

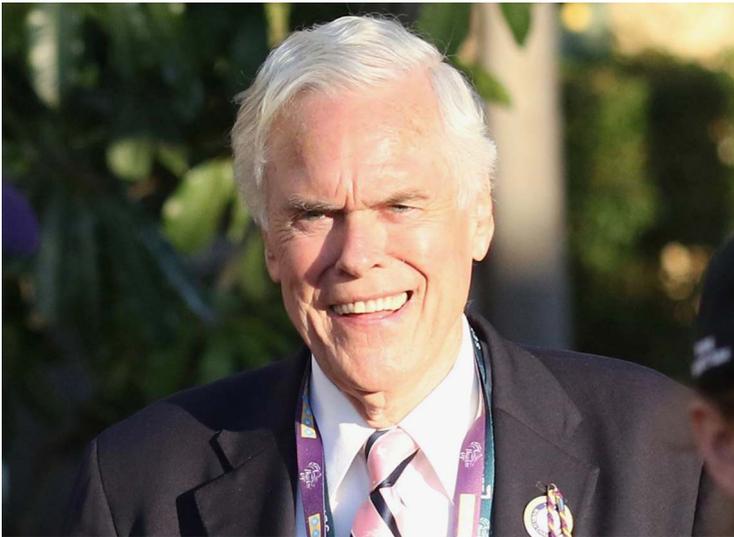


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## 'DOC' A JUDDMONTE LINCHPIN FROM THE BEGINNING



Dr. John Chandler | ThoroStride photo

by Chris McGrath

This is Part I of a wide-ranging interview to be concluded in next week's TDN.

"I've seen too much to know anything," said Dr. John Chandler. "I really have. I've seen horses raised on tennis courts that turned out to be multiple Group 1 winners. They never saw a blade of grass, they were practically fed oats and lawn clippings. And I've seen horses that spent half their life in stalls with screws in their leg, come out and win multiple group races. You know, they always say the longer you do, the less you know."

That, right there, is pretty much the definition of Socratic wisdom. The more you know, the more you realize how little you know. But after more than half a century working with Thoroughbreds--as a veterinarian; as the husband of another venerable achiever; and as the linchpin of one of the greatest breeding operations in history--Chandler has left very few acres of the turf uncharted. His conversation, though reliably sieved through humor and self-deprecation, is strewn with insights arising from his intimacy with some of the great names of the modern era, on two legs and four.

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## GASPARELLI ADDS PINHOOKING TO HIS RACING PORTFOLIO by Jessica Martini

Steve Gasparelli admits his passion is for racing, but the California native has ventured into the pinhooking realm this spring and, along with Scott Dowell, will offer a pair of juvenile fillies next Wednesday at the Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream Selected 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale. Through Tom McCrocklin's consignment, the partners have entered a filly by Into Mischief ([hip 139](#)) and a daughter of Broken Vow ([hip 164](#)).

"I'm pretty much new to it this year," Gasparelli said of pinhooking. "I'm just kind of doing it to supplement my racing company. I've got about 25 horses in my Slugo Stable and this time of year--especially with the stuff going on at Santa Anita--there is not too much going on. So it's another way to supplement the racing budget." **Cont. p7**

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The sun rises over the infield at Turfway Park in Florence, KY. | Patrycja Szpyra

**CASSE AT PEACE WITH BEING THE HUNTED**

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Mark Casse sends out **War of Will** (War Front) as the clear favorite in Saturday's GII Louisiana Derby and a win there could make him the favorite on the First Saturday in May as well.

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Jen Roytz writes about the New Orleans Bourbon Festival, which is being held in conjunction with the GII Louisiana Derby this year.

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**Dr. Chandler cont. from p1**

When he joined his Juddmonte colleagues in the winner's circle at the Breeders' Cup last fall, first with **Expert Eye (GB)** (Acclamation {GB}) and then with **Enable (GB)** (Nathaniel {Ire}), he represented a cherished incarnation of the years of patience and skill underpinning the families developed by Prince Khalid Abdullah. Some other key contributors had long since moved on from Juddmonte, like James Delahooke, Guy Harwood and Tony Chapman; others, sadly, had been taken from us prematurely, like Bobby Frankel and Sir Henry Cecil. But here was the abiding link: a constant sounding board, virtually since an unknown, softly spoken Saudi prince first started buying yearlings through Humphrey Cottrill in the late 1970s.

Cottrill only picked up the commission because another agent of the old school had turned it down. Wally Swinburn was riding for an owner in India who told him that he had an Arabian friend

keen to buy some horses. Swinburn went to George Blackwell and said, "George, I've got this little Arab who wants to buy a few horses." And Blackwell replied, "Oh, I don't know. He's going to buy cheap horses, won't pay his bills. I'll pass."

The Prince would actually give Blackwell the chance to redeem that misjudgement a few years later. In the meantime, however, on Cottrill's retirement he turned to Delahooke--for whom Chandler was already vetting horses at the American sales.

Even as late as the mid-seventies, doing this had already put his clients ahead of the game.

"Not only were they not vetting horses, they weren't even walking them," Chandler recalled. "They'd bring the horse out of the stall.

Stand him there. Walk around him. Look him up and down, and put him back in the stall. But then Ray Barnes came over and started walking them, and then so did Tom Cooper and Vincent [O'Brien]." **Cont. p4**



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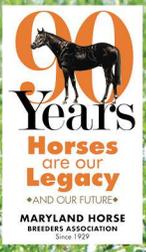
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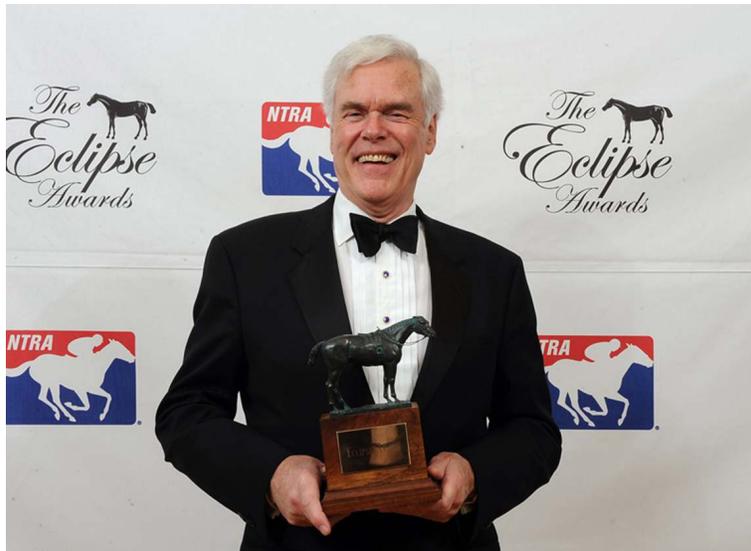
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Chandler had become good friends with Barnes during a stint in Newmarket. So it was natural for them to reconnect when Chandler moved to Kentucky. Barnes started coming to Keeneland and, naturally, Barnes recommended his local man once Delahooke and Harwood began shopping there too. Their patron took to Chandler, and in 1982 put him on a retainer. So began an association that has hitherto seen Chandler serve 33 years as president of Juddmonte's U.S. division.

There was already a connection, to be fair, in that the Prince's American mares had been boarding--pending acquisition of a local farm, the same year--at Mill Ridge, which had been built up from the parcel of Chandler's father-in-law's Hal Price Headley's historic Beaumont Farm inherited by his wife Alice.

Chandler had met Alice after joining Ed Fallon's veterinary practice in Lexington. Fallon's father had been the Beaumont farm manager and Mill Ridge, in turn, became his principal client.



Chandler representing Juddmonte at the Eclipse Awards *Horsephotos*

"I came out with Ed to examine some mares," Chandler recalled. "And she got in the front seat of the car, a good-looking woman, and horsey. My kind of woman. Very smart. She knew what she wanted, and how to manage a farm. She'd obviously learned from her father, who was one of the smartest fellas. We sort of built it up together--but what made our life so good, I think, was the fact that she had Mill Ridge, and was running it her way, and I had Juddmonte, running it my way."

Though largely raised and educated in urban Pretoria, Chandler had never had the slightest doubt about his vocation.

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**Dr. Chandler cont.**

“I can remember, ever since I was about five or six, saying I was going to be a vet,” he said. “I was just very much taken, from afar, with horses. When I was in college, I started to go racing a lot. Then this man I'd done something for, he had this filly out of training that was no good, so he gave her to me. My friends from veterinary school would go over with me and watch her work. They'd say, ‘You better bring your kitchen clock to time her.’ But I sort of created an image for myself that I was the horse student. If there was an interesting clinical case coming to the clinic, they'd say, ‘Go and find Chandler, he might be interested in this.’”

He learned much from holidays working on the Birch brothers' farm in the Eastern Cape, Sydney Birch in particular proved to be a valuable mentor.

“They had very strict rules in South Africa about bleeding,” he recalled. “If a horse bled twice in a race he was ruled off permanently. And there were no bleeding medications, or anything like that. So one or two of those were given to me [by the Birch family]. And I would take them up to the bush, in the Northern Transvaal, and race them.

“They'd race on Boxing Day, so on Christmas night I would get on the train with the horse, a four or five-hour ride. And a friend of mine had a pick-up truck, and we'd put the horse in the back and take him off to the races. I remember once I was third in the

first race, at 11:00, and then won the sixth race at 5:00--with the same horse. They just cleared a track in the bush. When I say bush, it was a real jungle. I mean, there were lions and things around. It's wild country up there.”

On graduating, Chandler spent £50 for a passage on the Southern Cross from Cape Town to Southampton. It was 1964, a golden time to be exploring Europe with friends. When the money ran out, he found a junior position under Fred Day in the premier veterinary practice in Newmarket. The three years he spent there served as a fulcrum between his native land, and education, and the new life he would forge for himself in the Bluegrass. For instance, he became fast friends with Cecil Boyd-Rochfort's stepson and assistant: a young man named Henry Cecil.

“Henry was one of my drinking buddies,” Chandler said. “I used to go up to Freemason Lodge in the evening and we used to sit and complain how downtrodden us assistants were. With Henry, and his brother David, who was at Plantation Stud, we used to have a good party circuit.” He paused and smiled “A very good party circuit.”

Neither Cecil nor Chandler could know the professional dividends that would ultimately accrue from their frolics. In the meantime, Chandler was intent on broadening his horizons once again.

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**Dr. Chandler cont.**



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After a December sale, he hitched a ride to the U.S. in an air freighter with 30 broodmares and then jumped in a van taking one of them to Kentucky. Here he had an introduction to Professor Jack Bryans, an equine researcher at the University of Kentucky, who introduced him to his brother-in-law: Ed Fallon. The two hit it off at once and--after criss-crossing the nation with a 99-day, \$99 Greyhound bus pass--Chandler was offered a job in Fallon's practice, Hagyard, Davidson and McGee.

One way or another, then, by the time he fell into step with Delahooke and Harwood and their polite, elegant Saudi patron, Chandler had established an unusually cosmopolitan eligibility. Juddmonte also benefited from the day-to-day services of Walter Zent, one of the world's leading reproductive vets; while Michael Youngs offered valued matings counsel. In due course, Tony Chapman would play an important role, not least in the purchase of the Newmarket farm, Banstead Manor. Above all, however, Chandler stresses the good early fortune of having Delahooke's shortlists.

"James had ultimate confidence in himself, but was entitled to it," he said. "He had a great eye. He'd look at two yearlings that, to me, were very similar. And he'd say, 'That's a racehorse, and that's not.' And he was right, so many times. Of course we bought some duds too. But he was a hell of a judge."

From the outset, the idea was to establish families.

"It was a very small operation those days," Chandler said. "In 1980, there was a handful of mares. I think it was '81 that **Known Fact** had gone to stud. Then when he bought the farm here from Dr. Schnapka and there were 18 broodmares that came with it--including **Fleet Girl** [fourth dam of Enable]. And then we bought a few young fillies, like **Bahamian** [third dam of Kingman]."

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**Chandler with the late Bobby Frankel in 2003** | *Horsephotos*

**Rockfest**, third dam of **Frankel**, came in a private package from Jock Whitney, who had horses with the Prince's first trainer Jeremy Tree; while **Sookera**, granddam of the Juddmonte legend **Hasili**, was acquired from Robert Sangster.

"But we bought very few mares, really," Chandler reflected. "**Image Of Reality**, she threw **Toussaud**. She was a dumb mare, Image To Reality. But Toussaud was dumb times crazy. She was something else, Toussaud."

Something else is right. Literally so--as that's another story, along with her late trainer, Bobby Frankel, and the champion subsequently named in his honor. We'll resume with those in the second part of this interview next week.

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**The mighty Frankel at Juddmonte** | *Juddmonte photo*

**Gasparelli cont. from p1**



**Estrechada** | *Sarah Andrew*

Gasparelli, who owns a medical disposable supplies company based in Chino, started his Slugo Stable just six years ago, but he has been a lifelong fan of the sport.

"My grandfather loved the track and brought me there when I was really young," he said. "We'd go to Santa Anita, Del Mar and Los Alamitos and Hollywood Park. I always loved it and wanted to own horses, but I was always too busy. I started a company and did pretty well and I sold it to another public company. And then I had the funds to do it and I was semi-retired, so I had the time."

Gasparelli teamed up with childhood friend Scott Dowell, who along with wife Julie, own Paymaster Racing, when the two realized their interests overlapped.

"I've been doing [racing] for six years and I think Scott's been doing it for about five," Gasparelli said. "We just kind of hooked up about 2 1/2 or three years ago. We're from the same area and knew each other since we were young. We didn't even plan it, but he saw me and it was one of those things, 'How many horses do you have?' and 'How many do you have?' Our wives know each other and hang out, so we decided to claim a few together. Then we went to the sale last year together with Tom McCrocklin. And that was the plan going forward, that we'd have some horses for our own stable and some horses together."

Each of the partners has a graded stakes win to their credit, with Slugo Racing winning last year's GIII Fasig-Tipton Waya S. with **Estrechada** (Arg) (Offlee Wild) and Paymaster Racing taking the 2017 GIII San Juan Capistrano S. with **Inordinate** (Harlan's Holiday). In partnership, they campaign first-out maiden winner **Big Scott Daddy** (Scat Daddy), who was recently fourth in the Pasadena S. **Cont. p8**

**Gasparelli cont.**Scott Dowell | *Benoit*

“I proposed [pinhooking] to the guys last year,” Gasparelli said. “When things get slow and it’s the start of the year and we have a lot of 2-year-olds, we wanted to get just a little bit more diversified.”

Gasparelli, who purchased five yearlings last year, offered his first pinhooking prospect at auction earlier this month at the OBS March Sale where he RNA’d a filly by Mclean’s Music for \$95,000. The youngster had been an \$85,000 Fasig-Tipton July yearling.

“I could have sold her, that was more than I bought her for, but I thought she was worth more than that, so I’m going to race her,” Gasparelli explained. “I bought two colts at Keeneland and one of them we’re going to race for sure and the other we might pinhook.”

That same philosophy will apply to the two fillies the partners send through the sales ring at Gulfstream. The Into Mischief filly is out of Specification (Empire Maker), a half-sister to Grade I winner Skimming (Nureyev). She was purchased for \$450,000 at the Keeneland September Yearling Sale. The Broken Vow filly is out of Whirl (Curlin), a full-sister to graded stakes winner Pacific Wind and half to graded stakes winner Strike a Deal (Smart Strike). She was a \$300,000 purchase at the September sale.

“These two fillies, who were kind of high-priced fillies, we are probably leaning more to pinhook if they bring good money,” Gasparelli said. “But if they don’t we’re definitely going to race them in California.”

Of the price tags on the two fillies, Gasparelli added, “We were at Keeneland a few days before the sale and we were going through and looking at all the horses. McCrocklin is our guy to go through and pick out horses that he thinks can, 1) and 1A), pinhook well and/or run well. And he’s a really good judge of horses. We went into it eyes open. ‘If we get this horse for a

good bargain, we’ll pinhook it. If it doesn’t bring what we want, we’ll race it.’ Did we expect to spend that much money? Not really. But they looked like good pinhook prospects and they looked like good racing prospect as well. So they kind of had all the things we were looking for.”

Gasparelli admitted that, while pinhooking may help pay some bills, racing his stock is really where his heart lies.

“I want to race almost everything we get,” he said. “It breaks my heart [to sell]. I get attached to the horses pretty easily. Mike Puype trains all of my horses and he obviously doesn’t want to pinhook anything, he wants to race everything. But financially, it’s a way that, if you can get the home run, if you can pick a filly or a colt out as a yearling and they look like they have upside and it turns out you can get good money, you do it.”

Gasparelli’s love of racing isn’t limited to horses. He also drives and owns Top Alcohol Funny Cars on drag racing’s National Hot Rod Association circuit.

“I own a race team,” Gasparelli confirmed. “My father did racing when I was a little kid and I started driving in 1997. I’m still doing that.”

Asked if he finds similarities between racing cars and horses, he said, “I think the whole thing is competition. I can’t bet on my cars, but it’s the competition that drives me to do it. I think horse racing is a little more expensive at the level I’m doing it, but the rewards are bigger, too—if you’re successful. But it’s not about the money anymore, it’s more the competition.”

The under-tack show for the Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream sale will be Monday, beginning at 9 a.m. The sale will be held Wednesday in the Gulfstream paddock, beginning at 2 p.m.

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## CASSE AT PEACE WITH BEING THE ‘HUNTED,’ NOT ‘THE HUNTER’ by Alan Carasso



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When asked where he thinks Gary Barber’s **War of Will** (War Front) falls in the pecking order among this year’s Classic crop, trainer Tom Amoss did not mince any words.

“I think he is not only the horse to beat on Saturday, he is the horse to beat the first Saturday of May if he continues the way he’s going,” the well-respected conditioner told media assembled for an NTRA teleconference Tuesday afternoon.

Amoss will send out **Roiland** (Successful Appeal) in Saturday’s \$1-million GII Louisiana Derby, attempting to improve on his third-place effort in the GII Risen Star S. five weeks ago. But make no mistake--War of Will, who sits in pole position among the **TDN Triple Crown Top 12**, is the one they’re all gunning for. For his part, trainer Mark Casse is happy to have to deal with the pressure.

“I think right now it’s kind of our race to win or lose,” he said, referring to the Run for the Roses, now fewer than seven weeks away. “He’s got to come and give a big performance again [Saturday], everybody is going to be watching him. I think if he were to win Saturday and do it impressively, it would be tough to not make him the favorite.

Casse continued, “I think I’m happy to be the one they have to beat. It means you’ve accomplished a lot. A lot of people say you don’t want to be the favorite--I’ll take being the favorite every time, because then you’re supposed to have a better shot of winning. We’ve been down this road before, we can take it. Does it make me a little more nervous? Yeah, maybe a tad bit.”

### CASSE AT THE DERBY

Year	Horse	\$Odds	Derby Finish
2006	Seaside Retreat	52.50	10th
2012	Prospective	57.90	18th
2015	Danzig Moon	22.60	5th
2017	Classic Empire	6.80	4th
	State of Honor	54.00	19th
2018	Flameaway	37.50	13th

As has been well documented, War of Will, a \$175,000 Keeneland September yearling buyback turned €250,000 Arqana May Breeze-Up purchase, made the first four starts of his career on the grass, earning a Grade I placing in the Summer S. But since switching to the main track off a deceptively good fifth in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf, nothing has come close to him. After defeating the re-opposing **Hog Creek Hustle** (Overanalyze) by four solid lengths in the GIII Lecomte S. in January, he overcame gate 13 to best **‘TDN Rising Star’ Country House** (Lookin At Lucky) and Roiland by 2 1/4 lengths in the GII Risen Star S. Feb. 16.

It’s on to Churchill, all things equal, following the Louisiana Derby, but Casse is not bothered by the spacing of the race to the Kentucky Derby.

“Honestly, it’s a little farther than I’d normally like, but that’s the bad news,” he said. “The good news is this horse is so easy to train and he does whatever you want him to do, we can easily adapt. We haven’t done a lot of big works with him between [the Risen Star and the Louisiana Derby], average for him. You’ll see us pick up the pace with him a little, we’ll put a couple of stronger breezes into him. But I’m not worried, the six weeks isn’t going to be a problem at all.”

And, despite having already secured his spot in the Derby field, there will be no ‘four-corners’ offense for Team Casse, neither is he lacking for confidence.



Mark Casse | Sarah Andrew

“We’re going to ask him, we’re going there to win,” Casse said. “It’s a big race, it’s a million dollars, he has a reputation to keep. We’re not going in there thinking we’re going to get beat, we’re going to be trying just as hard as we can.”

Tyler Gaffalione has the mount Saturday and Casse said there is no need for any agent representing ‘bigger-name’ riders to come calling.

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**Casse cont.**

“Gary [Barber]’s feeling and my feeling is that Tyler is as good as they are,” Casse said, referring to the likes of Hall of Famers John Velazquez and Javier Castellano. “I have not one bit of concern. There’s never been any thought at all to make a change. He may be young, but he’s got a mind of steel and I am not worried one iota that he will give us a great effort. He has the utmost confidence in the horse as well.”

**Country House Has Mott in Uncharted Waters...**

Country House | Lauren King

That the Bafferts, Browns and Pletchers of the training trade could send multiple runners into a race like the Kentucky Derby would surprise no one. But Bill Mott?

The Hall of Famer has started a total of eight horses in the first leg of the Triple Crown, and when Juddmonte Farms’ Hofburg (Tapit)--Mott’s first Derby runner in nine years--crossed the line seventh last May, it represented his best finish in the race. In the form of a pair of Juddmonte gallopers--‘**Rising Star**’ Hidden Scroll (Hard Spun) and recent GII Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby hero Tacitus (Tapit)--as well as Country House, he could have as many as three horses in the Derby field.

“I think we’ve been pleasantly surprised,” Mott said. “Since the first of the year, if you take Tacitus and Country House, they were big, tall rangy individuals, good-sized horses that took some time to come around. Horses that didn’t really show a lot in the middle of last summer, they were still kind of getting it together. Neither one of those were horses that we would have even considered running at the Saratoga meet. We sort of had them identified as horses we would probably wait until September/October time and run them at Belmont and Aqueduct in the fall. That’s the way it worked out for them. As they got closer to racing, they started showing a little bit more and showed us some good things in their first two races.”

Country House is perhaps the least likely to have emerged as a Derby candidate.

“He was very slow to come around, he really wasn’t showing a lot,” Mott explained. “His works were like a half-mile in :50, very workmanlike kind of works, but nothing that really wowed you. We knew he needed to go further, so the first time we ran him, I put him on the turf to get the distance and to see a race on the grass and that didn’t pan out very well. I wheeled him back on the dirt and he ran second and showed some run and a lot of promise in that second race.”

Country House belied odds of 49-1 to finish second in a one-mile Aqueduct maiden Dec. 1, then overcame a slow start, a sluggish pace and a wide passage around the second turn to graduate and earn his ‘**Rising Star**’ at Gulfstream Jan. 17. He exits a green second to War of Will in the Risen Star and most recently drilled a half-mile in the company of the G1 Dubai World Cup-bound Yoshida (Jpn) (Heart’s Cry {Jpn}) in :49 3/5 at Payson Park Jan. 17.

“They’re a very good team, they worked well together,” Mott said. “Country House tends to be a little bit of a lazy horse in his workouts. They breezed the week before together and I thought they went very well together. It seems like Yoshida was able to push Country House along a little bit and give him good company. One worked equally well as the other and I was very pleased. They finished up well together and galloped out well together.”

Luis Saez has a return call aboard Country House, who is drawn two spots to the outside of War of Will in gate eight Saturday afternoon.

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## NEW ORLEANS BOURBON FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS LOUISIANA DERBY WEEK

by Jen Roytz

Typically it's Lexington that's known for combining fast horses and smooth bourbon, but this week The Big Easy is putting both front and center, playing host to not only the GII Louisiana Derby, but the New Orleans Bourbon Festival.

Presented by Beam Suntory on March 20-23, the New Orleans Bourbon Festival will be a coming together of many of the world's finest bourbons and New Orleans finest cuisines, as well as live music, culture and more.

“The New Orleans Bourbon Festival couldn't come at a better time with the Louisiana Derby happening the same week,” said Tracy Napolitano, who, along with his wife, brought the festival to the area three years ago in an effort to connect the city with bourbon's Kentucky and French roots.

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**New Orleans Bourbon Festival cont.**

Napolitano continued, “We will have seminars with legendary distillers from around the country, many of whom are based in Kentucky, bourbon pairing dinners at some of the city’s top restaurants, fine bourbon and cuisine tastings and more.”

The festival’s schedule includes the V. I. P. Bourbon and Burlesque Show, “From Bourbon Street to Bourbon Country - The Ultimate Road Trip Experience,” the Bourbon Women V.I.P Lounge and the Jim Beam Bourbon Brawl, a cocktail-crafting competition featuring bartenders from around the country. The festival will also include tastings and seminars, as well as bourbon and dinner pairings at many of the city’s top restaurants.

“Kentucky is considered both bourbon and horse country, but this week New Orleans is going to take that title,” said Hayley Amoss of Estes Public Relations. The daughter of trainer Tom Amoss handles public relations for the Festival on behalf of the Louisville-based PR firm. “Those who are coming to town for a few days for the races and are looking for something to do have the opportunity to meet bourbon legends, attend seminars and enjoy bourbon tastings before they head to the track to watch one of the Kentucky Derby’s largest prep races.”

For more information on the New Orleans Bourbon Festival or to purchase tickets to any of the special events, click [here](#).

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**OBS SPRING SALE CATALOG ONLINE**

The catalogue for the Ocala Breeders Sales Company’s Spring Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training is now online at [www.obssales.com](http://www.obssales.com). A total of 1,221 juveniles have been cataloged for the four-day auction will be held Apr. 23 through 26. Sessions will begin daily at 10:30 a.m.

The under-tack show for the sale will be held Apr. 15-20. All six sessions will begin at 8 a.m.

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**JEFF LOWE JOINS WEST POINT THOROUGHBREDS**

Long-time turf writer and publicist Jeff Lowe has joined West Point Thoroughbreds in a communications and marketing role.

“Jeff brings so much experience to the table, as a turf writer and with the partnership model, that will help take us to the next level in providing our partners with great communication and content,” West Point CEO Terry Finley said. “I have known Jeff for many years and am excited to have him on board our team.”

Lowe joins the group after seven years in a similar position at Team Valor International. He previously spent nine years at *Thoroughbred Times* and also has been a contributing writer at *America’s Best Racing*, *Thoroughbred Commentary*, *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* and *North American Trainer*.

“I love horse racing and working for a company that helps people experience it as racehorse owners and at a high level is a true dream job,” said Lowe, who will be based in Lexington, Kentucky.

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**NBCSN PRESENTS EXCLUSIVE LA DERBY COVERAGE**

NBCSN will provide live coverage of Saturday’s GII Louisiana Derby at 5:30 p.m. It will be hosted by Ahmed Fareed with Jerry Bailey and Randy Moss. The race coverage will be followed by a new *Road to the Kentucky Derby* series at 6:30 p.m. with the first of four 30-minute episodes. It will feature country star and horse owner Toby Keith and owner Sol Kumin.

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## STARR BEAR DELIVERS FILLY ON FOAL PATROL

Donald Disney homebred **Starr Bear** (Broken Vow) delivered a filly by First Dude at 9:50 p.m. Mar. 18 as part of the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame's Foal Patrol Season 2. She is the fifth of eight Foal Patrol mares to deliver thus far. Lassofthemohicans (Indian Charlie) at Denali Stud is expected to foal next. Her due date is Mar. 25.

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## MINNESOTA RACING COMMISSION APPROVES 2019 COMMISSION STEWARDS

The Minnesota Racing Commission has appointed David Hooper, David Smith and Stanley Bowker to the Canterbury Park Board of Stewards for its 2019 race meet.

Hooper, one of last year's Pete Pedersen award recipients for dedicated service and special contributions to the horse racing industry, has been involved in horse racing for more than 50 years, with more than 20 years as a regulator. This also will be his fifth meet as chief steward at Canterbury.

Smith has been a part of the racing industry for more than 30 years and has served as a Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse steward and Standardbred judge at 11 tracks around the country.

Bowker, another 2018 Pete Pedersen recipient, returns to Shakopee after serving as Vice-President and General Manager of Canterbury Downs in 1984. Bowker is currently chief steward at Oaklawn Park.

"The Minnesota Racing Commission is proud to have a board of stewards who have demonstrated professional excellence, integrity and benevolent consideration in the performance of their duties, both here in Minnesota and across the country," said Tom DiPasquale, Minnesota Racing Commission Executive Director. "Their knowledge and experience will continue our dedication to the integrity of the racing program here in Minnesota."

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## Sunday, Gavea, Brazil

**GRANDE PREMIO DIANA-G1**, BRZ\$134,6400, Gavea, 3-17, 3yo, f, 2000mT, 2:03.13, sf.

1--**GAIVINA (BRZ)**, 125, f, 3, **Gone Astray**

**1st Dam: Calandra, by Put It Back**

**2nd Dam: Kuda, by Strawberry Road (Aus)**

**3rd Dam: Tangaroa (Arg), by Tan Pronto**

**1ST GROUP WIN. 1ST GROUP 1 WIN.** O/B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras (Brz); T-C. Oliveira; J-V. Gil. Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-0.

**Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#). Werk Nick Rating: A++.**

2--**Naomi Broadway (Brz)**, 125, f, 3, Salto (Ire)--Via Broadway (Brz), by Northern Afleet. O/B-Haras Do Morro (Brz); T-L. Esteves.

3--**Grandeza (Brz)**, 125, f, 3, Put It Back--Vanua Levu (Brz), by Wild Event. O/B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras (Brz); T-C. Oliveira.

Margins: 3/4, NK, 3 3/4. Odds: 1.60, 23.80, 1.60.

Also Ran: Pineapple Pie (Brz), Midsummer Rain (Brz), Perigoosa (Brz), Lisboeta (Brz), Kassie's Angel (Brz), Ray Grass (Brz), Little Bad Girl (Brz). **Click for the [Gavea chart and video](#) or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).**

## Sunday, Gavea, Brazil

### GRANDE PREMIO FRANCISCO EDUARDO DE PAULA

**MACHADO-G1**, BRZ\$112,200, Gavea, 3-17, 3yo, c, 2000mT, 2:02.57, sf.

1--**TAKSIM (BRZ)**, 125, c, 3, **Discreet Cat**

**1st Dam: Taverne (Brz), by Torrential**

**2nd Dam: Tatushka (Brz), by Sunny's Halo**

**3rd Dam: Tanzania (Brz), by Zirkel (Brz)**

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN. 1ST GROUP 1 WIN.** O/B-Carlos dos Santos (Brz); T-Morgado Neto; J-Jorge Ricardo. Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-2. \*1/2 to Tattinger (Brz) (Ivoire {Brz}), GSP-Brz. **Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#). Werk Nick Rating: A.**

2--**Leviatan (Brz)**, 125, c, 3, Shanghai Bobby--Baronesa Esteem (Brz), by Mark of Esteem (Ire). O/B-Stud Eternamente Rio (Brz); T-L. Esteves.

3--**Olympic Icecream (Brz)**, 125, c, 3, **Discreet Cat**--Adios Goodbye (Brz), by Northern Afleet. O/B-Haras Regina (Brz); T-P.S. de Deus.

Margins: 2 3/4, 2 1/4, NK. Odds: 5.90, 2.80, 4.60.

Also Ran: Galaxy Runner (Brz), Jet Lag (Brz), Gol na Certa (Brz), Acteon Gaucho (Brz), Olympic Ipswich (Brz), Pallito (Brz), Medjugorje (Brz), Turkish (Brz), Garbo (Brz), Stylish (Brz), Forjado de Ouro (Brz), Dark Bobby (Brz).

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**Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 6:13 p.m. EDT**

**TWINSPIRES.COM LOUISIANA DERBY S.-GII, \$1,000,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Roiland	Successful Appeal	James & Mary Durlacher	Amoss	Graham	122
2	Lemniscate	Exchange Rate	Susan Moulton & Magdalena Racing	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	122
3	Limonite 	Lemon Drop Kid	Winchell Thoroughbreds & Willis Horton Racing	Asmussen	Ortiz	122
4	Sueno 	Atreides	Silverton Hill LLC	Desormeaux	Lanerie	122
5	By My Standards	Goldencents	Allied Racing Stable, LLC	Calhoun	Saez	122
6	War of Will 	War Front	Gary Barber	Casse	Gaffalione	122
7	Mr. Money 	Goldencents	Allied Racing Stable, LLC	Calhoun	Beschizza	122
8	Country House	Lookin At Lucky	Mrs. J. V. Shields, Jr., E. J. M. McFadden, Jr. & LNJ Foxwoods	Mott	Saez	122
9	Bankit	Central Banker	Winchell Thoroughbreds & Willis Horton Racing	Asmussen	Ortiz, Jr.	122
10	Spinoff	Hard Spun	Wertheimer and Frere	Pletcher	Velazquez	122
11	Hog Creek Hustle 	Overanalyze	Something Special Racing, LLC	Foley	Mena	122

**Breeders:** 1-James M. & Mary Durlacher, 2-Milan Kosanovich, 3-Roberto Mesquita, 4-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc., 5-Don Ladd, 6-FIaxman Holdings Limited, 7-Spruce Lane Farm, 8-J. V. Shields, Jr., 9-Hidden Brook Farm, LLC & Blue Devil Racing, 10-Wertheimer et Frere, 11-Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm, LLC

**Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 4:34 p.m. EDT**

**NEW ORLEANS H.-GII, \$400,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Mo Dont No 	Uncle Mo	Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC	Amoss	Murrill	114
2	Lone Sailor 	Majestic Warrior	G M B Racing	Amoss	Graham	117
3	Souper Tapit	Tapit	Live Oak Plantation	Casse	Gaffalione	116
4	Noble Indy 	Take Charge Indy	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Velazquez	115
5	Krewe Chief 	Parading	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Lanerie	115
6	Silver Dust 	Tapit	Tom R. Durant	Calhoun	Gilligan	120
7	Noble Commander	Forestry	Agave Racing Stable	D'Amato	Ortiz, Jr.	113
8	Mr. Buff	Friend Or Foe	Broman, Sr., Chester and Mary	Kimmel	Alvarado	118
9	Bandua 	The Factor	Calumet Farm	Sisterson	Beschizza	116
10	Copper Bullet 	More Than Ready	Winchell Thoroughbreds & Willis Horton Racing	Asmussen	Ortiz	117
11	Core Beliefs	Quality Road	Gary Broad	Eurton	Geroux	115

**Breeders:** 1-Beechwood Racing Stable, 2-Alexander - Groves - Matz, LLC., 3-Live Oak Stud, 4-WinStar Farm, LLC, 5-Stone Farm, 6-Don Alberto Corporation, 7-GoldMark Farm, LLC, 8-Chester & Mary R. Broman, 9-Judy Hicks & Kathryn Nikkel, 10-Dell Ridge Farm, LLC, 11-Thomas J. Young



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**Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 5:44 p.m. EDT****TWINSPIRES.COM FAIR GROUNDS OAKS S.-GII, \$400,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Speedette	Oxbow	Calumet Farm	Desormeaux	Lanerie	122
2	Serengeti Empress 🦿	Alternation	Joel Politi	Amoss	Graham	122
3	Street Band	Istan	J. Larry & Cindy Jones & Ray Francis	Jones	Doyle	122
4	Sweet Diane 🦿	Will Take Charge	Stallionaire Enterprises LLC	Stidham	Bravo	122
5	Crescentcitypretty	Bernardini	Brittlyn Stable, Inc.	Benoit	Mena	122
6	Eres Tu	Malibu Moon	Seltzer, Edward A. and Anderson, Beverly S.	Asmussen	Ortiz	122
7	Slewgoodtobetrue	Jimmy Creed	Sharon Alesia, Ciaglia Racing, LLC, ERJ Racing, LLC & Burns Racing, LLC	Eurton	Geroux	122
8	Liora 🦿	Candy Ride (Arg)	Coffeepot Stables	Catalano	Hill	122

**Breeders:** 1-Calumet Farm & Merrill & Allene Dana, 2-Tri Eques Bloodstock, LLC, 3-Larry Jones, Cindy Jones & Ray Francis, 4-Eurowest Bloodstock Services, 5-Brittlyn, Inc., 6-Edward A. Seltzer & Beverly Anderson, 7-Jim Brinkley, 8-Dell Ridge Farm, LLC

**Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 5:10 p.m. EDT****MUNIZ MEMORIAL H.-GII, \$300,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Hot Springs 🦿	Uncle Mo	Woodford Racing, LLC	Asmussen	Saez	115
2	Divisidero 🦿	Kitten's Joy	Gunpowder Farms LLC & Brereton C. Jones	Rubley	Geroux	118
3	Synchrony	Tapit	Pin Oak Stable	Stidham	Bravo	123
4	Bandua 🦿	The Factor	Calumet Farm	Sisterson	Beschizza	117
5	First Premio 🦿	Pure Prize	Team Valor International	Casse	Velazquez	117
6	Markitoff 🦿	Giant's Causeway	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Gaffalione	115
7	Bricks and Mortar 🦿	Giant's Causeway	Klaravich Stables, Inc. & William H. Lawrence	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	125
8	Inspector Lynley	Lemon Drop Kid	Stuart S. Janney, III & Phipps Stable	McGaughey III	Ortiz	118
9	Final Copy	Malibu Moon	Chiefswood Stables Ltd.	Attfield	Lanerie	115
10	Silver Dust 🦿	Tapit	Tom R. Durant	Calhoun	Gilligan	118

**Breeders:** 1-Bo Hirsch LLC, 2-Hinkle Farms, 3-Pin Oak Stud, LLC, 4-Judy Hicks & Kathryn Nikkel, 5-Ronald G. McPeek, 6-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC, 7-George Strawbridge Jr., 8-Stuart S. Janney, III LLC. & PhippsStable, 9-Chiefswood Stables Limited, 10-Don Alberto Corporation

**Sunday, Sunland, post time: 7:30 p.m. EDT****SUNLAND PARK DERBY-GIII, \$800,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Mucho Gusto 🦿	Mucho Macho Man	Michael Lund Petersen	Baffert	Talamo	122
2	Anotherwistafate	Scat Daddy	Peter Redekop B. C., Ltd.	Wright	Hernandez	122
3	Hustle Up	Abstraction	Dale F. Taylor Racing, McQueen, B & Kirby, S	Fincher	Laviolette	122
4	Wicked Indeed	Tapit	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Contreras	122
5	Cutting Humor 🦿	First Samurai	Starlight Racing	Pletcher	Velazquez	122
6	Walker Stalker	Stroll	Gallegos Del Norte Racing	Gonzalez, Jr.	Medellin	122
7	Pasamonte Man 🦿	Strong Mandate	Sam Britt	Marr	Tohill	122
8	Collusionist	Ez Effort	Eli Diamant	Martinez, Jr.	Juarez, Jr.	122
9	Diamond Blitz 🦿	Munnings	Dart, Ron and Gwendolyn L.	Desormeaux	Desormeaux	122
10	Eye Cloud	Point of Entry	Mike Powers	Norris	Enriquez	122

**Breeders:** 1-Teneri Farm Inc. & Bernardo Alvarez Calderon, 2-Pursuit of Success LLC, 3-Brad King & Fincher Todd, 4-Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC, 5-Dell Hancock & Bernie Sams, 6-Miguel L. Gallegos, 7-Eaton & Thorne, Inc, 8-William Matthews Family Trust, 9-BHMFR, LLC, 10-Steve M. DeMaiolo & Beechwood Racing Stable LLC

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Giant's Causeway</b> (1997) by Storm Cat Crops: 16 Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)	1	4	1	3	1	1	53	10	\$2,656,250	\$3,021,352
2	<b>English Channel</b> (2002) by Smart Strike Crops: 9 Stands: Calumet Farm KY Fee: \$30,000	4	6	--	1	--	--	80	22	\$452,108	\$1,501,004
3	<b>Street Cry (Ire)</b> (1998) by Machiavellian Crops: 12 Stands: Darley USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)	1	4	1	3	--	1	39	6	\$575,521	\$1,318,143
4	<b>Kitten's Joy</b> (2001) by El Prado (Ire) Crops: 11 Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$75,000	--	2	--	1	--	--	111	19	\$486,975	\$1,109,357
5	<b>Speightstown</b> (1998) by Gone West Crops: 12 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$80,000	1	2	1	2	--	--	35	7	\$586,791	\$811,551
6	<b>Hard Spun</b> (2004) by Danzig Crops: 9 Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$40,000	2	4	1	1	--	--	65	9	\$187,413	\$801,856
7	<b>The Factor</b> (2008) by War Front Crops: 4 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$15,000	--	5	--	3	--	--	55	18	\$100,019	\$704,964
8	<b>War Front</b> (2002) by Danzig Crops: 10 Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$250,000	--	2	--	1	--	--	57	10	\$116,295	\$619,061
9	<b>Scat Daddy</b> (2004) by Johannesburg Crops: 8 Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)	1	3	--	2	--	--	63	13	\$122,269	\$592,466
10	<b>More Than Ready</b> (1997) by Southern Halo Crops: 16 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$80,000	1	1	1	1	--	--	72	12	\$140,221	\$589,285
11	<b>Empire Maker</b> (2000) by Unbridled Crops: 13 Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$85,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	20	4	\$166,509	\$545,954
12	<b>Medaglia d'Oro</b> (1999) by El Prado (Ire) Crops: 12 Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$200,000	2	4	1	2	--	--	63	12	\$116,010	\$522,251
13	<b>Tapit</b> (2001) by Pulpit Crops: 12 Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$225,000	3	4	2	4	--	--	49	8	\$104,460	\$506,333
14	<b>Lonhro (Aus)</b> (1998) by Octagonal (Nz) Crops: 4 Stands: Darley USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)	--	1	--	1	--	--	27	5	\$190,050	\$485,910
15	<b>I'll Have Another</b> (2009) by Flower Alley Crops: 4 Stands: Ballena Vista Farm CA Fee: \$6,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	24	2	\$197,592	\$410,718

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## IN ITALY:

**Ippolito Caffi**, c, 3, **Old Fashioned**--Kuhlu, by Ghostzapper. Tagliacozzo, 3-19, Maiden (€6.6k), 1600m. O-Luigi Colasanti; B-Mike Abraham (KY); T-Agostino Affe'. \*\$10,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT.



## IN SOUTH KOREA:

**Daegunui Chang**, c, 3, **Majestic Warrior**--Mazella (GSP, \$274,529), by Mazel Trick. Seoul, 3-16, Hcp. (\$35k), 1300m. B-Barry & Judith Becker (KY). \*10,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT; \$50,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR.

**Covergirl Justice**, f, 3, **Revolutionary**--Exciting Avenue, by Avenue of Flags. Seoul, 3-17, Hcp. (\$53k), 1700m. B-Justice Farm & Greg Justice (KY). \*\$6,000 RNA Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$4,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$75,000 RNA 2yo '18 OBSJUN.

**Sun Lighting**, c, 4, **Creative Cause**--Dattts Lady Di, by Proud Citizen. Seoul, 3-16, Hcp. (\$97k), 1800m. B-Bret Jones (KY). \*\$43,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '17 OBSJUN.

**Raon Porteous**, g, 4, **Street Boss**--Harbor Cruise, by Boston Harbor. Seoul, 3-16, Hcp. (\$66k), 1200m. B-Walnut Green LLC & C Biscuit Racing (PA). \*Won by eight lengths. \*\*\$8,000 Wlg '15 KEENOV; \$55,000 Ylg '16 FTKOCT.



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**Always Hope**, c, 3, **Goldencents**--Swampoodle, by Broken Vow. Presidente Remon, 3-17, Clasico Expocomer-Listed, 1700m. B-Eileen B Kill Kelley (KY). \*Third black-type winner for sire (by Into Mischief). \*\*\$2,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT. \*\*\*1/2 to Dolkong (Afleet Alex), SW & G1SP-UAE. **VIDEO**

## IN PERU:

**El Puma Carranza**, c, 4, **Drosselmeyer**--Star Wisper, by Quiet American. Monterrico, 3-17, Clasico Aniversario de la Fundacion Jockey Club del Peru/Junta Ejecutora Ley, 2000m. B-Job D Turner (KY). \*GSW-Per. \*\*\$12,000 Ylg '16 FTKOCT. \*\*\*1/2 to Squan's Kingdom (Trappe Shot), SP, \$211,260.

**VIDEO**



## IN SOUTH KOREA:

**O.K. Day (Kor)**, c, 4, **First Samurai**--Flame Trick, by Mt. Livermore. Seoul, 3-17, Hcp. (\$21k), 1300m. B-Sinhan. \*1/2 to Legal Consent (Officer), MSW, \$431,651; and Fuzzy Britches (Pollard's Viision), SW & GSP, \$182,394. \*\*\$24,000 in utero '14 KEENOV.

**Champ Line (Kor)**, h, 7, **Curlin**--Unbridled's Pride, by Unbridled. Busan, 3-17, Hcp. (\$133k), 2000m. B-Lee Kwang Kim. \*\$22,000 in utero '11 KEENOV.



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**Cairo Prince** (Pioneerof the Nile), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000  
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 6-Sam Houston Race, Aoc 1mT, DAUNTLESS PRINCE, 6-1  
 5-Sam Houston Race, Msw 6f, ROYAL ANGEL, 6-1  
 \$100,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$95,000 RNA FTS AUG yrl; \$90,000 RNA  
 FTK OCT yrl  
 7-Mahoning Valley, Msw 6f, SARAYA, 2-1  
 \$72,000 KEE JAN yrl; \$60,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Guilt Trip** (Pulpit), Red River Farms, \$2,500  
 67 foals of racing age/7 winners/1 black-type winner  
 4-Fair Grounds, Aoc 5 1/2ft, VICTORY TRIP, 20-1  
 \$20,000 ESL YRL yrl

**Mucho Macho Man** (Macho Uno), Adena Springs, \$15,000  
 122 foals of racing age/14 winners/2 black-type winners  
 4-Fair Grounds, Aoc 5 1/2ft, MUCHO MARVIN, 12-1  
 \$30,000 FTK OCT yrl

**Shakin It Up** (Midnight Lute), Spendthrift Farm, \$10,000  
 117 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner  
 1-Tampa Bay Downs, Aoc 6 1/2f, WAR BRIDLE, 9-2  
 \$7,500 FTK OCT yrl; \$27,000 FTK HRA 2yo

**Sum of the Parts** (Speightstown), Red River Farms, \$2,000  
 29 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
 4-Fair Grounds, Aoc 5 1/2ft, CHARLIES TICKET, 12-1  
 \$2,000 ESL MIX yrl

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**4th-Mahoning Valley, \$32,000, (NW3X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000),**  
 3-19, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.97, ft.

**DOTTHEI (f, 4, Haynesfield--Jensens Score, by Even the Score)**  
 Lifetime Record: 13-6-0-2, \$136,977. O/B-Steven De Maiolo  
 (OH); T-Penny Rone. \*1/2 to Moves Like Ali (Maclean's Music),  
 GSP, \$155,062.

**4th-Sunland, \$28,800, (S), 3-19, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f,**  
 1:16.72, ft.

**BRING ALL OFFERS (g, 3, Diabolical--Souma, by Mr. Greeley)**  
 Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$46,738. O/B-J. Kirk & Judy Robison  
 (NM); T-Henry Dominguez.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Woodys Watchin, f, 3, Music City--Woodys Night Watch, by**  
 Mondavi. Mahoning Valley, 3-19, (S), 6f, 1:15.65. B-Richard L.  
 Alderson (OH).

**Two Bit Kid, c, 3, Stay Thirsty--Love in Paris, by Not For Love.**  
 Mahoning Valley, 3-19, 5 1/2f, 1:05.66. B-Tracy Strachan (KY).  
 \*\$14,000 RNA Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$4,500 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP.



**Jaime's Lil Fear, f, 4, Fearless Eagle--Itcouldhappen, by Seneca**  
 Jones. Sam Houston Race, 3-19, (S), 7f, 1:28.06. B-Jaime  
 Castellanos (TX). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

**Cowboy Breeze, g, 4, Oratory--Atlantic Fury (SW, \$274,389), by**  
 Wild Again. Sam Houston Race, 3-19, 5ft, :59.01. B-Eureka  
 Thoroughbred Farm (TX). \*\$2,200 Ylg '16 TTAMIX.

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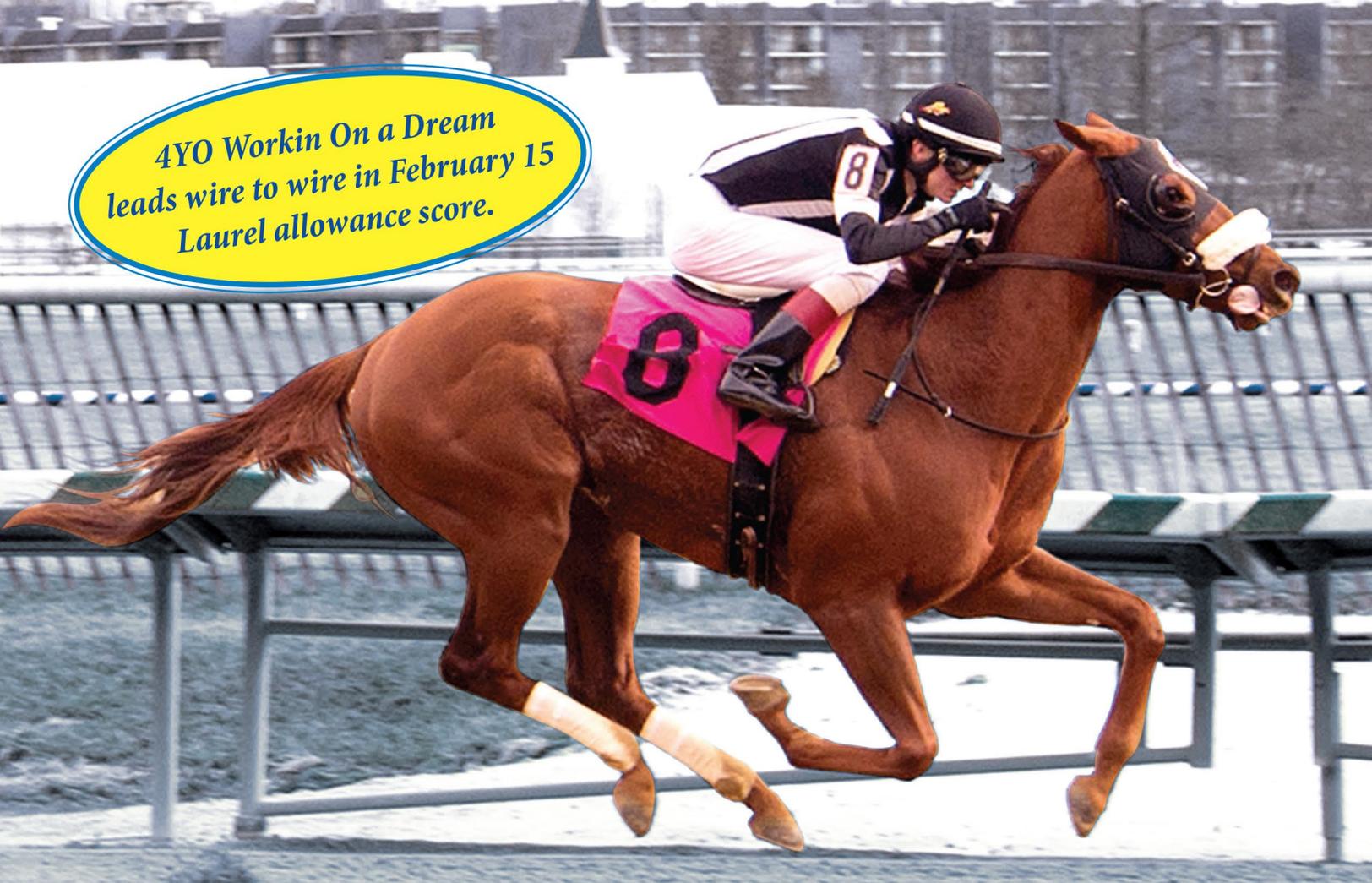
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**HAYNESFIELD**, Dotthei, f, 4, o/o Jensens Score, by Even the Score. AOC, 3-19, Mahoning Valley  
**MUSIC CITY**, Woodys Watchin, f, 3, o/o Woodys Night Watch, by Mondavi. MSW, 3-19, Mahoning Valley  
**ORATORY**, Cowboy Breeze, g, 4, o/o Atlantic Fury, by Wild Again. MSW, 3-19, Sam Houston  
**STAY THIRSTY**, Two Bit Kid, c, 3, o/o Love in Paris, by Not For Love. MSW, 3-19, Mahoning Valley

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## THE PAT SMULLEN COLUMN: RIDING EXCELLENCE



Pat Smullen aboard Free Eagle at Royal Ascot | *Racing Post*

by Pat Smullen

Nine-time Irish champion jockey Pat Smullen has joined the TDN team as our new weekly columnist to bring us invaluable insight on the racing and breeding scene as he continues his recovery from illness.

### Celebrating Three Top Jockeys

In Ireland, National Hunt and Flat racing pretty much go hand in hand and a lot of my friends are National Hunt jockeys. I watch racing every day so I take a pretty keen interest in jump racing as well, as do most people in Ireland. I don't think there's such a difference between the two as perhaps there is in Britain. Most yards in this country are dual-purpose so often you're riding for people who train National Hunt horses.

Reflecting on last week at Cheltenham, I think the time has come to stop describing women as lady riders. Rachael Blackmore, Bryony Frost and Lizzie Kelly rode at the highest level as good as any rider riding over jumps in my opinion, and they deserve just to be called jockeys, which is what they are. Rachael has worked extremely hard from the beginning, like most of us did, to put herself in the position that she's in, and full credit to her, and it shows that you need to have talent no matter what.

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## LIKELY FIELDS FOR DUBAI WORLD CUP NIGHT RELEASED

The likely fields for the \$35-million Dubai World Cup night at Meydan on Mar. 30, were released by the Dubai Racing Club on Tuesday morning. Consisting of eight Thoroughbred races and one Arabian race, the crown jewel is the \$12-million G1 Dubai World Cup, which sees Godolphin's 2018 World Cup hero **Thunder Snow (Ire)** (Helmet {Aus}) take on an international cast over 2000 metres. 2018 G1 Al Maktoum Challenge R3 victor **North America (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) and this year's winner **Capezzano** (Bernardini) are slated to line up, as are American Grade I winners **Audible** (Into Mischief) from the Todd Pletcher barn, **Yoshida (Jpn)** (Heart's Cry {Jpn}), who has won at the highest level on both dirt and turf for Hall of Famer Bill Mott, **Gunnevera** (Dialed In), **Pavel** (Creative Cause), and **Seeking the Soul** (Perfect Soul {Ire}). **Cont. p6**

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### Riding Excellence Cont. from p1

Everyone needs the opportunities, and when Rachael got the opportunities she had the talent to showcase it. I think that was very evident at Cheltenham, and it was the same for all three of them.

I think the tide is turning now and there are going to be lots more opportunities for women in the future. Physical strength is a factor of race-riding, but it's not the deciding factor of winning and losing races. I had about 20 rides over jumps and it wasn't long before I put my mind back to Flat racing, so I wouldn't have much experience on the National Hunt side from a riding perspective, but to have the ability to present horses to obstacles is so important, as well as having a racing brain. There are a whole lot of factors that make a very good jockey and physical strength is only one of them. That said, Rachael, Bryony and Lizzie look as strong in finishes as the majority of male riders.

We're in a different era when it comes to strength and conditioning training for all jockeys and I'm glad that in this era mindsets are changing too.

### Young Riders to Note

There are a lot of young apprentices riding at the moment who look like they have what it takes to make it, and there are two lads who have really caught my eye and have been riding extremely well over the winter.

One is Ben Coen, who was also riding really well through the turf season and has risen quite quickly to where he is now. He looks like he has the ability to push forward and make a career as a rider. Tactically he's quite astute and he just seems to be progressing well.



Ben Coen | *Racing Post*

Shane Cross, who is apprenticed to Joseph O'Brien, rode well through the summer and had good opportunities. I've watched him closely this winter and I think he's improved throughout the winter as Joseph has given him better opportunities. We all know that riding better horses gives you more confidence and I think both lads should have a fruitful summer ahead of them.

RACE, the school in Kildare, does a very good job and it's becoming more difficult for trainers themselves to bring the young jockeys on because there is so much extra pressure on them. I admire any person who trains horses—it's not a job, it's a vocation. In the past in Ireland, the trainers really educated the riders and I think there is still an onus on them to do that if riders are apprenticed to them. I was very fortunate to be apprenticed to Tom Lacey who is a dual-purpose trainer and didn't have big numbers. He took the time to educate me to be respectful of owners, how to explain myself—which is even more important when things go wrong—and then obviously in the art of race-riding, and he was a race-rider himself.

I think that is phasing out a bit now and that's why we have started to introduce the idea of jockey coaches in Ireland and Britain. There is room for more jockey coaching as long as the right individuals are doing it. You might have been a very good rider but you might not be able to get your point across well and be a good teacher.

### Spring Dreams

Everyone's dreams are alive at this time of the year—every owner, trainer, breeder, jockey—because you don't know what you've got in your stable at the moment and there's so much excitement and anticipation of what's to come.

If anything, this is the most difficult thing for me at the present moment because I love riding work, I love riding out. I've loved my whole 20-odd years with Dermot [Weld]. [Cont. p3](#)



Rachael Blackmore | *Racing Post*



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## IN TDN AUS/NZ TODAY

### I AM INVINCIBLE EYES RECORD

I Am Invincible (Aus) only needs three more black-type winners to set a new record for most SWs in an Australian season. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

### **Riding Excellence Cont.**

I was in there five mornings a week and this is the most exciting time of the year because every 2-year-old he put me on, I'd be thinking and wondering if this was my next Group 1 horse, and we all know how scarce they are.

This is always my favourite time of the year. I love getting up and going to work in the morning because you never know, you could just throw your leg over one and it could be the one you've been waiting to find all your career. Obviously I would love to be there doing that, but it's not possible at the moment. I've been in contact with Dermot and we've been speaking about the upcoming week and the entries he'll have for Sunday. He keeps me involved, which is great, and I'm still excited, don't get me wrong, but it's just in a different way.

I had a very difficult time through the surgery, though thankfully it was successful and the surgeon was very pleased with how it went. There was a complication afterwards which meant they had to operate again so I had two major surgeries in the space of six weeks and the recovery from that was quite tough.



**A string gallops on The Curragh | Emma Berry**

But I was blessed that at the beginning of all this the one thing I learned was that being a jockey was a big help for me because I was extremely fit with no excess weight on me. The surgeon and nurses commented on numerous occasions that my physical strength was a huge factor in helping me get through everything that I had to get through. I had a course of chemotherapy followed by the two surgeries and now I'm having post-op treatment. That will be complete in early May and hopefully it will have done its job and we can introduce a bit of normality back into our lives.

Nobody is putting any pressure on me but of course people are asking if I'll ride again. I've no idea at the moment. The hope is to ride again. **Cont. p4**

## Riding Excellence Cont.

I'd love to do that but I'm a realist in that if I don't recover in time throughout this year it will be two years missed and then it's a question of whether or not I could get back to the level where I want to compete. We just have to wait and see how things go and my priority is to get healthy and well again.

Whatever presents itself after that I'll be quite happy with. There is life after race-riding so if it doesn't happen again I'll move onto something else, hopefully within the industry. I still have the ambition to ride and the drive to want to compete—that's all still there—but if I can't get myself back physically and mentally to the place where I was before I wouldn't come back. I'd have to convince myself that I could get back to the same level.

## Helping Riders Through Illness

One thing I feel very strongly about from a jockey's perspective with the position I'm in at the moment is the cover for jockeys through illness as well as through injury. It's different if you have a race fall but there is zero cover for illness and not everyone feels comfortable with going to the [Irish Jockeys] Trust for help. It's something I've brought up with Andrew Coonan at the Irish Jockeys Association and with the Turf Club, and I'd like to see something put in place.

I was in a very fortunate position that I had health cover and insurance and I'm very lucky that I'm married to a woman that had everything in place in case anything went wrong. Unfortunately something did happen but fortunately we were well insured on a personal basis. Not all riders are in a position to be able to do that and many in this situation would be in a difficult position financially. I'm well aware of how fortunate I've been throughout my career and the fact that I was in a position to be able to take a couple of years and then hopefully resume, whether it's race-riding or some other aspect of work. But I do feel that we need to look after people who get sick, to help them provide for their family or pay their mortgage.

I've said before that the amount of goodwill that's been shown towards me has been nothing short of overwhelming and in the next year or so I'll be working towards putting something in place for riders who fall ill and to help them get back on their feet.

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## G1SP LADY KAYA AIMING FOR GUINEAS TRIAL

Sheila Lavery is planning to run **Lady Kaya (Ire)** (Dandy Man {Ire}) in the G3 1000 Guineas Trial at Leopardstown next month ahead of a possible tilt at a fillies' Classic. The daughter of Dandy Man holds entries in both the G1 English and G1 Irish 1000 Guineas, after showing she was one of the best of her generation as a juvenile. She put up best her performance to finish second to Skitter Scatter (Scat Daddy) in the G1 Moyglare Stud S. at The Curragh, and was only beaten 2 3/4 lengths when sixth to Fairyland (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) in the G1 Cheveley Park S. at Newmarket on her latest start.

"Lady Kaya is on track at the moment and looks well. If the ground is right for her, the aim will be the Guineas Trial at Leopardstown. She's in both Guineas, but she'll tell me how she is," said Lavery. "She's an easy filly to train as she is so relaxed. She just eats and sleeps and pricks her ears when you put her out in the paddock. She has bulked up a bit, but is not a typical Dandy Man and is more Singspiel (Ire) [her broodmare sire]."

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## PERSIAN KING GUINEAS BID IN DOUBT

Trainer Andre Fabre has revealed that G3 Autumn S. hero **Persian King (Ire)** (Kingman {GB}) will not run in the Apr. 10 G3 Prix Djebel, reported *Racing Post*. Owned by Godolphin and Ballymore Thoroughbreds, the '**TDN Rising Star's** future targets are up in the air, with a G1 2000 Guineas bid looking unlikely at this stage, but he will at least be entered for ParisLongchamp's Apr. 7 G3 Prix La Force.

"Persian King has done well and I'm happy with him," Fabre told *Racing Post* on Tuesday morning. "He is a big, nice horse and he's been free of any problems. The Prix Djebel is the one race he is sure not to run in. The English Guineas is a second or third choice for him, just in case the race cuts up and the good horses don't make it. But he is more likely to run at Longchamp and he will even be entered in the [G3] Prix La Force [over nine furlongs] just in case."

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Epic Hero, out of G2 Prix Corrida heroine Grace Lady, won by eight lengths at Chantilly on Tuesday. | *Scoop Dyga*

## 'HERO' BLAZES TO RISING STARDOM

Absent since finishing third in a seven-furlong newcomers event at Saint-Cloud in June, Godolphin's **Epic Hero (Fr)** (Siyouni {Ire}) exploded onto the scene at Chantilly on Tuesday as he created a deep impression in the Prix du Belvedere over a mile on the Polytrack. Settled in the middle of the pack early by Mickael Barzalona, the 53-10 chance cruised to the fore with just under 300 metres remaining. He eventually powered clear for an emphatic eight-length success from the Italian black-type performer Eagleway (Fr) (Sakhee's Secret {GB}), with the winner's favoured stablemate Nordic Fire (GB) (Dream Ahead) a further 1 1/4 lengths back in third.

"He was very impressive today," said Godolphin's Lisa-Jane Graffard to *Jour de Galop*. "His jockey told us he was going quick. He could go on to the [Apr. 14 G3] Prix de Fontainebleau. His trainer will decide."

The dam Grace Lady (Fr) (Muhtathir {GB}) was a smart performer, winning the G2 Prix Corrida before producing as her first foal, this colt's stablemate Alhadab (Fr) (Camelot {GB}) who was second in last year's G3 Prix Noailles and third in the G2 Prix Greffulhe. Her yearling filly is a full-sister to the latter.

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**EPIC HERO (FR), c, 3, by Siyouni (Fr)**

**1st Dam: Grace Lady (Fr) (GSW-Fr, \$209,174),  
by Muhtathir (GB)**

**2nd Dam: Parcelle de Sou (Fr), by Ajdayt**

**3rd Dam: Parcelle Coloree (Fr), by Comrade in Arms (GB)**

Sales history: €120,000 RNA Ylg '17 ARQAug; €280,000 2yo '18 ARQMay. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, €21,550. **Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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## HRI STUDENT SUMMER INTERNSHIPS LAUNCHED

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## FRANCE



### Tuesday's Result:

**5th-Chantilly, €35,000, Cond, 3-19, 3yo, 8f (AWT), 1:39.10, st.**

**OLYMPE (FR) (f, 3, Charm Spirit {Ire}--Naissance Royal {Ire} {MGSW-US & GSP-Fr, \$740,213}, by Giant's Causeway),** who beat the subsequent listed winner and Classic hopeful Tifosa (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) in a 7 1/2-furlong contest on Deauville's Polytrack in December, returned to the same surface and languished in last place until the end of the back straight. Produced wide to rush to the front inside the final 50 metres, the 31-10 favourite was pushed out to beat Blanche Doree (Fr) (Havana Gold {Ire}) by 3/4 of a length. The dam is the GII Nassau S., GII Lake Placid S. and GII Las Palmas H. scorer Naissance Royale, who was also third in the GI E. P. Taylor S. Already responsible for the G3 Prix Penelope third Jadhaba (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), she has a 2-year-old filly by Galileo (Ire) and a yearling filly by Shalaa (Ire) to come. This is also the family of the G2 Sun Chariot S.-placed Spinnette (Ire) (Spinning World) who went on to produce three stakes performers headed by the GII Beverly

Hills H. third Green Lyons (Ire) (Green Desert) and, further back, the GI Demoiselle S. runner-up Bookkeeper (Private Account) and her sire half-brothers Bio and Order. Sales history: €130,000 Ylg '17 ARQAug. Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, €43,150.

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### IN SOUTH AFRICA:

**Boutique (Ire), f, 4, Mastercraftsman (Ire)--Bright Sapphire (Ire),** by Galileo (Ire). Vaal, 3-19, Hcp., 1400m. O-Mauritzfontein (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Miss J B Slack); B-Charlie Brooks; T-Alec Laird. \*1/2 to Wall of Fire (Ire) (Canford Cliffs {Ire}), GSP-Eng & Aus, \$272,494. \*\*€130,000 Ylg '16 GOFORB.

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### Likely Fields for Dubai World Night Released Cont.

The darling of the Japanese turf, 2018 Horse of the Year and Triple Tiara victress **Almond Eye (Jpn)** (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}) is taking her show on the road and steps forward in a highly contentious \$6-million G1 Dubai Turf. G1SW **Deirdre (Jpn)** (Harbinger {GB}) and 2017 Dubai Turf heroine **Vivlos (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) will also make the trip. [Cont. p7](#)



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Mar. 9 G1 Jebel Hatta victor **Dream Castle (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) seeks to add another top-shelf victory to his resume for Godolphin and Saeed bin Suroor, while G1SW **Without Parole (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) and Hong Kong’s MG1SP **Southern Legend (Aus)** (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}) are also likely.

The G1 Longines Dubai Sheema Classic sees Charlie Appleby trainee and 2018 G1 Melbourne Cup hero **Cross Counter (GB)** (Teofilo {Ire}) as a possible, although he is also targeting the \$1.5-million G2 Dubai Gold Cup. G1 Japanese Derby hero **Rey de Oro (Jpn)** (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) and fellow Group 1 winners **Suave Richard (Jpn)** (Heart’s Cry {Jpn}) and **Cheval Grand (Jpn)** (Heart’s Cry {Jpn}) also take part.

Dual U.S. champion sprinter **Roy H** (More Than Ready) is aiming for the \$2.5-million G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen, and 2018 U.S. champion turf male **Stormy Liberal** (Stormy Atlantic) takes on Godolphin’s G1SW **Blue Point (Ire)** (Shamardal) in the G1 Al Quoz Sprint.

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Date	Race	Track
Mar. 23	Nikkei Sho (G2)	Nakayama
	Mainichi Hai (G3)	Hanshin
Mar. 24	March S. (G3)	Nakayama
	Takamatsunomiya Kinen (G1)	Chukyo
Mar. 30	Lord Derby Challenge Trophy (G3)	Nakayama
Mar. 31	Osaka Hai (G1)	Hanshin
Apr. 6	New Zealand Trophy (G2)	Nakayama
	Hanshin Himba S. (G2)	Hanshin
Apr. 7	Oka Sho (G1)	Hanshin

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## I AM INVINCIBLE EYES RECORD



I Am Invincible | Yarraman Park Stud

by John Boyce

On the eve of the G1 Golden Slipper, 14 sires have so far registered five or more stakes winners this season in Australia, but only three are into double figures--**I Am Invincible**, **Not A Single Doubt** and **High Chaparral**. The runaway leader is of course Yarraman Park's I Am Invincible who has notched up 24 stakes winners, more than twice as many as his nearest pursuer. And the significance of this tally? It is just two shy of the record for a season in Australia.

That record is currently held by two sires--the great Danehill and his grandson **Snitzel**, both of whom have posted 26 stakes winners in previous seasons. Danehill set the standard in 2001/02, adding an extra eight stakes winners to the previous high mark of 18 set by Zabeel three seasons earlier. And although Danehill failed to improve on his 2001/02 score, he sired 21 stakes winners in each of the following two seasons and therefore owned the three highest seasonal totals before Snitzel equalled his tally in 2016/17 and again in 2017/18.

Now it is down to I Am Invincible to equal or better the new standard--he needs to find three more breakthrough stakes winners to own the record outright. It is of course easier these days to build a high score given the fact that stallions have larger foal crops, but it would still be a commendable achievement.

When we take in New Zealand racing, Danehill holds the outright record with 28 stakes winners, one ahead of Snitzel who posted 27 last season and the one before. I Am Invincible needs four more to topple this record and that task looks tougher but certainly not impossible. For the record Danehill also sired 29 stakes winners in the Northern Hemisphere in 2005, but that achievement needs to be seen in the context of Galileo's record of 47 stakes winners in 2017. In fact the great son of Sadler's Wells (USA) has averaged 40 over the past five years in Europe.

Back in 2001/02 Danehill achieved 26 Australian stakes winners from just 202 runners. That's a strike rate of 12.9% which compares very favourably to Snitzel's 7.9% two seasons ago and his 8.0% last season. This season I Am Invincible has so far recorded an 8.3% strike rate. Danehill sired four Group 1 winners in his record-breaking year and three more that were Group 1 placed. Snitzel equalled his famous grandsire's number of Group 1 winners last season, but had no fewer than eight horses who also placed at Group 1 level--an outstanding achievement.

It's worth reminding ourselves of Danehill's numbers. He sired 172 stakes winners from his southern base at a rate of 17.4% to runners. To put that in perspective, his mares' progeny by other sires managed only 9.2%. His 172 stakes winners looks safe for the foreseeable future--his son **Redoute's Choice** is still 20 shy and grandson Snitzel didn't get the elite mares soon enough in his career and is probably too far adrift given his current age.

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Snitzel | Bronwen Healy



Danehill | Coolmore

**I Am Invincible Eyes Record Cont. from p1**

Snitzel has sired 86 stakes winners at a rate of 10% to runners. Like Danehill, he's improving his mares who have managed 7.8% when bred to other sires. It's the same story with I Am Invincible, who started out at an even lower lever. The dams of his current runners only achieved 3.3% stakes winners by other sires, compared to 8.6% stakes winners among those by I Am Invincible. Given the quality of mares now visiting both Snitzel and I Am Invincible, we can confidently predict that their ratios of stakes winners will continue to rise, and maybe even increase the likelihood of 30 stakes winners in a season.

I Am Invincible also has sired six juvenile stakes winners this season, which is an outstanding achievement in its own right. Only 11 individual sires have ever matched that number, including Danehill four times, Rory's Jester on three occasions and **More Than Ready** twice.



Zabeel | Cambridge Stud

**MOST SWS IN AUSTRALIAN SEASON**

Season	Sire	AUS SW
2001-2002	Danehill	26
2016-2017	Snitzel	26
2017-2018	Snitzel	26
2018-2019	I Am Invincible	24
2002-2003	Danehill	21
2004-2005	Danehill	21
2017-2018	I Am Invincible	19
2004-2005	Zabeel	18
2017-2018	Fastnet Rock	18
2005-2006	Danehill	17
2006-2007	Flying Spur	17
2012-2013	Exceed And Excel	17
1998-1999	Zabeel	16
2011-2102	Fastnet Rock	16
2017-2018	Not A Single Doubt	16
1998-1999	Danehill	15
2012-2013	Fastnet Rock	15
1996-1997	Danehill	15
1999-2000	Danehill	15
2004-2005	Redoute's Choice	15
2008-2009	Redoute's Choice	15
2014-2015	Fastnet Rock	15

As things stand, the record for the number of juvenile stakes winners stands at 10 and is shared between Rory's Jester (in 1994/95) and Redoute's Choice (in 2004/05). Snitzel's nine Stakes winners in 2016/17 has come closest to the record in recent years, followed by **Exceed And Excel's** tally of seven in 2012/13. We can expect more and more pressure to be exerted on sires' past achievements and there's no doubt I Am Invincible has a great opportunity to make history this season.

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