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NYRA CREATES RICH TURF SERIES FOR SOPHOMORES



Catholic Boy (inside) and Analyze It battle in the 2018 Belmont Derby | Sarah K Andrew

By Bill Finley

The New York Racing Association has announced the formation of what it is billing as the Turf Triple Series. The series will consist of three grass races each for 3-year-old males and 3-year-old females and will be worth a combined \$5.25 million. The series for males will be called the Turf Trinity, and will offer total purses of \$3 million. The trio of races for fillies has been named the Turf Tiara and will be worth \$2.25 million.

“Obviously, American racing is moving in a direction where turf racing is becoming more and more important,” said NYRA Senior Vice President of Racing Operations Martin Panza. “NYRA is fortunate to have the resources to do something like this. Before, there was not a set pattern of turf races for the 3-year-old colts or fillies, so I think this helps give those groups some structure and a pattern to follow. At those purse levels, it allows people to make investments in the types of horses that look like they’ll prosper in races like this, whether that means buying horses from overseas or going to the sales looking for horses where it appears they’ll be good on the turf.”

The races for males will be run at the same distance as the American Triple Crown dirt races, starting at a mile and a quarter, followed by a mile and three-sixteenths and concluding with a mile-and-a-half race. **Cont. p3**

LOVE OF GAME SPARKS DEL SECCO

by Jessica Martini

“You’ll have to wait until he gets out of school for the day,” isn’t your typical response when requesting an interview with a racing manager whose stable just won a graded stakes race at Santa Anita, but then it quickly becomes apparent that John Del Secco isn’t your typical high school senior. Del Secco, who manages the racing stable of his father David, celebrated his biggest win to date when **Sparky Ville** (Candy Ride {Arg}) surged past a pair of highly touted runners from the Bob Baffert barn to win the **GII San Vicente S.** by the length of his nose Sunday in Arcadia.

Sparky Ville had acquitted himself well in previous graded assignments—finishing second in the GII Best Pal S. and third in the GIII Bob Hope S. last year—but the San Vicente wasn’t the initial plan for the chestnut gelding. **Cont. p5**

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Christina Bossinakis caught up with trainer Ken McPeek to discuss recent GII Holy Bull S. upsetter Harvey Wallbanger (Congrats).

TODAY'S GRADED STAKES

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NYRA cont. from p1

The two series will begin July 6 at Belmont during the “Stars and Stripes Festival” and with races that had previously been on the NYRA calendar.

The boys will run in the \$1-million GI Belmont Derby Invitational, while the girls will compete in the GI Belmont Oaks Invitational, which will carry a \$750,000 purse. The purse of the Belmont Derby was cut by \$200,000 and the filly race went from \$1 million to \$750,000. But the reduction in those purses will be more than made up by the addition of the extra races.

The series will then move to Saratoga Friday, Aug. 2 with the inaugural Saratoga Oaks for fillies. The race will be run at a 1 3/16 miles. The males will have their turn Sunday, Aug. 4 with the inaugural \$1-million Saratoga Derby.

The series will then move to Belmont for the fall meet. Saturday, Sept. 7 will feature the \$1-million Jockey Club Derby for males and the \$750,000 Jockey Club Oaks for fillies. The Jockey Club Derby, though it will not be a graded race, will be a ‘Win and You’re In’ event for the GI Breeders’ Cup Turf.

The Jockey Club Oaks will be run at 1 3/8 miles. Panza said one of the reasons the filly series will end at 11, instead of 12 furlongs, is because the GI Breeders’ Cup Filly & Mare Turf is typically run at 1 3/8 miles or shorter.

All six of the races will be broadcast on national television, either on the NBC or Fox families of channels.

Panza said there will be no bonuses given out this year, but held out the possibility one will be given to any horses sweeping the series in the future. He said the problem is that insurance companies are reluctant to provide coverage for bonuses attached to horse races when they have no data to go on to base the probability of a horse winning all three legs.

NYRA will obviously try to attract as many European shippers as possible to New York to take part in the Turf Triple Series. Even though the New York races will be going up against some prestigious and lucrative Group I races in Europe, Panza believes they are well positioned to attract a number of foreign horses.

“Usually, starting in July, the European 3-year-olds have to run against older horses and so, in the August and September races, if the European horsemen want to keep their horses running against straight 3-year-olds this will give them to chance to do so. With the Sept. 7 races, the Arc is a month away, so that should give them enough time to go back and run there if they desire. The British Champions Day is in mid-October, so our races are also a good fit for any European stables that want to point for that. We didn’t set these races up specifically to benefit the Europeans. We thought with the way we laid the schedule out it was also the best way to go for U.S.-based horses. It bodes well for both.”

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185 CATALOGED FOR FASIG-TIPTON GULFSTREAM SALE



Fasig-Tipton photo

Fasig-Tipton has cataloged 185 entries for The Gulfstream Sale of Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training, to be held on Wednesday, Mar. 27, in the racetrack’s walking ring, it was announced Wednesday. The sale will begin at 2 pm, while the under tack show is scheduled for Monday, Mar. 25, beginning at 9 a.m.

“2019 marks our fifth year at Gulfstream Park, and quality results on the racetrack and in the sales ring have generated our strongest catalog to date,” said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning. “This year’s main catalog is 17% larger than last year’s, and the depth of quality is outstanding.”

The sale’s recent stakes-winning graduates include Grade 1 winners Audible (Into Mischief), Bellafina (Quality Road), Dream Tree (Uncle Mo) and Fourstar Crook (Freud), as well as current GI Kentucky Derby prospects Instagramd (Into Mischief) and Maximus Mischief (Into Mischief).

“The racetrack success of Gulfstream sales graduates has been highly impressive,” continued Browning. “In just a short time, sales graduates have claimed the sport’s biggest races from coast-to-coast, including the Kentucky Derby and the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile. Interestingly enough, sales grads have also captured Gulfstream’s GI Florida Derby twice, the GII Gulfstream Park Oaks, and the GII Holy Bull S.--races won over the very same dirt surface in which they breezed during our sale’s under tack shows.”

Fasig-Tipton will also offer a supplemental catalog once again this year. Supplemental entries will be accepted on an approval basis.

The catalog is now available **online** and will also be available via the Equineline sales catalogue app. Print catalogs will be available from Fasig-Tipton offices beginning this Friday, Feb. 15.

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Del Secco cont. from p1

“We wanted to go in the Baffle S., a \$75,000 race, but it only got three horses and they weren’t going to write the race back,” Del Secco explained. “[Trainer Jeff] Bonde and everyone at the barn was talking about how we would basically be the fifth horse in the San Vicente. We thought, if we run third, it would be a \$24,000 check. That’s still pretty good.”



Sparky Ville takes the lead in San Vicente | Benoit

With all eyes on Baffert ‘TDN Rising Stars’ Coliseum (Tapit) and Dessman (Union Rags), it was Sparky Ville closing fastest off all through the mud to earn the first graded victory for Del Secco DCS Racing ([video](#)).

“The horse blew our minds,” the younger Del Secco admitted. “It was a beautiful ride by [Joel] Rosario. We were elated, to say the least. I don’t even know how to explain it, because you’re so filled with adrenaline and I was jumping up and down and screaming.”

Despite the excitement, the race was one of the few that Del Secco has missed seeing in person.

“Ninety nine percent of the time I go to the track, but I had actually volunteered at this soup kitchen that day,” Del Secco said. “So I watched the race on the T.V. I was screaming at the T.V. and jumping up and down. My sisters came running down the stairs thinking something was wrong.”

Del Secco added with a chuckle, “I think I have to volunteer now in the soup kitchen every time one of my horses race.”

An 18-year-old senior at De La Salle High School in Concord, California, Del Secco has spent the better part of weekends and summers for the last four years at the Jeff Bonde barn at Golden Gate.

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Del Secco cont.

“My dad always took me to the fairs up in Northern California and we always bet on them,” Del Secco said. “Then in freshman year in high school, I got a job at the track with Bonde. And it took off from there. I work for him up at Golden Gate. I handle everything that needs to be handled with my dad’s stuff and then every day I don’t have school, I go out there and learn as much stuff as possible.”



John Del Secco looks on as Jeff Bonde congratulates Gary Stevens after Sparky Ville’s win in the Sunny Slope S. last October at Santa Anita | Benoit

Del Secco is committed to having his future based in the racing and breeding industry.

“Once I get out of high school, I’m going to go to University of Kentucky and major in equine science,” he said. “That’s the plan. To make a career out of it. Breeding seems nice, but I may also want to train.”

Sparky Ville isn’t the only stakes-winning sophomore in the Del Secco racing stable. With 12 horses in training, the operation also includes **King of Speed** (Jimmy Creed), who won last year’s Del Mar Juvenile Turf S. and Zuma Beach S. and was 12th in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf. The colt goes postward in Saturday’s El Camino Real Derby at Golden Gate.

Asked what it would be like to have back-to-back weekends of success with the two sophomore standouts, Del Secco said, “In such a short amount of time, it would be a very fun experience.”

Del Secco gives his father, David, who is owner of the concrete core drilling company Del Secco Diamond Core & Saw, Inc., credit for helping him live out his dream.

“My dad supports me a lot,” Del Secco said. “He’s the most supportive person. It’s just me and him—partners in crime, we’re going to take over the world sort of thing. We bond over horse racing. We’ve done it for about four years and it’s been an absolutely thrilling ride. There is nothing like winning a race. In the short term, we’ve had quite an amount of success.”

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King of Speed | Benoit

"We had already bought three and we thought we were done," Del Secco recalled. "Taylor Made has the RNA barbecue sale and Bonde went to that. He called me back a couple hours later and said, 'I know we're done, but I'm looking at this horse and they want \$90,000. I know you guys said you're done, but I really like this horse.' So we were able to get him for \$90,000."

Del Secco continued, "We like to go to the Keeneland September sale. We usually buy one at the Pleasanton sale to support our local grassroots, but we spend all of our money at the Keeneland sale. We don't have the millions or hundreds of thousands of dollars to buy pedigree and looks, so we look for the athlete, the conformation before anything."

In addition to the 12 horses in training, the Del Secco racing operation currently includes four broodmares and foals. Del Secco said the plan is to expand the band in the coming years and race the foals.

As for where Sparky Ville will start next, Del Secco said

pragmatically, "He's a seven-eighths horse, a mile is pushing it. So it's going to be hard [finding a spot for him]. Santa Anita doesn't have a lot until May, so we may have to ship a little bit and see what's out there. We'll see how he's training. King of Speed will race in the El Camino Real Derby and he's the more Classic-distance horse for us."

Del Secco acknowledged his age sometimes causes people to do a doubletake, but he's found plenty of support to match his ambition.

"A lot of people have been really supportive of me, because you don't see a lot of 18-year-olds in the game," he said. "Especially since I wasn't born into it. But the game and the adrenaline rush is like nothing else. It's so hard to win a race, but when you do, it's so rewarding."

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TDN Q&A: KEN MCPEEK ON HARVEY WALLBANGER



Click above to watch **TDN** video with trainer Ken McPeek and Harvey Wallbanger.

by Christina Bossinakis

With Harvey Wallbanger (Congrats)'s 25-1 upset of the GII Fasig-Tipton Holy Bull S. At Gulfstream Feb. 2, trainer Kenny McPeek finds himself with two horses on the Derby trail, including Signalman (General Quarters), winner of last fall's GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. at Churchill. How will he keep the two apart, and how is Harvey doing since his Holy Bull win? Christina Bossinakis checked in with McPeek at Gulfstream.

CB: He has a great name. How did he get his name?

KM: Harold Lerner picked the name out. You know, Harold always is coming up with unique stuff and he's a great client to have horses with because he has a lot of fun with it. He loved that name. We also named another one, in the same crop, Dewey Cheatum and Howe from the old Three Stooges episode. But he enjoys the process of naming the horses and I give him complete credit there.

He's been a horse that's done everything right from the beginning. Even when he sprinted at Saratoga, he had a nice second that day, and when we got two turn races in him at Churchill over the fall, he looked like a horse that was going to be a horse that fit in some of the 3-year-old stakes. We gave him a little break. The break seemed to help him get a little bigger and stronger, and certainly the last win that he had at Churchill helped his confidence, and [last] Saturday's race was huge, just was a real thrill.

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CB: How did you get this horse?

KM: I bought him as a yearling at Fasig-Tipton in July. I typically work a lot of those auctions. That's been kind of my MO for years. I work Fasig July, typically August also, the Keeneland September, come back to the Fasig October sale. I've specialized in yearlings for decades. Most people realize that Curlin was the best yearling I probably ever bought, and Take Charge Lady, but to me young horses are the best way to go. I enjoyed developing him, and he was one of them that looked like he was a good value at the time.

CB: What did you see from him from his last race as a 2-year-old to the Holy Bull?

KM: Well, in his last work here, prior to entering in the Holy Bull, he sat on the outside of another horse and really put him away the last eighth of a mile. We typically try to keep our young horses together and match them so that they're equals, and we don't like one outworking the other one, but that particular morning, he was so keen to go on, my regular rider, Danny Ramsey, he just dropped his hands and Harvey went right on. At that moment, I called Harold and I said, "I really think I'd rather

run in the Holy Bull. We'd even thought about going to Tampa. I told him, I said, "I think he's good enough right now to go ahead and pull the trigger, because he's as good as I can get him. I've only got to lead him over a few hundred yards here and if he's good enough, great. We'll learn something. If he isn't, then we'll learn something." So, certainly, we learned a lot.



Harvey Wallbanger | Kenny Martin photo

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CB: And what did you see in the body of the Holy Bull?

KM: He understood what he was supposed to do, and I think that was key. He's certainly got nice turn of foot and his female line's Distorted Humor, which adds a nice speed injection to the top line. I do a lot of that. When I buy yearlings, I'll look at the pedigree and see if it looks like there's some speed in there somewhere, because you've got to have turn of foot to win high-level races. In his case, he just cruised along early and punched when he needed it and the result was obviously a good one.

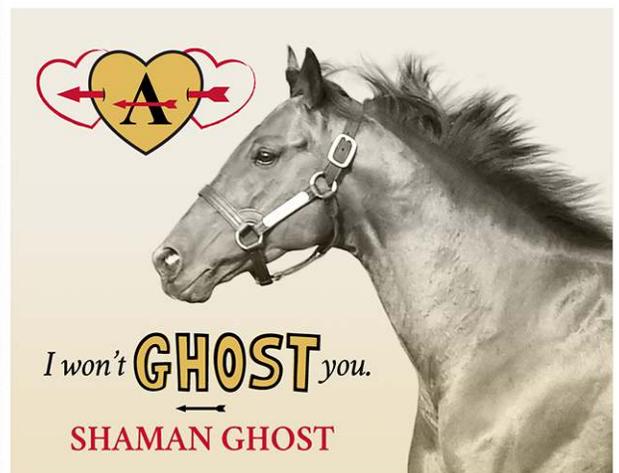
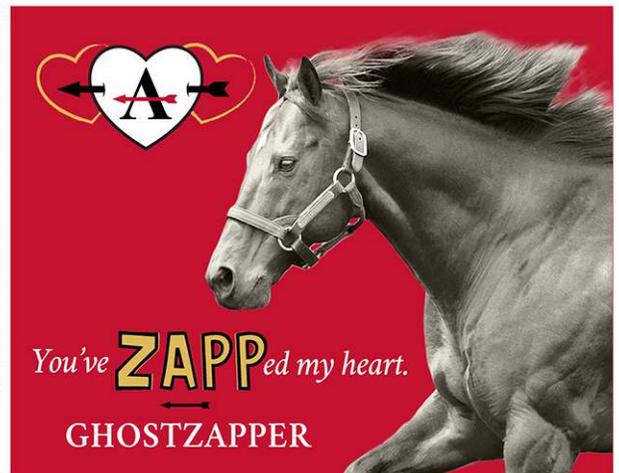
CB: What's the plan with him now?

KM: I'm leaning towards just waiting for the Florida Derby. I've got another really nice colt here, Signalman, and the plan with him has been either the Fountain of Youth or the Tampa Bay Derby, but I'm probably leaning towards the Fountain of Youth with Signalman. And, with Harvey, he fired such a big shot with a long layoff there, I think that waiting for the Florida Derby might be a smart move, because I think it gives him a chance to get a little bigger and stronger. He'll have to punch his Derby point ticket that day, but I think that's doable. I'm a little concerned about running [Harvey Wallbanger] back in the Fountain of Youth and then coming back again in the Florida Derby and I might have squeezed him a little dry by spring. It's what you might call a high-level problem. We're going to let him tell us. At this point, he had a great day training today. It feels good. But, right now, the Florida Derby would be the next spot.

CB: You mentioned Signalman. Can you contrast and compare these two colts?



Signalman | Coady photo



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McPeck Q&A cont.

KM: You know, Harvey's a much smaller horse than Signalman. Signalman's a big bull, hits the ground a little harder than Harvey. Harvey really floats over the ground but Signalman is just a powerful machine. He certainly stamps himself as a serious prospect. The problem now is to keep them separated. I had this problem years back when I'd had Harlan's Holiday and Repent and ended up with Sarava winning the [GI] Belmont [S.], so keeping these kind of horses separated is a good problem to have, and we're going to try to do that. Nine-tenths of it is keeping them healthy, and then if you can make the race, you've got to get the lucky trip. The runners that I've had in the past, Tejano Run was second for me in 1995, and in all honesty, I thought it wouldn't take me so long to have won that race. We've kind of been around the bullseye with it a little bit. Harlan's Holiday went off the favorite, and I believe we misjudged the pace that day. If I could have that as a do over, I would have loved to have had it. But, it's a learning process. I'm 56. It's not supposed to be easy. You try to find these kind of horses, whether you're working an auction or you're training on a daily basis. These are the kind of horses that we thrive for, and give you energy to get up every day.

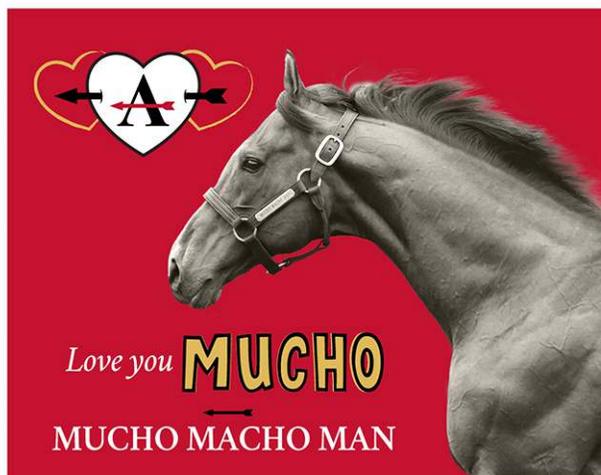
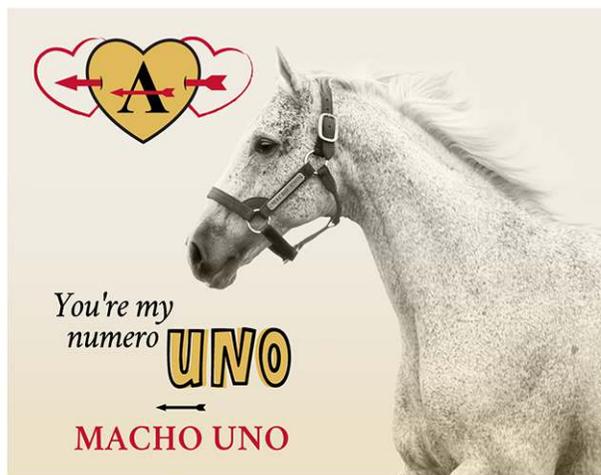
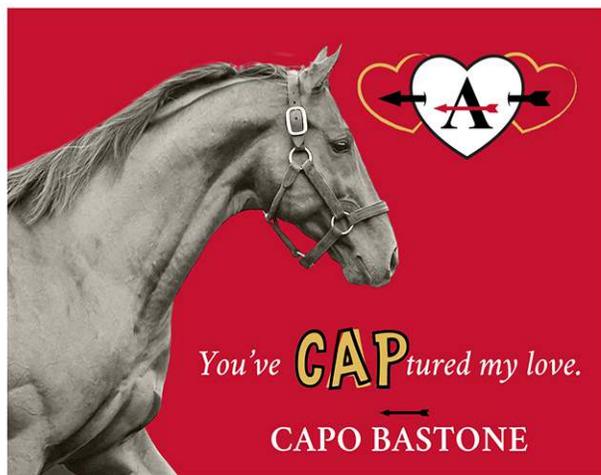
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HAGYARD PARTNER, DR. LUKE H. FALLON, ISSUES STATEMENT ON RADIOGRAPH LAWSUIT

The following is a statement from Hagyard Equine Medical Institute partner, Luke H. Fallon, DVM, in response to a lawsuit filed Feb. 7 in the Fayette Circuit Court alleging Hagyard has been falsifying the dates that radiographs were taken on some horses about to be sold at Keeneland since 2006.

The lawsuit filed on February 7 in Fayette Circuit Court regarding several Hagyard Equine Medical Institute veterinarians is without merit. All of us at Hagyard are disappointed by the claims made by Tom Swearingen.

Mr. Swearingen's claim that Hagyard intentionally destroyed radiographs, and his suggestion this was done to cover something up, is not true. The fact is the radiograph units used by Hagyard take digital images, and those images are then transferred from the mobile radiograph unit with a limited storage capacity to a computer server, similar to how someone might download a song or other digital information. The radiographs are stored on Hagyard's servers in the exact condition as they were taken on the mobile radiograph unit. Kentucky regulations require radiographs to be maintained for five years. Hagyard's servers maintain radiographs longer than required by regulations. **Cont. p12**



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It is true that some images were misdated by several days to fit within the sale requirements. Upon becoming aware of the issue in early 2018, our members unanimously decided to self-report the findings to the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners (“KBVE”). The review by the KBVE was thorough. The KBVE acknowledged “there was no evidence that any radiograph taken [by a Hagyard veterinarian] did not accurately reflect the condition of the horse” for sale purposes. Nevertheless, it should never have happened. We have taken measures to ensure it never happens again.

The problem originated as a workflow issue to generate a large volume of diagnostic quality images and prepare reports following multiple reviews of the images for each yearling entered into the Keeneland sale. Each set of repository x-rays requires a minimum of 36 separate images.

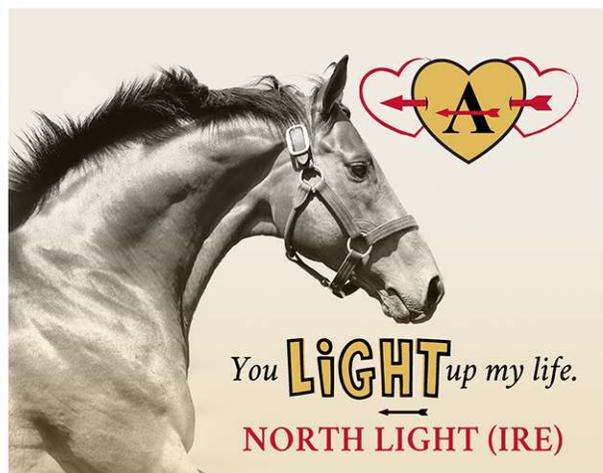
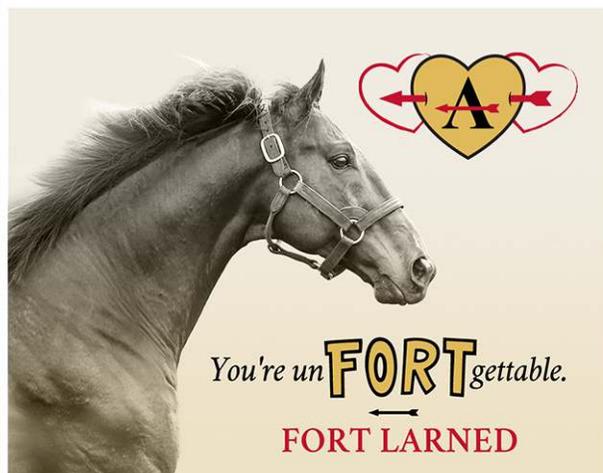
Radiographs are usually taken on the farms where the horses are located, which requires that experienced farm personnel gather the horses, veterinarians travel from farm to farm to take the radiographs, and personnel maneuver and hold a 1,000-pound animal in place while multiple radiographs are taken. All of this is accomplished while taking into account the safety of the horse and personnel.

Repository x-rays for yearling sales are designed to identify developmental changes that have occurred over the initial 15 to 21 months of the horse’s life. In a yearling, those developmental changes will be revealed regardless of whether a radiograph is taken 21 days, or several additional days, prior to sale. That is why there is no standard in the industry as to how long before a sale a yearling should be radiographed. Keeneland requires that it take place within 21 days for its September sales, and 15 days for its January sales. Yearling sales by other companies allow varying periods of time, upward of 40 days prior to sale. Regardless, Keeneland’s requirements should have been followed, and we regret they were not. Again, we have taken measures to prevent this issue from ever occurring again.

Hagyard will therefore vigorously defend itself and the industry from the claims of Mr. Swearingen. We recognize that accurate and reliable information from veterinarians is important to all stakeholders in the business of buying and selling horses. As a leader in the industry, we will do everything we can to ensure the integrity on our part of the process moving forward.

I have been a Hagyard veterinarian for twenty-two years. My great-great grandfather founded the practice in 1876 and I am the fifth generation of my family to work at Hagyard and am honored to be a part of the horse industry. For 143 years, Hagyard has been known for the highest quality services to the horses and our clients. We continue to be a pioneer in equine veterinary medicine. Hagyard is proud of its history and work and is gratified for its place in the thoroughbred industry.

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OAKLAWN ANNOUNCES PURSE INCREASES

Oaklawn Park, which has frequently made mid-meet increases to purses in recent years, announced its first purse bump for the 2019 meet Wednesday. All overnight purses have been increased retroactive to the Feb. 14 card, which drew last Friday. Maiden special weights and open allowances have received \$6,000 increases to \$83,000 and \$87,000, respectively. Purses for claiming races with a claiming tag of \$16,000 or more, maiden claimers at the \$20,000 level or higher, and starter allowances have all been raised by \$3,000. All other purses will get a \$2,000 hike.

“We’re off to a fantastic start because the fans have responded to great weather and great racing,” President Louis Cella said. “We couldn’t be more thrilled with the response we’ve gotten in support of our new race dates. We opened later and had one of the best opening weekends in 10 years... We are mindful of the fact that bigger purses bring in the best horses and human athletes, which in turns brings out the fans. Our goal is to have the richest and most competitive racing product in the country between January and early May.”

Oaklawn pushed the start of its meet back this year by about two weeks, opening Jan. 25 and racing through Saturday, May 4.

Arkansas HBPA President Bill Walmsley added, “I think from a horsemen’s perspective this shows that the late start has been

successful and was a wise decision. The horsemen are already reaping the benefits in the form of this purse increase so quickly in the season. It is both unexpected and appreciated.”

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KNICKS GO CROWNED MARYLAND-BRED HOY

Knicks Go (Paynter), the upset winner of last year’s GI Claiborne Breeders’ Futurity before finishing second in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile, was crowned Maryland-bred Horse of the Year and champion 2-year-old male for 2018 at the second-annual Renaissance Awards, held Feb. 12 in Baltimore in recognition of excellence in Maryland Thoroughbred racing and breeding. Knicks Go was bred by Angie Moore, who operates GreenMount Farm in Glyndon, Md. with her daughter Sabrina. Champion 2-year-old filly honors went to GI Frizette S. runner-up **Brucia La Terra** (El Padrino). **Still Having Fun** (Old Fashioned), upsetter of the GII Woody Stephens S. at Belmont, was named champion sprinter and champion 3-year-old male; while champion 3-year-old filly honors went to Sunland Park Oaks and GIII Comely S. heroine **Blamed** (Blame). Two-time stakes winner **Laki** (Cuba) was named champion older male. Champion older female and champion turf runner honors went to **I’m Betty G** (Into Mischief), heroine of the Lady Canterbury S. and Kentucky Downs Preview Ladies Turf S. **Cont. p14**



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Top steeplechaser went to **Dawn Wall** (Not For Love). Richard Golden's **Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds** was named breeder of the year; Northview Stallion Station's **Great Notion** took home his third-straight stallion title; and **Casual Kiss**, the dam of Still Having Fun, was honored as broodmare of the year. For more information, visit www.marylandthoroughbred.com.

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TENNESSEE BILLS AIM TO RESURRECT HORSE RACING COMMISSION

by T.D. Thornton

Tandem bills cross filed in both the Tennessee General Assembly and Senate within the past week are aiming to restore the state's 20-years-dormant horse racing commission. The sponsoring legislators said this could be a first step in legalizing pari-mutuel betting in the state, which could in turn entice a developer to build a track there.

Tennessee has a rich equine history, but the legislature banned horse race gambling in 1905.

According to *The Tennessean*, in 1987 lawmakers approved the Racing Control Act, which legalized pari-mutuel wagering on horse racing and created the Tennessee State Racing

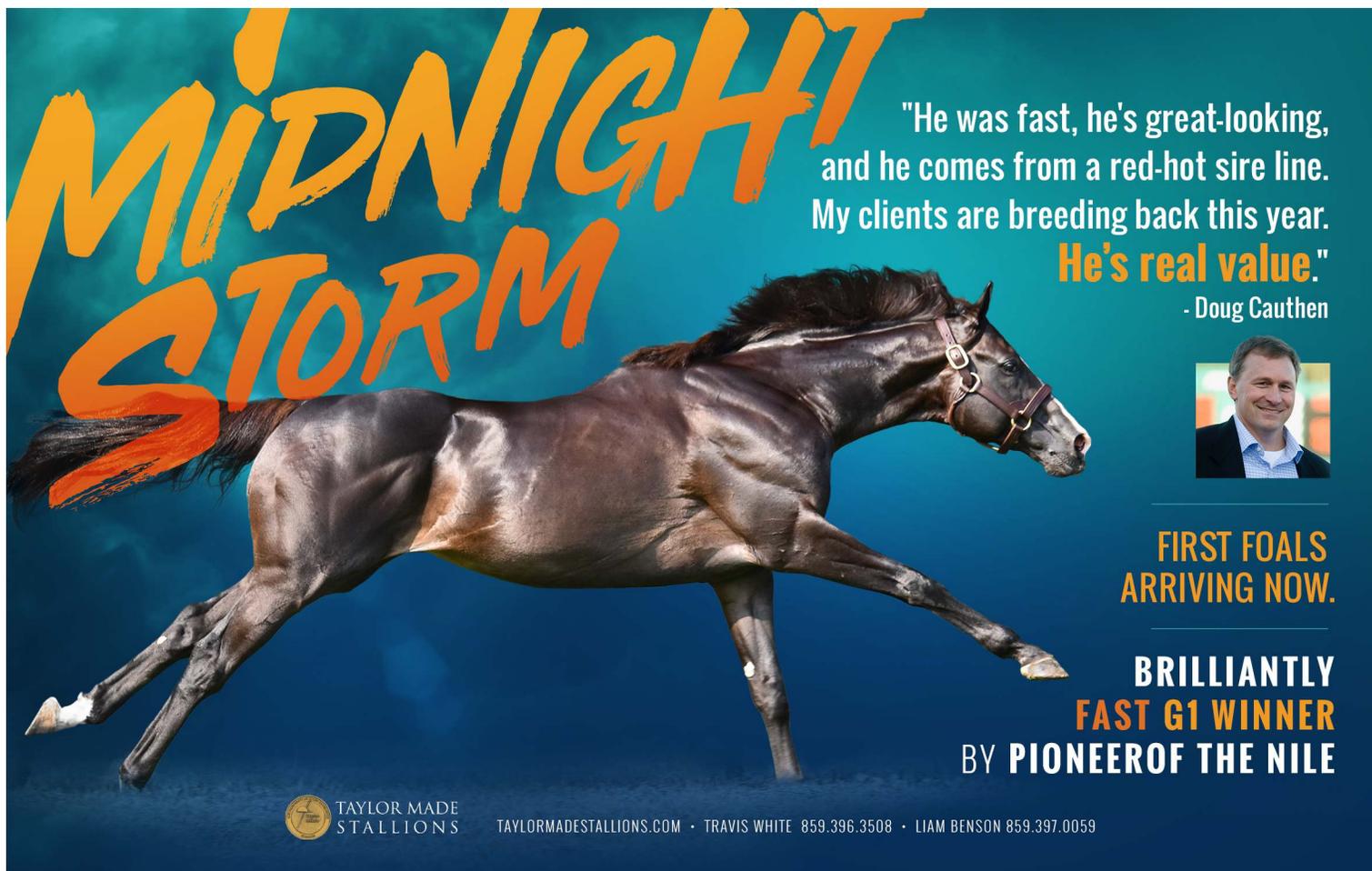
Commission to oversee tracks. Several venues were proposed, but they either couldn't survive local referendums or got knocked down in the courts by litigation, and none were built.

Without any tracks to license or regulate, the racing commission--which consisted of just one individual for a number of years--was disbanded in 1998. In 2015 lawmakers repealed the Racing Control Act. In 2016 they launched an advisory committee to try and bring a version of it back.

Horse racing in Tennessee currently consists of the non-profit Iroquois Steeplechase in Nashville, which runs a well-attended, one-day, non-betting meet at Percy Warner Park each May. Farther beneath the radar, non-sanctioned Quarter Horse match races exist at Carril de Memphis, an "outlaw" track west of Memphis that openly advertises its schedule of race dates on Facebook.

The money flowing across state lines to gambling venues in bordering Mississippi and Arkansas was cited as an impetus to resurrect horse racing in Tennessee.

"What I'm trying to do is reactivate the horse racing commission, so maybe if we can induce people to start coming to Tennessee for horse racing, with the sports betting thing, I think it'll help us," Rep. Joe Towns, a Memphis Democrat, told the *Daily Memphian*. "If we do horse racing, we'll be able to compete, and that's a different quality of gambler." **Cont. p15**



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Tennessee cont.

A companion bill was filed in the Senate by Democratic Sen. Raumesh Akbari. Yet a third bill, sponsored by Republican Sen. Frank Nicely, could also be in the works.

The *Daily Memphian* reported that Nicely had initially tried to introduce his version of the bill in 2018, but that it “stalled because of concerns over the use of certain drugs in race horses and a portion of the bill delaying racing age until 3 years old in contrast to 2 years old in most states.”

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stage for the Oaks is \$200 and \$100 for the Turf Classic. Both prestigious events received purse increases for 2019--the Oaks purse was raised by \$250,000, while the Turf Classic’s was doubled. Owners and trainers may nominate by calling the Churchill Downs racing office at (502) 636-3806. Forms are available [here](#). A late nomination period for either race--which will require a \$1,500 payment--will open Sunday and continue through Apr. 13.

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EARLY NOMINATIONS FOR OAKS, TURF CLASSIC CLOSE SATURDAY

Early nominations for the \$1.25-million GI Longines Kentucky Oaks and \$1-million Old Forester Turf Classic to be held at Churchill Downs on GI Kentucky Derby weekend May 3 and May 4, respectively, are due Saturday. The cost to nominate at this

COLONIAL DOWNS, VA HPBA PLEDGE TAA CONTRIBUTIONS

Colonial Downs and the Virginia Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association have each pledged \$15 per starter at the 2019 Colonial Downs meet to the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance. Colonial Downs will hold 15 live days of racing with opening day Aug. 8 and closing day Sept. 7.

“Colonial Downs Group is delighted to add life to Thoroughbred aftercare. The horse allows us to practice our labor of love and reminds us Virginians that ‘Racing is for Lovers,’” said John Marshall, senior vice president and general manager of Colonial Downs. **Cont. p16**

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Frank Petramalo, executive director of the Virginia HBPA, added, "We at the Virginia HBPA know the importance of Thoroughbred aftercare and the role that TAA plays in our industry. We are proud to support our horses through the work of the TAA and its accredited aftercare organizations."

Colonial Downs has also put the self-service AmTote Charity Terminal 2.0 to use, which offers horseplayers the opportunity to make donations to the TAA from winning tickets.

"The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance is grateful for Colonial Downs and the Virginia HBPA for supporting our equine athletes," TAA president Mike Meuser said. "These funds will help the TAA support our 70 accredited organizations that retrain, rehome, and retire thousands of Thoroughbreds."

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RMTC APPROVES TACTICAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

The Racing Medication and Testing Consortium (RMTC) board approved several measures and initiatives at its Feb. 11 meeting at Gulfstream Park. The board approved the funding of two tactical research projects that will cost more than \$250,000 combined.

One project will be aimed at developing an inexpensive screening method for detecting potential blood doping. The project will be completed at the University of California-Davis Kenneth L. Maddy Laboratory along with another project approved in 2017 that has already helped to improve the detection of EPO products.

"We are very excited about the potential of these advanced testing techniques to detect EPO administration," said Dr. Rick Arthur, Equine Medical Director for the California Horse Racing Board. "With the 2017 RMTC grant, the Maddy lab has already greatly improved the industry's EPO confirmation capabilities. Our expectations are that this second grant will enable the industry to close the circle and allow us to more effectively detect EPO micro-dosing."

The second approved research project will be completed at the University of Florida Racing Laboratory with a focus on the detection of the nerve-blocking agent liposomal bupivacaine.

"The RMTC is excited to be spearheading efforts to fight the abuse of this nerve-blocking agent on the racetrack," said RMTC Chair Alex Waldrop. "Each of the projects approved by the RMTC board this week represents significant advances that will benefit horse health as well as the integrity of racing. We anticipate no problem finding racing stakeholders who will help us fund them."

The RMTC board also heard an update on a research project examining LGD-4300--one of the substances known as SARMS--which can have anabolic-like effects in racehorses. **Cont. p17**

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“Preliminary results indicate that this research, funded by the RMTC as part of last year’s tactical research efforts, could lead to a broader method to control all anabolic-like substances in the horse,” said Dr. Dionne Benson, executive director of the RMTC. “The RMTC’s support of this and so many other tactical research projects is exciting, because each of them is crucial to the long-term health and vitality of horse racing.

The RMTC board also created a new subcommittee to study and develop potential research projects related to bisphosphonates as little is known about their effects on young racehorses. Educational pamphlets on the subject are expected to be released in the coming months.

The board also approved educational materials on the risks of compounded medication, nutraceuticals and cannabidiol (CBD). A bulletin on CBD is now available on the RMTC website and other pamphlets will be posted soon.

For more information, visit www.rmtcnet.com.

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KENNY RICE HOSTING NEW VIDEO PODCAST

Eclipse Award-winning NBC horse racing reporter Kenny Rice is hosting a new video podcast entitled The Horse Racing Show. Episodes now available include world renowned veterinarian Dr. Larry Bramlage, NFL Hall of Famer and horse owner Bill Parcells and prominent owner Mike Pegram. “We’re putting fun back into racing, that’s our goal,” Rice said. For more information, visit <http://thehorseracingshow.com/>.

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Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 7:02 p.m. EST

RISEN STAR S. PRESENTED BY LAMARQUE FORD-GII, \$400,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Plus Que Parfait 🐾	Point of Entry	Imperial Racing, LLC	Walsh	Leparoux	122
2	Roiland	Successful Appeal	Durlacher, James and Mary	Amoss	Graham	122
3	Mr. Money 🐾	Goldcents	Allied Racing Stable, LLC	Calhoun	Saez	122
4	Chase the Ghost	Ghostzapper	Holy Cow Stable, LLC	Stewart	Murrill	122
5	Henley's Joy	Kitten's Joy	Bloom Racing Stable LLC	Maker	Franco	122
6	Hog Creek Hustle 🐾	Overanalyze	Something Special Racing, LLC	Foley	Geroux	122
7	Manny Wah	Will Take Charge	Susan Moulton	Catalano	Hill	122
8	Owendale 🐾	Into Mischief	Rupp Racing	Cox	Bridgmohan	122
9	Country House	Lookin At Lucky	Shields, Jr., Mrs. J. V., McFadden, Jr., E. J. M. & LNJ Foxwoods	Mott	Saez	122
10	Limonite 🐾	Lemon Drop Kid	Winchell Thoroughbreds & Willis Horton Racing	Asmussen	Hernandez, Jr.	122
11	Dunph	Temple City	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Ortiz	122
12	Frolic More 🐾	More Than Ready	Andrew Farm and On Our Own Stable, LLC	Stewart	Lanerie	122
13	Kingly	Tapit Clearview Stables LLC	Baffert	Van Dyke	122	
14	War of Will 🐾	War Front	Gary Barber	Casse	Gaffalione	122
15	Gun It 🐾	Tapit	Whisper Hill Farm LLC and Three Chimneys Farm	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	122

Breeders: 1-Calloway Stables, LLC, 2-James M. Durlacher & Mary Durlacher, 3-Spruce Lane Farm, 4-Himanshu Shukla, 5-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 6-Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton & SilverFern Farm, LLC, 7-Martha Jane Mulholland & Modo Tesio Equine, LLC, 8-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings, LLC, 9-J. V. Shields, Jr., 10-Roberto Mesquita, 11-Equus Farm, 12-Bill Justice & Dr. Naoya Yoshida, 13-Clearsky Farms, 14-Flaxman Holdings Limited, 15-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC and Besilu Stables, LLC

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 6:29 p.m. EST

RACHEL ALEXANDRA S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Molto Bella 🐾	Violence	Six Column Stables, Bloch, Randall L., Manfuso, R, Merritt, Fred, Seiler, John and Harner, Stephen	Wilkes	Leparoux	122
2	Street Band	Istan	Jones, J. Larry, Jones, Cindy and Francis, Ray	Jones	Doyle	122
3	Serengeti Empress 🐾	Alternation	Joel Politi	Amoss	Graham	122
4	Positive Spirit	Pioneerof the Nile	Michael J. Ryan	Brisset	Franco	122
5	Liora 🐾	Candy Ride (Arg)	Coffeepot Stables	Catalano	Hill	122
6	Oxy Lady	Oxbow	Calumet Farm	Sisterson	Beschizza	122
7	Bell's the One	Majesticperfection	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Pessin	Geroux	122
8	Eres Tu	Malibu Moon	Seltzer, Edward A. and Anderson, Beverly S.	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	122
9	Needs Supervision 🐾	Paynter	Howling Pigeon Farms, Barber, G, Wachtel Stable and Madaket Stables LLC	O'Dwyer	Rocco, Jr.	122
10	Chasing Yesterday	Tapit	Summer Wind Equine	Baffert	Van Dyke	122

Breeders: 1-SF Racing Group Inc, 2-Larry Jones, Cindy Jones & Ray Francis, 3-Tri Eques Bloodstock, LLC, 4-Santa Rosa Partners, 5-Dell Ridge Farm, LLC, 6-Calumet Farm, 7-Bret Jones, 8-Edward A. Seltzer & Beverly Anderson, 9-Mike Abraham, 10-Summer Wind Equine

Saturday, Laurel, post time: 4:00 p.m. EST**GENERAL GEORGE S.-GIII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Majestic Dunhill 🌿	Majesticperfection	R. A. Hill Stable	Weaver	Lynch	120
2	Home Run Maker 🌿	Into Mischief	Jeff Drown	Englehart	Vargas, Jr.	120
3	Uncontested 🌿	Tiz Wonderful	LaPenta, Robert V. and Rosenblum, Harry T.	Patterson	McCarthy	120
4	Colonel Sharp 🌿	Colonel John	Rising Sun Racing Stables, Inc.	McMahon	Acosta	120
5	Moe Trouble	Uncle Mo	Michael W. Jester	Gonzalez	Torres	120
6	Still Having Fun	Old Fashioned	Barber, Gary, Wachtel Stable and Terp Racing LLC	Keefe	Prat	122
7	Laki	Cuba	Hillside Equestrian Meadows	Dilodovico	Karamanos	120
8	Life in Shambles 🌿	Broken Vow	Ara Aprahamian	Servis	Toledo	122
9	It's Good to Be Us	Tapit Cash is King LLC	Servis	Pennington	120	
10	Do Share	Candy Ride (Arg)	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Centeno	120
11	Rockinn On Bye	Rock Hard Ten	Super C Racing Inc.	Gonzalez	Carrasco	120
12	Cordmaker	Curlin	Hillwood Stable LLC	Jenkins	Cintron	120
13	Something Awesome	Awesome Again	Stronach Stables	Corrales	Prado	124
14	Long May You Run	City Zip	Kirwan Equine Group, Inc.	Zulueta	Salgado	120

Breeders: 1-Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm, LLC, 2-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC, 3-Richard Forbush, 4-Susan Casner, 5-Michael W. Jester, 6-Mr. & Mrs. Charles McGinnes & Tim Keefe, 7-Tom Michaels & Lorna Baker, 8-C. Clement & Don M. Robinson, 9-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd., 10-Colts Neck Stables, LLC., 11-Sycamore Hall Farm LLC, 12-Robert T. Manfuso & Katharine M. Voss, 13-Adena Springs, 14-Sienna Farms LLC

Saturday, Laurel, post time: 4:30 p.m. EST**BARBARA FRITCHIE S.-GIII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Spiced Perfection	Smiling Tiger	Pantofel Stable, Wachtel Stable & Peter Deutsch	Miller	Prat	124
2	Late Night Pow Wow	Fiber Sonde	Breeze Easy, LLC	Contreras	Peltroche	122
3	Shimmering Aspen	Malibu Moon	Hillwood Stable LLC	Jenkins	Carrasco	120
4	Dawn the Destroyer	Speightstown	Stonestreet Stables LLC	McLaughlin	Alvarado	120
5	Honor Way 🌿	Caleb's Posse	Aron S. Yagoda	Rice	Karamanos	120
6	My Cousin Martha 🌿	Stay Thirsty	Keith S. Crupper & Perry Harrison	Walder	Pimentel	120
7	Devine Mischief	Into Mischief	Breeze Easy, LLC	Contreras	Acosta	120
8	Ms Locust Point 🌿	Dialed In	Jim Reichenberg & Cash is King LLC	Servis	Vargas, Jr.	122
9	Timeless Curls 🌿	Curlin	Sookdeen Pasram	Capuano	Hamilton	120
10	Your Love 🌿	Flatter	Paul P. Pompa, Jr. & WinStar Farm LLC	Brown	McCarthy	120
11	Lady Vicki	Boys At Tosconova	Diamond M Stable & Roll the Dice T'breeds, LLC	Gaudet	Rosado	120

Breeders: 1-Premier Thoroughbreds LLC, 2-John Mckee, 3-Nancy L. Terhune, Ernest Frohboese & Candyland Farm, 4-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 5-Candy Meadows LLC, 6-William D. Graham, 7-Spendthrift Farm LLC, 8-Lesley Champion, 9-Lantern Hill Farm LLC, 10-Claiborne Farm, 11-Barry R. Ostrager

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 5:25 p.m. EST**MINESHAFT H.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Imperative 🌿	Bernardini	Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC and Imaginary Stables	Quartarolo	Bravo	117
2	Harlan Punch 🌿	Harlan's Holiday	Front Row Racing LLC, Ten Strike Racing, McReynolds, Kevin and Miller, Bob	Cox	Geroux	120
3	Krewe Chief 🌿	Parading	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Franco	114
4	Silver Dust 🌿	Tapit	Tom R. Durant	Calhoun	Gilligan	119
5	Lone Sailor 🌿	Majestic Warrior	G M B Racing	Amoss	Graham	118
6	Third Day 🌿	Bernardini	Town and Country Racing, LLC	Lynch	Ortiz	115
7	Mo Dont No 🌿	Uncle Mo	Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC	Quartarolo	Hernandez, Jr.	112

Mineshaft H. cont.

8	Phat Man	Munnings	Brad Grady	Sharp	Beschizza	119
9	Flameaway 🐾	Scat Daddy	John C. Oxley	Casse	Gaffalione	116
10	Long On Luck 🐾	Lookin At Lucky	Olivia M. Morales	Montano, Sr.	Saez	113
11	Ballard High	Flat Out	Mark H. Stanley	Stewart	Lanerie	113
12	Thirstforlife 🐾	Stay Thirsty	Wesley E. Hawley	Hawley	Mena	115
13	Quip	Distorted Humor	WinStar Farm, China Horse Club Int'l & SF Racing	Brisset	Saez	115

Breeders: 1-Glencrest Farm LLC & Darley, 2-Rosemont Farm LLC, 3-Stone Farm, 4-Don Alberto Corporation, 5-Alexander - Groves - Matz, LLC., 6-Janet Lyons & James Atwell, 7-Beechwood Racing Stable, 8-Kim Nardelli & Rodney Nardelli, 9-Phoenix Rising Farms, 10-Susan Knoll, 11-Richard Snyder & Connie Snyder, 12-Camas Park Stud, 13-WinStar Farm, LLC

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 5:57 p.m. EST**FAIR GROUNDS H.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Tiz a Slam	Tiznow	Chiefswood Stable	Attfield	Lanerie	121
2	Sir Dudley Digges 🐾	Gio Ponti	Ramsey, Kenneth L. and Sarah K.	Maker	Gaffalione	118
3	Sun Lover (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Andrew Craycroft	Murphy	Gilligan	113
4	Long On Luck 🐾	Lookin At Lucky	Olivia M. Morales	Montano, Sr.	Saez	113
5	Big Changes	Midshipman	Steve Landers Racing LLC	Cox	Geroux	119
6	First Premio 🐾	Pure Prize	Team Valor International	Casse	Hernandez, Jr.	119
7	Combatant 🐾	Scat Daddy	Winchell Thoroughbreds & Willis Horton Racing	Asmussen	Ortiz	115
8	Markitoff 🐾	Giant's Causeway	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Franco	115
9	Synchrony	Tapit	Pin Oak Stable	Stidham	Bravo	122
10	Great Wide Open (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	M and J Thoroughbreds & Riverside Bloodstock	Murphy	Graham	120
11	Bandua 🐾	The Factor	Calumet Farm	Sisterson	Beschizza	115

Breeders: 1-Chiefswood Stables Limited, 2-Bernard McCormack & Karen McCormack, 3-Lofts Hall Stud, B. Sangster & St Albans, 4-Susan Knoll, 5-Joanne Crowe & Joe Pickerrell, 6-Ronald G. McPeck, 7-Paget Bloodstock, 8-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC, 9-Pin Oak Stud, LLC, 10-Newtown Anner Stud, 11-Judy Hicks & Kathryn Nikkel

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 5:12 p.m. EST**ROYAL DELTA S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Tequilita	Union Rags		Dorothy Alexander Matz	Matz	Velazquez 123
2	Weekend Mischief	Into Mischief		Arindel	Gold	Sanchez 119
3	Another Broad	Include		Madaket Stables, Elayne Stable 5 & Brian Martin	Pletcher	Castellano 117
4	Tulsa Queen	Cactus Ridge		Shagbark Farm, LLC	Walsh	Panici 119
5	Jala Jala (Mex)	Point Determined		St. George Stable LLC	Gutierrez	Jaramillo 121
6	Silver Bay	Currency Swap		Richlyn Farms	Hickey	Juarez 121
7	Blamed 🐾	Blame		Cleber J. Massey	Mott	Ortiz, Jr. 123

Breeders: 1-Dorothy A. Matz, 2-Arindel, 3-Fitzhugh, LLC, 4-Anne L. Walsh, 5-Rancho San Jorge, 6-Renee Parks-James, Melvin James & JudyKarlin, 7-Sagamore Farm



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1	Quality Road <i>(2006) by Elusive Quality Crops: 6</i>	2	2	2	2	1	1	56	8	4,000,000	4,569,563
				Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$150,000						City of Light	
2	Empire Maker <i>(2000) by Unbridled Crops: 13</i>	1	2	--	--	--	--	141	19	193,206	1,483,195
				Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$85,000						Valois (JPN)	
3	Into Mischief <i>(2005) by Harlan's Holiday Crops: 8</i>	1	4	--	1	--	--	109	14	550,000	1,299,579
				Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$150,000						Audible	
4	Tapit <i>(2001) by Pulpit Crops: 12</i>	4	8	1	3	--	--	90	21	149,244	1,263,318
				Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$225,000						Timing Now	
5	Perfect Soul (Ire) <i>(1998) by Sadler's Wells Crops: 12</i>	--	1	--	1	--	1	8	--	1,250,000	1,258,210
				Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY Fee: \$2,000						Seeking the Soul	
6	Awesome Again <i>(1994) by Deputy Minister Crops: 18</i>	1	1	--	--	--	--	47	7	700,000	1,136,864
				Stands: Adena Springs KY Fee: Private						Bravazo	
7	Bernardini <i>(2003) by A.P. Indy Crops: 10</i>	1	5	--	--	--	--	65	20	250,000	1,119,641
				Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$50,000						Imperative	
8	Lookin At Lucky <i>(2007) by Smart Strike Crops: 6</i>	--	2	--	2	--	1	45	4	900,000	1,056,208
				Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$20,000						Accelerate	
9	Mineshaft <i>(1999) by A.P. Indy Crops: 13</i>	2	2	--	--	--	--	64	18	250,000	1,055,715
				Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$20,000						True Timber	
10	I'll Have Another <i>(2009) by Flower Alley Crops: 4</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	103	20	223,369	921,253
				Stands: Ballena Vista Farm CA Fee: \$6,000						Another Truth (JPN)	
11	Curlin <i>(2004) by Smart Strike Crops: 8</i>	2	4	--	--	--	--	81	17	60,000	831,007
				Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$175,000						Point of Honor	
12	Violence <i>(2010) by Medaglia d'Oro Crops: 3</i>	2	3	1	2	--	--	54	12	143,746	680,569
				Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$40,000						Jasper Prince	
13	Malibu Moon <i>(1997) by A.P. Indy Crops: 17</i>	1	3	--	1	--	--	90	17	75,000	677,615
				Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$75,000						Heavy Roller	
14	Hard Spun <i>(2004) by Danzig Crops: 9</i>	--	2	--	1	--	--	92	20	68,325	643,224
				Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$40,000						Spin Doctor (JPN)	
15	Midnight Lute <i>(2003) by Real Quiet Crops: 8</i>	1	4	1	1	--	--	74	17	180,000	638,050
				Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$15,000						Midnight Bisou	

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SECOND CHANCES: ZAPPER VAN WINKLE

by Steve Sherack



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In this continuing series, *TDN's* Senior Editor Steve Sherack catches up with the connections of promising maidens to keep on your radar. In this edition, **Zapper Van Winkle** (Ghostzapper), a grandson of the brilliant Capote Belle, is highlighted. Previous runners featured in this column include: MGISW and 'TDN Rising Star' Paradise Woods (Union Rags), GSW Backyard Heaven (Tizway) and MSW and 'TDN Rising Star' Gidu (Ire) (Frankel {GB}).

After missing the break on debut this past weekend, the well-bred **Zapper Van Winkle** (g, 3, Ghostzapper--San Miguel Belle, by Curlin) came charging down the Fair Grounds stretch like a horse with a bright future to finish an encouraging second.

Off at 20-1 in the six-furlong affair for the patient Steve Margolis barn--responsible for just six winners from his last 93 first-time starters, per *DRF* Formulator--the blinkered bay had his work cut out for him while trailing the field of eight heading into the far turn.

James Graham tipped the gelding to the center of the track about seven wide as they straightened for home and he finally arrived in the picture in deep stretch, rocketing home to cover his final eighth in :12.08 to finish within 3/4 of a length of the winner.

A homebred for Robert E. and Lawana Low, Zapper Van Winkle was produced by an unraced daughter of Capote Belle (Capote), who scored a memorable win for these same owners in Saratoga's GI Test S. back in 1996. He had posted 11 workouts for Margolis at Fair Grounds going back to early November prior to his unveiling.

"I got the horse in early November from Tom McCrocklin in Ocala who breaks a lot of Robert and Lawana's horses," Margolis said. "I don't know when Tom gelded him, but I think he was a little tough to deal with early on. It took him a little while to adjust to the track once we got him, so we just took our time with him. I saw as the horse kept working more, he handled everything really well. He never really lit the track up, but he was always very competitive in his works."

Margolis continued, "It was a decent group of maidens. We hope he can move forward--it was definitely a solid effort first time out. I think we'll sprint him back one more time here and then when we get over to Keeneland, there will be more options as far as middle-distance races. Hopefully, we can have some luck with him."

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8th-SA, \$55K, Msw, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f

OGGONIS (Animal Kingdom), a \$110,000 KEENOV weanling, summoned \$750,000 from OXO Equine's Larry Best at the 2017 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale, making him the most expensive progeny of any age for his young sire, and he debuts in this spot for Hall of Famer Jerry Hollendorfer. Out of an unraced half-sister to GSW Indian Firewater (Indian Charlie), the bay enters off a bullet six furlongs in 1:15 flat (1/6) at Los Alamitos. **Cont. p2**

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Also making his career bow in this test is the Jerry Moss homebred **Duchamp (Curlin)**. The John Shireffs pupil is out of GISW Tarlow (Stormin Fever) and is a half to SP Katie's Garden (Elusive Quality). **TJCIS PPs**

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9th-Gulfstream, \$52,100, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 2-13, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09.98, sy.

X Y JET (g, 7, Kantharos--Soldiersingsblues, by Lost Soldier), a four-time graded winner, had two near misses in the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen, coming up a neck short in the 2016 renewal and finishing a head behind Mind Your Biscuits (Posse) last term. Victorious in this venue's Gill Smile Sprint S. June 20, he was subsequently shelved and finished fourth in his return in the Sunshine Millions Sprint S. Jan. 19 after dueling through red hot early fractions of :21.09 and :43.54. Using this race as a prep for a return trip to Dubai, X Y Jet gave his trainer the performance he was looking for. Quickest away from the stalls, the speedy gray took up his preferred position at the head of affairs, registering a :22.42 opening quarter. Hitting the half in :45.45, the 2-5 chalk was on cruise control in the lane as he sailed home to a dominant 7 3/4-length victory over Santiamen (Dialed In). "I'm a little emotional. We were going to scratch him. He tied up on us Sunday for the first time," trainer Jorge Navarro said. "Thank God, we have an amazing team." Lifetime Record: MGSW & MG1SP, 24-11-7-2, \$1,595,513. Sales history: \$30,000 RNA Ylg '13 OBSWIN; \$56,000 Ylg '13 OBSAUG. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Rockingham Ranch and Gelfenstein Farm; B-Didier Plasencia (FL); T-Jorge Navarro.

8th-Gulfstream, \$45,520, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 2-13, 3yo, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:45.79, sy.

SKYWIRE (c, 3, Afleet Alex--Meandering Stream, by Gone West) opened his account with 3/4-length score in a six-panel event on the Woodbine synthetic Dec. 9 for previous trainer Sid Attard. Gary Barber bought into the colt following that effort and he was transferred to Mark Casse. Trying two turns for the first time in this sloppy off-the-turfer, the 3-1 shot was off a step slow, but quickly got going and moved into a ground-saving fourth, sitting close to opening splits of :23.57 and :47.64. Ranging up two wide outside of the dueling leaders on the backstretch, the chestnut took control rounding the bend and splashed clear in the lane for a six-length success. Art G is Back (Exchange Rate) was best of the rest in second, finishing 5 1/2 lengths clear of the next horse. Meandering Stream's most recent produce is a yearling full-brother to the winner. She was bred back to Tapiture. Skywire hails from the family of Canadian champions Sky Classic, Regal Classic, Grey Classic, Classy 'N Smart, Dance Smartly and Dancethrudawn. This is also the family of GISW and top sire Smart Strike. Sales history: \$47,000 Ylg '17 KEEJAN; \$45,000 2yo '18 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$59,281. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Gary Barber & Lucio Tucci; B-William D. Graham (ON); T-Mark E. Casse.



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**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

9th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$22,250, Msw, 2-13, 4yo/up, 5f (off turf), :57.97, sy.

SARASOTA COUNTY (c, 4, Kantharos--Royal Promise, by Congrats) finished third in a sloppy off-the-turf event going this distance at Gulfstream May 17 and was hammered down to 4-5 favoritism to improve in this return from that nine-month layoff. Gunning right to the lead, the dark bay clocked an opening quarter in :22.76 and easily widened his advantage in the lane while under a hand ride to graduate by five lengths over Secret Boyfriend (Kantharos). Plum Amazing (Distorted Humor), the first foal out of MGISW Plum Pretty (Medaglia d'Oro), who was making his career bow at age five, finished fourth. The winner has an unraced 3-year-old half-brother named Everydaysholiday (Uncaptured) and a yearling half-sister by High Cotton. His dam visited Uncaptured last term. Sales history: \$315,000 2yo '17 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$19,270. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Richlyn Farms; B-Montanari & Epstein (FL); T-William Hickey.

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

6th-Gulfstream, \$49,080, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 2-13, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.83, sy.

STAR JUANCHO (c, 4, Kantharos--Silver Agave, by Silver Deputy) Lifetime Record: SP, 20-4-8-5, \$195,930. O-Grupo 7C Racing Stable; B-Big C Farm (FL); T-Jose Garoffalo. *\$55,000 Ylg '16 OBSAUG.

1st-Mahoning Valley, \$31,300, (S), 2-13, (NW2L), 3yo, 6f, 1:14.91, ft.

MAKE THE CALL (c, 3, Stroll--Correct Call {MSW}, by Consolidator) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$42,419. O/B-Premier Stables Unlimited (OH); T-Julie A. Pappada.

2nd-Mahoning Valley, \$31,300, (S), 2-13, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:44.83, ft.

JACK BE FAST (g, 3, Cowtown Cat--Kiss the Breeze, by Kafwain) Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-4, \$57,930. O-Gerald Silver; B-Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm (OH); T-Jeffrey A. Radosevich. *1/2 to Kiss the Daddy (Scat Daddy), SW, \$359,220.

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3rd-Mahoning Valley, \$25,500, 2-13, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:44.72, ft.

SO HONEST (f, 4, To Honor and Serve--French Park {MGSW, \$297,601}, by Ecton Park) Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-0, \$51,385. O-Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC; B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. (KY); T-Jeffrey A. Radosevich. *\$65,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$52,000 3yo '18 KEENOV. **1/2 to Genre (Bernardini), GSW, \$457,700; and Parc Monceau (Giant's Causeway), SP, \$247,980.

5th-Mahoning Valley, \$23,500, 2-13, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:15.67, ft.

CREATE AN EDGE (f, 4, Creative Cause--Gold Edge {GSW, \$162,430}, by Eddington) Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-2, \$26,797. O-Holly Delaney; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Richard Zielinski. *\$20,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP.

8th-Sam Houston Race, \$20,500, 2-13, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:39.52, ft.

KINGSVILLE (g, 4, Street Move--Day Lily, by A.P. Indy) Lifetime Record: SP, 14-2-3-2, \$105,548. O-Stewart L. Armstrong, Albert Saenz & Danny Pish; B-Stewart L. Armstrong (TX); T-Danny Pish. *1/2 to Attempted Humor (Distorted Humor), GSP, \$182,779.



AFLEET ALEX, Skywire, c, 3, o/o Meandering Stream, by Gone West. AOC, 2-13, Gulfstream

ALTERNATION, Sweet Alternative, f, 3, o/o Sweet Factory, by Candy Ride (Arg). MSW, 2-13, Tampa Bay

COWTOWN CAT, Jack Be Fast, g, 3, o/o Kiss the Breeze, by Kafwain. ALW, 2-13, Mahoning Valley

CREATIVE CAUSE, Create an Edge, f, 4, o/o Gold Edge, by Eddington. ALW, 2-13, Mahoning Valley

HERE COMES BEN, Hot Fudge Louie, c, 3, o/o Little Theater, by Theatrical (Ire). MSW, 2-13, Sam Houston

KANTHAROS, Sarasota County, c, 4, o/o Royal Promise, by Congrats. MSW, 2-13, Tampa Bay

KANTHAROS, Star Juancho, c, 4, o/o Silver Agave, by Silver Deputy. AOC, 2-13, Gulfstream

KANTHAROS, X Y Jet, g, 7, o/o Soldiersingsblues, by Lost Soldier. AOC, 2-13, Gulfstream

MALIBU MOON, Malibu Surprise, f, 4, o/o I'm Surprised, by Ghostzapper. MSW, 2-13, Tampa Bay

STREET MOVE, Kingsville, g, 4, o/o Day Lily, by A.P. Indy. ALW, 2-13, Sam Houston

STROLL, Make the Call, c, 3, o/o Correct Call, by Consolidator. ALW, 2-13, Mahoning Valley

TO HONOR AND SERVE, So Honest, f, 4, o/o French Park, by Ecton Park. ALW, 2-13, Mahoning Valley

TOO MUCH BLING, I'm Solid Gone, g, 4, o/o Sorority Rush, by Valid Expectations. MSW, 2-13, Sam Houston

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EASMAY grad Skywire (Afleet Alex) takes his record to two-for-two with a victory at Gulfstream.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Sweet Alternative, f, 3, **Alternation**--Sweet Factory, by Candy Ride (Arg). Tampa Bay Downs, 2-13, 1m 40y, 1:43.71. B-Brandywine Farm (Jim & Pam Robinson) (KY). *\$19,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$22,000 RNA 2yo '18 OBSMAR.

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Hot Fudge Louie, c, 3, **Here Comes Ben**--Little Theater, by Theatrical (Ire). Sam Houston Race, 2-13, 5fT, :58.33. B-Clark O. Brewster (NY). *\$9,000 RNA Wlg '16 FTNMIX. **1ST-TIME STARTER. ***1/2 to Gallery (Munnings), SW, \$187,137.

Malibu Surprise, f, 4, **Malibu Moon**--I'm Surprised, by Ghostzapper. Tampa Bay Downs, 2-13, 1m 40y (off turf), 1:43.20. B-Blackstone Farm LLC (PA). *1/2 to She's a Big Winner (Bellamy Road), SW, \$111,666.

I'm Solid Gone, g, 4, **Too Much Bling**--Sorority Rush, by Valid Expectations. Sam Houston Race, 2-13, (S), 5fT, :57.52. B-Brant Schafer (TX).



THE BEST-PERFORMING FIRST-SEASON SIRES OF 2018



Gregorian was a bit of a surprise package among last year's first-season sires | *Alayna Cullen*

Op/Ed by Kevin Blake

The search for the 'next big thing' in the sire ranks is a pursuit that engages participants and observers at every stage of the bloodstock business. Be it picking out a favoured stallion prospect soon after they retire to stud or having seen their first foals, yearlings or runners, the process is often an ongoing one. However, for all that many like to make fast judgements of sires based on their first foals or yearlings, the first really pertinent evidence we get as to which sires will make it is the racecourse performance of their first crop of 2-year-olds.

Of course, recent history has shown us that a sire's first crop performing poorly as 2-year-olds is not the complete disaster it might be considered, with Nathaniel (Ire) bouncing back from an unremarkable first year with runners to establish himself as a high-class sire less than a year later. [Cont. p2](#)

ARQANA FEBRUARY CLOSES ON A HIGH

by Emma Berry

Mares in foal to Le Havre (Ire) were the order of the day during the final session of Arqana's February Sale, with four of the top eight lots sold carrying to the Haras de Montfort & Préaux resident. Admittedly the trade dropped to a more workmanlike level on Wednesday, but the opener had been a blockbuster, breaking new records for turnover and top price for the mixed winter sale of broodmares, short yearlings and horses in training, and ensuring that the Deauville sales scene sprang to life in vibrant fashion.

Irish bloodstock agent Cathy Grassick didn't manage to tick off every item on her shopping list but she did ensure that the top lot of the day will be joining the broodmare band at Carisbrooke Stud in England, which is owned by Grassick's longstanding client Yvonne Jacques.

"The sale was really strong and there seems to be more buoyant trade through to a lower level in France, perhaps because of the premiums system," noted Grassick.

It took a bid of €72,000 to secure [lot 368](#), the 13-year-old mare **Mark Of An Angel (Ire)** (Mark Of Esteem {Ire}), who in her racing days notched black-type when third in the G3 Silver Flash S. Of her three winners to date, the most accomplished is Queen Blossom (Ire) (Jeremy {Ire}), whose three victories include the GIII Santa Barbara S. in the US and the G3 Park Express S. in Ireland. [Cont. p4](#)

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The Best-Performing First-Season Sires of 2018 Cont. from p1

That said, exceptions such as that are rare, particularly so amongst stallions that are expected to breed a sharper type of horse.

With that in mind, now is a good time to examine how the first-season sires of 2018

fared. This was a competitive group, with there being 14 stallions based in Britain and Ireland that had 75 or more 2-year-olds to represent them.

For the sake of comparison, there were 10 such stallions in 2017, 13 in 2016 and eight in 2015. It is also worth noting that there was more depth in the upper end of the market than is often the case, with five individual stallions having covered their first crop at a published fee of €20,000 or higher.

Here is how they fared in order of the percentage of their runners that ran to a Racing Post Rating (RPR) of 85 or higher. Due to the fact that RPRs are omitted for some runners in France, horses who stood their first season in that country are not included on this list. Those that certainly sired horses in this



Over 30% of No Nay Never's runners hit RPR 85+ | Coolmore

realm, however, include France's leading first-season sire Anodin (Ire), sire of 20 winners and two stakes winners, and Olympic Glory (Ire), sire of 21 winners and one stakes winner.

The obvious starting point based on the analysis is **No Nay Never** (Coolmore). He was the headline performer when the yearling sales of 2017 were analysed in this space and he delivered on the expectations surrounding him in no uncertain terms. He made a fast start to the season and there was no

slowdown as the year progressed, with the Aidan O'Brien-trained Ten Sovereigns (Ire) putting the icing on the cake when winning the G1 Middle Park S. at Newmarket in September.

For over 30% of his runners to have hit RPR85+ and over 10% to hit RPR100+ is remarkable. In the time I have been conducting this brand of analysis, only Frankel hit such heights with his first crop of 2-year-olds.

As with any sprinting sire that makes a fast start, the next question they have to answer is whether their progeny train on. Only time will tell

for sure, but with so many of No Nay Never's most high-profile runners having plenty of physical scope, the odds would look to be in his favour in this regard going into the 2019 season. With his fee having rocketed to €100,000, he will now be out of the reach of many breeders, but it will be fascinating to see whether his progeny can keep up the exceptionally fast pace they set in 2018. [Cont. p3](#)

Sire	2015 Fee	Live Foals	Runners (% of Foals)	Winners (% of Runners)	RPR 85+	RPR 85+ %	RPR 100+	RPR 100+ %	Rank Based on Yearling Sale Analysis
		Average 85.5	Average 48.7%	Average 34.7		Average 9.1%		Average 2.4%	
No Nay Never	£20,000	89	59 (66.3%)	32 (54.2%)	18	30.5%	6	10.2%	1
Kingman	£55,000	114	60 (52.6%)	24 (40%)	14	23.3%	3	5.0%	2
Toronado	£15,000	126	56 (44.4%)	24 (42.9%)	9	16.1%	3	5.4%	8
Sea The Moon	£15,000	109	41 (37.6%)	15 (36.6%)	6	14.6%	2	4.9%	5
Moohaajim	£5,000	32	14 (43.7%)	6 (42.9%)	2	14.3%	0	0.0%	10
Gregorian	£4,500	83	46 (55.4%)	12 (26.1%)	6	13.0%	1	2.2%	15
Australia	£50,000	123	65 (52.8%)	17 (26.1%)	8	12.3%	4	6.2%	3
Charm Spirit	£25,000	107	73 (68.2%)	27 (37%)	9	12.3%	3	4.1%	9
War Command	£15,000	110	55 (50%)	25 (45.4%)	6	10.9%	1	1.8%	7
Ruler Of The World	£15,000	44	19 (43.2%)	4 (21%)	2	10.5%	1	5.3%	17
Slade Power	£20,000	100	60 (60%)	16 (26.7%)	6	10.0%	1	1.7%	4
Coach House	£3,000	73	43 (58.9%)	10 (23.3%)	4	9.3%	0	0.0%	16
Bungle Inthejungle	£5,000	94	60 (63.8%)	27 (40%)	4	6.7%	1	1.7%	20
Gale Force Ten	£5,000	99	35 (35.6%)	11 (31.4%)	2	5.7%	0	0.0%	19
Garswood	£7,000	74	36 (48.6%)	6 (16.7%)	2	5.6%	2	5.6%	6
Mukhadram	£7,000	89	37 (41.6%)	11 (29.7%)	2	5.4%	0	0.0%	14
Battle Of Marengo	£6,000	66	24 (36.4%)	7 (29.2%)	1	4.2%	0	0.0%	23
Morpheus	£6,000	106	53 (50%)	7 (13.2%)	2	3.8%	0	0.0%	18
Alhebayeb	£5,000	128	74 (57.8%)	15 (20.3%)	1	1.4%	0	0.0%	12
Heeraat	£4,000	71	41 (57.7%)	8 (19.5%)	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	11
Dunaden	£3,000	61	17 (27.9%)	4 (23.5%)	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	13
Xtension	£5,000	24	7 (29.2%)	3 (42.9%)	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	21
Es Que Love	£5,000	44	17 (38.6%)	5 (29.4%)	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	22

The Best-Performing First-Season Sires of 2018 Cont.

The most expensive sire that had his first runners in 2018 was Juddmonte's **Kingman (GB)**, and he was another that lived up to expectations. His progeny wouldn't have been expected to have been as forward as those of No Nay Never and that is reflected in his lower runners-to-foals percentage, but those that did make the track made a strong impression. The performance percentages of his runners were well over double the average, with his first crop producing some really exciting 3-year-old prospects including Calyx (GB) and Persian King (Ire). Kingman's progeny will be widely expected to progress as 3-year-olds, so his reputation could well continue to grow in 2019.

The second-most expensive sire amongst this group was another Coolmore stallion, **Australia (GB)**, and his was an interesting season to examine. While it would have been fair to expect his offspring to be more backward compared to both Kingman and particularly



Australia produced more RPR 100+ runners than all bar No Nay Never | Coolmore

No Nay Never, it may come as a surprise to some that he actually ended up having slightly more runners than both those sires. In terms of the performance of those runners, while his RPR85+ percentage was not as far above average as one might have expected, that he produced more RPR100+ performers than all bar No Nay Never is notable. With those four RPR100+ runners, three of which achieved RPRs in excess of 110, being slightly more exposed sorts that don't have particularly high profiles, the merit of what Australia achieved in siring them in his first crop may fly slightly under the radar. Of all the first-season sires of 2018, Australia's progeny should improve notably as 3-year-olds and he can be expected to advance his credentials in 2019.

In terms of the first-season sires with lower profiles going into 2018 that enhanced their reputations, **Gregorian (Ire)**, who stands at the National Stud, performed the best of sires standing at the lower end of the market that had their credentials examined with an above-average sample size of offspring. **Cont. p4**

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1 Dawn Approach	€15,000	5
2 Fast Company	€12,000	4
Raven's Pass	€10,000	4
Camacho	€12,000	4
Footstepsinthesand	€10,000	4
Rock Of Gibraltar	€7,500	4
Tamayuz	€12,500	4
8 Holy Roman Emperor	€15,000	3
9 Dandy Man	€12,500	2
Excelebration	€8,000	2

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The Best-Performing First-Season Sires of 2018 Cont.

Given that Gregorian himself trained on very well and produced some of his most notable efforts as a 5-year-old, hopes will be high that his progeny can progress with age and continue to raise his profile as a sire.

Just to briefly broaden this discussion, regular readers will know that I produce an analysis of the yearling sales every year. It is an interesting exercise in assessing the predictive ability of such analysis by reviewing the column on the extreme right of the above table. That reveals what rank each sire held in my yearling sale analysis of 2017 when ordered by their median price as a multiple of their stud fee plus fixed production costs.

Of course, it won't work out every year, but presenting the data in this manner suggests that the yearling buyers by and large were spot on with their assessment of the progeny of first-season sires in 2018. That will be something worth bearing in mind when the analysis of last year's yearling sales appears in the weeks ahead.

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Arqana February Sale Day 2 Cont. from p1

"I love the fact she's a black-type performer herself and has produced a black-type performer," said Grassick. "She's by a very good broodmare sire in Mark Of Esteem—that line through Darshaan is so strong—and she's out of a Rainbow Quest mare. The fact that she's an outcross for Danzig makes her appealing."

The appeal of the foal she is carrying was also significant, given that Le Havre's first dual Classic winner, Avenir Certain (Fr), is out of the Mark Of Esteem mare Puggy (Ire).

Grassick also signed for the most expensive yearling of the session ([lot 308](#)), a National Hunt-bred filly by Authorized (Ire)—sire of last year's Grand National winner Tiger Roll (Ire)—and a half-sister to the Cheltenham Festival winner Very Wood (Fr) (Martaline {GB}).

"The Authorized filly is for an Irish client who will reoffer her at the store sales," the agent added. "She's a half sister to a Grade 1 winner and is out of a Cadoudal (Fr) mare, so that's very interesting from a filly's perspective—she has everything going for her."

Boulogne-based breeder Eric Feurtet, whose stud is named in honour of the dual Grade III-winning Le Havre filly Rymska (Fr), stepped in to buy the second-top lot of the day, another well-credentialed mare in foal to the same stallion. [Lot 381](#), Salomon (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}), is a daughter of the listed winner Farfala (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}), herself a sister to the Group 1 winners Fragrant Mix (Fr) and Alpine Rose (Fr).

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SESSION TOTALS	2019	2018
• Catalogued	249	208
• Number Offered	219	170
• Number Sold	181	141
• Not Sold	38	29
• Clearance Rate	83%	83%
• High Price	€72,000	€300,000
• Gross	€1,395,000	€1,840,300
• Average (% change)	€7,707 (-41%)	€13,052
• Median (% change)	€5,000 (+25%)	€4,000
CUMULATIVE	2019	2018
• Catalogued	496	415
• Number Offered	420	352
• Number Sold	354	281
• Not Sold	66	71
• Clearance Rate	84%	80%
• No. \$500K+	1	0
• High Price	€500,000	€300,000
• Gross	€5,282,500	€2,797,800
• Average (% change)	€14,922 (+50%)	€9,957
• Median (% change)	€5,500 (+37.5%)	€4,000

Arqana February Sale Day 2 Cont.

Since her retirement to stud in 2011, Salamon, sold by La Motteraye Consignment for Gerard Augustin-Normand, has been mated exclusively with her former owner's stallions at Haras de Montfort & Préaux, including seven visits to Le Havre, by whom she has already produced the multiple winners Saane (Fr) and Barou (Fr).



The Manneville Dispersal was one of the highlights of the two-day sale
Zuzanna Lupa

“She will join my broodmare band which consists of 16 mares,” said Feurtet. “She is in foal to Le Havre who has been very lucky for me as he is the sire of Rymaska, the first horse I ever bred.”

The demand seen on the first day remained strong throughout the second session which recorded a clearance rate of 83%. The rate for the sale as a whole was just one point higher, with 354 of the 420 horses offered finding a buyer. Another €1,395,000 was added to the tally on Wednesday. This was down on the corresponding session last year but that will not have worried the Arqana team overall, with the sale's total aggregate being up by 85% at €5,282,500.

As noted in yesterday's *TDN*, this was largely owing to the dispersals of stock from the breeding operation of the late Marquesa de Moratalla, which provided the record-breaking €500,000 top lot Graciously (Ire) (Shamardal), and from Issam Fares's Haras de Manneville. The sale's average rose by 50% to €14,922 and the median from €4,000 to €5,500.

“First we would like to highlight the great effort of both Haras de Manneville and Channel Consignment teams to bring the horses in perfect shape,” said Arqana Executive Director Freddy Powell. “Those two dispersals brought a lot of international actors to Deauville and this large attendance was felt over the two sessions. Obviously, the figures are not comparable with last year, but we are very happy with the clearance rate of 84%. Despite a larger catalogue, over 70 extra horses changed hands. The value attained by the big lots was particularly satisfying and unlike what happened at Twickenham last Sunday, the French players tackled the international opposition on most of them.”

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Leading European Sires by Gr.1 Winners Worldwide in 2018

Rk	Stallion	G1W's	2019 Fee
1	GALILEO	7	Private
-	FASTNET ROCK	7	€70,000
3	Dubawi	6	£250,000
4	MASTERCRAFTSMAN	5	€30,000
5	Frankel	4	£175,000
-	Teofilo	4	€40,000
7	CAMELOT	3	€40,000
-	HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR	3	€15,000
-	Shamardal	3	Private
-	Invincible Spirit	3	€120,000

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DECLARATION PROCESS ALMOST BACK TO NORMAL AS RACING RESUMES

Following **Tuesday's equine influenza update and fixture rescheduling**, the British Horseracing Authority and Animal Health Trust continued to work through the night until 1 p.m. Wednesday in order to clear as many runners as possible for Wednesday's four fixtures. Of 195 confirmed declarations, 12 horses from 10 yards were withdrawn as a precaution from Wednesday's action due to the BHA not receiving notification in time for that horse or yard to be considered free of the equine influenza virus. Five of the 12 had been withdrawn at the time of Tuesday's update, with the other seven being marked as non-runners with the reason given as "other". Among those affected were trainers who had runners at the Feb. 6 Ayr fixture where an infected horse had competed.



Simon Crisford | *Racing Post*

David Sykes, Director of Equine Health and Welfare for the BHA said, "The teams at the BHA and AHT are working round the clock to analyse tests and clear horses to run. The controls that we have put in place were deemed as necessary to avoid unnecessary risk of spreading the virus and were a pre-requisite in the decision to allow racing to return. Without these measures, and the new six-month vaccination rule, we would not have been able to resume racing today.

"We appreciate that this means some trainers will miss out in the very short term, but the only alternative would have been to keep the entire sport on hold. We are working swiftly to get test results processed and clear trainers to run. We're grateful for the patience and understanding our trainers are showing for this

essential process."

The process for Thursday's declarations is being handled in the same manner, as the BHA checks through Wednesday's declarations to see if any runners need to be withdrawn or require further test results to be received before clearance is given.

Beginning on Thursday, the declarations procedure will return to normal, returning to a 48-hour declaration process for Flat races. Declarations for Saturday, Feb. 16 Flat races will start at 10 a.m. local time on Feb. 14.

Also on Wednesday, four horses from Simon Crisford's stable that had tested positive for equine influenza have now returned negative results, the Newmarket trainer revealed on Twitter. The BHA announced on Sunday night that **four cases had been identified** in vaccinated thoroughbreds at Crisford's Kremlin House. Now, much to Crisford's relief, the affected horses appear to be clear.

"Good News," Crisford tweeted. "All four horses who had previously tested positive for flu have now returned negative results. Further testing to take place next week."

In another positive development on Wednesday evening, The BHA cleared all trainers who had runners at Ayr on Feb. 6 excluding Donald McCain.

"All 22 trainers who had runners at Ayr and were awaiting results are now cleared to run after a discussion between BHA and its vet committee," the BHA tweeted. "All horses who ran at Ayr returned negative tests and the majority of other horses from those yards were also tested and all found negative. This excludes the yard of Donald McCain owing to the fact that horses in this yard have tested positive for the virus."

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TOO DARN HOT POINTING TO GREENHAM

Undeated G1 Dewhurst S. hero **Too Darn Hot (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) will resume in the G3 Greenham S. at Newbury on Apr. 13, the same route taken by undefeated champion Frankel (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) prior to his G12000 Guineas conquest, the *Racing Post* reported on Wednesday. The John Gosden trainee has been cantering on Warren Hill's all-weather this week. Off the mark at Sandown in August, Lord Lloyd-Webber's homebred **'TDN Rising Star'** added the G3 Solario S. on Sept. 1 and the G2 Champagne S. on Sept. 15 before his Dewhurst triumph.

"Too Darn Hot is fresh and well and we are pointing towards the Greenham with him," Gosden told *Racing Post*. "Newbury comes before the Craven meeting this year, which is unusual, but affords us a bit more time for recovery before the 2000 Guineas itself. It rarely goes that way but Easter is very late this year."

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JOSEPHINE GORDON GOES FREELANCE

After two years under contract with trainer Hugo Palmer, Josephine Gordon will ride as a freelancer this year, *Racing Post* reports.

"I would like to thank Hugo for taking the plunge and appointing me two years ago which gave me so many opportunities including winning my first group race," Gordon told *Racing Post*. "Also I was able to ride in my first Grade I race in the U.S. which is something I'll never forget.

"The plan now is to ride as a freelance this year and I've been riding out for a few new trainers lately including Ed Dunlop, who I've never ridden work for before. Hopefully I can also still ride for Hugo but it makes sense to keep my options open. It's the start of the season and everyone is raring to go and it's a good time to be in Newmarket."

In 2017, Gordon became just the second female jockey to ride a century of winners in a calendar year, her tally wrapping up at 106. That number dropped to 56 last year, however she was also out a month after injuring a hand.

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Josephine Gordon | *Racing Post*

FITZDARES RELEASES CHAMPION FIRST-SEASON SIRE ODDS

The bookmaker Fitzdares has released prices on the first-crop stallions vying for the 2019 Champion First-Season Flat Sire title. Shadwell's MG1SW sprinter **Muhaarar (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}) holds pride of place among the 11 priced stallions.

"Our early favourite in a most open market is Muhaarar, an exceptional sprinter, we can expect to see plenty of classy types," said Glyn Warne, Head of Antepost and International for Fitzdares. "Dual Guineas winner **Gleneagles (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}),

from an outstanding family, looks an obvious candidate, while **Gutaifan (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) will not be short on numbers. However yearlings by Tweenhills' **Hot Streak (Ire)** (Iffraaj {GB}) obviously made a very good impression at the sales and we look forward to seeing plenty of precocious types. He could be the market springer. It will be great to see **Golden Horn (GB)** (Cape Cross {Ire})'s progeny on track but probably at the back end of the year. There are so many exciting new sires, let's hope it's an outstanding season."

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FITZDARES PRICES FOR CHAMPION FIRST-SEASON FLAT SIRE (based on number of winners in GB & Ireland in 2019)

Odds:	Stallion:	Sire:
5-2	Muhaarar (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)
3-1	Gleneagles (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)
5-1	Gutaifan (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)
7-1	Hot Streak (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)
8-1	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)
12-1	Free Eagle (Ire)	High Chaparral (Ire)
16-1	Golden Horn (GB)	Cape Cross (Ire)
16-1	Make Believe (GB)	Makfi (GB)
16-1	Ivawood (Ire)	Zebedee (GB)
25-1	Outstrip (GB)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)
25-1	Brazen Beau (Aus)	I Am Invincible (Aus)

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

2nd-Kempton, £6,000, Cond, 2-13, 4yo/up, 11f 219y (AWT), 2:33.09, st/sl.

ULSTER (IRE) (g, 4, Intello {Ger}--Ronaldsay {GB} {SW-Eng, \$222,879}, by Kirkwall {GB}) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$10,690. O-J Allison, S Barrow & Partner; B-Stowell Hill Ltd & D Ludlow (IRE); T-Archie Watson. *120,000gns Wlg '15 TATFOA; €25,000 HRA '18 GOHITY. **1/2 to Gale Force Ten (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), GSW & G1SP-Eng, SW & G1SP-Ire, \$332,127.

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Playfull Spirit (GB), f, 4, **Invincible Spirit (Ire)**--Annabelle's Charm (Ire) (SW-Eng, GSP-Ire & Ity), by Indian Ridge (Ire). Southwell, 2-13, 6f 16y (AWT), 1:15.48. B-Merry Fox Stud Ltd (GB). *1/2 to Charming Thought (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), G1SW-Eng, \$220,209.

**IN HONG KONG:**

Magnificent (GB), g, 4, **Zebedee (Ire)**--Barathea Dancer (Ire), by Barathea (Ire). Happy Valley, 2-13, Hcp. (£137k/€156k), 1650mT, 1:40.32. B-College Farm Stud Ltd. *Won in dead heat, tote odds 188-1, returned 94-1. **12,000gns Wlg '15 TATDEF.

VIDEO

Happy Dragon (GB), g, 5, **Raven's Pass**--Mowazana (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). Happy Valley, 2-13, Hcp. (£137k/€156k), 1800mT, 1:49.06. B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited. *Formerly Yulong Xionghu (GB). **1/2 to Wells Farhh Go (Ire) (Farhh {GB}), MGSW-Eng, \$206,702. ***€62,000 Ylg '15 GOFNOV.

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WORLDWIDE NEWS

G1SW BLUE POINT LEADS MEYDAN THURSDAY ACTION

Thursday marks the return of Godolphin's 2018 G1 Kings Stand S. victor **Blue Point (Ire)** (Shamardal) in the \$250,000 G2 Meydan Sprint at Meydan. Second in this 1000-metre contest last year, the 'TDN Rising Star' was a gate scratch out of the G1 Al Quoz Sprint on Dubai World Cup night, and was a third most recently in the Aug. 24 G1 Nunthorpe S. at York.

"He has been training well," Appleby said. "His preparation for the race has gone well. He should come forward off the race like he did last year, though. He is eight pounds clear of the others in the field, is a Group 1 winner and likely the horse to beat."

Sheikh Hamdan's MGSW and G1 Oakleigh Plate runner-up **Faatinah (Aus)** (Nicconi {Aus}) won a Jan. 3 handicap over this course and distance, and was third last out in a similar Jan. 24 affair.

The third race on the Meydan card is the 1600-metre \$200,000 G3 Firebreak S., and the Doug Watson-trained duo of

2018 G3 Burj Nahar victor **Kimbear** (Temple City) and SW **Muntazah (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) leave from stalls five and seven, respectively. The former ran third in the Dec. 6 Listed Garhoud Sprint, and went one better in the wake of North America (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) in the Jan. 10 Al Maktoum Challenge R1 with Muntazah third.



Blue Point | Horsephotos

"He ran a great race last time and North America is obviously an exceptional horse, but we thought that even though he was second, we were expecting a bigger run," Watson explained of Kimbear. "The next day, we found a quarter crack and he had overreached badly. Since then, though, we've had a nice clean run with him and obviously we think a lot of him."

2018 winner, MGSW **Heavy Metal (GB)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) returns to defend his title and leaves from gate one. Successful in the G2 Godolphin Mile on Dubai World Cup Night, last March, he ran ninth in the Al Maktoum Challenge R1. The rapidly improving Jan. 25 G3 Jebel Ali Mile hero **Secret Ambition (GB)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) also lines up.

Rounding out the three group races carded for Thursday is the G2 Balanchine over a grassy 1800 metres. Godolphin's **Poetic Charm (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) was four lengths clear of fellow royal blue colourbearer **Asoof (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) when dominating the G2 Cape Verdi over 200 metres shorter.

"She's been doing well," Appleby said of the half-sister to Teofilo (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). "She hasn't done much work since her win and has been taking it easy. We believed the mile to be her optimal trip, but she galloped out well in the Cape Verdi. Nine to 10 furlongs is unknown territory, so we will try and see what happens."

Cape Verdi third and Chilean champion **Furia Cruzada (Chi)** (Newfoundland) is looking to return to the winner's circle and saluted going this trip over the main track in the 2017 G2 Al Maktoum Challenge R2.

DUBAI DREAMS ALIVE FOR WISHFUL

THINKER by Alan Carasso



Wishful Thinker | HKJC photo

Wishful Thinker (Aus) (I Am Invincible {Aus}) holds an entry for the G1 Al Quoz Sprint up the six-furlong straight course at Meydan Mar. 30, but any realistic chance of making the field for that US\$2-million event hinged on his performance in the featured Class 1 Happy Valley Trophy H. (1200m) Wednesday evening. Sent off the \$6.10 third favourite, the bay made life difficult on himself with a tardy dispatch, but he darted through from between rivals inside the furlong and was shoved across the line first by Alexis Badel for a nifty success.

Dropping in grade off a third-place effort in the G3 Bauhinia Sprint Trophy H. Jan. 6 in which he reared at the break and was bumped, then was short of room at a critical juncture ([video](#)), Wishful Thinker raced last but one for the opening half-mile around the city circuit. But the 5-year-old was stoked up by Badel 400m out and closed off in a race-fastest :22.82 to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat ([video](#)).

“It was a fantastic performance from the horse again,” winning trainer Richard Gibson told the HKJC’s David Morgan. “I thought he was the best horse going into the race but he’s pretty unsuited to this track, he loves a straight 1200, so with a bit of luck we’ll be on our way to Dubai.”

Added Badel, who now sits on 10 winners and concludes his injury-interrupted winter contract this weekend: “He’s very talented and it’s impossible to say how much he might improve after this. He’s always moving a little bit in the gate, he’s just like this and there’s nothing you can do as a jockey--just try to relax him and focus him because he is his own enemy.”

An A\$80,000 purchase by Damon Gabbedy’s Belmont Bloodstock Agency out of the 2015 Magic Millions Gold Coast March Sale, he was bought back for A\$120,000 out of the Inglis Ready 2 Race Sale later that year.

Raced in Australia as Katsuro, he was a Ballarat maiden winner at second asking for trainer Mick Price and closed that portion of his career with a handicap tally at Moonee Valley in June 2017.

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Date	Race	Track
Feb. 16	Diamond S. (G3)	Tokyo
	Kyoto Himba S. (G3)	Kyoto
Feb. 17	February S. (G1)	Tokyo
	Kokura Daishoten (G3)	Kokura
Feb. 24	Nakayama Kinen (G2)	Nakayama
	Hankyu Hai (G3)	Hanshin
Mar. 2	Ocean S. (G3)	Nakayama
	Tulip Sho (G2)	Hanshin
Mar. 3	Yayoi Sho (G2)	Nakayama
Mar. 9	Nakayama Himba S. (G3)	Nakayama
Mar. 10	Fillies' Revue (G2)	Hanshin
	Kinko Sho (G2)	Chukyo
Mar. 16	Flower Cup (G3)	Nakayama
	Falcon S. (G3)	Chukyo
Mar. 17	Spring S. (G2)	Nakayama
	Hanshin Daishoten (G2)	Hanshin
Mar. 23	Nikkei Sho (G2)	Nakayama
	Mainichi Hai (G3)	Hanshin
Mar. 24	March S. (G3)	Nakayama
	Takamatsunomiya Kinen (G1)	Chukyo
Mar. 30	Lord Derby Challenge Trophy (G3)	Nakayama
Mar. 31	Osaka Hai (G1)	Hanshin
	New Zealand Trophy (G2)	Nakayama
Apr. 6	Hanshin Himba S. (G2)	Hanshin
	Oka Sho (G1)	Hanshin
Apr. 7	Arlington Cup (G3)	Hanshin
Apr. 13	Satsuki Sho (G1)	Nakayama
	Antares S. (G3)	Hanshin
Apr. 20	Fukushima Himba S. (G3)	Fukushima
Apr. 21	Flora S. (G2)	Tokyo
	Yomiuri Milers Cup (G2)	Kyoto
Apr. 27	Aoba Sho (G2)	Tokyo
Apr. 28	Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	Kyoto
Apr. 29	Niigata Daishoten (G3)	Niigata
May 4	Kyoto Shimbun Hai (G2)	Kyoto
May 5	Nhk Mile Cup (G1)	Tokyo
May 11	Keio Hai Spring Cup (G2)	Tokyo
May 12	Victoria Mile (G1)	Tokyo
May 18	Heian S. (G3)	Kyoto
May 19	Yushun Himba (G1)	Tokyo
May 26	Tokyo Yushun (G1)	Tokyo
	Meguro Kinen (G2)	Tokyo

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Blue Point (Ire)	Shamardal	Buick	Appleby	125
2	Portamento (Ire)	Shamardal	Jara	Al Rayhi	125
3	Roussel (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	SCR	SCR	125
4	Mujaafy (Aus)	Star Witness (Aus)	Cosgrave	de Kock	125
5	Faatinah (Aus)	Nicconi (Aus)	Crowley	Hayes	125
6	Rebel Streak (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Barzalona	Jan	125
7	Johann Strauss (GB)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Ffrench	Bouresly	125

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Heavy Metal (GB)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	Barzalona	Jadhav	125
2	Secret Ambition (GB)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	Mullen	Seemar	128
3	Behavioral Bias 	Shackleford	O'Shea	Seemar	125
4	Silent Attack (GB)	Dream Ahead	Soumillon	bin Suroor	125
5	Kimbear 	Temple City	Dobbs	Watson	125
6	Janoobi (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Hitchcott	de Kock	125
7	Muntazah (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Crowley	Watson	125

Thursday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 8:50 p.m.

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Asoof (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Soumillon	bin Suroor	125
2	Mia Tesoro (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Hayes	Fellowes	125
3	Peri Lina (Tur)	Falco	Kaya	Boyraz	125
4	Monza (Ire)	Footstepsinthesand (GB)	Lopez	Olsen	125
5	Furia Cruzada (Chi)	Newfoundland	Fresu	Charpy	125
6	Poetic Charm (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	129

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BRAZEN BEAU BOOMING BUT MORE TO COME



Brazen Beau | Darley

by Michael Cox

Brazen Beau's two 2-year-old stars have set him on a sales streak that culminated with a record lot on Tuesday in Sydney, but Darley believe the stallion with the right looks and attitude will keep improving. He was already the most accomplished son of I Am Invincible at stud, but even now with two leading G1 Golden Slipper contenders, including the pre-post favourite, a spot atop the first-season sire rankings and an Inglis Classic Sales record, Darley Stud officials believe the best of Brazen Beau is yet to come.

When Brazen Beau stood at Darley for A\$44,000 in 2015 his resultant first foal crop only tallied 86, but it is a crop that has already produced two potential stars and a number of other promising types.

"There isn't a huge number of Brazen Beau 2-year-olds out there, certainly in comparison with some of the horses he is competing with in the first-season sire ranks," Darley's Adam Brayshaw told *TDN AusNZ*. "That makes his achievements to date so much more impressive. Week-in, week-out, we are finding as we head towards the elite 2-year-old races, that we have got Brazen Beaus that we are watching and cheering for but he is doing that off a very small crop, in comparison to others."

Flag Bearers

The first of Brazen Beau's progeny to put his sire's name up in lights was Godolphin's homebred Tassort. An effortless win from his sole race start back in November installed the flashy colt as early pre-post G1 Golden Slipper favourite, a position he has held as he heads to next weekend's G2 Silver Slipper S. Then came Accession, whose trainer Chris Waller, who was also Brazen Beau's handler, called a "mirror image" in looks, style and temperament to his former star.

"There is a lot of Brazen Beau about him and for that reason he is pretty special to me," Waller said after Accession's Listed Inglis Nursery triumph in December. "He's just a nice round horse and if you have a look at a picture of Brazen Beau that is the same shape he was."

Accession added another effortless win last month before a game third in last Saturday's RL. Millennium at Warwick Farm, before which he still maintained what Brayshaw called "Brazen Beau's key trait."

"Accession paraded at Warwick Farm like he had been there a hundred times before. It was a big crowd and plenty of noise, but he was unflappable," he said. "That is very much the key Brazen Beau trait. He had an unbelievable temperament himself and that is something that is shining through in his progeny. That's just like Brazen Beau, both as a racehorse and how he is now at the farm.

"Some stallions' temperament can change from their time as a racehorse to when they start to work out what it is all about at stud, but he is one that it hasn't altered his temperament at all."

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Accession | Bronwen Healy

Brazen Beau Booming Cont. from p1

He added, "He was a very laid back horse when he came to stud, and when he became a stallion he has been much the same. He has been a pleasure to do anything with."

Not Just the "Big Two"

The on track talent doesn't stop at Tassort and Accession though, with A\$700,000 2018 Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale filly Pretty Brazen producing an eye-catching fifth in Saturday's Millennium.

"She looks a nice, big rangy filly that will make a great 3-year-old, I think she is a very promising filly and I think we will be hearing a lot more about her in the future," Brayshaw said.

Also among Brazen Beau's more forward progeny is handy looking Melbourne colt Brazen Brando.

"It isn't just one horse, or two, there is great talent with the Brazen Beaus out there.

Tassort and Accession are the two main flag bearers for now but there is depth out there," Brayshaw said.

Sales Success

When leading bloodstock agent Bruce Perry bid A\$550,000 for what he called a "must have" Brazen Beau colt on Tuesday at the Inglis Classic Yearling Sale it set a new record for highest ever lot at the sale. Shortly afterwards Laceby Lodge paid A\$480,000 for another colt and Brazen Beau finished the sale as

leading sire by average at A\$247,857. It seems the racetrack success combined with stunning looks and that trademark demeanour is paying off when it comes to sales time.

"Trainers love that temperament he is passing on to his progeny," Brayshaw said. "That's why the positivity spreading around Brazen Beau and why we are seeing these results in the sales ring. The trainers that have got them, they love a horse you can do anything with and obviously cope with the work, don't stand in the box fretting and wasting nervous energy."

Brayshaw said it doesn't hurt that Brazen Beau is also stamping his progeny by type with his beautiful dark coat.

"Everyone loves a black horse; they really fill the eye," he said. "You look at those two colts that made the big money at Classic and they are beautiful big, dark colts with almost no white on either of them. Just jet black, and each time you walked by they

were out and you would look across and that gleaming coat would catch your eye. A lot of them are that dark colouring. But he is not only putting his physical attributes into them, but his temperament as well. They handled it all at the sale and that is so important."

Limited Books No More

It all shapes as an exciting time for vendors with a yearling by Brazen Beau bound for the sales ring, and with 25 lots catalogued at Inglis Premier Yearling Sale and five more at the Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale, there could be more big prices yet. One thing breeders with a Brazen Beau can be sure of is that the days of there being limited crops from the sire are over for now.

"Our nominations staff are taking calls daily from people wanting to send mares to him this year, it is going to be a

challenge for us to accommodate everyone but it is certainly a good headache to have," Brayshaw said. "I would imagine those vendors with yearlings back at home and preparing for those sales, because in terms of numbers there is not an abundance out there. What those vendors have got is a limited commodity and a hot commodity. It is a very good position to be in."

Another bonus for breeders could be that Brazen Beau's progeny from the Northern Hemisphere--where he is

currently standing his fourth season--have yet to hit the track and could provide updates.

"They have only just turned two so we are a couple of months away from his first runners over there," Brayshaw said. "Some Australian breeders with mares in the Northern Hemisphere have switched on to his early success here, as have European breeders."



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Music Addition (Aus), g, 4, **Your Song (Aus)**--Quality Coup (Aus), by Elusive Quality. Happy Valley, 2-13, Hcp. (A\$247k), 1200mT, 1:09.76. B-Vieira Group Pty Ltd (NSW). *A\$55,000 Ylg '16 INGEAS; A\$130,000 2yo '16 MMGC2YO. **VIDEO**

Wishful Thinker (Aus), g, 5, **I Am Invincible (Aus)**--Zebitheia (Aus), by Baratheia (Ire). Happy Valley, 2-13, Hcp. (A\$471k), 1200mT, 1:09.29. B-J Davies (Qld). *Formerly Katsuro (Aus). **GSP-HK. ***A\$80,000 Ylg '15 MMMAR; A\$120,000 RNA '15 INGRTR. **VIDEO**

Happy Warrior (Aus), g, 5, **More Than Ready**--Zingaling (Aus) (GSW-Aus, A\$286,550), by Redoute's Choice (Aus). Happy Valley, 2-13, Hcp. (A\$165k), 1650mT, 1:40.29. B-MacQuarie Stud (NSW). *A\$450,000 Ylg '15 INGEAS; HK\$7,500,000 HRA '17 HKIS. **VIDEO**

Encouraging (Aus), g, 5, **Redoute's Choice (Aus)**--Miss Marielle (Aus) (MGSW-Aus, A\$545,200), by Encosta de Lago (Aus). Happy Valley, 2-13, Hcp. (A\$247k), 1650mT, 1:40.32. B-J W Kelly Suffolk Vale & Co (NSW). *Won in dead heat. **Full to Peeping (Aus), G1SW-Aus, A\$889,535. ***SW-Aus. ****Formerly France (Aus). *****A\$475,000 Ylg '15 INGEAS. **VIDEO**

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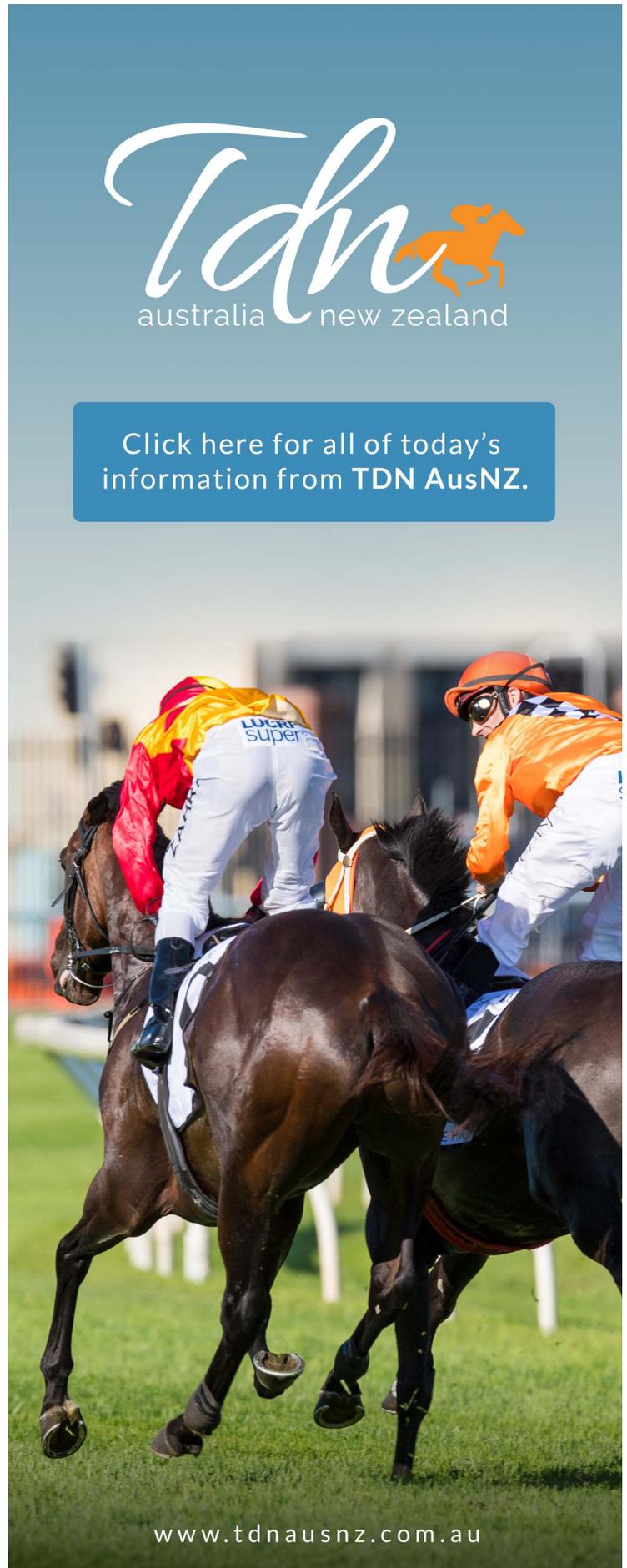
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