

'DOC' CHANDLER'S DIAGNOSIS OF GREATNESS



Dr. John Chandler | ThoroStride

by Chris McGrath

Just as water finds its level, so the day-to-day functioning of Juddmonte across nearly four decades has permitted the inexorable percolation towards the racetrack of class, in horses and horsemen alike. And, during 33 years as president of the U.S. wing, that class has had one common filter--besides, naturally, Prince Khalid Abdulla himself.

As recorded in the first part of this interview, Dr. John Chandler was raised in South Africa and cut his teeth in Newmarket before coming to the Bluegrass. Marriage to Alice Headley of Mill Ridge, together with his long service to the Prince, qualifies Chandler as a first-hand witness to many defining achievers of the modern Turf.

Above all, he connects two outstanding trainers who had practically nothing in common besides the patronage of the Prince, and the cancer that claimed their lives; but whose names, as a result, will forever be bound together.

As it happens, though he guaranteed the immortality of his name by bestowing it upon his greatest champion, the Prince actually had surprisingly little to do with Bobby Frankel.

"Really, the Prince had very limited personal contact with Frankel," Chandler admits. "Later he relied on [general manager] Garrett O'Rourke, with whom Bobby had a good rapport."

Yet the singular alliance of Brooklyn Jew and Saudi prince reproves the notion that our small, obsessive world has nothing to teach the "real" one beyond. **Cont. p3**

FENNEL HOPING BIG YEAR CONTINUES AT KEENELAND APRIL

by Jessica Martini

When a colt by The Big Beast (hip 418) sold for \$450,000 at last month's OBS March Sale, it marked the biggest result to date for Gina Fennell, who had purchased the youngster for \$45,000 at the 2018 OBS October Yearling Sale. Fennell, who has been pinhooking for some 10 years now, will look to keep the success going at next week's Keeneland April 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale. Through Luis Garcia's L.G. consignment, Fennell will offer a colt by Wicked Strong (hip 154) during the one-day auction.

Fennell was first exposed to Thoroughbred racing through her cousin, trainer Joe Manzi. Manzi trained Fran's Valentine (Saros {GB}), winner of the 1985 GI Kentucky Oaks.

"We met him in Kentucky for the race," Fennell recalled. "That's what initially sparked my interest in racing back when I was younger." **Cont. p5**

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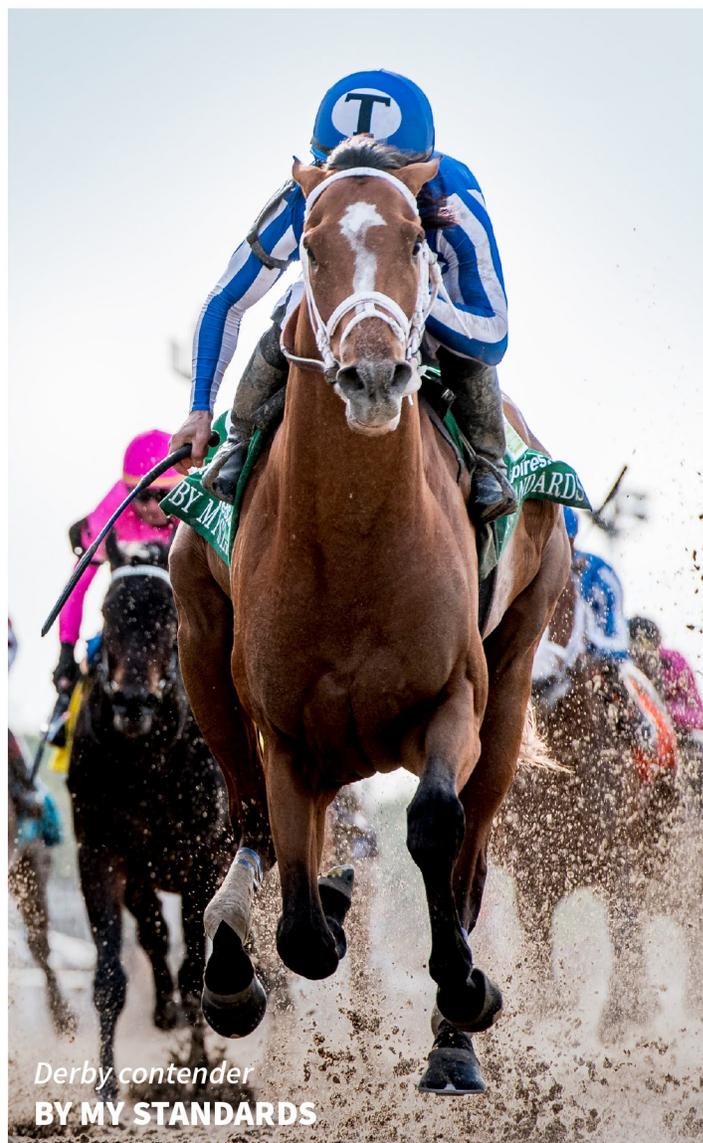
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MCLAUGHLIN DERBY HOPES HINGE UPON HAIKAL 6

Trainer Kieran McLaughlin joined the NTRA teleconference Tuesday to talk about GSW and GII Wood Memorial starter Haikal (Daaher) as he tries to punch his ticket to Louisville.

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A pair of graded stakes-placed 3-year-old fillies have been added to the Horses of Racing Age portion of next week's Keeneland April Sale.



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'Doc' Chandler's Diagnosis of Greatness cont. from p1

Juddmonte had initially taken on John Gosden in California as trainer of a filly in a package purchased from Robert Sangster. When it was decided to export a couple of Juddmonte horses to the West Coast, Gosden was the obvious choice.

"And he did very well," Chandler remembers. "So we started sending him more horses, and eventually had maybe 30 with him. But then he got an offer he couldn't refuse, to repatriate himself [to England]. He sent his horses to Eddie Gregson, but the Prince always liked to pick his own trainers."

A shortlist was drawn up, and the Prince settled on two: Ron McAnally and Frankel. Chandler rang McAnally, told him Juddmonte would like to send him some horses.

"Well, that'd be great," said McAnally. "Thank you very much." Then he called Frankel, a man he barely knew. "I told him who I was, and he said, 'Yeah.' I said, 'Would you

like to train some horses for us?' And he said, 'I don't know. Let me think about it. You call me tomorrow and I'll tell you.' And so, not having any particular ego, I said, 'That's fine.' I called him next morning and he said, 'Yeah, I'll train for you.' Later, he explained that to me. He was a very good friend of Eddie

Gregson, and knew he'd be taking the horses away from him. So he'd called Eddie, who said, 'Jesus, take them. That's the best damned job you'll ever have!'"

Broodmare legend Toussaud (El Gran Senor) began her career with Gosden, after his move home, but was then sent over to Frankel. Dam of four Grade I winners by four different stallions, Toussaud was notoriously difficult.

"I watched her galloping at Keeneland one day and she suddenly stopped like she'd run into a wall," remembers Chandler. "And the boy sat there like he was nailed on. And I said to myself: 'He's been there before, hasn't he? He knew what was coming.'" **Cont. p4**



Toussaud at Juddmonte | Horsephotos

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Because she refused to work left-handed, Frankel took to training Toussaud the "wrong" way round; plus she would only work from the gate. Though he did manage a Grade I with her, when Chandler asked if he would like to train her the following year, Frankel replied: 'Thank you, that's very kind, but I don't think I can put up with her anymore!'"

For all their class, many of her foals were also eccentric. "She had one of the all-time best-looking foals, by Gone West, I thought he was going to be the ultimate," Chandler says. "And he wouldn't run a yard. Put him in a race, and you couldn't get him out of a strong canter. Honest Lady (Seattle Slew) was the same way, there was only one rider she would go for. But she was only beaten half a length in the Breeders' Cup Sprint."

This affinity with even his most trying charges was the Frankel hallmark. "He had empathy for animals you couldn't believe," says Chandler, shaking his head. "I mean, what sort of fellow would forgo the Breeders' Cup because he has a sick dog? He was such a softie, you have no idea. When [Kentucky Oaks winner] Flute (Seattle Slew) was in the barn, he'd stand for ages talking to her outside the stall."

And actually that's another bond between Frankel and a man who was, in many respects, his polar opposite. Cecil had that fey, aristocratic way about him, half-playful, half-bashful, but he always shared a very natural wavelength with Thoroughbreds.

"Henry knew each horse's individual needs," Chandler says. "He knew what their limits were. You know, he used to work his horses a lot; and a lot faster than some. But sometimes they'd just be coming up there and doing it. I don't think Frankel was as easy a horse to train as he might have been, for being such a good one. As a rule, anybody can train a good horse. But I think Frankel had some issues Henry handled with sensitivity."

Chandler is gratified to have had a hand in introducing his old friend to the Juddmonte fold, having suggested him as trainer to a relative of the Prince who then lost interest. The Prince took over the abandoned string, and so began a partnership that would disclose an exceptional fidelity in a character otherwise largely inscrutable to the wider racing public.

For the equine Frankel, famously, sealed Cecil's redemption from a nadir where he had been written off professionally, as yesterday's man, and personally, as very unwell.

"The Prince stuck with him through thick and thin," Chandler reflects. "He was so loyal, when Henry was down to half his yard. I've seen a lot of horse people have bad spells. And he was doing everything the same. We never could work it out. But Henry, he was determined. He had a very strong will to win. And when things went down, it affected him. He wasn't nearly as devil-may-care as he looked. That was a front.

"He was fiercely competitive, behind that laughing façade. He resented any horse we took away to bring here. Andre Fabre was totally different. Andre would say, 'You know, I think I'm wasting my time here, this horse would be suited by America.' But Henry, boy, if you took a horse like Chester House, he resented it bitterly."

Since the premature loss of both these great trainers, the Prince has rebooted his American operation-breaking with its tried-and-trusted modus operandi by returning to the yearling sales, and soon rewarded by the spectacular Arrogate (Unbridled's Song). The champion's arrival at Juddmonte's Kentucky farm, where Mizzen Mast (Cozzene) had lately been plying a solitary trade, complements an equivalent rejuvenation over the ocean, where Kingman (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) is bidding to emulate Frankel's remarkable start at stud.

"The Prince liked horses in California," Chandler explains. "So when Baffert was doing so well he said, 'I'd like some horses with him.' And said, 'He's a dirt trainer: we don't have his sort of horse.' So he said, 'Well then, buy some.' It wasn't particularly the [Juddmonte] style, but Garrett [O'Rourke] and Baffert went out and bought quite a lot of expensive horses. Arrogate was in the third batch--and we hadn't had a horse worth a damn before him. I was standing next to Bob when Arrogate won the Travers. And he said, 'Now we can pay for all those bad horses!'"

Perhaps no recent result better condensed Chandler's overall experience than the Breeders' Cup Mile.

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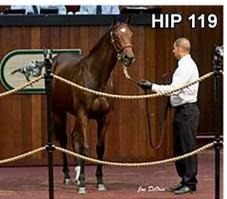
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"A good trifecta," Chandler says with a grin. "Expert Eye (Acclamation), winner, for Juddmonte. Catapult (Kitten's Joy), second, bred by Garrett. And Analyze It (Point of Entry), third, that we bred [i.e. the Mill Ridge clan]."

Not that Chandler, approaching his 80th year, entertains the slightest illusion that he has unravelled the mysteries of the Thoroughbred. When he first came over, he met Jack Price in Ocala.

"He had raised Carry Back, the [1961] Kentucky Derby winner," he muses. "Offset sucker like you've never seen. He was by a horse called Saggy, out of mare called Joppy. And he was a super damned horse. Price would always say, 'You know, they told me to breed the best to the best. I bred the best I had, to the best I could afford.' There's a lot of chance with the horse."

"We're very lucky. Things sort of seem to turn out right. We seem to have bumbled through. It's all a long time ago now. I knew Teddy [Lord Grimthorpe, the Prince's racing manager in Newmarket] when he was starting as a junior, at the BBA. But there's two things I do better than most in the world. I can procrastinate, and I can delegate. Garrett is a very capable man, absolutely great, and has been here a long time himself now."

Everyone who knows and admires Chandler--and those will essentially be coterminous groups--will attest that even the immense quantity of his experience dwindles next to the quality of its application. His wife has not been in the best of health of late but Chandler remains spry and animated, as engaged as he is engaging. A minute of Doc's company will teach you more than a week with a lesser man.

"I have made no contribution to mankind," he insists. "I have spent my entire life trying to find a horse to run from point A to point B faster than another horse. What a pointless thing in the grand scheme of the world."

But it's precisely because he disparages himself so earnestly that we cherish him all the more. For the rest of us, the hope that we might waste our lives so usefully will remain a forlorn one.

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Fennell Hoping Big Year Continues at KEEAPR cont. from p1

An introduction a decade ago in Ocala led to her involvement in pinhooking.

"A friend introduced me to Luis Garcia," Fennell said. "He works for Hartley/DeRenzo. We'll get together and get a couple of horses a year and then we just kind of go from there. Once he is done working for Hartley/DeRenzo, he has spare time, so whatever we get he starts to work on and get going for some of the sales."



Gina Fennell and Luis Garcia | photo courtesy Gina Fennell

Fennell usually picks out only one or two pinhooking prospects at the yearling sales, but last year found herself taking six yearlings home to Ocala.

"We decided to branch out this year," Fennell said. "We didn't expect to get so many, but we love the industry and just ended up getting more."

She hit a home run with first of the group to go through the sales ring this year. The colt from the first crop of The Big Beast turned heads when working the fastest furlong (:9 3/5) at the March sale's under-tack show.

"I really didn't think he was going to be that fast," Fennell admitted. "We really honestly didn't have any idea. He was a nice big, good-looking horse. We were hoping that he'd work a :10 flat. That was kind of what my expectations were and then we'd just see what happened from there."

Fennell, who owns the Ocala-based Gator Truck Center, is no stranger to the horse world. But her main experience with racing is in the barrel racing venue. **Cont. p6**

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Fennell said she has been able to put the knowledge she has developed with Quarter Horses to good use in the Thoroughbred industry.

“You are looking for an athlete no matter which way you’re going, whether it’s a Quarter Horse or a Thoroughbred,” she said. “So you’re looking at the conformation and the way the horse moves. You have to have horsemanship to be able to get an idea. But with the pedigrees, it’s a total different world than the Quarter Horse world. But every year, I learn more and more about Thoroughbred pedigrees.”



The Big Beast colt working a bullet at OBS | Photos by Z

Fennell’s next step on the juvenile sales calendar is the Keeneland April sale, which returns Tuesday after a four-year absence. Her lone offering at the auction is another colt from the first crop of a Grade I winner. Hip 154, a colt by 2014 GI Wood Memorial winner Wicked Strong (Hard Spun), is out of The Right Bird (Birdstone)—a half-sister to Grade I winner Karlovy Vary (Dynaformer) and graded placed Rocket Legs (Dynaformer). The bay colt was purchased for \$10,000 at last year’s Keeneland September sale.

Of expectations for the youngster, Fennell said, “I am hoping he is fast—I’m hoping he’s wicked fast.”

Following the Keeneland auction, Fennell will offer a pair of juveniles through the Circle D Thoroughbreds consignment at the OBS April Sale and another at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Sale

in May with L.G. She also purchased a pair of short yearlings at the OBS Winter Mixed Sale in January and expects to offer both colts at the OBS October sale.

In addition to her expanded pinhooking roster this year, Fennell’s Thoroughbred interests are also widening into the breeding industry.

“We claimed back one of our early pinhooks, Silver Sashay (Eurosilver),” Fennell said. “We purchased her for \$4,200 [at the 2012 OBS January sale] and we sold her for \$27,000 [at the OBS April sale]. She went on to win \$390,000 on the track and then we claimed her back. We bred her to Vancouver (Aus) (Medaglia d’Oro) and she just had a filly.”

Expect to see that foal in a sales ring somewhere in the future.

Fennell, who started with one pinhook prospect some 10 years ago, is looking forward to expanding her operation further in the years ahead.

“Hopefully, with the little extra money we’ll have from The Big Beast, we will be able to buy a little nicer pedigree and a nicer page this year,” she said. “And we’re hoping to have more success with the four horses still to sell this year.”

Keeneland will host an under-tack preview of its April sale Monday, beginning at 11 a.m. The sale, which opens with a horses of racing age section, will be held Tuesday beginning at 2 p.m.

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MCLAUGHLIN DERBY HOPES HINGE UPON HAIKAL

by Alan Carasso

Somewhat remarkably, just one horse trained by Kieran McLaughlin was nominated the 2019 Triple Crown. But for having a single chance to enter battle with, the stable could do worse than **Haikal** (Daaher), who looks to punch his ticket to the GI Kentucky Derby in Saturday’s GII Wood Memorial S. at Aqueduct.

A homebred half-brother to the mercurial ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ Takaful (Bernardini), Haikal closed fast to just miss in his seven-furlong debut Nov. 10, then came home in :24.07 to graduate by a neck in a six-furlong maiden Dec. 15. That same tenacity and determination was on display when proving a head best in the Feb. 9 Jimmy Winkfield S., setting him up for the GIII Gotham S. stretching out to the one-turn mile Mar. 2. Well back behind a cracking pace, Haikal looked to have it all to do even as deep into the race as the final furlong, but he hit another gear and raced over the top of his rivals to best ‘**Rising Stars**’ Mind Control (Stay Thirsty) and Instagrاند (Into Mischief) by a widening length. **Cont. p7**

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Haikal | Sarah K Andrew

“He stepped up big time against graded stakes horses and finished the way he’s been finishing, except he passed better horses,” McLaughlin told an NTRA national teleconference Tuesday, referring to the Gotham. “It was exciting to see him finish that way and run so well. Obviously we’re not going to get a :44 half in the Wood, but hopefully there will be plenty of speed and he’ll not be so far back. Every start he’s finished well the final three-sixteenths and hopefully he will going a mile and an eighth.”

The conditioner acknowledges that Saturday’s nine-furlong trip is a bit of an open question, but that no conclusions should be drawn through the single-minded and tempestuous Takaful.

“His brother was very difficult. He was a run-off and was very tough to train,” McLaughlin said of GI Vosburgh S. hero Takaful. “This horse is the opposite—he does everything right, different horse, he’s got a great mind. We feel like he might be even better going further and he should be at least able to handle the nine furlongs. We just hope that there’s a decent pace.”

McLaughlin is optimistic—if not 100% certain—that Haikal, whose paternal grandsire Awesome Again won a GI Breeders’ Cup Classic and whose damsire Distorted Humor was responsible himself for a GI Kentucky Derby winner, will thrive at Saturday’s journey and beyond.

“[I’m] not convinced, but we feel like he will get the distance and we’ll certainly find out more Saturday afternoon, because we’ve gone six, seven, eight and now nine furlongs,” McLaughlin said. “His attitude is great, he stands over a lot of ground, he’s got a lot of scope and he just does everything asked of him. We don’t think that nine furlongs should be a problem, but we’ll find out. We like him at the nine furlongs.”

McLaughlin went agonizingly close to winning the Derby when Closing Argument (Successful Appeal) was just outfinished by Giacomo (Holy Bull) in 2005. Add that near-miss to his long and

fruitful relationship with Sheikh Hamdan and it’s clear McLaughlin relishes the opportunity at hand.

“It would be fabulous to get there and to perform well,” he said. “We’ve been fourth three times also [with Shadwell’s Jazil (Seeking the Gold, dead-heat, 2006); Frosted (Tapit, 2015); and Mohaymen (Tapit, 2016). Getting there would be unbelievable. To even run well we’d be happy, but we’re there to win it if we’re good enough.”

Baffert Feeling Little Pressure This Year...

Though he has trained two Triple Crown winners in the span of four years and though his two best chances this season—arguably—lost their undefeated records in separate divisions of the GI Rebel S. Mar. 16, trainer Bob Baffert is welcoming the chance at another run at this year’s Classics.

“No, not really,” he replied when asked if the pressure is off given the defeats suffered by his ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ pair of champion **Game Winner** (Candy Ride {Arg}) and **Improbable** (City Zip). “We wanted to win those races [in Hot Springs]. Improbable—now he needs to run lights out in the [GI] Arkansas Derby. He needs to run first or second if he’s going to get into the Derby, so I think there’s even more pressure now. If they’re good enough, they’ll get it done.”

Game Winner has done well since his loss at the hands of Omaha Beach (War Front) and indicated his readiness for Saturday’s GI Santa Anita Derby with a six-furlong work that was timed in 1:13.40 (1/11) Apr. 1. A repeat of his last, win or lose, would be just fine with Baffert.



Game Winner (inside) working at Santa Anita Apr. 1 | Horsephotos

“If he ran the same race [as he did in the Rebel], we’d be fine with it, because the next one—that’s when we really want him to take the big step,” Baffert explained. “We just want him to stay healthy and we really don’t want a blowout race the race before.” **Cont. p8**

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Speedway Stable's **Roadster** (Quality Road) is yet another of the Baffert gaggle of 'TDN Rising Stars' and he gets his crack at a Derby berth at Santa Anita this Saturday. Third to Game Winner as the odds-on favorite in last year's GI Del Mar Futurity, the \$525,000 Keeneland September purchase returned to the races with a strong 2 1/2-length victory over the well-regarded Nolo Contesto (Pioneerof the Nile) in a one-mile allowance Mar. 1. He worked a bullet six panels in 1:12.60 (1/19) Mar. 31.

"His comeback race was off the charts," said Baffert. "I was so happy with it, Mike Smith was really happy with him. He's coming into this race really well, he's been working well, he looks healthy, he's fresh. He's a very light horse and that's why I didn't want to ship him anywhere. I expect him to run a big race."

Baffert added that '**Rising Star**' **Dessman** (Union Rags) was under consideration for Saturday's Wood Memorial, but would pass the race after working only fairly (6f in 1:14.80) Apr. 1.

"His work was nice, but I was looking for something over the top, so I'm just going to wait a little bit on him," he said.

Much Better (Pioneerof the Nile), fourth after setting a fast pace in the Gotham, cuts back to seven-eighths for Saturday's GIII Bay Shore S. at Aqueduct.

Despite the flurry of activity coming over the next several weeks, the recent events in California have weighed heavily on Baffert's mind, and he took a few minutes to reflect on the situation.

"We've been under this dark cloud and hopefully we can move forward," he said introspectively. "It's supposed to be fun. This is our version of 'March Madness.' There's been a lot going on here, unfortunately, in California, we've been getting beat down pretty good. But you know what? It's a beautiful sport, people don't really understand it. We've had some bad luck here and it's very unusual what's going on."

He continued, "You're always concerned about the negative publicity. The protesters don't know really how it works here. They don't know how we take care of these horses. My job is not to worry about them, I'm worried about these horses. These horses--they're not our livelihood, they're our way of life. We have to make this work. I have a lot of employees, I worry about their families. Racing needs to do well. This last month has been, I would say, a little stressful."

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GRADED-PLACED SOPHOMORE FILLIES ADDED TO KEENELAND HORA SALE

A pair of 3-year-old fillies, each graded stakes placed in their careers to date, have been supplemented to the Horses of Racing Age section of next Tuesday's Keeneland April Sale.

A total of 91 horses of racing age have been cataloged for the single-session, including its newest additions **Sweet Diane** (Will Take Charge) and **Splashy Kisses** (Blame). Consigned by ELITE, agent, Sweet Diane won her maiden at second asking by nearly 14 lengths and was placed in the Dec. 8 Hut Hut S. at Gulfstream and in the Suncoast S. at Tampa Feb. 9. The bay, a \$130,000 Keeneland September graduate, was most recently a good third in the GII Fair Grounds Oaks Mar. 23. Sweet Diane is out of a half-sister to GSW & GISP Take the Ribbon (Chester House) and MSW & GSP Glinda the Good (Hard Spun), the dam of champion Good Magic (Curlin).

Splashy Kisses graduated at Del Mar second time out last August and followed with a runner-up effort behind Serengeti Empress (Alternation) in the GII Pocahontas S. the following month. The dark bay has placed in two of her three starts this season, including a third in the GIII Sweet Life S. at Santa Anita. Splashy Kisses is being consigned by Claiborne Farm, agent. Splashy Kisses's third dam was French MGSW and US MGISP Colour Chart (Mr. Prospector), dam of Eclipse Award-winning 2-year-old filly Tempera (A.P. Indy). Click [here](#) for the digital catalog, including *DRF* past performances and ThoroGraph and Ragozin sheets.

In addition to the HORA sale, Keeneland has cataloged 73 juveniles for its first 2-year-olds in training sale since 2014. The under-tack preview is scheduled for Monday, Apr. 8 beginning at 11 a.m. The sale begins Tuesday at 2 p.m. Click [here](#) for the 2-year-olds in training catalog.

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DIVERSIFY CROWNED NY-BRED HORSE OF THE YEAR

Wrapping up a year that saw unprecedented success for the New York-bred racing and breeding programs, multiple Grade I winner Diversify (Bellamy Road) was crowned 2018's NY-Bred Horse of the Year at the New York Thoroughbred Breeders' awards banquet held Monday night at the Saratoga National Golf Club in Saratoga Springs.

Sponsored by the New York State Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund, the event was emceed by ex-jockey and television analyst Richard Migliore and handed out awards in 15 categories. Lauren and Ralph Evans's Diversify, winner of the GI Whitney S. last summer, also took home Champion Older Dirt Male honors, with Lady Sheila Stable's Holiday Disguise (Harlan's Holiday) the other dual winner after securing Champion Female Sprinter and Champion Older Dirt Female titles. Chester and Mary Broman, who won 69 races and five stakes with their homebreds in 2018, were crowned top New York Breeders for the third consecutive year and sixth time overall.

For a complete list of Monday night's winners, [click here](#).

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AQUEDUCT WINTER HANDLE UP

Handle at the 60-day Aqueduct winter meet, which ran from Dec. 7 to Mar. 31, generated all-sources handle of \$335,521,091, a 14.2% increase over 2017-18, NYRA announced Tuesday. On-track handle was \$40,881,947, a 20.1% increase over the corresponding dates in 2017-18, which included 53 days of live racing. Average daily handle over the course of the 60 days of live racing was \$5,592,018, a 1% increase over 2018. The 12-day Aqueduct spring meet begins Friday.

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HRONIS JOINS GREGSON BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Stephanie Hronis, part of the Eclipse Award-winning ownership family that has campaigned champions Accelerate and Stellar Wind, has joined the board of directors of the Edwin J. Gregson Foundation, EJGF President Jenine Sahadi announced Tuesday.

"Stephanie's lifelong background in education and her passion for the betterment of the backstretch community make her a perfect fit for the mission of the Gregson Foundation," Sahadi said.

Hronis spent more than 20 years in education as a school counselor, faculty member at the graduate and community college levels, and as a Family Resource Center Director for the Lindsay Unified School District.

The goal of the nonprofit Gregson Foundation is to develop programs to benefit and enhance the quality of life of California's backstretch workers by providing resources to attend college through the Edwin J. Gregson Scholarship Fund. Since it was established in 2001 by California Thoroughbred Trainers (CTT), the Gregson Foundation has awarded over 600 individual grants totaling approximately \$1.3 million.

"I have great respect and appreciation for the hard work and talent of those taking exceptional care of the horses," Hronis said. "I am very honored to be a part of the Gregson Foundation, and I look forward to advocating for and assisting family members of backside workers seeking post-secondary education or training."

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2019 Kentucky Derby Future Wager Pool 4 Friday, Apr. 5-Sunday, Apr. 7

#	Horse	Morning Line Odds
1	Anothertwistafate (Scat Daddy)	30-1
2	Bodexpress (Bodemeister)	20-1
3	Bourbon War (Tapit)	15-1
4	By My Standards (Goldencents)	12-1
5	Code of Honor (Noble Mission {GB})	12-1
6	Cutting Humor (First Samurai)	15-1
7	Galilean (Uncle Mo)	30-1
8	Game Winner (Candy Ride {Arg})	8-1
9	Haikal (Daaher)	30-1
10	Improbable (City Zip)	10-1
11	Instagrاند (Into Mischief)	15-1
12	Long Range Toddy (Take Charge Indy)	15-1
13	Maximum Security (New Year's Day)	8-1
14	Omaha Beach (War Front)	10-1
15	Outshine (Malibu Moon)	30-1
16	Plus Que Parfait (Point of Entry)	30-1
17	Roadster (Quality Road)	15-1
18	Signalman (General Quarters)	50-1
19	Spinoff (Hard Spun)	30-1
20	Tacitus (Tapit)	30-1
21	Vekoma (Candy Ride {Arg})	20-1
22	War of Will (War Front)	15-1
23	Win Win Win (Hat Trick {Jpn})	50-1
24	All Other 3-Year-Olds	15-1

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DISTAFF H.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Split Time	Take Charge Indy	Tic Stables	Rice	Maragh	118
2	Holiday Disguise	Harlan's Holiday	Lady Sheila Stable	Rice	Lezcano	118
3	Rosyjersey	Jersey Town	Dormellito Stud	Ouellette	Martinez	112
4	Startwithsilver	Jump Start	Lady Sheila Stable and Iris Smith Stable	Rice	Cancel	117
5	Come Dancing	Malibu Moon	Blue Devil Racing Stable	Martin	Franco	118
6	Yorkiepoo Princess	Kantharos	Danny J. Chen	Barker	Davis	118
7	Kathryn the Wise	Uncle Mo	Lawrence Goichman	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	117
8	Pacific Gale	Flat Out	Tobey L. Morton	Kimmel	Bravo	118
9	Dawn the Destroyer	Speightstown	Stonestreet Stables LLC	McLaughlin	Alvarado	119

Breeders: 1-Sequel Stallions New York LLC, 2-Dr. William B. Wilmot & Dr. Joan M. Taylor, 3-Dormellito Stud, 4-Burning Sands Stable, LLC, 5-Blue Devil Racing Stable, LLC, 6-A. Francis Vanlangendonck & Barbara Vanlangendonck, 7-Lawrence Goichman, 8-Bally Breeders, 9-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC

Friday, Keeneland, post time: 5:30 p.m. EDT

KENTUCKY UTILITIES TRANSYLVANIA S.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	The Black Album (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Team Valor International and Barber, Gary	Brisset	Ortiz	120
2	Onthewaytonevland (Ire)	No Nay Never	Ice Wine Stable	Ward	Velazquez	118
3	Go Away	Scat Daddy	Andrew Farm, Lakin, Lewis G. and Singer, Jose	Kenneally	Lynch	118
4	Avie's Flatter	Flatter	Ivan Dalos	Carroll	Castellano	120
5	Weekly Call	Will Take Charge	ERJ Racing, LLC and Keh, Steven	O'Neill	Hernandez, Jr.	118
6	Dunph	Temple City	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Leparoux	118
7	Louder Than Bombs	Violence	Sandra New	Fawkes	Saez	120
8	War Film	Declaration of War	L and N Racing LLC	Asmussen	Geroux	118
9	Hawaiian Noises	Super Saver	Wesley A. Ward	Ward	Bejarano	118
10	Henley's Joy	Kitten's Joy	Bloom Racing Stable LLC	Maker	Gaffalione	120
11	Life Mission	Noble Mission (GB)	Detampel, Marc and Galvin, Fergus	Colebrook	Graham	118

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Point of Entry <i>(2008) by Dynaformer</i>	2	2	1	1	--	--	30	10	1,504,000	1,643,645
		<i>Stands: Adena Springs KY Fee: \$20,000</i>									<i>Plus Que Parfait</i>
2	Graydar <i>(2009) by Unbridled's Song</i>	1	3	--	1	--	--	68	19	527,140	1,234,769
		<i>Stands: Taylor Made Farm KY Fee: \$7,500</i>									<i>Gray Magician</i>
3	Violence <i>(2010) by Medaglia d'Oro</i>	2	4	1	2	--	--	80	21	143,746	1,101,396
		<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$40,000</i>									<i>Jasper Prince</i>
4	Jimmy Creed <i>(2009) by Distorted Humor</i>	--	2	--	1	--	--	48	20	71,200	908,371
		<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$20,000</i>									<i>Slewgoodtobetrue</i>
5	Paynter <i>(2009) by Awesome Again</i>	1	1	--	--	--	--	80	24	94,000	890,971
		<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$12,500</i>									<i>Needs Supervision</i>
6	Flat Out <i>(2006) by Flatter</i>	--	2	--	1	--	--	81	24	50,300	811,859
		<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$5,000</i>									<i>Chateau</i>
7	Overanalyze <i>(2010) by Dixie Union</i>	--	3	--	1	--	--	65	19	66,000	576,338
		<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$15,000</i>									<i>Hog Creek Hustle</i>
8	El Padrino <i>(2009) by Pulpit</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	30	11	93,240	517,737
		<i>Stands: Northview PA USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>									<i>Promised Storm</i>
9	Orb <i>(2010) by Malibu Moon</i>	--	1	--	--	--	--	54	15	58,150	513,752
		<i>Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$12,500</i>									<i>Ready Orb Not</i>
10	Oxbow <i>(2010) by Awesome Again</i>	--	1	--	--	--	--	37	10	83,370	467,341
		<i>Stands: Calumet Farm KY Fee: \$15,000</i>									<i>The Circle Game</i>
11	Brethren <i>(2008) by Distorted Humor</i>	1	2	--	1	--	--	46	11	63,950	440,423
		<i>Stands: Arindel Farm FL Fee: \$7,500</i>									<i>Cookie Dough</i>
12	Alternation <i>(2008) by Distorted Humor</i>	1	1	1	1	--	--	45	14	124,000	429,201
		<i>Stands: Pin Oak Stud KY Fee: \$10,000</i>									<i>Serengeti Empress</i>
13	Justin Phillip <i>(2008) by First Samurai</i>	--	2	--	--	--	--	42	15	50,000	400,167
		<i>Stands: Castleton Lyons KY Fee: \$5,000</i>									<i>Lady T N T</i>
14	Freedom Child <i>(2010) by Malibu Moon</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	23	9	53,064	317,770
		<i>Stands: Country Life Farm MD Fee: \$2,500</i>									<i>Ja's Malibu</i>
15	Morning Line <i>(2007) by Tiznow</i>	1	1	--	--	--	--	31	5	110,000	304,527
		<i>Stands: A&A Ranch USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>									<i>Stubbins</i>

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

3rd-Mahoning Valley, \$24,100, Msw, 4-2, 3yo, f, 5f, 1:00.96, ft.

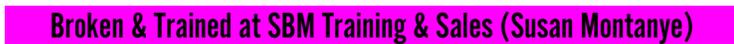
AT FIRST BLUSH (f, 3, **Street Sense--Blush Island, by Speightstown),** a \$17,000 FTKOCT yearling, was sent off the 9-5 favorite. The dark bay filly trailed the field early, swept up four wide at the top of the lane and forged to the lead in the final furlong to win going away by 2 3/4 lengths. A Perfect Sky (Perfect Circle) was second. The unraced Blush Island, in foal to Pataky Kid, sold for \$2,000 at this year's Keeneland January sale. The mare is a half-sister to multiple Grade I winner Street Boss (Street Cry {Ire}). **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,260.

O-Mast Thoroughbreds; B-Swifty Farms (IN); T-Robert Gorham.



IN PERU:

Vivo Enamorada, f, 3, **Cairo Prince--E Looe, by Lure.** Monterrico, 3-29, Alw, 1400m, 1:25.76. B-Rose Hill Farm (KY). *Won by 6 1/4 lengths. **\$67,000 Ylg '17 KEEJAN; \$15,000 RNA 2yo '18 FTFMAR. **VIDEO**



IN SOUTH KOREA:

Jangsan Bobby, g, 3, **Shanghai Bobby--Binalegend (MSW, \$288,245), by Binalong.** Busan, 3-31, Hcp. (\$66k), 1000m. B-Machmer Hall & Haymarket Farm LLC (KY). *Broke maiden by four lengths at second asking as the 11-10 favorite. **\$50,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.

Tiz Plan, c, 4, **Tiznow--Amusing Plan, by Pleasantly Perfect.** Seoul, 3-31, Hcp. (\$97k), 1800m. B-Three Chimneys Farm LLC (KY). *1/2 to Street Moxie (Street Sense), SP, \$174,736. **\$25,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP.

Good Casting, h, 5, **Majestic Warrior--Holly Days, by Langfuhr.** Busan, 3-31, Hcp. (\$97k), 1400m. B-Mt Brilliant Farm LLC (KY). *\$10,000 Ylg '15 KEEJAN; \$35,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR.

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IN PERU:

Reina Leona (Arg), f, 4, **Violence--Wild Fantasy, by Roar.** Monterrico, 3-31, Clasico Ernesto Ayulo Pardo-Listed, 2000mT, 2:00.16. B-La Pasion. *1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. **G1SP-Per.

VIDEO

IN SOUTH KOREA:

Heuk Jeonsa (Kor), c, 3, **Flat Out--Ballad Of Bertie (SW, \$198,994), by Saint Ballado.** Seoul, 3-31, Hcp. (\$35k), 1300m. B-Kim Chang Hee. *\$11,000 in utero '15 KEENOV.



SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

El Martillo (Tiznow),
 2 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 2-Mahoning Valley, Alw 1m, HAMMERS SON, 5-2

Tidal Volume (Tapit), Poplar Creek Horse Center, \$3,000
 47 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
 8-Mahoning Valley, Msw 6f, TURNDOWN DA VOLUME, 4-1

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STAKES RESULTS:

WILMA MANKILLER S., (NB) \$50,000, Will Rogers Downs, 4-1, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.32, ft.
 1--**PRETTY GREELEY, 124, m, 6, Greeley's Conquest--Kitty's Comet, by Maria's Mon.** O-Hooties Racing LLC, WSS Racing, LLC and 4G Racing, LLC; B-Millard R. Seldin Rev. Trust (KY); T-John Alexander Ortiz; J-Edgar Morales. \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 30-7-3-10, \$248,892.
 2--**Decant**, 124, m, 5, Tapit--Sumptuous, by Hennessy. (\$70,000 RNA Ylg '15 KESEEP; \$25,000 3yo '17 KEENOV). O-Jackie Rojas; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Chris A. Hartman. \$10,000.

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3--**Alex's Bourbon**, 124, f, 4, Afleet Alex--Sharp Bourbon, by Sharp Humor. O-Jerry Namy; B-Raut (KY); T-K Broberg. \$5,500. Margins: 3, 1HF, 2. Odds: 3.00, 9.30, 1.40.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Sunland, \$30,900, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$15,000), 4-2, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03.55, ft.
GUNNERS ONE (g, 4, Diabolical--Shemoves {SW, \$243,279}, by Ghostly Moves) Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-3, \$51,395. O/B-Tommy Gunstream (NM); T-Justin R. Evans.

3rd-Sunland, \$30,400, (S), 4-2, (NW2X), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:38.06, ft.
MC MIRACLE (g, 5, McKenna's Justice--Shopping Mary, by Slew's Royalty) Lifetime Record: 19-3-2-3, \$70,926. O-Judge Lanier Racing, Tina & Vicki Dennison; B-Danna Buechler & McKenna Thoroughbreds (NM); T-Simon J. Buechler.

7th-Sunland, \$28,800, (S), 4-2, (NW2L), 3/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.92, ft.
SHORT POCKETS (f, 4, Southwestern Heat--Devon's Spirit {SW, \$213,681}, by Premeditation) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-4, \$48,800. O/B-John Pinkerton (NM); T-Bennie L. Woolley, Jr.

8th-Will Rogers Downs, \$26,400, (S), 4-2, (C), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:40.54, ft.
KIRK OF DIAMONDS (g, 4, Toccet--Expect Diamonds, by Valid Expectations) Lifetime Record: MSP, 14-3-3-2, \$112,246. O/B-Hal Browning & Dave Faulkner (OK); T-Kari Craddock.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Hard Spun Gal, f, 3, **Hard Spun**--Humorous Gal, by Distorted Humor. Sunland, 4-2, 6 1/2f, 1:19.00. B-Mike Abraham (KY). *\$15,000 RNA Ylg '17 KESEEP. **Full to Island Town, MGSW, \$352,932.

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HARD SPUN, Hard Spun Gal, f, 3, o/o Humorous Gal, by Distorted Humor. MSW, 4-2, Sunland
MCKENNA'S JUSTICE, Mc Miracle, g, 5, o/o Shopping Mary, by Slew's Royalty. ALW, 4-2, Sunland
SOUTHWESTERN HEAT, Short Pockets, f, 4, o/o Devon's Spirit, by Premeditation. ALW, 4-2, Sunland
STREET SENSE, At First Blush, f, 3, o/o Blush Island, by Speightstown. MSW, 4-2, Mahoning Valley
TOCCET, Kirk of Diamonds, g, 4, o/o Expect Diamonds, by Valid Expectations. ALW, 4-2, Will Rogers



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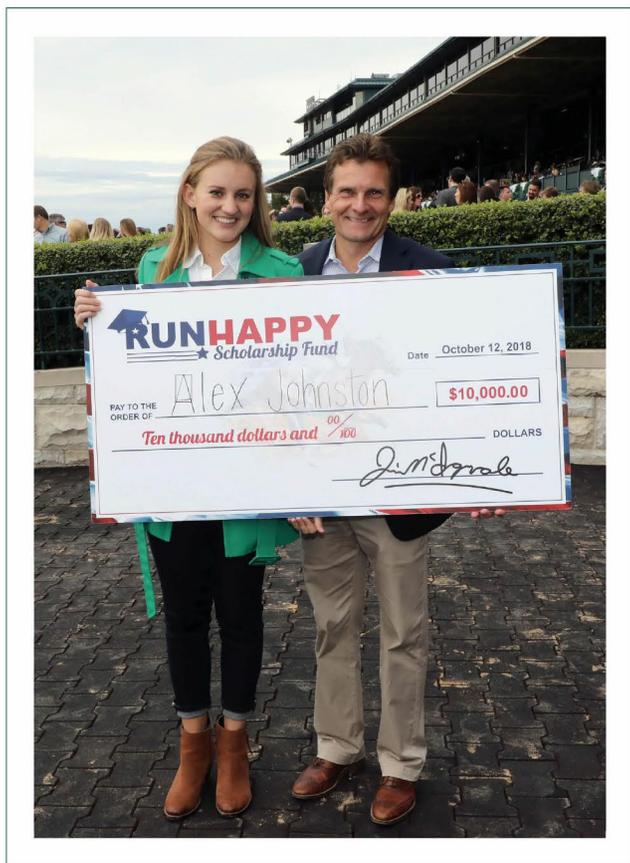
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THE PAT SMULLEN COLUMN: DELIGHTS OF DUBAI



Plus Que Parfait salutes in the UAE Derby | Horsephotos

by Pat Smullen

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

I got a lot of enjoyment out of watching the Dubai World Cup meeting on many fronts. It was a great night which showcased Dubai racing very well. When you have proper Group 1 horses like **Almond Eye (Jpn)** (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}), **Blue Point (Ire)** (Shamardal) and **Cross Counter (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}) on the card, you know you have a lot of quality on show.

I was very fortunate to spend many years in Dubai from when I was 16. I was there in the 96/97 season for the first time and have seen it change and grow as a city and as a racing power through the formation of Godolphin. It's amazing what Sheikh Mohammed and the Maktoum family have achieved for our industry in that time.

I spent most winters in Dubai riding for Dhruba Selvaratnam and Erwan Charpy and there was a great ex-pat community there at the time. Brendan Walsh was one of them, as well as Ted Durcan; we were all great friends and spent probably the best years of our lives there and had a lot of fun. It gave all of us the chance to get our careers up and running and it was very influential for me getting started as a jockey. **Cont. p2**

DEEP IMPACT REMOVED FROM COVERING DUTIES FOR 2019

Champion Japanese stallion **Deep Impact (Jpn)** (Sunday Silence) will cease covering for the remainder of the breeding season due to neck issues. The sire of 39 individual Group 1 winners stands at Shadai Stallion Station in Japan and the farm said his injury is not life threatening, but he will need time to recover.

The 17-year-old has been the leading sire in Japan for the past seven years and has sired 131 black-type winners, 110 of them at the group level. Sixteen of his offspring are champions, and he has sired numerous Classic winners in Japan, as well as abroad, including Beauty Parlour (GB) in the 2012 G1 French 1000 Guineas, Saxon Warrior (Jpn), winner of last year's G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas and Study Of Man (Ire) in the 2018 Prix du Jockey Club. **Cont. p10**

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Delights of Dubai Cont. from p1

I spent eight full winters there and I haven't missed a year since then, either riding at the carnival or on holiday. I even met my wife there, even though she's Irish as well, so Dubai has a very fond place in my heart, it's given me an awful lot.

Seeing Brendan Walsh win the UAE Derby with **Plus Que Parfait** (Point of Entry) was I think the biggest kick I've got from a winner without being involved in it since I stopped riding. Brendan is a really likeable fella and hopefully that will attract some good owners, and as we all saw he's well capable of doing the job.

He has been doing extremely well, he's built his barn up year

on year and he just needed a bit of quality and a win like that. It's come at a really good time for him. Like all trainers, he's totally dedicated to the job and is really taking big strides forward now. Saturday was a launching pad for him and I think he has what it takes to make a really successful trainer.



Almond Eye | Horsephotos

Strength in Depth

The G2 UAE Derby was the highlight of the World Cup night for me but obviously we saw some great horses running. Cross Counter is going to be a formidable horse in the staying division this year. He looks a stayer with pace and if he can stay the two and a half miles of the G1 Ascot Gold Cup he's going to be very difficult to beat. The way he won the G1 Melbourne Cup from off the pace, and then to get in a real dogfight on Saturday night and come out on

top shows he has all the qualities of a good stayer. **Cont. p3**




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Blue Point has been an amazing sprinter all of last year and into this year. He'll go to Royal Ascot a hot favourite. Whether it's five or six furlongs, it comes as one to him, and he's the finished article as a sprinter now. His mind seems to be in the right place, he's taken everything really well and I think they've done really well with him to channel that nervous energy in the right direction.

I think Japan might just have one of their most serious challengers for the Arc if everything goes well before then. Almond Eye looks to be exceptional. She travels through the race with such ease, dropping back in trip was no issue for her and when she gets to the front she doesn't overdo it either, so conserving all that energy will really help her to get to the Arc in October. I thought there was a lot to take from that performance, and with **Enable (GB)** (Nathaniel {Ire}) and **Sea Of Class (Ire)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}) we could have three serious fillies challenging for the Arc.

I must give credit to **Thunder Snow (Ire)** (Helmet {Aus}), who is an amazing horse the way he adapts from turf to dirt and is competitive on both. To win back-to-back World Cups is an amazing achievement by Saeed bin Suroor and his team. The horse battled extremely well and very few horses can do what he's done, to be a Group 1 winner on turf and dirt. I think breeders in the future should keep that in mind. It's good to see a horse that's adaptable.

Very Much a Case of Team Godolphin

Saeed Bin Suroor and all those very good trainers are in an enviable position of being able to attract really good staff, and what better work rider could you find than [Thunder Snow's rider] Kieren Fallon? What Kieren has achieved as a jockey, his experience, is well known but what's become very evident is his affinity and love for horses. For him to say that he got more of a kick out of Thunder Snow winning the World Cup than he did from his own winners tells you how much he enjoys working with horses. It's a huge advantage to have someone like him preparing a horse.

It also shouldn't be underestimated what Charlie Appleby has achieved in a short space of time, as well as the importance of it. Obviously Saeed has been consistent over many years but Charlie has really put Godolphin back where they need to be, and that's competing at the highest level. Whether it's riders, horses, trainers, you need competition and Godolphin being back as a superpower again, and competing against the other superpowers, is very important for the whole industry. Charlie Appleby's contribution to that should be recognised and he should be commended for training Group 1 winners in America, Australia, and all over Europe, in a short space of time. **Cont. p4**

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Charlie is ably assisted by Marie Murphy, who I've known for a long time, and she's a fantastic assistant trainer to have, along with all his work riders, many of whom are ex-jockeys. Then he's backed up by two amazing jockeys in my opinion, in James Doyle and William Buick, who are riding at the peak of their powers. It's great to see Godolphin back at the level they are, competing worldwide, and that both Saeed and Charlie have contributed to that.



James Doyle & Auxerre | *Racing Post*

Closer to Home

On the home front, **Auxerre (Ire)** (Iffraaj {GB}) was just different class in the Lincoln. He was given a beautiful ride by James Doyle, who controlled the race from the front, and the horse will probably never run in a handicap again. He was the ultimate group horse in a handicap.

There was a lot to take from **Sergei Prokofiev** (Scat Daddy)'s run at Navan. It may not have been the strongest of sprints, but I loved the way he settled so well out the back then quickened up and put the race to bed in a matter of strides. Navan is a very stiff finish, the last half-furlong is stiff to the line, so I imagine when he got to the front he just got a bit tired against the hill. I'd say there's huge improvement in him and I'm sure his first main aim will be the G1 Commonwealth Cup. He'll go there as a serious challenger.

My Best Wishes to Fran

It's a real shame to have heard the announcement of Fran Berry's retirement this week. I was only speaking to him recently and I think he's had eight fractures to his neck and back in the last few years, so he

couldn't ignore medical advice and I think the decision was taken out of his hands. **Cont. p5**

GROUP 1 PROSPECTS!

The Andre Fabre trained **VILLA D'AMORE** (3f) was a very impressive winner of the Prix de Brunehaut at Chantilly on Monday. Homebred for the Coolmore partners, she has entries in the **Gr.1 French Guineas, French Oaks & Prix St Alary**.

Gr.1 Grand Prix de Paris entry **RUDIMENTAL** (3c) won the Prix Suave Dancer first time out at Saint-Cloud on Saturday. Bred by Haras du Cadran, JI. Burgat & Patrick Klein and trained by Carlos & Yann Lerner.



MASTER CRAFTSMAN

5 Stakes performers last week including G3 winner **SANTA MONICA**, Listed winner **STILL STANDING** and fast-finishing G3 runner-up **HAND ON HEART**

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The Pat Smullen Column: Delights of Dubai Cont.

Fran is a very well respected person and is a very articulate and intelligent guy. Whatever he chooses to do he'll make a success of it and he'll be a big asset to any organisation in the future. His retirement reiterates the dangerous nature of jockeys' lives, but equally Fran is intelligent enough to be able to look back and know that he was very lucky to have been able to walk away. Although it's hard for him, it's clearly the right decision.

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ASCOT OPENS BREEZE-UP SEASON

by Chris McGrath

While it represents an unashamedly up-and-at-'em start to the European breeze-up calendar, trading in workmanlike speed and precocity, the sale staged by Tattersalls Ascot today is nonetheless capable of serving as a weathervane for the whole market.

Two years ago, a clearance rate of 80% and turnover breaking £2 million for the first time proved an auspicious signpost to a continued boom in the entire sector. The very first horse to breeze in Europe, moreover, turned out to be Sands Of Mali (Fr) (Panis), who proceeded to win the G2 Gimcrack S. that same summer.

The momentum sparked at Ascot in 2017 extended through the ensuing sales, crowned by one of the all-time great pinhooks when Willie Browne of Mocklershill sold a Street Sense colt, found for just \$15,000 at Keeneland the previous September, for €1.4 million to Kerri Radcliffe, then operating for Phoenix Thoroughbreds, at Arqana in May.

It was a different story at Ascot last year. The clearance rate slumped to 50% and the median, for those that did manage to find a buyer, to 16,000gns from 21,000gns. And, once again, the more upmarket sales found that Ascot's opening skirmishes had set the tone for the whole battle.

As the circus proceeded to Doncaster and elsewhere, it gradually became clear that a number of factors had come askew across the market. And it certainly didn't help that the breeze show for this sale, in particular, had to be staged in

extraordinarily difficult conditions.

But to the extent that there were lessons to be learned by sales companies, as well as by vendors, it looks as though one or two nettles have been grasped with commendable purpose--above all, in restoring catalogues to the kind of size that had sustained market growth until last year. Nowhere will this have been done more decisively than at Ascot, where today's catalogue (before withdrawals) has been slashed from 146 to 91.

The principal complaint, as the wheels came off the breeze-up bandwagon in 2018, was that the sector as a whole had become "a dumping ground" for unwanted yearlings. Overproduction, of course, is hardly the fault of the breeze-up sector, sooner reflecting the enormous books of mediocre mares nowadays being routinely corralled by unproven, ostensibly "commercial" stallions, in the hope of turning a fast buck. And many breeze-up vendors last year rebuked the sales companies for expanding their catalogues.

Anecdotally, however, it appeared that many horses were being turned down. After all, it is not as though any shopkeeper prospers from oversupply.

Either way, the fact is that market forces always contain the seeds of correction. Those opportunists who burned their fingers last year are doubtless less inclined (or insufficiently solvent) to come back and ride the wave created, over previous cycles, by the exceptional expertise of so many breeze-up consignors. In contrast, those who had generated that swell will,

largely, also have proved best equipped to weather the storm. This time round, then, they will hope to regroup and maybe renew some of the positive curves achieved until last year.

Remember that these supremely professional horsemen have a canny eye for the right type to develop as a breeze-up horse; and that some of the flotsam and jetsam drifting onto the market last spring, for no better reason than market rejection as yearlings, would never have got anywhere near their shortlists.

Wherever the fault could be divided--not just between vendors and sales companies, but also with extraneous economic factors such as Brexit--the fact is that today's catalogue of 91 is actually below the 99 lots published in 2017. That represents an unequivocal repentance on last year's bumper book of 146. [Cont. p6](#)



Lot 13, a son of Dragon Pulse (Ire) from Ballinahulla Stables

Alayna Cullen



potential buyers peruse their catalogues at the Tattersalls Ascot breeze-ups | *Alayna Cullen*

Ascot Opens Breeze-Up Season Cont.

Other auctions, if not quite to the same extent, have also narrowed their sights. Goffs UK, for instance, has trimmed back its offering at Doncaster later in the month to 160, much closer to the 152 listed in 2017 (of which 79% ultimately sold) than to the 207 animals catalogued last year (66% sold).

But it is not just about retrenchment. There have also been proactive, positive gestures. A new bonus scheme is being introduced at the Craven Sale, while graduates of today's auction will be eligible for a new £100,000 incentive should they return to the same strip of turf in 11 weeks' time and win at the Royal meeting.

That is the ultimate aspiration for those shopping at the earliest of the sales, and was famously vindicated when Sean Quinn signed for The Wow Signal (Ire) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}) here in 2014, for £50,000. The following month Quinn's father John saddled the colt to win by nine lengths on his Ayr debut, and he then returned to Berkshire to win the G2 Coventry S.

The Wow Signal followed up in the G1 Prix Morny but was unable to race at three. Importantly for those who promote this format, however, Sands Of Mali continued to thrive last year to the extent that he too scored at the highest level, in the G1 Haydock Sprint Trophy; besides being a close second in the G1 Commonwealth Cup at Royal Ascot.

Hope springs eternal, and **stakeholders recently canvassed** by colleague Kelsey Riley say they are confident that everyone will have learned from the collective mistakes of last year. Yes, these were compounded by misfortunes beyond anyone's control--the horrible going for such young horses at more than one sale, for instance. But the bottom line is that catalogues across the major European sales in 2018 expanded from 1,079 lots to 1,279, while actual sales only inched up to 769 from 739.

Those figures helped everyone grasp that demand, for now, remains finite and largely unchanged. Moreover the stronger demand at the top end, reflecting a polarisation familiar across all markets, was propped up last year by the final crop of Scat Daddy. Consignors at every level, then, will have taken a chastened new focus to the yearling sales. Many, after taking a hit last year, will step back into the ring with a meaner, leaner look. As such, everyone will surely be satisfied should Ascot today offer neither fireworks nor fire sales, but simply a solid base for the weeks ahead.

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Lot 5, a Requinto (Ire) colt from the Egmont Stud draft, breezes at Ascot | *Alayna Cullen*

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FORMER OLYMPIAN PHELPS NEW BHA CHAIR

Annamarie Phelps, Vice-Chair of the British Olympic Committee and a former Olympic rower, has been appointed as the new chair of the British Horseracing Authority, the BHA announced on Tuesday. Phelps will take up the post on June 1 and while it will be her first role in racing, she has worked for a variety of governing bodies dealing with complex political and regulatory issues and was the chair of British Rowing until last year. Representing Britain in the women's eight in the 1996 Atlanta Games, Phelps also chaired the independent review into British Cycling in 2017. **Cont. p7**



Annamarie Phelps | *British Horseracing Authority*

Phelps New BHA Chair Cont.

"I relish the opportunity to work in British racing," said Phelps, who was a world champion in 1993 and earned a CBE for services to rowing in 2016. "Everything I've seen and heard tells me that racing people are passionate about their sport, proud of its magnificent heritage and unified by a love of horses. I am looking forward to working with new colleagues at the BHA and across the sport. My priority is to help with the immediate challenges we face, but I am excited by the opportunities for racing to grow and flourish in the years ahead.

"I believe that collaboration is the key to success and am privileged to be given a chance to play my part."

Phelps was a unanimous selection by the BHA's nominations committee, which includes representatives nominated by racecourses and horsemen. Her appointment was approved by the BHA's shareholders and the board.

The chair of the nominations committee and the BHA's senior independent director, Andrew Merriam, added, "I'm delighted that we are able to appoint a candidate of such high calibre. Annamarie has demonstrated impressive leadership skills and an astute grasp of the issues facing major sports, including their engagement with government. She will bring a challenging and independent perspective to the BHA's work and be a powerful advocate for horseracing."

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16:40-KEMPTON PARK, 5f, LITTLE DEVIL (GB)
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Hot Streak, a MGSW who was also MG1SP, has a runner at Kempton on Wednesday. | *Tweenhills Stud*

OBSERVATIONS
on the European racing scene

3.30 Leopardstown, Mdn, €16,000, 3yo, f, 10fT
HEAVEN ON EARTH (IRE) (**Galileo {Ire}**) is the latest progeny out of the G1 Coronation S. heroine Lillie Langtry (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) to appear for Ballydoyle and will be accorded great attention as a full-sister to the operation's G1 1000 Guineas, G1 Epsom Oaks and G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. winner Minding (Ire). She is joined by fellow newcomer **Invitation (Ire)** (**Galileo {Ire}**), a half-sister to the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S.-winning sire Novellist (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}).

5.30 Leopardstown, Mdn, €14,000, 3yo, f, 7fT
MAGIC FOUNTAIN (War Front) is another fascinating newcomer for Ballydoyle to be ridden by Ryan Moore, being the first foal out of the stable's G1 Irish Oaks heroine Bracelet (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}). Therefore she is a close relative of the high-class Athena (Ire) (Camelot {GB}) and Wading (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), dam of the leading 1000 Guineas hope Just Wonderful (Dansili {GB}).

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Observations Cont.

She is joined by the yard's similarly unraced **Dress (War Front)**, Evie Stockwell's half-sister to the pair of Group 1 winners Eishin Apollon (Giant's Causeway) and Master of Hounds (Kingmambo). Dermot Weld also supplies an intriguing debutante in Moyglare Stud Farm's 420,000gns TATOCT purchase **Acapella Blu (Ire) (Dubawi (Ire))**, whose dam is a listed-winning full-sister to Red Rocks (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)).

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eighth pole and kept on strongly under whipless cajoling in the closing stages to deny Alminoor (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) by a neck, becoming the first winner for his Dalham Hall Stud-based freshman sire (by I Am Invincible {Aus}). The bay is also the fifth scorer and latest foal produced by Listed Scarborough S. and Listed Lansdown Fillies S. placegetter Olivia Grace (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), herself the leading performer out of a winning half-sister to the stakes-winning Arctic Kite (Ire) (North Stroke {GB}), from a family featuring G1 Premio Presidente della Repubblica third Boon Point (GB) (Shirley Heights {GB}). Sales history: 34,000gns Ylg '18 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$6,273. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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An Australian champion 3-year-old colt for Godolphin, Brazen Beau (Aus) (I Am Invincible {Aus}) sired his first Northern Hemisphere winner on Tuesday when Proper Beau (right) saluted at Musselburgh. | *Racing Post*

FIRST WINNER FOR SIRE

2nd-Lingfield, £5,800, Cond, 4-2, 2yo, 5f 6y (AWT), :58.05, st. ELECTRIC LADYLAND (IRE) (f, 2, Cable Bay {Ire}--Conversational {Ire}--Thousand Words {GB}) was hustled along from the outside gate to seize control after the initial strides of this debut. Holding sway from there, the 4-1 chance was stoked up approaching the final furlong and maintained a relentless tempo under mild urging to easily account for Birkenhead (GB) (Captain Gerrard {Ire}) by two lengths, becoming the first winner for Highclere Stud freshman Cable Bay (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). She is the third foal and scorer for Conversational (Ire) (Thousand Words {GB}) and kin to Listed Rochestown S. third Simmy's Copshop (GB) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}) and a yearling colt by Anjaal (GB). Conversational is herself a half-sister to Listed European Free H. victor Kamakiri (Ire) (Trans Island {GB}) and to G3 Joel S. and G3 Select S. third Road To Love (Ire) (Fruits of Love). Sales history: €35,000gns Ylg '18 GOFSP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,917. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** 1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Emily Asprey & Christopher Wright; B-Rathasker Stud (IRE); T-Archie Watson.

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CONDITIONS RESULT:

3rd-Musselburgh, £20,000, 4-2, 4yo/up, 5f 1yT, :58.95, g/f.

TANASOQ (IRE) (g, 6, Acclamation {GB}--Alexander Youth {Ire} {GSP-Ire}, by Exceed and Excel {Aus}) Lifetime Record: 24-6-4-4, \$153,538. O-Mr F Brady & Mr J S Morrison; B-Mount Armstrong Stud. (IRE); T-Paul Midgley. *180,000gns Ylg '14 TATOCT; 15,000gns HRA '17 TATAHI.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Sash (GB), c, 3, **Oasis Dream (GB)**--Surcingle, by Empire Maker. Lingfield, 4-2, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:35.61. B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB).

Blood Eagle (Ire), c, 3, **Sea The Stars (Ire)**--Directa Princess (Ger), by Dubai Destination. Wolverhampton, 4-2, 12f 51y (AWT), 2:45.88. B-Directa Princess Partnership (IRE). *85,000gns Wlg '16 TATFOA; 100,000gns Ylg '17 TAOCT.

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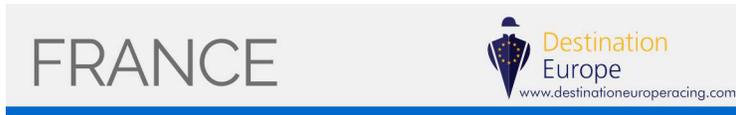


MGSW & G1 Dewhurst S. runner-up Cable Bay (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) sired his first winner at Lingfield on Tuesday with Electric Ladyland.

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ITV'S FOX-PITT VISITS RHONEHURST AHEAD OF GRAND NATIONAL

ITV Racing's Alice Fox-Pitt visited trainer Oliver Sherwood's Rhonehurst yard in Lambourn in advance of Saturday's Grand National at Aintree. In the [video](#) of the visit, Sherwood and his staff discuss the many aspects of equine husbandry and horse welfare, while Fox-Pitt also speaks with jockey Leighton Aspell, who partnered 2015 Grand National hero Many Clouds, who made Rhonehurst his home.



CONDITIONS RESULT:

4th-Maisons-Laffitte, €35,000, 4-2, 3yo, 6fT, 1:09.65, g/s.

WE GO (FR) (c, 3, No Nay Never--Encore Merci {Ire}, by Danehill Dancer {Ire}) Lifetime Record: GSP-Fr, 6-2-1-1, €48,400. O-Mme Jacques Cygler; B-Aleyrion Bloodstock (FR); T-Henri-Alex Pantall. *€22,000 Ylg '17 ARQAUG.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Simplicity (Fr), f, 3, **Casamento (Ire)**--Sleek Gold (GB), by Dansili (GB). Maisons-Laffitte, 4-2, 7fT, 1:22.60. B-Khalifa Mohammed Al Attiyah (FR).

Vela (Fr), g, 3, **Pedro the Great**--Hideaway Girl (GB), by Fasliyev. Maisons-Laffitte, 4-2, 7fT, 1:23.68. B-Michel Monfort (FR). *€75,000 Ylg '17 AROCT. **1/2 to Sestilio Jet (Fr) (French Fifteen {Fr}), SW & GSP-Ity, SP-Fr, \$163,746.



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Approximately 20 foals are expected for his 2020 foal crop. The two-time Japanese Horse of the Year and Triple Crown winner, who went to stud in 2007, stood for a private fee in 2019. [\(Return to p1\)](#)

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ARROWFIELD TO MAKE IMPACT AT EASTER



Redoute's Choice | Arrowfield Stud

by Paul Vettise

Arrowfield Stud suffered a devastating blow in the lead-up to the Inglis Easter Yearling Sale with the loss of **Redoute's Choice**, but there will also be a sense of pride when they present a high-quality draft of his sons and daughters at the Riverside Stables next week. It will be the 17th consecutive occasion they have offered representatives of the multiple champion sire, who for so many years gave such outstanding service to John Messara's famed Hunter Valley operation.

Redoute's Choice, who tragically died last week, carved out a remarkable record after his retirement to stud off the back of a distinguished racing career.

"He's been a special horse to not just Arrowfield, but the entire industry," Arrowfield Bloodstock Manager Jon Freyer said. "He's produced some magnificent horses, he's produced quality yearlings and again not just for us, but a lot of the bigger farms and breeders. He's had 79 A\$1-million yearlings and nearly 1000 yearlings to go through all sales he's averaged over A\$400,000. He's remarkable and a lasting influence on Arrowfield.

"His sons and daughters are continuing to produce some outstanding stock and maybe his best ever colt on the track in The Autumn Sun this season."

Star Siblings

The Autumn Sun's emergence has boosted a certain colt in the Arrowfield draft, with **lot 369** his three-quarter-brother by Not A Single Doubt. Their dam Azmiyna (Fr) is a half-sister to the multiple Group 1 winner Azamour (Ire), whose stud career was cut tragically short.

"It's a beautiful pedigree and he's a really good colt. He's a possible sale topper," Freyer said.

Redoute's Choice could also provide early fireworks when **lot 6** makes an appearance.

"He's the first foal of Fenway, who was top class and that's a sensational page," Freyer said. "There's a couple of very nice Snitzel colts. One [**lot 58**] is out of Insinuating and that's a nice international family and another [**lot 56**] out of the South African mare In The Fast Lane, who was a champion 3-year-old filly in South Africa."

International Flavour

Arrowfield's rising stallion star **Dundeel (NZ)** is well-represented with his progeny sure to be universally popular.

"People might be surprised with the calibre of mares Dundeel got in his third season," Freyer said. "Arrowfield continue to support their stallions in their second, third and fourth seasons. His horses are going to be popular and I can tell that by the number of inquiries we're already getting for him for the coming season."

The half-brother to Dundeel (NZ), **lot 286**, by Redoute's Choice is sure to appeal as a stallion prospect. There is also another New Zealand flavour in the consignment in the form of **lot 264**, a colt by Tavistock (NZ) from the Redoute's Choice mare Shutout.

"We had this mare sent to Cambridge Stud to breed as he's a close relation to Tavago," Freyer said. "The stallion is doing a great job and can obviously get a top-class stayer and we thought this was a good mating."

An international presence is also a feature of Arrowfield's consignment with colts **lots 38, 364 and 387** by Deep Impact (Jpn), **lot 80** a son of Lord Kanaloa (Jpn) and **lot 107** by Harbinger (GB).

"It's been a tremendous association with Northern Farm. Katsumi Yoshida and John Messara are very good friends," Freyer said. "Easter is a very sophisticated market and a lot of buyers are from all corners of the globe. Our international pedigrees are very recognisable." **Cont. p2**

Arrowfield to Make an Impact at Easter Cont. from p1

“We work hard at developing a broodmare band and getting bloodlines from overseas. By and large they are top drawer mares on type, as well as deep black pedigrees. Buyers recognise that it is proper Group 1 form in these families.”

Freyer said that was emphasised by the background of the Lord Kanaloa colt. “The mare La Velata is out of a Group 2 winning half-sister to Deep Impact. It’s a magnificent pedigree, a real stallion pedigree as an example.”

Brisk Trade Expected

Freyer is anticipating brisk trade at Easter with the make-up of this year’s catalogue.

“I expect it to be solid, it’s an excellent catalogue that has been put together,” he said. “It’s quite a tight catalogue, but it’s really high class and a lot of the stallions are doing well. They’ve put together a good bunch and with our horses and other ones I’ve seen around, they’ll be the right stock there. The feeling we’re getting is that all the main buyers will be there. I think Inglis is very cognisant of the fact that the top end looks after itself to a certain extent.

“The middle bracket and probably lower middle bracket needs some help. I think that Inglis have worked on that. They are able to assist buyers into determining which horses fit where and direct people to those that might suit their budget. All these variables point to a good sale.”

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The Autumn Sun (Redoute's Choice) is a \$700,000 graduate of Arrowfield's 2017 Inglis Easter draft. | Bronwen Healy