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AS DISCUSSION TURNS TO BISPHOSPHONATES, VIOLA COMMITS \$500K TO RESEARCH



Vinnie Viola | *The Jockey Club*

by Dan Ross

The fallout from events still unfolding at Santa Anita have re-sparked the fires simmering under a number of horse welfare issues. Few, however, have galvanized such a swift phalanx of action as that of bisphosphonates--drugs used in humans to tackle degenerative bones diseases like osteoporosis. Their use in racehorses, however, has proven controversial.

On Thursday, prominent Kentucky Derby-winning owner, Vincent "Vinnie" Viola, committed \$500,000 towards vital research behind these drugs and a better system of detection, according to Terry Finley, founder and president of West Point Thoroughbreds. "He is absolutely laser-focused on these issues," said Finley of Viola's pledge, adding that Viola is challenging other owners to "stamp this out, and stamp it out right away. He talks the talk, and he also walks the walk."

In 2014, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the use of two bisphosphonates--Tiludronate (Tildren) and Clodronate (Osphos)--in horses four and older to help control the clinical symptoms associated with navicular syndrome.

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WHIPPING ISSUE: CHRB READY TO TAKE MATTER INTO ITS OWN HANDS *By Bill Finley*

That the whipping of horses during a race may soon be barred at Santa Anita represents a seismic shift in the history of American horse racing but has largely been buried under the torrent of news coming out of California relating to breakdowns, The Stronach Group's (TSG) efforts to end all raceday medication and the fight by horsemen to keep Lasix legal. It hasn't helped that TSG has been so focused on other issues that its representatives have had little to say about the "house rules" they intend to enact regarding whipping; what will and will not be allowed and what the penalties will be for riders who violate the rules?

But the whipping controversy will have a moment under the spotlight Mar. 28 at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB), a meeting that should clarify most of the questions that have so far been unanswered.

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GRAN VENTA SELECTA HELD IN BUENOS AIRES

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Leading Argentine trainer Gaitan Dassie inspects a filly ahead of Arqana's Gran Venta Selecta sale at San Isidro Racecourse in Buenos Aires on Thursday. See TDN Europe for complete coverage. | Kelsey Riley

CAN BALTIMORE SEIZE PREAKNESS TRADEMARK?

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Civic leaders in Baltimore filed suit against the owners of Pimlico Race Course earlier this week in an attempt to prevent the transfer of the GI Preakness S. to Laurel Park. But can the city really lay claim to the naming rights and the brand of the second jewel of racing's Triple Crown? T. D. Thornton investigates.

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Part-owner Michael Dubb told TDN's Joe Bianca that MSW World of Trouble (Kantharos), would make his next appearance in the GI Carter H. at Aqueduct Apr. 6.

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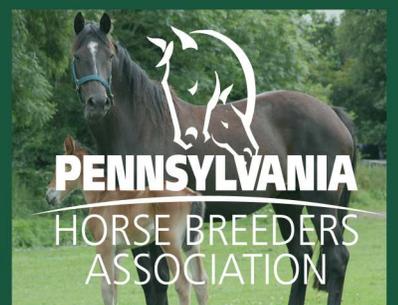
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Bisphosphonates cont.

But many in the industry are concerned about the off-label use of these drugs, especially in young horses, including those being prepared for the sales. That's because, rather than strengthening bones as intended, misuse of these drugs could make them weaker, more susceptible to fractures.

According to Finley, a group of individuals and organizations are also in the process of drafting a letter to be sent to the managing partners of veterinary clinics servicing racehorses around the country, appealing to veterinarians to discontinue use of these drugs on horses less than four years of age.

"Call it what you will, an appeal, a request, a demand, they've got to step up. I know the vast majority of vets want this drug to be used the right way on horses who are 4-year-olds and older. They have taken an oath to do right by the horse. It's very clear that the administration of these drugs to yearlings and two-year-olds isn't doing right by the horse," said Finley, who added that it took Viola "30 seconds to decide that he was going to be a major supporter of this effort."

Two key points...

California Horse Racing Board Executive Director Rick Arthur said there are "two key points" to bisphosphonates. The first? They can act as an analgesic for bone pain. The second?

Bisphosphonates are toxic to certain cells vital to bone re-growth. "This means the normal bone repair process is inhibited," said Arthur.

Bisphosphonates are currently unregulated in the U.S., though the *TDN* reported Wednesday that **the Mid-Atlantic region will propose a partial ban of these drugs**. In comparison, **the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) implemented** in 2017 a 30-day stand-down period from racing following the administration of any bisphosphonate. What's more, if a horse under the age of three years and six months is administered therapeutic bisphosphonates, they "will not be qualified to run under the BHA Rules of Racing at any point in its life," the rules state.

These drugs, however, are difficult to regulate. And part of the conundrum is that too little is currently known about how long they remain in the horse's system. "We have the ability to detect it in blood and urine up to about 100 days post administration now," said Mary Scollay, equine medical director of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission. "But we don't know how that correlates to duration of effect," she added.

Another unknown? The length of time that bisphosphonates stay in the bone--potentially years--and how they behave for that duration. Then there's the question of how to look for it.

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"It's not clear that we've got a terribly reliable method for detecting it in the bone," said Scollay, who added that acquiring bone samples from live horses is clearly not an option. Most of the research thus far has been from "fracture fragments" through injured horses, said Scollay. "And we have not detected bisphosphonates. But again, are we looking in the right place? There's a lot we don't know yet."

Indeed, there's still so much unknown about the way bisphosphonates affect the physiology of the racehorse, with the bulk of the drug research done on humans and on animals other than horses. Nevertheless, we do know enough to support the fears of a growing number of leading industry figures.



What are they, and how do they work?...

In order to understand how bisphosphonates work, it's important to know that bones are (or should be) in a continuous state of regrowth and renewal. This dynamic, adaptive process maintains the bone's delicate balance of rigidity and flexibility. And at the crux of this process are cells called osteoclasts and osteoblasts.

Osteoclasts dissolve, break down and absorb--as part of a process called resorption--damaged or weakened bone tissue at the site of a fracture. Osteoblasts follow behind, adding new bone to fill and mineralize the holes left by the osteoclasts. This is the fundamental, on-going mechanism at play, from large fractures down to the microfractures sustained by horses and humans on a daily basis.

"Every time you walk up the stairs, you're going to get a microfracture somewhere in your body," said Arthur. "It might be a tiny little thing, but you're going to go through that, and your body's going to repair it."

When it comes to degenerative bone diseases, bisphosphonates inhibit the work that osteoclasts do, thereby preventing the breakdown of bone tissue--a useful tool for tackling osteoporosis. **Cont. p5**

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But problems may arise if bisphosphonates are used to treat, say, sesamoiditis in a yearling being prepared for the sales. While an X-ray may give the outward impression that the bone is healthy, in actual fact, the bone tissue could be made up of dead material that's never cleaned away in the usual manner-- what experts liken to a ticking time bomb, when that potentially compromised bone is put under the duress of training and racing.

Bisphosphonates also appear to stunt healing. Veterinarian Dr. Larry Bramlage has been outspoken about the threats that these drugs pose to racehorse populations. In [this article](#) in the *Paulick Report*, Bramlage explains that fractures typically show improvement after only a couple of months. But in horses treated with bisphosphonates, original fractures are sometimes visible as much as 14 months after injury, he said.

On top of that, [studies have shown](#) that that, in cases where bisphosphonates have effectively treated lameness, it's difficult to know just how much of the improvement was due to the drug's pain-killing effect. Experts say analgesia post-treatment can last up to a couple of weeks.

Use in older horses...

Nevertheless, bisphosphonates can be of benefit, especially to older horses suffering [navicular disease](#), [back pain](#) and [osteoarthritis](#). California-based practicing veterinarian Ryan Carpenter said he uses the drug on horses only in light training, primarily on sore shins, and never close to a race, he said.

"If you use a small dose in a specific area extremely infrequently, I believe it's a safe tool that we have in our tool box," he said. But, "if you want to just start giving all horses bisphosphonates in systemic or full-body doses, I think you're going to get into some serious trouble," Carpenter added. "We've seen people who have done that, and they've regretted the decisions they've made."

Carpenter said that Tildren and Osphos, non-nitrogenous bisphosphonates, aren't as powerful as their nitrogenous cousins, and he questions whether they're as potent as is largely suspected.

"You have to have the osteoclastic signal for the osteoblast to follow, to lay down new bone," said Carpenter. "That's true. But where I think we've failed with these bisphosphonates is that we assume that it's an on and off switch-either they're all on, or they're all off."

Nevertheless, "because it's got such a negative press, I have a very direct conversation with the owner or the trainer as to why I'm doing it and why I think it's a good case," Carpenter said, who added that his approach to the drug has become increasingly more conservative over the years. **Cont. p6**

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Industry voices...

As to how ubiquitously these drugs are used throughout the industry, the answer appears to be largely anecdotal.

"I wouldn't have a clue if it was [used on] 2% of the foal crop or 22% of the foal crop or 32% of the foal crop. I have a feeling it's low, but I seriously don't know," said Gray Lyster, president of the Consignors & Commercial Breeders Association (CBA), who added that, of the people he has spoken with, use of bisphosphonates has been on specific individuals rather than a blanket program.



Gray Lyster | *ThoroStride*

"My responsibility immediately is to try to figure out, or at least try to educate our membership as to 'hey, nobody's sure what the potential side effects are of these drugs, and if you're using them, you need to educate yourself. As do all of us,'" Lyster added. "It's a little bit of a fact-finding mission for me, to be honest, and the CBA board."

Niall Brennan is a prominent sales consignor based in Florida. He said that he and his veterinarian, Jonathan McLellan, with Florida Equine Veterinary Associates, were alerted to the possible dangers of bisphosphonate use in young horses a few years ago, and as such, have avoided using them on the horses he prepares for the sales.

"Now that it's out there, and we can all agree that it should be banned [for off-label usage], why did it get to this stage?" Brennan said. "Do you blame the pharmaceutical companies for not being more pro-active in pointing out what it should be used for? Do you point to the vets who were allowing their clients to use it? I think there's blame to be shared. The bottom line is, when there's a lot of money at stake, some people tend to check their ethics at the door, and that's what it really comes down to." **Cont. p7**



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As to the research component of the issue, Dionne Benson, executive director and chief operating officer at the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium (RMTC), admitted that “we haven't had any meaningful research breakthroughs [in recent years], and it's actually gotten to the point where it's quite frustrating.”

As such, “the RMTC is working with the Grayson-Jockey Club Foundation and the [American Association of Equine Practitioners], and we're assembling a group to essentially put together the questions we need answered,” Benson added.

The unanswered questions, said Benson, include the following: What are the pharmacodynamics of bisphosphonates? Exactly how long does the analgesia last? If we give it to 2-year-olds and we exercise them, do we see any difference in uptake? “And in the event we can take a sample from the bone, will we be able to find it?” Benson said.

“We need to see how this affects horses when they get it when they're young, when they're exercised. We need something that's really relevant,” Benson said. “It's certainly going to take more than one project, and they're not going to be short-term projects, but it's gotten to the point where we simply have to do it.”

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Whipping Issue cont.

The CHRB will propose amendments to its already established rules regarding the use of the riding crop that will, for all intents and purposes, outlaw whipping at not just Santa Anita but all California thoroughbred tracks.

If the proposal passes, jockeys will still be allowed to carry a whip, but they will not be permitted to strike a horse in anyway except when they feel doing so is necessary for the safety of the horse or the rider.

Currently, California jockeys may strike a horse three times in succession, but then must give the horse a chance to respond before striking it again.

“I can tell you this does not call for the elimination of the whip, you can still carry it for safety purposes, but you can't use it for any other reason than that,” said CHRB Executive Director Rick Baedeker. “Essentially, I believe these are the same rules that The Stronach Group is looking to implement.”

Baedeker said that not only will a jockey be fined and/or suspended should they whip a horse, but the horse they are riding could be disqualified.

“Say horses are coming down the stretch in a multi-million dollar Breeders' Cup race and the jockey just says, ‘the heck with it’ and uses the crop because he thinks it will give him a better chance of winning the race, our rules will allow for that horse to be disqualified.”

The CHRB Board members will have to vote in approval of the rule changes, but it is highly unlikely that the new guidelines will be shot down. If the new rules are adopted, it is unclear how long it will take before they are implemented. With all the bureaucracy involved, it is not unusual for there to be a seven to eight-month waiting period between the time a racing rule is approved in California and is implemented.



Sarah K Andrew

Though there doesn't appear to be any way that the California jockey colony can prevent the rule change, some jockeys may not approve. Baedeker said he has met with many jockeys and while they are concerned, he said they are well aware of the public relations problems the rash of breakdowns have caused Santa Anita and the need for change.

“I think there was no question from all our call the other day with the Guild and the jockeys that the riders do understand the current situation,” Baedeker said. “It's almost like they're a bit wistful. I understand it's easy for me to make my arguments because I don't make my living riding horses. I'd be surprised if the push-back from the riders is too strong. Naturally, I would expect there would be some.”

Triple Crown winning jockey Victor Espinoza said his policy is to always follow the rules and that he will do so when and if changes regarding the whip are made in California.

“I think I'll be the one put at a disadvantage because I am the strongest jockey out there,” he said. “If that is going to be the rule and that is the case, I always follow the rules. That's it. I think some horses will be affected, definitely. There are laid-back horses that don't want to do anything on their own. But most of the horses are trained to run and bred to run, so I don't think it will affect most of them that much.”

Whipping Issue cont.

Terry Meyocks, the national manager of the Jockey's Guild, said his primary focus will remain the safety of the riders. He said he had no plans "to go to war" with Santa Anita or the CHRB, but added that he felt the perception that the whip is cruel to horses is way off base.

"We don't think it's harmful to the horse," he said. "Everybody in the industry has done a terrible job educating the public. The poppers that are now used on the crop are much softer and do not hurt the horse. As for the what Santa Anita and the CHRB is trying to do, we'll see what happens. Hopefully, there will be more discussions and everybody will do what's best for the industry."

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CAN BALTIMORE SEIZE PREAKNESS TRADEMARK? YOU BET, LEGAL EXPERTS SAY

By T.D. Thornton

As a pre-emptive strike to keep the GI Preakness S. from being moved from its historic Baltimore home, civic leaders filed a Mar. 19 lawsuit against the owners of Pimlico Race Course that petitions for "condemnation" of the track, which is the legal term for the taking of property by eminent domain.

Tucked in near the end of the civil complaint filed in Baltimore City Circuit Court is a one-paragraph demand that largely escaped scrutiny in the initial reporting of this case: The plaintiffs want not only the track's physical property, but also the "trademarks...and other intangible and intellectual property...associated with the Preakness."

Is this a valid legal argument? Can the city really lay claim to the naming rights and brand of the second jewel of the Triple Crown even though it is a federally registered trademark that belongs to the Maryland Jockey Club (MJC)?

The answer is yes, according to two Washington, D.C., attorneys who specialize in trademark law--although both experts told *TDN* that the complexities of the case will make it challenging for the city to prove its point.

"Theoretically, legally speaking, this could happen," said attorney Josh Gerben. "But it's a very high bar that the city would have to hit here.... Basically, the question is, 'Does the city of Baltimore have [such an] overriding public interest that it could actually acquire the trademark by force?'"

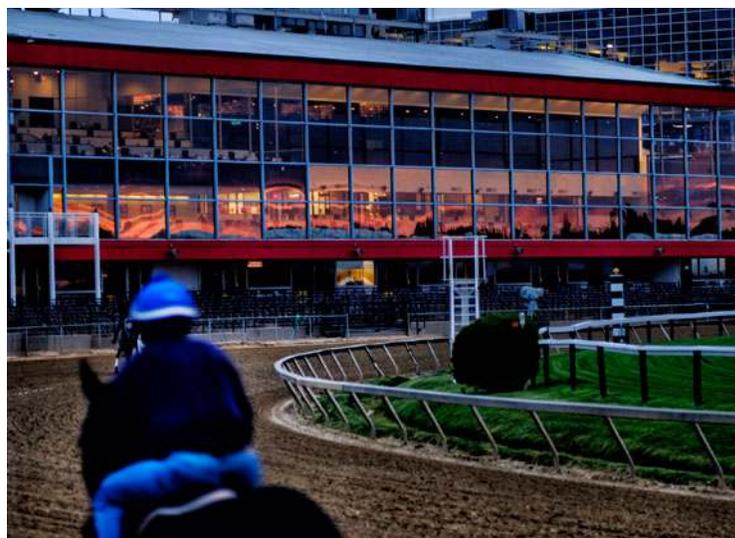
Attorney Michael Kondoudis agreed: "The key is this: Trademarks are treated as property, just like a piece of land," he said. "And that last count [in the lawsuit], which isn't laid out in much detail and looks like it was tacked on at the end, actually could be troublesome and the most contentious part of it."

In separate phone interviews, both trademark lawyers pointed to sports-related cases involving the 1982 relocation of the NFL's Oakland Raiders to Los Angeles and the 1984 move of the Baltimore Colts to Indianapolis that could be relevant in the Preakness suit.

Although those legal seizures over control of the franchises failed (in general, because the plaintiffs couldn't prove that their state's interest outweighed the interstate commerce burden on the NFL), Kondoudis said those precedents "support the proposition that seizure of a professional sports team's trademark is possible, contingent on the satisfaction of certain requirements."

Kondoudis said the question of jurisdiction will be the major factor in the Preakness trademark case. The complaint was filed in a Baltimore court, which only has jurisdiction over Baltimore property. And according to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, the owner of record for the "Preakness Stakes" trademark is "Maryland Jockey Club of Baltimore City."

The question of jurisdiction could have been different, Kondoudis said, if co-defendant The Stronach Group (TSG), which owns the MJC, had instead been listed as the trademark's owner, because TSG's principal place of business is in Canada--well outside the jurisdiction of the Baltimore court.



Pimlico at sunrise | Maryland Jockey Club

TSG could try to retroactively amend the trademark ownership or even try to get the venue of the court changed, but either way, jurisdiction "is certainly going to be something that will be litigated, I can tell you that," Kondoudis said.

"This is going to get highly contentious, and to be honest with you, most judges don't like these types of cases because they don't like infringing on private property," Kondoudis said.

Preakness Trademark cont.

“It generally offends our notions of fair play. But [eminent domain] is authorized, and it does happen, and this is a definite risk. And so Pimlico and [TSG]’s legal team need to take it seriously, because it does look as if [based on] where that trademark is said to be owned and located, their trademark could be attached to the case. And that’s bad news. Because even if they didn’t have to run any more races at the track, the only one that matters is the Preakness. That’s the essence of branding. A race by any other name is not the Preakness.

“This is me speculating, but I would think they would not be all that concerned about losing the [physical Pimlico] property [in exchange for just compensation],” Kondoudis continued. “Let’s be honest: It’s a dump. How could you really sell it? It may take years to sell to somebody who would redevelop it. But that last count, for that trademark, is the one ironically that could be the sleeper out of all of this, because that name means everything.”

And what would be a viable defense for TSG and MJC?

“The best thing they can do is work with the city to try to find some way to settle this, which I think is the intent behind the complaint in the first place,” Kondoudis said. “I cannot believe the city wants that property. [The city] wants the track to be running, they want the revenue, and they want the prestige that goes with [the Preakness].”

In general, Kondoudis explained, eminent domain seizures are problematic for defendants, regardless of whether they involve physical or intellectual property.

“When there’s a valid taking through eminent domain, the private party’s hands are pretty much tied. All they can do is fight about the amount they receive for it,” Kondoudis said. “And so what is the [defendants’] last line of defense? They need to come up with a number, and justify a monetary amount.

“But their very first line of defense should be jurisdiction,” Kondoudis summed up. “And they should probably fight in the news media and in popular culture, and take it to social media. They should try to put pressure on the politicians the way the politicians are putting pressure on them.”

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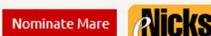
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WORLD OF TROUBLE TO CARTER NEXT

by Joe Bianca



World of Trouble | Adam Mooshian

After pondering a trip to Dubai with their star dual-surface sprinter, the connections of **World of Trouble** (Kantharos) will stay home and contest the GI Carter H. Apr. 6 at Aqueduct, co-owner Michael Dubb confirmed to *TDN* Thursday. The story was first reported by *Daily Racing Form*.

“He’s just a relatively young horse and we didn’t want to ask him to do too much too soon,” Dubb said of passing on sending his 4-year-old colt overseas for either the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen or G1 Al Quoz Sprint Mar. 30 at Meydan. “We didn’t want to risk the possibility of sapping him for the season and thought it was important to take it one step at a time.”

Announcing himself with a 13 1/2-length romp in the Pasco S. last winter at Tampa Bay Downs, the bay finished third when favored while stretching out in the GII Tampa Bay Derby. Running a strong fourth after contesting a scorching pace in the GII Woody Stephens S., World of Trouble annexed the Quick Call S. and Allied Forces S. when switched to grass and just missed by a neck against eventual champion Stormy Liberal (Stormy Atlantic) in the GI Breeders’ Cup Turf Sprint. He closed out his sophomore campaign with a dominant conquest of the FTBOA Marion County Florida Sire S. back in Oldsmar and captured the washed-off Gulfstream Park Turf Sprint S. last out Jan. 26.

Dubb added that after potentially adding his first graded stakes victory in the Carter, the Jason Servis trainee could be pointed to a big-money event on GI Belmont S. day, although on which surface is up in the air.

“We would look at the [GII] Jaipur or possibly the [GI] Met Mile,” he said. “We’ll just handicap the opportunities and discuss it amongst me and Jason, the partners, and we’ll figure it out. We’re going to let the Carter tell us whether we want to stretch him out and stay on dirt or go back to sprinting on turf.”

A return trip to the Breeders’ Cup remains the year-end goal for World of Trouble, but surface as well as distance will weigh in the decision. While last year’s Breeders’ Cup Turf Sprint was contested over 5 1/2 furlongs on a traditional course, this year’s renewal will return to the downhill course of Santa Anita at 6 1/2 furlongs. World of Trouble has never gone longer than six furlongs on grass.

“That’ll factor in, but it’s a long way off, so we’re happy to just take it one race at a time,” Dubb said.

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CARIBOU CLUB SET TO TACKLE AL QUOZ

If the current state of affairs at Santa Anita is the equivalent of equine lemons, well, the team at Glen Hill Farm is happy to try to make some lemonade by sending their talented turf sprinter/miler **Caribou Club** (City Zip) into the G1 Al Quoz Sprint at Meydan Racecourse Mar. 30.

The relatively lightly raced 5-year-old won Laurel’s Henry Clark S. over a mile last April before posting a first success at graded level in the seven-furlong GII Connaught Cup S. at Woodbine in early June. A fast-finishing third to next-out GI Breeders’ Cup Turf Sprint repeater Stormy Liberal (Stormy Atlantic) in the GIII Eddie D. S. down the hill Sept. 28, he stretched out to annex Del Mar’s GII Seabiscuit H. going a mile and a sixteenth Nov. 24 and most recently handled Stormy Atlantic with relative ease in the GIII Joe Hernandez S. on the cutback Jan. 1.

Originally penciled in for the GI Kilroe Mile earlier this month, Caribou Club came into consideration for a race like the Al Quoz when racing was suspended and the Kilroe rescheduled for the same day as the Al Quoz.

“[Trainer] Tom [Proctor] and I were really on the fence between the Kilroe Mile and Dubai and we actually decided on the Kilroe Mile because it was Mar. 9 and we were just anxious to run the horse,” said Craig Bernick, President and Chief Operating Officer of Glen Hill Farm. “But then when all of the issues happened at Santa Anita and they pushed the race back, the Kilroe Mile became the same day as Dubai and he’s probably a little better sprinting than he is going a mile. The horse can do both. But we thought the horse is doing so well, we might as well try.

He added, “I know it’s a tough race, but he can go from cruising to top speed probably as fast as any horse we’ve ever had,” Bernick continued. “I think he’ll kind of suit a straight course and we think a lot of the horse. We’re really looking forward to running him.”

Joe Talamo has the riding assignment.

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Caribou Club cont.

In addition to Stormy Liberal, Caribou Club will face the likes of Godolphin’s **Blue Point (Ire)** (Shamardal), **Sands of Mali (Fr)** (Panis), 2017 Al Quoz winner **The Right Man (GB)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}) and the talented Australian-based duo of **Viddora (Aus)** (I Am Invincible {Aus}) and **Brave Smash (Jpn)** (Tosen Phantom {Jpn}).

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Caribou Club | *Benoit*

RECORD-SETTING REBEL DAY

According to figures released by officials at Oaklawn Park Saturday night following the running of a \$2.845-million program anchored by \$750,000 divisions of the GI Rebel S., total combined handle on the local product was \$16,221,639, breaking the previous record of \$16,159,77 established on Arkansas Derby day 2018.

According to the track, attendance for the Rebel card has increased every year since a crowd estimated at around 30,000 watched future Triple Crown hero American Pharoah romp home by 6 1/4 lengths in 2015. Attendance climbed to 35,000 in 2016, was up to 36,000 in 2017 and roughly 37,500 in 2018. Total handle was \$8,443,176 in 2015, \$9,124,972 in 2016, \$10,752,313 in 2017 and \$10,771,984 last year to set records for March and a non-Arkansas Derby Day.

Mark Lamberth of Batesville, AR, is an owner and vice chair of the Arkansas Racing Commission, told the Oaklawn notes team that the Saturday scenes were reminiscent of when Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire}) invaded from California for the GI Apple Blossom Invitational in 2010. Zenyatta raced away to defeat Brownie Points (Forest Wildcat) by over four lengths in her first start over a conventional dirt track.

“It was one of those magical days,” Lamberth said Sunday morning. “When Zenyatta pranced, I mean the crowd just swooned and, of course, she won easy. I thought yesterday was like that, from top to bottom. [On Saturday], we had \$100,000 maiden special weights, great horses and the crowd was really into it. It was a festive atmosphere. I just think it was the best day I’ve had at Oaklawn in a long time.”

The Rebel was the final local prep for the GI Arkansas Derby Apr. 13, typically closing day in Hot Springs, but the Oaklawn meeting extends into early May for the first time in 2019.

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DOBSON SUCCEEDS FARISH AS KEENELAND TRUSTEE



Everett Dobson

Prominent owner and breeder Everett Dobson has been appointed a Keeneland Trustee and will succeed Lane’s End Farm owner Will Farish, who has served as a trustee since 2006. Farish will remain on the Keeneland Board of Directors. Dobson was named to Keeneland’s Board in September 2018.

A native of Cheyenne, OK, Dobson races horses under his Cheyenne Stable banner and is also the owner of Candy Meadows Farm near Lexington, where his broodmare band numbers around 30. He serves on The Jockey Club’s Board of Stewards and is a Breeders’ Cup Director. He is Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association and Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee and Chairman of the American Graded Stakes Committee.

Dobson is the CEO of Dobson Technologies and subsidiaries, operating a 3000-mile fiber-optic network and a managed IT business serving customers in his home state and North Texas. He is also a minority owner of the National Basketball Association’s Oklahoma City Thunder franchise. **Cont. p12**

Dobson/Keeneland cont.

Dobson joins Claiborne Farm Chairman Seth Hancock and William M. Lear, Jr., chair emeritus of Stoll Keenon Ogden, as a Keeneland Trustee.

“Everett Dobson has demonstrated his commitment to the Thoroughbred industry through his service to industry organizations such as The Jockey Club, Breeders’ Cup, TOBA and the American Graded Stakes Committee,” Hancock said. “His values are consistent with those of Keeneland: betterment of the horse industry.”

A native of Houston, TX, Farish has been a member of the Keeneland Board of Directors since 1985. At Lane’s End, he has stood the likes of A.P. Indy, Gulch, Kingmambo, Mineshaft and Smart Strike while breeding better than 300 stakes winners.

“Will Farish has been a tremendous champion of Keeneland during his nearly 35 years of service on the Board and as a Trustee,” Lear said. “His invaluable support has taken many forms--from the board room, to major consignor and buyer, to leading owner, and to sponsor of the Grade I Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup. His expertise and stature are unrivaled in the industry.”

Chairman of the Board of Churchill Downs from 1992-2001, Farish has also been a Steward and Vice Chairman of The Jockey Club and a Director and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Breeders’ Cup. He also served the United States as Ambassador to the Court of St James from 2001 to 2004.

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Tim Layden, Sports Illustrated

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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	McPeck	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

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	Ruble	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.	Atfield	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. McPeck, 6-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC, 7-George Strawbridge Jr., 8-Stuart S. Janney, III LLC. & PhippsStable, 9-Chiefswood Stables Limited, 10-Don Alberto Corporation

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 6:10 p.m. EDT**HUTCHESON S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, 6f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	In the Loop 🐾	Super Saver	Colts Neck Stables LLC	Duarte, Jr.	Toledo	118
2	Federal Case 🐾	Gemologist	Low, Lawana L. and Robert E.	Pletcher	Castellano	118
3	Gladiator King 🐾	Curlin	Thoroughbred Champions Training Center LLC	Mejia	Reyes	122
4	Topper T	Bellamy Road	Barber, Gary, Wachtel Stable and Pantofel Stable	Mott	Jaramillo	122
5	Lutsky 🐾	Yes It's True	Down Neck Stables and Lutsky, Jeffrey	Magner	Juarez	118

Breeders: 1-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 2-Kings Way Farm, 3-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 4-Blackoak Farm, 5-Pine Ridge Stables Ltd

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	Lavoilette	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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1	Cross Traffic <i>(2009) by Unbridled's Song</i>	5	9	1	1	1	1	56	25	\$1,394,000 <i>Jaywalk</i>	\$2,417,495
2	Cairo Prince <i>(2011) by Pioneerof the Nile</i>	4	6	1	2	--	--	76	29	\$150,451 <i>Marquee Prince</i>	\$2,018,267
3	Goldencents <i>(2010) by Into Mischief</i>	2	6	--	--	--	--	83	37	\$154,400 <i>Mr. Money</i>	\$1,880,645
4	Central Banker <i>(2010) by Speightstown</i>	2	3	--	--	--	--	49	15	\$345,625 <i>Bankit</i>	\$1,346,002
5	Will Take Charge <i>(2010) by Unbridled's Song</i>	1	7	--	4	--	--	56	18	\$145,285 <i>Lightscameraaction</i>	\$1,269,144
6	Noble Mission (GB) <i>(2009) by Galileo (Ire)</i>	1	2	1	1	--	1	66	17	\$384,820 <i>Code of Honor</i>	\$1,193,084
7	Fed Biz <i>(2009) by Giant's Causeway</i>	1	7	--	2	--	--	55	20	\$124,270 <i>Zenden</i>	\$1,181,415
8	Verrazano <i>(2010) by More Than Ready</i>	2	5	--	--	--	--	78	25	\$109,605 <i>Stirling Drive</i>	\$1,174,562
9	Mucho Macho Man <i>(2008) by Macho Uno</i>	2	3	1	2	--	1	38	14	\$234,000 <i>Mucho Gusto</i>	\$1,095,393
10	Uncaptured <i>(2010) by Lion Heart</i>	4	4	1	2	--	--	35	12	\$157,105 <i>Bye Bye J</i>	\$869,243
11	Strong Mandate <i>(2011) by Tiznow</i>	--	1	--	--	--	--	48	18	\$94,610 <i>Gotta Be Strong</i>	\$803,742
12	Flashback <i>(2010) by Tapit</i>	--	2	--	2	--	1	47	17	\$112,440 <i>Boujie Girl</i>	\$723,175
13	He's Had Enough <i>(2010) by Tapit</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	56	15	\$64,890 <i>He's Smokin Hot</i>	\$698,290
14	Tritap <i>(2009) by Tapit</i>	1	3	--	--	--	--	20	12	\$119,169 <i>Belial</i>	\$687,550
15	Revolutionary <i>(2010) by War Pass</i>	2	2	--	--	--	--	42	22	\$137,569 <i>Maiden Beauty</i>	\$686,961

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7th-OP, \$91K, Opt. Clm. (\$50K), 3yo, f, 6f, 5:14 p.m.

A pair of 'TDN Rising Stars' will face off Friday in Hot Springs as they both make their highly anticipated sophomore debuts. The morning-line nod was given to Phoenix Thoroughbred's **LYRICAL LADY (More Than Ready)**, who summoned \$625,000 at OBS March after breezing in a sharp :20 3/5. Taking the field from gate-to-wire for a dazzling debut victory at Saratoga July 20, the Steve Asmussen pupil tired to fifth as the favorite next out in the Spa's GII Adirondack S. Aug. 11 and has been on the shelf since.



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OXO Equine's \$1 million FTKJUL topper **Brill (Medaglia d'Oro)** also comes off a lengthy layoff, having made her last start Sept. 29. Overcoming a bad start and wide trip in her Del Mar unveiling July 18, the Jerry Hollendorfer trainee rallied to a good-looking victory, but could only manage fourth behind the talented Bellafina (Quality Road) as the favorite in the GI Del Mar Debutante S. Sept. 1. The bay was third to the Sunland Oaks-bound Bellafina when last seen in the GI Chandelier S. going two turns at Santa Anita in September and should appreciate the cutback in trip for this return. **TJCIS PPs**

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8th-Gulfstream, \$44,180, (S), Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 3-21, 3yo, 6f, 1:11.68, ft.

WINNING DRIVE (c, 3, Flatter--Lillian Gish, by Quiet American) filled the place spot as the favorite on debut at Delaware Park Sept. 15 and finished second last with some trouble next out in a state-bred maiden special weight at Gulfstream Dec. 7. Dropped in for a \$35,000 tag against fellow FL-breds Feb. 14, he romped by 7 1/4 lengths and was favored at 5-2 to repeat in this state-bred affair. Tracking from fifth through an opening quarter in :22.52, the bay split horses to take command as they hit the half in :46.58 and rolled clear in the lane to win by 2 3/4 lengths. W W Springtime (Kantharos) rallied five wide for second. The winner is a half to Writer's Almanac (Mineshaft), Ch. Imported 2yo filly & SW-PR & SP-US. Winning Drive is the second foal out of Lillian Gish, whose lone produce since is the juvenile colt Bagazo (First Samurai). She was bred to Will Take Charge last spring. Sales history: \$65,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$50,500. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Gary & Mary West; B-Haras Buen Borincano, Inc. (FL); T-Jason Servis.



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9th-Gulfstream, \$44,120, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 3-21, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:49.44, fm.

DEVAMANI (FR) (g, 5, Dubawi {Ire}--Daryakana {Fr} {GSW-Fr & G1SW-HK, \$1,372,923}, by Selkirk) captured one of his seven starts in his native France for his breeder H. H. The Aga Khan Stud and trainer Alain de Royer-Dupre. Purchased by these connections for €62,500 at the Arqana Chantilly Sale in 2017, he rallied from well back to finish a close second over a yielding course at Keeneland Apr. 6 and was third next out in a Belmont allowance May 11. A non-factor eighth when last seen in Elmont June 7, Devamani was subsequently benched and was gelded during his time off. Heavily favored at 7-5 in this return, the chestnut was off a step slow from the outside stall and settled at the back, caboozing the field through a first half in :49.03. Weaving between horses as he began to make his move on the backstretch, the 5-year-old charged up three wide turning for home and closed alongside Bern' James Bern (Bernstein), getting the best of that rival late for a neck success. The winner is a half to Dariyan (Fr) (Shamardal), Hwt. Older Horse at 4 on French Free Hand (9 1/2-11f), G1SW-Fr, \$489,742; and Darabad

(Fr) (Dansili {GB}), SW. Daryakana also produced the unraced 3-year-old filly Dariyza (Fr) (Dawn Approach {Ire}) and a juvenile filly by Golden Horn (GB). Sales history: €62,500 3yo '17 ARARC. Lifetime Record: 11-2-4-3, \$88,611. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-West Point Thoroughbreds; B-H. H. The Aga Khan Studs SC (FR); T-Christophe Clement.

**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

7th-Oaklawn, \$90,000, Msw, 3-21, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.60, ft. READY ORB NOT (f, 3, Orb--Miss Narcissist {MSW, \$241,970}, by Freud) checked in fourth in 1 1/16-mile unveiling at Oaklawn Feb. 28 and was given an 7-2 chance to improve here. Off a beat slow, the dark bay ran in second last through early fractions of :23.41 and :47.84. Closing the gap between herself and the field on the backstretch, she made eye-catching progress up the outside and was four wide turning for home. Ready Orb Not surged past the leader Flatoutcountry (Flat Out) in the final strides for a head success. The winner is the first foal out of dual stakes-winning NY-bred Miss Narcissist, who has since produced a 2-year-old colt by Constitution and a yearling colt by Verrazano. She was bred back to Practical Joke last term. Ready Orb Not hails from the family of GSW & GISP Faypien (Ghostzapper). Sales history: \$75,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$58,150. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Equiest Racing; B-Pippas Hurricane (KY); T-Philip A. Sims.

5th-Gulfstream, \$43,210, Msw, 3-21, 3yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2fT, 1:31.71, fm.

MAKEALITLEMISCHIEF (f, 3, Into Mischief--Make Haste, by Tiznow) was a well-beaten second in a Gulfstream baby race on the main track May 13 and was subsequently shelved. Returning in a two-turn dirt test in Hallandale Dec. 27, she crossed the line fourth after setting the early pace, but was promoted to third via DQ. The bay was second behind a dominant performance from \$500,000 FTFMAR buy Tapit's Princess (Tapit--Ladyoffifty) last time going 1 1/16 miles on the main track Jan. 17. Hammered down to 3-2 favoritism for this surface switch and cutback in trip, Makealitlemischief seized the early advantage and was pressed along by Sunniva (Speightstown) through opening splits of :24.96 and :50.27.

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GP5-Makealittlemischief cont.

Battling stride-for-stride with that rival on the backstretch and around the far turn, the \$125,000 KEESEP buy kicked clear in the lane for a 1 1/2-length success. The next four horses hit the line in a blanket finish, but June Ann (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}) was deemed runner-up by a head over Sunniva. Make Haste, an unraced daughter of GSW Buy the Barrel (E Dubai), is also responsible for the juvenile colt Smoklahoma (Lookin at Lucky) and a yearling colt by Air Force Blue. Sales history: \$125,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-1, \$47,630. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-StarLadies Racing; B-Hinkle Farms (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.



In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this weekend running at Nakayama and Chukyo Racecourses, the latter of which features of pair of talented group-winning American-breds entered for Sunday's Group 1 sprint:

Saturday, March 23, 2019**5th-CKO, ¥9,550,000 (\$86k), Maiden, 3yo, 1200mT**

DERMA KATRINA (f, 3, **Ghostzapper--Ruthian, by Rahy**) was well-beaten in her first two trips to the post, but grew up a bit during a freshening and improved to be a very good third in her sophomore debut Mar. 10. A half-sister to GISW Rutherienne (Pulpit) and GSW Ruthenia (Pulpit)--the dam of MSW & GSP Pubilius Syrus (Candy Ride {Arg})--Derma Katrina was a \$100K purchase out of the 2017 Keeneland September sale. *B-Payson Stud Inc (KY)*

Sunday, March 24, 2019**2nd-NAK, ¥9,550,000 (\$86k), Maiden, 3yo, 1800m**

MAQUIS (c, 3, **Pioneerof the Nile--Life Well Lived, by Tiznow**), a \$350K KEESEP acquisition, has twice finished runner-up from four career appearances, including a strong effort behind fellow US-bred Cosmo Robinson (Take Charge Indy) on his dirt debut at

Tokyo last November. The half-brother to GISW and new Japanese sire American Patriot (War Front) is also related to SW Well Humored (Distorted Humor) and MGSP Muqtaser (Distorted Humor). His dam, purchased by Japanese interests for \$1.25 million in foal to American Pharoah at KEENOV in 2017, is a full-sister to G1 Dubai World Cup hero Well Armed and a half to GSW Witty (Distorted Humor) and GISP Helsinki (Distorted Humor). *B-WinStar Farm LLC (KY)*

11th-CKO, Takamatsunomiya Kinen-G1, ¥210k (\$1.9m), 1200mT

A pair of promising American-bred short-trackers take their chance in this first of two top-level sprints on the annual racing calendar in Japan. **MOZU SUPERFLARE** (f, 4, **Speightstown--Christies Treasure, by Belong To Me**), a \$125K KEESEP graduate, tries the Group 1 level for the first time, but is in flying form, having led throughout to win the G3 Ocean S. (1200m) in 1:07.1 Mar. 2 ([video](#), gate 14). The half to GSW Sacristy (Pulpit), bred in Kentucky by Alpha Delta Stables LLC, gets Yutaka Take back in the irons. **MR MELODY** (c, 4, **Scat Daddy--Trusty Lady, by Deputy Minister**) became his sire's lone Japanese SW to date when lifting this track's G3 Falcon S. last March ([video](#), gate 10) and was subsequently a close fourth in the G1 NHK Mile Cup. He has but one start at this distance, but did set a 1300m track record on Tokyo debut in late 2017. Bred in Kentucky by Bell Tower Thoroughbreds, Mr Melody (\$75K RNA Wlg '15 KEENOV; \$100K Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$400K 2yo '17 OBSAPR) was most recently a troubled seventh in the G3 Hankyu Hai Feb. 24.

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Jeff Hiles (center, black cap) celebrated his first victory as a trainer when Loran Holiday, a horse co-owned by Hiles, won Thursday's fourth race at Oaklawn Park | Coady



SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Central Banker (Speightstown), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, \$7,500

135 foals of racing age/15 winners/2 black-type winners
9-Aqueduct, Msw 6 1/2f, WAILIN JOSIE, 12-1

Charm Spirit (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Tweenhills Stud, \$25,000

193 foals of racing age/32 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Tampa Bay Downs, Aoc 1mT, EARLY TIME (Fr), 5-2

The Hunk (Speightstown), Eureka Thoroughbred Farm, \$1,500

19 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Sam Houston Race, Msw 5 1/2f, MY FAIR MAID, 7-2
\$9,000 RNA TTA MIX yrl

Mucho Macho Man (Macho Uno), Adena Springs, \$15,000

122 foals of racing age/14 winners/2 black-type winners
9-Aqueduct, Msw 6 1/2f, HARLEY Q, 5-1

\$25,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$15,000 EAS MAY 2yo

9-Aqueduct, Msw 6 1/2f, LADY MACHO, 6-1

\$50,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$22,000 EAS MAY 2yo

7-Oaklawn, Aoc 6f, MUCHA MEZQUINA, 20-1

7-Golden Gate Fields, Aoc 5 1/2f, SHES ALL WOMAN, 10-1

\$150,000 OBS APR 2yo

Shanghai Kid (Lemon Drop Kid), Willow Tree Farm

1 foal of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners

7-Golden Gate Fields, Aoc 5 1/2f, COZZE KID, 3-1

\$4,500 NCA AUG yrl

Verrazano (More Than Ready), Ashford Stud, \$22,500

268 foals of racing age/25 winners/2 black-type winners

1-Penn National, Msw 5 1/2f, BRIDGE TO BROOKLYN, 8-1

\$75,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$125,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$50,000 EAS MAY 2yo



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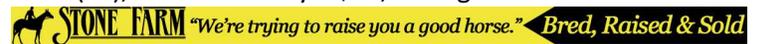
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8th-Oaklawn, \$91,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 3-21, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.22, ft.

STROLLING (g, 4, Stroll--Antique, by Smart Strike) Lifetime Record: 14-5-2-0, \$152,261. O-Charles W. Jennings; B-Stone Farm (KY); T-Jason Barkley. *\$16,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP.



8th-Fair Grounds, \$46,000, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 3-21, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:05.35, fm.

LA MISTAKE (f, 4, Bind--Guculka Ksenya, by Lion Heart) Lifetime Record: SW, 9-6-0-0, \$175,450. O/B-Cantrell Family Partnership (LA); T-Brett A. Brinkman. *1/2 to Awesome Jill (Pioneerof the Nile), SP, \$162,652.

9th-Fair Grounds, \$45,000, (S), 3-21, (NW2L), 3yo, 5 1/2f, 1:05.67, ft.

CALIMAMBO (g, 3, Calibrachoa--Mambo Lake, by Friends Lake) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-2, \$73,740. O-Phyllis J. Hodges; B-J. Adcock & Hume Wornall (LA); T-James E. Hodges. *\$1,700 Ylg '17 ESLMIX.

3rd-Gulfstream, \$44,240, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 3-21, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:35.28, fm.

FREEDOM MATTERS (c, 4, Stroll--Merryvale, by Bertrando) Lifetime Record: 9-2-4-1, \$99,550. O/B-Four Horsemen's Ranch (FL); T-Allen Iwinski.

6th-Charles Town, \$24,500, (S), 3-20, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:26.78, ft.

POTENTIAL GRIZZLY (g, 4, Fiber Sonde--Salony {SP, \$111,058}, by Two Smart) Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-0, \$53,298. O/B/T-Elizabeth E. Meehan (WV).

7th-Charles Town, \$24,500, (S), 3-20, (NW4L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:18.26, ft.

PENGUIN POWER (g, 4, Fiber Sonde--Aye Robbin {MSP}, by Robb) Lifetime Record: 6-4-1-1, \$64,300. O-David M. Raim; B-John D. McKee (WV); T-Jeff C. Runco. *Fullt to Aye a Song, MSW, \$172,605.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Booth Road Shine, g, 5, **Porto Foricos--Shine True**, by Leestown. Fair Grounds, 3-21, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.13. B-Vicki E Macgowan (LA).

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- BIND**, La Mistake, f, 4, o/o Gukulka Ksenya, by Lion Heart. AOC, 3-21, Fair Grounds
- CALBRACHOA**, Calimambo, g, 3, o/o Mambo Lake, by Friends Lake. ALW, 3-21, Fair Grounds
- DUBAWI (IRE)**, Devamani (Fr), g, 5, o/o Daryakana (Fr), by Selkirk. AOC, 3-21, Gulfstream
- FIBER SONDE**, Penguin Power, g, 4, o/o Aye Robbin, by Robb. ALW, 3-20, Charles Town
- FIBER SONDE**, Potential Grizzly, g, 4, o/o Salony, by Two Smart. ALW, 3-20, Charles Town
- FLATTER**, Winning Drive, c, 3, o/o Lillian Gish, by Quiet American. AOC, 3-21, Gulfstream
- INTO MISCHIEF**, Makealitlemischief, f, 3, o/o Make Haste, by Tiznow. MSW, 3-21, Gulfstream
- ORB**, Ready Orb Not, f, 3, o/o Miss Narcissist, by Freud. MSW, 3-21, Oaklawn
- PORTO FORICOS**, Booth Road Shine, g, 5, o/o Shine True, by Leestown. MSW, 3-21, Fair Grounds
- STROLL**, Freedom Matters, c, 4, o/o Merryvale, by Bertrando. AOC, 3-21, Gulfstream
- STROLL**, Strolling, g, 4, o/o Antique, by Smart Strike. AOC, 3-21, Oaklawn



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FILLIES TAKE CHARGE AT ARQANA ARGENTINA



Lot 8, the sale-topping filly by Equal Stripes, at Haras Vacacion on Wednesday | Kelsey Riley

by Kelsey Riley

Buenos Aires, Argentina—Rarely is the first slot in the ring the most coveted spot at a yearling sale, but that is exactly the case in Argentina where, moments before the start of the sale, the catalogue order is suddenly scrambled to re-order the yearlings—based on the prediction of the vendors—from most expensive to least. In the case of Thursday’s inaugural Gran Venta Selecta sale at San Isidro Racecourse in Buenos Aires, Argentina, the sellers chose correctly, with Haras Vacacion’s full-sister to dual Group 1 winner Schoolmistress (Arg) (Equal Stripes {Arg})—the first horse through the ring, but **lot 8**—topping the sale with a final bid of ASD5.6-million (£103,960/€119,991) from a new Argentinean-based buyer. It was a new record price for an Argentine yearling in pesos.

The sale’s leading light is a daughter of the Southern Halo mare Stellify (Arg) who, in addition to producing Schoolmistress, a Group 1 winner at two and three, has left the dual Group 3 winner Saetta (Arg) (Mutakddim), and the Group 1-placed colt Si Vieras (Arg) (Not For Sale {Arg}). Though unraced herself, the 19-year-old Stellify is a full-sister to two Group 1 winners.

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NORTH AMERICAN DRILLS FOR DUBAI WORLD CUP

Ramzan Kadyrov’s G1SW **North America (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), with Richard Mullen in the irons, breezed 1400 metres in 1:27 even in company at Satish Seemar’s Zabeel Stables on Tuesday ahead of a start in the \$12-million Dubai World Cup on Mar. 30. Assistant trainer Bhupat Seemar caught the final three 200-metre splits of the work in :11.9, :11.8 and :11.6. The likely favourite, who won the 2018 G1 Al Maktoum Challenge R3 and has scored in both the G2 Al Maktoum Challenge R1 on Jan. 10 and the G2 Al Maktoum Challenge R2 on Feb. 7, appears in fine fettle.

“All is well,” Satish Seemar told the Meydan notes team. “He kind of ate up the time as he liked. Each furlong was stronger than the one before and Richard was happy when he jumped off him. He’s had his big work and will have an easy work next week, five or six days out. When our horse has run a proper race, no horse has been a problem for him.”

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Equal Stripes was responsible for another filly that made ASD3.6-million (£66,843/€77,137), and that one (lot 13) is out of an unraced half-sister to champion 2-year-old filly Inca Noble (Arg) (Ride the Rails {Arg}). Overall, well-bred fillies from families rarely offered for sale dominated the market and were scooped up by an international cross-section of buyers.

Gran Venta Selecta is the first yearling sale in Argentina staged in partnership by Arqana, Arg-Sales and leading stud farms Haras Vacacion and Haras Abolengo. The venture is an effort to help elevate Argentina’s breeding and yearling sales industry onto the world stage; as it stands, horses born in Argentina are regularly sold on globally as horses in training or broodmares and go on to race and produce with success, but the yearling sales have largely remained a local affair. Whereas regularly in Argentina stud farms will hold individual small farm sales throughout the season, Vacacion and Abolengo each committed their best yearlings to Gran Venta Selecta with the hopes of building a sale that will one day attract a strong international buying audience.

And they’re certainly well on their way. Before the halfway point of the sale was reached, each of the overseas visitors—from the U.S., Hong Kong, Malaysia and South Africa—had bought at least one horse.

Incidentally, none of those were doing business in Argentina

for the first time, and French-born, San Diego-based agent Emmanuel de Seroux in particular has been involved in South America for more than 20 years.

“I think this is a very good first experience to show the Argentine yearlings to the world,” he said. “I think people will be more and more interested to come and they need to, because they can access some fantastic pedigrees at 20% of the price of what they’d have to pay at Keeneland or Newmarket.

“You can come to a sale like this and buy half a dozen very well-bred fillies for \$50,000 or \$60,000 each, and you start a very nice breeding program. If you have one or two good ones out of the five or six it’s fantastic, and the others, due to their pedigrees, they’re still very nice broodmares for the future.”

Statistics were not immediately available upon conclusion of the sale, but Arqana’s Freddy Powell said, “Pablo Zavaleta and Julio Mediteguy [of Vacacion and Abolengo] are delighted with the sale today. For us it was complete unknown territory but we knew the horses were really nice and action was good in the ring. I think it’s a very good start to build something. It’s been a long-term project but it couldn’t have been a better start.”

Of the fact that international buyers were so active, he added, “We were expecting that because we knew they were so impressed with the horses, so we would have been very surprised if they’d gone home empty-handed.”

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On the sire front, the sale was predictably dominated by leading local sires Equal Stripes and Roman Ruler—the former stands at Abolengo and the latter stood at Vacacion prior to his death, and this is his final crop of yearlings. Roman Ruler was responsible for the evening's second-highest price, **lot 6** at ASD4.8-million (£89,124/€102,857), and she is a filly with a pedigree that will resonate with Americans. She is out of Que Pienso Cat (Arg) (Easing Along {Arg}), a Group 1 winner who was exported to the U.S. at the start of her broodmare career but later returned to her homeland. She left in America the listed-winning filly Always Thinking (Street Sense). It was Hong Kong-based agent Dennis Loh who signed the ticket. Loh has been doing business in Argentina for two years, and he said the plan for the filly is to start her in Argentina with hopes of exporting her to Asia later.



Emmanuel and Laura de Seroux at Haras Abolengo | Kelsey Riley

John Fulton was born in Florida but is now a permanent fixture in Argentina, and he was active early on in the session when the joint offerings were going through the ring his selections including **lot 5**, an Orpen filly who is a full-sister to two Group 1 winners, for ASD4-million (£74,286/€85,714) and **lot 24**, another Equal Stripes filly, for ASD3.8-million (£70,571/€81,427). Fulton was taking positives away from the inaugural Gran Venta Selecta.

"I think it was a pretty strong sale," he said. "They sent nice animals to be sold and the response was there. Down here, it's tough to get your hands on these pedigrees that are being offered by these two farms and people had to step up."

At Haras Abolengo's farm show on Wednesday, owner Julio Menditeguy had described **lot 36**, a daughter of Asiatic Boy (Arg), as being "from the strongest branch of the strongest family on the farm." **Cont. p4**

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Indeed, her 10-year-old unraced dam—who has produced the multiple stakes-placed Estereotipo (Arg) (Lizard Island {Arg})—is a half-sister to Equal Stripes as well as group winners in Uruguay and South Africa, and among the six Group 1 winners on the page under the third dam are multiple South African champion Empress Club (SAf) and champion stayer and successful sire in that country Elusive Fort (SAf). Emmanuel de Seroux signed the ticket on behalf of his wife, retired Grade I-winning trainer Laura de Seroux, and Dolores Zavaleta, sister-in-law of Haras Vacacion owner Pablo Zavaleta, at ASD3.4-million (£63,142/€72,856).

“She could be a foundation mare for us,” said Laura de Seroux. “It’s a beautiful pedigree. She’s a magnificent individual and I think it’s a very shrewd purchase, to get that kind of a value for money. We couldn’t fault her.”

“It’s the kind of pedigree you’d pay a lot of money at Keeneland for,” Emmanuel added. “She’s already a half-sister to a good horse and the second dam is the dam of a top stallion.”

A short time later, the de Seroux added lot 58, a daughter of Hurricane Cat (Storm Cat), for ASD1.2-million (£22,285/€25,714).

“We owned Hurricane Cat in France and sold him to Argentina, and this is the nicest looking filly I’ve seen by Hurricane Cat, even though we bred so many in France,” de Seroux said. “It shows the quality of the Argentinean-bred.”

Lot 15, a colt from Vacacion, boasts a similar pedigree to the sale topper, being by Equal Stripes out of a sister to Schoolmistress, the winning South Sea (Arg) (Grand Slam), and he was scooped up by South African agent Justin Vermaak for ASD2-million (£37,141/€42,857). This particular colt is on his way to South Africa to race for a partnership, and Vermaak said he has been buying from Argentina for three years for his home country as well as clients in Singapore. He said the export protocol to both countries is relatively straightforward.

“The well-bred fillies we tend to take to South Africa to breed with, and middle-market sprinting type colts we tend to send to Singapore—there’s pretty good prizemoney out there,” he explained. “It’s much more straightforward than [exporting from] South Africa, which is why I come. It’s about 21 days

quarantine here and then 21 days in South Africa, so pretty quick, and then about the same protocol for Singapore. As young horses that’s not much of a problem; they’re not in training so you don’t have to worry about anything like that.”

Breaking Down Borders

For Julio Menditeguy and Pablo Zavaleta, supporting an international sale isn’t just good business; it’s personal.

Each of their families have been committed to the Thoroughbred industry for upwards of 50 years, and they say that—with some more recent economic upheaval in the country following many more years of geopolitical complications—it is essential to the well-being of the Argentine industry to get it into the international spotlight.

Argentina is in the midst of an economic recession, and

through the first nine months of 2018 alone the value of the peso dropped from ARS20 against the dollar to ARS40. Last year, the Buenos Aires provincial government made a move to revoke racing’s cut of the province’s slots revenue—which fuels up to 75% of purses at some tracks—but, thankfully for racing, it ultimately did not. However, the country’s Thoroughbred industry is clearly in a position where it needs to both prove its worth to the government and take preemptive action.

Argentina’s status as a truly international breeding and

racing nation has been further hindered by travel complications to some other Southern Hemisphere countries—the lack of an import/export protocol with Australia means Argentine horses would have to fly to the Northern Hemisphere to quarantine for 20 days before heading back south in a costly endeavour.

Zavaleta said one motivation behind the inaugural Gran Venta Selecta was alerting the government to the fact that the Thoroughbred industry deserves attention.

“The government and economy has had so many problems, so we’re very [low in priority],” he said. “We’re trying to help them understand that the Thoroughbred industry is very good for the country. It provides a lot of jobs—we have about 150,000 families who work directly in the industry, which is more or less 500,000 people.”



Pablo Zavaleta and Julio Menditeguy at Haras Vacacion | Kelsey Riley

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Menditeguy added, “We’re doing this together in order to start with a personal commitment to tackle these problems that have never been attacked politically. It’s personal for the two farms. If this comes to be a success, maybe some other good breeders—there are plenty of them—will come on board.

“But the industry is under pressure and last year, two of the most successful operations over the last 30 years shut down. People are getting tired, this is getting very expensive. [Growth] won’t happen if we’re only thinking about the domestic market.”

Another factor that has made it difficult for the Argentine yearling sector to gain international recognition is the fact that rather than holding a small number of major sales each year, each farm—or sometimes small groups—will hire a local sale company to conduct their own farm sale. A sale will generally consist of 40-odd horses and during the selling season, multiple sales could be held every week. Menditeguy explained that Abolengo would traditionally hold three sales a year beginning in April, and that the best yearlings would be spread throughout the sales to maintain interest. This year, he said, all of Abolengo’s and Vacacion’s best were committed to Gran Venta Selecta.

Zavaleta said they entered into talks with Arqana about two years ago after being introduced to Eric Hoyeau and Freddy Powell by Zavaleta’s brother Diego, who had formerly been a longtime assistant to Andre Fabre. The sale was conducted by local company Arg Sales, with Arqana providing a brand name and expertise in horse selection and marketing.

“We had had a very difficult 15 years or so with the government where they had kept us closed to an international market because there was a lot of problems with currency, exports and things like that,” Zavaleta said. “We decided we needed a serious auctioneer to come here to give some confidence to the people from abroad to come back to Argentina.”

The general consensus among Abolengo and Vacacion—and others in the industry—is that they weren’t necessarily expecting the inaugural sale to come in like a lion, but rather to build and gain traction over the coming years.

“It’s a very difficult time not only for our industry but for the whole economy,” Menditeguy said. “It’s not that we’re hoping to celebrate with an international venture or that we’re doing it for

fun or to show off; we’re doing it because we need this for the Argentine economy.”

Zavaleta added, “I don’t think we’re expecting a big reaction from the first sale, but I do believe we’ve done a good job because we’ve started receiving visitors from everywhere. Todd Pletcher came down about a month ago to see the yearlings, and Eric [Hoyeau] was saying to me that John Gosden was curious about Argentina, so I think that we’re back on the map.”

And, indeed, all across the map Argentine-breds have been making an impact. The Abolengo-bred Candy Ride (Arg) is a leading sire in the U.S., while last year Vale Dori (Arg) won the GI Santa Margarita S. and GI Zenyatta S. The Japanese have been buying up Argentine mares at a rapid rate due to the success of Group 1 winners like Danon Fantasy (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and Satono Diamond (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), who are both out of Argentine Group 1 winners. Argentine-breds have also had success at Group 1 level in South Africa. Argentina has a proven ability to produce a top-class animal, but because the

yearling market has to date been largely contained within South America, yearling prices have hit a ceiling.

“We’ve been completely separate from the rest of the world, but you can see the quality of the Argentine horse, so I think it’s a big opportunity for Asian countries like Hong Kong. They’re buying nice horses in Australia, but they’re expensive. You’re buying very good quality horses here,

cheap.”

Menditeguy added, “We’re far off the top prices of the best horses from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, but we think that our horses are just as good as those countries. We already have agents from Malaysia, South Africa, France, and America here, and I hope we’ve fulfilled their expectations.”

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GHAIYYATH AIMING FOR HARCOURT

Godolphin's GSW **Ghaiyyath (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) has returned to Charlie Appleby's Moulton Paddocks and is preparing for a crack in the Apr. 7 G2 Prix d'Harcourt at ParisLongchamp, *Racing Post* reported on Thursday. A winner of the G3 Autumn S. as a juvenile and ParisLongchamp's G3 Prix du Prince d'Orange on Sept. 22 after almost a year on the sidelines, the 4-year-old has spent the winter in Dubai.

"Ghaiyyath looks fantastic and has done well over the winter out in Dubai," Appleby told *Racing Post*. "He did a couple of bits of work out there and will work again here at the weekend. He's a colt we've always liked but I didn't want to start him back in a Group 1 straight away--the Prix d'Harcourt looks a good starting point as it's usually run on soft ground, which he likes. The plan would be to use the d'Harcourt as a prep for the [Apr. 28 G1] Prix Ganay, and hopefully Ghaiyyath will be a major player in both races."

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NEWMARKET RACECOURSES AND TATTERSALLS AGREE TO EXPANDED PARTNERSHIP

Tattersalls and Newmarket Racecourses have inked an expanded partnership deal for the next three years, it was announced on Thursday. Tattersalls will continue to support the G1 Tattersalls Falmouth S. during the Moët & Chandon July

Festival, and they will also sponsor the G2 Tattersalls July S. and the G2 Princess Of Wales's Tattersalls S. The auction house will also continue to sponsor the G3 Tattersalls S. (registered as the Somerville Tattersalls S.) and the £150,000 Tattersalls October Auction S. on the Rowley Mile during the Gold Season. In addition, both the Craven and Guineas breeze-ups will be conducted over the Rowley Mile course in April and May, respectively.

"We are delighted that Tattersalls have elected not only to maintain their existing sponsorships at Newmarket Racecourses but to expand their portfolio and we look forward to watching some of the world's best horses compete for the five prestigious Tattersalls-sponsored prizes during the next three years," said Amy Starkey, Regional Director of Jockey Club Racecourses, East Region.

Added Tattersalls Chairman Edmond Mahony, "The Group 1 Tattersalls Falmouth S. is the flagship Tattersalls race sponsorship in Britain and we are delighted to extend our support of Newmarket Racecourses' Moët & Chandon July Festival by adding two such prestigious Group 2 races to our extensive sponsorship portfolio...Our sponsorship of the G2 Tattersalls July S. and the G2 Princess Of Wales's Tattersalls S. reinforces our commitment not only to Newmarket Racecourses, but also to supporting British racing in as many ways as we can."

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RAJASINGHE BREEDING SCHEME ANNOUNCED

A new breeding scheme has been unveiled for G2 Coventry S. hero **Rajasinghe (Ire)** (Choisir {Aus}) by his owner Phil Cunningham of Rebel Racing. In an effort to support the commercial breeders that send mares to the G2 July S. third, those that intend to sell the resulting offspring as a weanling would see some or all of the £5,000 stud fee refunded if the foal failed to make £15,000 at auction based on a production cost of £10,000. If a commercial breeder wanted to sell the offspring as a yearling, the scheme will refund some or all of the stud fee if a yearling failed to realise £20,000 at the sales based on a production cost of £15,000. The bay is currently standing his first season at the National Stud for £5,000 and his breeding career is being managed by Avenue Bloodstock.

"Rajasinghe had so much ability and natural talent; that was something his trainer Richard Spencer and our Rebel Racing team never doubted," said Cunningham of the Ascot 2-year-old course record setter. "We are adamant that Rajasinghe has all the credentials to become a top class stallion. However we also are also fully aware in order for him to make his mark at stud he needs the support of the best breeders and their mares." [Cont. p7](#)



Rajasinghe | Amy Lanigan

Rajasinghe Breeding Scheme Cont.

He added, "This is our way of saying 'we're all in this together' and it clearly demonstrates our confidence in Rajasinghe's future as a stallion."

For more information on the breeding scheme, please contact Tim Lane or Joe Callan of the National Stud or Avenue Bloodstock's Mark McStay.

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MAKIN RETIRES FROM RIDING, WILL TRAIN

Jockey Phillip Makin has announced his retirement from the saddle through injury and is going straight into the training ranks. Makin broke a bone in his neck and hurt his back in a nasty fall from Eyecatcher (Ire) (Camelot {GB}) at Redcar in August, and has decided this was the right time to hang up his saddle and concentrate on his next career as a trainer at his North Yorkshire base.

"I had it at the back of my mind a little bit and it just accelerated with that fall," Makin told *Sky Sports Racing*. "The recovery was slow. It was on the back-burner a little bit before I got that fall. It was just a natural follow on that we got cracking really."

The former jockey could be represented by his first runner as early as next week. He added, "I got my licence 10 days ago. I didn't have anything immediately to run, but hopefully by the end of the month we'll have something. I made my first entry for Wednesday next week. There's a horse at Southwell that might go there and there might be a horse at Doncaster for their first

meeting. There's about 23 [horses] at the minute. We've got space for quite a few more. It will keep us busy enough."

Makin rode the first of more than 900 winners in 2002 and his best every tally in a year was 111 in 2009. His big-race successes included the G2 Gimcrack S. on Blaine (GB) (Avonbridge {GB}) in 2012 and the G2 Sky Bet York S. on Tullius (Ire) (Le Vie Dei Colori {GB}) in 2015.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Ginger Des Champs (Fr), f, 3, **Rail Link (GB)**--Obelia (Fr), by Funny Baby (Fr). Lyon-la-Soie, 3-21, 2150m (AWT), 2:18.18. B-F Hennequin, J P Bazot & Mme C Perreau (FR).

BRITAIN



JEREMY GELDING TOPS ASCOT MARCH SALE

Point-to-pointer **Sonru (Ire)** (Jeremy) (**lot 119**) took top honours at the Tattersalls Ascot March Sale on Thursday, selling for £50,000 to Melbourne 10 Racing. Consigned by Donnchadh Doyle's Monbeg Stables after romping by 25 lengths in a maiden at Turtulla on Mar. 10, the bay is out of a half-sister to Grade 3 winner Inistioge (Ire) (Supremem Leader).

At the close of sale, 126 of the 154 horses offered sold (82%), with a gross of £936,300. The average was £7,258 and the median was £3,500.

"Today's sale has been well supported by Irish and UK vendors and has offered purchasers the opportunity to buy all categories of bloodstock," said Tattersalls Director of Horses in Training Sales Richard Pugh. "We welcomed a broad bench of purchasers, both domestic and international with countries represented including Germany, Poland, Sweden, The Netherlands, Jersey and Libya. Today's results measured well against last years and it was really pleasing to produce a clearance rate of 82% along with a top price of £50,000."

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TOWCESTER FIXTURE CANCELLED

The Apr. 26 Towcester fixture has been cancelled by the British Horseracing Authority. Bangor-on-Dee will hold a seven-race card that same day instead. Entry and declaration deadlines will follow the normal procedure. For race programme details and further fixture information, go to www2.racingadmin.co.uk.



EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN QATAR:

Luchador (GB), f, 3, **Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)**--Bride Unbridled (Ire), by Hurricane Run (Ire). Al Rayyan, 3-21, Cond., 1200mT, 1:11.98. B-Al Asayl Bloodstock Ltd. *£75,000 RNA HRA '18 GOFLOM; 55,000gns HRA '18 TATJUL. **VIDEO**

Indian Horseman (GB), g, 3, **Sepoy (Aus)**--Jubilant Queen (GB), by Kyllachy (GB). Al Rayyan, 3-21, Cond., 1600mT, 1:38.90. B-Genesis Green Stud & P Scott. *38,000gns Ylg '17 TATOCT; £9,000 RNA 2yo '18 TAASC; 72,000gns HRA '18 TATJUL. **VIDEO**

Hajaj (Ire), h, 5, **Dark Angel (Ire)**--And Again, by In The Wings (GB). Al Rayyan, 3-21, Hcp., 1850mT, 1:53.07. B-Lismacue Mare Syndicate. *70,000gns Wlg '14 TATDEF; 180,000gns Ylg '15 TATOCT. **VIDEO**

Duke of Dundee (Fr), g, 7, **Duke of Marmalade (Ire)**--Santa Louisia (GB), by Highest Honor (Fr). Al Rayyan, 3-21, Cond., 3200mT, 3:37.09. B-SCEA Elevage De Tourgeville, M Benoit Piro, M Jean-Marc Poylo & Mme H Erculiani. *SP-Fr. **€28,000 Ylg '13 ARQAUG; €85,000 HRA '16 ARQARC.

VIDEO

ASIA

Thursday's Result:

KUROFUNE SHO-Listed (Jpn-G3), ¥31,500,000 (\$284,170/£217,792/€250,407), Kochi, 3-21, 4yo/up, 1400m, 1:26.60, sl.

1--**SUCCESS ENERGY (JPN)**, 128, h, 5, **Kinshasa no Kiseki (Aus)**
1st Dam: Success Ai Ni (Jpn), by **Jungle Pocket (Jpn)**
2nd Dam: Our Miss Legs, by **Deputy Minister**
3rd Dam: Colonial Waters, by **Pleasant Colony**

O-Tetsu Takashima; B-Taniguchi Farm (Jpn); T-Yoshihito Kitade; J-Kohei Matsuyama. ¥21,000,000. Lifetime Record: 18-8-2-0.

2--**Yamanin Imprime (Jpn)**, 119, m, 5, **Sinister Minister--Yamanin Ellipse (Jpn)**, by **Sunday Silence**. O-Hajime Doi; B-Kosuke Hirota (Jpn); ¥4,850,000.

3--**King's Guard (Jpn)**, 126, h, 8, **Sinister Minister--Kings Berry (Jpn)**, by **King Halo (Jpn)**. O/B-Nisshin Farm (Jpn). ¥2,700,000. Margins: HD, 5, 1. Odds: 0.70, 4.60, 6.30.



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ASCOT PARK'S GOLDEN SLIPPER DUO



Cosmic Force as a yearling | *TDN AusNZ*

by Bren O'Brien

Leading the charge to defeat the Godolphin army in the G1 Golden Slipper S. will be two runners born and bred on Ascot Park's humble 75-acre property at Pitt Town, west of Sydney, with owner Bob Hannon in line for a possible A\$1-million bonus.

As the expected huge crowd at Rosehill gets into position to watch Saturday's G1 Golden Slipper S., 40kms away at Ascot Park, the phone alarms of the farm staff will be sounding reminding them to head to the office and watch two youngsters from the Pitt Town stud contest the world's richest 2-year-old race.

Much has been made of Godolphin's enormous achievement to get six horses, five homebred, into Saturday's race. For a small operation like Ascot Park, with only 16 mares, having two in the fight for A\$3.5m is another impressive feat. Making the day even more significant for Ascot Park owner Bob Hannon is that he retained ownership in those two horses, **Cosmic Force** (Deep Field) and **Vincere Volare** (I Am Invincible).

And Hannon could be in for a massive payday, with Inglis to pay out a A\$1-million bonus to him as vendor and breeder of Classic Sale graduate Cosmic Force should the colt win on Saturday.

Danny and Amy Kerr manage Ascot Park for Hannon and Danny said there is a real sense of pride among the staff to have both the colt Cosmic Force and the filly Vincere Volare in the race.

"We only send out 15-16 mares a year, so we are very small in the scheme of things, it's a pretty good result." Kerr told *TDN AusNZ*. "Bob Hannon has kept a share in the both of them and it's so cool for him to have that excitement and race with other trainers and other people. He's loving the fact that he's got two in the Golden Slipper and he's racing them with good people."

For Kerr, there is particular pride in the emergence of Cosmic Force as a favourite for the race, having prepared the colt for sale by Ascot Park for last year's Inglis Classic Sale.

"He was not an early foal on the ground. It's a great thing that he is in such an early race," he said. "We're a bit shocked. But he never put a foot wrong, we prepped him as a yearling for the Classic Sale and through that prep, he got bigger and stronger and loved the prep all the way through."

Cosmic Force attracted the right type of buyer, going for A\$180,000 to Newgate/China Horse Club/WinStar and being sent to Peter and Paul Snowden to train.

"Obviously the Snowden team and the Newgate team saw that when they purchased him. They could see the strength in him going forward. Hats off to them for picking a good horse really," Kerr said.

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Bob Hannon | *TDN AusNZ*



Ascot Park team | TDN AusNZ

A Thirst for Improvement

Kerr never doubted that Cosmic Force would be a very good horse, but was concerned that his later development meant that his potential might not be seen by enough buyers.

"We were just worried that people wouldn't see him for what he was. But as the prep went on for us, he just got stronger and better. His mother (Little Zeta) (Commands) was a fast kind of horse too, so we knew that was there," he said.

That thirst for improvement has marked Cosmic Force's 2-year-old campaign. A winner of a Newcastle maiden on debut, he returned with a pair of seconds in the Listed Lonhro S. and G2 Skyline S., before hammering his rivals by 7.3l last week in the G3 Pago Pago S.

"We saw it as a yearling, so it's obviously carried on into his racing prep and the Snowden team have said all along that he just keeps improving. He gets better and better," he said.

Filly Ready Made for Speed

Vincere Volare is from the family of Hannon's former star 2-year-old Amelia's Dream (Redoute's Choice), so there was always an expectation as a daughter of I Am Invincible that she would make an ideal early-running type. She went into the 2018 Inglis Easter Sale, where she was prepped by Yarraman Park.

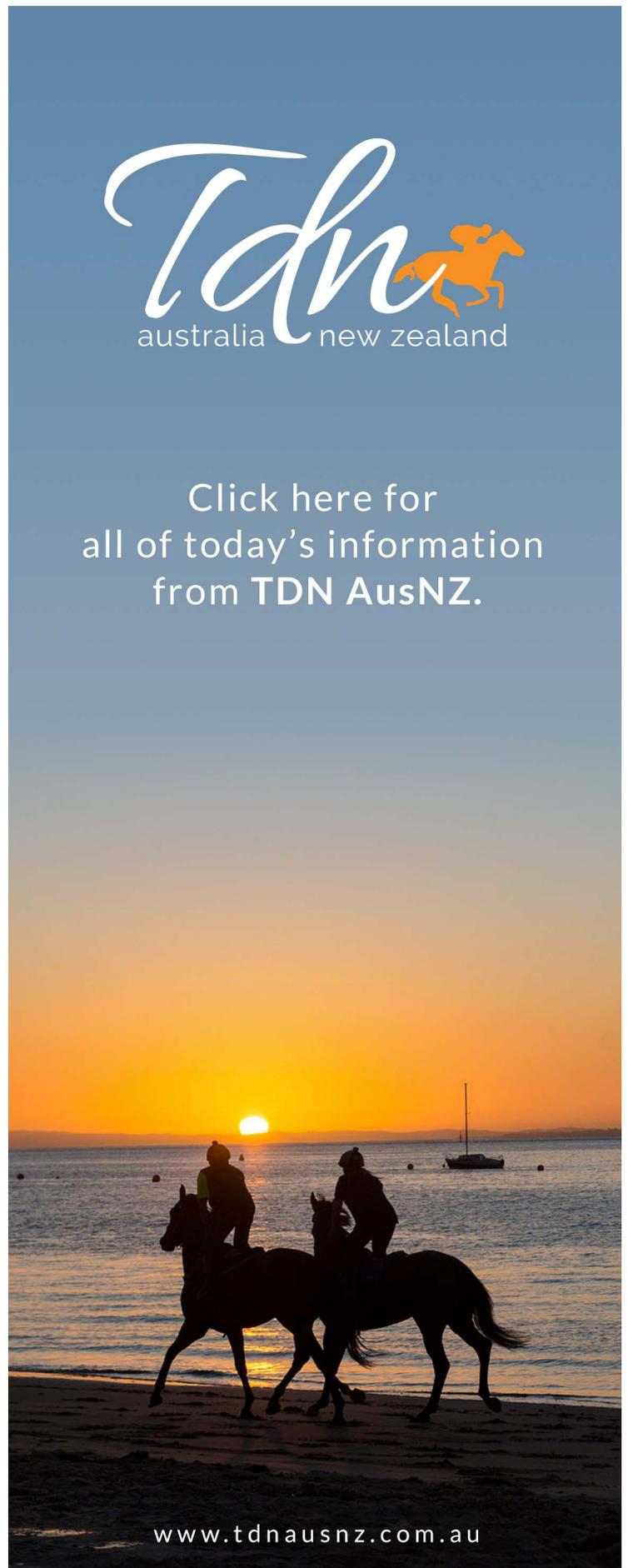
"We are a very small farm and we only prepped the Classic horses that year because we were at Pitt Town," Kerr said. "One of the owners of the dam Elimbari (Fastnet Rock) has a strong relationship with Yarraman Park, as does Bob Hannon. It was a good fit to send horses up to them to prep for us, for the likes of Magic Millions and Easter."

She was snapped up by another major player in Aquis Farm, who combined with Tony Gollan to pay A\$300,000 for her.

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Easter Sale Debut the Focus

While success on Saturday will be significant, success in the auction ring at Easter in what will be Ascot Park's first-ever draft at the iconic sale is the main priority. There are four yearlings in the draft, including Vincere Volare's half-brother by Vancouver, lot 435.

"He's fabulous. He's very much thrown to the Vancouver style so hopefully people can see that and appreciate it. We've got a good draft, and hopefully if the filly goes well, it looks better for us when we are presenting him," he said.

Also on offer will be a three-quarter brother by Wandjina, to Ascot Park's most famous graduate, the 2013 Cox Plate winner Shamus Award (Snitzel), catalogued as lot 293.

Ascot Park's Golden Slipper Duo Cont.

She showed all the speed and precocity expected of her when she won by 4.75l on debut at Doomben in November and after returning with another easy win at the same track last month, finished third in the G2 Reisling S. two weeks ago.

The Golden Slipper pair are part of what Kerr feels is a super crop of youngsters off the farm.

"The proof is in the pudding. We've had four 2-year olds to race and all of them have won and two are into the Golden Slipper." he said.

With yearling preps for Easter in full swing for Danny and Amy and the team, there won't be much time to soak in that achievement.

"We hope to get back up the office and watch it on the TV. Farm life usually gets in front of us and we usually lose track of time. I think we'll be putting the alarms on the phone to get us up there," he said.

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