



TAKING STOCK: ISSUES WITH THE INTEGRITY ACT



The U.S. Supreme Court building | Getty Images

by Sid Fernando

Over the last four or five years, The Jockey Club and its allies, fed up with the lack of uniform medication policies among States, decided to take matters into their own hands and lead the charge to craft and push some regulatory bills on “anti-doping and medication control” in Congress. They were looking to turn chaos into order but instead, the issue has polarized the industry.

There were fine people on both sides of the Horseracing Integrity Act of 2017 (H.R. 2651), a divisive piece of legislation that was introduced in the House of Representatives in May 2017 by Andy Barr (R-KY) and Paul Tonko (D-NY). The bill died in the legislative session that ended this past January, but Barr had accumulated 131 co-sponsors (81 Democrats and 50 Republicans), wrangled a subcommittee hearing for it in June 2018, and has plans to introduce another version in the current session of Congress, **as reported recently in TDN**. Representative Barr needs to tread carefully, however, because there were some constitutional issues in the bill that could be problematic if they are not addressed in the new version.

H.R. 2651, by the way, was a revision of the unsuccessful Horseracing Integrity Act of 2015, introduced in July 2015 by Barr and Tonko. The newer version was expanded upon to include Quarter Horse and Standardbred racing.

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NYRA OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCES SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS TO BELMONT, SARATOGA

Confirming a story **reported in TDN** last week, the New York Racing Association is adjusting its 2019 Belmont Park spring/summer meet and Saratoga schedules to adapt to planned construction on a new arena for the New York Islanders set to begin this summer. The changes have cleared the final hurdle of getting approval from the New York State Gaming Commission.

As a result, the Belmont spring/summer meet will feature a revised 48-day calendar to commence Friday, Apr. 26 and run through Sunday, July 7. Saratoga’s meet will begin eight days earlier than normal, opening Thursday, July 11 while running through its usual closing day of Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 2.

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The latest bill would have created a private nonprofit called the Horseracing Anti-Doping and Medication Control Authority (HADA), whose mandate was to establish and regulate a national, uniform medication policy. On face value, it was a good idea, but beneath the surface H.R. 2651 was an instrument meant to end the legal use of race-day Lasix in States, a partisan hot-button issue in the sport. Disallowing race-day medication was the single reason the bill was uniformly opposed by horsemen at the National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (NHBPA), the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA), and the United States Trotting Association (USTA), who as a group are not averse to a national medication policy and would probably have signed off on a bill that allowed only race-day Lasix and nothing else. They overwhelmingly have said they believe that the therapeutic use of race-day Lasix for treating exercise-induced pulmonary hemorrhage (EIPH) is both humane and necessary.

The Jockey Club coalition disagrees, seeking "harmony" with international jurisdictions that do not permit race-day

medication--which is pretty much the rest of the world. The coalition says it believes that there are real and perceived blights on racing related to drug usage. It also is concerned about protecting its bloodstock investments (see from bill: "...will improve the marketplace for domestic and international sales of United States horses.").

This chasm, bluntly, appears to be between a small cadre of wealthy owners and breeders with financially and politically influential heft on one side, and rank-and-file horsemen with strength of numbers on the other. One group at the upper echelon of the game is interested in international harmony and international competition and bloodstock sales; the other is busy making a living at racetracks across the country. It's "pure class warfare," a trainer recently told me.

Bettors were courted by both sides and were more likely to favor legislation that would have "cleaned up" the game, provided they didn't have to pay for it, and H.R. 2651 specifically addressed this issue with this line in the section of the bill on funding: "No State racing commission may increase the takeout of any racetrack to collect fees to fund [HADA]." It was a nice piece of PR to get the bettors on their side.

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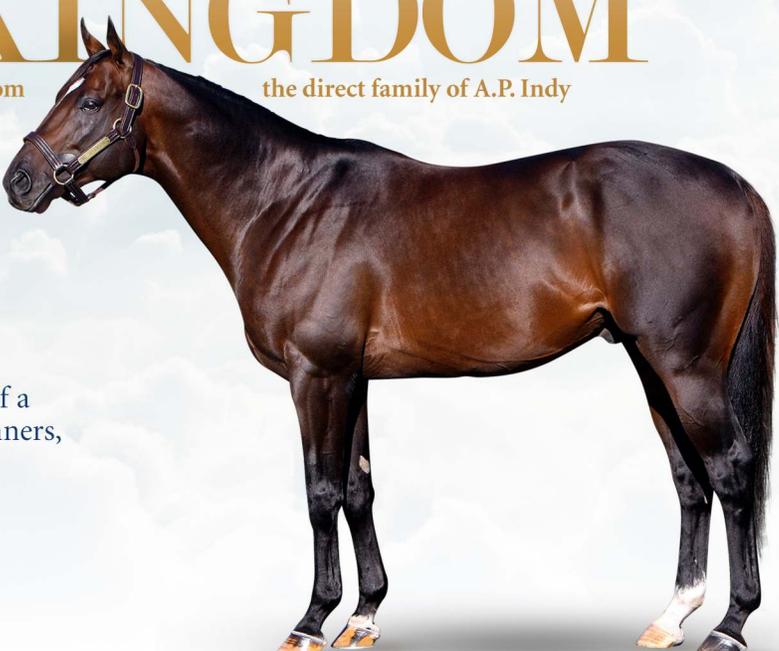
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Funding Schemes

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The establishment of HADA was written as “a private, independent, self-regulatory, non-profit corporation” charged with “administering an anti-doping and medication control program for covered horses, covered persons, and covered horseraces.”

“Covered persons” referred to anyone licensed by a State racing commission, and to participate in racing nationwide, the bill required licensees to consent to HADA’s authority to regulate and tax them.

The preferred funding option, however, was to tax States. This was written as a “voluntary” program so as to avoid charges of congressional overreach (see “Any State racing commission that elects to remit fees...”). In this scheme, States, if they agreed to participate, would pay taxes (an amount calculated from a formula) directly to HADA, so long as States didn't increase takeout to raise the monies, as noted earlier. It's obvious why this scheme was the first choice for HADA. There'd be “cooperation” with States, and HADA wouldn't have to establish another layer of bureaucracy to collect taxes from individuals--

plus the optics were better. Imagine the fury from horsemen having to pay a HADA tax on top of losing the right to use race-day Lasix? Such a scenario is possible if a State or States elected not to remit taxes, and it’s not hyperbolic to say that horsemen would revolt under such circumstances.

Supreme Court Ruling

The May 2018 Supreme Court decision in *Murphy, Governor of New Jersey, et al v. National Collegiate Athletic Assn. et al* held as unconstitutional the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act (PASPA), which has paved the way for legalized sports betting in New Jersey. A central tenet to this decision was something called the “anticommandeering principle” of the 10th Amendment, which was previously established in the Supreme Court decisions of *New York v. United States* and *Printz v. United States*, both of which were invoked in *Murphy*.

In *Murphy*, the Court wrote: “...conspicuously absent from the list of powers given to Congress is the power to issue direct orders to the governments of the States. The anticommandeering doctrine simply represents the recognition of this limit on congressional authority.” This could apply to parts of H.R. 2651. Prohibiting States from increasing takeout to fund HADA, for example, can be read as a direct order from Congress to State legislatures and could run afoul of the anticommandeering principle. **Cont. p5**

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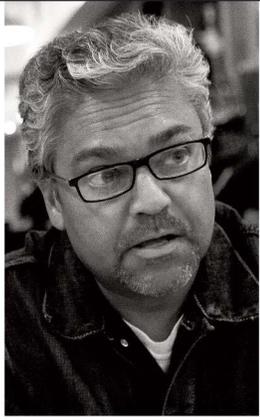
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(But if the architects of the bill were to take this clause out in a new bill, States would be allowed to raise takeout to fund HADA, and the bill would quickly lose the support of bettors.)

And even if a State did voluntarily participate in the funding for HADA, it's plausible that horsemen could successfully file suit on the premise that "the anticommandeering principle prevents Congress from shifting the costs of regulation to the States," as the Court said in Murphy.

There's also the issue of the accountability for regulations, which could be a blurred line to horsemen when the State is voluntarily funding a regulatory agency in which it plays no role.

The Court in Murphy addressed some of this here: "...the anticommandeering rule promotes political accountability. When Congress itself regulates, the responsibility for the benefits and burdens of the regulation is apparent. Voters who like or dislike the effects of the regulation know who to credit or blame. By contrast, if a State imposes regulations only because it has been commanded to do so by Congress, responsibility is blurred."

It doesn't take a constitutional scholar to understand some of the issues at play here, and Representatives Barr and Tonko and their staffs were aware of the potential for some congressional overreach in the bill. One funding scheme, for example, was written in a way to skirt the premise of "mandatory" State participation and phrased as an elective for States. But even when allowing HADA the option to fund itself by taxing participants directly, the bill still appears to veer into the crosshairs of the anticommandeering principle with this "command" to the States: "A State racing commission that does not elect to remit fees pursuant to subsection (d) or that withdraws its election under such subsection shall not impose or collect from any person a fee or tax relating to anti-doping and medication control matters for covered horseraces."

The Jockey Club and its allies that supported this bill and the one before it have spent considerable money in lobbying efforts to get them passed, and it's conceivable that a new bill will go farther than H.R. 2651 did with a Democrat-controlled House. But it will likely face a tougher time in the Republican-controlled Senate, should it get there, and the chances that a famously anti-regulatory president would sign the bill would be even bleaker.

But if it did somehow become law, the constitutional challenges to it in court--certainly in the way it's now written--could set off another round of battles, and in the end, the industry would probably find itself exactly where it is now: battling itself.

Sid Fernando is president and CEO of Werk Thoroughbred Consultants, Inc., originator of the Werk Nick Rating and eNicks.

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NYRA Officially Announces Schedule Changes cont. from p1

There will be no change to the number of live racing dates at Saratoga, which has been comprised of 40 days since 2010. The traditional six-day racing week at the Spa, however, has been scrapped in favor of a five-day week, with dark days coming on Monday and Tuesday as they do at Belmont.

"Given the initial and proposed timelines for the potential construction of a new arena at Belmont Park, we believe it is the responsible action to move our racing operations to Saratoga Race Course slightly earlier than usual this summer," said NYRA Interim CEO David O'Rourke. "We appreciate the patience of our horsemen, fans and the community in awaiting this announcement. We are working diligently with our stakeholders to ensure a smooth transition to this new calendar."

"The New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association and New York's horsemen understand that the possible construction on the Belmont property will require flexibility and accommodation from the state's entire Thoroughbred community," added NYTHA President Joe Appelbaum. "We will work with NYRA to ensure the safety of our horses and riders and to do all we can to protect the thousands of jobs in our backstretch community as we navigate this challenging time. NYTHA supports the interim solution NYRA has worked out for summer racing dates. While it presents certain complications, we all get to spend five extra days a year in Saratoga--which is always good for the soul."

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NEAR RECORD FIELD LINES UP AT NHC

by Lucas Marquardt

A near-record field of 670 entries are set to battle it out this weekend in Las Vegas at the 20th NTRA National Horseplayers Championship, presented by Racetrack Television Network, STATS Race Lens and Treasure Island Las Vegas. On the line is \$2.9 million in cash and awards, as well as bragging rights as the Eclipse Award “Horseplayer of the Year.” Both the field size and the prize money are the second-highest in tournament history. The three-day NHC begins today and runs through Sunday, with action centered at the Treasure Island Ballroom.

Cumulative scores will be tallied Friday and Saturday, and the top 10% of the field will make it through to Sunday’s semifinal. From there, the 10 highest players advance to the Final Table, where they’ll try to add to their existing bankrolls. The tournament is based on mythical \$2 win/place wagers. To ward against a massive longshot affecting the standings to an unreasonable degree, win bets are capped at \$42 (20-1) and place bets at \$22 (10-1).

The first two rounds and Sunday’s semifinal are a mix of mandatory and optional races. There are eight mandatories and 10 optionals on each of the first two days for a total of 36 races. The semifinal round is comprised of 10 races, all optional, while players at the Final Table are assigned seven mandatory races. The NHC first prize is worth \$800,000.

“We are delighted to play host to many of the nation’s top horseplayers at the historic 20th NHC,” said Keith Chamblin, the NTRA’s chief operating officer and NHC tournament director. “The NHC is a true celebration of the horseplayer--the individuals who fuel every aspect of the sport and business of Thoroughbred racing.”

A player can hold a maximum of two entries, and there were 138 dual-qualifiers heading into yesterday’s Last Chance Tournament, also held at Treasure Island. Regardless of the outcome of that tournament, there will be plenty of new faces at the NHC. There are 118 rookies, representing almost a quarter of the field.

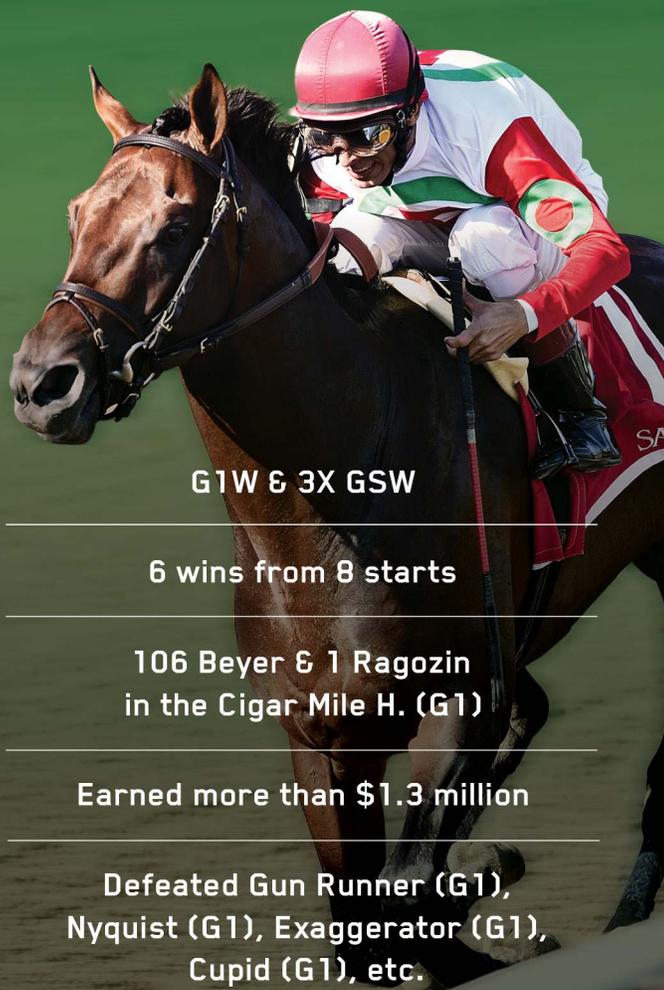
Back to defend his title is Chris Littlemore, who was on hand in Miami to collect his Eclipse Award. The Whitby, Ontario resident amassed a bankroll of \$348.30 a year ago from his 53 mythical bets. No person has ever won the NHC twice, and in addition to a stacked field, Littlemore faces six other returning champs: Ray Arsenault (2017), Paul Matties Jr. (2016), Jim Benes (2013), Michael Beychock (2012), Richard Goodall (2008), and Stanley Bavlish (2007).

At least two players are up for massive bonuses should they win. David Gutfreund secured \$100,000 and a berth to the NHC by taking the NHC Tour, a year-long series of NTRA-sanctioned local tournaments, and could take down as much as \$6 million in bonuses if he’s the last handicapper standing on Sunday. **Cont. p7**



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STAUFFER BACK AT NHC



Vic Stauffer | Horsephotos

by Lucas Marquardt

Oaklawn Park track announcer Vic Stauffer is back for his third go at the NHC, and he's confident about one thing.

"If the person who has done the most work comes out on top, it'll be me," he said.

Reached by phone Wednesday in Arkansas, Stauffer was knee deep in past performances and had been handicapping since he woke that morning. "And I'll keep at it until I fall asleep tonight," he said. "But listen, I've done the most work the three previous years, and the best I could do was 122 [in 2018]."

Stauffer has qualified for the NHC three times previously and competed twice before (a stint as a steward in California precluded participation in one event). He had two entries in 2016, finishing 129th and 147th, and had two more a year ago, finishing 122nd and 317th. He carries two entries into the 2019 renewal, and talking to Stauffer, it's clear he takes his handicapping as seriously as he takes his race calling. His passion is such that Oaklawn agrees to relieve him of calling duties each year for a weekend should he qualify.

So what's the appeal of the NHC? "The world's watching," Stauffer said simply.

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 #2 TURF SIRE BY _____ EARNINGS
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“I found tournaments interesting because of the additional strategy that goes into them, but probably more than anything else, I wasn’t the most disciplined gambler ever,” he explained. “In fact I was pretty undisciplined. So if I had a bad day, I’d chase with bets I’d never make if I was ahead or even. And you shouldn’t do that. The structure of tournaments prevents that. You have a finite amount of money you risk. If it goes good, you win. If it goes bad, you don’t. But you can’t lose any more than what you put up to play the tournament.”

In a short period, Stauffer became a formidable tournament player. He won the 2016 Del Mar Fall Challenge, the 2017 Santa Anita Preakness Challenge, and had high finishes in consecutive renewals of the Breeders’ Cup Betting Challenge in 2016 and 2017.

“I was 14th in one and ninth in another, and in both years I was in front at the top of the stretch for a million dollars,” said Stauffer. “If California Chrome hangs on, I win for \$1 million. If Collected hangs on, I win for \$1 million. Both ran second [in the Breeders’ Cup Classic].”

Still, Stauffer estimates he’s won roughly a half-million dollars in tournament play.

Stauffer is in a unique position. Of the 530 or so individual players at the NHC, he’s one of only a handful who make their living full-time in horse racing. In addition to race calling, he’s worked as a steward, a jockey’s agent, and an assistant racing secretary, and has owned horses. He currently serves as an analyst at TVG, as well. And all that, he said, is a difference maker.

“Being on the backside, and on the inside, is a massive edge,” he said. “It’s understanding why horses are placed in certain spots. It’s understanding why trainers reach out to certain jockeys at certain times. It’s understanding which horses fit particular conditions, and which trainers are smart enough to be able to pick out the right spots.”

On the last point, Stauffer gives an example. He was working at Hialeah and stuck around after the season to bet Gulfstream. One day he was asked to sub for Caton Bredar doing paddock interviews, and interviewed Bill Mott on the afternoon Cigar won the GI Donn H.

“Mott was the leading trainer at the time, and I asked him about it, and people thought he was being a smart-ass when he gave his answer,” said Stauffer. “But I knew he wasn’t, and I know to this day he wasn’t.”

Stauffer’s question: What does it take to be leading trainer?
Mott’s reply: Running 8-5 shots.

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“And people were like, ‘Well duh,’” said Stauffer. “But the point he was making is that if you have a horse ready to run his best race, and he finishes a good 4th at 40-1, you’re an idiot. You have to have that horse in the right spot to win.”

At the track, Stauffer says he’s almost exclusively a win bettor. “Some exactas, but the great preponderance of my play is win bets,” he said. “If I can target a horse I feel the public has made a mistake on, I don’t feel the need to branch out. It’s also the most economical bet, costing 14 cents [takeout] for every dollar and not 22 cents. It’s not the most glamorous, but to me it’s the truest test of a handicapper. With win bets, you’ll find out very quickly whether you know what you’re doing.”

Stauffer does, and recently began a service selling Santa Anita picks for the weekend cards (www.vicstauffer.com).

“The way it’s evolved, and the response I’ve gotten to it, has been so incredibly gratifying,” he said. “And it’s not necessarily from picking winners. What people are saying is that they really appreciate seeing how I break down a race, and that they’re learning from that. And listen, I’m an adulation junkie. That’s a stone-cold hard fact. So when people give me ‘atta-boys’ and say I’m terrific at something, I like that.”

Ego aside, said Stauffer, there’s also an important component that involves developing the next generation of horseplayers.

“If I can teach someone to cultivate their own opinion, that’s when they’re going to go from being a \$2, to \$20, to \$200 better,” he said. “No one’s going to do that by being touted.”

Stauffer said the new venture is a team effort between himself and his wife Tina. “I couldn’t do any of this without with my wonderful wife Martina Stauffer, and that’s not just me trying to curry favor,” he laughed. “She handles all the web site stuff--she’s the marketing manager, the CFO, the head of client relations. She literally does everything.”

For Stauffer, making the trip from Oaklawn isn’t just about returning to the NHC. It’s about returning to his adopted home. Last year, after the Oaklawn season ended, he and Tina moved to Peccole Ranch, a suburb about 10 miles from the Las Vegas strip. But don’t get the wrong impression--the Stauffers didn’t move for the Vegas glitz and the glamor.

“We could just as well be in Nebraska,” Stauffer said of the laid-back neighborhood. “We like the strip, and going down to a buffet or seeing a show, but it’s a community that really doesn’t have anything to do with what people think of Vegas.”

When it comes to the handicapping process, most players have a particular approach, and Stauffer was asked about his.

“Every race I make a wager on will basically have four components,” he explained.

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“1) I will have watched replays on every horse in the race. At least their last race, and oftentimes more. 2) I will get a feel for how the race is going to play out. If I don’t have a good feel for that, I usually won’t play. 3) I try to get a feel for owner/trainer intent. And 4) At the end of the day, I’ll never make a bet--never--without consulting Thoro-Graph.”

Stauffer is an effusive fan of Jerry Brown’s speed figures. “If I had to handicap a race and was given only one tool, it would be Thoro-Graph 100 times over,” he said. “Beyer [Speed Figures] are like a Chevy Nova, and Thoro-Graph [figures] are like a Maserati. Which isn’t to say I don’t have a huge respect for Andy Beyer. He realized something a long time ago that people didn’t understand. People bet billions of dollars based on all kinds of things other than the simple fact that fast horses beat slow horses. And he was able to reduce that to a single number. But the Thoro-Graph figures are 10 times better because they’re more sophisticated and you can completely and implicitly trust the number. And I do.”

At the end of the day, however, Stauffer said that, for him, there is no substitute for hard work.

“I wish I knew some shortcuts and I don’t,” he said. “I have to start at Race 1, Horse 1, and go from there. There are guys out there who are better than me that don’t put in that much time, but I don’t know how to do it any other way. So it becomes a gothic amount of work. But it’s like Beyer said: If you can pick a

winner, you can predict the future, and you feel like King of the World. That’s very intoxicating to me and my 700 compatriots who are going to try and stand up there and be champion.”

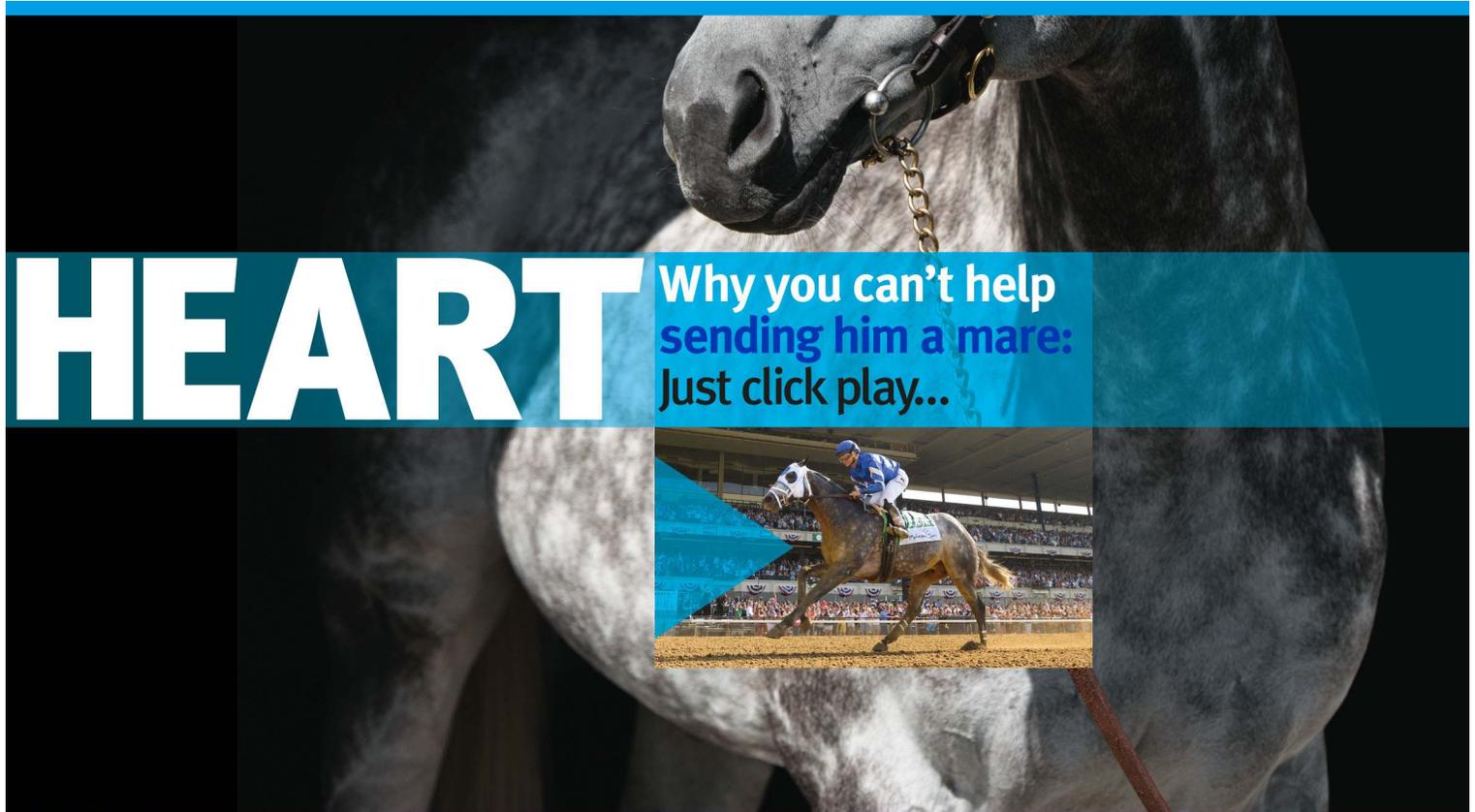
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STEVENS TO JOIN FOX SPORTS, NYRA TV PROGRAMS

Hall of Fame jockey Gary Stevens will join FOX Sports/NYRA Live television programming as a racing analyst, making his debut on *FOX Sports Saturday At The Races* this spring, the New York Racing Association (NYRA) and FOX Sports announced Thursday.

Inducted into the National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame in 1997, Stevens registered 5,187 wins and totaled purse earnings of more than \$258 million in a career that started in 1979 and concluded with his **retirement** in 2018. The 55-year-old won nine Triple Crown races and 11 Breeders' Cup races in his career.

Outside of the irons, Stevens has prior experience as an actor and television analyst, portraying Hall of Fame jockey George Woolf in the film "Seabiscuit," starring in the HBO series "Luck" and providing racing analysis for various TV networks, including NBC. **Cont. p11**



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"I'm lucky to be able to transition to the next phase of my career with the powerhouse team that FOX Sports and NYRA have assembled," said Stevens. "There are few things more important to the future of our sport than bringing the best quality TV coverage to America's biggest races, and that is just what we will be doing with these shows. I'd like to thank FOX Sports for their commitment to the sport of horse racing, and to NYRA for doing the most in-depth, innovative coverage available today."

In addition to Stevens, FOX Sports and NYRA announced that veteran host Laffit Pincay III and handicapper Jonathon Kinchen will join a broadcast team that includes host Greg Wolf, handicapper and racing analyst Andy Serling, paddock analyst Maggie Wolfendale, trainer Tom Amoss, and handicapper and former Major League Baseball all-star Paul LoDuca. Larry Collmus, NYRA announcer and voice of the Triple Crown, will provide live race calls throughout the year.

The new broadcast team will also be featured on *FOX Sports Saturday At The Races*, which was launched in 2018 and expanded in 2019 to a 12-show schedule over February, March and April, providing nationwide coverage and analysis of major stakes races and key Triple Crown preps.

In 2019, FOX Sports is scheduled to televise 500 hours of NYRA racing, including coverage of nearly every race day at Belmont and Saratoga. The broadcast schedule will then expand to over 600 hours annually in 2020. This agreement builds upon the prior deal between NYRA and FOX Sports that resulted in more than 100 hours of NYRA coverage on FS2 in 2018.

"FOX Sports has assembled a broadcast team without equal in horse racing," said Tony Allevato, President of NYRA Bets and Executive Producer for NYRA TV. "Collectively, their knowledge of all aspects of the sport will provide our national audience with the best handicapping, analysis and insights available anywhere. We welcome Gary, Laffit and Jonathon, and look

forward to breaking new ground in 2019."

The 2019 NYRA shows on FOX Sports will be presented by America's Best Racing, Runhappy and Claiborne Farm.

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MONMOUTH PARK TO OFFER \$7.1 MILLION IN STAKES IN 2019

Headlined by the \$1-million GI betfair.com Haskell Invitational, Monmouth Park is set to offer \$7.1 million in stakes races over 61 days of racing at its 2019 meet, it was announced Thursday. The track kicks off its 74th year of racing Saturday, May 4.

The Haskell will shift from its traditional Sunday spot on the calendar to a Saturday this year, July 20. In total, Monmouth will race nine more days in 2019, compared to its 52-day schedule in 2018, while the \$7.1-million stakes program represents a significant increase over last year's \$4.3-million docket. In addition to funds generated by Monmouth's sports betting operation which opened in June 2018, the track is poised to receive a \$10-million influx in purse money thanks to a [bill that recently passed through state legislature](#).

"This year will be a game-changer for Monmouth Park and for racing in the State of New Jersey," said Dennis Drazin, Chairman and CEO of Darby Development LLC, operators of Monmouth Park. "For too long we have seen our neighbors enjoy casino-fueled purses placing New Jersey at a competitive disadvantage."

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“With a \$100-million purse subsidy over the next five years, half of which is dedicated to Monmouth, awaiting the signature of Governor Murphy, we can now start to close that gap and move Monmouth Park to a more even playing field,” he continued.

“This is a terrific opportunity and we will shepherd these monies in a manner that creates a superior betting product with fuller, more competitive fields. To that end, beginning in 2019, we will offer an enhanced stakes schedule, substantial increases to our purse structure and more race dates, all the while keeping intact the owner and trainer guarantees we offered last year and expanding those into the state-bred program. In addition, we will continue to offer free worker’s compensation for trainers stabled at Monmouth Park and will pay a 40% bonus to New Jersey-bred horses who compete in open company.”

Drazin added that Monmouth would offer “approximately \$500,000” in purses per day during the 2019 meet.

In an effort to showcase top events, Monmouth will once again offer bundled stakes cards May 25, June 22, July 20, Sept. 1 and Sept. 28, with the latter serving as a championship day for the MATCH Series, which is back after a successful return last year. The 17th annual New Jersey Thoroughbred Festival, with three stakes events, will be renewed Aug. 25.

Stall applications, which are due by Mar. 15, are now available online at monmouthpark.com or in hard copy format in the Monmouth Park racing office.

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FROM THE TDN WEEKEND

CONGHUA RACECOURSE: A NEW PAGE FOR HORSE RACING IN CHINA

by Emily Chan

The Hong Kong Jockey Club's recently opened training facility in mainland China displays all the aspects of an impressive top-of-the-class racecourse that has left nothing to chance.

After a three-hour ride by car from Hong Kong, crossing the Shenzhen-Hong Kong border and passing by the Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport along the way, we finally arrived at the Conghua Training Centre, the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC)'s latest investment in Guangdong Province in Southern China.



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The lavish Conghua Training Centre is one of the most expensive investments the HKJC has undertaken since building Sha Tin Racecourse in Hong Kong 40 years ago. The HK\$3.7-billion training centre not only mimics Sha Tin, minus the grandstand, but the facilities it offers are way above and beyond what Hong Kong currently has—four racetracks together with an 1100-metre uphill gallop; 20 spelling paddocks; a world-class veterinary hospital equipped with an X-ray unit, an exam room, and operating suites; and a rehabilitation unit that includes salt-water spas and an aqua treadmill to treat injured horses. Louis Romanet, Chairman of the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities, described the Conghua site as “truly exceptional” while Racing Australia Chief Executive Officer Barry O’Farrell summed it up as “world class and revolutionary.”

“In the early stages, there was a bit of reluctance among owners and trainers about training horses at Conghua, primarily because of the distance from Hong Kong coupled with a fear of the unknown,” said Bill Nader, director of racing business and operations of the Hong Kong Jockey Club. “But the early results have been so encouraging that our important stakeholders not only accept Conghua as a world-class training centre, they now embrace it.” **Cont. p13**

The site was built with the vision to take Hong Kong racing to the next level and to create a more spacious and relaxed training environment for Hong Kong racehorses, while still maintaining the longstanding principle that Sha Tin is the home base. Hong Kong is one of the world's most densely populated areas and the city's skyrocketing property prices mean that there is literally no place in Hong Kong to allow the Club to build additional training facilities. After searching for suitable land for 20 years without success, the Hong Kong Jockey Club finally solved the issue with the site in Conghua. There are currently nine trainers in Hong Kong who train horses out of both Conghua and Hong Kong, and horses are shipped to Sha Tin two days before running.

To read the rest of this feature in the TDN Weekend, [click here](#).

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CBA SETS NEW BOARD

The Consignors and Commercial Breeders Association (CBA) installed its new board at its most recent meeting with Gray Lyster of Ashview Farm assuming the role of President, the trade organization announced Thursday. Allaire Ryan of Lane's End Farm has been named Vice President, and Matt Koch of Shawhan Place will serve as Treasurer. Outgoing president Joe Seitz will maintain a newly established advisory role to the organization as former president.

"The CBA owes Joe Seitz and the outgoing board members a big thanks for leaving us with a really strong organization who is the collective voice of the selling community," Lyster said. "We look forward to continuing to help facilitate a vibrant commercial market within our industry."

In total, the CBA board consists of 15 members: eight from the top 20 consignors and seven from other consignors and commercial breeders. Each year a portion of the board rotates off and new members are appointed to fill the vacant positions.

The newly appointed board members are Andrew Cary, Select Sales; Renee Daily, VanMeterGentry Sales; Tom Hamm, Three Chimneys; Derek McKenzie, Vinery; and Mark Toothaker, Spendthrift Farm.

The remaining board members include the following representatives of top 20 consignors: Conrad Bandoroff, Denali Stud; Liz Crow, ELITE; Brian Graves, Gainesway Farm; Walker Hancock, Claiborne Farm; and Adrian Regan, Hunter Valley Farm. Directors who are other consignors and commercial breeders are: Ben Henley, Airdrie Stud; and Sean Tugel, WinStar Farm.

More information can be found by visiting [the CBA website](#).

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IOWA HORSEMEN SEEK CONTROL OF STATE'S SPORTS WAGERING

The Iowa Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association have signaled their intent to become the single license holder in Iowa for sports wagering with a bill, recently released by the state government committees in both the Iowa House as HSB 124 and Senate as SSB 1100, attempting to demonstrate the horsemen's unique ability to implement sports wagering in Iowa.

"We believe this is the simplest option for everyone involved," said Jon Moss, Executive Director of the Iowa HBPA. "Having one contract to oversee and manage is much easier to execute than 10 or 20. We can effectively bring one simple, unified wagering platform to everyone. And we've proven we can successfully implement wagering in Iowa."

The Iowa HBPA has been successfully conducting Advanced Deposit Wagering in Iowa since 2012. The Iowa HBPA bill uses existing language that proposes sports wagering only be offered by ADW and in Iowa's casinos.

"We also believe one of the most persuasive pieces of our bill is the opportunity to keep all proceeds right here in Iowa," said Moss. "After all, if Iowans spend their money here, it should benefit our state economy."

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STEEPLECHASE VIDEO NETWORK TO DEBUT IN SPRING

The National Steeplechase Association, in partnership with video provider TPH Productions, will inaugurate professionally produced TV programming of steeplechase race meets for the upcoming 2019 season. The launch of the National Steeplechase Association Network follows and builds upon the debut of high-definition video for race stewards last fall.

The network's programming will be broadcast over broadband and will be available around the globe. All of the NSA's 28 race meets will participate in the NSA Network shows and the meets will share in revenues produced by the new programming.

"The Board of Directors and I are excited about the prospects for the National Steeplechase Association Network and the shows it will be producing," said NSA President Guy J. Torsilieri. "With these shows, we will be able to reach new audiences in our traditional markets and around the world."

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STALLIONS' FIRST FOALS

IRISH SURF

- The Grade III winner, by Giant's Causeway out of champion Surfside (Seattle Slew), had his first foal, a filly, born Feb. 7 at Ocala Jockey Club in Reddick, Fla.
- The foal was bred and owned by Pete Cox, Ocala Jockey Club's stallion manager, and is out of Grade III winner Rizzi Girl (Rizzi)
- Irish Surf stands for \$5,000 LFSN at Ocala Jockey Club and is available for viewing at an open house Feb. 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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MY DEAR VENEZUELA, 6, Wildcat Heir--Bayou Mist, by Silver Deputy

Foal born Jan. 25, a colt by Arrogate.

Will be bred back to Quality Road.

Owned by/boarded at Stone Farm, KY.

Accomplishments: GSP, \$141,897.

REDWOOD DANCER, 10, Forestry--Fiery Pursuit, by Carson City

Foal born Feb. 3, a filly by Tapit.

Will be bred back to Uncle Mo.

Owned by Mt. Brilliant Broodmares I, LLC.

Boarded at Mt. Brilliant Farm.

Accomplishments: Dam of The Virginian (Aus) (Hinchinbrook {Aus}), SW & G1SP-Aus, \$193,931.

COARSEGOLD, 9, Giant's Causeway--Cool Spell, by Grand Slam

Foal born Jan. 21, a filly by Connect.

Will be bred back to Collected.

Owned by/boarded at Woodford Thoroughbreds.

Accomplishments: MSW, \$217,930.



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2019 Leading Turf Sires

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Giant's Causeway <i>(1997) by Storm Cat Crops: 16</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	39	6	2,656,250	2,768,931
				<i>Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>						<i>Bricks and Mortar</i>	
2	English Channel <i>(2002) by Smart Strike Crops: 9</i>	3	5	--	1	--	--	59	13	442,708	1,238,983
				<i>Stands: Calumet Farm KY Fee: \$30,000</i>						<i>Channel Maker</i>	
3	Street Cry (Ire) <i>(1998) by Machiavellian Crops: 12</i>	1	3	1	3	--	1	29	3	575,521	1,021,925
				<i>Stands: Darley USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>						<i>Delta Prince</i>	
4	Kitten's Joy <i>(2001) by El Prado (Ire) Crops: 11</i>	--	1	--	--	--	--	73	6	486,975	743,557
				<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$75,000</i>						<i>Catapult</i>	
5	Hard Spun <i>(2004) by Danzig Crops: 9</i>	1	1	--	--	--	--	46	5	87,200	363,968
				<i>Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$40,000</i>						<i>Hard Promise (AUS)</i>	
6	Ice Box <i>(2007) by Pulpit Crops: 5</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	1	350,000	362,013
				<i>Stands: Millennium Farms KY Fee: \$7,500</i>						<i>Dubby Dubbie</i>	
7	The Factor <i>(2008) by War Front Crops: 4</i>	--	2	--	1	--	--	33	9	100,019	342,302
				<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$15,000</i>						<i>Zuar</i>	
8	Scat Daddy <i>(2004) by Johannesburg Crops: 8</i>	1	3	--	1	--	--	35	7	71,300	297,243
				<i>Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>						<i>Dolce Lili</i>	
9	Speightstown <i>(1998) by Gone West Crops: 12</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	18	1	215,182	246,712
				<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$80,000</i>						<i>Mozu Superflare</i>	
10	War Front <i>(2002) by Danzig Crops: 10</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	40	6	25,800	222,285
				<i>Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$250,000</i>						<i>Cover Model</i>	
11	More Than Ready <i>(1997) by Southern Halo Crops: 16</i>	--	1	--	1	--	--	53	4	69,516	211,501
				<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$80,000</i>						<i>Northern Legend (AUS)</i>	
12	Street Sense <i>(2004) by Street Cry (Ire) Crops: 9</i>	1	1	1	1	--	--	25	6	66,861	211,258
				<i>Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$50,000</i>						<i>Care Free Prince (AUS)</i>	
13	Medaglia d'Oro <i>(1999) by El Prado (Ire) Crops: 12</i>	1	1	--	--	--	--	38	6	45,390	197,383
				<i>Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$200,000</i>						<i>Contributing</i>	
14	Into Mischief <i>(2005) by Harlan's Holiday Crops: 8</i>	--	1	--	1	--	--	24	3	60,929	179,193
				<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$150,000</i>						<i>Delta Barows</i>	
15	Unusual Heat <i>(1990) by Nureyev Crops: 19</i>	--	2	--	1	--	--	20	4	44,460	174,387
				<i>Stands: Harris Farms USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>						<i>Apache Princess</i>	

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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
2	Special Event	Arch	Emory A. Hamilton	McGaughey III	Velazquez	117
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
5	Valedictorian	Temple City	Epic Racing	Breen	Gaffalione	121
6	Peach of a Gal	Curlin	Glenangus Farm LLC	Motion	Saez	117

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7	American Frolic 🐎	Blame	Stride Rite Racing Stable, Inc.	Fawkes	Vasquez	117
8	Conquest Hardcandy 🐎	Candy Ride (Arg)	Alfonso Cammarota	Sano	Garcia	117

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

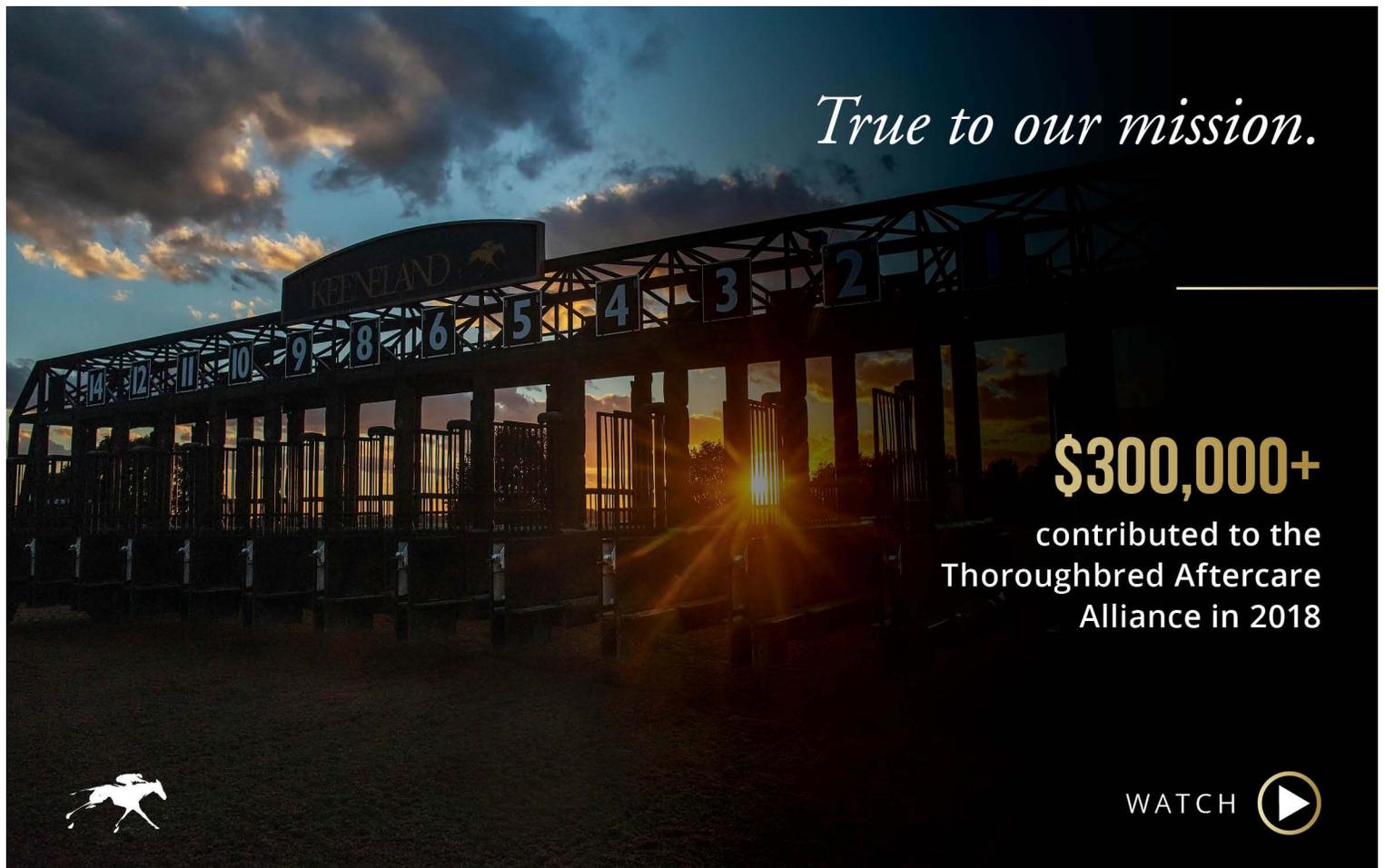
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7th-OP, \$77K, Msw, 3yo, 6f

Cowboy Diplomacy (Tapizar), the full-brother to newly crowned champion Monomoy Girl, makes his career bow for his sister's conditioner Brad Cox in this Hot Springs test. The \$175,000 FTKOCT buy is out of the Henny Hughes mare Drumette, who summoned \$1.85 million from Bridlewood, while carrying a foal by Mastery, at the Fasig-Tipton November Sale held just one day after Monomoy Girl's GI Breeders' Cup Distaff victory. In addition to besting her elders in the Distaff, Monomoy Girl captured last term's GI Kentucky Oaks, GI Acorn S., GI Central Bank Ashland S. and GI Coaching Club American Oaks. Making his second attempt in this spot for D. Wayne Lukas is Robert Baker and William Mack's \$650,000 FTSAUG buy **Strong Union (Union Rags)**. Off the board in his Saratoga debut Aug. 25, the bay is out of a full-sister to MSW & MGSP Distorted Passion (Distorted Humor), who is the dam of MGSW & GISP Mrs McDougal (Medaglia d'Oro). **TJCIS PPs**

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7th-FG, \$43K, Msw, 3yo/up, f, 1 1/16m

Mandy Pope went to \$1.1 million for **Temperit (Tapit)** at the 2016 Keeneland September Sale and the filly makes her racetrack debut in NOLA Friday. The daughter of MGSW Quiet Temper (Quiet American) hails from the family of champion Heavenly Prize; MGSWs Dancing Spree and Finder's Free; and GISWs Furlough, Fantastic Find and Oh What a Windfall.

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Friday, Turfway Park, post time: 8:12 p.m. EDT

JOHN BATTAGLIA MEMORIAL S., \$75,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m (AWT)

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Kentucky Allstar	Oxbow	Prescott	Maker	15-1
2 Wallace	Run Away and Hide	Ouzts	Danner	12-1
3 Dynamic Racer	Run Away and Hide	Prentice	Kahles	20-1
4 Dabo	Temple City	McKee	Romans	12-1
5 Zulu Legend	Zulu Magic	Pilares	Gorham	20-1
6 Over Protective	Hold Me Back	Franklin	Kinmon	12-1
7 Somelikeithotbrown	Big Brown	Hernandez	Maker	8-5
8 Maya Solomea	Risque Remarque	Lezcano	Macias	50-1
9 Naughty Joker	Into Mischief	Garcia	Ward	8-1
10 Echo Alpha Six	Sky Mesa	Kennedy	Godsey	8-1
11 Bermejo (Fr)	Bungle Inthejungle (GB)	Serpa	Delacour	12-1
12 The Mackem Bullet (Ire)	Society Rock (Ire)	Machado	Ward	3-1

*Results will appear in Sunday's TDN



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

6th-Santa Anita, \$63,596, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 2-7, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37.53, gd.

JUST A SMIDGE (f, 4, Into Mischief--Pooh Corner, by Tapit) captured a Los Alamitos optional claimer two back Sept. 14 and checked in fifth when returning off a four-month layoff in a track-and-trip test Jan. 11. Dismissed at 25-1, odds not often seen for a Bob Baffert runner, the **'TDN Rising Star'** showed immediate interest, winning the initial battle for control and clocking opening splits of :23.48 and :46.97. Continuing to bowl along on the lead turning for home, the gray kept on finding to hold X at bay by X lengths. Just a Smidge is the second foal out of Pooh Corner, who has since produced the unraced 3-year-old filly Trans Mississippi (Verrazano), a juvenile colt by Stormy Atlantic and a yearling colt by Mshawish. She was bred back to Noble Mission (GB). Sales history: \$39,000 RNA Wlg '15 KEENOV; \$425,000 2yo '17 EASMAV. Lifetime Record: SP, 10-3-0-1, \$121,195. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Debbie Lanni; B-Carolyn R Vogel (KY); T-Bob Baffert.



3rd-Fair Grounds, \$45,000, (S), Alw (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 2-7, 3yo, 6f, 1:12.77, ft.

INSPECTOR EDDIE (c, 3, Mineshaft--Happy Choice {SP}, by Broken Vow) finished second in his state-bred unveiling in the slop over this course and distance Dec. 8 and graduated by 4 1/4 lengths next out over this track and trip Jan. 19. Dictating terms from the get go, the 2-1 shot set a moderate tempo and hit the line 1 1/2 lengths clear of Geauxcro (Unbridledsensation). The winner is a half to Happy Mesa (Sky Mesa), MSW, \$237,555; a juvenile filly by Custom for Carlos; and a yearling colt by Sky Mesa. Happy Choice was bred back to Custom for Carlos. Sales history: \$105,000 Ylg '17 EASOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$59,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-Cash is King LLC; B-Clear Creek Stud LLC (LA); T-Edward Johnston.



8th-Gulfstream, \$44,300, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 2-7, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:48.34, fm.

KALLIO (f, 4, Scat Daddy--Smokey Diplomacy {SP}, by Dynaformer) made three starts for Brian Lynch last spring before joining the Brendan Walsh barn and finished third in her debut for this outfit at Ellis Aug. 3. Earning her diploma by a neck next out at Kentucky Downs Sept. 6, she faded to eighth in a Keeneland allowance Oct. 24 and was fourth last time going 1 1/16 miles over this course Dec. 19. Squeezed in tight at the break, the 5-1 shot was steadied by her pilot Tyler Gaffalione and ran second last through early splits of :22.79 and :47.49. Progressing two wide on the backstretch, the bay swept to the front in early stretch and charged clear under a vigorous hand ride from Gaffalione to score by 2 3/4 lengths and galloped out full of energy. Proud O'Paddy (Paddy O'Prado) was the runner-up. The winner is a half to Clear the Runway (Broken Vow), SW, \$205,621; and Sallisaw (Exchange Rate), MSP, \$169,863. Her dam is also responsible for the unraced 3-year-old filly Wysteria (Tale of the Cat) and a yearling filly by Frosted. She was bred back to Hard Spun. Kallio hails from the family of French Highweight Oratorio (Ire) (Danehill). Sales history: \$100,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$160,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-2, \$126,545. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Madaket Stables LLC, Tim & Anna Cambron & Bradley Thoroughbreds; B-Nolan Creek Farm (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh.



9th-Gulfstream, \$44,240, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 2-7, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:36.38, ft.

SMILE MORE (f, 4, Tiznow--Salty Strike {MGSW, \$485,266}, by Smart Strike) made her first two attempts for Sagamore's farm trainer Horacio DePaz, hitting the board both times at Saratoga in August. Transferred to Stanley Hough, she checked in second in her first two-turn test at Churchill Downs Sept. 28 and broke through next out going a mile at Keeneland Oct. 21. Fourth behind next-out winner Golden Award (Medaglia d'Oro) when last seen in Louisville Nov. 7, the \$275,000 KEESEP buy was given a 5-2 chance to get the job done here. Away well from her rail draw, Smile More bounded up to press the pacesetter as the first quarter went up in :23.33. Racing on that rival's heels through a half in :45.78, the bay slipped through on the fence to take a narrow lead turning for home and was joined to her outside by End of Now (Ghostzapper). The duo battled stride-for-stride to the wire with Smile More edging clear by a head at the wire. Dual Grade III winner Salty Strike did not produce foals in 2016 or 2017, but had a Ghostzapper filly last year and was bred back to Malibu Moon. Sales history: \$275,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-1, \$108,925. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Sagamore Farm LLC; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Stanley M. Hough.



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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

7th-Oaklawn, \$77,000, Msw, 2-7, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12.04, sy.
LADY APPLE (f, 3, Curlin--Miss Mary Apples {GSP, \$171,172}, by Clever Trick) finished second in her career bow at Keeneland Apr. 12 for breeder KatieRich Farms and trainer Mark Huble, after which Phoenix Thoroughbreds bought in and she was transferred to Steve Asmussen. The Hall of Famer immediately stepped her up to stakes company and she missed by just a neck in Belmont's Astoria S. June 7. Fifth in Saratoga's Gill Schuylerville S. July 20, she was fifth behind 'TDN Rising Star' and subsequent Gill Forward Gal S. winner Feedback (Violence) last time at the Spa Aug. 12. Hammered down to even-money in this return off that extended layoff, Lady Apple broke on top, but conceded the lead to 36-1 shot Listen Up (Stormy's Majesty), pressing that rival from second through a swift first quarter in :22.43. Drawing even rounding the bend, the bay rolled clear in the lane to win by 1 1/2 lengths. Runner-

up Summer Delivery (Twirling Candy) was the only one even attempting to run with the winner in the lane and she finished 8 1/4 lengths clear of the third-place horse. The winner is a half to Miss Red Delicious (Empire Maker), MSW, \$203,425; and Dr. Diamonds Prize (Pure Prize), SW & GSP, \$240,903. Miss Mary Apples produced a colt named Apple Empire (Empire Maker) in 2017 and visited More Than Ready last spring. Sales history: \$100,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: SP, 5-1-2-0, \$97,600. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Phoenix Thoroughbred III and KatieRich Stables; B-KatieRich Farms (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

U.S.-BRED/SIRED RUNNERS IN JAPAN



In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this weekend running at Kyoto and Tokyo Racecourses, including the stakes debut of an expensive War Front colt:

Saturday, February 9, 2019

3rd-TOK, ¥9,550,000 (\$87k), Maiden, 3yo, 1600m

Despite having finished off the board in his first two career starts, North Hills's **IT'S LIT (c, 3, Animal Kingdom--Why Katherine, by Whywhywhy)** was not embarrassed, including a close seventh on turf in October before improving a couple of spots over track and trip the following month. Keita Tosaki takes the ride on It's Lit, the first foal out of MGSP Why Katherine, who was a \$120K Keeneland September yearling turned \$310K OBS March juvenile. *B-Betz, Burns, Magers, CoCo Equine & Terra Racing (KY)*

Sunday, February 10, 2019

3rd-KYO, ¥13,720,000 (\$125k), Allowance, 3yo, 1800m

WASHINGTON TESORO (c, 3, Curlin--War Tigris, by War Chant) opened his account by nine eased-down lengths at first asking at Fukushima in November ([video](#), gate 13) and most recently atoned for a pair of unplaced efforts with a solid second-place finish over track and trip Jan. 14. Bred on the same cross over Danzig responsible for champion Good Magic, the \$550K KEESEP yearling is out of a stakes-winning dam whose daughter War Heroine (Lonhro {Aus}) won last year's grassy Gill San Clemente S. at Del Mar. *B-Waymore LLC (KY)*



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11th-TOK, Kyodo News Hai-G3, ¥72m (\$656k), 3yo, 1800mT
FOSSAMAGNA (c, 3, War Front--River Belle {GB}, by Lahib) was hammered into 4-5 favoritism for his seven-furlong bow at Chukyo Dec. 2 and did not disappoint, edging home to score by 2 1/2 lengths despite a poor break and wide passage ([video](#), gate 15). River Belle, a Group 3 winner in England at two, was third in the 2004 GI QE II Challenge Cup and subsequently victorious in the GII Mrs. Revere S. in this country and has since become the dam of GSW & GISP Strathnaver (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}). Christophe Lemaire retains the ride on the colt, a \$275K KESEP RNA who ultimately realized \$725K as an OBSAPR breeder. The task won't be easy, as undefeated champion Admire Mars (Jpn) (Daiwa Major {Jpn}) makes his seasonal debut here. *B-Lofts Hall Stud (KY)*

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Estihdaaf, c, 3, **Arch**. See "Worldwide News".
Tabarak, c, 3, **Quality Road**. See "Dubai".

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Alpha (Bernardini), Darley/Sequel, \$8,500
 94 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, JUDGE STANTON, 6-1
 \$14,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$120,000 OBS APR 2yo

Boisterous (Distorted Humor), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, \$5,000
 86 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner
 8-Santa Anita, Msw 1mT, NO PARKING HERE, 15-1
 8-Santa Anita, Msw 1mT, SEA OF LIBERTY, 7-2

Bungle Inthejungle (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Rathasker Stud, \$5,000
 134 foals of racing age/28 winners/2 black-type winners
 5-Turfway, \$75K John Battaglia Memorial S., 1 1/16m, BERMEJO (Fr), 12-1
 €5,000 ARQ DEC wnl; €30,000 ARA V2 yrl

Central Banker (Speightstown), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, \$7,500
 135 foals of racing age/11 winners/2 black-type winners
 5-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, BEBE BANKER, 10-1
 \$25,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl; \$14,500 RNA EAS MAY 2yo

Dynamite Bob (Malabar Gold)
 2 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 7-Sam Houston Race, Msw 5 1/2f, MAHALO AKUA, 8-1

Flashback (Tapit), Diamond B Farm, \$7,500
 175 foals of racing age/16 winners/0 black-type winners
 7-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, BENNY, 6-1

Guilt Trip (Pulpit), Red River Farms, \$2,500
 67 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner
 3-Delta Downs, Msw 6 1/2f, PURIM KING, 4-1
 \$1,100 ESL MIX wnl; \$8,500 RNA EQL 2YO 2yo
 8-Delta Downs, Alw 5f, VICTORY TRIP, 6-1
 \$20,000 ESL YRL yrl

Lakerville (Unusual Heat), Harris Farms, private
 44 foals of racing age/3 winners/1 black-type winner
 8-Santa Anita, Msw 1mT, LAKE SHOW, 20-1
 8-Santa Anita, Msw 1mT, SCRAPPY DEVILLE, 6-1

Mucho Macho Man (Macho Uno), Adena Springs, \$15,000
 122 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner
 6-Tampa Bay Downs, Aoc 1 1/16mT, MY MACHO, 5-1
 1-Sam Houston Race, Msw 1m, WAPI, 12-1
 \$5,000 OKC YRL yrl

Sadie's Soldier (Lost Soldier), Averett Farm, \$1,000
 9 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 3-Delta Downs, Msw 6 1/2f, CLASSIC HEATH, 15-1

Sum of the Parts (Speightstown), Red River Farms, \$2,000
 29 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 8-Delta Downs, Alw 5f, CHARLIES TICKET, 5-1
 \$2,000 ESL MIX yrl
 3-Delta Downs, Msw 6 1/2f, RACIN REBEL, 20-1
 \$2,500 ESL YRL yrl

Super Ninety Nine (Pulpit), Country Life Farm, \$4,000
 68 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Oaklawn, Wcl 6f, NINE MARTINIS, 8-1
 \$50,000 FTK JUL yrl

Verrazano (More Than Ready), Ashford Stud, \$22,500
 268 foals of racing age/18 winners/2 black-type winners
 5-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, DARING DISGUISE, 4-1
 7-Sam Houston Race, Msw 5 1/2f, EAST AND WEST, 10-1
 \$7,000 I '18 KEE NOV

Will Take Charge (Unbridled's Song), Three Chimneys Farm, \$30,000
 207 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
 7-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, BETTER CHARGE IT, 8-1
 \$150,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$145,000 RNA FTF MAR 2yo; \$65,000 EAS MAY 2yo
 7-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, CABOT, 9-2
 \$160,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$400,000 FTS AUG yrl
 5-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, OPT, 10-1
 \$190,000 SAR AUG yrl



ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-Aqueduct, \$83,760, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 2-7, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:37.11, my.

STAN THE MAN (g, 5, Broken Vow--Nite in Rome {GSP}, by Harlan's Holiday) Lifetime Record: 16-5-5-2, \$282,749.

O-Long Lake Stable LLC; B-Emma & Dermot Quinn & Scott & Debbie Pierce (KY); T-John P. Terranova II. *\$82,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$150,000 Ylg '15 FTKJUL.

8th-Oaklawn, \$78,000, 2-7, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45.48, my.

MERCER ISLAND (g, 7, Tapit--Seattle Envoy, by Deputy Minister) Lifetime Record: 21-6-3-3, \$184,849. O-M and M Racing (Mike Sisk); B-Sam-Son Farm (ON); T-Robertino Diodoro.

9th-Oaklawn, \$78,000, (S), (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500), 2-7, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.08, my.

EURO ME (f, 4, Euroears--Pick Me Up, by Yankee Gentleman) Lifetime Record: 14-2-3-3, \$100,042.

O-F. Dewaine Loy; B-Richard Carman (AR); T-F. Dewaine Loy.

5th-Aqueduct, \$64,544, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 2-7, 3yo, 1m, 1:39.83, my.

KOSCIUSZKO (c, 3, Smart Bid--Sunshine Stormy, by Stormy Atlantic) Lifetime Record: SP, 6-2-1-1, \$100,710. O-Edward J. Witek; B-Edward & Dr. Joseph Witek (NY); T-Patrick J. Quick.

5th-Santa Anita, \$61,824, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 2-7, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:48.04, gd.

AVALANCHE (h, 5, Mizzen Mast--Pearls, by Black Tie Affair {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 15-2-3-3, \$117,095. O-Jerome S. Moss; B-Morgan's Ford Farm (VA); T-John W. Sadler. *\$90,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. **1/2 to Ring Knocker (Birdstone), MSP, \$411,810.

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1st-Santa Anita, \$58,053, (S), 2-7, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:35.73, gd.

ACCLIMATE (g, 5, **Acclamation--Knows No Bounds, by Boundary**) Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-1, \$78,390. O-The Ellwood Johnston Trust and Timmy Time Racing; B-Old English Rancho & Sal & Patsy Berumen (CA); T-Philip D'Amato. *\$30,000 Ylg '15 BAROCT.

7th-Fair Grounds, \$47,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 2-7, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45.29, ft.

CASSES STORY (g, 5, **Bernardini--Mary's Follies {MGSW, \$338,889}**, by **More Than Ready**) Lifetime Record: 20-4-6-2, \$231,181. O-Wayne Sanders & Larry Hirsch; B-Paul Pompa Jr. & Darley, LLC (KY); T-Joe Sharp. *\$120,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$250,000 2yo '16 FTFMAR. **1/2 to Night Prowler (Giant's Causeway), MGSW, \$475,682; and Regal Glory (Animal Kingdom), SW & GSP, \$115,450.

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2nd-Fair Grounds, \$44,000, (S), (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 2-7, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:41.80, fm.

CRIMSON FELINE (m, 6, **Lion Tamer--Red Nile, by Placid Fund**) Lifetime Record: 30-6-7-5, \$134,200. O/T-Corale A. Richards; B-Corale A. Richards & Rose Griffith (LA).

8th-Fair Grounds, \$42,000, 2-7, (C), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:46.41, fm.

HOLLY GO LIGHTLY (f, 4, **Artie Schiller--Its About Midnight, by Distorted Humor**) Lifetime Record: 12-3-2-2, \$99,940. O/B-Robert & Lawana Low (KY); T-Steve Margolis.

6th-Aqueduct, \$39,091, Wcl (NW3L)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000-\$25,000), 2-7, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17.86, my.

BINKSTER (g, 4, **Bluegrass Cat--La Femme Galante {SP}, by Grand Slam**) Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-0, \$87,416. O-Randall Manor Racing, Dark Horse Racing Stable and Taste Of Victory Stables LLC; B-Philip Birsh (NY); T-Raymond Handal.



Thursday Cancellations

TURFWAY

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Kool Kea, f, 3, **Brother Derek**--Athena Moon, by Malibu Moon. Charles Town, 2-6, (S), 7f, 1:28.24. B-Nick Zavolas (WV).

Dixie Drawl, g, 3, **Done Talking**--Golden Pleasant, by Touch Gold. Laurel, 2-7, 1m, 1:36.81. B-F. G. Smith (SC).

Indicia, f, 3, **Skipshot**--Nice to Regal, by Henrythenavigator. Gulfstream, 2-7, (C), 1mT, 1:36.30. B-Heather Irion (KY).

Peaceful Feeling, f, 3, **War Front**--Doo Lang (SW-Fr), by Pulpit. Gulfstream, 2-7, (C), 1mT, 1:35.54. B-Joseph Allen, LLC (KY).

The Nine O, f, 4, **Candy Ride (Arg)**--Valid Warning (MSW, \$131,369), by Valid Appeal. Santa Anita, 2-7, (C), 1mT, 1:37.12. B-Glenna R. Salyer (KY). *\$100,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP. **1/2 to Elusive Warning (Elusive Quality), SW, \$152,650.

Bullgrats, g, 4, **Congrats**--Mystery Bullet, by Red Bullet. Gulfstream, 2-7, (C), 6f, 1:10.20. B-Purple Haze Stables (FL).

Big Engine, c, 4, **Not For Love**--Lady Bi Bi (MSW, \$314,715), by Lord Avie. Aqueduct, 2-7, (S), 7f, 1:26.28. B-Tri County Stables (NY). *\$80,000 Ylg '16 SARAUG.

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Real Factor, c, 4, **The Factor**--Indyniable, by A.P. Indy. Laurel, 2-7, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:43.81. B-Lakland Farm (KY). *\$240,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR.

Scarlet's Causeway, m, 5, **Niagara Causeway**--Hennessy's Deeds, by Hennessy. Delta Downs, 2-6, 5f, 1:00.52. B-Troy Thibodeaux (LA).

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ACCLAMATION, Acclimate, g, 5, o/o Knows No Bounds, by Boundary. ALW, 2-7, Santa Anita

ARTIE SCHILLER, Holly Go Lightly, f, 4, o/o Its About Midnight, by Distorted Humor. ALW, 2-7, Fair Grounds

BERNARDINI, Casses Story, g, 5, o/o Mary's Follies, by More Than Ready. AOC, 2-7, Fair Grounds

BLUEGRASS CAT, Binkster, g, 4, o/o La Femme Galante, by Grand Slam. WCL, 2-7, Aqueduct

BROKEN VOW, Stan the Man, g, 5, o/o Nite in Rome, by Harlan's Holiday. AOC, 2-7, Aqueduct

BROTHER DEREK, Kool Kea, f, 3, o/o Athena Moon, by Malibu Moon. MSW, 2-6, Charles Town

CANDY RIDE (ARG), The Nine O, f, 4, o/o Valid Warning, by Valid Appeal. MCL, 2-7, Santa Anita

CONGRATS, Bullgrats, g, 4, o/o Mystery Bullet, by Red Bullet. MCL, 2-7, Gulfstream

CURLIN, Lady Apple, f, 3, o/o Miss Mary Apples, by Clever Trick. MSW, 2-7, Oaklawn

DONE TALKING, Dixie Drawl, g, 3, o/o Golden Pleasant, by Touch Gold. MSW, 2-7, Laurel

EUROEARS, Euro Me, f, 4, o/o Pick Me Up, by Yankee Gentleman. AOC, 2-7, Oaklawn

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INTO MISCHIEF, Just a Smidge, f, 4, o/o Pooh Corner, by Tapit. AOC, 2-7, Santa Anita
LION TAMER, Crimson Feline, m, 6, o/o Red Nile, by Placid Fund. AOC, 2-7, Fair Grounds
MINESHAFT, Inspector Eddie, c, 3, o/o Happy Choice, by Broken Vow. AOC, 2-7, Fair Grounds
MIZZEN MAST, Avalanche, h, 5, o/o Pearls, by Black Tie Affair (Ire). AOC, 2-7, Santa Anita
NIAGARA CAUSEWAY, Scarlet's Causeway, m, 5, o/o Hennessy's Deeds, by Hennessy. MSW, 2-6, Delta Downs
NOT FOR LOVE, Big Engine, c, 4, o/o Lady Bi Bi, by Lord Avie. MSW, 2-7, Aqueduct
SCAT DADDY, Kallio, f, 4, o/o Smokey Diplomacy, by Dynaformer. AOC, 2-7, Gulfstream
SKIPSHOT, Indicia, f, 3, o/o Nice to Regal, by Henrythenavigator. MCL, 2-7, Gulfstream
SMART BID, Kosciuszko, c, 3, o/o Sunshine Stormy, by Stormy Atlantic. AOC, 2-7, Aqueduct
TAPIT, Mercer Island, g, 7, o/o Seattle Envoy, by Deputy

Minister. ALW, 2-7, Oaklawn
THE FACTOR, Real Factor, c, 4, o/o Indyniable, by A.P. Indy. MCL, 2-7, Laurel
TIZNOW, Smile More, f, 4, o/o Salty Strike, by Smart Strike. AOC, 2-7, Gulfstream
WAR FRONT, Peaceful Feeling, f, 3, o/o Doo Lang, by Pulpit. MCL, 2-7, Gulfstream

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Curlin was represented by a new winner Thursday at Oaklawn in Lady Apple | Sarah K. Andrew

EQUINE INFLUENZA HITS BRITISH RACING FOR SIX



Donald McCain | Emma Berry

by Emma Berry

There will be no racing in Britain for six days following three confirmed cases of Equine Influenza (EI) in horses in training. Following an initial one-day shutdown on Thursday, the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) has announced that it is suspending all race meetings in the country until Wednesday, Feb. 13 while ongoing testing is completed.

On Wednesday evening it was confirmed by the Animal Health Trust that three Thoroughbreds had tested positive for EI despite being vaccinated against the virus. The affected yard was later confirmed as Donald McCain's Bankhouse Stables in Cheshire.

McCain had on Wednesday been represented by runners at jump meetings at Ayr and Ludlow as well as at a Flat meeting at Wolverhampton on Monday.

Robin Mounsey, Head of Media for the BHA, told the *TDN* on Thursday morning, "Coughing and nasal discharge are commonly seen symptoms in equines and we don't stop movement of horses in this situation until there is a confirmed case of Equine Influenza."

Precautionary measures put in place by the BHA have led to all racing stables in Britain which had runners at any of those three meetings being put on temporary lockdown while horses on the premises are tested for EI. [Cont. p2](#)

ARCH COLT STRIKES FOR GODOLPHIN IN GUINEAS *by Heather Anderson*

Estihdaaf (Arch) upset the heavily favoured Phoenix Ladies Syndicate's **Walking Thunder** (Violence) with an open-length tally in the G3 UAE 2000 Guineas at Meydan on Thursday. It was the second win of four on the card for Godolphin after Dubhe (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) won the second race for Charlie Appleby. 2019 marks the third time in the last three years that the royal blue has visited the winner's circle and the seventh win in the race for trainer Saeed bin Suroor.

The slowest away and wearing blinkers for the first time, the dark bay immediately surged up to press the issue with **GSW Sporting Chance (GB)** (Kodiac {GB}) four deep and **Fintas (GB)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}) and **Mulfit** (Exchange Rate) sandwiched between them leaving the chute. Narrowly in front after a quarter mile in :25.16, Estihdaaf handed the baton to Sporting Chance who punched the breeze three deep after five furlongs in 1:00.81 as Mulfit dropped back to the tail of the pack. Walking Thunder moved up widest of all just behind them and appeared poised to blow right by, but the Godolphin runner had other ideas. [Cont. p6](#)



Estihdaaf | DRC/Erika Rasmussen

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These yards, which include the major National Hunt operations of Nicky Henderson and Paul Nicholls, as well as Charlie Appleby's Godolphin stable at Moulton Paddocks, will not be able to have any runners until negative test results are returned.

A decision will be made by the BHA on Monday, Feb. 11 as to whether racing can resume two days later.

A statement released on Thursday afternoon read, "The BHA's veterinary team has today been in contact with more than 50 trainers and veterinarians to allow it to make an informed assessment of the risk of equine influenza spreading. Whilst no further positive tests have been received, at least three more days are required before it will be possible to make a decision about whether it is safe to resume racing.

"The disease can take up to three days before symptoms are visible, meaning it will take until Sunday at the earliest before the BHA can gather all the information required. This approach

will allow samples to be collected and assessed by the Animal Health Trust in order that a fully informed decision can be made on Monday. This may then allow declarations to take place on Tuesday in time for racing on Wednesday, with 24-hour declarations for all fixtures on this day, should racing be able to resume. Declarations for Thursday would revert to the usual procedures."

Following a number of outbreaks in northern Europe, the BHA had previously issued an equine influenza alert to trainers on Jan. 25. It warned to isolate new arrivals in a yard for 14 days and to investigate with a vet any spread of nasal discharge or dry coughing. It was also advised that horses which had not been vaccinated within the last six months should receive a booster vaccination. EI can be transmitted either by air or through contact, including indirect contact via people.

Prior to the three cases confirmed on Wednesday, Feb. 6, there had been 19 incidents of EI across Europe in Thoroughbreds and non-Thoroughbreds since early December—10 in France, four in the UK, three in Germany, two in Ireland and two in Belgium. Eleven of these occurred in vaccinated horses. All British racehorses are vaccinated against equine influenza, but it is believed that a different strain of the virus in the recent cases has been affecting vaccinated horses.

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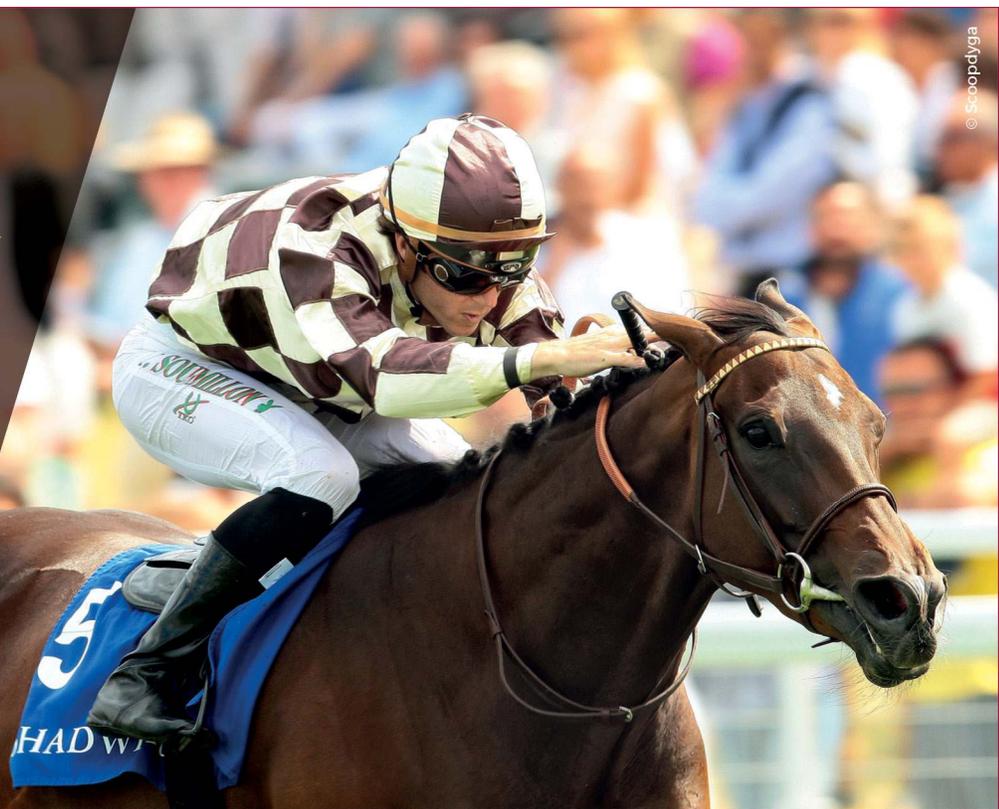
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Equine vaccinations are not compulsory for the wider horse population of the UK and the BHA estimates that up to 70% of equines in Britain may be unvaccinated.

In a statement issued through the National Trainers' Federation, Donald McCain said, "I have been aware of the recent news about Equine Influenza outbreaks in France and Ireland and, over the last couple of days, I have been concerned about the health status of a small number of horses in the yard. Their welfare is at the front of our minds, so at my request, our veterinary surgeon has examined them regularly and we have followed his advice on testing and treatment. It was by following this protocol that the positive results for equine flu came to light yesterday evening. The BHA was contacted immediately and we are liaising closely with them about biosecurity and management of all the horses at Bankhouse.

"Bankhouse follows all the available advice on disease control and all our horses are fully inoculated. We are scrupulous about observing the health status of horses in our care and taking the necessary steps to treat any condition that may affect them. It follows we would never race any horses that we could have known were infected. Over the last two months, all potential runners have been scoped and their blood checked within 36 hours of their races to ensure that only healthy horses compete for the yard.



BHA's Nick Rust | Racing Post

"When new horses arrive at our yard we, as much as possible, try to keep them separate but at this stage cannot know if the infection came from recent arrivals or from horses returning from racing. We have three confirmed cases and this morning have taken blood and swabs from all the others for testing."

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AUSSIES ABROAD: BRIAN LYNCH

Bill Finley speaks with U.S. trainer and Aussie ex-pat Brian Lynch. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

Equine Influenza Cont.

While racing is suspended in Britain, it is continuing in Ireland. Gordon Elliott, whose stable is based in County Meath, sent five horses to race at Ayr in Scotland on Wednesday but, advised of the situation while his horses were still in transit on the way home, he was able to send the Ayr runners to an isolation yard 15 miles away from his main stable.

The Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board (IHRB) confirmed on Thursday that racing will continue in the country but that British-trained horses cannot be entered for Irish races until further notice.

A joint-statement from IHRB and Horse Racing Ireland (HRI) read, "The BHA's rapid communication last night enabled the IHRB to contact and advise those trainers who had runners at Ayr and Ludlow yesterday to take appropriate steps to isolate the horses before they returned into their yards and so minimize the

potential risk of further spread of the disease in Ireland. We have been aware of a small number of isolated cases of equine influenza in Ireland over the last couple of weeks as per our advice issued on 19 Jan. As an interim precaution, the IHRB and HRI have decided that runners from Britain will not be permitted to run in Ireland in an effort to reduce the risk of further spread of the disease via horse movement. Horses will continue to be able to race across the north and south of the island of Ireland."

Fergal O'Brien, who saddled three horses at Ludlow on Wednesday, is taking extra precautions at his stables in Naunton, Gloucestershire. He said, "I normally don't take the horses' temperatures unless I am worried about one of them but at the moment we are taking temperatures morning and night and will do so for the next week." **Cont. p5**



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He added, "All our horses will be required to have nasal swabs tomorrow so that we comply with the BHA rules. I share the gallops with Nigel Twiston-Davies and we have been advised to keep our horses 100 metres apart for now, or to use the gallops at different times."

With the covering season set to start from the end of next week, the breeding industry will naturally be hoping that a more widespread outbreak can be averted. Tweenhills was among a number of studs to announce on Thursday that it will only accept mares to its stallions who have been vaccinated against EI within the last six months.

An advisory note on the stud's website read, "On veterinary advice we are now insisting that all mares visiting Tweenhills have received an Equine Influenza booster vaccine within six months of proposed arrival at the stud. This includes walk-in mares as well as those boarding at the farm and passports will be checked before mares are allowed to disembark."

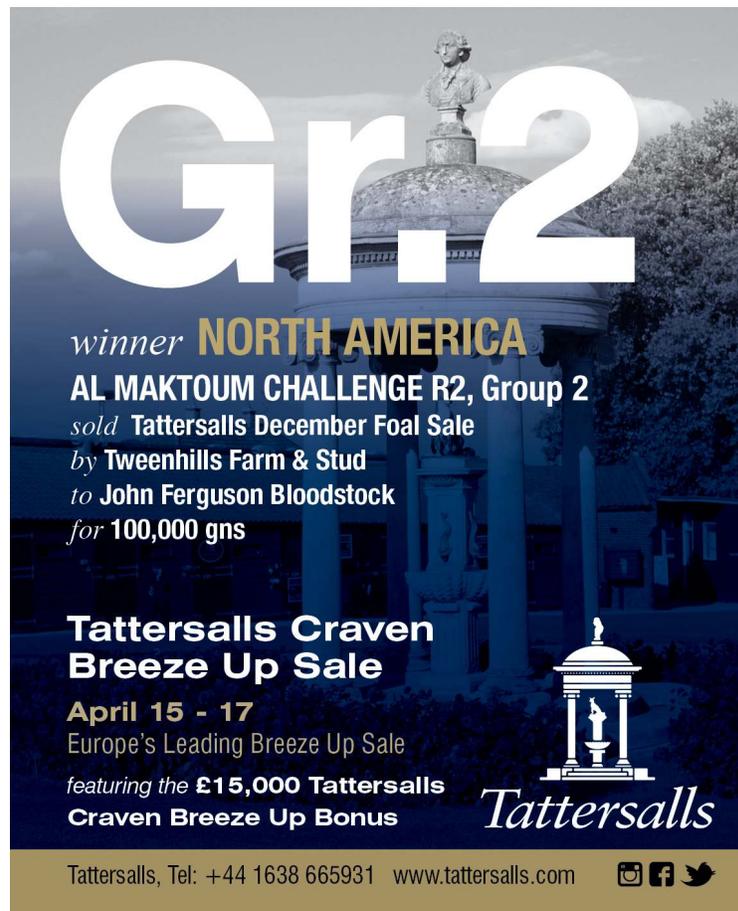
The Thoroughbred Breeders' Association also issued advice to its members which read, "There are no reports of Equine Influenza on breeding premises to date, however, with multiple reports of EI infection in vaccinated and unvaccinated horses in our European neighbours and in the UK, it is clear that there is now a risk of a significant UK EI epidemic developing, involving all types of horses and ponies.

"Whilst infection is being seen in EI-vaccinated horses, veterinary advice is clear that vaccination remains essential for disease mitigation as vaccination reduces the severity of clinical signs and decreases the time to recovery, thereby reducing viral shedding and reducing the risk for spread of infection. Young foals are most at risk from this disease."

In 2007, the Australian racing industry suffered major disruption through the temporary shutdown of thousands of equine properties, including a two-month quarantine of Randwick racecourse, following an EI outbreak which was traced to four Japanese stallions at a quarantine station in New South Wales. Racing and all horse movement was cancelled nationwide for three days.

For a number of British owners and trainers, as well as their counterparts in Ireland, an immediate concern will be whether racing will resume in time to allow as little disruption as possible to runners destined for the Cheltenham Festival, which begins on Mar. 12. The abandonment of Newbury's fixture on Saturday has already dealt a blow to the connections of a number of horses entered for key lead-up races at the meeting.

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

1st-Chantilly, €28,000, Cond, 2-7, 3yo, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:55.82, st.

BOBYDARGENT (FR) (c, 3, Kendargent {Fr}--Maybe {Ger} {SP-Ger}, by Dashing Blade {GB}) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, €31,000. O-Guy Pariente; B-Guy Pariente Holding (FR); T-Jean-Pierre Gauvin.

3rd-Chantilly, €19,000, Cond, 2-7, 4yo, 13 1/2f (AWT), 2:55.32, st.

BOULEVARD (IRE) (c, 4, Galileo {Ire})--Walzerkoenigin {Hwt. Older Mare-Ity at 7-9.5f, Hwt. Older Mare-Ger at 9.5-11f, GSW-Fr, Ger & Ity, GISP-US & GSP-Eng, \$417,565}, by Kingmambo) Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-2, €51,420. O-Valentin Bukhtoyarov, Vartan Vartanov & Evgeny Kappushev; B-Gestut Schlenderhan (IRE); T-Charley Rossi. *€110,000 3yo '18 ARQARC. **Full to Port Douglas (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), GSW-Ire & GSP-Eng, \$185,538; and 1/2 to Wiener Walzer (Ger) (Dynaformer), Hwt. 3yo-Ger at 11-14f, MG1SW-Ger & G1SP-Fr, \$785,837; Walzertakt (Ger) (Montjeu {Ire}), Hwt. Older Horse-Ger at 14f+, MGSW-Fr & GSP-Ger, \$204,584; Walzertraum (Rahy), GSW-Ger & SP-Swe, \$154,586.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Cigalera (Fr), f, 3, Elusive City--Macarella (Ire), by Shamardal. Chantilly, 2-7, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:18.38. B-Cuadra Mediterraneo (FR). *1ST-TIME STARTER.



IN QATAR:

Almigdam (Ire), c, 4, Footstepsinthesand (GB)--Know (Ire), by Excellent Art (GB). Al Rayyan, 2-7, Maiden Plate, 1700m, 1:49.77. B-Alex Frost & Harry Fowler. *€22,000 Ylg '16 TATIRE.

VIDEO

Topsy Turvy (Ire), g, 7, Pivotal (GB)--Helter Helter, by Seeking the Gold. Al Rayyan, 2-7, Cond., 1900m, 2:01.68. B-Floors Farming, S Roy & Admington Hall. *€20,000 Ylg '13 GOFORB; 14,000gns HRA '14 TATHIT. VIDEO

WORLDWIDE NEWS

G3 UAE 2000 Guineas Cont. from p1

Estihdaaf opened up by a length 400 metres out and poured it on from there, with Walking Thunder one-paced in second 5 1/2 lengths behind. **Red Cactus** (Hard Spun) rallied into third 2 1/4 lengths back, as Sporting Chance tired to fourth an equal amount behind.

“I know when you have a horse like him, who is a bit lazy, if you can hit the front and relax for a while, it’s hard to catch up,”

said jockey Christophe Soumillon. “I was very confident [once he hit the front], especially when I saw the favourite turning [for home] four [paths wide]. When Saeed gets some ideas, he can make things work. He showed more speed today. I told Saeed last time that if I had hit the front, I would have won it, and finally we did it today. It was a better race, and we are all very happy with it.”

“If he was more forward, I knew he would improve from last time,” said bin Suroor. “I was confident he could run the mile and I knew the dirt would suit him because of his breeding. I told Christophe to be handy with him like he was in the morning and it went well. We will see how he comes out after the race and Sheikh Mohammed will make a decision about [the Al Bastakiya and G2 UAE Derby].”

A debut second when unveiled at York last September, Estihdaaf dropped to third transferred to Newmarket later that month, but found 1400 metres at Leicester to his liking with a two-length victory on Oct. 16. Only eighth tried in a Jan. 10 Meydan conditions heat, the sophomore improved with more real estate and a first try over the dirt here on Jan. 24.

“He travelled very good there,” said second-place reinsman Connor Beasley aboard the favoured Walking Thunder. “He quickened up the straight, but just kept on one pace.”

Pedigree Notes...

Estihdaaf is the 69th black-type winner and 40th graded/group winner for his sire, the late Claiborne stallion Arch (Kris S.). Last Saturday at Aqueduct, another 3-year-old by Arch, the gelding Tax, added a Grade III win in the day’s featured Withers S. The winner’s dam is a full-sister to two-time Grade I heroine Better Lucky and a half-sister to Gill Marine S. victor Sahara Heat (A.P. Indy). Their dam, the Seeking the Gold mare Sahara Gold scored her biggest win in the GII Beaumont S. and a GI Breeders’ Cup Sprint victory went the way of Estihdaaf’s third dam, Desert Stormer (Storm Cat). Enrichment foaled a colt by Medaglia d’Oro in 2018 and she was covered by Lane’s End sire Quality Road last spring. **Click for the free Equine.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

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Thursday, Meydan, Middle East

UAE 2000 GUINEAS (SPONSORED BY AL NABOODAH ASHOK LEYLAND PARTNERSHIP)-G3, \$250,000, Meydan, 2-7, NH3yo & SH3yo, 1600m, 1:39.87, ft.

1--ESTIHDAAF, 126, c, 3, by Arch

1st Dam: Enrichment, by Ghostzapper

2nd Dam: Sahara Gold, by Seeking the Gold

3rd Dam: Desert Stormer, by Storm Cat

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN. O/B-Godolphin (KY);

T-Saeed bin Suroor; J-Christophe Soumillon. \$150,000.
 Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-1, \$183,491. *1/2 to Libreta (Girolamo),
 SW, \$128,660. **69th SW & 40th GSW for his sire (by Kris S.).
Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick
Rating: F.



2--**Walking Thunder**, 126, c, 3, **Violence**--Street Show, by Street
 Boss. (\$42,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR). O-Phoenix Ladies Syndicate;
 B-Golden Legacy Stable (FL); T-Ahmad bin Harmash. \$50,000.



3--**Red Cactus**, 126, c, 3, **Hard Spun**--Strut the Canary, by
 Mineshaft. (\$60,000 Ylg '17 KEEJAN; \$85,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP;
 £80,000 2yo '18 GOFAPR). O-Lone Kaj Nielsen; B-Mr & Mrs
 Oliver S Tait (KY); T-Bent Olsen. \$25,000.



Margins: 5HF, 2 1/4, 2 1/4.

Also Ran: Sporting Chance (GB), Fintas (GB), Moshaher, Eyelool
 (Ire), Mulfit.

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FIRST TWO ROUNDS TO NORTH AMERICA

by Heather Anderson

After missing by a neck to future G1 Dubai World Cup hero
 Thunder Snow (Ire) (Helmet {Aus}) in this race in 2018, **North
 America (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) scored a convincing 2 1/4-length
 win in the G2 Al Maktoum Challenge R2 on Thursday. Recent
 handicap winner **New Trails** (Medaglia d'Oro) filled the place
 spot in the 1900-metre \$450,000 feature.

Away to an easy lead past the grandstand, the bay was
 allowed to do his own thing under a motionless Richard Mullen,
 and covered the first half-mile in :50.54. He put some daylight
 on his rivals on the far turn and gave every indication of strolling
 home a double-digit winner. However, New Trails made a late
 move to cut into that margin inside the final 200 metres and
 Mullen only used hands and heels on the Satish Seemar trainee
 on the way to the line. **Cosmo Charlie** (Stay Thirsty) was another
 4 3/4 lengths back in third.

"He is a bit like his jockey, improving with age," said Mullen of
 the 7-year-old gelding. "A lot was made out of his [dominant]
 first run and it is hard for a horse to replicate what he did. Yes,
 he was visibly impressive and I always had it in the back of my

mind that I thought he would win this race, but I didn't think he
 would do it in the manner in which he did. It is very hard for a
 horse to back that up. A lot of it was freshness and a lot of it was
 obviously adrenaline."

Added Seemar, "The thing is, he did it his style and that's what
 is important for this horse, the way he just jumped out and went
 on his own. Richie didn't even touch him and he was doing it on
 his own. Richie, even though he knew horses were coming, he
 and the horse knew they could take another stride and [hold
 them off]. It was exactly what we wanted. We have time now
 and we may or may not go for the [\$600,000 G1 Al Maktoum
 Challenge R3] on Super Saturday."

A winner of the 2017 G3 Firebreak S. locally, the 7-year-old
 gelding ran 10th in the G2 Godolphin Mile on Dubai World Cup
 night later that year. Filling the frame with a third in the G2 Al
 Maktoum Challenge R1 last January, he was just a neck behind
 subsequent G1 Dubai World Cup hero Thunder Snow (Ire)
 (Helmet {Aus}) in the G2 Al Maktoum Challenge R2 and earned
 his first Group 1 tally in the Al Maktoum Challenge R3 on Mar.
 10. Unplaced in the Dubai World Cup after a slow beginning at
 the end of the month, he drubbed his rivals by nine lengths in
 the Jan. 10 Al Maktoum Challenge R1 last time.



North America | DRC/Erika Rasmussen

Pedigree Notes...

Darley veteran Dubawi has sired 38 Group 1 winners of which
 North America is one, while his total stakes winners sits at 163,
 105 of them at the group level. The latest produce of G1
 Hollywood Starlet third Northern Mischief, a half-sister to
 champion older mare and three-time Grade I winner Gourmet
 Girl (Cee's Tizzy), has a yearling colt by Dandy Man (Ire) and was
 bred back to Churchill (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). **Click for the free**
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Thursday, Meydan, Middle East

AL MAKTOUM CHALLENGE R2 (SPONSORED BY AL NABOODAH ALLIED PRODUCTS DIVISION)-G2, \$450,000, Meydan, 2-7, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1900m, 1:58.65, ft.

1--NORTH AMERICA (GB), 126, g, 7, by *Dubawi (Ire)*

1st Dam: Northern Mischief (GISP, \$123,918),

by Yankee Victor

2nd Dam: Rhondaling (GB), by Welsh Pageant (Fr)

3rd Dam: Touch of Class (Fr), by Luthier (Fr)

(100,000gns Wlg '12 TATNOV). O-Ramzan Kadyrov; B-Qatar Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Satish Seemar; J-Richard Mullen. \$270,000. Lifetime Record: G1SW-UAE, 17-7-3-2, \$1,047,017.

Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A.

2--New Trails, 126, g, 5, *Medaglia d'Oro*--Issaqueena, by Mr. Prospector. O-Hamdan Sultan Ali Alsabousi; B-Darley (KY); T-Ahmad bin Harmash. \$90,000.



3--Cosmo Charlie, 126, g, 5, Stay Thirsty--Lake Como, by Salt Lake. (\$85,000 Ylg '15 FTKJUL). O-Ramzan Kadyrov; B-Roger S Braugh Jr (KY); T-Doug Watson. \$45,000.



Margins: 2 1/4, 4 3/4, 1 1/4.

Also Ran: Senior Investment, Etijaah, Second Summer.

Scratched: Leshlaa.

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DUBAI

Thursday's Results:

2nd-Meydan, \$175,000, Hcp, 2-7, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 3200mT, 3:20.88, gd.

DUBHE (GB) (g, 4, *Dubawi (Ire)*--Great Heavens {GB} {Hwt. Filly-Eng at 11-14f, GSW-Eng, G1SW-Ire, \$410,037}, by Galileo {Ire}}, who donned cap and gown going a mile at Sandown in August of 2017, returned to the winner's circle three starts later back at that venue over 10 furlongs on Apr. 27. Freshened until Jan. 24, the newly minted 4-year-old ran sixth upped to 2410 metres locally. Leaving from stall three, the bay settled into an easy rhythm in third one off the fence and two lengths back of the leader in this marathon heat. Improving to second on the backstretch, the tightly bunched group passed the first mile in 1:42.41.

Jukebox Jive (Fr) (Jukebox Jury {Ire}) still led with 1000 metres to travel as the final bend neared. Dubhe sidled up next to Jukebox Jive who was beginning to send out distress signals a quarter mile from the winning post. Fellow Godolphin runner Red Galileo (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) also looked in with a chance, but in the sprint to the line, Dubhe prevailed by four lengths over the Saeed bin Suroor-trained Red Galileo, with Jukebox Jive another 8 1/2 lengths back in third.



Dubhe | Erika Rasmussen/DRC

“We have always thought these staying races would be his forte and he probably needed that first run more than we expected because he is not the easiest to get fit,” said Appleby. “He has done that well this evening and we have a few options with him now going forward in the Carnival. Whether he is a Dubai Gold Cup horse only time will tell but he is a progressive young stayer.” The second foal out of his G1 Irish Oaks-winning dam, the 4-year-old gelding is a half-brother to the winning 3-year-old Great Bear (GB) (Dansili {GB}), and a pair of full-sisters, juvenile filly Sun Bear (GB) and yearling filly Thunder Drum (Ire). Last spring Great Heavens went to the court to Lope de Vega (Ire). His dam is a full-sister to MG1SW and highweight Nathaniel (Ire), sire of the outstanding dual G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe heroine Enable (GB), as well as a half-sister to juvenile highweight Playful Act (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), herself successful in the G1 Meon Valley Stud Mile. Second dam Magnificent Style (Silver Hawk) was the 2012 Broodmare of the Year and she is a half-sister to GI Charles H. Strub S. victor Siberian Summer (Siberian Express). Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-0, \$131,937. **Click for the DRC chart or the DRC video.**

O-Godolphin; B-Kincorth Investments Inc (GB); T-Charlie Appleby.

4th-Meydan, \$135,000, Hcp, 2-7, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1800mT, 1:49.69, gd.
NORDIC LIGHTS (GB) (g, 4, Intello {Ger}--Marika {GB} {SW-Eng}, by Marju {Ire}), a winner of his first two starts in England, including a 2000-metre novice race last April, ran unplaced at the group level that May and June. Second trying the Meydan turf for the first time Jan. 17, the 4-year-old gelding cruised to the lead from the break and doled out splits of :26.06 and :48.97. After 1200 metres in 1:13.07, William Buick asked the blaze-faced chestnut for his best and, despite the rallying efforts of Desert Fire (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}), also a Godolphin colourbearer, Nordic Lights prevailed by 2 1/4 lengths.



Nordic Lights | Erika Rasmussen/DRC

“He does not make life easy for himself, but he was a bit calmer this evening and we took him down to the start early which has helped him,” said Buick. “He has plenty of natural speed but is not the easiest to settle, so I was happy to let him bowl along out in front and he seemed to really enjoy that.” The winner is a half to Sabratah (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), MSW & GSP-Fr, \$165,478; and Raw Impulse (GB) (Makfi {GB}), SW-Aus, GSP-NZ, \$209,854. His black-type winning dam foaled the winning Charm Spirit (Ire) colt Kick On (GB) in 2016 and colts by Kingman (GB) and Oasis Dream (GB) in 2017 and 2018, respectively. She visited the winner’s sire last year. Under the SW second dam is MGSW Sueboog (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}), responsible for G1 Prix d’Ispahan hero Best of the Bests (Ire) (Machiavellian). Sales history: 95,000gns Wlg ‘15 TATNOV; 100,000gns RNA Ylg ‘16 TATOCT; 575,000gns 2yo ‘17 TATAPR. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-0, \$128,388. **Click for the DRC chart or the DRC video.**

O-Godolphin; B-Shutford Stud (GB); T-Charlie Appleby.

MOUNT COOTE STUD, IRELAND - PRODUCES WINNERS

1st-Meydan, \$45,000, Mdn, 2-7, NH3-4yo & SH3-4yo, 1400m, 1:25.28, ft.

TABARAK (c, 3, Quality Road--Miss Drake, by Afleet Alex), only eighth when making his debut in a 1400-metre grassy conditions here on Jan. 31, took to the dirt like a duck to water returning on just seven days rest in his main track bow. One of the quickest into stride, the bay settled in a dueling second with Midnight Sands (Speightstow) to his outside down the backstretch while glued to the fence. Those two continued to battle with 300 metres to travel, and Tabarak began to assert close to home, drawing off to win by two lengths. “This is a very nice horse indeed and we were very pleased with his first run last week and this race was ideal for him because he is a dirt horse on pedigree,” said trainer Rashed Bouresly. “Now he has won this he should be eligible for the Al Bastakiya on Super Saturday and then, hopefully, the UAE Derby, which we think is a race he deserves to be aimed at.” The first foal from his unraced dam, Tabarak is followed by a juvenile half-sister named True Friend (Tapizar); and a yearling full-brother christened Michigan Avenue. His dam, out of the GI Ballerina H. victress Classy Mirage (Storm Bird) and a full-sister to GI Hopeful S. hero Dublin, was covered by Union Rags last spring. Sales history: \$185,000 Ylg ‘17 KEESSEP; \$75,000 2yo ‘18 OBSJUN. **Click for the DRC chart or the DRC video.** Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$27,000.

O-Bouresly Racing Syndicate; B-Peter E Blum Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Rashed Bouresly.

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Tabarak | Erika Rasmussen/DRC



Mubtasim was the fourth winner on Thursday's Meydan card for Godolphin. | Erika Rasmussen/DRC

HANDICAP RESULTS:

6th-Meydan, \$175,000, Hcp, 2-7, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1200mT, 1:10.37, gd.

MAZZINI (GB) (g, 6, Exceed and Excel {Aus}--Firenze {GB} {MSW & GSP-Eng, \$202,634}, by Efisio {GB}) Lifetime Record: 32-8-5-7, \$347,588.

O-Ahmed Al-Qattan & Fawzi Nass; B-Jan & Peter Hopper (GB); T-Fawzi Nass. *90,000gns HRA '18 TATOCT.

7th-Meydan, \$135,000, Hcp, 2-7, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1400mT, 1:24.06, gd.

MUBTASIM (IRE) (g, 5, Arcano (Ire)--Start the Music (Ire), by King's Best) Lifetime Record: MGSP-Eng, 19-3-1-4, \$341,728. O-Godolphin; B-Mrs Natasha Drennan (IRE); T-Charlie Appleby. *€22,000 Wlg '14 GOFNOV; 38,000gns Ylg '15 TAOOCT; 140,000 HRA '18 TATOCT.

JAPANESE GROUP RACES –2019

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

AUSSIES ABROAD: BRIAN LYNCH



Brian Lynch | *Racingfotos.com*

by Bill Finley

Bill Finley recently spoke to Wagga Wagga native, 54 year-old Brian Lynch. Leaving Australia while in his early twenties, he didn't stay there long enough to make a name for himself in horse racing. But he's more than made up for it in the U.S. and Canada. After a slow start to his career, Lynch is now among the top trainers in North America. He's won 44 graded stakes races, including the GI Woodbine Mile, the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf and the GI Queen's Plate. He also won six stakes with Australian import Power Alert.

TDN AusNZ: To what extent were you involved in the horse racing industry before leaving Australia?

Brian Lynch: I grew up in a town called Wagga Wagga and there was a provisional, country track there. I was a stable lad and galloped horses around the track there. I worked as an assistant to an old guy who was a big cattle buyer and seller and he would go on the road for weeks at a time and I would be left with the team of horses. Did I train under my own name? No. Was I exposed to running the show. Yes, I was.

TDN AusNZ: So, what brought you to North America?

BL: At that stage in my life I was very heavily involved in bull riding and the big prize money was over here. I was a young bull

rider and the U.S. was the place to be. I scratched out a living. I wouldn't say I could have retired off of it. But I had a lot of fun in the process.

TDN AusNZ: You weren't done transitioning. You went from a bull rider to a horse trainer. How and why did you make that step?

BL: I was dating a girl down in San Diego and we lived right across from Del Mar racetrack. I started annoying the stewards there, how can I get a trainer's license? After a while, they must have said we've had enough of this guy and they just gave me one.

I purchased a couple of my own horses and started off that way. That was in the early nineties and I was just scratching out a living. Anything that could run I sold quickly; I was just flipping horses. I had a small stable and I didn't have any big owners. Eventually, I started training for Golden Eagle Farms. They were still going strong out in California. Things changed when they downsized.

TDN AusNZ: You had some lean years. 0 for 22 in 1994, 1 for 29 in 1993. How tough were things?

BL: It wasn't easy. You just try to scrape out a living. I owned most of the horses that I was running back then and I didn't have a big budget to start with. It was a transition period. You see what works, what doesn't work and what can run and what can't run. It was a learning process for me. **Cont. p2**



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Aussies Abroad: Brian Lynch Cont. from p1

TDN AusNZ: After Golden Eagle downsized, you went to work as an assistant to Hall of Famer Bobby Frankel while also training a few on your own. It was around the same time that Eclipse Award winner Chad Brown worked for Frankel.

Considering that both of you have been so successful since, I imagine working for Frankel was an invaluable experience.

BL: I don't think Bobby was exactly the greatest teacher because he didn't say a lot or give you a lot of instructions, but if you were around him enough and you didn't learn from him shame on you. It was his attention to detail, his patience, how he managed good horses. He just had that sixth sense about a horse.

If you were around him enough you, hopefully, would pick up things by observing how he conducted himself every day. When you have a division of horses for him you go over the horses with him every day. It was his lead that you had to follow, but he gave you plenty of freedom, too. You could have as much input as you wanted but he'd tell you to do something differently if that's not what he wanted done. If it was something he hadn't thought of he would compliment you. He gave you plenty of encouragement.

TDN AusNZ: Your career didn't really take off until you went to Canada in 2006. How did you wind up there?

BL: When I was working for Bobby and we had Ghostzapper for the Stronach family and I got to know them. The Stronachs asked me to take over their division in Canada, at Woodbine.

Before I left California, I was sort of getting the hang of things and I learned a lot from Bobby and was exposed to his owners. Then to have that opportunity to train privately for the Stronachs, that allowed me to get exposed to a lot of good horses. We had an enormous amount of success in Canada. We won every leg of their Triple Crown, some of them a couple of times. We won an enormous amount of stakes and I think that helped get me the sort of exposure that I had been lacking.

The thing about this game, a good horse will help you overcome a lot of things. Once you get your hands on better horses your job becomes a lot easier, it was a transition of

learning, being around the game and just showing up every day and keeping your fingers crossed that a little bit of luck will come your way.

TDN AusNZ: Why did you leave the Stronach operation?

BL: I didn't. Frank (Stronach) fired me. He fired me right after we won the Queen's Plate with Shaman's Ghost. There's a very large and eclectic group of people that they have fired. I don't know what happened. When Frank decides to make a change he just makes a change. But it was for the best for me because it allowed me to go back to where I wanted to be, the States.



Bobby Frankel | TDN AusNZ

TDN AusNZ: That was in 2015 and losing an owner like Stronach could have been a big setback. Instead, you've taken things to a new level. These last few years have been the best years of your career. Why?

BL: First of all, you have to have good owners and I am lucky to have some that stepped up to support me, especially Mr. and Mrs. John Amerman and Jim and Susan Hill. Once I got back to the States I've been able to build up a good stable of horses. Heart to Heart, Oscar Performance, Grand Arch. It's wonderful to have horses like that. There are a lot of good horses that have carried me the last few years and, hopefully, there will be more to come.

MAHER/EUSTACE TAKE CONTROL OF FOREST LODGE

Ciaron Maher and David Eustace will extend their training operation to take over the Forest Lodge stables from disqualified trainer Darren Weir. Maher and Eustace only recently announced that they would set up a permanent base at Warwick Farm in Sydney and have now arranged to purchase the Ballarat stables and take over with immediate effect.

"This is a huge opportunity for Ciaron Maher Racing to take over a premier training facility in Victoria," said Maher. "Our business is well structured to facilitate this addition, both practically and administratively, and our key priority is to ensure a swift takeover with minimal disruption to the staff and horses there." **Cont. p3**



Ciaron Maher & David Eustace | TDN AusNZ

Maher/Eustace Take Control of Forest Lodge Cont.

He added, "We already provide a vast array of training operations and locations for our horses, including traditional track training at Caulfield, beach training at Balnarring and dressage and arena work at our Pakenham pre-training farm."

Maher and Eustace had already secured 15 of Weir's former horses for their stable, including seven Group 1 winners. Racing Victoria has put a stipulation that it must approve the transfer of further horses from Weir to Maher and Eustace on an individual basis.



IN HONG KONG:

Solar Wai Wai (Aus), g, 3, Snitzel (Aus)--Cape Princess (NZ) (MGSP-NZ), by Cape Cross (Ire). Sha Tin, 2-7, Hcp. (A\$165k), 1200mT, 1:10. B-J Bromley (NSW). *1/2 to Fashion Princess (NZ) (Iffraaj {GB}), MSP-Aus, A\$202,730; Sensible Princess (NZ) (Street Sense), GSW-NZ; and Darscape Princess (NZ) (Darci Brahma {NZ}), SW & G1SP-NZ, \$105,245. **NZ\$130,000 Ylg '17 NZBJAN; NZ\$250,000 2yo '17 NZBRTR. **VIDEO**

Full of Beauty (Aus), g, 4, Darci Brahma (NZ)--Pennacchio (NZ) (MSW-Aus & GSP-NZ, \$159,233), by Align (Aus). Sha Tin, 2-7, Hcp. (A\$247k), 1200mT, 1:09.46. B-Nearco Stud Ltd (NSW). A*\$120,000 Ylg '16 INGFE. **VIDEO**

Picken (Aus), g, 4, Duporth (Aus)--Baby Boom (Aus), by Redoute's Choice (Aus). Sha Tin, 2-7, Hcp. (A\$248k), 1400mT, 1:21.89. B-Kitchwin Hills, Whitby Bloodstock (NSW).

*A\$80,000 Ylg '16 MMGCYS. **VIDEO**

Splendour And Gold (Aus), g, 4, Excelebration (Ire)--Further (Aus), by More Than Ready. Sha Tin, 2-7, Hcp. (A\$165k), 1400mT, 1:22.84. B-Vieira Group Pty Ltd (NSW). *A\$80,000 Ylg '16 INGEAS. **VIDEO**

Cordyceps (Aus), g, 4, Stratum (Aus)--Enciamo (Aus), by Encounter (Aus). Sha Tin, 2-7, Hcp. (A\$248k), 1600mT, 1:34.65. B-Brook Pastoral Pty Ltd (NSW). *A\$50,000 Ylg '16 INGMAR; A\$50,000 RNA 2yo '16 INGRTR. **VIDEO**

Brave Baby (Aus), g, 4, Stratum (Aus)--Rosmarino (Aus), by Langfuhr. Sha Tin, 2-7, Hcp. (A\$166k), 1200mT, 1:09.85. B-B Collins (NSW). *Full to Va Pensiero (Aus), MGSW-Aus, A\$387,600. **A\$300,000 Ylg '16 MMGCYS. **VIDEO**

What Else But You (Aus), g, 6, Duporth (Aus)--Fortune Princess (Aus), by Danehill. Sha Tin, 2-7, Hcp. (A\$472k), 1400mT, 1:21.36. B-Miss V Chow (NSW). *Formerly Eminent Knight (Aus). **A\$70,000 RNA Ylg '14 MMGCYS. **VIDEO**



IN SOUTH AFRICA:

Frosted Gold (NZ), c, 2, All Too Hard (Aus)--Mary d'Or (Fr) (MSP-Fr), by Verglas (Ire). Vaal, 2-7, Maiden, 1000mT, :58.05. O-D D MacLean; B-JML Bloodstock Ltd; T-Mike de Kock. *1ST TIME STARTER. **Won by 2 1/4 lengths as the 3-7 favourite. ***1/2 to Growing Grey (Aus) (Murta Jill {Aus}), SW-Mac; Maryore (Aus) (Onemorenomore {Aus}), SP-Aus, A\$510,495. ****A\$180,000 Ylg '18 INGMAR.

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