



THREE MAJOR U.S. SALES COMPANIES ANNOUNCE BISPHOSPHONATES BAN



A 2-year-old gallops out around the clubhouse turn at Monday's Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream breeze show. Fasig-Tipton will host the first sale to include a bisphosphonate ban in July

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Buyers of horses younger than four years old at three major auction houses in the U.S. will be able to have those horses tested for bisphosphonates, according to a joint statement issued Monday morning by the Keeneland Association, Fasig-Tipton Company Inc. and Ocala Breeders' Sales Company Inc. (OBS). According to the release, the policy is undertaken to ban off-label use of these drugs. The revised Conditions of Sale for each of these sales companies takes effect July 1, 2019. The first sale held under this new policy will be the Fasig-Tipton July Sale, July 8 and 9 in Lexington, Kentucky.

At each of the three sales companies, buyers of young horses may request testing for bisphosphonates to be performed at the time of purchase. If the sale horse tests positive, a buyer has the right, within 24 hours of notification, to rescind the sale.

This measure by Keeneland, Fasig-Tipton and OBS--the three major U.S. Thoroughbred auction companies--mirrors the action they took in 2009 to ban the use of anabolic steroids in sales horses.

SKY KINGDOM COLT, UNCLE MO FILLY FASTEST AT FASIG BREEZE SHOW

by Jessica Martini

HALLANDALE BEACH, FL--The under-tack preview of the Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream Selected 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale was held under brilliantly blue skies and temperatures reaching up to the high 70s in Hallandale Monday. Two juveniles shared the fastest furlong time of the preview, with a colt by Sky Kingdom hitting the :9 4/5 mark during the day's second set and a filly by Uncle Mo reaching that mark in the day's fourth of five sets. It was the first time in the auction's five years at Gulfstream Park that a horse broke :10 for the furlong. The fastest quarter-mile of :20 3/5 was shared by a colt by Uncle Mo and a filly by Into Mischief.

"It was a very productive day on the racetrack," said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning, Jr. "We saw a huge number of quality horses that worked over the racetrack today." **Cont. p3**

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Carolina in my mind. Boss Man (English Channel), left, and Show Court (Ire) (Vinnie Roe {Ire}), right, cool off with Arch Kingsley and Simon Shaw after galloping Monday morning at Long Leaf Stable in Camden, SC in preparation for Saturday's Carolina Cup. | Sarah Andrew

WINSTAR TDN DERBY TOP 12

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A familiar face is atop the WinStar TDN Derby Top 12 rankings this week after previous top dog War of Will (War Front) was beaten as the favorite in Saturday's GII Louisiana Derby.

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Sales Companies Ban Bisphosphonates cont. from p1

Keeneland President and CEO Bill Thomason, Fasig-Tipton President Boyd T. Browning Jr. and OBS President Tom Ventura were quoted in the joint statement as saying, "This is an integrity issue. We all agree that this policy is critical to strengthen buyer confidence in the entire Thoroughbred auction process. As research continues, we will amend our Conditions of Sale to reflect the advancements in testing science."

In summary, the policy will be implemented as follows:

- The buyer has the right to request, at the time of purchase, that blood be drawn from a horse to test for the presence of bisphosphonates;
- The respective sales company will coordinate testing with a designated laboratory and report the results of those tests to the consignor and buyer in a timely manner;
- If the sale horse tests positive for bisphosphonates, the buyer has the right, within 24 hours of notification, to rescind the sale and return the horse to the consignor; and
- The buyer will bear the \$500 cost of the test; however, if test results are positive, the cost will shift to the consignor.

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Sky Kingdom Colt, Uncle Mo Filly Fastest at Fasig cont. from p1

"There were some beautiful movers and there are some spectacular videos that we've already had a chance to see," Browning continued. "I thought the track was very consistent from beginning to end and we were very, very pleased with the quality of horses that our consignors have brought to us. They had shown well earlier in the week and we felt very good about the physicals and they performed, for the most part, across the board on the racetrack today spectacularly."

The breeze show attracted a broad swathe of onlookers to the Gulfstream grandstand Monday, with trainers like Todd Pletcher, Steve Asmussen, Mark Hennig, Eddie Kenneally and Neil Drysdale in attendance. Among the bloodstock agents in the grandstand were Patti Miller, Kim Valerio, Shawn Dugan, Murette Farrell, Kerri Radcliffe, Donato Lanni, Deuce Greathouse, Patrick Lawley-Wakelin, Jason Litt, Jamie Hill, and Pete Bradley. Major operations were also represented, with Stonestreet's Barbara Banke watching the works alongside John Moynihan, as well as Aron Wellman of Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Terry Finley of West Point Thoroughbreds.

"The under-tack show was well attended," Browning said. "There certainly seems to be a high level of interest and we are optimistic heading into the sale on Wednesday." **Cont. p4**



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“There will be some polarization in the marketplace without any question because there are lot of evaluative tools that people go through, watching the video, stride analysis, hearts, veterinary scrutiny, so there are a number of factors that will come into play in making buying decisions, but I think we’ll see lively competition for a significant number of horses on offer,” Browning added.

Hip 155 was the first horse to shade :10 for a furlong work at the Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream sale when he covered the distance in :9 4/5 Monday. The dark bay is from the first crop of graded stakes winner Sky Kingdom (Empire Maker) and is out of the unplaced Truelladeville (Yes It’s True). He is consigned to the sale by Wavertree Stables.



Hip 155 breezing | Photos by Z

“He advertised himself as a good horse all year,” Wavertree’s Ciaran Dunne said. “We thought he would work really well, but you’re never thinking :9 4/5. But the good ones tend to show up.”

Dunne purchased the colt for \$115,000 at last year’s Fasig-Tipton July Yearling Sale.

“Everybody at the sale wanted to buy him, it was just a question of who was going to be the last man standing,” Dunne recalled of buying the youngster last summer. “He’s just a gorgeous horse; they don’t make horses any prettier than he is. He is big, he’s strong, he moves good and we just took a shot.”

Asked if he had any reservations about bringing a lesser-known pedigree into the boutique Gulfstream sale, Dunne said, “Not after that [work]. Physically he is as good as they come and he worked really well. I think if he had missed on either the physical or the way he worked, we would have been in trouble. But he will sell himself. He’s a bit special.”

Wavertree sent out 15 juveniles to work Monday and Dunne said the track seemed consistent throughout the day.

“We were really happy [with the results],” he said. “For the most part, they showed up like we thought they were going to. You always want them to go a tick quicker than they did, but I think the great thing about down here is, that while the bullet is the bullet, they are willing to forgive you a tick or two if they do it the right way and they gallop out. For the most part, these are big two-turn horses and they shouldn’t be expected to all go in :10 flat.”

Late in the day, a daughter of Uncle Mo (**hip 12**) equaled the :9 4/5 work for the Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds consignment. The juvenile is out of Coin Broker (Montjeu {Ire}), a daughter of GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile winner Cash Run (Seeking the Gold) and her third dam is Grade I winner Shared Interest (Pleasant Colony). She was purchased by Randy Hartley and Dean DeRenzo for \$450,000 at last year’s Keeneland September sale.



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Of the decision to work the speedy filly late in the day, Hartley explained, “When you have a small group of horses like these, it was hard to decide. So I thought, we’ll take two of ours and two of Chris [Baccari]’s and then our last two last. I think it shows that the track stayed consistent throughout the day, if you have the horse.”

A son of Coolmore’s Uncle Mo (**hip 82**) shared the day’s fastest quarter-mile work of **:20 3/5**. Consigned by Hoby and Layna Kight, the \$350,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase is out of Grade I placed Modification (Vindication) and is a half-brother to multiple graded placed Sawyer’s Hill (Spring At Last).

A daughter of Into Mischief (**hip 139**) matched that **:20 3/5** quarter-mile time later in the preview. The bay filly is out of Specification (Empire Maker), a half-sister to Grade I winner Skimming (Nureyev). She is consigned by Tom McCrocklin as agent for **Steve Gasparelli’s Slugo Racing** and Scott Dowell’s Paymaster Racing which purchased her for \$450,000 at last year’s Keeneland September sale.

The Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream sale will be held Wednesday in the track’s paddock beginning at 2 p.m.

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TDN DERBY TOP 12

by T.D. Thornton

Another weekend of preps for the GI Kentucky Derby is in the books, and favorites continue to stumble through March without posting authoritative victories that match their odds. But the calendar from here on out is loaded with nine-furlong opportunities, perhaps providing some separation between the true contenders and the early spring pretenders.

1) GAME WINNER (c, **Candy Ride {Arg}**--**Indyan Giving**, by A.P. Indy)

'TDN Rising Star'. O-Gary & Mary West. B-Summer Wind Equine (KY). T-Bob Baffert. Sales History: \$110,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.

Lifetime Record: MGISW, 5-4-1-0, \$1,646,000.

Last Start: 2nd, **Gil Rebel S.**, OP, Mar. 16

Next Start: GI Santa Anita Derby, SA, Apr. 6

EquineLine PPs. KY Derby Points: 45.

LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE

This week 'TDN Rising Star' Game Winner re-inherits the kingpin spot atop the Top 12 rankings that he occupied during the earlier part of the season. But considering that the top five horses on this list are all coming off explainable "learning experience" defeats, the juvenile champ does not hold as domineering a lead as he once did. This \$110,000 KEESEP Candy Ride (Arg) bay lost the slightly (.07 seconds) faster division of the Gil Rebel S. by a head bob, but you'd have to think based on

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both his pedigree and the way he finished that Game Winner is in line to improve at nine furlongs and beyond. We saw from the Rebel that even after a stutter-step start, he can comfortably slip into midpack stalk mode while rating willingly, and he tipped out for a prolonged bid 4 1/2 furlongs from the wire while gradually winding up for a far-turn attack. Approaching the quarter pole, it was a bit startling to see jockey Joel Rosario pumping and driving on Game Winner while Omaha Beach (War Front) kept gliding along under hand encouragement, but Game Winner determinedly closed the gap, responding to vigorous urging like he knew that's part of the job. It was only in the final few jumps that he alternated nods with the resolute Omaha Beach, but the effort as a whole (8 1/4 lengths clear of everyone else) likely gave him what needs to uncork a more polished performance next time out in the GI Santa Anita Derby.

2) HIDDEN SCROLL (c, **Hard Spun--Sheba Queen, by Empire Maker)**

'TDN Rising Star' O/B-Juddmonte Farms, Inc. (KY). T-William I. Mott. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$50,600.

Last Start: 4th, **GII Fountain of Youth S.**, GP, Mar. 2

Next Start: GI Florida Derby, GP, Mar. 30

Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 5.

'TDN Rising Star' Hidden Scroll will be a very dangerous and legitimate favorite in Saturday's GI Florida Derby. This Hard Spun-sired Juddmonte homebred has paired a freakishly fast maiden romp with a too-keen GII Fountain of Youth S. fourth. But his two-turn stakes debut was much better than it looks on paper considering he prevailed in an overly ambitious speed duel, then rebuffed both first and second runs on the turn before giving up ground without caving in deep stretch. Trainer Bill Mott's primary purpose since then has been schooling Hidden Scroll behind workmates to "eat dirt" while still finishing up into the bridle, and Mott told XBTv after a bullet five-eighths in 1:02.40 (1/7) on Friday that he is satisfied with the results. "I think this horse is fine in behind horses. I think he's fine on the lead if the pace is such that he needs to be on the lead," he said. "Some horses will tend to kind of fall apart on you after a real hard race, but he seems like he's done well. He's just one of those horses that gets better with the work. He's got a really good hindquarter on him. He's not a big, heavy horse in front, which is to his advantage. I think it's good not to be [too] bulky. He's really a streamlined sort of horse. He's got a good hip, a lot of power, yet not so heavy that it's going to work against him."

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3) SIGNALMAN (c, General Quarters--Trip South, by Trippi)

O-Tommie M. Lewis, David A. Bernsen, LLC & Magdalena Racing (Sherri McPeek). B-Monticule (KY). T-Kenneth G McPeek. Sales History: \$32,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: GSW & MGISP, 6-2-2-1, \$452,990.

Last Start: 7th, **GII Fountain of Youth S.**, GP, Mar. 2

Next Start: GII Blue Grass S., KEE, Apr. 6

Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 18.



I'm betting that Signalman will run big in his final test before the Derby, the GII Blue Grass S. at Keeneland Apr. 6. It really seemed like that was his main target prep race all along, and when you consider all the variables from his uncharacteristic seventh in the Fountain of Youth S.--a very deep race on paper, the admission by trainer Ken McPeek that Signalman wasn't trained tightly enough off the layoff, his losing a shoe at some point in the race--this \$32,000 FTKOCT General Quarters colt now seems poised to build on the prowess he displayed at the end of his 2-year-old season. McPeek has touted Signalman as a strong horse with speed and smarts, and his prolonged up-the-rail move against 13 rivals on a sloppy Churchill Downs surface to win the Nov. 24 GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. still stands out as one of the more visually impressive juvenile stakes

from last year. He also finished within 3 1/4 lengths of Game Winner in the Breeders' Cup, and has been in the money in all three Churchill starts (two over wet tracks).



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4) IMPROBABLE (c, City Zip--Rare Event, by A.P. Indy)

'TDN Rising Star'. O-WinStar Farm LLC, China Horse Club International Ltd. & Starlight Racing. B-St. George Farm LLC & G. Watts Humphrey Jr. (KY). T-Bob Baffert. Sales History: \$110,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$200,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GISW, 4-3-1-0, \$419,520.

Last Start: 2nd, **GII Rebel S.**, OP, Mar. 16

Next Start: GI Arkansas Derby, OP, Apr. 13

Equine PPs. **Caulfield on Improbable**. KY Derby Points: 25.

LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE

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'TDN Rising Star' Improbable checked the "overcomes adversity" box by turning in a credible second in his division of the Mar. 16 Rebel S. Considering the change-of-plans shipping experience, crowded Oaklawn indoor paddock, outside post, and getting hung four wide on both turns, it's obvious that this \$200,000 KEESEP City Zip chestnut got something useful out of the race. And yes, he became a touch unfocused in mid-stretch when he hit the lead and had his big, white blaze cocked to the grandstand. But he stayed on pretty well through the final furlong given he hadn't raced in three months and was intentionally not fully cranked to peak in mid-March. He'll be a tighter contender with a touch more demanding training under his belt between now and his next planned start in the Apr. 13 GI Arkansas Derby. But part of what trainer Bob Baffert wanted to avoid this spring with his top sophomores was multiple shipping excursions, and if Improbable starts in both another Oaklawn race and the Kentucky Derby, that will make for three separate trips east from California within a seven-week span for this colt.

5) WAR OF WILL (c, War Front--Visions of Clarity {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells)

O-Gary Barber. B-Flaxman Holdings Limited (KY). T-Mark Casse. Sales History: \$175,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP; €250,000 2yo '18 ARQMAY. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 8-3-1-1, \$501,569.

Last Start: 9th, **GII Louisiana Derby**, Mar. 23

Next Start: Possible for GI Kentucky Derby, CD, May 4

Equine PPs. **Caulfield on War of Will**. KY Derby Points: 60.

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Almost everyone agrees that War of Will's loss in the GII Louisiana Derby is a throwout because of his scary slipping/loss of action leaving the starting gate. The big question is will the reportedly strained ligaments in his right hind leg prevent him from training purposefully up to the Kentucky Derby? Trainer Mark Casse can be expected to err on the side of caution, so as long as this €250,000 ARQMAY War Front colt remains aimed for

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the Derby, he still belongs with the top half of the pack in these rankings based on his well-constructed resume of dirt victories since transitioning from equally impressive grass starts. Prior to Saturday's botched effort at Fair Grounds, he has consistently run well in crowded fields as an aggressive stalker who can make his own breaks, and his previous two New Orleans stakes wins were among the most authoritative prep race victories of 2019. If he's not deemed ready for the main-track rigors of the Triple Crown, War of Will would be the logical favorite for the New York Turf Triple series, which commences July 6.

6) OMAHA BEACH (c, War Front--Charming, by Seeking the Gold)

O-Fox Hill Farms, Inc. B-Charming Syndicate (KY). T-Richard Mandella. Sales History: \$625,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 6-2-3-1, \$521,800.

Last Start: 1st, **Gil Rebel S.**, OP, Mar. 16

Next Start: GI Arkansas Derby, OP, Apr. 13

Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 37.5.

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After four narrowly beaten-fave tries, Omaha Beach finally blasted through the maiden ranks with a nine-length shellacking of his SoCal foes on Feb. 2, and bettors thought highly enough of that effort to make him the second choice behind 2-year-old champ Game Winner in the second division of the Rebel S. That showdown did, in fact, turn out to be a two-horse race, with the top two contenders in the wagering clearing of the rest of the overmatched pack by 8 1/4 lengths after a stirring length-of-stretch hookup. This War Front colt earned major style points by breaking alertly, rating to third on the clubhouse bend, then targeting and inhaling a 48-1 pacemaker while still having plenty left in reserve to throw down with a far more seasoned competitor while pinned on the inside for the better part of two furlongs. Omaha Beach displayed an admirable competitive streak when put to sustained pressure by the division leader, and he extended the effort well through his gallop-out after nosing out Game Winner at the wire.

7) CODE OF HONOR (c, Noble Mission {GB}--Reunited, by Dixie Union)

O/B-W. S. Farish (KY). T-Shug McGaughey. Sales History: \$70,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW & GISP, 4-2-1-0, \$384,820.

Last Start: 1st, **GII Fountain of Youth S.**, GP, Mar. 2

Next Start: GI Florida Derby, GP, Mar. 30

Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 54.

LANE'S END BRED & RAISED

Code of Honor got shuffled back a bit in this week's rankings (from No. 4), largely because of my perception that this

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first-crop Noble Mission (GB) homebred benefitted greatly from a ground-saving gift trip and pace meltdown in his Fountain of Youth S. win. In a sense, he's going to have to prove himself again in the Florida Derby, and even after that there will be lingering questions about his lighter physical frame and the fact that he's a May 23 foal. But on the plus side, Code of Honor is a very nimble mover whose efficient stride could be a plus in a 20-horse race like the Kentucky Derby, and he has been able to handle the more assertive conditioning that trainer Shug McGaughey has thrown his way over the past several months.



Code of Honor | Lauren King

8) ROADSTER (c, Quality Road--Ghost Dancing, by Silver Ghost) 'TDN Rising Star'. O-Speedway Stable LLC. B-Stone Farm (KY). T-Bob Baffert. Sales History: \$525,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GISP, 3-2-0-1, \$106,200. Last Start: 1st, Allowance/Optional Claiming, SA, Mar. 1 Next Start: GI Santa Anita Derby, SA, Apr. 6 EquineLine PPs. KY Derby Points: 0.

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'TDN Rising Star' Roadster remains on the Derby periphery largely because of how highly hyped he was last summer at Del Mar. But with a lone 2019 allowance win serving as his comeback race off of surgery to fix a displaced soft palate, this \$525,000 KEESEP Quality Road gray is on the outside looking in with zero qualifying points. He's scheduled to start next in the Santa Anita Derby and will likely require a first- or second-place finish to earn a points berth, and that will mean going head to head against stablemate Game Winner. That's ironic, because last September when Roadster was considered the top 2-year-old in the Baffert barn, it was the eventual divisional champ who beat him in the GI Del Mar Futurity. Roadster currently isn't scaring away any competition, but considering



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who trains him and how mercurial the entire crop has been so far this season, he's just one explosive race away from vaulting into contention as a plausible play on the first Saturday in May.

9) BOURBON WAR (c, Tapit--My Conquestadory, by Artie Schiller)

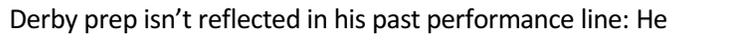
O-Bourbon Lane Stable & Lake Star Stable. B-Conquest Stables (KY). T-Mark Hennig. Sales History: \$410,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$525,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSP, 4-2-1-0, \$155,100. Last Start: 2nd, *GII Fountain of Youth S.*, GP, Mar. 2
Next Start: GI Florida Derby, GP, Mar. 30
Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 21.

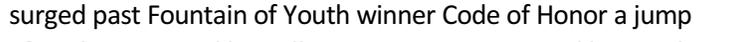

LANE'S END FOALLED, RAISED & SOLD



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THOROSTRIDE -featured horse

The most intriguing aspect of Bourbon War's most recent Derby prep isn't reflected in his past performance line: He surged past Fountain of Youth winner Code of Honor a jump after the wire, and his gallop-out was stronger and longer than the winner's. Nine furlongs in Saturday's Florida Derby seems within his scope, but questions about his ability to excel in A-level races center on whether or not he requires a favorable pace setup to rally into. This \$525,000 KEESEP colt's trainer, Mark Hennig, has indicated that Bourbon War can sit closer to the lead if need be, and it's worth noting that this colt won his one-turn mile maiden by stalking in third, about a length off the leader. "He's made great progress. I think that first race really woke him up a lot. He's a horse that was never really enthusiastic as a training horse prior to running," Hennig said of that Nov. 14 Aqueduct debut. "Once he ran, the light came on for him. It's been quite a wake-up for him. He's a typical Tapit that was bored of all the training and was ready for some race experience."

10) LONG RANGE TODDY (c, Take Charge Indy--Pleasant Song, by Unbridled's Song)

O/B-Willis Horton Racing, LLC (KY). T-Steve Asmussen. Lifetime Record: GSW, 7-4-1-1, \$851,125.
Last Start: 1st, *GII Rebel S.*, OP, Mar. 16
Next Start: GI Arkansas Derby, OP, Apr. 13
Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 53.5.

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Despite a 4-1-1 record from seven starts that includes three stakes wins (and never losing by more than two lengths) Long Range Toddy is a capable, under-the-radar sort who has a pedigree to run well at Classics distances. His winning trip in the first division of the Rebel S. was pretty impressive: This Take Charge Indy homebred broke on top, settled comfortably at the

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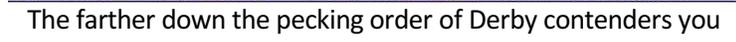
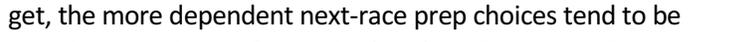
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rail to concede the lead, and held his position well while the pack shifted outside of him. Then in the stretch he adeptly shifted, two, three, and eventually four paths wide to avoid getting caught on heels while finishing with purpose to gun down 2-5 fave Improbable. He has a decent foundation of five two-turn races, but is likely to start at another underdog price (he's never been favored) when he goes in the Arkansas Derby.

11) VEKOMA (c, Candy Ride {Arg}--Mona de Momma, by Speightstown)

O-R. A. Hill Stable & Gatsas Stables. B-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC (KY). T-George Weaver. Sales History: \$135,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-2-0-1, \$188,850.
Last Start: 3rd, *GII Fountain of Youth S.*, GP, Mar. 2
Next Start: Likely for GI Blue Grass S., KEE, Apr. 6
Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 10.


LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE



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The farther down the pecking order of Derby contenders you get, the more dependent next-race prep choices tend to be based on matchups of who else is going where, and that seems to be part of a realistic game plan for Vekoma. "Right now we've got three options on the table," trainer George Weaver said last Friday. "We're looking at the Florida Derby, the [GII] Wood

[Memorial S.], and the Blue Grass.” This \$135,000 KEESOP Candy Ride (Arg) colt didn’t duck any heavy hitters when Weaver entered him in the very deep Fountain of Youth S., and although Vekoma was once again green through the lane, he never packed it in or stopped trying when it was clear he wouldn’t win. “We thought he ran well in his comeback race,” Weaver said of the third-place try. “I thought it was a solid effort and he’s been training forwardly since then. He was a May 22 foal, so he’s really been starting to fill out and you can see the maturity he’s gained over the winter and he’s continuing to grow.”



Vekoma | Coglianese photo

12) TACITUS (c, Tapit--Close Hatches, by First Defence)

O/B-Juddmonte Farms, Inc. (KY). T-Bill Mott. Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-2-0-0, \$253,000.

Last Start: 1st, [GII Tampa Bay Derby](#), TAM, Mar. 9

Next Start: Possible for GII Wood Memorial S., AQU, Apr. 6

[Equineline](#) PPs. KY Derby Points: 50.

Before Hidden Scroll blossomed, Tacitus was considered the primary Juddmonte-bred Derby hopeful in trainer Bill Mott’s barn. He’s a large-framed runner who is light on experience (2-for-3), and this gray son of Tapit takes quite a while to uncoil and find his best stride in workouts and races. His first-time-Lasix win in the GII Tampa Bay Derby is a little tough to gauge considering no one else was truly firing in the final furlong. But Tacitus did everything he was asked, rating willingly, securing a nice midpack stalking spot, and responding to a rousing ride by slipping through an inside path through traffic. “He’s a big horse and when he made the lead, he didn’t keep going; he kind of waited a little bit,” jockey Jose Ortiz said after that win. “He does everything so easy and I don’t know if he’s given me 100% yet [in his three races].” The Apr. 6 Wood Memorial is likely next, although Mott indicated there’s an outside chance Tacitus could go in the same-date Blue Grass S.

On the Bubble (in alphabetical order)

By My Standards (Goldencents): On to Louisville after 22-1 pick-up-the-pieces Louisiana Derby upset.

Country House (Lookin At Lucky): Could have a dark-horse shot to redeem Louisiana Derby fourth if he goes in the Arkansas Derby.

Cutting Humor (First Samurai): Track-record GIII Sunland Derby win gives trainer Todd Pletcher an interesting late-blooming Derby chance.

Haikal (Daaher): Wide and driving GIII Gotham S. winner “hopefully won’t have to have a hot pace” in front of him to repeat in Wood Memorial, per trainer Kiaran McLaughlin.

Harvey Wallbanger (Congrats): Last-to-first upset winner of Holy Bull S. will be another big price yet again in Florida Derby.

Instagrاند (Into Mischief): Veil of next-race secrecy continues to shadow this colt, who is reportedly training toward an early April start. Will it be the Santa Anita Derby or something less ambitious?

Mucho Gusto (Mucho Macho Man): Made the pace but couldn’t sustain it when third as fave in Sunland Derby, which dropped him out of the Top 12.

Spinoff (Hard Spun): Credible second in Louisiana Derby earned him 40 qualifying points; his light 2019 schedule so far still allows for a start in Arkansas Derby if Pletcher deems it necessary.

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KEENELAND APRIL HORA CATALOG NOW ONLINE

The catalog for Keeneland’s April Horses of Racing Age Sale, featuring 81 horses and scheduled for Tuesday, Apr. 9 at 2 p.m. ET, is now available for viewing [online](#). The digital catalog features *Daily Racing Form* past performances, Thoro-Graph and Ragozin sheets. Sellers also have the opportunity to submit professional walking and/or conformation videos and professional photography of the horses to accompany this information. A print version of the Horses of Racing Age Sale catalog will be available Monday, Apr. 1.

The April Sale to date has [cataloged 72 juveniles](#) in addition to the horses of racing age. Keeneland will host a Preview Day featuring breezes by cataloged 2-year-olds over both the dirt track and turf course Monday, Apr. 8, beginning at 11 a.m.

Keeneland will continue to accept supplemental entries for the April Sale.

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PROVEN STRATEGIES: THE INS AND OUTS OF THE PINHOOKING INDUSTRY

by Ava Agbulos

Although most of the readers understand the term pinhooking, let's spend a moment defining how to approach it in a fiscally responsible way.

The majority of horses who are pinhooked are yearlings, purchased at public auction. They are then trained and eventually resold as "race-ready" 2-year olds in training. The same practice can be done with weanlings to re-sell as yearlings or 2-year olds.

The attraction that comes with investing in weanlings and yearlings is their ability to provide an opportunity for portfolio diversification in an area that historically and currently provides high returns.

Buying horses at reasonable costs and selling with high returns is the traditional strategy in pinhooking. The first step includes acquiring top prospects based on conformation, pedigree or family/sire popularity.

Of course, there are inherent risks involved in this sector of the market. Pinhooking is a risky venture due to the fact that not every young horse can handle the strict timetable of the breaking and training process. There are multiple factors that can put an investor in an unfavorable situation, such as their horse suffering an injury, not developing into a physically strong stature, not making the cut for a prospective sale or not performing well at the breeze show.

While you may not have full control in all areas of this business, you do have the opportunity to grow your knowledge in other profitable ways, including tax savings.

Big Tax Changes

Before the enactment of the 2017 Tax Act, the tax advantages of buying weanlings or yearlings were limited. Many buyers did not take any tax deductions and treated the purchase as inventory. Now the buyer has some flexibility.

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Significant changes to the bonus depreciation rules were made to the Tax Code at the end of 2017. Businesses may now take 100% bonus depreciation on qualified property both acquired and placed in service after Sept. 27, 2017 and before Jan. 1, 2023. Yearlings are now eligible for bonus depreciation.

Expensing Under IRC §179

IRC §179 provides another avenue for taxpayers to accelerate the deduction of capital purchases that may be more beneficial than bonus depreciation. This allows taxpayers to deduct the entire purchase price of the property, up to a certain amount, that would otherwise be depreciable. Limits have also been increased to \$1,000,000 for property placed in service in 2018.

How are Pinhooking Profits Taxed?

For most capital assets, the seller receives long term favorable tax rates if they hold the asset for more than a year. For pinhooking it is more complicated. You should consult with your tax advisor to see if it qualifies for the lower capital gains tax. If not, then you need to speak to an advisor who understand the nuances of the horse business.

Examining the Steps that Could Enhance your Pinhooking Profitability

We have studied a number of successful pinhookers and found numerous similarities in their approach. For example, when smart pinhookers go to buy yearlings at a sale, they follow a strategic plan of attack, including:

1. Physically examining almost every horse at the yearling sale. This is no easy task, especially at the larger yearling sales. The Keeneland September Sale has cataloged almost 4,000 yearlings over a 16-day sale.
2. The examination process entails: Physically examining the horse's conformation. Since there are over 50 barns at the Keeneland sale, there is a lot of walking in addition to examining the horses. Talking to the consignors about any reserves, vet issues, personality traits, etc. Creating a "short list" of horses to have vetted or to look at a second time. Contacting a vet to review the x-rays and reports in the repository. Checking for "updates" on the horse's family history, which could affect the price. And of course, confirming your credit line with the sales company.

After you follow these steps above, you should then meet with your advisors and develop a strategy, as well as a budget. It is important you also allocate this budget to ensure for the greatest potential in profit.

If you have any questions on how to approach the pinhooking business in a more financially responsible way, please reach out to one of our knowledgeable accountants specializing in the horse industry.

Don't forget the first tax consultation is free for those who read this column! Happy Tax Season!

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KENTUCKY DOWNS TURF SPRINT BECOMES TRACK'S FIRST BREEDERS' CUP CHALLENGE RACE

The \$700,000 Grade III Kentucky Downs Turf Sprint S. has been selected for the 2019 Breeders' Cup Challenge Series, providing Kentucky Downs its first "Win and You're In" race as a launching pad to the World Championships, the track announced Monday.

As part of the Challenge Series, the Kentucky Downs Turf Sprint winner will get an automatic berth and waiver of the \$30,000 in entry fees to the \$1 million GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint Nov. 2 at Santa Anita.

"We've aggressively pursued getting a Breeders' Cup Challenge Series stakes the past couple of years, and this is a very big deal for us," said Ted Nicholson, Kentucky Downs's senior vice president and general manager. "Having the Kentucky Downs Turf Sprint as a 'Win and You're In' for the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint provides great incentive for horsemen to run here in addition to the huge purses we are offering. We look forward to working with the Breeders' Cup to recruit European horses and to make this an exceptional event for all participants, coming on a day when the eyes of the racing world will be on Kentucky Downs."

This year's Kentucky Downs Turf Sprint will be run Saturday, Sept. 7 as part of a five-stakes card at the Franklin oval.

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GRAYSON-JOCKEY CLUB APPROVES OVER \$1M IN FUNDING

The board of directors of Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation has authorized expenditure of \$1,338,858 to fund eight new projects at seven universities, nine continuing projects, and three career development awards to fund veterinary research to benefit all horses. This is the fifth straight year that more than \$1 million has been approved.

“We thank our generous donors who recognize the value of veterinary research for enhancing equine health and wellness,” said Jamie Haydon, president of the foundation. “From studying a racehorse’s stride to predict injury, to testing an intrauterine antibiotic treatment, we are excited to see the results of these studies and how they may help horses of all breeds in the future.”

The 2019 slate of research brings Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation’s totals since 1983 to more than \$27.5 million to underwrite 366 projects at 44 universities. Additionally, Oaklawn Park and WinStar Farm will each be donating \$50,000 in 2019 to sponsor research projects pertaining to health in racehorses. They are participants in Grayson’s new corporate membership program, whereby organizations can contribute to Grayson-funded projects. Those interested in the program should contact the foundation.

For details on the new projects, [click here](#).

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TRF JOINS COLLABORATIVE EFFORT TO RESCUE NEGLECTED RACEHORSES IN NY

The Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, working in partnership with the authorities and several other horse rescue organizations, has taken in four horses from an equine neglect case in New York’s Hudson Valley. Three geldings and one mare, all with body condition scores of under three, have been transported to TRF’s Saratoga Summer Farm where TRF has taken custody and control.

In a collaborative effort with ReRun Thoroughbred Adoption, New York Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association, the New York Breeding and Development Fund, Thoroughbred Charities of America’s Horses First Fund, the Unbridled Foundation, Akindale Thoroughbred Rescue, TRF has been working to ensure the safe placement of the Thoroughbreds. Other service partners providing assistance include Lukens Horse Transport, McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, Mullis Farrier Service, and Dr. Rod Stewart.

“Our mission at TRF is always to support Thoroughbred horses in need; we do that whenever possible. Cases like this are the reason that TRF exists. For over 35 years we are, and have been, an organization that steps up for the horses in dire situations like this.” said TRF’s CEO John P. Roche.

Donations are needed for special food, support and medical care for these horses and can be [made here](#).

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War Front--Ausus

Friday, Santa Anita, post time: 7:00 p.m. EDT

SAN LUIS REY S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Epical	Uncle Mo	D P Racing LLC	Cassidy	Baze	120
2	Risky Proposition	Bodemeister	Acker, Tom, Becker, Barry, Becker, Judith, Bloom, Michael, Lindo, Jon and Wafer, Jr., Thomas J.	Spawr	Van Dyke	120
3	Unapologetic	Temple City	Acker, Tom, Allen Racing LLC, Bloom, Michael and Lindo, Jon	Spawr	Franco	120
4	Beach View	Giant's Causeway	Levy Racing	Powell	Bejarano	122
5	Marckie's Water	Tribal Rule	Little Red Feather Racing and Tavares, Norman	Baltas	Gutierrez	120
6	Ashleylrvssugar	Game Plan	Alesia, Sharon, Bran Jam Stable and Ciaglia Racing	Eurton	Desormeaux	120

Breeders: 1-Jamm, Ltd., 2-Glencrest Farm LLC, 3-Darrell Brown & Lendy Brown, 4-Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds, LLC, 5-Frank Mermenstein & Tom McCrocklin, 6-Estate of Alesia, BranJam Stables &Ciaglia Racing, LLC

Friday, Gulfstream, post time: 5:38 p.m. EDT

APPLETON S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Cowboy's Hero	Cowboy Cal	Northwest Stud Stables	Castillo	Lugo	118
2	Dr. Edgar	Lookin At Lucky	Canzone, Sr., Peter J. and Eloise	Tagg	Leparoux	118
3	Holiday Stone	Harlan's Holiday	Hill, Jim and Susan	Weaver	Saez	118
4	Hawkish	Artie Schiller	AJ Suited Racing Stable and LaPenta, Robert V.	Toner	Ortiz, Jr.	118
5	Krampus	Shakespeare	William C. Schettine	Mott	Velazquez	124
6	Uncle B	Zensational	David Caprio	Kurtinecz	Rendon	122
7	Vici	War Front	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Gaffalione	118
8	Uno Emayo	D' Funnybone	Carl Lizza Racing Stables, LLC	Kurtinecz	Hernandez	122
9	Doctor Mounty	Street Sense	Pratt, Larry and Alden, Dave	McGaughey III	Castellano	124

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Friday, Gulfstream, post time: 6:08 p.m. EDT

ORCHID S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 3/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Maroubra (Fr)	Lawman (Fr)	Manganaro Bloodstock and West Point Thoroughbreds	DeVaux	Leparoux	122
2	A. A. Azula's Arch	Arch A & A Farms	Attard	Castellano	124	
3	Giant Zinger	Giant's Causeway	Team Penney Racing	Mott	Hernandez, Jr.	118
4	Cha Cha Heels	Mission Impazible	Carl Lizza Racing Stables, LLC	Kurtinecz	Rendon	118
5	Homeland Security	Smart Strike	Moyglare Stud Farm	Clement	Velazquez	122
6	Shezaprado	Paddy O'Prado	Out Of This World Racing LLC	Maker	Hernandez	118
7	Ickymasho (GB)	Multiplex (GB)	Triton Stable	Attfield	Saez	120
8	Kallio	Scat Daddy	Madaket Stables LLC, Cambron, Tim, Cambron, Anna and Bradley Thoroughbreds	Walsh	Gaffalione	118
9	Santa Monica (GB)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	K R Japan	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	120

Breeders: 1-Petra Bloodstock Agency Ltd, 2-Fox Hill Farms, 3-Gallagher's Stud, 4-Burleson Farm, 5-Reiko Baum & Michael Baum, 6-Paradox Farm, Inc. & D. Andrews, 7-Allseasons Bloodstock, 8-Nolan Creek Farm, 9-D. J. Erwin Bloodstock





IN JAPAN:

Erzulie, f, 3, **Graydar**--Miss Luna, by Henny Hughes. Chukyo, 3-23, Novice Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$52,273. O-Normandy Thoroughbred Racing; B-Springland Farm (KY); T-Kenji Yamauchi. *\$70,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. **"My strategy was to settle her behind the leaders, because there seemed to be some horses wanting to set the pace," said jockey Nanako Fujita. "She responded me and traveling for me very well especially when she found the space."



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Air Almas, c, 4, **Majestic Warrior**--Nokaze, by Empire Maker. Hanshin, 3-23, Tenjimbashi Tokubetsu, 8fT. Lifetime Record: 10-3-3-1, \$375,455. O-Lucky Field Inc.; B-Sekie & Tsunebumi Yoshihara (KY); T-Manabu Ikezoe. *"He was back in good form today," said winning hoop Christophe Lemaire. "He has fantastic finishing speed."

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SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, MARCH 26

Atreides (Medaglia d'Oro), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$6,500
102 foals of racing age/14 winners/2 black-type winners
1-Mahoning Valley, Msw 1m, BECAUSESHECANDOIT, 5-2

Cairo Prince (Pioneer of the Nile), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000
228 foals of racing age/29 winners/4 black-type winners
5-Mahoning Valley, Msw 1m, WEMADEITTOFIFTY, 15-1
\$77,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$45,000 OBS APR 2yo

Cross Traffic (Unbridled's Song), Spendthrift Farm, \$12,500
162 foals of racing age/25 winners/5 black-type winners
4-Will Rogers Downs, Msw 1m, CROSSING DIXIE, 6-1
\$8,000 OKC YRL yrl

Fed Biz (Giant's Causeway), WinStar Farm, \$12,500
187 foals of racing age/22 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Mahoning Valley, Msw 1m, LOVE CHILD, 7-2

Mister Lucky Cat (Storm Cat), Oklahome Equine Reproductive Center
9 foals of racing age/2 winners/1 black-type winner
9-Will Rogers Downs, Alw 5 1/2f, CONTRABAND, 6-1

Mucho Macho Man (Macho Uno), Adena Springs, \$15,000
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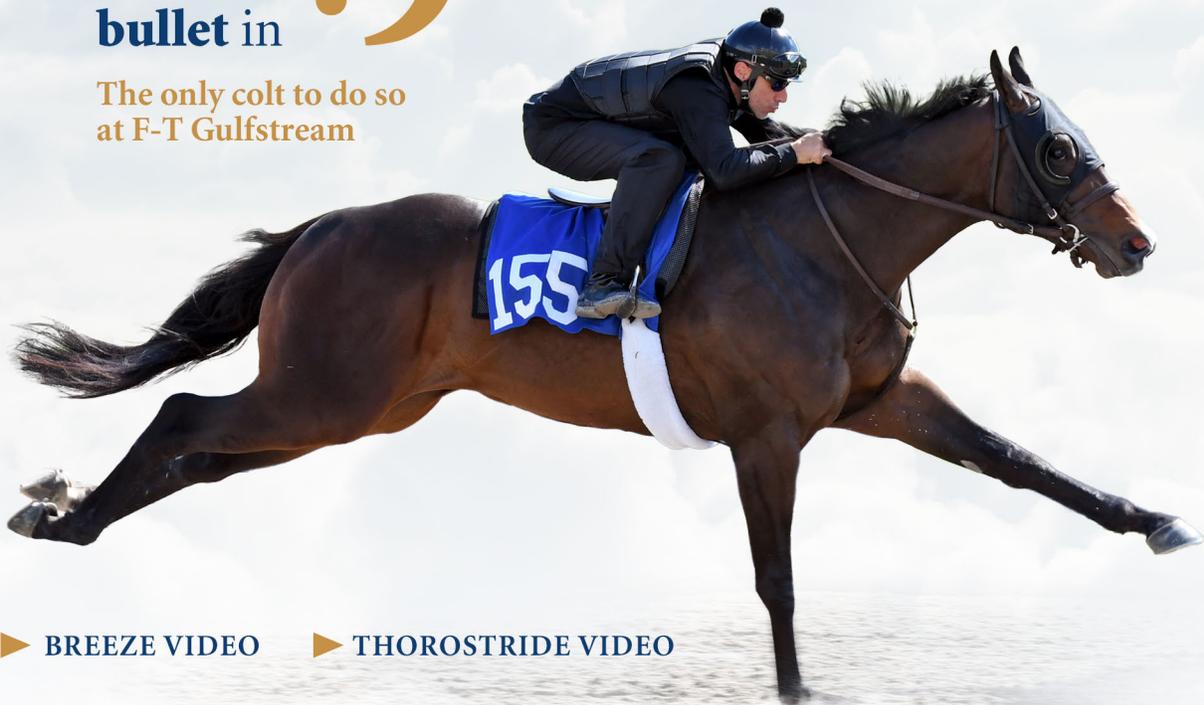
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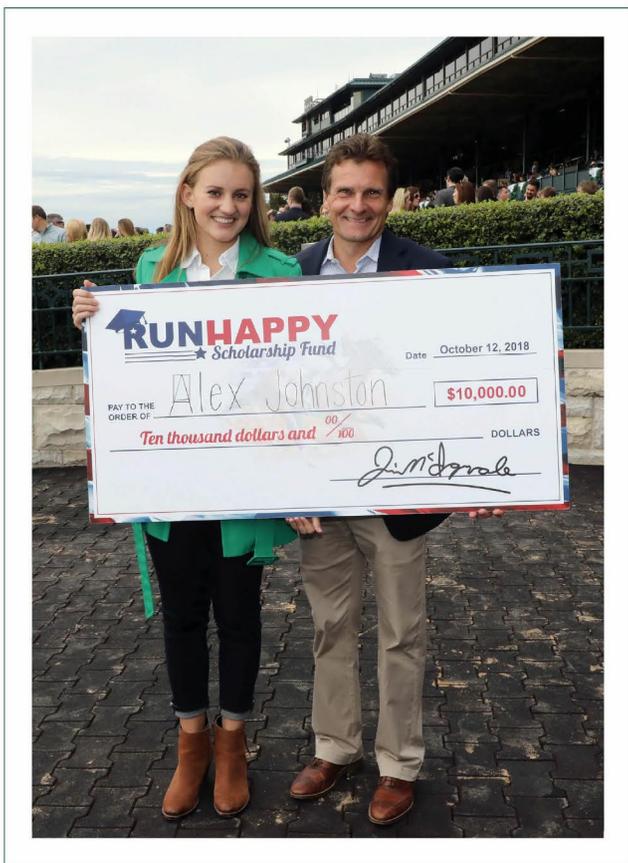
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David Barron | *Racing Post*

by Chris McGrath

The first thing that greets you outside Maunby House Stables is a pair of miniature cannon. Purely decorative, David Barron explains genially. Nonetheless, there is something pleasingly apt about the way they point out at the world beyond this quiet nook of Herriot Country. For here is a trainer long celebrated for the precision of his aim, and for knowing the optimal range of his horses.

Over the years, there have been times when bookmakers' ramparts have duly been reduced to rubble. But however shrewdly Barron plays his hand, he has always played it perfectly straight. And those patrons who enjoyed going for the odd touch did so with a smile: win, lose or draw. He remembers one of them putting banknotes in a trouser-press overnight, to squeeze more ammunition into his pockets for a hurdle race at Uttoxeter. But Barron's smile, describing the mountains of cash his owners were able to count in the car home, is barely less wistful when he recalls their reaction when a beaten horse was led in. No recriminations, no inquests.

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STRADIVARIUS TUNING UP FOR ANOTHER MILLION by Emma Berry

NEWMARKET, UK—Dubai may be a far cry from Ascot, but this weekend's World Cup meeting at Meydan will include the first qualifying race for the newly expanded Weatherbys Hamilton Stayers' Million, which is now in its second year.

The G2 Dubai Gold Cup is the seasonal launchpad for Melbourne Cup hero **Cross Counter (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}), who can be considered one of a number of potential challengers to the reigning champion stayer and inaugural £1-million bonus winner **Stradivarius (Ire)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}). Bjorn Nielsen's homebred demonstrated his wellbeing when asked to parade during the official launch of the 2019 series in Newmarket, looking full of zest as he reared several times for onlookers at John Gosden's Clarehaven Stables.

"He is in great order and has just started building up his preparation, and all being well we will go to the Yorkshire Cup," said Gosden of the 5-year-old entire. [Cont. p5](#)

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David Barron Cont. from p1

So when you see the name T.D. Barron next to one of the favourites for the Unibet Lincoln H. at Doncaster on Saturday, it is like seeing a lighthouse across a stormy sea. Half a century after he took out a permit to train the odd jumper on farmland near Thirsk, you can still take your bearings from a man whose first breakthrough came in this same, historic overture to the Flat season: Amenable, in 1991.

Barron had won five all-weather races with Amenable that winter and, knowing that he needed a penalty to get into the Lincoln, even risked running him in a claimer—albeit for a tag that would have seemed intimidating to anyone judging the horse from the outside.

The Lincoln is a different race nowadays, and **Kynren (Ire)** (Clodovil {Ire}) has instead earned his berth with solid

performances—without winning—in top handicaps last year. Barron feels that things were never quite ideal, the ground too firm or the distance too far, and won't run him unless conditions

are suitable. Even then, a modern Lincoln will always contain an unknown quantity like **Auxerre (Ire)** (Iffraaj {GB}), who has hurtled to a rating of 100 in just four starts for Charlie Appleby.

"I remember Billy Nevett [rider of the north's last Derby winner, Dante] telling me how they used to have 56 line up for the race when it was still run at Lincoln," Barron recalls. "In those days you could get in with your 7th horse and your 7lbs claimer. Nowadays you need to be rated very nearly 100 to get a run. So the days of setting one up are

over. I suppose the only thing you can do is what William Haggas did last year, or John Gosden did in the Cambridgeshire, and have a group horse in a handicap." **Cont. p3**



Kynren | Racing Post



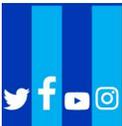
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David Barron Cont.

He speaks advisedly, having won the Stewards' Cup at Goodwood and the Ayr Gold Cup in 1996 with the freakishly fast Coastal Bluff, whose dead-heat in the Nunthorpe the following year remains Barron's solitary Group 1 success to date. Barron had found Coastal Bluff at Doncaster for just 2,700gns: the one and only proper runner by Standaan (Fr).

"I don't know where his ability came from," Barron says. "I just liked the horse when I saw him, thought I'd have a bit of a punt, and it came up. I've bought a hell of a lot of horses over the years that I liked every bit as much and they've been useless. But oh, they didn't know what I had that year."

He chuckles happily at the memory. Between going to Goodwood and Ayr, Coastal Bluff put in one of the most celebrated workouts of modern times, down the road at Thirsk racecourse. Barron put senior jockeys on two of his most accomplished sprinters and instructed them just to go as hard as they could. He then told Coastal Bluff's rider to give them a 10-length start.

"And he came past them with his lugs up!" recalls Barron. "Then the other two went to the Portland [H., at Doncaster]. And one won it up the stands rail, and the other was first up the far side. So what did I have in hand at Ayr? Forget the 9st 10lbs. They couldn't beat him."

Barron is adamant that Coastal Bluff was never the same again, Nunthorpe or no Nunthorpe. Poignantly, in fact, the most prestigious success of his training career turned into a traumatic, rather bitter experience. For Coastal Bluff would surely have won outright at York but for the bit snapping, something that has never happened to any other horse in Barron's care, on or off the track, in all these years. As a result the horse finished up loose on the Knavesmire, and by the time they had managed to get Kevin Darley weighed-in the winner's enclosure had emptied.

Coincidentally, the horse who shared the dead-heat was ridden by Alex Greaves, who thereby became the first female rider to win a Group 1 in Europe. And it had been Barron who first got Greaves started as an apprentice, recognising her allowance as a priceless head-start round the all-weather circuits. (Priceless, in particular, when it came to the betting market's lack of enlightenment regarding female riders.)

That was a typical instance of Barron's independent cast of mind. He has always ploughed his own furrow. His gallop, unlike so many these days, is perfectly flat. (It actually follows a section of the dismantled branch line to Bedale.) And his horses are by no means ridden out daily. Never having worked for anyone else, Barron simply found his own way, by trial and error, to a system that suited his horses and facilities. **Cont. p4**

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THE WOODLANDS HERITAGE BEHIND KIAMICHI

John Berry investigates the background of G1 Golden Slipper heroine **Kiamichi (Aus)** (Sidestep {Aus}). [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

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Group 1 winner Coastal Bluff (grey) | *Racing Post*

David Barron Cont.

"The main ingredient with a racehorse is ability," he says with a shrug. "If he has ability, we can all muddle by. I don't care how good your facilities are, if he's no damned good, he's no good. But if you get a horse that can run, then hopefully you have facilities where you're not going to break him, but you can get him fit."

It was that same instinct, for working an angle of his own, that prompted Barron for many years to dredge the closing books of Keeneland for yearlings.

"We only packed that in when the exchange rate went against us," he says. "For a time you were talking maybe \$4,000 to get them home, when you were getting \$2 for £1. We had some tremendous times there. Every time you went over, you knew you weren't going to draw a blank. And we'd only arrive when all the proper buyers were leaving. I bought Dim Sums the last hour on the last day, with only me and the cowboys left."

Dim Sums (Repriced) reeled off four wins as a juvenile, including the valuable Redcar Two-Year-Old Trophy. But sometimes Barron almost feels a victim of that kind of success: by turning up so many bargains, he has found himself pigeonholed as a trainer of cheap horses.

"But if we had to wait until we get orders, I'd never buy any horses," he admits. "So you just get on and buy some, and hope to sell one or two. That's been hard work, this time. But if you do come up with a couple of good ones, it will put the job right. That's why, when we buy a horse, we always try to think: 'Could I sell him again? Can I ship him to Hong Kong, or the States?' So we don't put up with too many faults, conformation-wise. If he has a bent leg when you buy him, he'll have a bent leg when you're trying to sell him. And if you didn't see it first time round, believe you me, you will when you're trying to sell."

Barron's reputation as a trainer of sprinters is equally self-fulfilling, in that he has no choice but to concentrate on the sharper type. Every now and then, however, he gets to demonstrate his versatility with a horse like Sirvino (GB) (Vettori

{GB}). A 3,000-guinea yearling, he completed a five-timer in the John Smith's Cup at York in 2009, the handicapper computing his improvement at 36lbs.

"Starting his 4-year-old career, oh, he had a lot in hand," Barron reflects. "But we had to wait for him. And I worked out a long time ago that I'm not going to win a Derby. We can't afford the pedigrees. You can look at an individual, and think: 'That'll gallop.' A horse can be quick regardless of his pedigree. You just get the fluke that can wing it. And buying on spec, of course, you need horses that can tell you quick what you've got. But that's changed as well, to an extent. Too many people out there now can see a nice horse."

Having rather meandered into his vocation, from farming, Barron has unquestionably been helped by a stockman's eye—one evidently inherited by daughter and assistant Nicola. (Son Tim meanwhile manages the farm.) It was Nicola, for instance, who found Kynren as a 25,000gns Book II yearling.

"Yes, the first time that horse walked in the yard was the first time I'd seen him," Barron says. "Nic's been beside me at the sales since long before she left school and now does the biggest part of the work, pedigree-wise. I suppose we've always been involved with livestock, and I think that helps you understand what you're looking at. Because you can either do that or you can't. You can't learn it from a book."

"She knows what I like, and what I'll put up with. We never speak to each other when we go round looking at horses, don't stand and have a conference when we've pulled one out. We just look, walk away, get on with the next one. By the time you go back through them, you know full well you're going to be on the same wavelength."

Someday Nicola will take over the reins. But all the old acuity still glints in her father's eyes. Last year was a slower one, but then the juveniles weren't as sharp as usual. [Cont. p5](#)



Barron with Pearl Secret after winning the Temple S.

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David Barron Cont.

There were a few bigger animals Barron decided to wrap up by midsummer, and these are evidently showing the benefits now.

"Some would say I've been around too long, probably," Barron says wryly. "The business probably would benefit if someone younger was up front. You get to the point where you think, 'Well, if they haven't been with me up to now, the chances are they're not going to come at all.' But I'm enjoying the job still. I feed them every morning myself, feed them every night myself. I walk around first thing when no-one's around, and everything's quiet. And if there's a problem, you don't even need to go in the box to see it. And I still get a buzz. Especially this time of year. I like having the new ones around, the youngsters. And I suppose I've got a fairly thick skin on me by now. So I can put up with quite a lot."

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Stradivarius Tuning Up Cont. from p1

He added, "We've just been doing the usual canters on Warren Hill. He has had a great winter. He is not a big horse, but he has thickened out and strengthened."

Stradivarius looks likely to chart the same course in attempting to net the bonus for the second time but he could face stiffer competition this year with the number of qualifying races having been doubled to eight, and now taking place in Dubai, France, Germany and Ireland as well as England.

"We dipped our toe in the water last year as regards qualifying races but we thought we would extend it to Europe and Dubai this year," explained Charles Hamilton, CEO of Weatherbys Hamilton.



Stradivarius with Frankie Dettori and John Gosden
Weatherbys/Mark Cranham



Gerhard Schoningh of Hoppegarten Racecourse | Emma Berry

He added, "From the moment that Stradivarius crossed the line in the Weatherbys Hamilton Lonsdale Cup at York last year, it was always our intention to continue with the Weatherbys Hamilton Stayers' Million if we possibly could, given the phenomenally successful way it drew attention to the stayers. It is very gratifying to be closely associated with a group of horses whose survival is so vital to the health and diversity of the racing and breeding industries and to witness the effect that the Million has had in promoting them."

Hoppegarten's G2 Comer Group International Oleander-Rennen, to be run this year on May 12, is another race to have been added to the list of qualifiers. Owner-breeder Gerhard Schoningh, who also owns Hoppegarten racecourse in Berlin, was in Newmarket for the launch and reported increased interest in the race from outside Germany for this season.

"As well as a good number of German horses, we have 17 entries from Ireland and 11 from Willie Mullins alone," said Schoningh. "Germany is a small breeding country but staying horses are really our strength so it is wonderful to be part of the series and to showcase what Germany is really good at."

Among the Mullins horses entered are the G1 Irish St Leger winner **Wicklow Brave (GB)** (Beat Hollow {GB}), Cheltenham Festival-winning mare **Limini (Ire)** (Peintre Celebre) and G2 Doncaster Cup winner **Thomas Hobson (GB)** (Halling), who was second to Stradivarius on his seasonal swansong in the G2 QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup.

Gosden, who will also be pointing Juddmonte's **Weekender (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) towards the series despite a minor setback which has ruled him out of competing in the Dubai Gold Cup, added, "It is great that they have opened it right up. Obviously you have the Dubai Gold Cup this Saturday and a race in Germany, France and Ireland. With a bit of luck you will have seven or eight going to the Ascot Gold Cup, all eligible for the bonus. [Cont. p6](#)

Stradivarius Tuning Up Cont.

"Weekender might well go for it. He was going to Dubai, but he got a cut that wasn't healing correctly on his leg so I didn't want to travel him. A race like the Sagaro S. would be a very likely spot for him."

The eight qualifying races for the 2019 Weatherbys Hamilton Stayers' Million are:

- Dubai Gold Cup sponsored by Al Tayer Motors (Dubai), Mar. 30
- Vintage Crop S. (Navan), Apr. 28
- Longines Sagaro S. (Ascot), May 1
- Boodles Diamond Ormonde S. (Chester), May 9
- Comer Group International Oleander-Rennen (Berlin-Hoppegarten), May 12
- Matchbook Yorkshire Cup (York), May 17
- Matchbook Henry II S. (Sandown Park), May 23
- Prix Vicomtesse Vigier (ParisLongchamp), May 26

The winner of any one of the qualifying races then has to win the Gold Cup at Royal Ascot before going on to snare the G1 Qatar Goodwood Cup and G2 Weatherbys Hamilton Lonsdale Cup at York's Ebor Meeting. [\(Return to p1\)](#)

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Enable after winning the Breeders' Cup Turf | Coady Photography

Gosden also had an update on champion 2-year-old colt and G1SW **Too Darn Hot (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), who is **targeting the Apr. 13 G3 Greenham S. at Newbury** as his next intended appearance.

Gosden said, "He is training nicely and we are pleased with him. Frankie [Dettori] sat on him at the weekend, was very pleased with his development from two to three and we are building towards the Greenham with him. He is a bundle of energy. He really enjoys his exercise and is very playful. He is like a very hyperactive, 'I want to get on with it' kid. He is a guy with a lot of energy and I don't want him to go and have to do a racecourse gallop, he would be much happier going down to Newbury, running over seven and just getting the cobwebs out the way."

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ENABLE POINTING TO CORONATION

Dual G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe heroine **Enable (GB)** (Nathaniel {Ire}) is pointing toward a start in the May 31 G1 Coronation Cup S. as her first port of call in 2019. The 5-year-old's end-of-season goal is claiming her third consecutive Arc at ParisLongchamp in October and she was last seen in action winning the GI Breeders' Cup Turf at Churchill Downs last November.

"She has started cantering again and you would be hopeful she would be running in something like the Coronation Cup," trainer John Gosden said from his Newmarket base on Monday morning of the Juddmonte colourbearer. "There wouldn't be any point starting her earlier. If you are trying to get to the Arc, you don't want to be starting in the middle of April and there aren't really the races for those older ones until later on in the year. She is in great order. She is even bigger and stronger again, so it is fingers crossed with her. She has enjoyed the winter and is loving her exercise. We are pointing towards the Coronation Cup, but it is all about gearing her towards the first weekend in October in Paris."

BRITAIN



Monday's Results:

3rd-Wolverhampton, £7,600, Novice, 3-25, 3yo/up, 5f 21y (AWT), 1:01.37, st.

TOP BREEZE (IRE) (c, 3, Gale Force Ten {GB}--Shamarlane {GB}, by Shamardal), runner-up to the subsequently listed-placed Deep Intrigue (GB) (Dark Angel {Ire}) over six furlongs at Chelmsford in December, broke alertly and raced freely in second throughout the early stages. Sent to the front at the top of the straight, the 4-6 favourite was pushed out to register a comfortable 1 1/2-length verdict over Sound of Iona (GB) (Orientor {GB}). [Cont. p7](#)

3rd-Wolverhampton Cont.

The winner, who was named after doing just that at last year's Tattersalls Ireland Ascot 2-year-old Breeze Up Sale, hails from the family of the sire Globe. He has a yearling half-sister by Ivawood (Ire) to follow. Sales history: £75,000 2yo '18 TATABR. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$14,143. **Video, sponsored by**

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O-Life's A Breeze; B-John Cullinan (IRE); T-Richard Hughes.

CONDITIONS RESULT:

4th-Lingfield, £6,250, 3-25, 4yo/up, 12f (AWT), 2:29.94, st. GUMBALL (FR) (g, 5, No Risk At All {Fr})--Good Time Girl {Fr}, by Slickly {Fr} Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, £7,925. B-Jean-Paul Gallorini & Mme Martine Bilesimo & M Cesare Gallorini-Berger (FR); T-Phillip Hobbs.

JOHNSON APPOINTED CHAIR OF HORSE WELFARE BOARD

Barry Johnson, the former President of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and past Chairman of World Horse Welfare, has been appointed as the independent chair of a new Horse Welfare Board on behalf of the British Racing industry, the British Horseracing Authority announced on Monday. Johnson was appointed by an industry panel that included the BHA, the Racecourse Association and The Horsemen's Group.

"I'm very pleased to have been asked by racing to take on this role and by the sport's commitment to continuous improvement in the welfare of racehorses," said Johnson. "I look forward to working with all those who want to play their part in enhancing the lives of racehorses and in making the sport as safe as possible. I want to start by listening widely to those who work directly with horses in our industry as their experience and skills will be vital in shaping a new horse welfare strategy."

Johnson's first task, with the help of the Welfare Board, is to develop a new welfare strategy covering the whole racing industry in Britain and look across the whole lifetime of racehorses, before, during, and after they leave the sport. The Horsemen's Group and the Racecourse Association will both be represented on the Board, while BHA Director of Equine Health and Welfare Dr. David Sykes will also sit on the board. The first meeting of the Horse Welfare Board will be in a few weeks.

"The public has seen recently during the influenza outbreak how racing acts with great care and professionalism to manage the risk to racehorses," said BHA Chief Executive Nick Rust. "I expect the strategy to set out our ambition for bringing the same level of focus at all stages of the racehorse's life and explaining this collectively and confidently to outside audiences."

LAMBOURN ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY CONCLUDES

The horse racing industry in and around the village of Lambourn has shown it is worth over £22.6m per year and that racing is responsible for one third of the jobs in the area. Commissioned by Jockey Club Estates and West Berkshire District Council and conducted by SQW, the report titled 'Horse Racing in Lambourn Valley' acknowledged the role of Newbury Racecourse and the positive impact it has on Lambourn, the second biggest training centre in the country, as well as the challenges faced by the racing industry in the area. Based on 2017 data, horse racing is responsible for the equivalent of 754 full-time jobs, approximately 30% of an estimated total of 2,500 jobs in the parishes of Lambourn, East Garston and Great Shefford. According to the study, the racing industry in Lambourn is increasing, with the number of horses utilizing the public Lambourn Training Grounds rising by 16% in the last two years. For the full report, click [here](#).

"Lambourn's natural attributes make it a wonderful location for training horses and since Jockey Club Estates took on the management of the public gallops we have invested heavily in the facilities," said Nick Patton, Managing Director of Jockey Club Estates. "Our objective is to attract as many owners, trainers and horses to Lambourn as we can and to further build on the progress made in recent years. Our thanks to West Berks District Council for their support for this project which has demonstrated the value and importance of the racing industry to the village and the surrounding area."

"The report confirms the progress that Lambourn's horse racing cluster has made during recent years and the potential for its contribution to increase further," said SQW's Bill Wicksted. [Cont. p8](#)



Steeplechasers schooling at Lambourn | *The Jockey Club*

Lambourn Cont.

He added, “However, it also highlights issues that need to be addressed to ensure that its potential is realised. Staff housing and traffic management are major issues which can only be tackled through a partnership effort by racing, the local community and public authorities. We look forward to working with the Jockey Club and others to build on the industry’s success and to deliver the infrastructure that will allow it to flourish in the years to come.”

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PRIX FRANCOIS MATHET-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, 10 1/2fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	7	Pappalino (Fr)	Makfi (GB)	Demuro	Reynier
2	12	Famous Wolf (Fr)	Kendargent (Fr)	Cheminaud	Fabre
3	4	Talk Or Listen (Ire)	Alhebayeb (Ire)	Pasquier	F Rossi
4	8	Gritti (Fr)	Le Havre (Ire)	Auge	Ferland
5	6	Beeswax (Fr)	Excelebration (Ire)	Soumillon	Hernon
6	9	Argyron (Ire)	Ilfraaj (GB)	Boudot	Fabre
7	10	Bobydargent (Fr)	Kendargent (Fr)	Peslier	Gauvin
8	2	Bobesh (GB)	Sea The Moon (Ger)	Laube	Myskova
9	5	Falcon Run (Fr)	Hurricane Run (Ire)	Lemaitre	Head
10	11	Marrakech Express (Fr)	Rio De La Plata	Hamelin	Loisel
11	3	Alabaa (GB)	Motivator (GB)	Journiac	Gadbin
12	1	Surrey Thunder (Fr)	Le Havre (Ire)	Badel	Tuite

All carry 125 pounds, bar Pappalino & Famous Wolf, 129.

Monday’s Result:

5th-Chantilly, €28,000, Cond, 3-25, 3yo, c/g, 9 1/2f (AWT), 2:02.52, st.

CORANDO (GB) (c, 3, Dark Angel {Ire}-Norway Cross {GB}, by Cape Cross {Ire}), fourth over nine furlongs here 13 days earlier, quickly established a lead. Keeping up the momentum in the straight, the 11-2 shot held on to prevail by a neck from Colsen (Ire) (Shamardal). The winner is the first foal out of the dam, whose family includes the sire Contested Bid (Alleged) and whose 2-year-old filly by Camelot (GB) is named Melle de Montjeu (GB) and whose yearling filly is by Cable Bay (Ire). Sales history: 210,000gns Ylg ‘17 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, €19,100. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Al Shira’aa Farms; B-Bartisan Racing Ltd (GB); T-Carlos Laffon-Parias.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Autho Pearl (Fr), f, 3, Authorized (Ire)--Elusive Pearl (Fr) (SP-Fr), by Elusive City. Marseille-Pont-de-Vivieux, 3-25, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:32.66. B-Jean-Claude Seroul (FR).

Lady Te (Ger), f, 3, Tertullian--Lady Luck (Ger), by Monsun (Ger). Chantilly, 3-25, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:57.74. B-Gestut Schlenderhan (GER).

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IN JAPAN:

Leo (Jpn), c, 3, Mastercraftsman (Ire)--Omotenashi, by Henrythenavigator. Nakayama, 3-24, Novice Race, 11fT. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$63,636. O-Nisshin Racing; B-Champions Farm (Jpn); T-Daishi Ito.



ALMOND EYE, NORTH AMERICA IN GOOD FORM

Japan’s 2018 Horse of the Year and Triple Tiara victress **Almond Eye (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn})** trotted a half-mile before cantering another 1400 metres over the Meydan dirt at 5:00 a.m. on Monday. The Silk Racing colourbearer then schooled in the gate and will contest the G1 Dubai Turf on Dubai World Cup night, Mar. 30.

“She lost a bit of weight while traveling, but not more than we expected,” said assistant trainer Keisuke Miyata. “She has settled in and is eating well now.”

A winner of six of her seven starts, the 4-year-old has won four Group 1s in a row, with a victory in the G1 Japan Cup at Tokyo on Nov. 25 sealing her Horse of the Year title. However, the \$6-million 1800-metre contest will be her first start on foreign soil.

“I had considered the Dubai Turf first as it is a one-turn race and will be easier on her since it will be her first start back,” trainer Sakae Kunieda told Kate Hunter of the Meydan notes team on Monday. “Even I don’t know where her limit is yet. She means a lot to me, giving us this opportunity to travel with her. She is a really special filly.”

Silk Racing Co. president Masashi Yonemoto added, “We took Mr. Kunieda’s suggestion for her and since horses like 2014 Longines World’s Best Racehorse Just a Way (Jpn) (Heart’s Cry {Jpn}) have won this race and it is so highly rated each year that it would be a good option for her. She has run so well from 1600m to 2400m that 1800m will be a good distance for her.”

Almond Eye Cont.

Another Dubai World Cup night headliner, G1SW **North America (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) who is the likely favourite for the \$12-million Dubai World Cup, worked 800 metres at trainer Satish Seemar’s Zabeel Stables on Monday morning. The Ramzan Kadyrov-owned 7-year-old has won the Jan. 10 G2 Al Maktoum Challenge R1 and the Feb. 7 G2 Al Maktoum Challenge R2 in succession this campaign.

“He had his final workout this morning,” said Seemar. [He] went over 800m and did it nicely. Richard [Mullen] was happy with him and everything is good. We just have to get through the next five days. The horse will have an easy day tomorrow and then just do little hacks for the rest of the week.”

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Mar. 31	Osaka Hai (G1)	Hanshin
Apr. 6	New Zealand Trophy (G2)	Nakayama
	Hanshin Himba S. (G2)	Hanshin
Apr. 7	Oka Sho (G1)	Hanshin
Apr. 13	Arlington Cup (G3)	Hanshin
Apr. 14	Satsuki Sho (G1)	Nakayama
	Antares S. (G3)	Hanshin
Apr. 20	Fukushima Himba S. (G3)	Fukushima
Apr. 21	Flora S. (G2)	Tokyo
	Yomiuri Milers Cup (G2)	Kyoto
Apr. 27	Aoba Sho (G2)	Tokyo
Apr. 28	Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	Kyoto
Apr. 29	Niigata Daishoten (G3)	Niigata
May 4	Kyoto Shimbun Hai (G2)	Kyoto
May 5	Nhk Mile Cup (G1)	Tokyo
May 11	Keio Hai Spring Cup (G2)	Tokyo
May 12	Victoria Mile (G1)	Tokyo



Japanese Horse of the Year Almond Eye is in good form in advance of a start in the G1 Dubai Turf at Meydan on Mar. 30. | DRC/Erika Rasmussen

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Walking Thunder	Violence	Dettori	bin Harmash	125
2	Jahbath (GB)	Mukhadram (GB)	Crowley	Haggas	125
3	Golden Jaguar 	Animal Kingdom	Murphy	bin Harmash	125
4	Plus Que Parfait 	Point of Entry	Ortiz	Walsh	125
5	Derma Louvre (Jpn)	Pyro	Lemaire	Toda	125
6	Divine Image 	Scat Daddy	Buick	Appleby	121
7	Superior 	Majesticperfection	Beasley	bin Harmash	125
8	Gray Magician	Graydar	Rosario	Miller	125
9	Razeena 	Malibu Moon	Dobbs	Watson	121
10	Al Hayette 	Union Rags	Veron	Mohammed	121
11	Van Beethoven	Scat Daddy	Moore	O'Brien	125
12	Stubbins 	Morning Line	Prat	O'Neill	125
13	Swift Rose (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Cosgrave	bin Suroor	121
14	Manguzi (Fr)	Planteur (Ire)	Jara	Al Rayhi	125

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Major Partnership (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Murphy	bin Suroor	125
2	Nonkono Yume (Jpn)	Twining	Moreira	Kato	125
3	True Timber 	Mineshaft	Rosario	McLaughlin	125
4	Kimbear 	Temple City	Dobbs	Watson	125
5	Heavy Metal (GB)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer	125
6	Muntazah (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Crowley	Watson	125
7	Ibn Malik (Ire)	Raven's Pass	O'Shea	Al Mheiri	125
8	African Ride (GB)	Candy Ride (Arg)	Soumillon	Crisford	125
9	Logrado (Arg)	Manipulator	Fresu	Charpy	125
10	Good Curry (Tur)	Sharp Humor	Karatas	Kocakaya	125
11	Musawaat (GB)	Equiano (Fr)	de Vries	Nass	125
12	Coal Front	Stay Thirsty	Ortiz	Pletcher	125
13	Secret Ambition (GB)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	Mullen	Seemar	125



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PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Marinaresco (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Fayd'Herbe	de Kock	126
2	Call the Wind (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Lemaitre	Head	126
3	Red Galileo (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Cosgrave	bin Suroor	126
4	Platinum Warrior (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Foley	Sadler	121
5	Prince of Arran (GB)	Shirocco (Ger)	Murphy	Fellowes	126
6	Ispolini (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Doyle	Appleby	121
7	Sharpalo (Fr)	Shamardal	Beasley	bin Harmash	126
8	Team Talk (GB)	Teofilo (Ire)	Soumillon	bin Suroor	126
9	Cross Counter (GB)	Teofilo (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	121
10	Gold Mount (GB)	Excellent Art (GB)	Moore	Gibson	126

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Singspiel (Ire) <i>(1992) by In the Wings (GB) Crops: 15</i>	3	8	3	5	--	--	187	45	1,179,732	2,904,714
				Stands: Dalham Hall Stud EUR (Dead/Ret/Exp)						Sciacchetta (Jpn)	
2	Galileo (Ire) <i>(1998) by Sadler's Wells Crops: 11</i>	5	8	1	3	--	--	215	45	203,538	2,601,885
				Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: Private						Red Roses (Jpn)	
3	Sadler's Wells <i>(1981) by Northern Dancer Crops: 29</i>	5	8	2	3	--	--	250	50	370,000	1,927,291
				Stands: Coolmore Stud EUR (Dead/Ret/Exp)						War of Will	
4	Danehill <i>(1986) by Danzig Crops: 23</i>	2	7	1	3	--	--	196	48	300,000	2,626,865
				Stands: Coolmore Stud EUR (Dead/Ret/Exp)						Poetic Charm (GB)	
5	Danehill Dancer (Ire) <i>(1993) by Danehill Crops: 14</i>	3	7	1	1	--	--	206	37	1,029,879	2,545,577
				Stands: Coolmore Stud EUR (Dead/Ret/Exp)						Waikuku (Ire)	
6	Pivotal (GB) <i>(1993) by Polar Falcon Crops: 16</i>	1	4	1	2	--	--	172	35	182,142	1,415,841
				Stands: Cheveley Park Stud Eng Fee: Private						Tricolore Bleu (Jpn)	
7	Monsun (Ger) <i>(1990) by Konigsstuhl (Ger) Crops: 16</i>	1	4	--	3	--	--	91	18	365,266	1,228,360
				Stands: Gestut Schlenderhan EUR (Dead/Ret/Exp)						Velox (Jpn)	
8	Oasis Dream (GB) <i>(2000) by Green Desert Crops: 9</i>	3	4	2	3	--	--	164	40	159,205	1,132,300
				Stands: Banstead Manor Stud Eng Fee: £30,000						Aspen Mountain (Ire)	
9	Green Desert <i>(1983) by Danzig Crops: 25</i>	2	4	1	3	--	--	120	22	150,000	1,072,089
				Stands: Nunnery Stud EUR (Dead/Ret/Exp)						D'Bai (Ire)	
10	Invincible Spirit (Ire) <i>(1997) by Green Desert Crops: 10</i>	1	4	--	1	--	--	146	28	62,725	711,424
				Stands: Irish National Stud Ire Fee: €120,000						Gorgeous Noora (Ire)	
11	Dansili (GB) <i>(1996) by Danehill Crops: 12</i>	--	3	--	3	--	2	152	36	796,875	2,192,451
				Stands: Banstead Manor Stud Eng Fee: Pensioned						Magic Wand (Ire)	
12	Anabaa <i>(1992) by Danzig Crops: 16</i>	1	3	--	2	--	1	142	23	545,998	1,476,661
				Stands: EUR (Dead/Ret/Exp)						Hartnell (GB)	
13	Cape Cross (Ire) <i>(1994) by Green Desert Crops: 13</i>	1	3	--	1	--	--	148	34	131,366	1,422,828
				Stands: Kildangan Stud EUR (Dead/Ret/Exp)						Solar Wai Wai (Aus)	
14	Intikhab <i>(1994) by Red Ransom Crops: 13</i>	1	3	1	2	--	1	43	10	566,316	1,331,181
				Stands: Derrinstown Stud EUR (Dead/Ret/Exp)						Danon Premium (Jpn)	
15	Mark of Esteem (Ire) <i>(1993) by Darshaan (GB) Crops: 16</i>	1	3	1	2	1	1	67	15	962,374	1,280,705
				Stands: Dalham Hall Stud EUR (Dead/Ret/Exp)						Exultant (Ire)	

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THE WOODLANDS HERITAGE BEHIND KIAMICHI



Kiamichi | Bronwen Healy

by John Berry

It's impossible to review the Golden Slipper history books without a mention of Woodlands Stud, with the Ingham-brothers sharing in the ownership of seven winners. John Berry takes a look at **Kiamichi**, a Godolphin homebred by a homebred Darley stallion, hailing from a family which came into Sheikh Mohammed's hands when he bought the Woodlands empire lock, stock and barrel.

Sheikh Mohammed was wise enough not to publish a list of ambitions when he expanded his involvement in Australian racing and breeding by buying the Woodlands Stud empire from the Ingham family in 2008. Had he done so, however, it is likely that the Golden Slipper would have featured prominently on the document.

Two-year-old racing fills only a relatively small part of Australia's racing programme; but its part is a very prestigious one, and the G1 Golden Slipper S. is undisputedly the jewel in the juvenile crown. The Golden Slipper is a natural target for any serious player, but particularly for any player who owns Woodlands Stud, a property central to the history of the race.

Woodlands and the Slipper

Woodlands Stud was formerly owned by George Ryder, the Chairman of the Sydney Turf Club through the 1950s and the

founding father of the Golden Slipper. During the '50s, the 2-year-old racing programme was being expanded in Sydney as jumps racing was being scaled down.

Creating a showpiece juvenile race was an obvious move, although cynics might suggest that it was also a convenient move for Ryder because the Woodlands roster contained the imported stallion Newtown Wonder (GB) (Fair Trial {GB}) who was a specialist sire of fast, precocious horses.

Subsequent to the 1953 breeding season, Ryder asked for nominations for the inaugural STC Golden Slipper, due to be run at Rosehill in the autumn of 1957, breeders being asked to nominate the unborn foals that their mares were carrying. Plenty did, thus ensuring that it would be easy for the Sydney Turf Club to come up with the colossal prize fund (£10,000) being offered for the Slipper.

As it turned out, Newtown Wonder was represented by five of the 11 runners in the first Slipper including the runner-up Flying Kurana. Victory, though, went to Todman, the star of the third crop of Hyperion's imported grandson Star Kingdom (Ire) (Stardust {GB}). Star Kingdom went on to sire the next four Slipper winners too, and thus was born the Star Kingdom/Golden Slipper legend.

George Ryder's pivotal place in the creation of the Golden Slipper is commemorated with the presence on the Rosehill undercard of the G1 The Agency George Ryder S., even if it was arguably fair to say this year that the G1 Longines Golden Slipper was on the George Ryder under-card, with the mighty Winx (Street Cry {Ire}) the cynosure of all eyes when taking the George Ryder for the fourth time. **Cont. p2**



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Woodlands Heritage Cont. from p1

One of the greatest Slipper winners, 1982 hero Marscay (Biscay), was bred at Woodlands while the property was owned jointly by UK-based Lord Derby and US-based King Ranch, but the property became even more synonymous with the Golden Slipper subsequent to its purchase by Bob and Jack Ingham in 1985.

The Ingham brothers were involved in the ownership of no fewer than seven Golden Slipper winners, with 1997 winner Guineas providing a particular thrill. Trained in Crown Lodge by John Hawkes and bearing the famous cerise silks, Guineas was a Woodlands home-bred sired by the Inghams' foundation stallion Crown Jester (Baguette) who had previously sired the Colin Hayes-trained 1985 Golden Slipper winner Rory's Jester.

Forensics (Flying Spur) won the Golden Slipper for the Ingham family in 2007, just a year prior to Sheikh Mohammed's purchase of Woodlands.

Four years later Sepoy (Elusive Quality {USA}) provided Sheikh Mohammed with his first Golden Slipper winner. An outstanding 2-year-old, Sepoy ranks as one of the better winners in the race's rich history as does Darley-bred Pierro. Even so, Saturday's Slipper has to be regarded as an even greater triumph for Sheikh Mohammed with Godolphin runners filling the trifecta.

Fittingly, the winner Kiamichi (Sidestep), a Godolphin homebred by a homebred Darley stallion, hails from a family which came into Sheikh Mohammed's hands when he bought the Woodlands empire lock, stock and barrel.

Kiamichi's sire Sidestep carried Sheikh Mohammed's maroon and white silks into second place behind Overreach in a quinella for their sire Exceed And Excel (Danahill {USA}) in the 2013 Golden Slipper, trained by Peter Snowden who had come into the Sheikh's employment courtesy of the Woodlands deal.

Sidestep subsequently joined the Darley roster at both Kelvinside Stud (NSW) and Haras du Logis (Fr) but the initial enthusiasm for his services quickly waned. In the space of a couple of years, Sidestep's Australian book dropped from 134 to 36 and his French book declined from 105 to 23.

Currently he is not shuttling and is standing at Telemon Stud in Queensland, his fee there in 2018 having been A\$7,700. That, obviously, may well change in the future now that his first crop

has yielded the Golden Slipper winner.

Longstanding Woodlands Family

Previously winner of the Group 3 race named in honour of the first filly to win the Golden Slipper, Magic Night (Star Kingdom), Kiamichi comes from a longstanding Woodlands family. Her dam Ouachita was unraced, but her lineage is rich in Slipper history, not least for the fact that she and her first two dams are all daughters of Golden Slipper winners. **(Kiamichi's pedigree)**

Her sire Canny Lad (Bletchingly), a stalwart of the Woodlands roster for many years, ranks as the most recent Golden Slipper winning colt to descend from the Hyperion sire-line. Hopefully he won't turn out to have been the last, particularly if the Eureka Stud-based Spirit Of Boom (Sequalo) lives up to his early promise.

It was disappointing that Ouachita never raced because she is a full-sister to two stakes-winning juveniles, Preserve and Rio



Sepoy | Darley

Osa. The former was a particular star for the Inghams, winning four valuable races as a 2-year-old in the 1999/2000 season, namely the G1 VRC Sires' Produce S., the G2 STC Magic Night S., the VATC Debutante S. and the Gosford Slipper. She also ran very well when seventh of 16 in the Golden Slipper, beaten around three lengths by the winner Belle Du Jour (Dehere {USA}). Preserve has graduated to become a very good broodmare, her nine winners

including the group winners Safeguard (Exceed And Excel) and Archives (Helmet).

Rio Osa is also a good producer, most recently in Europe where her progeny is headed by the stakes-placed winner Sutter County (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), a very smart 2-year-old in 2016 when trained for Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed al Maktoum by Mark Johnston, winning Newmarket's first 2-year-old race of the season. Another stakes performer for the family in the UK has been Soul (Commands), a son of Ouachita's half-sister Marvilha (Night Shift {USA}) and a winner in Australia, Dubai and England, most notably taking the G3 Hackwood S. over six furlongs at Newbury in 2012.

Furthermore, Ouachita is a half-sister to another top-class horse: Denman (Lonhro), winner of the G1 Toohey's New Golden Rose S. at Rosehill in 2009.

Woodlands Heritage Cont.

Prior to producing Kiamichi, Ouachita has come up with winners by Exceed And Excel, Hard Spun, Lonhro and Epaulette, headed by her current 3-year-old Cossetot (Epaulette), successful last month in the Tasmanian Derby.

Kiamichi's second dam Peach and her third dam Market Maid were daughters of two of the greatest Golden Slipper winners, Vain (Wilkes {Fr}) and Marscay (Biscay). This repeated use, generation after generation, of Golden Slipper-performed stallions clearly gave the family every chance to throw up another winner of the race.

The word 'another' is used advisedly because Kiamichi is the third Golden Slipper winner to have emerged from it. Kiamichi's fourth dam Marjoram (Major General {GB}), a half-sister to the 1973/'74 Horse of the Year Taj Rossi (Matrice), produced the 1980 Golden Slipper victrix Dark Eclipse (Baguette); while Marjoram's and Taj Rossi's dam Dark Queen was very closely related to the 1966 Golden Slipper heroine Storm Queen, both being by Coronation Boy (Ire) (Nasrullah {Ire}) out of daughters of the Law Maker mare Crown Appeal.

Kiamichi was not necessarily an obvious Golden Slipper winner, but she ranks as a very appropriate one.

WINNERS BY AUSTRALIAN SIRE**IN JAPAN:**

Moira Aithon (Jpn), h, 5, **Lonhro (Aus)**--Titan Queen, by Tiznow.

Hanshin, 3-24, Yodoyabashi S., 6fT. Lifetime Record: 8-5-0-1, \$624,455. O-Takaya Shimakawa; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); T-Yasutoshi Ikee. *1/2 to Renee's Titan (Bernstein), GSW-US, \$168,171; Fashion Alert (Old Fashioned), GSW-US, \$260,943; and Strong Titan (Regal Ransom), GSW-Jpn, \$1,352,749.

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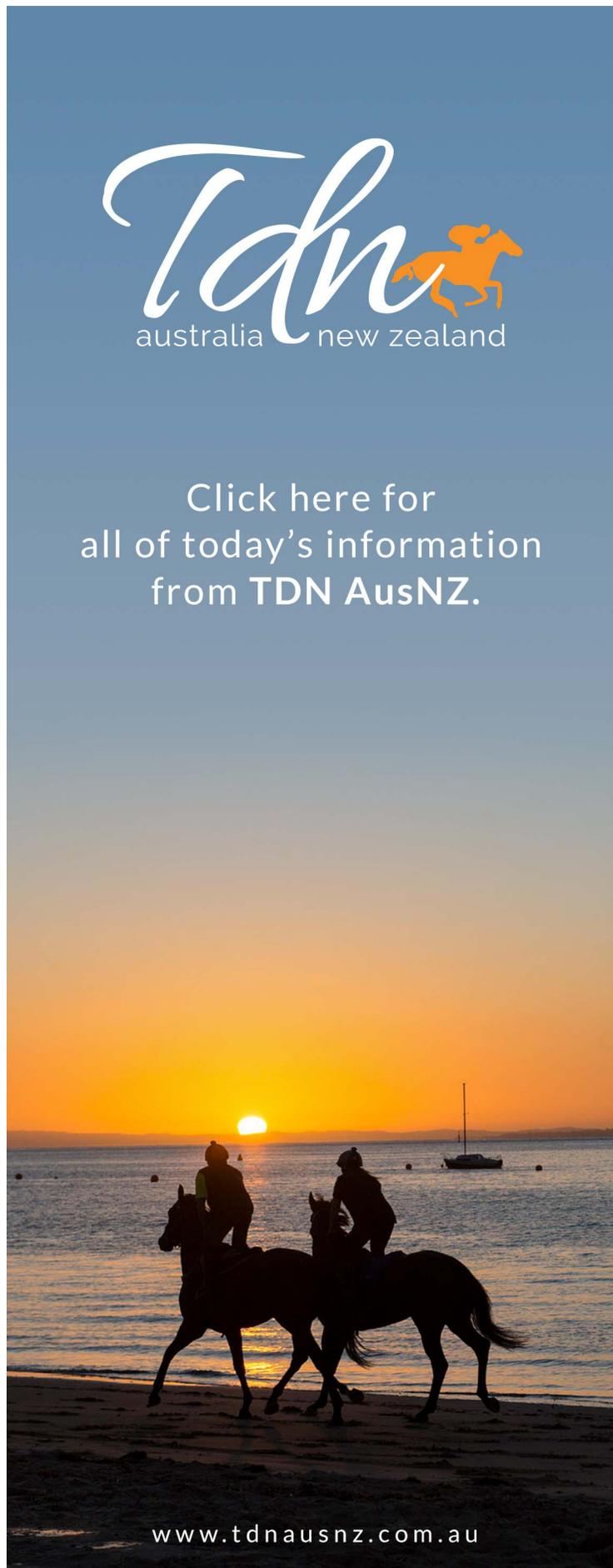
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