remainder of my career.

Sheikh Mohammed will be remembered for many things, but his vision to establish the Godolphin Flying Start Program will be one of his greatest contributions to the international Thoroughbred industry. The opportunities are endless for graduates, and I would encourage any young person who wants a career in the thoroughbred industry to start building their CV towards gaining a place on the program, because it really is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. **Cont. p3**

It Takes A Team cont.**TDN AusNZ: How long have you been the racing manager at Highclere Racing?**

DR: I started with Highclere in 2016 upon graduation from Godolphin Flying Start and I am now coming towards completing my third year with the team where my main focus has always been on the Australian arm of the business.

TDN AusNZ: You've spent a lot of time travelling between Europe and Australia, do you find big differences to the way things are run in Australia compared to overseas?

DR: We've tried to maintain the model in Australia in line with what has worked well for Highclere in the Northern Hemisphere for the last 25 years when purchasing yearlings and tried horses. Although in saying that, we are in a fortunate position to be entrenched in the UK and Europe, which gives us the opportunity to buy and bring classy stayers just under the handicap to take on the lucrative Cups races in Australia. We focus on utilising the knowledge and relationships of the team on the ground in the UK to source these stayers early and bring them Down Under. We've had some success already with Group 1 [Metropolitan H.] winner Opinion (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}) and Group 2 winner Libran (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}). Both horses have earned over \$2 million between the both of them!

TDN AusNZ: What's the toughest aspect of your job?

DR: Breaking bad news to share owners never gets any easier and we've been unfortunate to have lost a couple of lovely horses in the last 12 months due to accidental injury.

TDN AusNZ: And what about the best?

DR: Winning races and sharing the joy and excitement with the share owners is by far the best aspect of the job and is obviously what we're in this business for.

TDN AusNZ: And what about your favourite International sale?

DR: The Saratoga Yearling Sale in upstate New York holds fond memories and is a must for anyone who hasn't been as fortunate to attend!

TDN AusNZ: Do you have any advice for anyone looking to take up a similar career path to you?

DR: I've learned to appreciate the role of having close mentors in this business. I'm always taken aback by how quickly and open people are to providing sound advice in the industry. So, I'd say not to be afraid of asking for advice and seeking a mentor/s that you look up to, to be a source of ongoing guidance. And have patience, things don't happen overnight but if you're determined and patient enough, positive things will happen.

**IN SOUTH AFRICA:**

Share Holder (Aus), c, 2, **Zoffany (Ire)**--Ashanti Queen (Aus), by Oratorio (Ire). Scottsville, 2-6, Juvenile Plate, 1000mT, :57.52. O-Dr S S Naidoo & Mr M A Currie; B-Mr C T H Cropper (NSW); T-Paul Lafferty. *Won by four lengths as the well-backed \$2.20 favourite. **A\$24,000 Ylg '18 MMJUN.

IN SINGAPORE:

Irving Lipschitz (Aus), g, 3, **Animal Kingdom**--Intimation (Aus), by Hussonet. Kranji, 2-6, Hcp. (A\$52k), 1400mT, 1:22.69. B-Arrowfield Pastoral Pty Ltd, Paul J Favretto T/A Favretto Bloodstock (NSW). *Won in dead-heat. **A\$50,000 Ylg '17 INGFE; A\$23,000 2yo '17 MMGC2YO. **VIDEO**

Gold Star (Aus), g, 3, **Redente (Aus)**--Shebang (Aus), by Encosta de Lago (Aus). Kranji, 2-6, Hcp. (A\$52k), 1400mT, 1:23.36.

B-R G Symons (Vic). *Formerly Shadonte (Aus). **VIDEO**
Blizzard (Aus), g, 7, **Starcraft (NZ)**. See *TDN Europe/Int'l*.

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