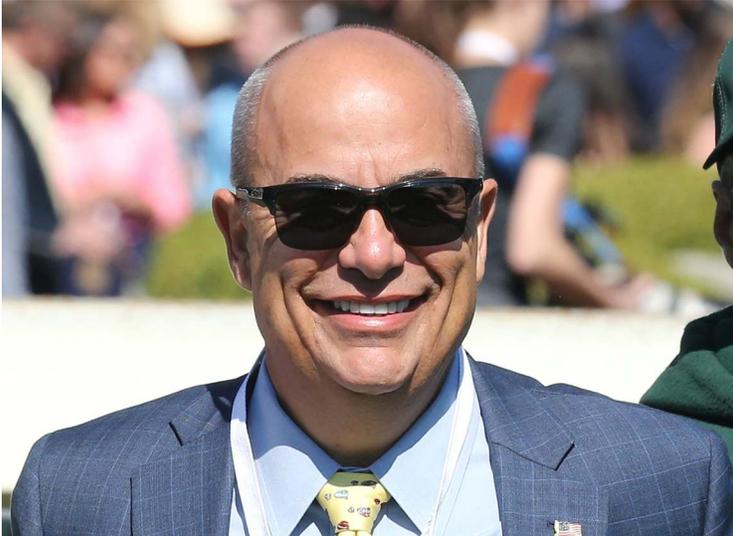


MARK CASSE TALKS 2-YEAR-OLD SALES



Mark Casse | Coady

by Steve Sherack

With the OBS March 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale right around the corner, *TDN's* Senior Editor Steve Sherack caught up with leading trainer Mark Casse for a Q&A session. Casse has enjoyed no shortage of success shopping for his clients out of the 2-year-old sales in Ocala in recent years, led by champion female sprinter and last term's GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint heroine **Shamrock Rose** (First Dude) (\$120,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR).

Casse's highlight reel also includes: GISW and Canadian champion 2-year-old filly **Spring in the Air** (Spring At Last) (\$130,000 2yo '12 OBSMAR); Canadian champion 2-year-old filly, MGSW and GI Kentucky Oaks runner-up **Wonder Gadot** (Medaglia d'Oro) (\$325,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR); Canadian champion 2-year-old filly, GSW and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies third-place finisher **Delightful Mary** (Limehouse) (\$500,000 2yo '10 OBSAPR); and MGSW and narrow GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf runner-up **Airoforce** (Colonel John) (\$350,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR).

Inducted into the Canadian Hall of Fame in 2016, Casse was one of nine finalists on the ballot for induction into the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame earlier this year. He is also on the OBS Board of Directors.

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TOP BAFFERT 3YOS TO HIT THE ROAD

by T.D. Thornton

Trainer Bob Baffert's top sophomore colts **Game Winner** (Candy Ride {Arg}) and **Improbable** (City Zip) will both be Arkansas-bound for Saturday's GII Rebel S. at Oaklawn Park, while the highly regarded filly **Chasing Yesterday** (Tapit) is headed to New Mexico for the Mar. 24 Sunland Park Oaks.

All three of those A-list trainees had been scheduled to make their 2019 debuts in cancelled stakes this past weekend at Santa Anita Park. But Baffert, while on a flight out of California himself late Sunday afternoon, confirmed via text that detours were in order in the aftermath of Santa Anita's recent closure for racing and training.

In an attempt to identify and rectify problems related to 21 horse deaths since the meet opened Dec. 26, last week Santa Anita halted all racing and training for a thorough inspection of its racing surfaces. **Cont. p15**

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St Elias Stable's Clint Maroon (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) made it consecutive wins at Gulfstream Park, drawing off by two lengths to take Race 11 on Sunday. His GSP dam has already produced French SW & GSP Lady of Kyushu (Smart Strike). See the North American racing section for more. | Leslie Martin/Coglianese Photography

TAKING STOCK: CANDY RIDE'S SUCCESS

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Casse Talks 2YO Sales (cont. from p1)

Q: Take us through your process while shopping the 2-year-old sales. What is your approach and what do you look for when scouting talent?

MC: For me, I narrow it down drastically by pedigrees, first and foremost. Unless I have a specific client that just wants some quick horse, we're normally looking for horses that we feel are going to be Classic types, whether it's colts or fillies. So that narrows things down greatly.

Pedigree plays a large part. I have a lot of stallions that are on my no-fly list. No matter how good they train, I just won't even look at 'em. They'll say to me, 'Come look at him, you'll love him.' And my response is, 'That's why I'm not going to look.'

I don't want to be drawn in necessarily by just the looks of a horse. I feel like we have 100 or more years of history and you're silly not to use it. You look at a guy who weighs 250 pounds and you look at another guy who weighs 125 pounds and you ask, 'Which one has high cholesterol?' It may have nothing to do with how big they are or how much they weigh. It has to do with family history. And I play those same factors when buying horses.

My brother Justin has become a big part of the buying process now. He goes and does the heavy lifting for the most part, then

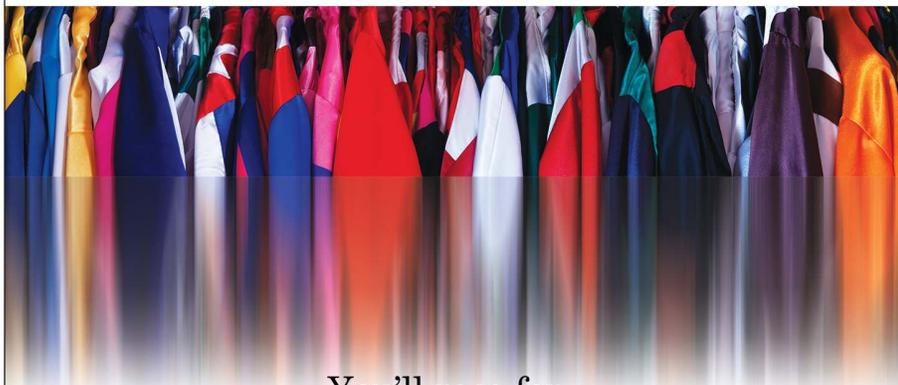
I'll come in a little later because we're busy with our horses. It's nice because before I used to have to do it all. It's gotten now where he does a big part of it and then we kind of team up. It's made my life easier and I think it's made our buying better, too.

Q: You have your own training base nearby, the Casse Training Center in Ocala. Can you talk about the initial training process for your 2-year-old buys? Do they all immediately get time off out of the sale or is it more of a case-by-case basis?

MC: It's case by case, and I think if you start making just a set procedure, you're doing the wrong thing. A lot of people think as soon as the 2-year-old sales are over, 'Oh, I've got to give them time or this or that.' I don't agree. I think you go with each individual. When you're buying, you have to look at what your goals and expectations are and what you want to achieve. Obviously, if we go buy some quick horse and we think his future is as a 2-year-old, we're going to be less likely to give that horse the time that we would another. In everything I do--whether training, buying, etc.--I try to have an open mind.

Q: I asked Dennis O'Neill this same question a few years back. Are there certain defects/flaws or perceived negatives that you can live with at the 2-year-old sales that other buyers may pass on?

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MC: My rule is as long as you say ‘a little bit’ about anything, it doesn’t seem to bother me. Couple things... Back to the pedigree. The more pedigree and the more that the family has shown their ability to continue to race--they have lots of siblings or a mare that made many starts--I demand less conformation from them.

A lot of times, I will buy a 2-year-old that I would never buy as a yearling simply because they have some conformation faults. But if they show they are able to handle those faults and we’re not seeing any issues with it radiographically or otherwise, then I’ll buy them.



Shamrock Rose | Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportswire

Q: Champion Shamrock Rose was certainly a nice find for \$120,000 at the 2017 OBS April Sale. She worked in a **bullet :10**. Can you reflect on her as an OBS 2-year-old?

MC: She’s beautiful. She’s just everything. The one thing she lacked, maybe a little bit, was that she didn’t have the star pedigree. But First Dude is a very nice sire in his own right. To me, she just looked like a racehorse. She fit nicely. Her pedigree wouldn’t have worked for some of my other clients--I’ve just had tremendous luck with the Conrads. They had given me a budget and I actually went over it just a little bit. I felt like for the money, you know, it sounds crazy, but when you’re buying a horse for \$120,000, you have to give and take. You’re not going dot all the I’s and cross all T’s. But I thought we were getting an outstanding individual when we purchased her.

Q: Switching gears to another one of your current stable stars and Triple Crown hopeful War of Will (War Front). He was selected by your brother Justin on behalf of Gary Barber for €250,000 out of last year’s Arqana May 2-Year-Old Breeze Up Sale. Have you had much experience with overseas 2-year-old purchases? Any thoughts or comparisons on how he was prepared and arrived to you versus the 2-year-olds that you’ve bought here in the States?

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Q: OBS March is the first 2-year-old sale on the calendar this year. How do you see the juvenile market playing out?

MC: I think horse racing is well. There seems to be more money out there than I've ever seen before. I think the sales will be good. We're probably going to be selective, but we do have a few people who will buying. We have an extremely strong and well-diversified 2-year-old crop. We did a lot of stuff as yearlings, which I like to do because I can have them from the beginning at our training center.

Q: Freshman sires are well-represented in the OBS March catalogue, with Triple Crown winner American Pharoah at the forefront. Are there any that are sticking out to you?

MC: I have an American Pharoah filly that I think could be any kind. She is definitely at the head of the class right now. I have a few American Pharoahs, in fact, and I've been impressed with them so far. The horse that has kind of surprised me, honestly, and I like what I'm seeing out of them, are the Tonalists. I have a couple of Competitive Edges that can run, too.

Q: It seems like every year the 2-year-old sales get increasingly popular as more graduates show up in the Classics and you see regular yearling buyers like Tom McGreevy, Bruce Hill of Live Oak, etc., begin to participate more. You've certainly supported this market for quite some time now. Can you discuss this trend and the growth of the 2-year-old market?

MC: I think for a while a lot of the big names steered away from them, but now they're coming. There's been so much success from the 2-year-old sales that it's become intriguing to many. There's still a few people that don't do them--there's pros and cons to everything. I'm going to be a little bit on the selfish side here, but I think when Mr. Oxley got pretty involved in it eight or nine years ago now, with his high profile, integrity and knowledge of the game, I don't think that hurt.

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MC: I'll go down swinging for probably the rest of my life saying, 'I wish every track was synthetic.' I just think it's so much easier on them than dirt. A funny thing the other day, we were having a board meeting and it was pouring rain and somebody said, 'Well, I don't know how much training will be going on tomorrow at all the tracks, but we'll be training at OBS.' And that's because it takes the rain so well.

In all honestly, does it make it more difficult as a buyer? Absolutely. Because horses move over it easier and there's not as much separation. But for the most part, after they've went through their drill and you get them back home after you bought them, they're a little healthier.

Q: The OBS March Sale was expanded and opened up in 2015. There are 577 juveniles catalogued for this year's sale. What do you think of the catalogue assembled?

MC: It looks like a good catalogue. It's amazing to me how things have changed. The March Sale was always the big money sale and the high prices, but it's all went now where March will be big, but April will be bigger. I guess maybe part of it is because horses are getting a little more time to develop.

Q: The OBS complex has undergone massive renovations the past few years. How does it look and is the project almost complete?

MC: It's pretty close, it looks great. We're very proud of it. We replaced almost the entire building. The auditorium is all up to date—it's an entirely new place. It needed to be done. It's been long, it's been expensive, but in the end, it will be worth it.



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TAKING STOCK: CANDY RIDE AND HIS NORTH AMERICAN SUCCESS *by Sid Fernando*

With the troubles at Santa Anita, the season debut of champion Game Winner (Candy Ride {Arg}) in the postponed GII San Felipe S. was put on hold, but his sire is once again poised for another big year. **Candy Ride** (Ride the Rails), who stands at Lane's End for \$80,000, was #2 on the General Sire List by worldwide earnings in 2018 and 2017, #6 in 2016, and #5 in 2015 and 2014, and this year Game Winner is among the early favorites for the GI Kentucky Derby and heads a group of promising 3-year-olds for his Argentine-bred sire that also includes Saturday's GIII Honeybee S. winner at Oaklawn, Chocolate Kisses.

Stallions from South America haven't been particularly successful in North America, but Candy Ride, along with Forli (Arg) (Aristophanes {GB}) and Lord At War (Arg) (General {Fr}), is one of three notables that has been. It's a guessing game to figure out why some horses flourish while others flail, but high-class runners with foreign, off-the-beaten-path, or obscure sires and families can sometimes benefit by mixing with the

richer pedigrees and prominent sire lines of a different locale, and this is the case with Candy Ride. He has made his mark with the assistance of the preeminent lines of Storm Cat, A.P. Indy, and Mr. Prospector, which have yielded some of his best runners, including champion juveniles Game Winner (A.P. Indy mare) and Shared Belief (Storm Cat), Horse of the Year Gun Runner (Giant's Causeway), and Grade I winner and proven young sire Twirling Candy (Chester House), who's also at Lane's End with his sire.



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Game Winner | *Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportswire*

It's generally accepted among pedigree analysts that inbreeding to Mr. Prospector through a branch of Fappiano (Mr. Prospector) is one of the best ways to go, and Candy Ride has proved that maxim with 20 unrestricted black-type winners from a multitude of Mr. Prospector-line strains, including Grade I winners Ascend (Silver Ghost), Twirling Candy, Separationofpowers (Empire Maker), and Leofric (Unbridled's Song).

Candy Ride traces to Fappiano through a far less-travelled path than Unbridled (Fappiano) and his sons Unbridled's Song and Empire Maker. Ride the Rails was by the Fappiano horse Cryptoclearance, a top runner and a decent stallion but not one with lasting influence in tail-male, except for Candy Ride. It's worth noting that Candy Ride is mixing well with the two prominent Fappiano branches of Empire Maker and Unbridled's Song, and altogether there are nine Candy Ride black-type winners, including Gun Runner, inbred to Fappiano.

More notably, the lines of Storm Cat, A.P. Indy, and Mr. Prospector in total have yielded 51 (61%) of Candy Ride's black-type winners and 11 of his 14 Grade I winners.

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Aside from Game Winner, a \$110,000 Keeneland September yearling who worked five furlongs at Los Alamitos Sunday in preparation for a likely start in the Mar. 16 GII Rebel S. at Oaklawn, Candy Ride is represented this year by the following promising 3-year-olds: Grade III winner Vekoma (Speightstown), third in the GII Fountain of Youth S. last weekend and a \$135,000 Keeneland September sale purchase; Sparky Ville (Storm Cat), winner of the GII San Vicente S. and a \$170,000 RNA at Keeneland September; homebred **'TDN Rising Star'** Desert Ride (Distorted Humor), a Fair Grounds maiden special winner from two starts; the aforementioned Grade III winner Chocolate Kisses (Forest Wildcat), who was also fourth last year in the GI Alcibiades S. and cost \$410,000 at Fasig-Tipton Saratoga; Americandy (Quiet American), a January Fair Grounds maiden special winner from two starts and an \$80,000 Keeneland September purchase; Ulele (Any Given Saturday), a January maiden special winner at Oaklawn, third in an AOC at the same track last month, and a \$300,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale grad; Grade II winner Liora (Giant's Causeway), second in the GII Rachel Alexandra S. at Fair Grounds last month and a \$175,000 Keeneland September buy; Get the Prize (Giant's Causeway), a debut February maiden special winner at Fair Grounds and a \$125,000 Keeneland September yearling and a \$410,000 OBS March 2-year-old; She's a Problem (Forest Wildcat), a Gulfstream Park maiden special winner last month from two starts and a \$40,000 Keeneland September yearling and a \$100,000 OBS April 2-year-old; and Pyron (Tapit), a debut maiden special winner at Oaklawn last month and a \$15,000 Fasig-Tipton Timonium 2-year-old.



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Note that these recent 3-year-old winners were all bred from either Storm Cat, A.P. Indy, or Mr. Prospector-line mares and weren't particularly expensive sales horses, either. Game Winner, in retrospect, was a bargain at \$110,000 on the second day at Keeneland, where Ben Glass, agent for Gary and Mary West, bought him; his vet passed the colt while those for a lot of other potential buyers didn't. The same was probably true for several of the others listed above, including the bargain basement \$15,000 2-year-old Pyron.

Candy Ride

Candy Ride twice failed the vet himself as a yearling before he was sold by his breeder to owner Gumercindo Alonzo for the equivalent of \$12,000. His veterinary issues didn't stop him from becoming a brilliant racehorse in Argentina, where he won all three of his races by wide margins and accounted for two Group 1 wins, including the prestigious Joaquin S. de Anchorena, a 1600-meter turf race at San Isidro that he won in 1:31.01. Off this form, Alonzo sold Candy Ride to Sid and Jenny Craig for a reported \$900,000.

For the Craigs and trainer Ron McAnally, who'd had prior success from Argentina together with Grade I winners Paseana (Arg) (Ahmad {Arg}) and Different (Arg) (Candy Stripes), Candy Ride won another three races in the United States, led by the GI Pacific Classic at Del Mar over Medaglia d'Oro in track-record time of 1:59.11. Feet and ankle issues finally ended his career and he went to stud at Hill 'n' Dale, where he remained until he was moved to Lane's End for the 2010 breeding season.

Candy Ride, like Different, was bred by Alejandro and Julio Menditeguy's Haras Abolengo. The Menditeguy family has deep roots in Argentina's breeding community. The patriarch, Julio Menditeguy (grandfather of Alejandro and Julio), established Haras El Turf--home of top sire Pronto, among others--in 1908, and upon his death in 1930, the farm passed to his sons Julio and Charly. The latter's family still runs El Turf, but the former's family established Abolengo in 1966 and today the farm is run by yet another Julio Menditeguy--the patriarch's great-grandson.

I visited Abolengo several times during the early 1990s when Alejandro Menditeguy--the current owner's uncle--was at the helm, and he ran the farm in the typical South American fashion of breeding the daughters of one established farm stallion to the new horse in residence. This is illustrative of how nicks were originally developed, and the concept was practiced in this country, too, years ago, when more big-time owner-breeders populated the sport than now. The Bold Ruler/Princequillo cross at Claiborne that was responsible for Secretariat is an example of a nick that succeeded this way, while the Buckpasser/Bold Ruler cross at the same farm is an example of a "negative nick." It produced only one top runner, 1000 Guineas winner Quick as Lightning.

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PROACTIVITY NEEDS TO DRIVE 'NEW NORMAL' FOR SAFETY

The Week in Review, By T.D. Thornton

With its main track deemed safe enough to reopen for light training on Monday, Santa Anita Park is on the cusp of a “new normal” in terms of equine safety precautions. Although racetrackers in general are averse to the “new” part of anything, you’d be surprised how quickly the normality aspect can become a seamless part of daily routine.

We will likely never know the exact reasons or correlations linking the 21 Thoroughbred deaths at Santa Anita since Dec. 26 because the multi-factorial nature of the problem defies easy explanation.

The recent deluge of rain and the composition and maintenance of the track are obvious starting points. Trainers and track management attempting to leverage as much practical use as possible out of a years-in-decline national horse population is another relevant angle.

Farther out on the periphery--but still very much a valid part of the equation--are all the bigger-picture issues the sport has been struggling with for decades, like equine drug use, the overall speed-centric direction and soundness of the breed, and whether or not synthetic racing surfaces are safer than dirt.

A statistician might tell you that the recent spike in fatalities could just be attributed to a bad run of numbers within a very large data set. That makes mathematic sense, too. But theoretical explanations rarely go over well when stakeholders and the public all want definitive answers that can be articulated in quick sound bites or tidily summed up in news feeds, with blame pinned squarely on something tangible.

The changes implemented by The Stronach Group, which owns Santa Anita, include a new provision requiring 24-hour advance notice from trainers who intend to work a horse, with a newly hired team of veterinarians identifying “at-risk” horses that might require intervention.



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In addition, veterinarians will observe all horses entering and exiting the track each morning during training, and a newly created Director of Equine Welfare will head a new Rapid Response team for injuries.

A new house rule will require each horse’s veterinary records to follow that horse through any trainer or ownership change, claim, or private sale. Track maintenance procedures will be tweaked so there is less compacting and sealing of the track in advance of heavy rain, and more consideration will be given to calling off racing based on adverse forecasts when the meet resumes Mar. 22.

Beyond Santa Anita, the racing nation is wondering if what is happening in Southern California will spur true safety reform at racetracks all around the country.

Other notable spikes in racehorse deaths over the past decade--at Aqueduct in 2012, Del Mar in 2016, Saratoga in 2017--have all been met with some degree of jurisdictional response that has gradually shaped equine safety for the better.

But the one common thread among those collective responses is that they have all been reactionary. A serious problem popped up, and steps were taken to rectify it.

If you’re searching for the answer to the long-term “true reform” question, don’t focus microscopically on Santa Anita in the near future.



Surface inspections at Santa Anita | Santa Anita photo

The more meaningful indicator that systemic change is under way will come when a track that is currently experiencing near-zero catastrophic injuries steps up and implements a new and robust program of equine safety protocols. Proactivity, not reactivity, needs to be the driver of a nationwide “new normal.”

International Women's Day

Under new ownership, Colonial Downs will run its first meet this summer in six years. With a boutique, turf-centric 15-date season that is expected to double to 30 race dates in 2020, the Virginia track is poised to be a significant national presence in the years to come.

Last Friday was International Women's Day. But Colonial Downs Group doesn't seem to need a recognized date on the calendar to guide hiring choices that will put more women in positions of power within its management hierarchy and among its contractors.

Last autumn, in what was quite possibly a racing industry first, Colonial hired an all-female design firm, Within Interior Design, Inc., of Norfolk, Virginia, to renovate the 21-year-old facility, which will now include a newly licensed historical horse race (HHR) gaming section.

At the time, John Marshall, Colonial's senior vice president and general manager, told *TDN* that “We understand that our main demographic for HHR business is going to be predominantly females 55-years-plus. The challenge that we posed to Within was to consider this job as designing a sports bar for women. What would it look like? So we are going to lean toward feminine design in a lot of ways.”

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In January, Colonial hired Jill Byrne, a well-respected industry executive and on-air racing personality, to be the track's new vice president of racing.

And just last week, Colonial announced the hiring of racing secretary Allison De Luca, who has served in the same capacity at Tampa Bay Downs since 2006 (a Colonial spokeswoman confirmed that De Luca will work both jobs because the race meets do not conflict).

De Luca has worked various racing office and officiating gigs across the country since 1978, including being the assistant racing secretary at Churchill Downs and the stakes coordinator at Keeneland Race Course.

When De Luca was hired in 1987 for a five-year stint as the racing secretary at now-defunct Sportsman's Park in Illinois, she was reported to be the first woman in the country to be named racing secretary at a commercial track.

It's the thought that counts...

As a TwinSpire online wagering customer, I'm still trying to figure out the confounding and (in my opinion) very user-unfriendly interface that the advance-deposit wagering (ADW) company forced upon users back in December. I guess the first paragraph of this column about racetrackers being crankily resistant to anything new applies to me in this instance.

But last week TwinSpire rolled out several intriguing

incentives designed to compensate horseplayers who suffer bad beats or unfortunate racing luck, and both are good moves.

The rewards equate to short money in terms of what an individual bettor might get back. But in an era where so-called whales reap the majority of rebates and incentives, it's nice to see smaller-scale players getting money back (that will very likely end up churned into future bets anyway).

On Mar. 5, TwinSpire debuted the "Bad Luck Board," which, according to a press release, "will meet each week following key race dates to determine a horse that we think should either be refunded or be paid out as if it won."

The first Bad Luck Board cash award was credited to the accounts of horseplayers who backed fourth-place Hidden Scroll (Hard Spun) in the Mar. 2 Gil Fountain of Youth S. So if you wagered on Hidden Scroll to win (capped at a \$10 bet), you got a \$22 credit, equivalent to what a \$10 win bet would have paid had Hidden Scroll not gotten cooked in a speed duel before fading in the stretch.

Some of the immediate-reaction internet chatter about the promotion focused on whether Hidden Scroll's botched-tactics loss actually constituted "bad luck," but that's not the point. Keeping smaller-scale players from getting discouraged and tapped out is the aim of the program, which welcomes social media input from customers on which races or horses should be considered for the credit.

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A similar “Jump Insurance” promotion will apply to international steeplechase races at this week’s Cheltenham festival (pre-bet opt-in required). TwinSpires will refund win wagers at up to \$5 per race if a backed horse does not finish the race.

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Baffert 3YOs (cont. from p1)



Improbable at Los Alamitos Sunday | Gary Tasich

With new protocols in place, the main track will open for light training on Monday, and racing is scheduled to resume Mar. 22.

But Baffert wanted his star horses to train sooner than that, so he shipped a contingent some 33 miles south to Los Alamitos Race Course, where he also has stalls.



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PRICELESS MOMENT

All three of the above-mentioned sophomores had timed workouts there on Sunday morning, as did **Mucho Gusto** (Mucho Macho Man), who is now targeting the GIII Sunland Derby on Mar. 24.

Baffert indicated via text message that he felt better about sending both Game Winner and Improbable to the Rebel after learning that the race could be split into two divisions if it draws an overflow field.

Trainers who enter two Rebel horses would have their entrants placed in separate divisions, meaning Baffert's two undefeated 3-year-olds wouldn't have to square off just yet if the race splits. They would have had Game Winner and Improbable both started in the Mar. 9 GII San Felipe S. at Santa Anita as planned. That race will not be rescheduled.

Oaklawn issued a press release on Sunday that said track officials "were confident the Rebel would be split."

"We knew the Rebel was always there, but at first we were thinking not to ship," Baffert said in the Oaklawn release. "We could come back [for the Apr. 13 GI Arkansas Derby]. We hate to ship twice. It changes things a little bit, but right now we're going through a little crisis here in Southern California. We never dreamed the day would come they would close down Santa Anita, but we're getting through it. The main thing is that the 3-year-olds, they worked well. They're coming up there. I think it's very nice of them to want to split that race. That's the key thing."

2-year-old champ Game Winner worked five furlongs in company with 5-year-old GSW Dr. Dorr (Lookin At Lucky) in :59.80 (12/25).

Improbable worked a solo five-eighths in :59.20 (6/25).

Mucho Gusto was clocked in :57.80 (2/25) for five furlongs in company with the 3-year-old filly **Flor de la Mar** (Tiznow).

Chasing Yesterday, American Pharoah's half-sister, earned the five-eighths bullet (1/25) for her :57 solo scorcher.

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HAIKAL, MIND CONTROL TARGET WOOD



Haikal | Sarah K. Andrew

Shadwell Stable's **Haikal** (Daaher) exited his win in Saturday's GIII Gotham S. in good order, trainer Kieran McLaughlin reported Sunday morning.

"He looks great," said McLaughlin. "He appears to have come out of the race well and I have to say that [assistant] Joe Lee and our team in New York have done a great job with him."

McLaughlin said he will point Haikal towards the Apr. 6 GII Wood Memorial S. at Aqueduct for his next start. The nine-furlong Wood will see its purse increased from \$750,000 to \$1 million if a Grade I or Group 1 winner is declared an official starter.

That purse boost could very well come from the presence of Gotham runner-up and GI Hopeful S. winner **Mind Control** (Stay Thirsty).

"Moving forward, going two turns in the Wood is the next logical spot," said conditioner Greg Sacco. "He has the tactical speed to be forwardly placed and we know he doesn't need the lead. I think he'll be able to settle, and if it's a paceless race he can make it. What we learned yesterday is a real big plus for Mind Control. We were really proud of him. He ran a dynamite race and Kieran's horse ran an exceptional race. It was a fun race to watch and we're really happy with how he ran."

Gotham third-place finisher **Instagrand** (Into Mischief) finished evenly after chasing a hot pace in his first start since capturing the GII Best Pal S. at Del Mar in August.

"It was a very good effort off the long layoff—we're very pleased," said trainer Jerry Hollendorfer. "It showed a different dimension and that makes it all the much better."

Hollendorfer said he has yet to decide on a next start for Instagrand, but noted that "we're nominated all over the country."

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MOTT WEIGHS OPTIONS FOR TACITUS

Following a stakes-record setting score in Saturday's GII Tampa Bay Derby by Juddmonte's **Tacitus** (Tapit), Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott confirmed the son of champion Close Hatches (First Defence) exited the race in good shape and outlined a few options along the Triple Crown trail for the grey.

"The stakes record was a good thing and I think Tampa was a good place for him to get a race in," said Mott. "It's a good, safe racetrack and that should be a good conditioner for him."

Looking ahead, Mott indicated there are several possibilities: the GII Wood Memorial at Aqueduct and the GII Toyota Blue Grass S. at Keeneland--both Apr. 6--in addition to the GI Arkansas Derby at Oaklawn Park Apr. 13.

At two, Tacitus debuted with a fourth at Belmont Oct. 4 before breaking his maiden at Aqueduct Nov. 10.

"He's run in New York [twice], so it's very possible we could go [the Wood]," said Mott.

Following Saturday's victory, Mott reflected, "We really didn't know what we had until we got into September and started putting a little more pressure on him and asking him, and I said, well, we've got to find out, let's ask him the question, and he started to respond. The tougher the training got, the better he got. Then we got two races in him and got a win out of him in the fall, and for the size of horse he is and the type of horse he is, I thought it was a big accomplishment to get that completed that early in the season."

Mott confirmed Tacitus will race at least once more leading to Louisville for the GI Kentucky Derby May 4.

"He's got to run," he said. "This horse is a big, tough horse, and if we had to, we could run him twice more [before the Kentucky Derby], but with this win under his belt maybe that won't be necessary. We'll keep all the options open."

In regards to how the Juddmonte-bred colt might handle the step up to Classic distances, Mott added, "We've always felt that as the distances increase, that should be beneficial to him," Mott said of Tacitus' pedigree influences."

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LONGINES GRAN PREMIO LATINOAMERICANO-G1, \$500,000, Club Hipico de Santiago, 3-10, 3yo/up, 2000mT, 1:56.68, fm.

1--**YA PRIMO (Chi)**, 123, c, 3, **Mastercraftsman (Ire)**

1st Dam: Yo Quisiera (Chi), by Special Quest (Fr)

2nd Dam: Yall (Chi), by Stagecraft (GB)

3rd Dam: Villena (Chi), by Balconaje (Arg)

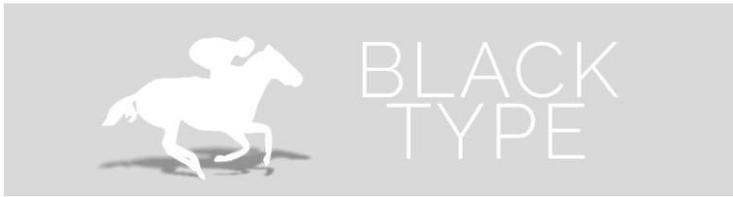
O-Stud La Pacita; B-Haras Don Alberto (Chi); T-G. Aguirre; J-Jeremy Laprida. \$197,247. Lifetime Record: 9-5-0-1, \$300,000. *1/2 to Yo Estoy Aqui (Chi) (Stuka), GSP-Chi, \$131,356. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++**. *Triple Plus*. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Nombar (Chi)**, 123, c, 3, **Mastercraftsman (Ire)**--Nimbar (Chi), by Stormin Fever. O-Stud Dona Eliana; B-Haras Don Alberto (Chi); T-G. Aguirre. \$65,749.

3--**Brown Storm (Chi)**, 123, c, 3, **Scat Daddy**--Blazing Storm (Ire), by Acclamation (GB). O/B-Haras Matriarca (Chi); T-Patricio Baeza. \$32,874.

Margins: 3 3/4, 1, 2. Odds: 2.80, 14.00, 19.60.

Also Ran: Penn Rose (Chi), El Expreso (Chi), Pure Nelson (Arg), Nuevo Maestro (Chi), Win Here (Chi), Nicholas (Arg), Sixties Song (Arg), Milos (Per), Filmore (Brz), More Than Words, Hassenah (Brz), Sensacionale. **Click for the Club Hipico chart or Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Club Hipico Video.**



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

HEAVENLY PRIZE INVITATIONAL S., \$151,500, Aqueduct, 3-10, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37.32, sy.

1--**DIVINE MISS GREY, 124, m, 5, Divine Park--Seattle Grey, by Friends Lake.** (\$100,000 Ylg '15 KESEEP). O-Corms Racing Stable & R. A. Hill Stable; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Danny Gargan; J-Manuel Franco. \$82,500. Lifetime Record: GSW & GISP, 24-12-6-1, \$929,372. *Full to Divine Dawn, GSP, \$187,875.

2--**Split Time**, 120, f, 4, Take Charge Indy--Speed Dating, by Not For Love. (\$62,000 Ylg '16 SARAUG). O-Tic Stables; B-Sequel Stallions New York LLC (NY); T-Linda Rice. \$31,500.

Half-sister **Hip #489** sells at OBSMAR with **Sequel Bloodstock**

3--**Forever Liesl**, 122, m, 5, Mineshaft--Ava Pie, by Distorted Humor. (\$67,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT; \$80,000 RNA 2yo '16 OBSOPN). O-Kallenberg Farms; B-Farm III Enterprises (FL); T-Michelle Nevin. \$18,000.



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Margins: 3, 6 1/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 1.15, 10.80, 4.00.

Also Ran: Midnight Disguise, Road to Victory, Sara Street.

Scratched: Sower.

Divine Miss Grey, who captured this race last year, was a five-time stakes winner in 2018 and her strong season included a runner-up effort in the Oct. 6 GI Beldame Invitational and a win in the Nov. 3 GII Chilukki S. She was making her first start since finishing second in the Nov. 22 GII Falls City H.

Soon at the head of affairs, the chestnut mare led through fractions of :23.81 and :47.52. She turned back a grudging Split Time in deep stretch and splashed clear to the wire.

"This is a horse that you just have to have so much respect for," said winning co-owner Randy Hill. "She has so much heart and she runs every time. She's been off three months and when the one horse scratched [Sower] that made me happy. I thought we needed the lead and I know Manny [Franco] knew how to ride the horse. When we went out front and got the lead in :23, I was feeling pretty good. When we turned for home all I kept saying was 'Manny, break their heart.' Manny rode a perfect race and she's a great horse, she really is."

As for where Divine Miss Grey might start next, Hill added, "I think [trainer] Danny [Gargan] is looking at the [Apr. 5 GIII] Distaff. I'm not an owner who says much to the trainer. You have to let them run where they want."

Hill is co-owner of a pair of graded stakes winning sophomores and is expecting an exciting spring of racing.

"We have the Distaff for [Divine Miss Grey]," he said. "We have the GII Wood Memorial for [GIII Withers S. winner] Tax (Arch), and [GIII Nashua S. winner and GII Fountain of Youth S. third-place finisher] Vekoma (Candy Ride {Arg}) for the GI Florida Derby or the GII Blue Grass, so it feels good."

The Heavenly Prize was Franco's fourth of five wins on Aqueduct's Sunday card.

"It means a lot because you're doing something good," Franco said of the five-win day. "The horses are running good for you, and I just want to say thank you to the trainers and owners that keep their trust in me and let me ride their horses."

Seattle Grey, a half-sister to multiple graded stakes winner Noble Court (Doneraile Court), produced a filly by Nyquist this year. Her filly by Summer Front sold for \$120,000 at last year's Keeneland September Yearling Sale and her graded stakes placed daughter Divine Dawn, in foal to Nyquist, sold for \$285,000 at the 2017 Keeneland November sale. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**



Divine Miss Grey | *Elsa Lorieul*



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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-Oaklawn, \$84,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 3-10, 3yo, 6f, 1:10.50, ft.

DORRANCE (c, 3, Distorted Humor--Apologize, by Lemon Drop Kid) got off the mark at first asking, winning by 4 1/2 lengths while sprinting at Remington Dec. 5. Fourth next time after an uncertain start while stretching to a mile here Jan. 26, the chestnut crossed the wire in third, but was later promoted to second via disqualification in a \$75,000 optional claimer Feb. 18. Installed the 2-1 second choice behind even-money choice Jack Van Berg (To Honor and Serve), Dorrance settled in a stalking fourth as Royal Daaher (Daaher) and the favorite battled up front through an opening quarter in :21.97 and a half in :45.53. Improving his position as those two leaders continued to exchange blows, Dorrance cut his way between rivals in the stretch and drew off late to hand Jack Van Berg a 2 1/2-length defeat. Royal Daaher stayed on for third. Apologize produced a colt by Empire Maker in 2017 and was barren in 2018. She was bred back to Uncle Mo. Sales history: \$230,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$92,798. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Samuel F. Henderson; B-Mt Brilliant Farm (KY); T-C. R. Trout.

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7th-Aqueduct, \$72,100, Alw, 3-10, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 7f, 1:24.37, sy.

NICODEMUS (c, 4, Candy Ride {Arg}--Leah's Secret {MGSW, \$1,158,805}, by Tiger Ridge) graduated second time out at Ellis Park last July for WinStar Farm, China Horse Club and SF Racing and trainer Rodolphe Brisset and, after RNA'ing for \$270,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Horses of Racing Age Sale two days later, reappeared for these connections to finish second behind Hofburg (Tapit) in the July 27 Curlin S. Sidelined after that effort, the dark bay colt returned with a fourth-place effort in a Feb. 21 one-mile allowance. Adding blinkers here, Nicodemus was sent off at 3-1. He raced in mid-pack through fractions of :22.47 and :45.89, snuck through along the rail to take the lead with a furlong to go and just outlasted late-closing stablemate American Power (Power Broker) to win by a head. WinStar purchased Leah's Secret, winner of the 2006 GII Lexus Raven Run S. and 2008 GII Chilukki S. and GII Top Flight H., for \$525,000 at the 2007 Fasig-Tipton November sale. Her colt by Pioneer of the Nile sold for \$170,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October Yearling Sale. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or**

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O-Everything's Cricket Racing & Lawrence Goichman; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Linda Rice.

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12th-Gulfstream, \$50,050, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 3-10, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.66, ft.

HE HATE ME (g, 4, Algorithms--Quiet Holiday, by Harlan's Holiday), winner of the 2017 Tremont S., opened his sophomore campaign with a runner-up finish in the Pasco S. last January and was fourth in the Feb. 17 Miracle Wood S. before going to the sidelines after a third-place effort in an Apr. 12 optional claimer at Keeneland. He returned with a sixth-place finish over track and trip Jan. 20. The 4-1 shot was outfooted in the early going, but inched closer nearing the far turn. He reeled in pacesetter Will's Pioneer (Pioneer of the Nile) in deep stretch and pulled away to win by 1 1/4 lengths. Timber Ghost (Ghostzapper) overtook Will's Pioneer for second. He Hate Me was a \$90,000 FTKJUL yearling. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: SW, 7-3-1-1, \$164,290.

O-Sagamore Farm LLC; B-Mike Mareina & Nathan Mitts (FL); T-Stanley M. Hough.

Another Yearling Graduate from Stuart Morris, Agent

1st-Fair Grounds, \$45,590, Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 3-10, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09.21, ft.

BOBBY'S WICKED ONE (c, 4, Speightstown--Wicked Charm, by Ghostzapper) was nosed out of a stakes win when second in the Steel Valley Sprint S. at Mahoning Valley last November and concluded the year with a fifth-place effort in the Dec. 26 GI Malibu S. He romped home by seven lengths in a track-and-trip allowance last time out Feb. 2. Facing just three rivals here, the 1-5 favorite sprinted out to the early lead, set fractions of :21.73 and :45.03 and sailed home an easy 6 3/4-length winner. Telekinesis (Ghostzapper) was second. Bobby's Wicked One was a \$130,000 KEESEP yearling. Wicked Charm, in foal to Algorithms, sold for \$19,000 at the 2016 Keeneland November sale. In foal to Outwork, she sold for \$27,000 at the 2017 Keeneland November sale and, still in foal to that sire, she brought \$80,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale last year. She had no reported foal in 2018 and was bred back to Tourist. The mare is a half-sister to champion English Channel (Smart Strike). **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: MSP, 9-3-3-1, \$168,080.

O-Autumn Hill Farms Racing Stables, Inc.; B-Ramona S. Bass, LLC (KY); T-Albert M. Stall, Jr.

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11th-Gulfstream, \$44,240, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 3-10, 3yo, 1mT, 1:35.81, fm.

CLINT MAROON (GB) (g, 3, Oasis Dream {GB}--Lady Aquitaine {GSP-Eng}, by El Prado {Ire}) fifth behind subsequent graded stakes winner A Thread of Blue (Hard Spun) while making his debut in an off-turfer last October at Belmont, was third over this course and distance Jan. 9 before graduating going 1 1/16 miles here Feb. 6. Sent off at 2-1, the gray gelding was floated four wide around the first turn before settling into third. He spurred to the lead turning for home and strode under the wire a confident two-length winner. Shootin the Breeze (Hard Spun) closed late for second. Clint Maroon, a €140,000 ARAUG yearling, is a half-brother to Lady of Kyushu (Smart Strike, SW & MGSP-Fr, \$151,021). John Gunther purchased Lady Aquitaine, in foal to Fastnet Rock (Aus), for 170,000gns at the 2013 Tattersalls December sale. Her colt by Lope de Vega (Ire) sold for 90,000gns at last year's Tattersalls October Yearling Sale. The group-placed mare is a half-sister to the dam of Group 1 winner Roderic O'Connor (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$57,995. O-St. Elias Stable; B-Sahara Group (GB); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

6th-Oaklawn, \$83,000, Msw, 3-10, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:46.95, ft.

GOODBYE EARL (f, 3, Hard Spun--Blushing Dixie {SW, \$136,353}, by Dixie Union) was fifth in both prior starts here sprinting six furlongs, including most recently Feb. 18. Installed the 2-1 choice while trying a route of ground for the first time, the bay took charge soon after the start, led comfortably through moderate opening fractions, drew clear in upper stretch and, despite drifting out in the late stages, proved much the best to score by 4 1/2 lengths over Subiaco (Will Take Charge), who closed well from last after rearing at the break. Stakes winner Blushing Dixie is responsible for a juvenile colt by Cairo Prince, followed by a yearling filly by American Pharoah. She was bred back to Cairo Prince. Sales history: \$150,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$54,900. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Carl Pollard; B-Doug & Felicia Branham (KY); T-David R. Vance.

Hip 51: 1/2 Bro Selling at OBSMAR w/ Bobby Dodd

LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE

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6th-Aqueduct, \$68,000, Msw, 3-10, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38.37, sy.

ERLICH (c, 3, Curlin--Sleepless Dixie {MSP, \$180,445}, by Dixie Union) was second, beaten just a neck by Saturday's GII Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby winner Tacitus (Tapit), over this track and trip last November and, after a pair of double-digit losses, was second again going nine furlongs here Feb. 2. The 5-1 shot stepped out to the early lead, set fractions of :23.14 and :46.69 and sailed home a 4 1/2-length winner. Favorite Orbed (Orb) was second. Litany (Curlin) was seventh. Erlich RNA'd for \$40,000 as a Keeneland September yearling. Sleepless Dixie, in foal to Quality Road, sold for \$210,000 at the 2017 Keeneland November sale. She produced a colt by that sire last year and was bred back to Mastery. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 7-1-3-1, \$87,790.

O-George E. Hall; B-K & G Stables (KY); T-Kelly J. Breen.

LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE

3rd-Gulfstream, \$43,910, Msw, 3-10, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :56.94, fm.

FIBER OPTIC (f, 4, Morning Line--Wickie's Flame, by Kafwain), dismissed at 20-1, raced at the back of the pack before picking off foes on the bend. She rallied stoutly down the center of the course to win going away by 2 3/4 lengths. Noble Alma (Lemon Drop Kid) was second. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,800.

O-Lantern Hill Farm LLC; B-Lighthouse Group Racing (KY); T-Ian R. Wilkes.

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9th-Gulfstream, \$43,560, Msw, 3-10, 3yo, 1mT, 1:35.27, fm. **LARGENT (c, 3, Into Mischief--Life in Seattle, by Unbridled)** went wire-to-wire and strode clear down the lane to score a 4 1/4-length debut victory. Sent off at 8-1, the striking bay broke alertly from his inside post and took the lead into the first turn. After setting fractions of :23.18 and :47.71, he shook loose approaching the stretch and came home a much-the-best winner. The Rock Says (Uncle Mo) was second and Big Torch Key (Lemon Drop Kid) was third. A \$460,000 KEESEP yearling purchase, Largent is a half-brother to Kona Blend (Dixieland Band, MSW & GSP, \$174,960); and to Edgewater (Lion Heart, MSP, \$250,142). Life in Seattle is a daughter of multiple Grade I winner Life at the Top (Seattle Slew), who was purchased by Lazy Lane Farms for \$1.9 million at the 1988 Keeneland November sale. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,800. O-Twin Creeks Racing Stables & Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners; B-Lazy Lane Farms, LLC. (VA); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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5th-Fair Grounds, \$40,000, Msw, 3-10, 3yo, 5 1/2ft, 1:05.23, fm. **COHETE ROJO (c, 3, Graydar--Paparika {MSW, \$220,671}, by Pappa Riccio)** was forwardly placed early in his debut going six furlongs over the main track here Dec. 22, but faded to eighth. Given a chance to redeem himself while negotiating 5 1/2 furlongs on the turf Feb. 17, the grey responded by finishing a much-improved second, beaten only a half-length. Sent off at 9-2 while giving the grass another go, Cohete Rojo took control early, led through splits of :22.58 and :47.88, was clear turning for home and had enough left to fend off The Last Zip (City Zip) by a half-length at the wire. The winner is a half to Brookerson (Henny Hughes), SW. Sales history: \$8,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$25,000 Ylg '17 FTKJUL; \$47,000 RNA Ylg '17 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$32,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Brad Grady; B-Clarkland Farm (KY); T-Joe Sharp.

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7th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$21,750, Msw, 3-10, 3yo, 1mT, 1:36.85, fm.

BEST CHANCE YET (c, 3, Handsome Mike--Mini Goal, by Omega Code), a well-beaten sixth while making his debut over the main track Dec. 18, improved to second when switched to the lawn in a five-furlong maiden special weight Jan. 9. Let go at 32-1, the dark bay colt charged out to challenge for the lead through an opening quarter in :23.61 and pulled his way to a clear lead down the backstretch through a half in :47.68. Asked to quicken on the bend, he skipped clear into the lane and bounded home a three-length winner. Scorewhenhewants (Itsmyluckyday) was second. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$18,100.

O/B-Roberta Vigil (FL); T-Javier Negrete.

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Spacewalk (Jpn), c, 3, **Tapit**--Starship Truffles (GISW, \$445,035), by Ghostzapper. Chukyo, 3-10, Maiden (\$72k), 1900m, 2:02.9. B-Shadai Farm. *\$1,500,000 in utero '15 FTKNOV.

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Date	Race	Track
Mar. 16	GII Inside Information S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Azeri S.	Oaklawn
	GII Rebel S.	Oaklawn
Mar. 23	GII Muniz Memorial H.	Fair Grounds
	GII New Orleans H.	Fair Grounds
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STAKES RESULTS:

OWNER APPRECIATION CUP S., (NB) \$60,300, Delta Downs, 3-9, (C), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:40.04, ft.

1--**MOCITO ROJO, 118, h, 5, Mutadda--Blushing Royale, by Orientate.** O-Wayne T. Davis; B-Paul & Andrena Van Doren (KY); T-Shane Wilson; J-Filemon T. Rodriguez. \$36,000. Lifetime Record: 21-13-3-1, \$319,750.

2--**Line Judge, 118, h, 5, Spring At Last--Reigning Dynasty, by Thunder Gulch.** (\$55,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP). O-Maggi Moss; B-Mr. & Mrs. Richard S. Kaster (KY); T-Thomas M. Amoss. \$11,400.

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3--**Gentrified, 118, g, 5, Malibu Moon--Sea Jewel, by Sea Hero.** (\$200,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP). O-M and M Racing (Mike Sisk); B-Adena Springs (KY); T-Karl Broberg. \$6,000.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

5th-Oaklawn, \$84,000, (S), 3-10, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.49, ft.

BANDIT POINT (c, 4, Indy Squall--Set Point, by Langfuhr) Lifetime Record: 15-2-1-6, \$100,962. O-Robert N. Cline; B-Marianna's Fate Inc. (AR); T-Robert N. Cline.

3rd-Fair Grounds, \$42,000, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500), 3-10, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:46.28, fm.

ROOM TO FINISH (f, 4, Giant Oak--Can't Roll a Seven, by Victory Gallop) Lifetime Record: 6-2-4-0, \$82,400. O-West Point Thoroughbreds, Forge Ahead Stables, LLC & Jerry Caroom; B-Mike Meeks (LA); T-Wayne M. Catalano.

7th-Charles Town, \$24,500, 3-9, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:47.90, ft.

FLOATING BY (m, 5, Stroll--Miss Shipley, by Johannesburg) Lifetime Record: 30-5-4-7, \$115,356. O/T-John L. Stahlin; B-E. H. Beau Lane (KY). *\$1,000 RNA Ylg '15 FTKOCT.

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4th-Charles Town, \$24,000, (S), 3-9, (NW3L), 3yo, f, 7f, 1:28.65, ft.

CHIEFS KINGDOM (f, 3, Our Entourage--Heavenly Appeal, by Successful Appeal) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$32,218. O/B-David Benjamin Bloom (WV); T-Javier Contreras.

6th-Sam Houston Race, \$21,000, 3-9, (NW3L), 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:24.77, ft.

ZARELDA (f, 4, My Golden Song--Tiz Tiz, by Tiznow) Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$59,940. O/B-Billy Clevenger (TX); T-Beverly Burress.

8th-Turf Paradise, \$20,000, 3-9, 3yo, 7 1/2fT, 1:32.44, fm.

MIDNIGHT REVERIE (c, 3, Midnight Lute--Logalina Pompina, by Corinthian) Lifetime Record: 11-2-3-0, \$33,783. O-Chelokee's Legacy LLC; B-Glencrest Farm LLC (KY); T-Dan L. McFarlane. *\$11,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$10,500 Ylg '17 ARZNOV.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Color Chart, f, 3, Big Brown--Color Code (SW, \$132,763), by Too Much Bling. Aqueduct, 3-10, (S), (C), 1m, 1:42.34. B-W. S. Farish (NY).

Tapit Star, c, 3, Double Irish--Thistledew, by Suave. Oaklawn, 3-10, (S), 6f, 1:12.07. B-Jim Pat Mills (AR).

California Canter, f, 3, Fullbridled--Carolina Grande, by Sought After. Golden Gate Fields, 3-9, (S), 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04.18. B-Daehling Ranch (CA).

Nuggetsofknowledge, c, 3, Half Ours--Ballagren, by Saint Ballado. Fair Grounds, 3-10, (S), 1m, 1:40.56. B-Larry Romero (LA). *\$55,000 2yo '18 EQL2YO. **1/2 to Ide Ball (Ide), SP, \$449,725.

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Final Exam, c, 3, Hold Me Back--My Girl Gabby, by Mr. Listo. Sam Houston Race, 3-9, (S), 6f, 1:13.16. B-Charles E. Smith & Terry L. Propps (TX).

Bye Bye Bully's, f, 3, Stay Thirsty--Magical Victory (SP), by Victory Gallop. Turfway, 3-9, 1m (AWT), 1:39.63. B-Bo Hirsch LLC (KY). *1/2 to Hot Springs (Uncle Mo), GSW, 4248,480.

Sound Judgment, g, 3, The Pamplemousse--Sensible Girl, by Street Sense. Golden Gate Fields, 3-10, (S), 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:03.02. B-C-Punch Ranch Inc. (CA). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **1/2 to Shades of Victory (Thorn Song), SW, \$149,819.

Ruffandfullofstuff, g, 4, Cape Canaveral--Rubyintheruff (SW, \$105,558), by Tribal Rule. Sunland, 3-10, 6 1/2f, 1:16.51. B-Starline Thoroughbreds (MB). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Little Valley Girl, f, 4, Diabolical--Capo Valley, by Benchmark. Sunland, 3-10, (S), 5f, :57.89. B-Hood Ranch LLC (NM).

Gattolottacharm, m, 5, Gattopardo--Marietta's Charm, by Wolfhound. Charles Town, 3-9, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:21.34. B-O'Sullivan Farms LLC (WV).

Farat, h, 5, Lemon Drop Kid--She's From Queens, by Dixie Union. Fair Grounds, 3-10, 1mT, 1:40.50. B-Caldara Farm, Inc. & Strauss & Thornton Partnership (KY). *\$25,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.

Whiskey Dreamin, g, 5, **Not For Love**--Exquisite Option, by Silver Deputy. Charles Town, 3-9, 4 1/2f, :53.47. B-Sam E. English (MD). *1/2 to Tiz Our Time (Tiz Wonderful), SW, \$133,609.



ALGORITHMS, He Hate Me, g, 4, o/o Quiet Holiday, by Harlan's Holiday. AOC, 3-10, Gulfstream

BIG BROWN, Color Chart, f, 3, o/o Color Code, by Too Much Bling. MCL, 3-10, Aqueduct

CANDY RIDE (ARG), Nicodemus, c, 4, o/o Leah's Secret, by Tiger Ridge. ALW, 3-10, Aqueduct

CAPE CANAVERAL, Ruffandfullofstuff, g, 4, o/o Rubyintheruff, by Tribal Rule. MSW, 3-10, Sunland

CURLIN, Erlich, c, 3, o/o Sleepless Dixie, by Dixie Union. MSW, 3-10, Aqueduct

DIABOLICAL, Little Valley Girl, f, 4, o/o Capo Valley, by Benchmark. MSW, 3-10, Sunland

DISTORTED HUMOR, Dorrance, c, 3, o/o Apologize, by Lemon Drop Kid. AOC, 3-10, Oaklawn

DIVINE PARK, Divine Miss Grey, m, 5, o/o Seattle Grey, by Friends Lake. Heavenly Prize Invitational S., 3-10, Aqueduct

DOUBLE IRISH, Tapit Star, c, 3, o/o Thistledew, by Suave. MSW, 3-10, Oaklawn

FULLBRIDLED, California Canter, f, 3, o/o Carolina Grande, by Sought After. MSW, 3-9, Golden Gate

GATTOPARDO, Gattolottacharm, m, 5, o/o Marietta's Charm, by Wolfhound. MSW, 3-9, Charles Town

GIANT OAK, Room to Finish, f, 4, o/o Can't Roll a Seven, by Victory Gallop. AOC, 3-10, Fair Grounds

GRAYDAR, Cohete Rojo, c, 3, o/o Paparika, by Pappa Riccio. MSW, 3-10, Fair Grounds

HALF OURS, Nuggetsofknowledge, c, 3, o/o Ballagren, by Saint Ballado. MSW, 3-10, Fair Grounds

HANDSOME MIKE, Best Chance Yet, c, 3, o/o Mini Goal, by Omega Code. MSW, 3-10, Tampa Bay

HARD SPUN, Goodbye Earl, f, 3, o/o Blushing Dixie, by Dixie Union. MSW, 3-10, Oaklawn

HOLD ME BACK, Final Exam, c, 3, o/o My Girl Gabby, by Mr. Listo. MSW, 3-9, Sam Houston

INDY SQUALL, Bandit Point, c, 4, o/o Set Point, by Langfuhr. ALW, 3-10, Oaklawn

INTO MISCHIEF, Largent, c, 3, o/o Life in Seattle, by Unbridled. MSW, 3-10, Gulfstream

LEMON DROP KID, Farat, h, 5, o/o She's From Queens, by Dixie Union. MSW, 3-10, Fair Grounds

MIDNIGHT LUTE, Midnight Reverie, c, 3, o/o Logalina Pompina, by Corinthian. ALW, 3-9, Turf Paradise

MORNING LINE, Fiber Optic, f, 4, o/o Wickie's Flame, by Kafwain. MSW, 3-10, Gulfstream

MUTADDA, Mocito Rojo, h, 5, o/o Blushing Royale, by Orientate. Owner Appreciation Cup S., 3-9, Delta Downs

MY GOLDEN SONG, Zarelda, f, 4, o/o Tiz Tiz, by Tiznow. ALW, 3-9, Sam Houston

NOT FOR LOVE, Whiskey Dreamin, g, 5, o/o Exquisite Option, by Silver Deputy. MSW, 3-9, Charles Town

OASIS DREAM (GB), Clint Maroon (GB), g, 3, o/o Lady Aquitaine, by El Prado (Ire). AOC, 3-10, Gulfstream

OUR ENTOURAGE, Chiefs Kingdom, f, 3, o/o Heavenly Appeal, by Successful Appeal. ALW, 3-9, Charles Town

SPEIGHTSTOWN, Bobby's Wicked One, c, 4, o/o Wicked Charm, by Ghostzapper. AOC, 3-10, Fair Grounds

STAY THIRSTY, Bye Bye Bully's, f, 3, o/o Magical Victory, by Victory Gallop. MSW, 3-9, Turfway

STROLL, Floating By, m, 5, o/o Miss Shipley, by Johannesburg. ALW, 3-9, Charles Town

THE PAMPLEMOUSSE, Sound Judgment, g, 3, o/o Sensible Girl, by Street Sense. MSW, 3-10, Golden Gate



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RACING IN THE FRENCH PROVINCES



Up-and-coming jockey Coralie Pacaut | Scoop Dyga

By Tom Frary

This is the first installment in an ongoing series in which Tom Frary examines racing in the French Provinces and identifies horses to watch.

For so long an act performed in the shadows, racing in the countryside of France is finding in recent times that it is a case of light breaking where previously no sun shone. The advent of videos freely available on France Galop's website is of much help in this regard, but the ascent of powerhouse yards outside Chantilly, like those of Jean-Claude Rouget and Francois Rohaut, have turned a new focus on such courses as Toulouse, Bordeaux and La Teste de Buch.

The racing year gets underway at the sun-kissed Cagnes-sur-Mer, close to Nice, and that has been where the faithful have been over the past two months, creating a niche clique at the venue an hour's walk from Auguste Renoir's villa. A century on from the death of one of France's vanguard painters, the region remains a draw for all lovers of life's finer luxuries, and while the track that has its toes almost dipped in the Mediterranean is not the Grace Kelly of the nation's hippodromes, it is a firm favourite during this bleak season.

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TIGER AGEING LIKE A FINE WINE

By Daithí Harvey

To be told that a horse that won the G1 Triumph Hurdle five years ago is only reaching his peak now may seem a little preposterous but who more qualified to make a statement like that than one Gerry O'Brien, the breeder of the horse in question, **Tiger Roll (Ire)** (Authorized {Ire})?

And who could argue, when the big-hearted but neatly made gelding blew away his rivals in the G2 Boyne Hurdle three weeks ago, a race Gordon Elliott was purely using to give the Michael O'Leary-owned star a pipe-opener ahead of potential repeat wins in both this week's Glenfarclas Cross Country Chase at the Cheltenham Festival and the G3 Randox Health Grand National next month?

"It's the family, they just tend to get better with age," insists O'Brien. [Cont. p4](#)

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Racing In The French Provinces Cont. from p1

As usual, Rouget ruled over all at the end of the six-week venture at the left-handed circuit with generous bends, his closest pursuer being the up-and-coming Fabrice Vermeulen. Christophe Ferland unleashed some nice types, while among the riders, Maxime Guyon excelled ahead of Pierre-Charles Boudot and Cristian Demuro. In sixth with seven wins, one behind Christophe Soumillon, was a name that offers exciting prospects for the future of the sport. That is Coralie Pacaut, the daughter of non-racing connected parents who is making her own way in the hardest of pilgrimages. Having already established her reputation last term, she now has a position with Rouget--for whom she steered **What Secret (Ire)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) to success during the meeting's closing card--and her confidence and tactical nous are blossoming with every crucial riding opportunity.

It was on Gina Rarick's stable stalwart **Bleu Astral (Fr)** (Astronomer Royal) that Pacaut registered one of those seven wins and the Maisons-Laffitte-based trainer has no doubt as to the rider's potential.

"She's a very good, up-and-coming jockey," she says. "She's gaining experience and learning to read a race a lot better every time, so she's one to watch."

Pacaut is one of a clutch of female jockeys gaining credence in France, alongside Maryline Eon, Marie Velon and Mickaëlle Michel, thanks largely to the initially over-generous but now more reasonable 1.5kg weight allowance they are handed each time.

"The girls were just not getting the chances before the weight allowance at all and you can't become a better jockey unless you're getting rides," Rarick explains. "This has levelled the playing field and is just enough to compensate for the lesser upper body strength of women. It's that simple for me and it's been a boon for the women who were riding. We're getting a much higher standard of women riders out of this, but we've got

a very long way to go. You have to keep in mind that it's a case of who the owners and trainers want to see on their horses, but now we've given them this break and they've got work to do. They have to really up their game and take the opportunity and some of them are, so that's good."

Ferland, who first served notice that he was sending some useful 3-year-olds to Cagnes-sur-Mer with the filly **Bellariva (Fr)** (Myboycharlie {Ire}), who beat a subsequent winner in a 10-furlong maiden on Jan. 14, enjoyed a double there 10 days later with the promising debutantes **Jane Spirit (Fr)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and **Rafiot** (Elusive Quality). The former, a daughter of the illustriously bred Coolmore cast-off Jane Eyre (GB) (Sadler's Wells), showed that Invincible Spirit zip throughout and stretched out to win convincingly in what could prove a decent contest. Covering the 10-furlong trip on the Polytrack in 2:03.09, Rashit Shaykhutdinov's homebred descendant of the treble German Group 1 winner Albanova (GB) (Alzao) outperformed the stable's Rafiot by over two seconds. That colt is a son of the G1 Grande Premio Diana (Brazilian Oaks) heroine Viva Rafaela (Brz) (Know Heights {Ire}), bought by the Wertheimer brothers for \$500,000 at the 2015 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky November Sale. He has the profile that suggests a career in the States could be on the agenda if he can build on this first start.

Fillies were very much the eye-catchers on the whole and arguably the stand-out was unsurprisingly from the Rouget yard. Unbeaten on testing ground in two turf starts Jan. 15 and Feb. 9, Philippe Segalot's **Etoile (Fr)** (Siyouni {Fr}) was especially demonstrative on the latter occasion when dispatching some useful types over 7 1/2 furlongs and on that evidence is black-type material. [Cont. p3](#)

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One of Rouget's other notables was Gerard Augustin-Normand's mile Polytrack winner **Habloville (Fr)** (Rajsaman {Fr}), a granddaughter of the MGSP The Wise Lady (Fr) (Ganges) from the family of Robin of Navan (Fr) (American Post {GB}) and last year's G1 Prix Marcel Boussac scorer Lily's Candle (Fr) (Style Vendome {Fr}). Francois Rohaut sent a small team to Cagnes-sur-Mer, with Shadwell's newcomer **Taraateel (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}) needing every yard of the one-turn mile trip to win her contest on Jan. 16. She is a granddaughter of the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches victrix Torrestrella (Ire) (Orpen) and is related to another smart Rohaut runner in Wusool (Speightstown) as well as the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches-placed Heuristique (Ire) (Shamardal).

Of the colts, the Feb. 20 newcomer **Styledargent (Fr)** (Style Vendome {Fr}) looked a bright prospect for owner-breeder Guy Pariente and trainer Jean-Pierre Gauvin, as he was green throughout and had every reason to throw in the towel as he came up the straight alone. Connected to Linamix (Fr) (Mendez {Fr}), the G1 Prix du Jockey Club entrant is one of the Classic generation to take out of the meeting which lived up to previous years, according to regular visitor Rarick.

"It was a bit more competitive this year," she says. "There are always a lot of Germans coming in, but there were new ones this year which is good for the sport. To have new faces on the scene is always a good thing. France is the last bastion of any meaningful prize-money in Europe. It's a nice winter meeting which is not at the same level as racing in Paris during the season and there is a lot of money on the table. It's a proper meeting, with four listed races which the bigger stables come for."

Away from Cagnes but still in the warmer climes of the south, there was further advertising of the merits of Rajsaman as a sire at the right-handed Mont-de-Marsan on Feb. 8. Ridiculously superior in his mile maiden on heavy ground, Gerard Augustin-Normand's gelding **Morsan (Fr)**, who is related to Coup De Folie (Halo) and trained by Didier Guillemin, will face much sterner tests than this introduction at a track with a home straight of just over 300 metres. Toulouse racecourse, described on www.toulouse-visit.com as "a green lung, right in the middle of the pink city", opened its doors in 2019 on Feb. 12 and the Rouget-trained filly Sacre Coeur (Fr) (Montmartre {Fr}) graced it with a smart debut performance, showing a genuine relish around the tight right-handed turns. There will be a lot more of that ilk from the stable at that venue as the year progresses.

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He said, "If you take Tiger Roll's half-brother Azeemah (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), he wasn't a spectacular 2-year-old, but he was better at three, then better again at four when he won the [G2] Lonsdale Cup and was second in the [G1] Irish St Leger and he continued to show high class form at five and six. They give everything and the mother was the same."

The mother O'Brien is referring to is 19-year-old Swiss Roll (Ire) (Entrepreneur {GB}), the only broodmare O'Brien owns. If you are going to have only one mare, then what a mare to own.

O'Brien bred Swiss Roll himself out of On Air (Fr) (Chief Singer {GB}), a mare he bought in the early 1990s and one who would turn out to be a great producer in her own right. Swiss Roll got On Air off to a good start, winning twice for Tommy Stack, and she garnered a bit of valuable black-type when second in the Listed Vintage Crop S. at Navan in 2005.



Tiger Roll en route to winning the Grand National | *Racing Post*

"She was good but she was a poor grubber and was fragile but she had a big heart. She loved a stiff track, she won in Galway and relished that hill," recalls O'Brien.

Incidentally, O'Brien is a retired vet and worked at Coolmore for years, which is how the initial mating with Entrepreneur came about. "It was Tom Lynch in Coolmore who advised me to use Entrepreneur in the first place," he says. "I used to be in the car with Tom going around the farms and I asked him who the best-looking stallion was in Coolmore and his answer was Entrepreneur. He ended up not really making it as a stallion but it certainly worked out well with On Air."

A second date with Entrepreneur saw On Air produce a colt called Berenson (Ire) who O'Brien also raced. His career on the track was short-lived but he certainly made an impact.

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After winning a maiden at The Curragh first time out in 2004, he finished second in the G1 National S. before being purchased by Sheikh Mohammed. Unfortunately he never raced again.

"It was a pity he went wrong as he could have been something else at three," O'Brien reflects.

That National S. began a series of links and threads that have continued into the next generation of the family. The winner of that race was none other than Dubawi (Ire), who was then chosen by O'Brien as an early mate for Swiss Roll.

That pairing produced Azeemah (Ire), who was bought by John Ferguson as a foal on behalf of Godolphin.

"The late Mick Buckley offered me a foal share in Dubawi and I guess having seen him beat Berenson at The Curragh I knew he

was a high-class horse. I think it was his third season at stud so he was good value at the time and easier to get into than now. I also thought he would suit Swiss Roll physically. She is lanky and tall and he is burly so I thought it would be a good match."

Swiss Roll was sent back to Darley the following year to visit Derby winner Authorized (Ire) and the result was Tiger Roll, who was also bought by John Ferguson as a foal for 70,000gns. Time went by and there was no sign of Tiger Roll hitting the track, and when he was bought by Nigel Hawke for £10,000 out of the Darley horses-in-training draft at Goffs UK three years later, O'Brien's optimism for the horse's prospects was certainly tested.

"He was bred stamina on stamina so he was never going to be sharp and precocious but still it wasn't encouraging that he didn't make the track for Godolphin given he wasn't a big weak horse," he says. [Cont. p6](#)



Tiger Roll parades through the village of Summerhill after his Grand National victory | *Racing Post*



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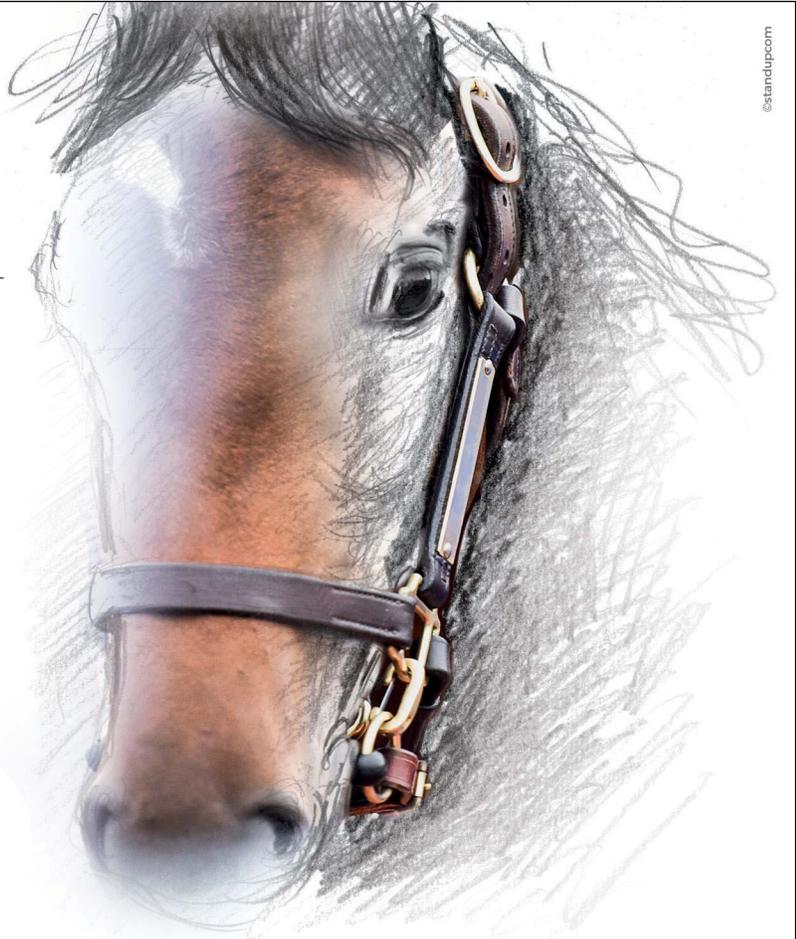
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Tiger Roll soon found his vocation and having easily won a juvenile hurdle on debut he was snapped up by current connections for £80,000 a month later. His subsequent exploits, which include three victories at the Cheltenham Festival over hurdles, fences and the cross-country course, have been well documented but there came a stage in Tiger Roll's life when it looked like his career would go the way of many high-class, Flat-bred 4-year-old hurdlers who fizzle away into obscurity. But then he is trained by a gifted man in Gordon Elliott and a switch to fences has been the unlikely making of the horse.

"Gordon has done an unbelievable job with him," O'Brien says. "The jockeys, too, that have ridden him have been fantastic. I was amazed with Davy Russell in the Grand National last year. They showed it on ITV in slow motion when Tiger made a bad mistake and Davy lost an iron. He just casually reached down and put it back on his foot as a big fence loomed up. He didn't panic and was so cool."

Apart from Tiger Roll, 2019 could be an interesting year for two of Swiss Roll's other progeny. Her 4-year-old son of Teofilo (Ire) called **Austrian School (Ire)**, is in training with Mark Johnston and he is beginning to creep towards 'Cup' standard on the Flat and given the family's propensity for improving with age that path looks a distinct possibility. He won on debut as a 2-year-old and finished up last season rated 102.

"He looks a right horse," says O'Brien. "The Aussies have tried to buy him but his owner Jim Walker has resisted so far. Jim is an economist from Glasgow who is a professor of economics in Hong Kong and I asked him how he came up with the name and apparently the Austrian School of Economics was the gold standard for the profession in the 1930s and '40s. This horse is a totally different model to Tiger Roll. He is a big imposing horse and was well over 16 hands as a yearling. No-one wanted him at the sales though. Jim Walker picked him out on pedigree and

when Mark Johnston phoned him to say he'd bought him for 20 grand he couldn't believe it and asked was there something wrong with him."

He continues, "It's worth having a look at the rerun of Austrian School's debut. He was so green, he missed the break, went around last, swung wide turning in and it was only in the last furlong that the penny dropped and he clicked into gear to win going away. He's never been out of the money and I'm hoping he will come into his own this year."

O'Brien also has an unraced 3-year-old daughter of Teofilo (Ire) to look forward to following. She was bought by a former Coolmore colleague Eamon Phelan for €28,000 as a yearling and that looks to have been a fairly shrewd move given her lineage. "I'm delighted Eamon bought her, she is probably the best-looking horse the mare has produced. Eamon has given her plenty of time to mature and develop and she is in training with Joe Murphy in Fethard and I believe she is pleasing them."

O'Brien departed from his usual formula and sent the mare to speed influence Exceed And Excel (Aus) two years ago and has a yearling filly by him to offer at the sales later this year, but he reverted to the middle-distance approach that has served him and Swiss Roll so well so far and she is due again to Teofilo in April.

An engaging character to talk to, O'Brien puts a lot of faith in nature when it comes to rearing his Thoroughbreds. Foals are left with their mother for far longer than is the norm in the industry with Swiss Roll and her yearling filly having been separated only recently.

"I don't like interfering too much. They get well fed with nuts and hay and I leave them together so they will have company. They've only just gone their separate ways as I send the mare to a friend for foaling and the filly has gone for some education as well," he explains. **Cont. p7**



Gerry O'Brien receives his ITBA award from John Osborne
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He said, "Breeding is really a lottery though and so many factors are involved. You could have a lovely horse to bring to the sales and he could cut himself in the horsebox on the way and the whole thing is scuppered. Similarly, it's important that your horses go to good yards as that can be the difference between a mare making a name for herself and not. I've been lucky to have had some great days cheering on the likes of Tiger Roll but at the same time it's certainly not a game for small boys, orphans or widows is it?"

O'Brien won't be at Prestbury Park this week to watch Tiger Roll attempt to land back-to-back Cross Country Chases under Keith Donoghue but he is planning a trip to Merseyside next month.

"I've never been [to Aintree] before but the sponsors have kindly invited me. They sent me a nice trophy for his win last year which was a nice gesture. I take nothing for granted though and while he is favourite for his race this week anything can happen in jump racing. I just want him to come back safe each time and eventually enjoy a nice retirement back at Gigginstown House Stud. That's the most important thing of all." [\(Return to p1\)](#)

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QUORTO HEADED STRAIGHT TO GUINEAS

Charlie Appleby intends to give Godolphin's unbeaten G1 National S. hero **Quorto (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) his first start over a mile in the G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas at Newmarket. The Newmarket trainer plans to send the 'TDN Rising Star' straight to the opening colts' Classic on May 4, for which he is general 8-1 chance, on his return from a winter break in Dubai. After winning his first two starts, a Newmarket novice race on June 22 and the G2 Superlative S. on July 14, Quorto maintained his perfect record when signing off for the season with a Group 1 victory in the National S. at The Curragh on Sept. 16.

Appleby said, "Quorto has been wintering away well and doing what is being asked of him. Everything is going in the right direction. The intention is to go straight to the Guineas. From two to three he has done well and has done what you would hope to see." [Cont. p8](#)



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Quorto | *Racing Post*

Quorto Headed Straight to Guineas Cont.

Quorto will remain in Dubai until much nearer the start of his 3-year-old campaign. Appleby added, "He has done well cantering away--there have been no serious questions asked of him at this stage, but he is pleasing me in what he is doing. There is no set time for him to come back [from Dubai] yet, but it will be just before the Guineas."

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FANTASTIC MOON WILL STAND AT HAYE PESNEL

Group 3 victor **Fantastic Moon (GB)** (Dalakhani {Ire}--Rhadegunda {GB}, by Pivotal {GB}), a half-brother to champion and MG1SW Cracksman (GB) (Frankel {GB}), will stand at Haras de la Haye Pesnel in 2019, the *Racing Post* reported. A winner of two of his eight trips to the post, including the G3 Solario S. at Sandown in 2012, the Hascombe and Valiant Studs-bred will stand for €2,500. The first foal out of the Listed Prix Solitude heroine Rhadegunda, the 210,000gns Tattersalls October yearling's third dam is G1 1000 Guineas victress On the House (Fr) (Be My Guest), who also lifted the G1 Sussex S.

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FRANCE



Sunday's Results:

PRIX ROSE DE MAI-Listed, €55,000, Saint-Cloud, 3-10, 3yo, f, 10fT, 2:15.00, vhy.

1--**PHOCEENE (FR)**, 125, f, 3, by **Olympic Glory (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Atlantic Slew (Fr)**, by **Helissio (Fr)**

2nd Dam: **Atlantic Blue**, by **Nureyev**

3rd Dam: **Hail Atlantis**, by **Seattle Slew**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (€47,000 Ylg '17 ARQAUG). O-Le Haras De La Gousserie; B-SCEA Haras Du Ma & Mme E Drouet (FR); T-Frederic Rossi; J-Maxime Guyon. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €38,500. *1/2 to Phocéen (Fr) (Myboycharlie {Ire}), MSP-Fr, \$106,429. **2nd SW for her sire (by Choisir {Aus}).

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2--**Grand Glory (GB)**, 125, f, 3, Olympic Glory (Ire)--Madonna Lily (Ire), by Daylami (Ire). (€18,000 Ylg '17 ARQOCT). O-Albert Frassetto, John D'Amato & Mike Pietrangelo; B-Elevage Haras De Bourgeauville (GB). T-Gianluca Bietolini. €11,000.

3--**Akela (Fr)**, 125, f, 3, **Authorized (Ire)**--A Moi (Fr), by Elusive Quality. O-Comte Reginald Von Norman; B-Gestut Hachtsee (FR); T-Henri-Francois Devin. €8,250.

Margins: 1HF, NK, 4. Odds: 2.80, 6.00, 6.30.

Also Ran: Fan Zone (Fr), Avenue Kennedy (Fr), Loyalitat (Ger), Tuned (GB), Place Rouge (Fr), Siyoulater (Fr).

Making her mark with a five-length maiden win over this trip at Marseille-Borely Feb. 25, Phocéene carried that momentum into this first try at black-type to provide her sire with a second winner in this sphere and a one-two in the process. Allowed to coast along in a detached last early by Maxime Guyon, the chestnut was manoeuvred up the inside rail on the turn into the home straight and the gaps opened perfectly for her to make up the ground without any stress. Tackling Grand Glory and wresting the advantage from that rival with 300 metres remaining, she was soon beyond recall as her stamina came into play.

Trainer Frederic Rossi revealed afterwards that he has one eye on the G1 Prix de Diane at Chantilly on June 16. "It was a bit of a gamble coming back so quickly after her last race and is not something I like to do, but she won very nicely last time and seemed in very good condition so we supplemented her," he said. [Cont. p9](#)



Phocéene | *Scoop Dyga*

Listed Prix Rose de Mai Cont.

He added, "She benefitted from a very good ride there. After three starts in a short period of time, we'll try and give her a little break and come back for the [G3 Prix] Cleopatre or [G3 Prix] Penelope and see if she's good enough for the big race in June."

Providing further proof that her sire may be producing stouter stayers than he was, Phoceene is out of a half to the GII San Luis Obispo H. winner Atlanta (Ire) (Hernando {Fr}) and the G2 Prix Maurice de Nieuil scorer Incanto Dream (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), as well as the dam of the G3 Prix du Calvados winner Mambia (GB) (Aldebaran). The dam, who also produced the useful Phocean, is also related to the sires Stormy Atlantic and Bandini and has a 2-year-old son of Galiway (GB) named Ocean Slew (Fr). **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

PRIX ALTIPAN-Listed, €52,000, Saint-Cloud, 3-10, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:47.23, vhy.

1--**THE REVENANT (GB), 126, g, 4, Dubawi (Ire)--Hazel Lavery (Ire) (GSW-Eng, \$246,630), by Excellent Art (GB)**. O-Al Asayl France; B-Al Asayl Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Francis-Henri Graffard; J-Pierre-Charles Boudot. €26,000.

2--**Qualisaga (Fr)**, 122, m, 5, Sageburg (Ire)--Qualita (Ger), by Konigstiger (Ger). O-Torsten Raber. €10,400.

3--**Jazz Melodie (Fr)**, 122, m, 5, Soul City (Ire)--Quatz Melody (Fr), by Johann Quatz (Fr). (€11,000 RNA Ylg '15 OSASEP). O-Alain Clavier. €7,800.

Margins: 2HF, HD, 5. Odds: 2.40, 3.60, 3.60.

Also Ran: Zyzzyva (Fr), Time For a Toot (Ire), Shamtee (Ire).

Starting his career with Hugo Palmer, The Revenant won his debut at Haydock and ran third in an Epsom conditions event as a juvenile before joining his current yard. Three from four in France prior to this, the chestnut had been gelded after his latest outing when winning a course-and-distance conditions race in November. Racing last of the six runners with Pierre-Charles Boudot at his patient best, he was delivered with real confidence by his rider to take control 300 metres from the post and proved much the best from there.

Francis-Henri Graffard is keen for The Revenant to meet better rivals now. "He was a progressive horse last year, but always a little bit difficult so we had him gelded," he explained. "He still ran with a hood today as I didn't want to change anything on his first run back, but it looks to me as if he relaxes better now so we'll try and go up again in class. He obviously needs it soft and when it eventually gets firmer we'll see, but hopefully it'll be like this for the [G3] Prix Edmond Blanc [back at Saint-Cloud Mar. 30]."

Out of the G3 St Simon S. winner Hazel Lavery, The Revenant has an as-yet unraced 3-year-old half-sister by Kingman (GB) named Albanderi (GB) and a yearling half-sister by Oasis Dream (GB). **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

3rd-Saint-Cloud, €28,000, 3-10, 3yo, 10 1/2fT, 2:24.61, vhy.

BODY ZANE (FR) (f, 3, Planteur {Ire}--Genevale {Fr}, by Unfuwain) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, €26,640. O-Jaber Abdullah; B-M Daguzan-Garros (FR); T-Andreas Schutz. *€47,000 Ylg '17 ARQOCT. **1/2 to Shamalgan (Fr) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}), 2x Horse of the Year, Ch. 2-y-o Colt, Ch. 3-y-o Colt, Ch. Miler, Ch. Older Horse-Cz, Hwt. Older Horse-Ity at 7-9 1/2f, G1SW-Ity, GSW-Ger, SW & G1SP-Fr, \$589,534, & to Chardonney Tcheque (Fr) (One Cool Cat), Ch. 2-y-o Colt & 2x Ch. Miler-Cz, SW-Ity, \$108,062.

4th-Saint-Cloud, €17,000, 3-10, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:49.26, vhy.

RED ANGEL (IRE) (g, 6, Dark Angel {Ire}--Love Green {Fr} {SP-Fr, \$107,083}, by Green Tune) Lifetime Record: 39-4-2-8, €83,860. O-Pauline Menges; B-Gerard Mullins (FR); T-A Spanu. *€42,000 Ylg '14 GOFFEB; 35,000gns Ylg '14 TATOCT; €30,000 RNA 2yo '15 ARQMAY.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Hanida (Fr), f, 3, **French Fifteen (Fr)**--Fosool (Ire), by Pivotal (GB). Agen, 3-10, 12 1/2fT, 2:44.13. B-SCEA du Haras De Victot (FR).

Fureur De Vivre (Fr), c, 3, **Gemix (Fr)**--Martiniquaise (Fr), by Anabaa. Agen, 3-10, 1850mT, 1:55.15. B-R Monnier (FR).



IN UNITED STATES:

Feel Glorious (GB), f, 3, **Bated Breath (GB)**--Self Centred (GB) (SP), by Medicean (GB). Gulfstream Park, 3-9, Alw (NW1X) (\$44,240), 1mT, 1:36.92, fm. B-Mrs E. C. Roberts (GB). *52,000gns Ylg '17 TAOCT; 130,000gns 2yo '18 TATAHI. **SP-Ger.

Digital Age (Ire), c, 3, **Invincible Spirit (Ire)**--Willow View, by Lemon Drop Kid. Tampa Bay Downs, 3-9, Columbia S. (\$75k), 1mT, 1:36.58, fm. B-Merry Fox Stud Limited (Ire). *325,000gns Ylg '17 TATOCT. **1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.

ANOTHER LEGEND BRED IN IRELAND



Onthewaytonevland (Ire), g, 3, **No Nay Never**--L'Ensorceleuse (Ire), by Oasis Dream (GB). Turfway Park, 3-9, Rushaway S. (\$75k), 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:45.59, ft. B-Ice Wine Stable (Ire). ***1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.**

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ANOTHER LEGEND BRED IN IRELAND

Rymaska (Fr), m, 5, **Le Havre (Ire)**--Foreign Raider (Ire), by Lend a Hand (GB). Tampa Bay Downs, 3-9, Gil Hillsborough S. (\$200k), 1 1/8mT, 1:49.18, fm. B-Eric Feurtet (Fr). *€35,000 Wlg '14 ARQDEC. **SW-Fr. ***MGSW-US.

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IN HONG KONG:

Simply Big (GB), g, 4, **Bated Breath (GB)**--Oasis Jade (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB). Sha Tin, 3-10, Hcp. (£90k/€104k), 1200m (AWT), 1:09.76. B-D J & Mrs Deer. *Formerly Expecting (GB). **90,000gns Ylg '16 TATOCT. **VIDEO**

Guy Dragon (GB), g, 4, **Dark Angel (Ire)**--Trip To The Moon (GB) (SW-Fr, GSP-Ger, SP-Tur, \$235,443), by Fasliyev. Sha Tin, 3-10, Hcp. (£90k/€104k), 1400mT, 1:23.25. B-Cadran-Von Gunten-SAS, IEI-Chantilly Bloodstock. *1/2 to Trois Lunes (Fr) (Manduro {Ger}), GSW-Fr. **€230,000 Wlg '15 ARQDEC; €380,000 Ylg '16 ARQAUG; HK\$4,200,000 '18 HKIS. **VIDEO**

Rise High (Fr), g, 5, **Myboycharlie (Ire)**--Lana Girl, by Arch. Sha Tin, 3-10, Hcp. (£257k/€298k), 1600mT, 1:34.56. B-Mme Marie Claude-Biaudis. *Formerly Landfall (Fr). **GSW-Ire. ***€42,000 Ylg '15 ARQAUG. **VIDEO**

King Genki (Fr), g, 7, **Arcano (Ire)**--Celestina Agostino, by Street Cry (Ire). Sha Tin, 3-10, Hcp. (£191k/€221k), 1650m (AWT), 1:38.80. B-SARL Ecurie des Monceaux. *Formerly Toruk (Fr). **GSP-Fr. ***€22,000 Ylg '13 ARQAUG. **VIDEO**

IN JAPAN:

Due Process (GB), c, 3, **Daiwa Major (Jpn)**--Rose Law (GB), by New Approach (Ire). Chukyo, 3-10, Cond. (£239k/€277k), 1400m, 1:23.6. B-Godolphin.

IN DUBAI:

Treasured Times (Ire), h, 5, **Teofilo (Ire)**--Last Resort (GB) (GSW-Eng, \$117,466), by Lahib. Abu Dhabi, 3-9, Hcp. (AED100k), 1600mT, 1:36.47, gd. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, AED122,100. O-Bouresly Racing Syndicate. B-Darley (Ire). T-Rashed Bouresly. *1/2 to Rebellion (GB) (Mozart {Ire}), MGSW-US, \$816,277. **£13,000 HRA '17 GOFJAN.

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IN SOUTH AFRICA:

Miss Frankel (SAf), f, 4, **Frankel (GB)**--Val de Ra (SAf) (Ch. Sprinter & MG1SW-SAf, \$257,644), by Var. Greyville, 3-10, Hcp., 1000mT, :56.76. O-Avontuur Estate (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Michael & Philip Taberer); B-Avontuur Thoroughbred Farm; T-Dennis Drier.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

Sunday, Chukyo, Japan

KINKO SHO-G2, ¥119,820,000
(US\$1,078,135/£828,315/€959,543), Chukyo, 3-10, 4yo/up, 2000mT, 2:00.10, gd.

1--**DANON PREMIUM (JPN)**, 123, c, 4, **Deep Impact (Jpn)**

1st Dam: Indiana Gal (Ire) (MSW & MGSP-Ire, \$319,044), by Intikhab

2nd Dam: Genial Jenny (Ire), by Danehill

3rd Dam: Joma Kaanem (Ire), by Double Form (Ire)

O-Danox Inc.; B-K.I. Farm (Jpn); T-Mitsumasa Nakauchida; J-Yuga Kawada; ¥62,924,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo Colt-Jpn, G1SW-Jpn, 6-5-0-0. **Werk Nick Rating: A++**. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Lys Gracieux (Jpn)**, 121, m, 5, Heart's Cry (Jpn)--Lilaside (Fr), by American Post (GB). O-Carrot Farm; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥25,264,000.

3--**Air Windsor (Jpn)**, 123, h, 5, King Kamehameha (Jpn)--Air Messiah (Jpn), by Sunday Silence. O-Lucky Field Inc.; B-Shadai Farm (Jpn); ¥16,132,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 3/4, 2HF. Odds: 2.50, 7.70, 2.00.

Also Ran: Persian Knight (Jpn), Al Ain (Jpn), Gibeon (Jpn), Muito Obrigado (Jpn), Suzuka Devious (Jpn), Mozu Katchan (Jpn), Tanino Frankel (Ire), Satono Walkure (Jpn), Shonan Bach (Jpn), Maitres d'Art (Jpn).

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Unbeaten as a juvenile with three wins including the G2 Saudi Arabia Royal Cup and the G1 Asahi Hai Futurity S., Danon Premium scored in his sophomore bow, the G2 Hoshi Hai Yayoi Sho in early March of last year. His winning streak was snapped when sixth stepping up to 2400 metres in the G1 Tokyo Yushun at the end of May, and the dark bay has been missing since.

G2 Kinko Sho Cont.

The 5-2 second choice promptly settled in a relaxed third while saving all the real estate against the rails past the winning post the first time and dropped back to fifth through 1400 metres in 1:25.50. He was traveling ominously well as the field fanned out in the home straight, angled into the three path and swept home an 1 1/4-length winner. Lys Gracieux rallied to take second, 3/4 of a length in front of 2-1 favourite Air Windsor.

Pedigree Notes

The 2017 Japanese champion juvenile colt, out of the Irish MSW & MGSP Indiana Gal, is followed by the placed 3-year-old filly Premium Gift (Jpn) (Orfevre {Jpn}). --HA

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Sunday, Hanshin, Japan

HOCHI HAI FILLIES' REVUE-G2, ¥100,920,000

(US\$908,074/£697,659/€808,188), Hanshin, 3-10, 3yo, f, 1400mT, 1:22.00, gd.

1--**NO ONE (JPN), 119, f, 3, Heart's Cry (Jpn)**

1st Dam: **Playgirl (Ire), by Caerleon**

2nd Dam: **Stage Struck (Ire), by Sadler's Wells**

3rd Dam: **Sun Princess (GB), by English Prince (Ire)**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN. O-Yoshinori Fujita; B-Tobino Farm (Jpn); T-Kazuhide Sasada; J-Ryusei Sakai; ¥37,355,000. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-3. **Werk Nick Rating: A.**

Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

1--**POURVILLE (JPN), 119, f, 3, Le Havre (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Kenhope (Fr) (Hwt. Older Mare-Ger at**

7-9 1/2f, SW-Ger, GSW & G1SP-Fr, G1SP-Eng, \$400,798), by Kendargen (Fr)

2nd Dam: **Bedford Hope (Ger), by Chato**

3rd Dam: **Bedford Flame (Ire), by Doulab**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN. O-Teruya Yoshida; B-Shadai Farm (Jpn); T-Yasushi Shono; J-Shinichiro Akiyama; ¥37,355,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-0. **Werk Nick Rating: A+.**

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3--**Juranville (Jpn), 119, f, 3, Kinshasa no Kiseki (Aus)--Ally, by Deputy Minister.** O-Minoru Murakami; B-Matsuura Farm (Jpn); ¥13,190,000.

Margins: DH, HF, HD. Odds: 19.60, 2.50, 12.10.

Also Ran: Iberis (Jpn), Meisho Keimei (Jpn), Ramiel (Jpn), A Will a Way (Jpn), Azuma Heritage (Jpn), Eighteen Girl (Jpn), Ho O Catherine (Jpn), Coeur et Sakura (Jpn), Coeur et Miyabi (Jpn), Water Eden (Jpn), Aster Ruby (Jpn), Red Anemos (Jpn), Love Me Fine (Jpn), Koko Fille (Jpn), Winter Lily (Jpn).

Click for the JRA chart and video or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree (No One) and the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree (Pourville).

DUBAI

JAHBATH POINTING TO UAE DERBY

The G2 UAE Derby at Meydan on Mar. 30 is the next target for Shekih Hamdan's **Jahbath (GB)** (Mukhadram {GB}) after his impressive victory in the "Road to the Kentucky Derby" Conditions S. at Kempton on Mar. 6. Since rounding off his juvenile year with successive wins at Kempton on Oct. 15 and Nov. 6, the Mukhadram colt has extended his unbeaten record on the all-weather to four with a runaway success at Southwell on Jan. 24. Trainer William Haggas feels his charge deserves to step up in class on Dubai World Cup night this month.

He said, "We hoped he'd win, and we were very pleased he did. Hopefully he's now booked his ticket to Dubai, and that [UAE Derby] is uppermost in our minds at the moment. He's not in the [GI] Kentucky Derby, but if he was to do something brilliant in Dubai then you never know."

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Date	Race	Track
Mar. 16	Flower Cup (G3)	Nakayama
	Falcon S. (G3)	Chukyo
Mar. 17	Spring S. (G2)	Nakayama
	Hanshin Daishoten (G2)	Hanshin
Mar. 23	Nikkei Sho (G2)	Nakayama
	Mainichi Hai (G3)	Hanshin
Mar. 24	March S. (G3)	Nakayama
	Takamatsunomiya Kinen (G1)	Chukyo
Mar. 30	Lord Derby Challenge Trophy (G3)	Nakayama
Mar. 31	Osaka Hai (G1)	Hanshin
Apr. 6	New Zealand Trophy (G2)	Nakayama
	Hanshin Himba S. (G2)	Hanshin

WIDDEN SECURES TRAPEZE ARTIST



Trapeze Artist | Bronwen Healy

by Bren O'Brien

In a deal nearly two years in the making, Widden Stud has confirmed that it will stand four-time Group 1 winning sprinter **Trapeze Artist** after the conclusion of his racing career. Managing owner and breeder of Trapeze Artist (Snitzel) Bert Vieira has been fielding interest to stand the star colt ever since his win in the 2017 G1 Golden Rose S. As his reputation built with success in the G1 TJ Smith S. and the G1 All Aged S. last autumn, so did the interest in his prospective breeding services.

After registering another Group 1 success with an all-the-way win in Saturday's G1 Canterbury S. it has been confirmed that Widden has won the race.

"He's been the horse that everyone has wanted," Widden proprietor Antony Thompson told *TDN AusNZ*. "We've spent a bit of time getting to know Bert and understanding what he wanted for the horse and we've come up with the right home for him. It's a deal that's fair for everyone."

Widden will look to highlight Trapeze Artist's record-breaking career in promoting him to the market. He has broken the track records in three of his four Group 1 wins, bettering Black Caviar's (Bel Esprit) Randwick 1200m record in his win in the TJ Smith, running the Randwick 1400m in the All Aged S. faster than any other horse and then setting new mark over 1300m in his most recent win. His other Group 1, the Golden Rose S. was won by a record margin.

"He is just the hottest young sire prospect in town, that's what he is. He could be a real breed-shaper," Thompson said. "He is a record-breaking racehorse. He's got unbelievable speed and is by a champion sire and he's got everything you want.

"You just don't come across a sire like that. Not only has he won four Group 1s, but the way he has done it. The times he has run and the way he's rated. He's it and a bit."

According to Timeform, Trapeze Artist is the highest-ever rated entire from the Redoute's Choice line and is the highest rated son of Snitzel. Trainer Gerald Ryan, who prepared Trapeze Artist's sire, says he is close to the best horse he has trained.

"He's the first horse I've ever won four Group 1s with. He's done it all the way. We never missed him as a 2-year-old. He won the Black Opal, went to the Golden Slipper and the Sires and he hasn't shied away from running against the best around," he told *Sky Sports Radio*. "He's a great-natured horse. He's easy to have around the place. He doesn't cause any concern and he's up there with the best, if not the best, I've ever had."

Thompson said it was satisfying to have secured such a stallion to stand alongside the likes Zoustar, Star Witness and Nicconi.

"We've been working on this for a long time and it's been a couple of years in the making and we've always had a really keen interest in standing him at Widden," he said.

A service fee will be confirmed once his racing career is completed and Thompson said that would be determined by the trainer and the owner.

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Managing owner/breeder Bert Vieira & trainer Gerald Ryan

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Widden Secures Trapeze Artist Cont. from p1

"That's up to Bert and Gerald. At this stage they are focused on winning the TJ again and that would be some feat," he said.

Ryan said that the plan was to tackle the two races he won last year before considering whether he may go to England.

"We are going to take it race by race. He will go to the TJ Smith and the All Aged. That will be it for Australia for him. If he goes to Ascot, we'll see. He's been inoculated and nothing has been set in concrete about Ascot yet," he said.

Widden Still Basking in Sunlight

The news comes after a huge weekend for Widden, with the filly it bred from the first crop of the rising star stallion Zoustar, **Sunlight**, winning the G1 Newmarket H. at Flemington on Saturday. Thompson, whose wife Katie is in the ownership of Sunlight, remains amazed by what the filly has achieved, having won nine of her 14 starts, including two Group 1s and over A\$3.8m in prizemoney.

"She's one of the best for a 3-year old filly. I can only compare the likes Alinghi (Encosta De Lago), who was able to do what she's done," Thompson said. "To do it at 2 and 3 against the boys and the older horses, it's pretty special. She's certainly right up there in the history books as one of the best. It's pretty special for her sire and for her to come along in his first crop in

quite an achievement."

**IN HONG KONG:**

Champion's Way, g, 3, **Hinchinbrook**--Greta's Yarn, by Redoute's

Choice. Sha Tin, 3-10, Hcp. (\$250k), 1200mT, 1:09.54. B-G Bunt (NSW). *\$150,000 Ylg '17 INGFEF. **Remained perfect in three starts. **VIDEO**

Winner Supreme, g, 3, **Rothsay**--Little Big Horse, by Falvelon.

Sha Tin, 3-10, Hcp. (\$166k), 1200m (AWT), 1:09.23. B-Ms S Wheelahan (NSW). *\$20,000 Ylg '17 MMMAR. **VIDEO**

Multimillion, g, 4, **Tycoon Ruler**--Get A Life, by Sequalo. Sha Tin, 3-10, Hcp. (\$250k), 1000mT, :57.02. B-Mr R A & Mrs M Frappell (Qld). *\$35,000 Ylg '16 MMMAR. **VIDEO**

Wishful Thinker, g, 5, **I Am Invincible**--Zebitheia, by Barathea (Ire). Sha Tin, 3-10, Hcp. (\$475k), 1200mT, 1:10.06. B-J Davies (Qld). *Formerly Katsuro (Aus). **GSP-HK. ***\$80,000 Ylg '15 MMMAR; \$120,000 RNA 2yo '15 INGRTR. **VIDEO**



Trapeze Artist (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}) will stand at Widden Stud upon retirement. | Bronwen Healy

IN SINGAPORE:

Vittoria Perfetta, g, 3, **Zoustar**--Admiring (MGSP-Aus, \$271,300), by Street Cry (Ire). Kranji, 3-10, Restricted Maiden (\$77k), 1400mT, 1:23.53. B-G & G Bloodstock Australia Pty Ltd (WA). *1/2 to Miss Admiration (Sebring), GSW & MG1SP-Aus, \$302,545. **\$230,000 Ylg '17 INGFEb. **VIDEO**

Top Knight, g, 3, **Zoustar**--Nero Cavallo, by Charnwood Forest (Ire). Kranji, 3-10, Hcp. (\$72k), 1400mT, 1:22.75. B-Elswick Stud (NSW). *\$65,000 Ylg '17 MMMAR; \$130,000 2yo '17 MMGC2YO. **VIDEO**

Cloud Shadow, g, 4, **Beautiful Crown (USA)**--Lady of Love, by Lago Delight. Kranji, 3-10, Open Maiden (\$21k), 1400mT, 1:24.15. B-Ascot Heath Pty Ltd (NSW). *1/2 to Peggy Jean (Myboycharlie {Ire}), G1SW-Aus, \$920,525. **\$45,000 Ylg '16 MMGCYS; NZ\$200,000 2yo '16 NZBRTR. **VIDEO**

I'm Incredible, g, 5, **Lope de Vega (Ire)**--Moment In Time (MGSW & G1SP-Aus, \$593,205), by Archway (Ire). Kranji, 3-10, Hcp. (\$39k), 1600mT, 1:35.80. B-Patinack Farm (NSW). *Formerly Miraculous Moment. **1/2 to In A Twinkling (Fastnet Rock), G1SP-NZ, US\$170,098. ***NZ\$260,000 Ylg '16 NZBJAN. **VIDEO**

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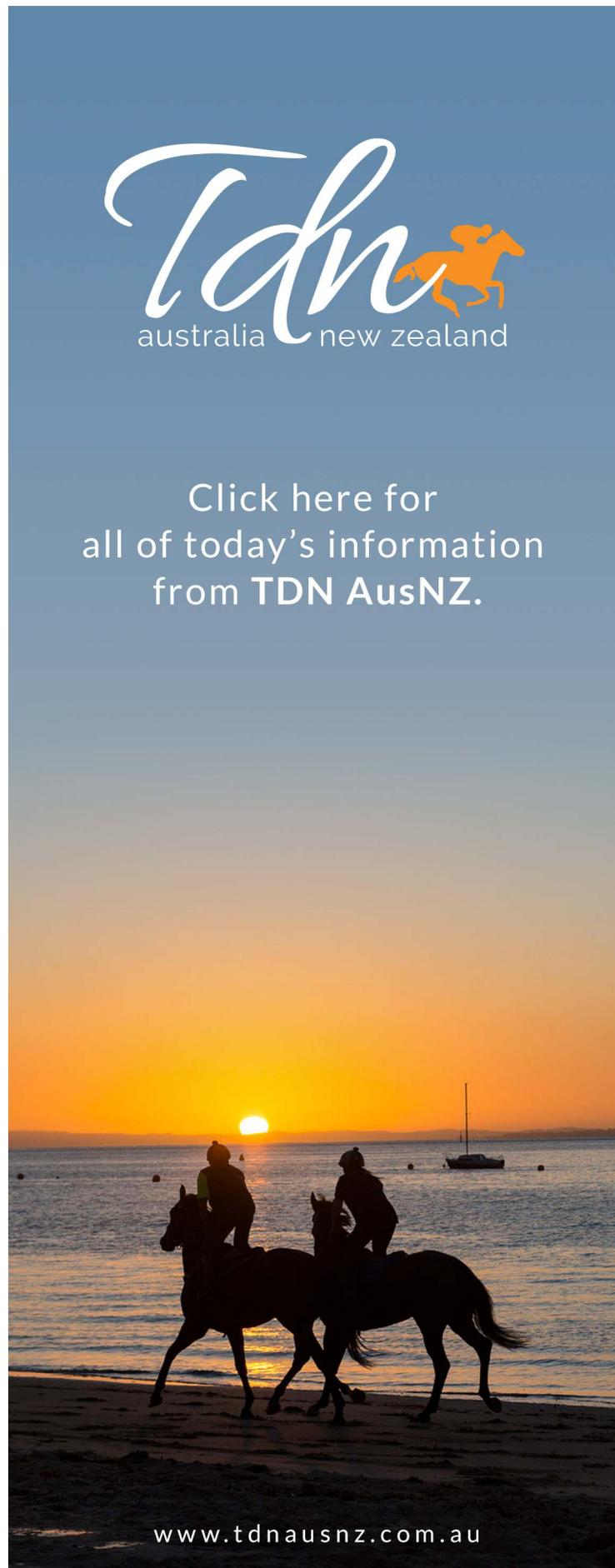
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Mar. 22	William Reid S.	Moonee Valley
Mar. 23	Golden Slipper S.	Rosehill
	George Ryder S.	Rosehill
	Ranvet S.	Rosehill
	The Galaxy	Rosehill
	Rosehill Guineas	Rosehill
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